

Let's go to the hop



Photo by Debra Lo Guercio

Get your poodle skirts and slick back your hair — it's time for the annual Winters PTA sock hop, planned for Friday, Jan. 25, 6-8 p.m. at Shirley Rominger Intermediate School. The free event is open to students in grades K-5 and their parents. Parents must attend with their children. Prizes will be awarded for the best boy's and girl's costumes. Helping to spread the sock hop word are, from left, Logan Ray, Corinne McKenna and Camryn Hamilton.

State targets Winters schools for correction

By ELLIOT LANDES
Staff writer

At the State of the State speech on Jan. 8, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger announced that California would be the first state to take aggressive action to transform 98 school districts that have failed to perform, according to the rules of the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) law. Winters is on that list.

The state board of education will be developing intervention plans for these 98 districts, with specific details expected to be announced in March.

Winters Superintendent Dale Mitchell expects the plans to designate a District Assistance and Intervention

Team (DAIT) to work with Winters. The makeup of the team for the Winters district is not known yet. It is possible the team may come from the county office of education.

No Child Left Behind requires schools to test students in math and language arts and keep track of their performance. Schools that don't improve their performance according to an ambitious schedule, are identified as being in "Program Improvement" (PI). Winters has been in that condition since the law's inception in 2002. The law requires schools in PI to take an assortment of actions, with more actions required for

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Sokolow resigns

By DEBRA LO GUERCIO
Express editor

After 11 years with the city of Winters, Community Development Director Dan Sokolow announced his resignation last week. He has accepted an associate planner position in Woodland. His last day will be Friday, Feb. 15. Sokolow explains that with two small children, he would

like to work closer to where he lives in order to have more time with his family and spend less time commuting.

He began with the city in 1996 as an administrative assistant in the public works department, and moved up to the Community Development Director position, which he held in two

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Public hearings on next planning commission agenda

The Winters Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 22, at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall.

The following items are on the agenda:

- ~ Staff reports.
- ~ Current projects list.

- ~ Commission reports.
- ~ Non agenda items. (Individuals or groups may address the planning commission on items that are not on the agenda and that are within the jurisdiction of the planning commis-

sion. The commission may impose time limits. ~ Public hearing regarding design review application submitted by David Lorenzo for the façade improvement of the building located at 111-115 Main Street.

- ~ Public hearing and consideration of Conditional Use Permit application submitted by Eva Brzeski for an indoor boat and recreational vehicle storage facility at 723 Railroad Avenue.

FUTURE SUBCRIBERS

JACKSON DAVID START is the firstborn child of David and Laini (Nance) Start of Sacramento. Born on Dec. 18, 2007 at Mercy General Hospital in Sacramento, he weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces, and was 20 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Juanita Martinez-Freix and Doug Freix of Winters and Darrell and Pam Nance of Chester. Paternal grandparents are Steve and Sue Start of Sacramento. Maternal great-grandparents are Anna R. Martinez and Glenn Nance, both of Winters. Paternal great-grandfather is Dee Start of Sacramento.



Photo by Eric Lucero

The Winters High School varsity basketball team invites the community to the second annual "Find A Cure" night, planned for Friday at Young Gymnasium. From left are (back) Donnie Garcia, Jose Ceja, Dillon Miles and Jules Damey; (front) J.R. Selby, Terrence Johnson, Aaron Geerts, Maurice Ackridge, Miguel Del Rio, Kevin Rowell, Alex Huizar and Kelven Leverett.

ATHLETES SEEK TO 'FIND A CURE'

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The second annual "Find a Cure Night" takes place on Friday, Jan. 18, at Winters High School's Young Gymnasium. The boy's basketball teams will play against Las Plumas High School, with the freshman game starting at 4 p.m., the JV game at 5:30 p.m., and the varsity game at 7 p.m.

The games will be played in

memory of Jared Davis, the 2005 Winters High School graduate who led the Warriors to a record-breaking season with a 24-4 record and a section championship.

Davis lost his life after a long battle with aplastic anemia and lymphoma on Aug. 8, 2006.

All contributions collected on Friday night will go to the Jared Davis Scholarship Fund, which is given to one or more Winters

High School graduates at the end of the school year. The purpose of Find A Cure Night is to raise awareness of diseases such as cancer and aplastic anemia.

B&D Geerts is pledging \$50 for every three point shot made by a Winters player and invites anybody to match the pledge or to make a pledge of their own.

For more information about Find a Cure Night, call Ben Geerts, 304-5085.

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advertising inserts from:
Longs Drugs, Cummins Tools,
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(Supplements are sent to Winters,
Woodland, Davis, Capay Valley, Dixon,
Vacaville and Fairfield.)

WEATHER

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

Date	Rain	Hi	Lo
Jan. 9	.44	48	43
Jan. 10	.16	49	45
Jan. 11	.05	49	46
Jan. 12	.04	53	41
Jan. 13	.02	60	35
Jan. 14	.01	59	34
Jan. 15	T	53	32

Rain for week: .72

Season's total: 13.89

Last year to date: 4.92

Average to Jan. 15 10.13:



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OBITUARIES

Ralph H. Gustafson Jr.

Ralph H. Gustafson Jr. died at Woodland Healthcare on Tuesday, Dec. 25, 2007, at the age of 60. Mr. Gustafson was born in Los Angeles on May 3, 1947 to Ralph H. and Marjorie H. (Kirn) Gustafson Sr., who have predeceased him. Mr. Gustafson had been a Yolo County resident for the past 18 years. Upon completing high school, Mr. Gustafson entered the Navy in the fall of 1965 in Lakewood, and then went to Pensacola, Fla. for training before serving in the Western Pacific Unit of the Naval Security Group in Guam, as a radio operator and maintenance technician with the Navy, where he completed his training for advancement to chief petty officer. During his service, Mr. Gustafson was awarded the Good Conduct Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, and the Navy Unit Commendation Medal and the Meritorious Unit Commendation Medal. He was also a member of S.V.S.S. (Sacramento Valley Soaring Society) in Davis.

Surviving Mr. Gustafson is his wife of 27 years, Sylvia Gustafson of Winters; son, Marshall Gustafson of Anaheim; brothers, Robert Gustafson and wife Judy of Huntington Beach, and John Gustafson and partner Jim Moore of Laguna Beach. He is also survived by mother-in-law, Dorothy Hunnell of Woodland; and sister-in-law, Dona Hudson of Woodland.

Memorial donations in Mr. Gustafson's memory may be made to the Diabetes Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 2680, North Canton, Ohio, 44720.

A funeral service was scheduled for noon, Thursday, Jan. 3, 2008 at Kraft Bros. Chapel, 175 Second St., Woodland, with Pastor Ted Selby officiating. A graveside committal followed at Sacramento Valley VA National Cemetery, 5810 Midway Road, Dixon. Military Honors were presented. Kraft Bros. Funeral Directors of Woodland, assisted the family with arrangements.

Robert "Bob" Martin

Bob, born in Winters on June 20, 1939 to Antonio G. Martin and Josephine Ruiz Martin, died at his home in Woodland on Jan. 5, 2008 of ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease).

Bob worked as a truck driver for more than 40 years, retiring from Teichert Construction in 1999.

He is survived by his children, Tom Martin, Cindy Imbach and husband Steve, a step daughter Susan Tyree and her husband Sean, granddaughters Tori Martin, Shannon Hiatt, Jordan and Maisie Tyree and grandsons Andrew and Jason Imbach. He is further survived by his sisters, Mary Carrion, Josephine Smith, Ann Brown, Frances Johnson and Janet Martin Clarke, and brother Anthony Martin Jr. Bob is also survived by his faithful friend and companion Carol Hilton and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, wife Gayle, stepson Jim Gary, son Steven Martin and daughter-in-law Shirley Martin.

A celebration of Bob's life will be held on Friday, Jan. 11 at 11:00 a.m. at the Christian Church Disciples of Christ, located on 509 College St.

Memorial contributions may be sent in Bob's memory to ALS Greater Sacramento Chapter, 2717 Cottage Way, Suite 8, Sacramento 95825, or to the charity of their choice. Visit the guest book online at www.dailydemocrat.com.

Jackson Stevenson Wallace

Jackson Stevenson Wallace passed away peacefully at his home in Carmel Valley, CA on January 7, 2008, at the age of 89. Born in Bonham Texas on July 23, 1918 to an early pioneering family, his paternal grandfather was a Texas Ranger and his maternal grandfather was the first Fire Chief of Bonham. After the

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YESTERYEAR



File photo by Debra Lo Guercio

Eman Rodriguez, firstborn son of Gilberto and Edith Rodriguez, was Winters' first born baby of 1995. Eman was born on Jan. 5 at 2:21 a.m. in Sutter Davis Hospital. Eman and his parents were showered in gifts. Thanks to all merchants and sponsors who participated in the "First Baby Contest" in the Express.

**50
YEARS AGO**

January 30, 1958

Mayor James West is the first candidate to take out nomination papers for the city election, to be held April 8. Mayor West is seeking his third four-year term on the city council.

Mr. and Mrs. Lin Schroeder returned this week from Los Angeles where they attended the annual convention of Western Auto Store dealers.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Martinez, of Winters, are the parents of a son, born Jan. 21, 1958 in the Yolo General Hospital, Woodland.

Frank Martinez, Jr. has enlisted in the U.S. Army and is now undergoing basic training at Fort Ord, California. .

Bill Duncan was elected general chairman of the 1958 Youth Day at the meeting of the Youth Day Council Thursday evening. Dr. J.R. Sellers was named vice chairman and John Greenwood was appointed parade chairman.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Pertain and son, Ricky, of San Leandro, were up recently visiting with relatives in the vicinity.

Among those from Winters attending the Agricultural Round Table in Woodland Monday night were R.L. Button, J.L. McClish, Charles Hamilton, James Rominger, A.H. Rominger and Richard Rominger.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Jimenez, of Winters, are the parents of a daughter, born at the Woodland Clinic Hospital, January 11, 1958.

Free blood pressure checks

The general public can have a free blood pressure check every Wednesday in the Sutter Davis Hospital lobby

(2000 Sutter Place, Davis) from 10 a.m. until noon. This service is provided by the hospital and the auxiliary.

January 29, 1943

Aggie Day, the last big student activity on the Davis campus of the University of California was held just prior to the final examinations for the fall semester. There will be no classes for students on the Davis campus; the United States Army Signal Corps is moving in and will take over most of the facilities of the College of Agriculture at Davis.

Sugar stamp number eleven becomes valid February 1, the Office of Price Administration announced, and will be good for three pounds of sugar until March 15, 1943. .

Rev. J.P. Pruden is in attendance this week at semester interim exercises at the Baptist Theological Seminary in Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Johnston and children and Mrs. Rupert Snodgrass were Sunday visitors with Mrs. James Arnold Sonoma.

H.A. Mermod and A.R. Shreeve were in attendance Monday night at Winters and Davis Rebekah installation at Davis.

The high school assembly will be held on February 4, at the grammar school auditorium. The junior class is putting on a one act play called, "His First Shave." The characters are Bob Stowers as Derrick, Carmelita Munoz as his sister, Wanda Cecil as his mother, Richard Rominger as the father, and Fannie Johnson as the girl-friend.

Fire department report

Jan. 7

~ Public assistance, 200 block of Anderson Avenue.
~ Medical aid, 200 block of Anderson Avenue; unknown medical problem.

Jan. 8

~ Mutual aid to Solano County for a vehicle accident, northbound Interstate 505 and Putah Creek.

Jan. 9

~ Medical aid, 800 block of Jackson Street; unknown medical problem.
~ Medical aid, 200 block of Railroad Avenue; cut hand.

Jan.10

~ Medical aid, 300

block of First Street; panic attack.

~ Mutual aid to Solano County; vehicle accident at Wolfskill and Boyce roads.

Jan. 11

~ Public assistance, 100 block of Niemann Street; vehicle lock-out.
~ Medical aid, 800 block of Jackson Street; patient feeling faint.
~ Medical aid, 800 block of Carrion Circle; unknown medical problem.

Jan. 13

~ Medical aid, 800 block of Jackson Street; patient feeling weak.
~ Investigation, 1200 block of Valley Oak; possible structure fire.

**The Winters Fire Department is in need of volunteer fire fighters
Call 795-4131 for more information**

Lake rises .48 of a foot

The level of Lake Berryessa rose by .48 of a foot during the past week with 8,400 acre feet of water added to storage, according to Ken Emigh of the Solano Irrigation district.

He reported Tuesday morning that the lake was 422.16 feet above sea level, with storage computed at 1,273,599 acre feet of water.

The SID is diverting 35 second feet of water into the Putah South Canal and 25 second feet is flowing in Putah Creek at the Diversion Dam. Evaporation on Lake Berryessa averaged 22 acre feet of water per day during the week.

Support group begins Jan. 23

A support group for those who care for a family member or friend with serious mental illness will meet Wednesday, Jan. 23, at the Yolo Community Care Continuum (YCCC) office, 1667 Oak Avenue in Davis (south end of the business complex across from the Davis High School football field) from 7-8:30 pm.

For more information visit the NAMI-Yolo website: www.namiyolo.org, or call 756-8181.

CORRECTION

In last week's story on Marge Sebastian, she was incorrectly noted as the president of the Senior Citizen's Club. Sebastian has

been the club secretary since 2003, but not the president.

We apologize for any inconvenience this error may have caused.



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School board expects drop in state funding

By ELLIOT LANDES
Staff writer

Superintendent Dale Mitchell, in his report to the Jan. 10 board meeting, said the state will be reducing the funding available to schools next year. The state will be reducing Proposition 98 funding, which the state claims has been over-allocated, according to Mitchell.

“The governor did announce that in order to not reduce funding mid-year this year,” said Mitchell, “next year there will be no cost of living adjustment, where we had been expecting a 4.9 percent increase. Because the state is experiencing financial problems, we are going to experience more financial problems.”

The problem will be compounded by the expected failure of the state government to produce a budget in time this summer.

Asked by trustee Rodney Orosco if the governor can cut funding unilaterally, Mitchell answered, “No.”

Mitchell reported on the state action anticipated for schools in “Program Improvement” under the rules of No Child Left Behind (NCLB).

“The governor’s office and the state superintendent of schools will be addressing the implementation plan of NCLB,” said Mitchell. “Because they do not have the plan together yet, the next information will probably come out at the March state board meeting. We are anticipating the action will im-

pact us, and it will consist of something called a DAIT team (District Assistance and Intervention Team).”

“It’s the wonderland we’re in,” said trustee chair Jay Shepherd, “that they tell us they are going to provide us assistance to meet the targets, but they are going to give us less money to do the job.”

Facilities

School Facilities Director Gary Cook reported on past and future projects.

At Waggoner Elementary the district:

- ~ Completed improvements to the drop-off area.
- ~ Built an enclosure for the garden area.

At Rominger Intermediate School the district:

- ~ Is completing the shade structure.
- ~ Got rid of “Lake Rominger” by grading.
- ~ Sealed and striped the playground.

At the middle school, the district:

- ~ Completed the dumpster compound.
- ~ Relocated the school sign.
- ~ Finished the bike rack to make bikes completely securable.
- ~ Completed playground striping.

At the high school, the district:

- ~ Completed the weight room renovation in the old woodshop, complete with rubber flooring using hog pen matting.
- ~ Completed the joint use swimming pool.
- ~ Repaired the water

damaged F2 wall.

~ Repaired the intercom and bell system.

~ Moved the wood shop out to the ag site and fixed the keying system to include the ag site.

~ Removed the ball field press box.

~ Is moving ahead with the community library.

Recognitions

The school board recognized Waggoner student Juan Manuel Murillo, a student that principal Suzen Holtemann said arrived a year before not speaking English.

“He’s made tremendous gains,” said Holtemann, speaking in Spanish as well as English, “with the challenges of adjusting to a new country, a new school, having to make new friends. He is extremely motivated, wanting to learn. He’s done a wonderful job. He knows his letters, and is actually starting to read.”

The board also honored student Sarah Stone.

“Sarah is being recognized for academic achievement, both in language arts and math,” said Holtemann. “She is a leader in her classroom, she helps, and her teachers are ecstatic to have her in their class.”

The board also recognized, with applause and plaques, parent volunteers Carin Rominger and Irma Rodriguez, as well as community volunteer Marge Sebastian.

The second board meeting in January will take place on Thursday Jan. 17, at the district office, 901 West Grant Ave., at 6:30 p.m.

OBITS

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untimely death of his father, the family moved to Los Angeles. It was there that 16-year-old Jack learned to fly under the auspices of a neighbor, a notorious bootlegger of the Prohibition era. Jack’s love of flying inspired him to enter the Army Air Corp and he earned his wings as a Second Lieutenant in November of 1941. After a whirlwind two-week courtship, he married Lillian Strand in 1942 with whom he had three children.

In 1944, Jack was assigned to the 330th Bomb Group stationed in Guam. He was the captain of a B-29 named “The Spirit of Fort Worth” and he was affectionately known as “Fuji Jack” for almost colliding with Mount Fuji on his first bombing run over Japan. He went on to complete 25 combat missions over Japan and earned a Distinguished Flying Cross for Valor.

After the war he held assignments throughout the United States and overseas. His adventures

included trips to Cuba where he made a one engine landing in a B-29, an impromptu meeting with King Olaf of Denmark, a visit to 10 Downing Street, London, and an emergency parachute exit from a crippled aircraft.

During the Vietnam War, he spent one year at Tan Son Nhut Air Base from which he commanded all USAF missions into North Vietnam. He was also responsible for directing all rescue missions for downed American pilots behind enemy lines. In 1969 he retired from the Air Force and endured the tragic loss of his beloved Lillian to cancer.

He settled in the Sacramento area and attended McGeorge Law School. After admission to the California Bar in 1973, he moved to Monterey where he met and married Susan Davis with whom he had one son. He and Susan started their own law firm and he practiced law until his mid-80s. He also began a writing career which included the book “Death of a B-29”, numerous articles in military magazines, and his soon-to-be-

published memoirs, “Fuji Jack.” Family members say he loved golf, tennis, travel, the USAF, and a good party.

He is survived by his spouse, Susan; children Chris (John) Castanon of Winters, Terry (Georgia) Wallace of Sacramento, Cynthia (Bruce) Jansen of Montgomery, Texas, and Andrew Wallace of Carmel Valley; grandchildren Sonia Castanon Olton, Emiliano (Emily) Castanon and Steven Jansen, Brian Jansen; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents Edwin and Christie Wallace, brother Edwin Henley Wallace, and wife Lillian Strand Wallace.

A celebration of his life will be held at 1 p.m. on Jan. 26, 2008 at the Christ the King Chapel, Herrmann Hall, Naval Postgraduate School, in Monterey. Anyone planning to attend should phone (831) 659-2721 to be listed for entry at the Navy security gate. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, the VNA Hospice Association, or the Air Force Aid Society.

Opinion



DEBRA LO GUERCIO BECAUSE I SAY SO

I T'S ON! If you've been following my columns about female genital mutilation (FGM), Sia Amma, and my quest to bring her show here, good news, it's happening. I mentioned two weeks ago that the show is coming to The Palms in Winters on Friday, Feb. 1, at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20, and are now available at Pacific Ace Hardware in Winters, Armadillo Music in Davis, The Next Chapter in Woodland, and online at Tickets.com, and only at the door if the show's not sold out.

The reader interest in fighting FGM has been phenomenal. Amongst women, empathy for girls enduring this torture is instinctual. We need no explanation. But even men, although lacking the body part in question but possibly familiar with it, are expressing outrage and compassion. Regardless of which set of plumbing God gave us, people understand on a gut level that FGM is just as wrong as wrong can be.

The topic provided an easy segue into the issue of male circumcision, which is significantly less brutal (in this country, anyway) but equally as unnecessary. When I ventured into this uncharted territory, I received letters from men thanking me for raising the topic because they had strong feelings about it but never felt like they could express them. Most poignant were the letters from two men who were circumcised mid-life on a physician's recommendation, and were both devastated with the results. Worse yet, both said they held their feelings inside because the topic was taboo. Was.

Each longed to be restored to their former state, but once the damage is done, it's done, and there's no going back. Each emphatically said that leaving the body in its natural state was infinitely preferable to altering it.

Something to think about, young mothers, if that new bundle of joy is bundled in blue.

There's some of the supportive responses, but what about the hate mail? Lord knows, I've received it about everything else. Oddly enough, not this time, although an anonymous person mailed me a brochure featuring all sorts of "nice" causes, along with a cryptic little note that wouldn't my time and energy be better spent on one of these.

Well, it just didn't play out that way. You decide one random day to pour some energy into a good cause, and discover that World Peace and Save the Whales are already taken. But saving the clitoris was still available. There you go.

Possibly the most interesting angle of this little journey sprang from merely injecting the word "clitoris" into dialogue. I'll admit, even I had to get used to saying it without flinching. Now that I can, I'm amused watching others try to hear it without flinching.

When I spoke with a graphic artist about designing an ad for the show and told him he could find Sia Amma's photo at www.celebrate-clitoris.com, he started laughing nervously. I said, "Get used to it — we have to learn to say the word before we can have a dialogue about it. Just say kneecap, eyelid, elbow, clitoris until it feels normal. It's just another body part." He kept laughing nervously.

Dave Fleming, owner of The Palms, also noted a few things with a chuckle. While checking on some other ticket sales recently at Pacific Ace, the clerks asked him tentatively, "Umm, do you have a show on Feb. 1 about, umm... errr..." To which Dave just nodded, "Yes!" And then when the tickets for "In Search of My Clitoris" were finally there, people came in asking for "tickets to That Show on February 1st."

Over at Tickets.com, the website rejected Dave's ticket order because the site wouldn't allow the word "clitoris" through, so he had to finalize the order over the phone. When he told the woman that "clitoris" was part of the show's title, she replied, "Oh, no problem." But she was in San Francisco. Nothing shocks those folks across the bridge.

Why mention all this? Because Sia Amma told me she eventually was unable to promote her show effectively because the ticket company wouldn't print "clitoris" on the tickets. And was justifiably upset because how can she continue to fight FGM if we are unable to speak the name of the body part in question? But Amma's pushing through the walls of that discomfort zone, and I'm happy to be helping her in any way I can. It sounds like a lot of you are too. See you all at That Show on February 1st.



LETTERS

Act locally on environment

Dear Editor,

It is becoming clearer to everyone that climate change is real and irrefutable. From receding ice caps, to the disappearance of the perennial glacier on Kilimanjaro to changing weather patterns, it's clear that change is upon us.

So how does this affect Winters? What will it mean for us here? Around the globe, people are awakening to the fact that global warming is a factor in our future. Everywhere, people wonder what effect this will have on them, and what effect can individuals have on it. It seems to be an overwhelming problem. And although some may still insist that humans have had nothing to do with its cause, there is clearer and more convincing evidence that we can do something to slow down and reverse this trend.

At a recent conference of mayors and elected officials, we sat around in a room pondering these very questions. For me, this was one of those awakening experiences. Who else but those of us in that room should take up this effort? Are we going to wait for the federal government to do some-

thing about it? Will we wait for mandates from above to tell us how to solve this problem? Or will we all wait until it's too late. It's solution, we agreed, is in the old saying, "Think globally, act locally." Everyone will take up this issue sooner or later, so why don't we start now?

In an effort to be proactive, the City of Winters is hosting a community workshop to collect ideas that will help residents, businesses and the city to make changes that help reduce our carbon footprint. We want this to be a grass-roots effort, starting with citizens.

Our kick-off workshop will be on Tuesday, Jan. 29, 6:30-9:30 p.m. at The Palms, upstairs at 13 Main Street. We look forward to hearing your ideas, sharing our ideas and working together to develop unique and community-based solutions to this global issue.

If you would like any more information, please call me at 795-4600, or call Carol Scianina at 795-4910, extension 115, or email carol.scianina@cityofwinters.org

WOODY FRIDAE
Mayor

Youth Day needs a new theme

Dear Editor,

The Youth Day Committee is gearing up for the 72nd Annual Winters Youth Day Celebration to be held on Saturday, April 26, 2008 throughout the City of Winters. The first item of business is a theme has to be chosen for the day.

The Youth Day Theme Contest is now underway. A cash prize of \$100 will be awarded to the best theme chosen for this year's event. The theme must be brief (as it will be used on T-shirts and floats in the parade) and must include the word "youth" in it.

The deadline for turn-

ing in theme ideas is Friday, Feb. 1, at P.O. Box 807, Winters, CA, 95694 or email to mjkasebastian@aol.com. The theme will be chosen at the next Youth Day Committee meeting on Feb. 3.

Volunteers are also sought to serve on the committee. There are many things planned, but if we don't have any committee chairs and helpers, events will be cancelled. Please come and join in the fun. Help this 72-year Winters tradition live on.

MIKE SEBASTIAN
Winters Youth Day
Parade Chairman

In his heart, he lives in Winters

Dear Charles,

Thank you so much for the reminder that my Winters Express subscription had expired. Unfortunately I won't be renewing it. It's not that I didn't enjoy the paper. The articles and pictures were fantastic. I was even starting to enjoy Debra's left wing rantings (well maybe only a little).

I own a full line insurance agency in Neosho, Missouri. While surfing the internet I came across the Winters Express web site. The more I read, the more I liked about the community. I thought to myself "how neat would it be to sell out the agency and move to Winters." The more I thought about the idea, the more I liked it. Since my wife is originally from California (Santa Rosa) and still has family

in the area, I thought it would be an easy transition.

In 2006 we flew to California for vacation. We toured the capitol in Sacramento and then headed west to Santa Rosa. What a perfect opportunity to visit "My Town." We drove into Winters, checked out some of the businesses, looked at the houses and then drove on to Santa Rosa. When we returned from our vacation I immediately subscribed to the Express and decided that in a short time we would be Winters residents.

In July of 2007 I again flew to California for a job interview with Sonoma County (I know that's quite a distance from Yolo County, but at least

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CHARLES R. WALLACE A QUICK OPINION

I M READY FOR SPRING TIME. The fog has finally arrived, so spring can't be far behind. There is still frost on my windshield in the morning, but the afternoons are warming up. Riding around the county is still a bit chilly, but the sun feels good. There are a few prune blooms on Russell Boulevard, but that orchard is always a little early. The Almond Festival is still a month away, but thinking about riding through the Capay Valley is a sign that spring is just around the corner.

We've had enough rain to last us a month or so, but I've almost come to the conclusion that you can't have enough rain, as long as it rains at the right time. When they start closing golf courses because of the rain, that might be a little too much precipitation.

I was worried about our older subscribers when the power went out. I have a wood stove, propane lantern and camp stove that can boil water for coffee, so Sherri and I were in pretty good shape. We did take the Fridaes up on their invitation to come over for a snack and glass of wine on Friday evening. Woody and Rebecca live on Dry Creek, and it was interesting to see how much water was running in a creek referred to as dry.

The electric grid in Winters is interesting. My house in the north part of town is on the same grid as the east side of Railroad Avenue. My office on the west side of Railroad Avenue is part of the grid that controls the old part of town. Until Sunday morning, neither grid was off at the same time.

I didn't miss the television, too much, but I did miss not having computer access. I am thinking about buying a generator for the office, especially when they talked about the power being off during the week. Our current backup plan is to take our computers to Davis, but they had power problems as well. I'm not sure how much it would cost to hook batteries up to my photovoltaic system (that powers the office when the sun is shining), but I'm sure it is more than a small generator.

Losing power is an eye opener when you think about how dependent we have become on electricity. Garage doors can still be opened manually, but they are heavy. When the water pressure dropped just before the power came back on Sunday morning, it was a reality check. My neighbors have pools, but I'm not sure how desperate I would have to get to drink, or bathe in, pool water.

G UTTER CLEANING. Several years ago the local Rotary Club helped organize a gutter cleaning day. With the help of a bunch of high school students, we made the rounds to help senior citizens clean their gutters. I'm sure there is still a demand, and I'm also sure it's not too late to clean a few gutter before it rains again.

I'm not making any promises, but if you can't clean your own gutters, or have a relative do it, give me a call and I'll see if I can't get some young people to climb ladders and help you out. Leave me a message at 795-4551.

Best advertising slogan I've read in awhile. We run a service ad for Golden State Shutters in Dixon. "If we didn't exist, it would be curtains for all of us!" Pretty clever.

Have a good week.

Grad Nite gearing up for 2008

Dear Editor,

Firstly, I want to thank the Winters Grad Nite Parent Committee of 2007 for doing such a great job setting up this year's committee for the 2008 year. The 2007 committee not only provided a fantastic safe and sober Grad Nite celebration for the class of 2007, but they made sure the committee organization was in place for the next group to take over and provide the same for the class of 2008. Also, many of the 2007 committee members continue to support the 2008 Winters Grad Nite Parent Committee via silent auction donations, ticket sales, and other activities.

Secondly, I would like to announce our one and only fund-raiser for the 2008 Winters Grad Nite celebration; the seventh annual Senior Spirit Nite is being held on March 1. It is a fun night of dinner, drinks, silent auction, dancing, and the raffle. The grand prize in the raffle is \$7,500, with

second prize awarding \$1,500, and finally a consolation prize of \$1,000. We sell only 350 tickets, so the chances of winning are quite good.

The dinner tickets cost \$100 per couple, which provides dinner for two and one chance in the raffle. The chance-only tickets are \$50, which provide one chance in the raffle. Best of all, your donation is tax deductible. Tickets are readily available at First Northern Bank, or from any of the committee members.

Lastly, our next committee meeting is Tuesday, Jan. 22, at 7 p.m. at the Winters Public Library. Please feel free to drop in.

Thanks again to all who support providing the Winters High School Class of 2008 with a safe and sober graduation celebration.

SARAH DICKINSON
President
2008 Winters Grad Nite
Parent Committee

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

Workshop identifies school district goals

By ELLIOT LANDES
Staff writer

The Winters school board held a workshop at the Jan. 10 meeting to set goals for upcoming years, and the discussion inevitably turned to the federal No Child Left Behind law (NCLB) requirements. Superintendent Dale Mitchell made a “2007-2008 Goal and Directions Mid-year Report,” with graphs that show year-to-year student progress. NCLB calls for students to move up one ranking in a year, so students testing as “Far Behind Basic” would move to “Behind Basic,” students in “Behind Basic” would move to “Basic,” and so on. Mitchell’s report showed that in some categories, notably math in 5th and 6th grades, 40 to 50 percent of the students actually moved down a ranking.

Some trustees expressed the need to focus on implementation more than changing goals.

“If we’re not going to

move towards these goals, why do we keep them?” asked trustee Matt Brickey. “To sit here and say that we’re going to do that, and then come back next year with nothing changed, do we just keep the same goal, and accept the status quo?”

“We’ve gone through API, AYP, and NCLB,” said trustee chair Jay Shepherd. “They mean to hold our nose to the grindstone, but they never let us focus on what we know has to be done. We’ve got schools that are performing better than others, so we have techniques that are working in some places, but we don’t seem to get them running in others.

“One thing they tell you is, the wheel of improvement is like a fly-wheel — it doesn’t change quickly all at once—you have to make sure every change you’re making will get it to go faster. One of the things we’ve tried to do is not go this way one year and then go that way another, driving everybody nuts

— what teachers call the ‘program du jour.’

“It takes time to develop a process that works. We have to give staff the time to show they can make the changes. The data we get from the state is after the fact — it’s punitive more than diagnostic. It doesn’t do a lot of good in terms of ‘how do we change what we’re doing.’”

“We need to focus our attention on Waggoner,” said teacher Dave Paratore. “Any extra stuff we can give them, we should. They are our roots. The middle school seems to be on its way.”

“What I look for,” said Educational Services Director Emilie Simmons, “and I still don’t see, is a real sense of urgency and rigor at the classroom and administrative levels, that we’re not doing the best that we can do for our kids, to get performance and growth out of the kids.

“When you walk into a classroom, everybody should be having a great

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Flag retirement ceremony planned

The Yolo County Veterans Coalition will conduct its annual American Flag retirement ceremony on Saturday, Feb. 9,. at 9 a.m. at the West Plainfield Fire Station, 24901 County Road 95, Davis.

Yolo County citizens can drop off worn, tattered and faded flags to the following locations for proper retirement: the Davis Chamber of Commerce, 130 G Street in Davis; the Veterans Service Office, 120 West

Main Street, Suite A in Woodland, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, 905 Drever Street in West Sacramento; Chris’ Florist, 22 Main Street in Winters. For more information, call 406-4850.

Yolo Historical Society to meet

The next Yolo County Historical Society meeting will take place on Sunday, Jan. 27, at 2 p.m. at the Yolo County Historical Museum (Gibson House), 512 Gibson Road in Woodland. All are welcome and there is no charge to attend.

The program features Paul Ivazes of Quality Lighting of Grass Valley. This is a family owned

business which specializes in reproducing and replicating antique lighting fixtures. During the past 25 years, they have restored or replicated 20,000 fixtures representing styles from the 1830s to Art Deco. Ivazes will be sharing the unwritten history of gas lighting and how it changed the country and its architecture during

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I’d be getting closer). I didn’t get the job, but while I was there I was able to drive back to Winters, this time by myself, and really check things out. I had lunch at Cody’s (had thought about The Buckhorn but the wallet wouldn’t agree), spent some time walking along the main street. Looked in the windows of the Express (it was a bit smaller than what I imagined it would be) and just had a great time.

I was a little disappointed to find that you didn’t have a motel in town. I drove down to Vacaville and spent the night. Overall though, I had a great time and at that point was more than determined to become a Winters resident.

As with any good plan, there are things we don’t plan for and things we just don’t see coming. My son had just gotten married in June of 2007. They were busy looking for a house, going to college, working and starting their own life. In October

my son came to me and said “Dad, they just want too much for houses. Would it be alright if we finished off the basement in your house and live there?” What could I say? Of course you and your new wife can stay here. I guess that means I’ll be staying too.

So there is my sad saga. I love Winters and I love the Express. Perhaps in a few years things will change and again you’ll be seeing me peeking into the windows of the Express. Until that time however, I’ll probably just have to contend with reading the paper online. I’ll still have the opportunity to keep up on what’s happening in town with your great editorial pieces. I’ll also be able to get a great belly laugh when reading Debra’s ongoing battle against the evil conservatives.

I’d love to hear back from you if you have the time. I understand if you don’t. Just know that in my heart I will always be a resident of Winters, California.

SCOTT ARKLE

Community

Still remembering Rominger



Photo by Charles Wallace

Charlie Rominger’s family was presented a gift from the North American Pollinator Protection Campaign (NAP-PC) recently at the home of Richard and Evelyne Rominger. From left are Cienna, Cairn and Aldo Rominger, Laurie Adams, Dr. Barbara Gemmill and Richard Rominger. Charlie was posthumously awarded a Special Pollinator Conservation Award in Washington, D.C. last October, but the family wasn’t able to attend. Gemmill, representing the Global Pollination Project came from Rome, Italy, to present a beautiful glass commemorative “as a token of appreciation for the impact Charlie had on farming.” Adams, representing NAPPC talked about Charile’s “support of pollinators, and by extension to all of biodiversity.” The house was full of relatives and friends who came to watch the presentation.

DA warns about unlicensed contractors following storm

With hundreds of Yolo County homeowners in need of repairs due to the recent storm, property owners need to be aware of unlicensed and/or uninsured contractors. The office of the District Attorney advises property owners that under California Law, contractors must have a valid California contractor’s license to perform repairs where the cost of materials and labor is \$500 or more. Contractors who utilize employees to perform the repairs must also have a valid workers’ compensation insurance policy.

District Attorney Jeff Reisig says that “by hiring only licensed and insured contractors, home owners can be more confident about the quality of workmanship and have legal recourse if the work is done poorly.”

Property owners can verify a contractor’s license by checking online at <http://www.cslb.ca.gov> or by calling the Contractors State License Board automated phone service, (800) 321-CSLB (2752).

The office of the District Attorney asks Yolo County citizens to report unlicensed and/or uninsured contractors to the California Contractors State License Board or the District Attorney’s office.

For more information call the Yolo County District Attorney’s Office, 666-8180.

Honey bee workshop planned

Over the past year the European honey bee has made headlines as beekeepers and growers have struggled with the effects of Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD). This is the latest in a string of challenges faced by managers of this important crop pollinator.

With the increased concern over honey bees, the value of wild native bees continues to grow. Overlooked by many growers, unmanaged native bees are important crop pollinators. The presence of nearby natural areas and on-farm habitat can benefit the vital service both native and honey bees provide.

The Enhancing Habitat for Crop Pollinators

in Yolo County workshop will include talks by experts in honey and native bees, followed by a panel discussion of landowners and restoration biologists who have created and enhanced pollinator habitat on their land. There will be an optional hedgerow tour following the workshop. Speakers Dr. Eric Mussen and Katharina Ullman will discuss the latest research on European honey bees, crop pollination by wild native bees and practical steps to improve native pollinator populations.

The workshop is planned for Thursday, Jan. 17, from 9 a.m. to noon at 5265 Putah Creek Road in Winters.

Turkovich honored with conservation tillage award

Winters farmer Tony Turkovich was one of two growers who received the 2007 Conservation Tillage Farmer Innovator Award recently.

The award is presented annually by the University of California and Natural Resources Conservation Service Conservation Tillage Workgroup for innovation and leadership in the development, refinement and use of conservation tillage system in California.

Turkovich is a partner in Button & Turkovich Ranch, a diversified 5,000-acre farm that produces corn, tomatoes, alfalfa and other crops.

“Tony has been a pioneer in the develop-

ment of minimum tillage production systems for a wide variety of crops,” said UC Cooperative Extension vegetable crops specialist Jeff Mitchell, workgroup chairman.

Involved in conservation tillage production since the mid-1980s, Turkovich is the most experienced conservation tillage farmer in the Sacramento Valley, Mitchell said.

Long before economic and environmental pressures that encourage shifts toward minimum tillage practices, Tony anticipated the need for these systems and began developing conservation tillage options for each crop in his rotation.

(Reprinted from the Dec. 15 Daily Democrat.)

Friends of the Library plan annual meeting

All interested members of the community are invited to the annual meeting of Winters Friends of the Library on Monday, Feb. 4 at 7 p.m., in the community room at the Winters Library, 201 First Street. The meeting will include a review of accomplishments in 2007, plans for 2008, and election of officers.

The slate of officers for 2008 is: president, Sally Brown; vice president, Linda Springer; vice president, Diane Cary; secretary, Mary Lou Linvill; treasurer, Jeff TenPas; members at

large, Mary Kay Korn and Carol Scianna.

Winters Friends of the Library (WFOL) is a volunteer support group whose purpose is to promote literacy, foster a love of reading, and reach out to encourage involvement in the library and its programs. WFOL raises money for the library and provides cultural and educational programs. Members support the library by paying dues and volunteering their time. New members and volunteers are always welcome.

For more information, call the library, 795-4955.

Gallery recruiting docents

The Winters Participation Gallery/Winters Center for the Arts is recruiting docents for three-hour commitments once per month. Seventeen reliable volunteers are needed for the next year so the gallery can

remain open for its regular hours, which are Fridays, 5-8 p.m.; Saturdays, 3-8 p.m.; and Sundays, 12-3 p.m.

Docent training begins in January. For more information, call 795-0608 or 795-2009.

Weekly police report

Dec. 23
~ On the 100 block of East Grant Avenue, an officer responded to a report of a known subject making criminal threats.

Dec. 29
~ Daniel Rueda Mendez, 26, of Vacaville was driving eastbound on Grant Avenue in the turning lane, preparing to make a left turn into Berryessa Sporting Goods. Maria Ester Herrera, 42, of Winters was driving westbound on Grant Avenue. Mendez proceeded to make a left turn in front of Herrera causing the vehicles to collide.

Jan. 1
~ On the 1000 block of Adams Lane, an officer responded to a family fight. Because of a pre-diagnosed medical condition, one member of the family was taken to the hospital as a precaution.

Jan. 2
~ On the 100 block of East Baker Street, a citizen reported a lost wallet. Total loss: \$456

Jan. 3
~ On the 100 block of Anderson Avenue, a citizen reported a lost passport. Total loss: \$170

Jan. 6
~ On the 30 block of Main Street, an officer responded to an audible alarm. It was determined that the alarm was set off due to intermittent electrical power.

Jan. 7
~ A Winters juvenile, 15, was arrested for vandalism and resisting/delaying a peace officer in the course of his duties. The juvenile was booked at the Winters Police De-

partment and transported to the Yolo County Juvenile Hall for incarceration.

Jan. 10
~ Michael J Gonzalez, 26, of Winters was arrested on an outstanding Winters Police Department warrant of arrest charging him with criminal threats. Gonzalez was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to the Yolo County Jail for incarceration

Jan. 11
~ Rhonda Ann Cavino, 37, of Martinez was arrested for possession of narcotics and possession of less than 1 ounce of marijuana. Cavino was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to the Yolo County Jail for incarceration. Intersection of Carrion Circle and Railroad Ave, Officers responded to a call of an intoxicated juvenile. The juvenile was later released to the custody of a parent.

Jan. 12
~ Daniel Garcia Cruz, 25, of Winters was arrested on an outstanding Solano County Sheriff's Office bench warrant charging him with blood alcohol content over .08. Cruz was booked at the Winters Police Department and released with a notice to appear.

~ Tony Salez Cortez IV, 33, of Winters was arrested for driving under the influence, driving with a blood alcohol content over .08, and unsafe turning movement. Cortez was released on a notice to appear to the custody of a sober adult.

~ Salvador Martinez

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Who’s who at City Hall

By JUSTIN COX
Staff writer

Gail Jimenez’ father is a Northern California Fish and Game warden and her mother has worked as a police dispatcher for 25 years. With various uncles working as firemen and both of her parents serving in law enforcement, it makes sense that she has found her niche in such an environment. She appropriately describes her family as one where “everybody wears a uniform.”

Jimenez’ father worked as a fish and game warden throughout her entire childhood. Her family lived on country property outside Woodland and her father regularly brought animals home for days at a time.

“He once brought a piranha,” she says. “He brought baby owls, ferrets, snakes, lizards, frogs, a hawk-“

Her father occasionally came across animals in need of care right at the beginning of the weekend, just as animal-care facilities had closed. In these cases, he simply brought the animals home and took care of them on his own. His two daughters assisted him in this process and were ultimately guided in the direction of their respective careers. Her sister became a veterinary technician and Jimenez became a community service officer.

In her job with the City of Winters, Jimenez handles a wide variety of tasks



GAIL JIMENEZ
Community Service Officer

such as records, investigations, property and evidence, crime prevention, parking enforcement, patrol, traffic and crime analysis.

She started in 2003 as an intern after her mother, who was then working for Yolo County, referred her to Records and Information Supervisor Karla Ferguson. She later became a paid employee and was promoted to Community Service Officer in 2006, when the position was created.

As a child, she had the opportunity to witness both of her parents at work first hand. She spent time in the dispatch center regularly with her mom, while her dad’s position taught her to care for animals.

“I knew I liked law enforcement,” she says. “I just wasn’t sure what branch.”

This decision was made somewhat easier when the position in

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Last day to register to vote is Friday, Jan. 21

The last day to register to vote for the Presidential Primary Election is Jan. 21. The election will be held on Feb. 5.

To qualify to register to vote, a voter must be 18 years of age on election day; be a resident of the County of Yolo for at least 15 days before the election; be a citizen of the United States and submit a properly com-

pleted Affidavit of Registration to the County Clerk-Elections Department by no later than Jan. 22.

For more information concerning registering to vote, contact the Elections Department, 625 Court Street, Room B05, Woodland, CA, 95695 or call 666-8133 or (800) 649-9943.

The annual Winters Chamber of Commerce Year in Review celebration is Saturday, Jan. 26
For tickets, call 795-2329

Support group begins Jan. 23

A support group for those who care for a family member or friend with serious mental illness will meet Wednesday, Jan. 23, at the Yolo Community Care Continuum (YCCC) office, 1667 Oak Avenue in Davis

(south end of the business complex across from the Davis High School football field) from 7-8:30 pm.

For more information visit the NAMI-Yolo website: www.namiyolo.org, or call 756-8181.

Stephens joins community foundation board

Former Yolo County Librarian Mary Stephans DeWall has joined the Yolo Community Foundation board of directors, Cath Posehn, executive director, announced last week.

“Mary brings an enormous wealth of knowledge and wisdom to our board. Mary is going to be a terrific director and we are honored that she has chosen Yolo Community Foundation as her first volunteer commitment following her retirement,” said Posehn.

“I am passionate about Yolo County and support a permanent endowment for its people,” said Stephens DeWall.

A native of Yolo County, Stephens DeWall served as Yolo County Librarian from 1969 to 2006 and has an extensive knowledge of Yolo County communities. Born to a pioneer family and raised in Esparto, she received a bachelor of arts degree in history from Occidental College in 1962 and a Masters of Library Science from UC Berkeley in 1963.

Yolo Community Foundation promotes philanthropy that benefits the Yolo County region. Yolo Community Foundation’s purpose is to create a lasting resource, committed to building civic investment and community involvement. Yolo Community Foundation hopes to establish a tradition of generosity that has led many people to invest their time and philanthropic dollars to support the common good. Their mission is “To match the philanthropic interests of donors with the needs and opportunities of the Yolo County community.”

Formed in 2001, Yolo Community Foundation is a nonprofit public resource created by and for the people of Yolo County for community philanthropy that helps donors make a positive impact on their community. Yolo Community Foundation enables individuals of both modest means and significant wealth to support nonprofit organizations that provide vital programs and services and to contribute to a permanent endowment for the people of Yolo County.

To find out more about YCF, visit www.yolocf.org or call 312-0593.

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Winters opened up and her career was then set in motion.

“I’d like to get some additional training,” she says. “I’d like to become a Police Officer Standards and Training Instructor.”

Along with Ferguson and Deanna Isenhower, Jimenez is part of a three-person administrative staff at the police department. As the youngest employee on the force, she is only a few years removed from her unique childhood.

“We even had deer for a few months,” she says. “They were quarantined and lived on our property. I got replaced in my playpen when I was three or four by a deer.

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schools that stay in PI longer. The corrective actions range from support programs in the first years to punitive actions later that can even include replacing a school district.

Superintendent Dale Mitchell acknowledges the reasons Winters' school district has been designated a PI district, and is now on the list for state intervention. He just doesn't want the actual corrective action taken to do more harm than good. He, along with superintendents of other districts on the list, are asking for state action to provide more funding and resources to districts in need, before the state talks about harsher actions.

"There's been some commentary that the state was going to take some punitive or directive action," said Mitchell. "I don't believe, in our set of circumstances, that a heavy handed approach will be in the best interests of our students."

Mitchell was responding to comments from the governor's office. Some of the governor's staff are calling for a more aggressive approach to deal with the under-performing districts, while the State Board of Education is advocating a more supportive direction. The board is the actual entity to take on the task, and is made up members appointed by the governor.

NCLB does call for extra federal funding to go to school districts that are in dire straits. Winters is not likely to receive such funding, according to Mitchell, because the condition is not that grave. All of this

is taking place while the Winters school district is painfully cutting programs to keep pace with dropping state revenue due to declining enrollment. As if that were not bad enough, the regular funding the district gets from the feds has been reduced for each of the last three years, as was reported by Business Officer Gloria Hahn at the Jan. 10 meeting. Adding insult, cutting federal funding is one of the potential punitive measures the DAIT has in its toolbox, contradictory as that may seem.

NCLB rules require schools to test students in math and language arts and track their performance and participation rates in categories broken down by race, income, fluency in English and disability. The portion of students – overall and in each minority group – scoring proficient or above must go up until 100 percent reach proficiency in 2014.

Winters' overall scores have improved annually in proportion to NCLB goals, but performance and participation rates have lagged continuously in a few areas, particularly English Language Learners (ELL) at Waggoner Elementary and Winters Middle School, and special education. The district has followed guidelines for corrective action, implementing the Compelling Conversations program and hiring a consultant for improvement at Waggoner. Even the plans for restructuring to meet reduced revenues call for additional spending to create a new language specialist for ELL.

Teachers and administrators nationwide have objected to the NCLB for its one-size-fits-all bluntness, with strong complaints coming from dis-

tricts, like Winters, that have a large immigrant population with a lot of students that don't speak English. Educators complain the testing does not differentiate between language related issues and learning issues. Students that become proficient in English are reclassified out of the category, continuously reducing the test results for the category.

Mitchell met with State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell on Dec. 20 along with superintendents of other districts that are slated for corrective action. The meeting took place after Schwarzenegger had made strong statements about the kind of direct action planned for these districts.

"It is the state superintendent's office that ultimately makes the decision," said Mitchell, of the methods to be used for corrective action.

The NCLB testing looks at five categories of performance, Advanced, Proficient, Basic, Behind Basic, and Far Behind Basic. The targets demand more aggressive improvement starting in the fourth year, which is now, and Mitchell believes schools in their third year of PI now are unlikely to ever get out of that category.

Mitchell is quick to point out his job is providing the best quality of education for the students in the district, and satisfying the testing requirements of this particular law is of secondary importance.

More details will emerge in the coming months as the state board of education makes decisions about the next steps it will take.

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time, working hard, really excited, not this sense of 'gotta do this, gotta do that,' looking at the clock. You wouldn't even think of the clock. The clock would go and it would be, 'darn!'

Asked about the rigor part, Simmons answered, "A good administrator, not finding that enthusiasm when visiting a classroom, should be having a conversation with the teacher the very same day, as well as discussions with others in the administration.

"The Compelling Conversations program has

been one of the best programs we've seen in a long time," said Simmons. The program promotes professional improvement through conversations between teachers and administrators.

"Successful programs at other schools did not succeed because someone from outside hit it with a blowtorch," said Shepherd. "They figured out how to do it on their own. It's what we've seen at Rominger, the fire gets started, and everyone buys in, and the successes build."

"It's the belief that you can do it," said Simmons, "and it's the same at the board."

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Duran, 21, of Winters was issued a notice to appear for driving without a driver's license.

Jan. 13

~ On the 300 block of

Sutter Auxiliary needs help

The Sutter Davis Hospital Auxiliary is recruiting new members (male and female), who are in good health and over 18 years of age, to volunteer in various capacities in the hospital. Volunteers must attend a general orientation and on the job training. Volunteers can serve weekly or bi-weekly.

For more information, visit www.sutterdavis.org/about/volunteering.html. Applications are available on the website, or by calling the Hospital Information Desk (2000 Sutter Place in Davis), 759-7485, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Trustee Mary Jo Rodolfa said it is a mistake to blame the culture of the community. The job is to educate the kids without falling back on excuses.

"Winters is a fairly idyllic place to teach," said Shepherd. "There are other districts that are getting it done, districts that have the same parents, the same students, some even have it worse. It falls back on us. It's our responsibility."

The discussion of setting goals will continue at the Feb. 7 meeting as an information item with public input. The meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m., at the district office at 901 Grant Ave.

Village Circle, an officer responded to a report of a stolen vehicle. Total loss: \$12,000.

~ Eber Isai Jacobo, 20, of Winters was arrested for driving under the influence, driving with a blood alcohol content over .08, driving without headlights, and being an

unlicensed driver. He was booked at the Winters Police Department and released on a notice to appear to a sober adult.

Jan. 14

~ On the 400 block of Morgan Street, an officer responded to a report of a lost or stolen purse. Loss: \$50.

Entertainment

Gauthier to perform at The Palms

Critically acclaimed singer-songwriter Mary Gauthier will perform at The Palms on Monday, Feb. 4. This show is a co-bill with Mark Olson. Gauthier's new album, "Between Daylight And Dark" was released on Sept. 18.

"Between Daylight And Dark" is Gauthier's fifth album and the follow-up to her 2005 breakthrough "Mercy Now (Lost Highway)," which garnered high praise in the media including Rolling Stone, Vanity Fair, The New York Times, The Los Angeles Times, NPR Fresh Air, CBS News Sunday Morning, Reader's Digest, No Depression, Harp, Paste and so many others.

Gauthier was named 2005 New/Emerging Artist of the Year by the Americana Music Association.

Gauthier's continuing evolution as a songwriter is evident throughout the 10 songs that comprise "Between Daylight And Dark."

"I've matured — and my writing has matured," she says. "Mercy Now was as close as I'd ever come to capturing the voices in my head and bringing them to life, but with these new songs, while I still insert myself into each one, they have become much less autobiographical and more observational."

Gauthier is a unique lyricist, who possesses an extraordinary gift for creating beauty out of some of life's darkest moments.

While she retains the ability to deliver the spoken word narrative of a compelling story, Gauthier exhibits a newfound confidence as a vocalist, bringing an additional dimension to songs such as "Before You Leave," "Please" and the gorgeous "Same Road".

Between Daylight And Dark was cut live, with minimal overdubs. The album features guest appearances by Van Dyke Parks (piano on "Can't Find The Way") and



Courtesy photo
Singer-songwriter Mary Gauthier will perform at The Palms on Monday, Feb. 4. For ticket information, visit www.palmsplayhouse.com.

Loudon Wainwright 7848, or
(backing vocals on "Soft Fount.Lynch@umusic.com. Place To Land" and "I Ain't Leaving"). Tickets are available at Pacific Ace Hardware. For more information, vist www.palmsplayhouse.com.

West Valley Chorus presents Tribute to Broadway'

The West Valley Chorus, representing the Davis-Vacaville's chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society, will present its annual performance, "Tribute to Broadway," on Friday, Feb. 1, at 7:30 p.m. at the Veterans' Memorial Auditorium in Davis and Saturday, Feb. 2, at the Vacaville Performing Arts Auditorium in Vacaville at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m.

The show features the 35 member chorus (Ollie Brilhante, director); the perennially hilarious comedy quartet Atonic Explosion; the regionally acclaimed female ensemble Encore; and the chorus' own chapter quartets, High Rollers and Berryessa Gold. The show is rated Family Friendly and features musical and comedy entertainment.

Tickets for the Davis performance are available at Armadillo Music, 205 F Street in Davis, 758-8058. Tickets cost \$12 for adults, \$10 for students and seniors, \$10 apiece for block of eight tickets.

Tickets for the Vacaville performance are available at the VPAT box office, (707) 449-6217, Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and will also be available for one hour prior to the show. Tickets for the 7:30 performance cost \$15 for adults, \$12 for students and seniors, and \$10 apiece for blocks of eight. Tickets for the matinee cost \$12 for all seats.

Mondavi Center hosts controversial racially driven, performance

Theater Arts will present N*W*C, an award-winning and controversial mix of drama, hip-hop, slam poetry, and stand-up comedy, at the Robert and Margrit Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts at UC Davis. With a title standing for three well-known racial epithets, N*W*C (N*igger Wetb*ck Ch*nk) is an entertaining, incisive, and humorous look at race relations that won the 2003 award for Best Play from American Readers Theatre Association and has been received enthusiastically by audiences and critics around the country.

Patrons should be advised that the production includes offensive language.

There will be a series of performances Wednesday through Saturday, Jan. 23 through 26, each beginning at 8 p.m. in the Mondavi Center's Studio Theatre on the UC Davis campus. Tickets are available from the Mondavi Center Ticket Office at 754-ARTS

(2787) or online at MondaviArts.org.

The event is presented as part of the Mondavi Center's Theater Series. A moderated Post-performance Q&A with members of the cast will follow each performance. These events are sponsored by the UC Davis Office of Campus Community Relations.

The play has been met with both controversy and rave reviews during its three years of performances around the country. The work's prominent use of racial slurs brought picketers to the first performance at the University of California, Los Angeles, while other performances reportedly have brought protests from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and threats from a neo-Nazi group. Audiences and critics, however, have been almost unanimously positive about the play and the way it frankly confronts racial issues.

Writing of a recent performance, The New

York Times held that "the comedy, whose three-word title consists simply of those racial slurs, seems remarkably well-timed to land in the middle of the national discomfort zone. In the age of Don Imus and Michael Richards, in light of the renewed scrutiny of hip-hop lyrics and shock-jock blabbermouths, N*W*C examines the power of time-worn taboos, attempting to deflate them through a frontal, often funny, assault."

"As a university presenting organization, we at the Mondavi Center feel a particular responsibility to bring to the campus and community events that promote thoughtful consideration of the important issues of our time," said Don Roth, the Mondavi Center's executive director. "We feel that the Speak Theater Arts production of N*W*C confronts issues of racial discrimination in a way that is personal, thought-provoking, moving, and insightful."

Annual supper honors Scottish poet Burns

The Dixon Scottish Cultural Association presents Burns Supper 2008 on Saturday, Feb 9, at 6 p.m. at the Davis Masonic Lodge, 1655 Da Vinci Court in Davis. Burns Suppers are conducted around the world to celebrate the life, songs and poetry of Scotland's Poet Laureate, Robert Burns.

Burns was born in 1759 in Alloway, Ayrshire, Scotland. He was the son

of a farmer, but the farming life did not suit him. Burns traveled about penning many poems synonymous with romance and Scottish life. Many of his songs are still played today. They include "Auld Lang Syne," "My Love is Like a Red, Red Rose," "Tam O'Shanter," and "Address to a Haggis." Burns wrote over 400 works and when he died in 1796, at

the age of 37, 10,000 people came to his funeral to pay their respects.

Tickets are \$35 per person, \$30 for seniors 65 and over. A social hour and no-host bar starts at 6 p.m. Dinner is at 7 p.m.

Tickets can be ordered in advance by downloading the order form from the [website](http://www.scotsindixon.org). www.scotsindixon.org. Tickets will also be sold at the door.

'Kitchen Witches' fly into Sacramento

California Stage presents the California premiere of "Kitchen Witches" a rollicking comedy about local cable television cooking shows.

"Kitchen Witches" is directed by Director Penny Meagher and stars Deborah Shaloub, sister of Tony Shaloub, star of the TV Show "Monk." Also starring, is Elly Award-winning actress and director Michele Kohler.

This funny comedy by Caroline Smith is about Dolly and her nemesis, Isobel. Both get cast in the same ca-

ble cooking show and trouble starts brewing.

"Kitchen Witches" at California Stage will play through Feb. 10. Show times are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Ticket prices are \$19, for general admission, \$15, for Students, SARTA members and Seniors, and \$12 for groups of four or more.

The theater is accessible. California Stage is located at 25th Street at R in Midtown Sacramento. Reserve tickets at 916-451-5822. More information is available at www.calstage.org.

SOKOLOW

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stints for a little over six years. During his time with the city, he worked on a variety of city projects, and worked closely with the planning commission and city council.

“I’ve matured with the city,” he says, noting that he was 32 years old when he joined the city staff, and prior to that had held only one position for the duration of his career thus far. Working for the city gave him a chance for more variety on the job, which was something he really appreciated about working for the city of Winters.

“It’s a small city. You have to wear a lot of hats,” he says. “It makes you a more valuable employee.”

He also served as a volunteer firefighter with the Winters Fire Department, and was honored as the Volunteer Firefighter of the Year for the last two years. Sokolow was one of the volunteer firefighters that most frequently responded to daytime calls because he worked here in town, and he says his time with the fire department was what he’ll miss most.

He notes that his volunteer firefighting duties exposed him to a wide variety of experiences, such as learning how to deal with a deceased car crash victim with dignity, or just the camaraderie of working closely with the other firefighters. He says he’ll even miss serving in the firehouse kitchen during the Fourth of July pancake breakfasts and annual Toys for Tots fish fry.

City Manager John Donlevy says that although he respects Sokolow’s reasons for wanting to work closer to home, he nonetheless tried to change his mind.

“I sat there for about an hour and a half and tried to talk him out of it,” says Donlevy. “We’re just really sad to see Dan go. He’s been an integral part of our city for 11 years. He leaves a strong legacy.”

Donlevy notes the long list of very visible projects in which Sokolow has played a key role, including the trail improvements along Putah Creek, the rehabilitation of the trestle bridge, the construction of the amphitheatre, stage and patio cover at the Community Center, and the construction of the Community Center parking lot, for which he served as the lead person. Sokolow also did much of the work on both the Winters Apartments housing projects.

“Winters Apartments 1 and II were very complex projects,” says Donlevy. “Dan was the key player

in securing affordable housing for 75 families. There was the complete rehabilitation of Winters Apartments I, and Dan was the guy who helped shepherd the entire construction of the 34 units that are opening up now (Winters II).”

Sokolow also worked on all the recent housing developments that were constructed or are still in the planning stages, including Creekside, Callahan, Ogando Hudson and Winters Highlands, and was the lead person in planning the linear park and the bikeway system master plan.

“These are not only visible projects, but also are really where the future of Winters will go,” says Donlevy. “There’s no doubt, Dan has left a very positive mark on the city of Winters. We’re so grateful to have worked with him. I really don’t want him to go.”

Donlevy says Sokolow is “an important part of our family” amongst the tight-knit City Hall staff, and he appreciates his ability to work across departmental lines. Donlevy, who is also a volunteer firefighter, also expresses respect for Sokolow’s dedication to firefighting.

“He leaves a huge hole in the daytime fire coverage. He goes out on car crashes. All of a sudden, the rest of us will have to step up on (covering) calls.”

Donlevy describes Sokolow as “one of those rare individuals you get to work with who is very unassuming, and literally gives 110 percent all the time.” During the recent storms, Donlevy says Sokolow jumped right in at the city corporation yard and helped fill sandbags.

“Not everybody is willing to do that when they’re the community development director,” says Donlevy. “I can tell you, there’s not another community development director going out on car crash calls on the highway during the day.”

In Sokolow’s absence, Donlevy anticipates city staff will fill in on some duties, and an interim community development director will be appointed while recruitment takes place for a permanent employee. But, he notes, finding someone to step into Sokolow’s shoes won’t be easy.

“Replacing him will be difficult,” says Donlevy. “Frankly I don’t know how we’re going to do that.”

Donlevy says the Winters City Council will likely present a proclamation honoring Sokolow at an upcoming council meeting, and a goodbye potluck is being planned for Feb. 15 at the fire station.

Plenty of prizes

Photo by Debra LoGuercio

Nancy Meyer displays some of the many raffle and silent auction items to be featured at the Winters Chamber of Commerce’s annual Year in Review celebration, planned for Saturday, Jan. 26, 6-9 p.m. at the Winters Firehouse, 10 Abbey Street.

Meyer will be sworn in at the event as the new Chamber president.

All raffle and silent auction purchases are tax deductible. Meyer reminds everyone to “bring your checkbook.”

Dinner will be catered by The Buckhorn. Tickets are \$35 per person, and will only be sold in advance. For tickets, call 795-2329.



Sports

Geerts scores 22 against Hamilton City

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The Warriors varsity basketball team played three games last week starting with Hamilton City on Tuesday, Jan. 8, at home. The Warriors played a solid game and kept the score close for most of it but were unable to close the gap late as they fell to a 63-50 loss.

Aaron Geerts led the team with 22 points. Donnie Garcia and Alex Huizar each scored 6 points. T.J Johnson and Kevin Rowell each scored 5 points, Jules Damey scored 4 and Maurice Ackridge put in 2 points for the Warriors.

On Wednesday, Jan. 9, the Warriors hosted Rio Vista at Young Gymnasium. From start to finish the Warriors took control of the game, out scoring Rio Vista in every period. They finished with a 47-34 victory over the Rams. Again Geerts led the Warriors with 14 points. Garcia followed with 11 points. Johnson scored 6 points, Rowell had 5, Huizar scored 4, Ackridge scored 4 and Kelvin Leverett scored 3 points for the Warriors.

On Friday, Jan. 11, the Warriors hosted Gridley for their first league game and came up short of a come back victory. After scoring just seven points in the first half. The Warriors outscored the Bulldogs by three in the third



Photo by Eric Lucero

Maurice Ackridge puts defensive pressure on a Gridley player during the Warriors varsity basketball game against visiting Gridley on Friday, Jan. 11.

and were within 5 points in the last few minutes of the game. Unfortunately, the ball bounced the other way and the Warriors lost 43-33.

Garcia had the hot

hand in this game scoring a team high 16 points. Johnson and Huizar both scored 6 points. Ackridge scored 3 points and Rowell scored 2 points for the Warriors.

Warriors pin Bulldogs five out of seven

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The Winters Warriors wrestling team hosted Gridley in a dual meet on Wednesday, Jan. 9, and had an impressive showing. The Warriors only have seven wrestlers and at one point led the meet 30-12 but then had to forfeit seven matches and lost 30-48.

Not having enough wrestlers to compete in every weight class may be tough on the Warriors as a team but individually the Warriors dominated the match. Five out of seven wrestlers pinned

their opponents for victories.

Chris Calderon, Jesse Hellinger, Billy Rotenkolber, Brandon White and Taylor Brickley all pinned their opponents. Steven Pine and Cody Linton lost but had a good showing.

“Steven and Cody both wrestled well,” said coach Tim Hausler. “They just had some tough competition.”

On Saturday, Jan. 12, the Warriors sent four wrestlers to the Fuller Tournament in Lincoln and had another impressive showing against some tough competition.

Hellinger placed second with a 3-1 record and lost to the fifth ranked wrestler in the state. Hellinger is currently ranked 10th in the state.

“Jesse did well,” said Hausler. “He actually lost to this guy in the Sierra Classic in Nevada but did much better this time. He made some corrections and learned some things that he has to adjust to.”

Rotenkolber went 2-2 in the tournament, Brickley went 1-2 and Pine went 0-2 for the Warriors.

Corrales nets 16 in Lady Warriors victory

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The Winters Warriors varsity girls’ basketball team went on the road last week to take on the Rio Vista Rams and came home with a 47-43 victory on Tuesday, Jan. 8. Chelsea Corrales led the Warriors with 16 points.

“Chelsea had a good shooting game,” said coach Matt Cooley.

Corrales also pulled down eight rebounds for the Warriors. Tess Hyer scored 11 points, grabbed five rebounds, and had three assists and a steal. Rebecca

Salas had 8 points, one rebound, five assists and three steals. Alyssa Oxley scored 4 points and had two rebounds.

Jenny Campos scored 4 points, pulled down nine rebounds, had a steal and an assist. Megan Avellar scored 2 points and had six rebounds, a steal and an assist. Amy Avellar had 2 points and two rebounds, while Olivia Wingard had one rebound for the Warriors.

On Friday, Jan. 11, the Warriors headed to Gridley for their first league game and came home with a disappointing 54-42 loss.

“We started slow and couldn’t catch up,” said Cooley.

Hyer led the Warriors with 12 points, seven rebounds and three steals. Campos scored 10 points, had five rebounds, two assists and a steal. Oxley had 9 points, nine rebounds and two steals. Salas had 5 points, four rebounds, three assists and a steal. Corrales scored 4 points and had five rebounds and an assist. Wingard scored 2 points and had a rebound. Megan Avellar grabbed two rebounds and Amy Avellar had a steal for the Warriors.

WHS football jerseys for sale

Winters High football game jerseys may be purchased until the end of January. After that, no jerseys will be sold.

Junior varsity jerseys are \$25 each and varsity jerseys are \$65 each.

Jerseys must be purchased in the main office, indicating color (red or white), number, and level (V or JV) of the jersey. Jerseys are available for pick up the following school day, and are sold on a first-come-first-served basis. No reservations and no down payments will be accepted.

Contact athletics director Tom Crisp at the high school for more information.

JV basketball teams prevail

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The Winters Warriors JV boys basketball team played three home games last week starting with Hamilton City on Tuesday, Jan. 8. The Warriors won 40-35 with Cody Romero leading the team in scoring with 9 points.

Cody Klimper

scored 8 points, Vince Doyle and Israel Aguilera each scored 6 points, Tyler Berg had 5, Zach Pangburn had 4, and Ed Latimer scored 2 points for the Warriors.

The Warriors were back on the floor on Wednesday, Jan. 9, hosting Rio Vista. Win-

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CODY’S ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

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Aaron Geertz

Aaron Geerts, a junior on the Winters High School varsity boys’ basketball team is this week’s athlete of the week. In the last four games Geerts has averaged 16 points a game and had a season high 22 points against Hamilton City.

“Aaron has played well since the holiday break and is starting to assert himself as a legit scoring threat,” said coach Jason Davis.

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

Hyde leads freshman in league opener

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The Winters High School freshman boys’ basketball team continued their winning ways on Friday, Jan. 11, with a 47-37 victory over visiting Gridley. It was the first game after winter break for the Warriors and their first league game.

“This was our first game back after a long winter break,” said coach Matt Baker. “I thought we were rusty and it showed up in turnovers and not being

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Schools



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EDUCATIONALLY SPEAKING

LOOKING THE WRONG WAY? As it relates to student achievement in our district, this is quite likely to be the case for many people. The predominate reason is the recent volume of political conversations and media reporting associated with the federal NCLB Program Improvement Districts who are in Year 3 and who are subject to “corrective action.”

Yes, our district is one of 97 districts and one county office in the state that will receive state intervention due to our inability to achieve the desired student achievement levels. But, should our time and attention be devoted to worrying about what the state might do? To some extent yes; but to the largest extent, no.

We are in Year 3 Program Improvement because we have consistently failed to meet achievement targets primarily for English language learner and special needs students. In my opinion, our vision needs to remain focused on our students and on ourselves. Too many students are not academically successful and we have to accept responsibility for that. When state assistance does come, it needs to help us more clearly see our students and ourselves. How can our adult actions change in order to better support our students?

I am convinced that our district has dedicated employees who are doing their best. I know that many of our students are participating in a quality educational program and the students and the district have the results to demonstrate this. I am also convinced that doing the same thing for English language learner and special needs students will give us the same results. Regardless of the performance level of our employees, each of us can and should professionally grow and improve. My simplest illustration is this: If Tiger Woods, the number one ranked professional golfer in the world has a coach, why wouldn’t we choose to, also?

Our district meets the needs for many of our students. We have some, however, who deserve a better education. The success of our efforts will be more the result of looking at our students and ourselves rather than looking at Sacramento or Washington.

Congratulations, Bobcats



Courtesy photo

The newest Bobcat rank Cub Souts in Pack 998 are, from left, Cody Williams, Nick Riise and Logan Ray. The Bobcat rank is the first rank in Cub Scouting. To earn this rank these boys had to learn many things, like the Cub Scout sign means they will be helpful and obedient, and the Cub Scout Promise, the Cub Scout Motto, the Law of the Pack, and the Cub Scout Handshake. Cub Scouting is a year-round family program designed for boys who are in grades 1-5 (or ages 7-10). Boys can join at any time. For more information, call the Golden Empire Council Office, (916) 929-1417, or visit www.joincubscouting.org/.

Ramos is spelling champ

By DEBRA LO GUERCIO
Express editor

For the second year in a row, fifth grader Ryan Ramos will represent Winters in the regional spelling bee, after his recent first place finish in the Shirley Rominger Intermediate School spelling bee. Ramos has already taken the regional written spelling test, from which finalists are selected to participate in the oral spelling bee.

Both the written and oral tests will pit Ryan against students who are in grades 4-8. The winner will go on to compete in the national spelling bee in Washington. Although Ryan didn’t make it past the regional level last year, he’s taking another crack at it this year with a positive attitude and says he fully intends to do better this time by studying even harder.

Ryan studies spelling for about an hour several times during the week, and gets help from his mother, Jenny, who quizzes him on the words. He says he is attracted to studying spelling because “it tests your knowledge.” He says spelling is important for students because “you need to know how to spell later in life.”

As for the competitive atmosphere of the spelling bees, Ryan says



Photo by Debra Lo Guercio
Ryan Ramos is the Shirley Rominger Intermediate School spelling bee winner. He is the son of Mark and Jenny Ramos.

his motivation is simple: “I like winning.”

Although Ryan is earning a reputation as the local spelling champ, his mother expresses concern about local participation in the regional and national bees because the Winters Middle School, where Ryan will attend next year, has discontinued its participation in spelling bees. She is hoping that this will change by the time Ryan gets there because he would like to keep competing in spelling bees for as long as he can.

Annual PTA Sock Hop scheduled for Jan. 25

This year’s Sock Hop will take place on Friday, Jan. 25, from 6-8 p.m. at Shirley Rominger Intermediate School in the multi-purpose room. This family-friendly event is sponsored by the Winters Combined PTA.

Children in grades K-5 are invited to attend but must be accompanied by an adult. The evening features DJ hosted dance and games. Attendees are invited to dress in 50’s style. There will be food and beverages sold at the event.

For more information, contact Sock Hop Coordinator Laura Ray at 795-4151.

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School board to meet

The Winters School Board will meet on Thursday, Jan. 17, at 6 p.m. in the Walnut Room at the school district office, located at 909 West Grant Avenue. The following items are on the agenda:

- ~ Recognition of Winters High School student Mattielyn Long; the Winters High School Music Boosters; and Dan Sokolow, community development director for the City of Winters.
- ~ Communication and reports.
- ~ Public input regarding non-agenda items.

Action items

- ~ Restructuring/expenditure reductions..
- ~ 2008 board committee appointments.
- ~ 5th month ADA Report for 2007/08.
- ~ First period attendance report (July 1 through Dec. 28, 2007)
- ~ Approval of Jan. 8 special board meeting.
- ~ Approval of revisions to board policy regarding travel expenses.
- ~ Quarterly report on Williams Uniform Complaints.
- ~ Informal review of Governance Team’s performance.

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Nuestras Noticias

El proceso electoral



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¿Que es el Caucus?

El año de elecciones presidenciales ya empezó en Iowa y en New Hampshire, en donde ya se tuvo el Caucus en Iowa, y las primarias en New Hampshire. ¿ Sabemos lo que es el Caucus, que quiere decir, o que significa?

El Caucus es un proceso político, es una asamblea de delegados, en donde se da el tiempo personal, se dialoga, se decide y se reconsideran lealtades cuando un candidato favorito no tiene apoyo para ser el elegido.

El nombre Caucus es parecido a una reunión de vecinos, su nombre se deriva de una palabra de origen indio-americano, para indicar una conferencia de líderes tribales. Se la entiende como asamblea o comité electoral, una reunión que es parte de un proceso electoral. En esa comparación, en el proceso electoral de Estados Unidos, los partidos políticos equivalen a las tribus; los líderes son los activistas partidarios y los ciudadanos participantes.

Iowa es el primer estado, entre más de una docena de estados, en hacer reuniones electorales para elegir al candidato que apoyará en las convenciones nacionales de los partidos Demócrata y Republicano en el 2008. La mayoría de los estados aplica la forma más simple de la elección primaria: los ciudadanos votan y el candidato con la mayoría de los votos triunfa.

El proceso electoral en Estados Unidos es un ritual que puede resultar confuso, que Compite con el Colegio Electoral como la práctica política estadounidense más peculiar. El proceso data de los primeros días de la nación, antes que las elecciones primarias

Surgieran a principios del siglo XX. Los procedimientos del Caucus, la asamblea o comité electoralista, difieren de estado a estado y de partido a partido. El elemento común del proceso electoral es el diálogo. Los partidarios se reúnen para respaldar a su candidato y persuadir a otros a que hagan lo mismo. En Iowa, “los demócratas se reúnen en público, mientras que los republicanos votan en secreto y los demócratas deben estar dispuestos a expresar públicamente su preferencia, algo que no es usual en la política estadounidense.

En un principio solo las personas que operaban el partido decidían a quien postular, los partidos veían a las nominaciones como “un asunto organizacional privado en que los electores no tenían por qué involucrarse hasta que se llevara a cabo la elección general”.

Todo eso cambió en 1972 cuando el Partido Demócrata requirió a las delegaciones estatales ser representaciones demográficas de los electores. La representación de grupos

Que estaban previamente excluidos lo hizo un proceso más abierto y público. El Partido Republicano pronto siguió el ejemplo y las asambleas electoralistas estatales se democratizaron.

Los demócratas superan a los republicanos en la complejidad del proceso electoral. El proceso electoral demócrata emplea una representación proporcional. Se consideran viables sólo a candidatos con más del límite de 15 por ciento de apoyo. Los partidarios de los perdedores se “realinean”, Se debate mucho, hay mucha presión entre unos y otros; Los partidarios se juntan para ser contados físicamente en diferentes esquinas del salón asignado a sus candidatos.

Las asambleas electorales exigen un compromiso de tiempo importante. Los que participan en un Caucus son probablemente los electores más conscientes políticamente en cualquier lugar del país, La mayoría de las asambleas electoralistas

Demócratas usan la representación proporcional; las asambleas republicanas tienden a usar un sistema de votación.

La elección de Iowa empezó en 1846, pero no se convirtió en una elección clave hasta la década de 1970, cuando se la programó para ser “la primera en la nación”. Jimmy Carter, el futuro 39º presidente realizó una dura campaña usando a Iowa como el trampolín al éxito. A pesar de los actuales medios de comunicación y la publicidad partidaria, el Caucus no es un indicador cierto de la preferencia del electorado. La asistencia a esas asambleas es generalmente baja y los participantes frecuentemente son los miembros más motivados del partido. No es una elección general para todos. Es un proceso en que el partido determina quién lo va a representar.

En todos los medios de comunicación están hablando de las elecciones de los precandidatos de los partido demócratas y republicanos para la presidencia de los Estados Unidos, seria interesante que conozcamos como se lleva a acabo el proceso electoral aquí en Estados Unidos.

Lo primero que debe llamar la atención es que en Estados Unidos, no gana el candidato que obtiene mas votos, sino el que consigue más delegados para integrar el Colegio Electoral, quien elige al Presidente

Desde 1860 la política electoral de Estados Unidos ha estado dominada por dos partidos: Demócrata y Republicano, quienes han creado diversas reglas electorales que imposibilitan el crecimiento de otro partido, mediante la creación de trámites difíciles y costosos.

Otro factor fundamental es el sistema utilizado –tanto para las elecciones del Congreso, como de la presidencia -, de todo para el ganador. Es decir, se trata de un procedimiento electoral donde cada estado cuenta, de acuerdo con su población, con un número determinado de “votos electorales”. De esta forma, en los comicios el triunfador se lleva la totalidad de estos votos electorales, sin importar el número de sufragios que obtuvo el segundo lugar, quien no recibe ningún voto electoral.

En la competencia hacia la Casa Blanca, la primera parte del proceso consiste en definir al candidato de cada partido. Esto se realiza a través de elecciones internas de cada organización, donde se elige a su aspirante, mediante el voto de militantes registrados y del electorado en general. En Estados Unidos, los comicios o “caucus”(asambleas partidistas) y las elecciones primarias de los partidos son esenciales para seleccionar a los candidatos a la Presidencia.

El propósito del sis-

tema de comicios es mostrar, por medio de la selección de delegados, a cuál de los candidatos a la presidencia prefieren los miembros del partido en cada estado. Los “caucus” se realizan de manera indirecta, al igual que las elecciones estadounidenses, pues sólo se elige a delegados, que a su vez votan por un determinado candidato.

Existen dos tipos de “caucus”: abiertos y cerrados. En los primeros puede participar ciudadano; en los segundos, sólo los simpatizantes registrados de un partido. Las elecciones primarias cumplen una función similar, pero son contiendas electorales directas que se realizan para escoger al candidato de un partido político a un cargo público en particular. El candidato que tenga el mayor número de delegados en las convenciones partidistas obtiene la nominación.

A lo largo de los meses de enero y febrero, 18 estados de la Unión Americana deben realizar sus elecciones primarias y caucus de acuerdo a su calendario electoral.

Se considera a estos eventos iniciales el comienzo oficial de la campaña, y sus resultados darán el tono de las elecciones internas y las asambleas partidistas que se sucederán, estado por estado, hasta principios de junio. Sin embargo, la jornada electoral clave durante todo el proceso es el denominado “Súper martes”, día en que se realizan las elecciones primarias en los estados más representativos de la Unión Americana.

La importancia del “Súper martes” radica en que estos estados son los que en su conjunto cuentan con más delegados a las convenciones nacionales y, por lo tanto, los que más peso tienen a la hora de la votación final. El “Súper martes” es lo más parecido a una “elección primaria nacional” en Estados Unidos.

Los resultados de las elecciones internas y las asambleas partidistas re-

ducen gradualmente el número de aspirantes, a medida que algunos contendientes se retiran, y determinan cuántos delegados se comprometerán con cada aspirante. Los delegados se reúnen en la Convención Nacional de su partido, la cual se realiza en los meses del verano, y en la que se efectúa la selección final de los candidatos a presidente y vicepresidente, y se fijan sus posiciones políticas o “plataformas”.

Las convenciones nacionales reúnen a los delegados elegidos mediante los “caucus” o en las primarias. Su objetivo es formalizar la nominación del candidato presidencial y representan la principal fiesta de los partidos políticos. Sin embargo, su peso específico es más mediático que político, pues para cuando se realizan las convenciones, el candidato está prácticamente elegido.

Luego de las convenciones nacionales de cada partido, inicia la verdadera campaña electoral, un periodo en el que los mítines de los candidatos se multiplican, los actos electorales buscan sumar simpatías entre los electores y se realizan los debates electorales.

Estos debates son controlados por la Comisión Electoral Federal y enfrentan a los candidatos –demócrata y republicano- y sus argumentos. Estos encuentros son televisados y generalmente uno o varios periodistas realizan preguntas. No hay un número de debates previamente establecido, pero normalmente no son más de tres. Esta etapa de la campaña es más breve y corre entre los meses de septiembre y octubre.

De acuerdo con las leyes electorales de los Estados Unidos, el día de las elecciones presidenciales es el primer martes de noviembre de cada cuatro años.

La Constitución de Estados Unidos establece la forma cómo se eligen al presidente y vicepresidente. El voto popular no

determina al ganador, sino que cada estado escoge, por elección popular, un grupo de electores igual al número total de miembros que lo representa en el Congreso. Los electores de los 50 estados y el Distrito de Columbia (un total de 533 personas) constituyen lo que se conoce como el Colegio Electoral. El candidato que haya recibido el mayor número de sufragios populares en cada estado, con excepción de Maine y Nebraska, se lleva la totalidad de electores de la planilla.

Para salir elegido, un candidato a la presidencia debe obtener la mayoría absoluta de los votos electorales (270). Si ninguno de los candidatos obtiene la mayoría, la Cámara de Representantes debiera elegir al presidente entre los tres aspirantes con más alta votación. En ese caso, a cada estado y al Distrito de Columbia se les asigna un sólo voto y nuevamente es necesario que uno de los candidatos obtenga la mayoría para quedar elegido.

Aunque el voto para elegir presidente en Estados Unidos es secreto, no lo es cuando se trata de la mayor parte del Colegio Electoral. Cuando los electores se reúnen en las legislaturas de sus respectivas capitales de estado, en diciembre del año de las elecciones presidenciales, todo se lleva a cabo en público. Hay excepciones en siete de los 50 estados, donde el voto de los electores es secreto.

Los votos los certifican las autoridades electorales y se envían a Washington D.C. donde serán contados por el presidente del Senado y la Cámara de Representantes. En ese momento, el candidato se convierte oficialmente en el ganador y en el presidente electo.

El nuevo presidente asume el cargo al mediodía del 20 de enero, poniendo fin a un proceso electoral que comenzó más de un año antes.

La Pesadilla Americana y la realidad del “Sueño Americano”

Este es un relato ficticio, toda semejanza con la realidad es solamente pura coincidencia. Ahora con los problemas que hay en el mercado de bienes raíces, con el desplome en el precio de las casas, pocos pudieron predecir que el sueño americano pudiera durar tan poco tiempo para aquellas familias, que están a punto de perder su casa. Ahora esas familias esta sufriendo de pesadillas, y aquí esta un ejemplo que habla tal ves por muchas familias que se encuentran en la misma situación.

Ojalá alguien nos lo hubiera dicho antes. En medio de la fiebre de los bienes raíces de hace tres años mi esposa y yo caímos en la misma tentación en la que cayeron millones de personas a lo largo de Estados Unidos: comprar una casa y cumplir así el llamado sueño americano. Entre mi esposa y yo teníamos un buen ingreso, pero nuestro crédito distaba de ser el mejor del mundo. más bien, podría decir que era bastante malo.

Pero la agente de bienes y raíces que presuntamente nos estaba ayudando, nos decía que no había problema.

Evidentemente nosotros estábamos sumamente emocionados. Ibamos a tener nuestra primera casa y lo único que queríamos era que todo pasara lo más rápido posible. Sin embargo, teníamos nuestras dudas.

Ella, la agente, insistía en que no teníamos que preocuparnos de nada. Que iba a conseguarnos un crédito que no tuviéramos que pagar nada de enganche y que hasta los costos de cierre se iban a absorber a través del préstamo.

Todo parecía un sueño. Según los informes que nos iba dando nuestra agente, todo corría a pedir de boca. Dos semanas después nos dijo que si, que estábamos calificados para obtener el crédito. Cómo locos, salimos a buscar un condominio que se ajustara a nuestras necesidades. Buscamos dos semanas hasta que encontramos la casa de nuestros sueños... y de nuestras

pesadillas.

A partir de ese momento hicimos toda clase de sacrificios para pagar la mensualidad, y los 150 de la asociación, los 25 de la basura y los 75 del agua y los 15 del jardinero. Pero el golpe duro fue cuando llegaron los impuestos de la propiedad, y que nos indicaban que teníamos que pagar alrededor de 5,000 dólares.

Así, con la soga al cuello y con el bolsillo casi vacío, pasaron los dos primeros años, hasta que nos llegó la noticia de los prestamistas en que nos indicaban que estaba por terminar el período de tasa fija de los dos préstamos, y que dentro de tres meses, la tasa de interés subiría al 7 por ciento, es decir, que nue-

stro pago iba a pasar de 2,700 a 3,500.

Inmediatamente llamamos a nuestra agente y nos dijo, no se preocupen, vamos a ver qué se puede hacer. Revisó y revisó y nos dijo, qué pena, pero no se puede hacer nada. El mercado está muy malo y el condominio no sólo no ganó valor en esos dos años, sino que había perdido. Sobra decir que lo vendimos como pudimos, que perdimos como 50,000 dólares y que nuestros créditos quedaron por los suelos. Y les cuento esta historia porque es la misma pesadilla que cientos de miles de personas en todo el país están viviendo en esta crisis inmobiliaria.

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First Aid for Seizure

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: When my son was in high school, he was diagnosed with epilepsy. His first and second seizures occurred at school. No one there had any training on how to handle a seizure. I am writing to ask you to explain to people what a seizure is and how to help a person having one. There is so much misinformation about this. My son, incidentally, has graduated from college and has not had a seizure in the past five years. Thank you. — L.L.

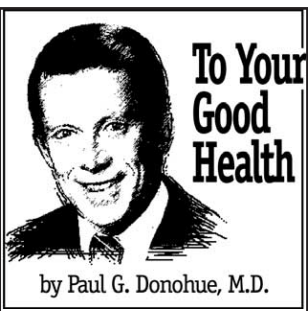
ANSWER: Most people are frightened when witnessing a seizure and are at a complete loss about what they should do. There are many seizure varieties, but I'll confine my remarks to a grand mal seizure, the kind with the most dramatic manifestations.

All seizures are sudden, excessive electrical discharges from brain cells. A grand mal seizure affects most of the brain, and that's why its signs are so striking. Quite often, it occurs without warning. The person stiffens and might make a loud moaning noise. He or she then falls to the ground and makes a series of jerking movements of the arms and legs as muscles contract and relax rapidly. The jerking usually lasts about half a minute to a minute.

Bystanders who have never witnessed a seizure are unnerved by it. Invariably, one will try to pry open the seizing person's mouth so the person doesn't swallow the tongue. That's the wrong thing to do. During a seizure, people never swallow their tongues.

Onlookers should not try to restrain the arms or legs. They should place the seizing person on his or her side to keep the airway open, and they can loosen the collar or tie. The seizure will run its course in a short time. Once the muscle contractions have stopped, the person is unconscious for a while and gradually awakens, confused. The best course is to offer the person transportation to a place where treatment can be given if needed, or to call 911 for help.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I've donated blood 44



times. It makes me feel good about myself. Four weeks ago I gave blood on a Friday. The following Monday, I came down with a cold. Going back over my records, I noticed that, although I don't get a cold every time I give blood, in recent years they have occurred shortly after blood donation.

Does donating blood temporarily weaken the immune system? Unless I read that my hypothesis is wrong, I am not going to donate blood in the future. — R.K.

ANSWER: You should feel good about yourself. You deserve kudos many times over. Blood is always in short supply, and you have been more generous than most.

Blood donation shouldn't impair the immune system. I would hate for you to give up being a donor, but I don't want you to come down with another cold. How about an experiment? Try again, at a time when there are no colds in the community. I wonder if being around fellow donors who might be incubating a cold is the reason why you have been getting them.

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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The love you give is the love you get

This Christmas is over now but I still think that it is worth our attention. It's a season that brings out the best in us; a time of cheer and goodwill towards all men. It's a time when we should sit down and consider what is important to us and what we should be thankful for. It's a time for openly sharing something that we call LOVE. For the remainder of the year we, more often than not, conceal our love in a tight bubble spanning just about us and our families. We treat our love like there is a finite amount of it and we hoard it; keep it to ourselves.

I think that politicians have a deeply embedded belief that an open exhibit of love is equivalent to an open exhibit of weakness. I'll take it even a step farther for it seems to be behavior inherent in all male human beings. Oddly enough, this doesn't seem to be the case with our female side. Boys are tough and girls are lovey-dovey. That's just the way it is, so if we expand outwards, there are doors, fences, and borders with dogs and armies at guard. We keep our bubbles within these structures; protected.

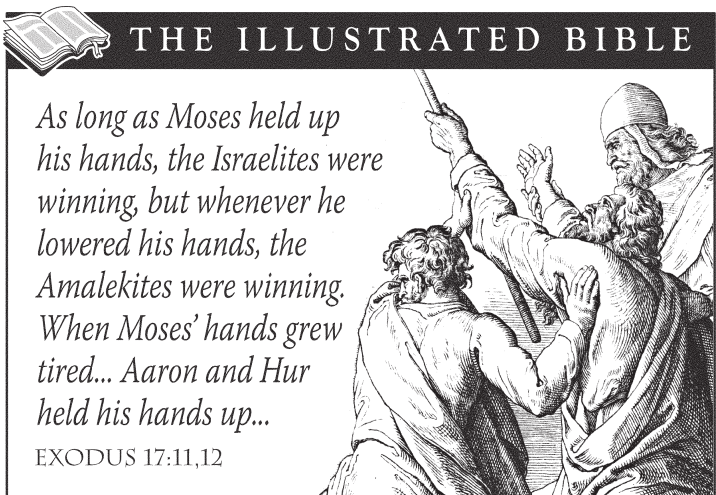
Christmas has a power that is unique unto itself. Take, for instance, the war in Vietnam. As a young man I spent two years, one month, and five days there when I should have been in college and flirting with the girls. Out of 765 days of all out warfare with all the trimmings of death and despair, only Two days were different from the rest. Only on Christmas Day of 1969 and Christmas Day of 1970 did I experience this unique power. On Christmas Day the politicians effective-



ly stopped the war for 24 hours with two words; cease fire. On those two days there was no war. That is power!

The significance of these acts of mercy demonstrates the distinctive importance and influential clout that the Christmas spirit has on us all; Christian or not. I don't know if future Christmas days will draw a cease-fire in today's Iraqi war because the enemy is different now. They practice their religion on a daily basis, falling to their knees five times a day. Unlike Muslims, most Christians fear the dollar more than they fear God. We are in their bubble, knocking down their doors and fences and killing their dogs and armies. They are not in ours. You can try to justify our actions in Iraq but all the while you are acutely aware that at some level, at some point, our actions are unjustifiable. Doing the right thing for the wrong reason is exactly the same as deliberately doing the wrong thing. The end result is the same.

There is one very important fact that we have all learned from the part of the world that is Muslim. I speak the truth when I say that on Christmas Days of the future there will be no ceasefire for us anywhere in the entire world. Every Christmas Day we will be watching and waiting for what we know is coming and it will come hard and fast and we will not enjoy it.



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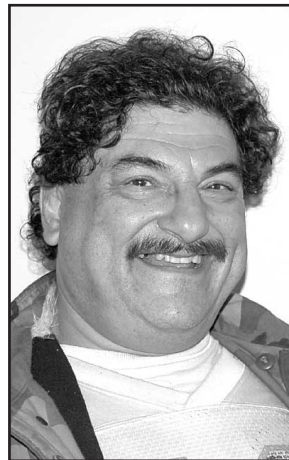
For today's enemy, Christmas Day is a high target day; a day to demonstrate how easily our bubbles can be popped. Look at it this way; our entire country consists of millions of tiny bubbles around our family units. These bubbles may bump into and bounce off each other periodically but that's about it. On a larger scale, the United States is also tightly enclosed within a bubble. Out politicians work very hard to keep the bubble tight and secure by spending billions and billions of dollars on guns, bombs, and so on.

We are doing the exact opposite of what needs to be done. An exhibit of love is not equivalent to an exhibit of weakness. It is however an exhibit of the only true power that we have. Our Muslim friends tell us every day what it will take to find true peace. We must make every day a Christmas day and fall to our knees five times a day in an open exhibit of our love for each other. We must simply expand our bubbles on a grand scale until a single, huge bubble, encircles the entire globe. It is one million times more difficult to pop one massive bubble than it is to pop a million little ones.

Love and evil are on two opposite sides of existence but they are similar in one respect. The love that you receive is equal to the love that you give. The same is true of evil.

That's the way I see things.

Pleased to meet you



Name: Ramiro Jimenez

Occupation: Full-time

home health aide

Hobby: Martial arts

What's best about living

in Winters: "It's peaceful.

You don't have to watch

your back so much."

Fun fact: Teaches private

self defense lessons.

King Crossword — Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You might be hurt by a colleague's harsh criticism. But don't let it shake your confidence in what you're trying to do. A more positive aspect starts to appear by week's end.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You're torn between your sensible self and the part of you that enjoys acquiring lovely things. Best advice: Wait for an end-of-month sale and then buy something wonderful.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your artistic side has practical applications this week, such as redecorating your home or redesigning your personal stationery. Whatever you do, someone special will like it.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You could be drawn into a problem 'twixt friends or family members. Best bet: Ask the questions that go to the heart of the matter; then get them all together for a group hug.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) As much as you love being the center of attention, your big Lion's heart impels you to share the spotlight with a colleague who helped you with that well-praised project.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your eagerness to act on a challenge is wisely tempered early in the week by a lack of necessary information. Things begin to clear up during the weekend.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A relationship you'd hoped would keep going seems to be going nowhere. Close it out and move on to a brighter romantic aspect just beginning to manifest itself.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Things don't go completely as planned this week. But enjoy the surprises, even if you have to adjust your schedule. Some of them could be quite delightful.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Making choices is usually easy for straight-shooting Archers. But a new development could deflect your aim. Try to put off decisions until you know more.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) While part of you might prefer taking a more familiar path, let your more daring and—admit it—super-curious self see what the unexplored has to offer.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Those nasty types have slithered back under the rocks and present no more problems. Now's the time to move ahead on that promising new relationship.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A new offer could clear up that lingering money problem. Also, a more confident attitude on your part might well help get that personal situation back on track.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of turning chaos into order. You're also generous with your help for those who seek it.

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- Distort the facts
- Reed instrument
- Sought office
- Call to Rover
- Bogart/Bacall flick
- "Cave Bear" clanswoman
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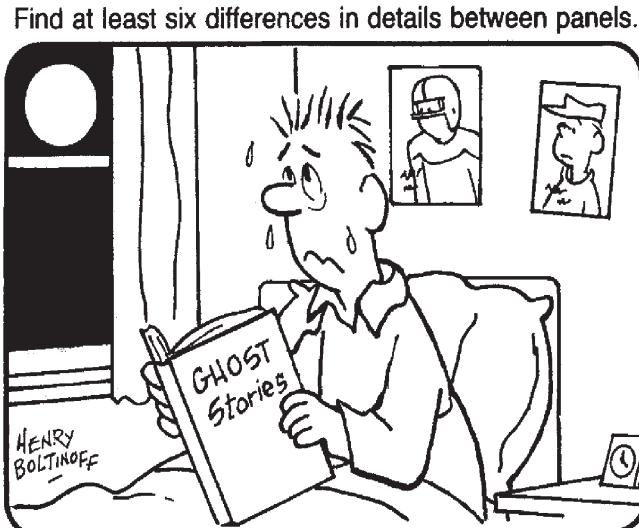
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- Help a hood
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- Response to ringing?
- Slip
- Throttle
- Travelocity mascot
- Rug cleaner
- QWERTY
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- Stanley Gardner
- Sport
- Ostentatious manner
- Cost (Abbr.)
- Egos' counterparts
- Bottom line
- It makes a poser easier to see
- Satchel
- William Petersen
- Gym party
- Satisfies
- Agreed
- Nosh
- Support group?
- Tea variety
- Frequent direction
- Composer
- Kachaturian
- Bud holder
- Arrive
- Oklahoma city
- Collections
- This clue, aptly

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Differences: 1. Palamas are different. 2. Moon is higher. 3. Hair is different. 4. One picture is missing. 5. Headboard is lower. 6. No. 7 is missing from picture.

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Basket bound



Photo by Eric Lucero

Ed Latimer drives to the basket for the Winters JV basketball team against visiting Gridley on Friday, Jan. 11.

JV
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ters had a tough time getting going and suffered a 29-40 loss to the Rams. Romero once again led the Warriors with 8 points, Max Van Dyke and Latimer each had 4 points, Klimper, Doyle and Berg each put in 3, while Aguilera scored 2 points for the Warriors.

On Friday, Jan. 11, the Warriors hosted the Gridley Bulldogs for their first league game of the season and lost 57-40. The

Warriors started to close the gap in the second half but turnovers kept them from scoring late in the game.

Aguilera led the Warriors with 13 points. Doyle scored 9 points. Latimer scored 8 points, Romero had 5, Klimper scored 3 and Berg had 2.

JV girls

The Winters High School JV girls basketball team beat the Rio Vista Rams on Tuesday, Jan. 8, in Rio Vista by a score of 24-14. Brittanie Hedrick

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as in sync and as aggressive as we should have been. I felt that we did a good job in the third quarter holding Gridley to only six points. It may not have looked pretty but we managed to

get the victory.

Kevin Hyde led the Warriors with 18 points.

“Kevin played a really great game, connecting on four three pointers,” said Baker. “He also has played great defense on some of our opponent’s best players.”

Zach Higgins scored 10 points. Sebastian Mahnke scored seven points, Dago Fierros scored four, Sam Newman scored three, Tony Breavor and Nik Sorvari each scored two points, while Jesus Quirarte scored one point for the Warriors.

Explorit series to focus on brain disorders

Get ready for coffee and dessert with your science. Explorit Science Center’s 17th annual lecture series is expanding to include “Science Cafés,” informal evening discussions with area scientists, complete with refreshments at Explorit’s main site, 2801 Second Street in Davis at 7:30 p.m. There is no charge to attend. The series began on Jan. 15.

“Science cafés are catching on around the country,” says Megan Chiosso, program director at Explorit. “You can just sit and listen to the discussion or you can ask as many questions as you wish. We’re betting our cafés will be fascinating as well as entertaining. And the coffee and treats will be great, too.”

The cafés will alternate with more traditional lectures that will take place at the Davis branch of the Yolo County Public Library, 315 E. 14th Street. The cafés and lectures all take place on the third Tuesday of the month and begin at 7:30 p.m. All are free.

The remaining cafe-lecture series lineup includes:

~ Feb. 19 lecture: “The New Digital Sky:

Exploring the Dark Side of the Universe.” Most of our universe is composed of invisible dark matter and dark energy. Little is known about their nature, but new viewing techniques make dark matter visible. In this illustrated talk, we’ll learn about the mysteries of dark matter and dark energy, and we’ll get an update on progress building a novel telescope-camera that will scan the universe’s dark side.

The speaker will be Dr. J. Anthony Tyson, astrophysicist and professor of physics, UC Davis, and director of the Large Synoptic Survey Telescope (LSST) project. The lecture will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Davis public library, 315 E 14th Street.

~ March 18 café: “Flying Cars and the Future of Travel.” Is it possible to create a flying car and operate it in a controlled airspace as an alternative to the automobile? The café’s guest expert thinks so: His Davis-based company, Moller International, is taking orders for its Skycar. The vehicle takes off and lands vertically and is “roadable,” meaning it can be dri-

ven on a road as well.

The café guest expert is Paul Moller, Skycar inventor and head of Moller International, based in Davis. The event is at 7:30 p.m. at Explorit’s main site, 2801 2nd Street.

~ April 15 lecture: “What Made Us Human? Comparing the Human and Chimp Genome.” The sequencing of the genome of our closest relative on the tree of life, the common chimpanzee, has allowed us for the first time to know what elements of our genome are distinctly human. While they make up less than 1 percent of our total DNA, these human-specific sequences still number in the millions. We will talk about the results a computational scan of these sequences to find the genetic basis for what makes us human.

The speaker will be Dr. Katherine S. Pollard, assistant professor, UC Davis Department of Statistics and UCD Genome Center. Her talk will be at 7:30 p.m. at the Davis public library, 315 E 14th Street.

For more information is available at www.explorit.org or 756-0191.

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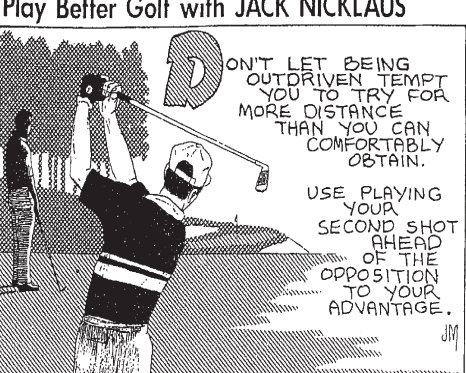


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