



Roll out the barrel



Photo by Debra Lo Guercio

Members of Winters Soroptimist are in the autumn spirit, as they prepare for their Oktoberfest. From left are Barbara Cody, Darlene Benson, Kathy Bertagnoli and Cindy Bieche. The Soroptimist Oktoberfest takes place at the Community Center amphitheater on Sunday, Oct. 5, from 12-5 p.m. and features live music by Catfish and the Crowdaddies as well as Mike McGowan and the Mighty Delta Roadmasters. Beer, food, dancing and fun will be in plentiful supply. Admission is \$25 in advance and \$35 at the door. Youth 18 and under are \$10. For tickets, call 795-4656 or visit www.siwinters.com. Tickets are also available at Chris' Florist, Eagle Drug, Velo City Bicycle and Warrior Video. Proceeds from the event will benefit Winters Soroptimist Scholarship Program.

New library breaks ground

By ELLIOT LANDES
Staff writer

The groundbreaking for the new library on September 18 took place on a bleak construction site, and nobody dug a hole with a gold shovel (the ground is 95 percent compacted), but make no mistake, this was a big event for Winters, because it marks concrete success for a project that has seen over ten years of disappointments. A dignitary-

filled group of over 75 people attended, listened to mercifully short comments, and ate cookies.

Speakers included county supervisors Duane Chamberlain and Mariko Yamada, County Librarian Patty Wong, school board president Jay Shepherd, Mayor Mike Martin and Margaret Parsons Trust trustee Theresa Sackett. Sackett thanked the attorney for the trust,

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Juvenile crime causes concern

By MOLLY DAVIS
Staff writer

While the issue of juvenile crime was not an item on the Sept. 16 city council meeting, it has become a topic of discussion lately. In addition to the break-in at the middle school and graffiti found at the post office, the police report is getting thicker, and

concerned city councilwoman Cecilia Aguiar-Curry and police chief Bruce Muramoto brought the topic up to the council.

"We can't wait any longer. We need to put some sort of plan together," Aguiar-Curry said.

Muramoto detailed some of the recent juvenile crime.

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Construction to begin

By MOLLY DAVIS
Staff writer

Construction is set to commence on the downtown sidewalk and street renovation next week and will continue through November. The

city's redevelopment department is working with Monticello Enterprises on creating outdoor seating on the four corners of Main and Railroad streets, and

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FUTURE SUBSCRIBERS

* **NICO GABRIEL VACA-LORENZI** is the newborn son of Nina Lorenzi and Alvaro Vaca of Winters. Born at Kaiser Hospital in Sacramento on Sept. 9, 2008, he weighed 6 pounds, 14.9 ounces and was 19 inches long. He joins a brother, Simón, 3 1/2. Maternal grandparents are Barbara and Paul Lorenzi of Winters. Maternal great-grandfather is Ernest King of Redwood City. Paternal grandparents are Gisela and Ricardo Vaca of Quito, Ecuador.

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WEATHER

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

Date	Rain	Hi	Lo
Sept. 17		89	56
Sept. 18		82	47
Sept. 19		83	55
Sept. 20		82	56
Sept. 21		83	54
Sept. 22		86	58
Sept. 23		89	52

Rain for week: 0

Season's total: 0

Last year to date: .75



Photo by Debra Lo Guercio

Ceramic artists Shannon Moore-Jervis (left) and Rebecca Bresnick Holmes sit beside a section of the mural they've created that will soon hang on the wall of the Congregation Bet Haverim education building in Davis.

Tiny chips of creativity become one work of art

By DEBRA LO GUERCIO
Express editor

What began as tiny bits of inspiration and creativity has been arranged by Winters ceramic artists Rebecca Bresnick Holmes and Shannon Moore-Jervis into one big, bright work of art. Just completed last week, the massive 20 by 8 foot ceramic mosaic is set to be mounted on the wall of the education building at Congregation Bet Haverim in Davis this week.

Rebecca and Shannon arranged thousands of handmade ceramic pieces and bits of tile into a huge tree of life pattern, complete with gardens of flowers, blue sky and butterflies. Rebecca explains that the Tree of Life design is symbolic of the Jewish celebration of Sukkot, which features the harvest season and trees.

The flowers and butterfly wings are designed from the outlined hands of Congregation

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OBITUARIES

Wanda Hahn

Wanda Elizabeth Hahn, 94, of Winters passed away on Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2008 at her home. She was an area resident for 34 years.

Born Oct. 25, 1913 in Ozark, Arkansas to Forrest and Lucinda Williams, she worked as a ship welder during WWII. She enjoyed quilting, was an organist for her church, and president of The California League of Catholic Women, as well as a piano and organ teacher. She also hosted dinners for Catholic Church Dignitaries in the Bay Area.

She is survived by her children, Charles; Sally, Pat and Roger; 17 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren and 5 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward Hahn; children, Randell and Carol; siblings, Oden, Settles, Turner, Twilla, Evan and Maryinez, and her parents.

A visitation was held on Monday, Sept. 22, and a Rosary recited afterwards at St. Anthony Catholic Church. A Funeral Mass was held Tuesday, Sept. 23, at 11 a.m. also at St. Anthony. Interment will follow at the Winters Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Leukemia Association.

Those who wish to sign a guest book online may do so at www.wiscombefuneral.com.

John Antonio Campos

John Antonio Campos, 87, died on Wednesday, Sept. 17, at his brother's home in Winters. He was born on Jan. 24, 1921, in Spain to Luis and Aurelia (Ramos) Campos. He attended school in Spain until his family moved to Winters, where he graduated from Winters High School in 1939.

Survivors include his sister Ann Woupios and her husband, Socrates, of Sacramento; brother Louis Campos of Winters; nieces Cindy Campos of Woodland, Louise Byrnes of Vacaville, Dianne Armstrong of Cornville, AZ, Carol Ann Woupios of Sacramento; and nephews Ted Woupios of Susanville, and Steve Campos of Sacramento. He was preceded in death by his wife, Carmen Campos, and brother, Herman Campos.

Private internment will be at the Vacaville Cemetery, 522 Elmira Road, in Vacaville. The family requests contributions be directed to Prostate Cancer Research in his memory.



YESTERYEAR



File photo by Relfe Ehret

Pictured above are a few of the principals at the open house on Sunday, March 14, 1965, at the new county building, which housed the Bureau of Reclamation offices during the construction of the Monticello Dam.

Left to right: former Yolo County Supervisor John Rogers, for whom the building is named; former Yolo County Librarian Vivian Douglas; Superior Judge James McDermott; and County Supervisor William Duncan.

In addition to the Winters branch of the Yolo County Library, the building houses the Winters Judicial District Court.

50
YEARS AGO

October 8, 1958

About 25 members of the agriculture committee of the Sacramento Chamber of Commerce toured the Winters area yesterday, and were joined by eight local business men and farmers on the trip around the area.

The Warrior gridders had an easy time of it last Friday night when they defeated St. Helena under the lights here by a score of 51 to 6. Quarterback John Martinez threw touchdown passes.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Biasi are the parents of a son born on Monday at the Yolo General Hospital, in Woodland.

St. Anthony's Catholic Church was the setting for the wedding at 10 a.m. on Saturday, when Miss Kay Marie Butler became the bride of Alfred John Graf, with Fr. Andrew Coffey officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. R.A. Frisbee returned Sunday from their trip to Detroit, Michigan, to preview the new De Sotos and to drive one home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Keep, missionaries from Central America now on furlough in Sacramento, visited Mr. and Mrs. Herman Mermod, Mrs. N.A. McArthur and Perry Culton last Friday. Mrs. Keep is the former Mary Culton.

Mrs. Charles Hamilton entertained several wives of Chamber of Commerce members Monday evening for a game of samba and dinner. Included were Mesdames E.E. Baker, Irwin Baker, Bill Scott, Lester Ireland, Elmer Merchant and Everett Fenley.

65
YEARS AGO

October 8, 1943

Mr. J.H.D. Bassett, chairman of the local War Loan Drive, announces that war bond sales as of October 2 amounted to \$273,475 maturity value, and exceeds the quota of \$265,000 for this district in the current bond drive.

Volunteer members of the Aircraft Warning Service in Winters will be relieved of active service at the post on October 16. From that time on the post will be on the alert basis only.

Mrs. George Johnson and children, Fannie and Everett, went to San Diego Friday and bade good bye to son and brother, Robert Johnson, who left for overseas duty.

Cliff Perkins of Camp Stoneman, Pittsburg, has been having furlough leave prior to departure for overseas.

Lt. Carl Holmes has been transferred from Farragut, Idaho, to officers training school in Boston.

Word was received from John Djubek the first of the week by his mother, Mrs. Rupert Snodgrass, that he is in Hawaii.

C.S. Culton and children, Sarshel and Mary of Sacramento, were guests with relatives and friends Sunday.

The Senior class at Winters High School met last Friday and elected the following officers for the year: Sara Lopez, president; Fred Medina, vice president; Eldon Hansel, secretary; and Wanda Cecil, treasurer.

Mrs. W.A. Young was acting principal at the elementary school during the absence of J.M. Clayton this week.

100
YEARS AGO

October 9, 1908

Mrs. W.A. Sale of Vallejo is visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Ruggles.

W.A. Scott and wife of San Francisco returned Monday after having visited a week with R.L. Day and family.

Alpha Sullivan and wife, and Harry Hathaway and wife returned Friday from their camping trip on the McCloud River. Alpha brought down a 180-pound buck—dressed.

W.G. Nash, H.C. Boyce, W.A. Brinck, August Brinck, M.O. Wyatt and a number of others from Winters attended the farmers' institute at the University Farm at Davis Friday.

Horticultural Commissioner August Brinck is prepared to furnish a few colonies of ladybirds to those who have orange or lemon trees affected with Cottony Cushion scale.

Mrs. E.K. Caldwell and son, Giles, were arrivals on Saturday morning's train. They remained here visiting friends and relatives, thence to St. Helena before returning to their home in Fruitvale.

Ben Hoy, Simon Errington, Charles Doll and Mr. Shroeder who were on a three weeks camping and hunting trip towards the coast have returned. They had a fine time and good luck with big game.

Berryessa down .44 of a foot

The level of Lake Berryessa dropped by .44 of a foot during the past week with a reduction in storage of 7,409 acre feet of water, according to Mickey Faulkner of the Solano Irrigation District.

He reported Tuesday morning that the lake was 415.45 feet above sea level, with storage computed at 1,158,285 acre feet of water.

The SID is diverting 380 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 190 acre feet of water per day during the week.

115
YEARS AGO

October 7, 1893

Mrs. T.H. Fenley went to San Francisco yesterday. She will attend the Synod of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at San Jose before her return.

R.L. Day, our popular pill compounder, was a visitor in Woodland last Wednesday.

Edward Wolfskill came up from San Francisco on the train yesterday morning.

Thursday night about twelve o'clock the cry of fire resounded through the town, and everybody was aroused in a twinkling. The fire was soon located in John Kuttruff's saloon, corner of Railroad Avenue and Edwards Street. When the scene of the fire was reached it was found the burning building could not be saved, so the attention of the people was turned to saving the adjoining buildings, belonging to Sam Gray and his father, G.M. Gray.

J.A. DeVilbiss received a Chester White pig Thursday, by express, from Mr. Mitchell, a breeder of fine hogs in San Mateo County, and is very proud of his porcine prize.

Prune orchards are turning out well this season, some of them averaging as high as ten tons of dried fruit to the acre. This means a return of \$200 to \$250 an acre.

Weekly police report

Sept. 9

~ 8:10 a.m., Tetyana Ivanovna Ridley, 37, of Napa was driving out of the drive way at 108 Grant Avenue in the process of making a left turn onto westbound Grant Avenue. An unknown vehicle was proceeding straight on eastbound on Grant Avenue. While Ridley was completing the left turn, the unknown vehicle continued moving to the left and collided into Ridley's vehicle. The unknown driver fled.

Sept. 15

~ 6:06 p.m., on the 1000 block of Roosevelt Avenue, an officer responded to an audible alarm. The residence was found secure.

~ 11 p.m., on the 400 block of Morgan Street, a vehicle window was broken. Entry was made into the vehicle and two radio controlled cars, batteries, battery packs, chargers and a backpack were stolen. Loss: \$2,050.

Sept. 16

~ 1:40 p.m., Cristina Montes, 23, of Winters was issued a notice to appear for being an unlicensed driver and driving at an unsafe speed.

~ 11:30 p.m., on the 100

block of Colby Lane, a vehicle window was broken. Entry was gained to the vehicle and a GPS was stolen. Loss and damage: \$1,025.

Sept. 17

~ 10:10 a.m., Robert Edwin O'Neal, 47, of Winters was arrested for inflicting corporal injury on his spouse. O'Neal was booked at Winters Police Department and transported to Yolo County Jail for incarceration.

~ 12:01 p.m., on the 100 block of Abbey Street, a victim has been receiving annoying telephone calls from July 2008 to present.

~ 8:45 p.m., Gustavo Garcia, 22, of Winters was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol with a blood alcohol content of over .08%, being an unlicensed driver and possessing an open container of an alcoholic beverage while driving a vehicle. Garcia was booked at the Winters Police Department and released to a sober adult on a notice to appear.

~ 10:19 p.m., on the 400 block of Russell Street,

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**"Whenever I was upset by something in the papers, Jack always told me to be more tolerant, like a horse flicking away flies in the summer."
—Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis.**



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CRIME

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nile activity, including a minor found with a .40 blood alcohol content after stealing the alcohol from a local store. He said the increase of substance abuse is concerning, and points out that parents need to step in to help with this problem.

“In my opinion there is a lack of parent responsibility. Parents are not reacting like they did 30 years ago. Unfortunately, nowadays parents ask, ‘why are you harassing my child?’ instead of thanking the police,” Muramoto said.

The city council discussed possible measures to take, like having a school resource officer, or directing parents to the Yolo County Health offices. City Manager John Donlevy advised the council to discuss the issue again in two weeks, acknowledging that Winters is a “great place to be a young kid,” but for the teen and young adult population, there is a lack of things to do.

After the discussion

on various methods to solving the juvenile crime problem, the council, minus absent member Tom Stone, moved on and mentioned the town’s General Plan, the upcoming Community Festival (Festival de la Comunidad) and carnitas contest, which takes place on Sunday, Sept. 28, from 2-7 p.m., and the Madison prison site.

Mayor Michael Martin gave Madison his sympathy, saying, “It could’ve been us. I feel personally sad for those people. Madison didn’t come to the table to speak for themselves. I think they got a raw deal.”

Following those updates, Contract Planner Kate Kelly asked for a public hearing on the Local Agency Formation Commission’s (LAFCO) municipal services and sphere of influence review. The review will look at long-term city planning and limits, based on the city’s existing General Plan. There were no public comments on Kelly’s presentation.

The following items were passed unanimously:

~ An agreement with business owner Joey Pearce to move his motor boat repair business to 1035 Railroad Avenue and fix a pre-existing, unapproved sewer connection.

~ A re-introduction of an ordinance which would amend the zoning map.

~ A review of a proposed ordinance to change part of the General Plan designation from recreation and parks to medium density residential on the Valadez property.

~ An added item to rename ordinances and codes with more descriptive names.

After the council discussed housing developments, and possible future housing for senior citizens, Redevelopment and Economic Development Director Cas Ellena asked the council for input on the Winters Branding Initiative. She asked the council a series of questions in an effort to “capture what is unique about Winters.”

Mayor Pro Tem Woody Fridae thoughtfully explained that Winters has a “historic downtown that’s still alive

and functioning” and pointed out that “people choose to be here.”

Once discussions on the branding initiative ended, Dan Maguire, housing programs manager, gave the council updates on the Farmers Market development, and introduced Ana Kormos, market manager.

Kormos and the Winters Healthcare Foundation have worked together to create a program for low-income diabetics, and are now looking to start a community garden and Farmer’s Market.

The city manager ended the meeting with updates on the state budget, the new library groundbreaking and the downtown construction project.

Discussing the downtown construction, Donlevy said, “Are there going to be inconveniences for people? Yep.” He added that the city will work on putting signs out to educate citizens on the project and give updates as they are available.

After noting that the library project was about to commence, the meeting was adjourned.

Registration deadline for voters is Oct. 20

The last day to register to vote for the Nov. 4 General Election is Monday, Oct. 20. A voter must be 18 years of age on election day; be a cit-

izen of the U.S.

For more information about registering, contact the Yolo County Elections Department, 666-8133.

STREETS

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redoing the intersection with brick inlays.

The work includes bulb-outs on the corners, brick work, expanded sidewalks, aesthetic barriers along roadway edges, landscaping, irrigation and outdoor furniture. The improvements will include clay brick pavers and other materials to create a distinctive look that is consistent with the historic buildings and structures in downtown Winters.

This means that the city will see some street closures and rerouting downtown, but city officials want to make sure that business owners and shoppers know that downtown will still be open and operating as usual. While Railroad and Main streets will be closed for part of the construction, and traffic rerouted, these streets will be open to pedestrians.

According to project engineer Asa Utterback, “the purpose [of this project] is to strengthen the downtown,” adding an elegant ambiance and a place for people to relax or eat outside, and to ultimately attract more visitors and increase business.

Cas Ellena, the city’s redevelopment and economic development director, added that the project will generate a lot of activity, explaining that “the downtown already had a heart and soul. This puts an exclamation mark on it.”

The bulk of the sidewalk construction is scheduled to be done during off hours, so as to

not disturb businesses. The city plans on placing many signs throughout the city to direct traffic and explain the project.

Through-traffic and downtown patrons will be redirected along Abbey Street, but the alleys behind Main Street will remain open for trucks and other business needs. Bicyclists should be able to navigate the construction area with relative ease.

City officials understand the concerns that the project brings, but Utterback reassures citizens that his team is putting in a “massive level of effort related to the work,” and that Ponticello Enterprises and the City of Winters are “going into this with eyes wide open,” so that the project will create as little inconvenience as possible.

The city council approved a contract with Maxistone, Inc. dba Maxicrete, Inc. for the construction. Maxistone is based in Fairfield, but employs many Winters residents. Most of the construction in Phase I will be located in the intersection of Main Street and Railroad Avenue and along the 300 block of Railroad Avenue to the intersection of Railroad Avenue and Abbey Street. All major disruptions should be completed by Thanksgiving, with the entire project expected to be complete by mid-December.

Anyone with questions or concerns about the project can contact Asa Utterback, project engineer, 668-5883, extension 204, or Cas Ellena, project manager, 795-4910, extension 105.

Thirty day closure planned for County Road 98

A 3.5 mile section of Yolo County Road (CR) 98, between CR 25A and CR 29, has been closed to public traffic beginning Wednesday, Sept. 24, and extending through Tuesday, Nov. 4, to allow for construction of left turn lanes on CR 98 at the intersection of CR 27.

The first stage is expected to last for approximately 15 days be-

tween CR 27 and CR 25A. The detour will direct motorists to CR 99 between CR 27 and CR 25A. The second stage of construction will last for approximately 15 days between CR 27 and CR 29. The detour will direct motorists to CR 99 between CR 27 and CR 29, and the reverse.

County Road 27 will remain open during the work.

Opinion



DEBRA LO GUERCIO BECAUSE I SAY SO

SO, I WAKE UP LAST WEDNESDAY, pour a cup of coffee, settle in to watch the morning news and lo, I'm now partial owner of AIG, one of the largest insurance corporations in the world. (So are you, by the way.)

Not bad for someone who almost qualifies for government cheese.

Eh, what's another \$85 billion tossed into the yawning chasm of trillions in national debt. What's the current total, anyway? I've lost track. Whatever it is, our great-great-great-great grandchildren will still be chipping away at it.

The financial experts seem to agree that the AIG bailout was the lesser of two evils. They said the ramifications of its failure were worse than the cost of the bailout. And none of them are running for office, so maybe they really aren't lying through their teeth. In the end, these folks know more about this financial mess than most of us, and we don't have any control over it anyway, so all we can do is sit back, hope they're right, and go back to worrying about the shrinking polar ice caps and whether or not Sarah Palin is the Anti-Christ.

I'm no economics expert, but apparently that's not a prerequisite for running for president anymore. So, what would I have done if I were the Pres? I sat and pondered this whole mess recently, and I thunk and I thunk, and came up with this: Were it up to me, when it became apparent that this whole mortgage foreclosure crisis was not merely teetering on the brink of calamity but imminently going over the edge, I would have issued an emergency federal order freezing all variable interest rates at 5 percent, just long enough to stop the hemorrhaging.

That would've given average American workers (a.k.a. "fundamentals") some financial breathing room, yet not leave lenders twisting in the wind. Better to make do with a bit less interest than end up with a thousand overvalued foreclosed homes and no buyers, yes Mr. Banker?

If that didn't stop the bleeding, the next step would be bailouts, but not of big corporations. No, I'd bail out that average American bozo who fell for wonky mortgages and cheap lines of equity credit a few years back. Bozo could repay the money, interest free, when he's back on his feet. Even if he didn't repay it, it would've been less exponentially disastrous to bail out homeowners than corporations.

It cost \$85 billion to bail out AIG. Add to that \$30 billion to yank Bear Stearns from the edge. And then there's a couple hundred billion to keep Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac from tanking. That's lots and lots of billions, my friends. And the foreclosures keep coming. According to RealtyTrac, one in five mortgages is in foreclosure. That's staggering.

RealtyTrac reports that 223,538 foreclosures were reported in September. Over the span of a year, that's about 2.6 million foreclosures. If we'd have kept homeowners from going under, we'd have in turn kept the financial institutions from going under. A couple hundred billion would have gone a long way toward that goal. Keeping homeowners out of foreclosure wouldn't have started the dominoes of this financial mess falling.

As for the non-bozo homeowners, who made their house payments and didn't fall for "cheap" equity loans, no, my bailout plan isn't fair. But life isn't fair. Deal with it. Besides, would you rather the unfairness benefit some Wall Street fat cat or your next door neighbor?

So, after putting a finger in the country's financial dike, what would I do next? How would I know. I'm no economics expert. I'd have to find someone else who's highly qualified to figure out a game plan. That's the only part of my "If I were Pres" fantasy that I — and you — can actually do: pick someone to handle the problem.

One key difference though. In my make-believe plan, the financial hemorrhaging stopped. In reality, we're still gushing buckets. Things are very grim, very complicated, and very precarious. Even that bucket 'o sunshine Alan Greenspan declared our financial situation the worst since the Great Depression. Greenspan's not one for hysterics. If he says it's bad, you can take that to the bank. (Make sure it's federally insured, however. For however much longer that actually means anything.)

So, who should we pick to tackle this mess. We have two options: The guy who graduated from Harvard with honors, or the guy who survived a POW camp. It's not meant to be disrespectful. Just logical.

OUT OF OFFICE COUNTDOWN: In 20 more weeks, whoever we pick to fix this mess will be better than the guy we picked last time.

"Always vote for principle, though you may vote alone, and you may cherish the sweetest reflection that your vote is never lost."
~ John Quincy Adams



LETTERS

Don't be a fan, be a player

Dear Editor,

There are so many things we can learn from our children. I would like to share two things I have learned from mine. The first is about political parties. A year ago, my daughter, who was 10 at the time, was writing for the school paper and exploring political ideas for the first time.

She asked me, "Mom, are you a Democrat or a Republican?" I answered her. Then she asked me, "What is Dad?" I answered her. At this point she was confused. She could not understand how her parents could be registered with two different political parties.

She asked me to explain what it meant to be a Republican or a Democrat. Challenged in this way, to defend the central tenets as I understand them of both of our country's major political parties, I found several good things to say about each of them. My daughter's response was priceless: "That's not fair!" she said, "They both sound good. How can anyone ever choose?"

Then, as only a child can, she solved the problem. "Why can't everyone be a Republican or a Demi-can?" What our children want, more than anything else, is for us all to get along. Initially, my daughter was shaken by the news that her parents were not in the same party and assumed that meant something bad would happen. We have managed to convince our kids that regardless of opposing voter registration in our home, we love each other very much and we can agree on all the good things that both Democrats and Republicans stand for.

The second is about sports teams. I was driving my 8 year old son to school one day and we were following a vehicle with a Raiders em-

blem in the rear window. My son declared, "I hate those people!" Alarmed, I said, "You do not know those people, how can you hate them?"

"Because we are Forty-niner fans and we hate the Raiders."

I know my son developed the impression that any Raider players and apparently all fans of the team were bad people while watching football with his father, based on his father's animated reactions during the games.

I explained that we certainly do not hate people who are fans of other sports teams and, that one of his father's very closest friends, who stood up for him at our wedding, is as devoted to the Raiders as his dad is devoted to the Forty-niners.

Why do I tell these two stories, here and now? Because, I have read so much in the paper that is divisive recently. I believe that we as citizens of this country, regardless of party registration, have more in common than we have differences. But, perhaps we have all been fans of a given "team" for so long, maybe generations, that we tend to think of each other as the enemy, the other team, the team that is so easy to hate.

These are serious times and politics are not sports. I would ask everyone to try very hard not to be a rabid fan of one or the other "team." Please do not stand loyal to colors, or mascots or any other symbol. Please be willing to talk to your fellow citizen about what you think is most important and why a particular candidate will do the best job with those issues or problems. Respect everyone, regardless of which "team" they are on. And last but not least, listen with your eyes closed, so you cannot see their team colors.

JOIE WATSON

Good Samaritans still exist

Dear Editor,

Good Samaritans are still out there. In today's hectic world, it's not often that you find people willing to help just for the sake of it. I was the fortunate recipient of this today.

Today was my "Daddy day," my day off work to be with my kids and to try to whittle down the "honey-do" list. After doing a few errands this morning, I left my wallet at home when I set out with both of my small children to go grocery shopping, but of course I had no idea it was there. I discovered this

only after getting to the check-out line at Food 4 Less in Woodland and unloading everything from my cart.

Jesse (sorry, I forget his last name) was behind me and offered to pay my bill (\$240!). Now I have never met Jesse before and he certainly had not met me, but this kind soul paid my bill with only my word that I would pay him back, which of course I did.

I want to publicly thank Jesse, and to everyone reading this I want to say "Pay It Forward." I know I will.

C. PHILLIP HOAG

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CHARLES R. WALLACE

A QUICK OPINION

LOTS TO DO IN WINTERS. I don't know if it is the changing weather, but there is plenty to do in Winters lately. We have everything from a Carnitas Cookoff this Saturday, to an AYSO Spaghetti feed on October 10, we have a lot going on. I can't remember a shrimp feed, but the volunteer firemen are having one on October 25. Beta Alpha Beta Harvest Celebration is coming up on Oct. 11, great food and a chance to win a few dollars. The Winters Harvest Festival is also on Oct. 11 with produce, wine, crafts and hopefully a good time.

Little League is looking for board members as is the chamber of commerce. At some point the school board will be looking for a new member, and the list goes on and on. There are plenty of ways to volunteer in your community. Last week the Putah Creek Council organized a creek cleanup and had a great turnout, but they could have used a few more hands. There are other events happening around town, so read the whole paper, each week.

The police are reporting more juvenile crime in Winters and one positive way to help keep kids out of trouble is to have them get involved in the community. If you are volunteering, drag, I mean bring your child with you. It will do them good to see their parents helping out to make something good happen in Winters or where ever you volunteer.

When kids get in trouble at a young age, many continue on the path they think is easy and fun. The county/state is planning to put a re-entry prison in Madison that few seem to want. If we want to help reduce prison construction we need to reduce the number of young people going to jail.

The war on drugs doesn't seem to be working. Maybe we should put more money into drug education, decriminalization of drugs, vocational education and job training. Not everyone is going to college and we should have a plan for those students.

Hiring a plumber is bad enough without having to pay off their student loans along with the work that they do. I've looked under the hood of our Ford and maybe you do need a college degree to work on today's automobiles, or at least a degree in electrical engineering.

ONE BRICK AT A TIME. Starting sometime in October, the long awaited downtown streetscape project will get under way. That is a fancy name for bulb outs on Railroad and Main, and Railroad and Abbey. There will be brick crosswalks and bricks at the Main and Railroad intersection. I'm hoping for a dry fall. Once they tear up the street we are at nature's mercy and if history tells us anything we are in for at least a few surprises.

Fixing streets is a little like remodeling your kitchen. No one likes to do it, but when it's time to upgrade you either live with the old plumbing, appliances and fixtures or you tear out everything and start over. The same can be said about streets or downtowns. You can live with cracked sidewalks, empty lots and old time curbs and gutters or you can upgrade.

I'm hoping for the best, not only for the finished product, but also for the construction project to go smoothly, ahead of schedule and with as little disruption to the downtown as possible. I can guarantee that the time spent on this project will seem longer to those of us doing business in the downtown than to the rest of the town. When it is over, there will be cries about not fixing other parts of Winters, but when it is time to tear up their part of town you will hear the same concerns as expressed by downtown merchants.

This may not be the best of economic times to be closing streets and tearing up our downtown, but is there ever is a good time to remodel?

Have a good week.

FNB will weather this storm

Dear Editor,

This summer has seen an endless flow of news stories across the state that may have given many Californians the mistaken impression that we are in the midst of a financial meltdown, centered on the faltering health of our banks. Headlines following an infrequent bank failure in California this summer asked readers, is your bank next? Is your money safe?

While California's economy is under-performing in part due to fallout related to failures from the sub-prime mortgage lending situation, the banking industry in California remains strong, safe and secure. In fact, capital levels at California

banks are at or near all-time highs, with double the amount of capital today as compared to the last significant economic downturn in the early 1990s.

First and foremost, customers' deposits at traditional banking institutions, including here at First Northern Bank, are protected by Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) insurance, up to \$100,000 with additional protection for joint accounts and \$250,000 on individual retirement accounts. The FDIC has more than \$40 billion in assets available to protect depositors, and in the 75-year history of the FDIC, not one cent

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of customer money in an FDIC-insured bank account has been lost.

There has also been some confusion in the general public surrounding certain struggling financial companies that present themselves as if they are like a bank. It is important to note that there are many financial firms out there whose function, purpose and regulatory oversight differ vastly from traditional depository institutions.

By contrast, commercial banks and savings banks are among the most stringently regulated industries in the country. Bank performance data is collected quarterly and continually monitored by a primary regulator which for a nationally chartered bank is the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency. Onsite examinations are conducted every 12 to 18 months or more frequently if warranted. And in spite of elevated loan losses, available data show that more than 98 percent of banks, which hold more than 99 percent of the industry's assets, are well capitalized. As a state-chartered bank, First Northern Bank is supervised by the California Department of Financial Institutions and the FDIC.

Additionally, banks have a demonstrated history of making well-underwritten residential home loans that take into consideration credit history and the borrower's capacity to repay the debt. Banks, of course, are not in business for the purpose of owning homes and therefore want to help Californians purchase or refinance a home that they can afford to live in, and most importantly, afford to keep.

As a member of the California Bankers Association, we have been proud to support legislative efforts to help homeowners at risk of losing their home. This past July, California's banks were proud to be a part of a bi-partisan compromise on Senate Bill 1137, a collaborative and comprehensive measure that provides true relief to homeowners in trouble. This legislation requires lenders to contact homeowners and explore restructuring options with them before the foreclosure process is initiated. It strikes an important balance, providing relief to home-

owners without limiting access to credit or causing market disruptions.

California banks have also been active supporting legislation that provides greater consumer protection, most significantly, improving and increasing the structure over mortgage brokers, to bring them closer to the high standards followed by other lenders, including banks. We have also been staunch supporters of legislation that deters fraud in the mortgage industry by individuals who may have been less than honest with borrowers.

As we have done in previous stressful times, California's banks are weathering the current economic and financial storm and will continue to do so. Be assured that at First Northern Bank, we have the necessary resources and capital to continue serving the needs of our community and providing the high quality and trusted service that is our trademark. First Northern has been in business for nearly 100 years, survived the Great Depression, and many, many recessions. With our dedicated Senior Management Team at the helm — who, combined, possess nearly 140 years of experience at First Northern Bank — we will weather this storm as well.

OWEN J. ONSUM
President and
Chief Executive Officer
First Northern Bank

Don't be divisive

Dear Editor:

There are many problems facing us locally, and in California and America. Each problem has only one reasonable solution, and that solution requires knowledge, introspection, meaningful debate and compromise.

At the time of this writing, we still do not have a budget, because both sides are unwilling to compromise their narrow principles. However, reality tells us that we can neither cut nor tax ourselves out of a \$15 billion deficit. So why are our legislators sitting around day after day voting each other's budget plans down?

Could it be because they have gerrymandered themselves into safe districts and we no longer have moderates and liberal/conservative legislators willing to think beyond their narrow ideologies? Could it be that we fool-

ishly voted in term limits and no longer have leaders like Willie Brown (love or hate him, he was a force to get things done)?

We have to figure out how to provide water for the entire state without killing all of the fish in the delta. The only way this can be done is to get rid of the pumps and build a peripheral canal. The alternative of not sending water south is no longer on the table. The questions are only how and when it will be built and how much water it will divert.

We need to solve our immigration mess. Yes, we all agree that the borders must be secure, but huge fences are not the answer. We all agree that we cannot send millions of non-citizen citizens back to where they came from, disregarding the years they have spent striving to be good citizens, raising strong families and contributing to our economic success and to our world-admired cultural diversity.

The reality is that we need to allow foreigners, at all levels, from farm workers to high-tech engineers, scientists and doctors, into our country—some as citizens and some as legally registered guests.

We have to work together to become energy self-sufficient and to contribute as little as humanly possible to global warming. There are only so many ways that we can do this, and they are all known or will shortly be known.

What about health care? There is no way that a sane group of citizens would entrust such an expensive undertaking entirely to the wasteful bureaucracy of government. There is also no way any society can afford universal health care given the realities of aging and (costly) medical advances.

The solution is obvious. How do we have a properly regulated, largely privatized health care system that allow all of us to live a long quality life and not just an extraordinarily long life?

About the war—yes, we are in a legitimate war against Islamic fanaticism. No negotiations could have prevented the events that occurred starting years prior to 2001 and culminating on Sept. 11, 2001, and it will not end by negotiations. It will end when Islam goes through its own reformation and rediscovers

the true tenets of its creed.

Fortunately, that process has been set in motion. I can go on and on with problems that need solving and are solvable when reasonable people are allowed to reason. However, nothing can be solved in the increasingly politicized and polarized climate of modern America.

This climate has become so bad that many of us have elevated partisan politics to a life and death, good and evil, struggle. It is not longer what is good for the country, but rather for the party, and worse yet, for single issues. We see it so plainly in Sacramento and Washington D.C., and yes, even in little Winters.

The Winters Express can either be part of our problems or part of the solutions. You say that you will publish anything in the name of free speech, but does a newspaper publisher also have a duty to be a positive rather than a divisive influence in the community? You have allowed your newspaper to be dominated by people such as Debra Lo Guercio, who has her mind stuck in a rut.

If she is trying to impress her friends with her loyalty to the anti-Bush, liberal elite, she succeeded many issues ago. Her comments are not learned or constructive, and have only managed to flame the fires of dissent. This is not free speech—it is more akin to crying “fire” in a packed theaters.

You found it funny that an older lady (in revolt to such writings) would ask for a refund on her subscription, but I find it sad. This poor lady let the endless diatribe of “Because I Say So” (a very lets-work-together title!) and other commentaries to finally break her will to resist.

I suggest that you concentrate the power of your paper on the important issues of our community, our counties and our state, foster constructive debate that encourages solutions and tone down the partisan rhetoric. We get plenty of the latter elsewhere.

Ms. Lo Guercio is busi-

ly counting the days until ____ (fill in the blank with any nasty name for our president) has finished his term. I wonder what she will write about when he is gone.

You need to wake up and smell the flowers. A rose came into your office the other day, and you (and Ms. Lo Guercio with her telling expletive) saw her as a weed. You both lost a lot more than \$35 that day—she was your canary in the mine.

This is my first letter, and I don't relish the heat that it might generate. However, her courage in championing what so many of your readers feel could not go unrecognized.

NIELS C. PEDERSEN

Obama is pro-abortion

Dear Editor:

As a Catholic Christian, I have a case against Barack Obama. Obama is not a good fit for the socially conservative Catholic.

In the majority of primary votes, Obama lost to the Catholic vote by 40 percent. In the election, Obama will have an uphill struggle with millions of Catholics who still take their faith and morality code seriously.

As is known, Obama is the most pro-abortion liberal senator who supports the Abortion Rights Action League and Planned Parenthood. He supports late-term partial birth abortion and outside womb abortion for pre-mature babies.

The Supreme Court banned partial birth abortion, but Obama denounced the decision for denying the rights for a woman's choice. If there is infanticide, this is it.

There are more than 10 million abortions in the U.S. every year. If the politicians continue denying and not protecting the unborn, then how can God protect this country?

Obama also helped to block a bill to protect the life of infants already born and outside the womb who had miraculously survived the attempt to kill them

during an abortion. Obama voted to let doctors and nurses to allow these babies to die of neglect. How can we as Christians justify this?

Obama is an abortion

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Community

LIBRARY

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John Wallace, describing him as that rare gem, “an attorney that works for free.” The speakers honored many in the crowd who have worked hard towards this moment.

City Manager John Donlevy described it as “the project that wouldn’t die.”

“I’ve counted 18 city council members that have worked on this project,” said Donlevy, “and three county librarians since Mary Stephens resigned.” Audience members corrected him — it was four county librarians counting an interim librarian.

The new 10,800 square foot library, designed by NTD Architecture of Auburn, will be completed next summer. The over \$5 million facility is a joint city-school-county project, including land and funding donated by the school district, \$800,000 from the city and \$3.2 million from the county. The facility will include a meeting room, a main reading area, a children’s area, text storage, a staff work area including space for the Winters Friends of the Library (WFOl), numerous computer work stations, a group study area, and the usual book stacks.

WFOl, city leaders and ex-county librarian Mary Stephens have worked since 1994 to create a modern facility to replace the antiquated building at First and Russell streets. The seed for the process was a \$400,000 trust from the estate of Margaret Parsons, a Winters supporter of the arts.

A number of failed approaches preceded this success. Stephens actively supported the city’s first attempt, a 11,000 square foot facility to occupy the southeast corner of Railroad and Main, on part of what is the Rotary Park and parking lot. This first proposal, which was not to be a joint project with the school, was designed to accommodate a future Winters of 10,000 people. The bud-



Photo by Elliot Landes

Winters Friends of the Library and county and city officials applaud the newly unveiled construction site sign for the new Winters branch of the Yolo County Library, at the groundbreaking ceremony on Sept. 17.

get of \$5.25 million seemed high to many residents, but included a generous amount to pay for ongoing annual expenses.

The project required a local election proposition (“Proposition B”) and a 66 percent yes vote to approve an average \$66 tax per household. The project also required removal of a metal building on leased city land that housed Valley Farmers Co-Op.

A number of citizens objected to the tax, and discussions at meetings and letters to the paper became contentious. Competing ads were placed in the paper, including one ad against the proposition that said the library would make Winters “just like other drug cities like Oakland, San Jose and Los Angeles.”

With some citizens objecting to moving a building that housed an ag business and others objecting to the tax, the vote failed to meet the 2/3 threshold, even though a simple majority of 55 percent supported the measure.

After that fatiguing fight, the community took a couple year’s break from the process.

In 2002, Donlevy and School Superintendent Dale Mitchell began talking about creating a joint city-school county library. Application was made for funds from the State Library Fund cre-

ated by Proposition 14 in 2000. This application was not approved, but the city scored high enough to be next in line for funds from the next library fund proposition, Proposition 81. Unfortunately, Proposition 81 failed in 2006.

Stephens worked hard with WFOl and the city over many years and was amazed at all the setbacks.

“The failure to make the Winters Library happen was my biggest disappointment, of the various library projects in the county,” said Stephens.

She went to the Yolo County Board of Supervisors in 2006 and asked them to massively increase the county’s contribution, and was wildly successful, persuading them to increase their previous offer of \$400,000 to \$3.2 million. In a stroke, the impossible became possible.

Stephens thinks the continuing efforts by city staff and WFOl over the long haul impressed the supervisors, and the plan to work jointly with the WJUSD showed an effort to find a solution. It also helped that property tax revenues were strong that year.

The next setback occurred in 2007, when a preliminary estimate showed that architect Paul Robert’s design came in at a whopping \$5,152,000, 48 percent over the planned \$3,470,000 budget for

construction. The committee fired Roberts’ firm and went with NTD instead.

Despite Roberts’ claim that the community wanted a library it couldn’t afford, the new designers showed they could work to the budget, even finding an additional \$500,000 in grant money along the way. The project benefited further from the weak construction market, with the winning contractor’s winning bid coming in 15 percent below the appraisal.

The \$5,367,606 funding is from:

- ~ Yolo County, \$3,242,600.
- ~ City of Winters, \$800,000.
- ~ City development agreements, \$274,000.
- ~ Margaret Parsons Trust, \$400,000.
- ~ WJUSD, \$300,000 and the site.
- ~ Winters Friends of the Library, \$50,000.
- ~ Local future capital campaign, \$201,00.

The ceremony ended with unveiling of the large construction site sign now installed facing Railroad Avenue. The joint committee expects completion and move-in to take place in late summer, 2009. The fate of the old county-owned building at Russell and First streets is not known at this time.

Artists invited to participate in plein air event

Plein air painters are invited to paint the town during the Winters Harvest Festival “Paint Out” on Saturday, Oct. 11. Participating artists can paint any beautiful Winters scenery they like. The plein air event is sponsored by Briggs & Co.

Check in takes place from 8-9 a.m. at Rotary Park, located at the corner of Main Street and Railroad Avenue. Framed painting size cannot exceed 24 inches in any dimension. All paintings must be framed and wired for hanging, and must be painted “plein air” on Oct. 11, featuring scenery within Winters city limits.

Artists are invited to set up easels at the Winters Harvest Festival, Saturday Oct. 11, 2-8

p.m. on East Main Street alongside Rotary Park to show their paintings. Judging will take place at 6 p.m.

Twenty-five paintings will be chosen to be displayed at the Berryessa Gap Vineyards tasting room on State Highway 128, from Oct. 12 through Nov. 30. All paintings will be offered for sale at prices set by the artist. Gallery commission is 50 percent of all paintings sold.

By participation in the event, artists agree that their names and images may be used to promote future events.

To participate in the Oct. 11 plein air Paint Out, contact Shaunie Briggs or Jenny Montgomery by emailing info@briggsandco.com or call 795-9505.

Democrats offer voter registration

The West Yolo Democratic Club (a.k.a. Winters Dem Club) will provide local residents two opportunities to register to vote prior to the Oct. 20 deadline.

On Sunday, Sept. 28, the club will have a booth at the Festival de la Comunidad at Rotary Park, 2-7 p.m.

On Monday, Oct. 13, they will show “Uncounted,” Emmy award winning director Dale Earnhardt’s documentary about election fraud. The movie will start at 7 p.m., at the Winters Library meeting room. Popcorn,

snacks, and voter registration cards will be provided.

The club will also be placing “get out the vote” door hangers throughout town on Saturday, Oct. 11. Anyone interested in helping should show up at 8 a.m., rain or shine, at 316 Russell Street.

On election night, Nov. 4, the club members will gather at The Palms at 8 p.m., to enjoy some light refreshments and watch the election results.

For more information call 795-3382 or 795-4220.

Fortnightly club holds first meeting of the year

By MARJORIE GRAF
Special to the Express

The Winters Fortnightly club held the first meeting of the year on Tuesday, Sept. 9, with a new president, Claire Stark presiding.

Stark introduced the speaker of the day, Dan Martinez of Berryessa Gap Vineyards. His remarks included citing his father, Dan Martinez Sr., Ernie Benteenow, Mike Anderson of UC Davis, and Santiago Moreno, who was a partner in the nursery business selling 14 kinds of

root stock and developing 25 varieties of grafting wood. The firm started growing their own wine grapes in 2002 and bottled the first vintage in 2004. 2007 production has grown to 4,000 cases.

The Fortnightly business meeting, presided over by Stark, covered plans for the new term with a fundraiser scheduled for March 21, in support of youth activities in the community and the \$1,500 scholarship; the luncheons and field trip; the Bridge; and the companionship of friends.

Weekly fire report

Sept. 16
~ Grass fire, State Route 128 and Interstate 505.
~ Medical aid, 400 block of West Grant Avenue; unknown medical problem.

Sept. 17
~ Medical aid, 100 block of Edwards Street; fall.

Sept. 18
~ Public assistance, 100 block of Edwards Street; lift assist.

Sept. 19
~ Medical aid, 400 block of Morgan Street; chest pain.
~ Medical aid, 200 block of Anderson Avenue; bee sting.
~ Special detail at high school.

Sept. 20
~ Medical aid, 100 block of Abbey Street; unknown medical problem.

Sept. 21
~ Vehicle accident, Russell Boulevard and County Road 92F.

Festival de la Comunidad
Sunday, Sept. 28, 2-7 p.m.
Rotary Park
Carnitas Cookoff! Activities! Food! Fun!

Schools

FFA fundraiser planned



Photo by Debra Lo Guercio
Winters FFA members Raven Castro and Justin Rominger invite the community to the Winters FFA Chapter's fundraising dinner, planned for Monday, Sept. 29, at The Buckhorn. Fifteen percent of the ticket sales from that evening will be donated to the Winters FFA, which plans to use the funds for upcoming events, including the FFA Harvest Festival, a Christmas basket for a needy family, and the Christmas tree sale. Everyone in the community is invited to come to dinner at The Buckhorn and help support the Winters FFA.

Animation Station opens at Explorit Science Center

Explorit Science Center's new Animation Station allows museum visitors to make short animated films using computer technology, a Webcam and a set of props.

It's available for use during public hours at the museum, 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saturday through Sunday, and 2-4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. The museum is at 2801 Second Street, in Davis. Admission is \$4 general, free for ages 3 and under.

The station is the latest addition to Explorit's first long-term exhibition, "Move It! Science in Action." It focuses on the science behind motion pictures.

Participants choose from a variety of props, from small Playmobil figures to colored paper and scissors to a white board and markers. Users set up a scene and

then take a series of pictures, changing the scene very slightly each time. When they play the pictures back at 10 frames per second, users will see how they combine to create a perception of motion.

"However you choose to set up your animated scenes, your final product will astound you," said Anna Grace, Explorit's exhibit coordinator.

Participants can copy their film onto a flash drive for sale at Explorit to take home.

Explorit has posted a video about the Animation Station at www.youtube.com. It is available for viewing on Explorit's home page, www.explorit.org.

For more information, visit Explorit's Web page or call 756-0191.

Red Cross offers CPR class for babysitters

The American Red Cross of Yolo County is offering a Child and Infant CPR training for babysitters class on Wednesday, Oct. 1, from 5-9p.m. This class will teach students how to perform choking rescue on conscious and unconscious victims, and rescue breathing and CPR for children and infants. This course is for students ages 11 to 17 years old.

For more information about these classes and to register, call the American Red Cross of Yolo County at 662-4669, or check out the website for registration information at www.yc-arc.org.

Vandalism silences music class

By MOLLY DAVIS
Staff writer

Theft is frightening and disappointing at any age, under any circumstances, but theft experienced in adolescence is particularly disheartening. It is a violation of trust, and when it occurs at the place where children should feel safe, theft is discouraging, to say the least.

On Sept. 3, the Winters Middle School music room was broken into, vandalized and robbed of over \$3,000 worth of goods. Among the many items stolen, including instruments and electronic equipment, were 13 guitars.

This has been a particular blow to music teacher Lynne Secrist's guitar class, because, after all, a guitar class without instruments becomes just a bunch of kids practicing their air guitar skills.

Secrist's dedication to her students is demonstrated by her actions after the robbery — she purchased seven gui-

tars, paying for them herself.

Thankfully, the town has responded to this tragedy. Two more electric guitars were added to the ones Secrist bought, and other volunteers have pitched in. The Soroptimists offered to shoulder some of the cost, and Round Table Pizza has donated funds. In addition, Kimberly Baird, a seventh-grader at the middle school, has raised more than \$100 for the cause on her own accord by placing collection cans around town.

Secrist described the town's reaction as "heartwarming," noting that the unfortunate circumstances surrounding the robbery have "brought a unity to a very diverse class."

The kids themselves are justifiably outraged.

"I was devastated... what gave them the right?" said Vanessa Lee.

"It was pretty discouraging," added her classmate, Rebecca Balasek.

The thieves were able to easily gain access to the band room and help



Photo by Molly Davis
Mauricio Hernandez and Christian Gonzalez, two students in the Winters Middle School music class, are making do after over \$3,000 worth of equipment was stolen from their classroom recently, including 13 guitars.

themselves to an assortment of what Secrist described as "well-used and identifiable" equipment. According to the police report, empty guitar cases were found near the dam.

At the last city council meeting, council member Cecilia Aguiar-Curry and Police Chief Bruce Muramoto discussed the issue of vandalism and increased juvenile crime with the rest of the council members, but there is still much to be done about

the security of the middle school campus.

In the meantime, townspeople can support Secrist's class by making donations or patronizing various fund-raisers. As Secrist noted, this devastating violation against the music class has a potentially positive spin. An event like this can chip away at a child's sense of security, but an outpouring of compassion from the community can help repair it and restore the students' faith in their education.

WPNS children's festival scheduled for Oct. 4

The Winters Parent Nursery School is hosting its 12th Annual Children's Festival on Saturday, Oct. 4, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the City Park. This will be a fun filled day for children and the whole family.

The festival will feature children's music from "Jump for Joy,"

train rides, carriage rides, the Busy Bus and the Winters High School FFA petting zoo. Also, there will be inflatable T-ball, an obstacle course and money cube, carnival games and prizes, crafts, face painting, temporary tattoos, pumpkin patch and plenty of food and drinks. Games, food

and drinks will be offered for nominal fee.

The highlight of the day will be the "Pick a Pumpkin" raffle, where the lucky winner will walk away with \$1,000. Admission and entertainment is free. Raffle tickets can be purchased for \$10 each from the school. For

more information, call 795-4659

The event will be sponsored by Eagle Drug, Winters Eye Care, Mazza Dental Care, Empire Construction Co. Inc., Andy Pignataro State Farm Agent, Bella Domenica Jewelry Designs and Warrior Video.

Waggoner, Rominger hold parent information night

On Thursday, Sept. 25, Waggoner and Rominger schools will hold a parent information night related to STAR testing and curriculum requirements in grades 3-5. This is an opportunity for parents to come and learn about the California state requirements for students in these grades.

The meeting will discuss the STAR accountability program as it relates to these grades. Instructors will also be discussing the standards for each grade level and what a student is expected to learn. This information is intended to help parents

in gauging and monitoring their students' progress through the year.

Parents are encouraged to bring their student testing reports (these were mailed home in late August). If you do not have one to bring please contact the school office prior to Thursday to obtain a copy of your student's report.

This information night will take place in the Rominger Multi-Purpose Room and will start at 6:00 p.m. in English and at 6:45 p.m. in Spanish. Childcare will be provided.

Special school board meeting planned

The Winters School Board will hold a special meeting on Thursday, Sept. 25, at 6:30 p.m. in the Walnut Room at the school district office, 909 West Grant Avenue.

The trustees will interview candidates for the vacant board seat, and then consider approval for a selection of a new trustee to fill the vacancy left by Thomas Harding.

Chamber
calendar

Friday
Oct. 10
Chamber
Board
meeting

7 a.m.
Community
Center

Saturday
Oct. 11
Winters
Harvest
Festival

2-8 p.m.
East Main
Street
next to
Rotary Park

Monday
Oct. 13
Chamber
Mixer

5:30 p.m.
Pacific Ace
Hardware

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Fancy
facade

Photo by
Debra Lo Guercio
Renovation of the
façade on the Depot
building on the second
block of Railroad
Avenue was completed
in late August. The bulk
of the work was done
by KO Construction,
and some work was
also done by the Tim
Senior company. The
building houses Valley
Floors, the Irish Pub &
Coffeeshouse, Jeanine's
Bookkeeping and
Chuy's Taqueria.



Positions open on Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors

By DEBRA LO GUERCIO
Express editor

Among the agenda items discussed at the Sept. 12 Winters Chamber of Commerce meeting are the four board of directors seats that will open up in 2009. The three-year terms of Chamber president Nancy Meyer, vice president Howard Hupe, treasurer Salli Becker and board member Edmund Lis expire this year. All will be eligible to reapply for their seats.

Anyone who would like to be considered for an open board seat can contact the Winters Chamber of Commerce, 795-2329, to apply. Potential board of director applicants must be members of the Winters Chamber of

Commerce.

Also discussed at the September meeting were the success of the Earthquake Street Festival, which turned a handsome profit this year, as well as the annual Chamber appreciation barbecue on Sept. 8. Each year, the Chamber sponsors the September Chamber Mixer, at which all Winters School District teachers and staff are celebrated for their hard work. This year's event was catered by Briggs & Co.

Upcoming Chamber events include the Winters Harvest Festival, which is co-sponsored by the City of Winters. The festival takes place on Saturday, Oct. 11, 2-8 p.m. on East Main Street next to Rotary Park. The street will be filled with a wide variety

of crafts, farm fresh produce, wine tasting and food. Some of the highlights include Neil's barbecued oysters, a ceramics project booth with The Clayground, and a free performance by local songstress Varena King.

The winners of this year's annual Chamber Scarecrow Contest will also be chosen on Oct. 11. Residents and business owners are invited to participate in the contest by having a scarecrow in place by Friday, Oct. 10. To participate in the event, call the Chamber, 795-2329.

New this year will be a scarecrow contest at the festival. To participate in this scarecrow contest, simply bring a completed scarecrow to the festival site by 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 11. Prizes

will be awarded to the winner.

The Winters Chamber of Commerce meets on the second Friday of each month at 7 a.m. in the Community Center. Anyone interested in the local business community is welcome to attend. In addition to sponsoring a variety of community events throughout the year, the Chamber strives to promote the local business community and attract visitors to Winters.

The Chamber office is located inside the Community Center, and is open weekdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information about the Chamber or to join, call 795-2329.

Entertainment

Beta Alpha Beta hosts Harvest Celebration

Beta Alpha Beta is holding a “Harvest Celebration Give Away” on Saturday, Oct. 11, 6:30-11 p.m. at 27038 County Road 92F (the Frazier hanger). Beta Alpha Beta invites everyone in the community to join them for pulled pork

and cowboy beans, a hosted bar, and to kick up their boots to good ole rowdy, foot stompin’ music with the California Cowboys. The California Cowboys have performed with Alabama, Big & Rich, and Toby Keith to name a few.

Guests will have a chance to win \$2,000 while supporting Beta Alpha Beta’s annual scholarship fund. This year Beta Sigma Phi is celebrating 75 years of life, learning, friendship and service to their communities.

The organization is comprised of a diverse group of women, who invite others to “round up your friends and enjoy our hoedown.” Tickets are \$100 per couple. For tickets call Levada, 795-2844. or Laura, 795-2372.



Courtesy photo
The California Cowboys are, from left, Hal Atkinson, Gary Potterton, Cary Atkinson and RW Smith. They will play at Beta Alpha Beta’s “Harvest Celebration Give Away” on Saturday, Oct. 11, 6:30-11 p.m., 27038 County Road 92F. Tickets are \$100 per couple. For tickets call Levada, 795-2844. or Laura, 795-2372.

The Palms to host singer-songwriter summit

By KATE LADDISH
Special to the Express

Richard Shindell, Slaid Cleaves, and Lucy Kaplansky, three of the top musicians of the singer-songwriter genre, will be performing at The Palms this week. In fact, almost anywhere else, they’d call a line-up as sterling as this a festival.

All known for their abilities to craft exquisite songs and deliver them in their inimitable singing, Shindell, Cleaves, and Kaplansky have each enjoyed excellent reviews by critics and fans alike.

On Thursday, Sept. 25, at 8 p.m., Richard Shindell will bring his mixture of searing observation and wry humor to The Palms. A New Yorker who moved to Argentina several years ago, Shindell’s innovative, original, and occasionally spiritual songs weave tales that interchangeably champion the downtrodden, exalt the disaffected or wax empathetic to those lost to society’s fringes.

Friday evening, Sept. 26, will see Slaid Cleaves returning to The Palms at 8:30 p.m. Originally from Maine and now living in Austin, Texas, Cleaves takes the best of both songwriting worlds: the literate and developed wordsmithing associated the New England folk scene and the dramatic story songs and character vignettes associated with the best of the Texas country music.

On Sunday, Sept. 28, at 7:30 p.m., the engaging Lucy Kaplansky will serve up the finale to singer-songwriter summit. Kaplansky is a beautiful voiced singer and an articulate and perceptive writer who put started her professional career as a musician, surprised the music world by leaving it to earn a doctorate and work as a psychotherapist, and then found herself once again im-

mersed in music to the extent that she closed down her private practice.

Kaplansky sang back-up with Shawn Colvin, then pursued her own solo career, in which she has blossomed into one of premier singer-songwriters in the country.

“Having three singer-songwriters of this caliber at The Palms in a span of just four days presents audiences with the chance to really savor the richness of this genre,” said Palms owner Dave Fleming. “Anyone who takes the opportunity to see Slaid, Lucy and Richard this weekend will come away with a real appreciation of the strength and diversity of what’s going on in the singer-songwriter scene today.”

Tickets are available in advance at Pacific Ace Hardware and at the door. Tickets for all three shows are \$20 each.

MURAL

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gation Bet Haverim members, who attended two workshops and made their creations. Workshop participants also cut out and painted leaves for the Tree of Life, as well as shapes for borders. Some of the leaves, flowers and butterflies are grouped together by family, others were made in the memory of a loved one.

“Some of the stories of the loved ones are really touching,” says Rebecca.

It took about a year to make all the pieces, fire them, and assemble them onto several square and rectangle boards and affix them with grout. Each board is quite heavy, with even the smaller ones weighing about five pounds. The boards will be transported to Congregation Bet Haverim, mounted on the building and the remaining grout applied at the end.

Shannon says she and Rebecca didn’t set out with an exact design when assembling the mosaic mural, they just started laying the pieces down wherever they thought they should go. When assembling time came, Shannon says they brought in boxes and boxes of ceramic pieces and got to work.

As they started assem-



Photo by Debra Lo Guercio

These are some of the mosaic flowers in the mural designed by The Clayground owners, Shannon Moore-Jervis and Rebecca Bresnick Holmes.

bling, Shannon says, “it looked so chaotic and unorganized, and then you put it out and grab it, and it’s beautiful.”

Rebecca notes that the lengthy and laborious process wasn’t without its challenges, citing the difficulty of cutting out the clay around all those fingers and then not breaking them when they were fired.

The two artists were commissioned by Congregation Bet Haverim, but both have worked on public mosaic pieces before. Shannon has been in this line of work for about 10 years, and Rebecca for the last two, just after she and Shannon met and opened their own ceramics studio, The Clayground, in Winters. Locally, they both worked with Winters Middle

School students to create a ceramic bench, which was a project for graduating 8th graders.

The Clayground is located on the north end of the building at 9 E. Main Street. Besides offering ceramics for sale, Rebecca and Shannon offer ceramics and sculpture instruction, and can do team-building workshops with ceramics, as well as host ceramic-themed birthday parties and get-togethers.

The Clayground will have a booth at both the Hoes Down Festival in the Capay Valley on Oct. 4 and the Winters Harvest Festival on Oct. 11.

For more information about The Clayground, visit their website, www.clayground.biz, or call 902-0863 or 400-6937.

LETTERS

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absolutist. There is no instance where he has voted on the restrictions of abortion. If elected, Obama has stated that he will sign the Freedom of Choice Act, which would cancel federal, state and local regulations or re-

strictions on abortions.

What the Catholic Church says is that abortion is a grave evil. In 1995, Pope John Paul II said that church teachings on abortion are “unchanged and unchangeable.” Abortion willed as an end or means always constitutes grave disorder. No circumstance, no purpose, no law or what-

soever can make licit an act which is intrinsically illicit.

You should be aware that women are less likely to agree to an abortion than men.

If this country is founded on Christian principles, then we as Christians must protect human rights.

JOHN VUKELICH

Festival de la Comunidad celebrates community unity

The entire community is invited to this year’s Festival de la Comunidad/Community Festival on Sunday, Sept. 28, from 2-7 p.m. at Rotary Park, to celebrate community, family, food and fun.

The Hispanic Advisory Committee sponsored the festival. The committee was appointed two years ago by the Winters City Council to focus on outreach and communication between Latino and non-Latino community members.

Last year, the event was called Festival de la Cosecha, and attracted nearly 500 people. This year, committee members wanted to make it clear that the celebration is for everyone, so they renamed it Festival de la Comunidad/Community Festival.

In addition to the food and music planned, a new feature this year is the Carnitas Cook-off. Several teams will compete to see who can create the best tasting carnitas, as determined by a team of judges. First prize is \$300. In addition, the teams will compete for the best salsa recipe (\$50) and there will also be a people’s choice award.

Visitors to the festival can purchase tasting tickets, which will allow them to sample the carnitas made by each team and to vote for their favorite recipe. The winner of the contest will take home a \$150 prize.

Festively decorated booths, children’s activities, bounce houses



Photo by Debra Lo Guercio

Elizabeth Talaverra, a member of Danzantes del Alma, performs a classic Mexican tap dance at the Earthquake Street Festival. Danzantes del Alma will return to Winters on Sunday, Sept. 28, for the Festival de la Comunidad. A carnitas cookoff and tasting are also planned. The event takes place at Rotary Park from 2-7 p.m. and is sponsored by the City of Winters Hispanic Advisory Committee.

and other food will also be part of the day. Performers include students from the Winters After School Program and Studio C, as well as the UC Davis folklorico group Danzantes del Alma. Live music will be provided by the band Tamborazo del Pacifico. The event is an oppor-

tunity to celebrate all the diversity that makes up the Winters community. ,

For more information about the Festival de la Comunidad/Community Festival, call Dawn Van Dyke, 795-4910, extension 108, or Mary Jo Rodolfa, 795-4910, extension 111.

Sports

Warriors struggle with injuries and numbers in 41-0 loss



Photo by Eric Lucero
Number 4, quarterback Kyle Tobler drops back for a pass during the Winters Warriors varsity football game against visiting Dixon on Friday, Sept. 19.

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The Winters Warriors varsity football team had a rough night last Friday, Sept. 19, as they played host to visiting Dixon. The Warriors lost their second consecutive game by a score of 41-0.

Already playing with a short roster, the Warriors had to start without several players due to injury, had some others playing with injuries and had a few more go down with new injuries during the game.

“We had to play with out several key players and many more people out of position,” said coach Daniel Ward. “Their spread offense really seemed to take advantage of that. We only suited up 20 of our 29 players and finished the game with about 14. Really no excuses, we got beat in every aspect of the game. They were bigger stronger and

faster, but what hurt the most was the fact that they seemed to want it more also.”

The Warriors had a hard time getting any kind of momentum going offensively on the ground and in the air.

“Offensively we were lifeless,” Ward said. “The only time we crossed the 50 was on a 75 yard kick off return at the end of the first half, and on our last drive of the game. We must have scared them though, because they put their starting defense back on the field with less than 20 seconds to play.

“The injuries are starting to wear on us. It is frustrating when you never get to see your best 11 out on the field at the same time. We finished the game with only four linemen and had our backup quarterback playing fullback and tailback. But that ended up being one of our only bright spots.

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Brevor scores 3, leads JV’s past Dixon

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The Winters High School JV football team won their first game of the season last Friday, Sept. 19, as they dominated the visiting Dixon Rams 21-7. Tony Brevor scored all three touchdowns for the Warriors starting with a 90 yard kickoff return on the opening kickoff. Alex Evanoff kicked the PAT to give the Warriors a 7-0 lead in just the first few seconds of the game. Brevor had several key blocks as he ran down the sideline as the Warriors came ready to play.

Brevor scored the Warriors’ next two touchdowns with the help of fullbacks Cody Linton and Jacob Lucero. Lucero totaled 122 yards on just 8 carries, while Linton had 20 yards on four carries. Juan Tovar, Max Barbosa, Austin Brickey, Thomas Boswell and Thomas Damon dominated the line of scrimmage with the help of Jared Ramos. La’Akea Drumright also had 11 yards on three carries

for the Warriors. Brevor carried the ball 21 times for 123 yards, while Evanoff was three for three on PAT kicks.

On the defensive side of the ball it looked as if the Warriors were going to have trouble stopping the Ram’s spread offense but were able to adjust and make some key stops. Nick Mariani and Kyle Nichols both made some big plays, while Niko Doyle had the defensive highlight with an interception in the second half. The Rams’ only score came in the last minute of the game when a Warriors ball carrier had the ball stripped from his hands. The Dixon lineman ran the ball back 95 yards for the Rams’ only score.

The JV team will play on Thursday, Sept. 25, in Willows, due to the fact that Vacaville Christian does not have a JV team. Both Winters and Willows have over 40 players on the roster and have decided to plug in a game to get more playing time for the players. Some of the sophomores will play with the varsity team on Friday night.

Lady Warriors still playing strong

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The Winters High School varsity volleyball team improved to 3-0 before losing their first game of the season last week. The Warriors started on Tuesday, Sept. 16, against Colusa at home and won three out of four games. Winters lost a close game one 24-26 but came back strong and won the next three 25-19, 27-25 and 25-11.

“We were up and down with our momentum,” said coach Maribell Chavez. “But there were times that my back row, Anna Campos, Megan Avellar and Caitlin Calvert, had some awesome digs. There was a lot of communication going on and those were our moments.

“My hitters had a

strong night at the net, Katie Anstead had three kills, Ashley Anderson had four kills and Kaeleen Callison had two. Katie came up strong with 5 blocks and Kaeleen with 3. My setters worked extra hard to get to every ball as well. Ashley, Olivia Wingard and Caitlin were consistent with their serving which helped a lot during crucial moments.”

On Thursday, Sept. 18, the Warriors lost their first match of the season against the Willows Honkers in Willows. The Warriors lost all three games 17-25, 11-25 and 18-25.

“This was very hard for the entire team,” Chavez said. “We didn’t start off with our usual intensity that the girls normally go in with. We struggled

keeping our momentum going. We had too many balls that hit the ground and too many balls going to the net not giving our setter an opportunity to get to. We were just struggling with the basics.

“We did try to come back and keep it going but it was too late. We had to use a different rotation. Nicole Trost was in as an alternate setter which she stepped it up. Ashley did a great job of serving and attacking at the net, Katie had some great attacks as well as blocks. Megan had a great night with her serves and she did stay consistent.”

Winters will try to pick up their first road victory on Tuesday, Sept. 23, in East Nicolaus, then return home on Tuesday, Sept. 30, to host Pierce High School.

Stone wins grid contest, Ireland takes second

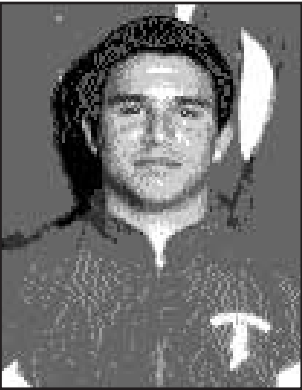
Angela Stone picked 23 out of 28 games correctly in the Winters Merchants Football Contest this week to win the \$30 first prize.

Tim Ireland had 22 correct to win the \$15 second prize. All of the rest of the contestants

had 21 or fewer correct selections. Another contest is in today’s Express.

PISANI’S ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Tony Brevor



Tony Brevor, a sophomore running back on the Winters High School JV football team, is this week’s athlete of the week. In last week’s 21-7 victory over the visiting Dixon Rams, Brevor scored all three touchdowns for the Warriors, including a 90-yard kickoff return on the opening kickoff. Brevor totaled over 200 all-purpose yards, including 123 yards on 21 carries for the Warriors.

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JUAN FERNANDEZ EVENTOS Y COMENTARIOS HISPANOS

Festival de la comunidad

La ciudad de Winters los invita a celebrar el segundo festival de la Comunidad, el cual es patrocinado por el Comité Hispano de la ciudad de Winters. El festival se llevara a cabo el día 28 de septiembre, de 2 a 7 de la tarde. El lugar será el parque Rotario, que se localiza detrás del centro comunitario. Traigan su familia, esta celebración es para todos los habitantes de Winters, vengan a disfrutar la música, la comida, las actividades para los niños y las presentaciones. Habrá actividades y juegos para los niños de todas las edades, la música estará a cargo de la Banda Tamborazo del Pacifico, con la actuación especial del Ballet Folklórico de la Universidad de Davis, los Danzantes del Alma, bailarines del estudio C, estudiantes del programa Después de la escuela y estudiantes de la Winters High School.

Dentro del festival se realizara el primer concurso buscando la mejor receta en la preparación del platillo típico mexicano, las carnitas. Si usted tiene una receta para la preparación de carnitas, forme su equipo y vengase a preparar su receta a la fiesta. Las carnitas se empezaran a cocinar a las 9 de la mañana, y los jueces empezaran con el delicioso trabajo de calificar la mejor receta a las 2 de la tarde.

Por supuesto que habrá premios para las mejores recetas, \$ 300 al ganador, \$150 a quien la gente designe, y \$50 a la mejor salsa. La inscripción cuesta \$50, el comité proveerá 100 libras de carne, además, arroz, frijoles y tortillas. Los participantes deberán usar sus propios ingredientes al cocinar las carnitas. Se tendrá un panel para juzgar, en este caso probar las carnitas, y seleccionará el primer lugar, y la misma gente decidirá el segundo lugar.

Se les pide a los participantes decorar su puesto en una manera festiva y familiar, el panel de jueces decidirá el ganador, basado en el sabor y en la textura de las carnitas, los equipos también deben de poner su propia salsa, el precio para probar un plato de carnitas será de \$5, así que si tiene una receta favorita, por favor venga y compártala. Si quiere mas información puede hablar con Mary Jo Rodolfa, o Dawn Van Dyke al teléfono 795-4910.

El comité organizador quiere darles las gracias a los siguientes patrocinadores, ya que con su ayuda y cooperación, es posible llevar a cabo esta fiesta comunitaria. Fundación Mariani, Button y Turkovich, Supervisor Duane Chamberlain, Dixon Ridge Farms, E.J De la Rosa y Cia, First Northern Bank, Lester Farms, Ramos Farms, Solano Construcccion, Lopez Orchards, GMC, Pontiac, y Buick de Vacaville, Cecilia Aguiar-Curry, Michael Barbour y Valerie Whitworth, Casino Cache Creek y hotel, Joshua Freiwald, Putah Creek Walnut cia., Parroquia de San Antonio, John y Karla Knabke, y el congresista Mike Thompson.

¿Dónde esta el mensaje principal?

El país se encuentra con la atención puesta en los dos candidatos presidenciales, los medios de comunicación están pendientes de cada palabra que pronuncian los candidatos, un día uno hace algún comentario, y al siguiente día el otro le responde con anuncios publicitarios, parece una telenovela de las nuestras, y lastima que así este pasando, cuando la historia debería ser otra muy diferente a los ataques que vemos a diario en la televisión, no entiendo como los dos candidatos se han prestado al juego de los medios de comunicación, la guerra verbal entre los dos aspirantes a la Casa Blanca, esta dejando de lado lo que en verdad es importante para nosotros, la economía, la crisis de las viviendas, el petróleo, la deuda nacional, el problema de la inmigración ilegal, los conflictos a nivel mundial que afectan a los Estados Unidos, la guerra de Irak, la violencia en México, las locuras que anda haciendo el presidente de Venezuela.

Los candidatos conocen muy bien como trabajan los medios de comunicación, y saben de la importancia que los ciudadanos le prestan a las famosas encuestas, lo que no me queda claro, es que tan confiables, o que tan veridicas son estas, el candidato que le ponga mas dinero a las encuestas, el que ponga mas anuncios, el que satire de publicidad la televisión, tendrá muchas probabilidades de ganar, porque aquí es este país el juego es así.

Un claro ejemplo de cómo los medios de comunicación influyen en el publico, lo demuestran las convenciones de los republicanos, y la de los demócratas. Antes de

las convenciones, Barack Obama según las encuestas, tenia la delantera en el llamado intento de voto, pero después del circo político que armaron los dos partidos, después de presentar su espectáculo a los votantes de este país, las famosas encuestas ahora indican que los candidatos esta empatados.

Ahora que las campañas van a entrar en su recta final, los ultras de ambos partidos, dentro y fuera de los medios de comunicación, la han emprendido ahora con fuerza mayor tanto contra Obama y McCain, como contra Biden y Palin, según su preferencia.

Los autores de este fuego cruzado parecen hacer caso omiso de los dos candidatos presidenciales, que han hecho numerosos llamados a concentrar la campaña en los temas que verdaderamente importan, como la economía, la crisis energética, la crisis hipotecaria y financiera, la seguridad nacional, la guerra de Iraq y la reforma migratoria, tema este último que se ha tocado de manera muy elemental hasta ahora.

Espero que los candidatos en verdad se dediquen a promover sus ideas y proyectos para sacar del atolladero al país, seria muy ingenuo si creo que los candidatos van a dejar de usar los anuncios publicitarios desacreditando al contrincante, esto no va a suceder, lo que va a pasar es que se van a intensificar. Porque aquí lo importante es ganar la Casa Blanca, como sea, así sea realizando una política llena de basura y mentiras. ¿Y cual es el mensaje principal de los candidatos? Esa es la realidad, recuerden que el ganador toma todo.

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Festival de la Cosecha

La ciudad de Winters y la cámara de comercio los invitan a participar en el festival de la cosecha en Winters, traigan a toda su familia, para pasar una tarde agradable, habrá música, entretenimiento, artes y manualidades. Se tendrá también un mercado para vender frutas y vegetales cultivados en nuestra región. Todos son bienvenidos, y si usted quiere participar vendiendo comida, fruta, vegetales, artes o manualidades, puede comunicarse con la oficina de la cámara de comercio al Tel 795-2329.

El festival será el sábado 11 de octubre, de 2-8 p.m. En la calle east main, junto al parque Rotario. El festival será más grande y mejor que nunca. Este año el festival se planeo tenerlo el sábado en la tarde y parte de la noche, para que todos tengamos la oportunidad de asistir, y ver lo que se ofrece. Como una adición a este evento se contara con la participación de la cantante de Winters Vatreña King, ella participo el año pasado en la fiesta del terremoto, ella y sus amigos empezaran su participación a las 6 p.m.

Entre los vendedores de artesanías, contaremos con The Clayground, que ofrecerá no solo cerámica hecha a mano, sino que tendrá proyectos

que podrán ser realizados ahí mismo, con la supervisión de Rebecca Bresnick Holmes. Entre otros vendedores de artesanías, se contara con la presencia de Briggs y Co. De Esparto, la creadora de joyas Yolanda Cota, además, Summer Wreaths y Castle Rock Farm.

Terra Firm Farms y Morgan Fruit and Nuts, ofrecerán verdura y fruta fresca, y Madrid Santa Fe Trading Inc, ofrecerán tortillas de maíz y harina en muy distintas variedades.

Además, podrá probar los vinos producidos en la región, se contara con la participación de Berryessa Gap Vineyards, Rominger West, Accardi Vineyards, y Nichelini.

Y si llega con hambre, The Buckhorn tendrá sándwichs, Briggs and Co, tendrán el asador listo, además, John and Karen Neil regresaran con las ostras asadas.

Si tiene un espantapájaros, tráigalo al festival, habrá concurso y premios para el espantapájaros que la gente escoja. Todavía puede registrarse para tener un puesto de ventas, si quiere reservar un espacio puede ponerse en contacto con la cámara de Comercio de Winters al Tel 795-2329, o con Debra en el Winters Express.

Los debates en internet

Si acaso esta interesado en ver los debates presidenciales, que van a tener los candidatos presidenciales, se ha creado una pagina en Internet, para educar, motivar, para tener una mayor participación en el proceso electoral. El sitio es www.mydebates.org y es una herramienta útil que contribuirá significativamente al valor de educar a los votantes sobre el proceso electoral.

La idea principal es básicamente ofrecer al ciudadano un dialogo en la Internet, para que puedan expresar las preocupaciones que tienen, sobre la situación actual del país. En el nuevo sitio, los votantes podrán plantear preguntas para los tres debates entre los aspirantes presidenciales Barack Obama y John McCain, y el debate de los candidatos a la vicepresidencia, que se llevarán a cabo entre septiembre y octubre próximos.

Este sitio de Internet va a estar interesante, ya que podrá ver los debates televisados, podrán tener acceso a los

archivos y videos, examinar con mas detenimiento los planes que ambos candidatos presidenciales presentaran al pueblo.

El primer debate presidencial se realizará el 26 de septiembre en la Universidad de Mississippi en Oxford; el segundo será el 7 de octubre en la Universidad Belmont, en Nashville, y el último el 15 de octubre en la Universidad Hofstra, en Hempstead. A diferencia del primero y el último, el debate presidencial en Nashville es el único que ofrecerá a la audiencia la oportunidad de hacer preguntas a los candidatos.

En la realización de los debates, los candidatos no conocerán las preguntas de antemano, el tema de los debates será uno sobre política exterior, y el otro sobre la política interna. Los candidatos no podrán tener acceso a ningún dispositivo electrónico, que les ayude a contestar preguntas difíciles, tal como se rumoró lo hizo Bush en un debate en el 2004.

La Comisión Federal de Comercio ofrece a los consum

¿Cansado de esas llamadas procedentes de números telefónicos desconocidos? Muchas personas están recibiendo llamadas en sus teléfonos personales de empresas de telemarketing. Mucho cuidado, usted podría convertirse en una estadística más de las víctimas de fraude. Para evitar esto, la Comisión Federal de Comercio (FTC, por sus siglas en inglés), ofrece a los consumidores varios consejos para que no sean atrapados en las redes de las estafas más comunes. Estos son sus consejos: Reconozca al que Llame, Cada llamada telefónica de ventas que recibe es una oportunidad de poner a prueba sus instintos: Hágase las siguientes preguntas—y si las respuestas le siembran alguna duda sobre las intenciones o métodos de la persona que lo llama, corte la llamada.

¿Quién llama—y por qué? Antes de hacer su ofrecimiento, los telemarketers deben decirle que se trata de una llamada de ventas, deben

mencionar el nombre de la compañía y qué es lo que están vendiendo. Si no le dan esta información, diga “no, gracias” y corte la llamada. ¿Cuál es el apuro? Las personas que hablan rápido y utilizan tácticas de alta presión pueden estar escondiendo algo. Tómese su tiempo. La mayoría de los negocios legítimos le darán tiempo e información escrita sobre su ofrecimiento antes de pedirle que se comprometa a comprar algo.

Si es gratis. ¿Por qué me piden que pague? Sospeche si le dicen que es necesario que pague algo para recibir un premio o regalo. Gratis es gratis. Si tiene que pagar algo se trata de una compra y no de un premio ni de un regalo. ¿Por qué estoy “confirmando” o dando el número de mi cuenta? Algunas personas que llaman tienen su información de facturación antes de llamarlo. Están tratando de que usted diga “de acuerdo” o “okay” para poder decirle que usted aprobó el cargo.

¿Qué hora es? La ley permite las llamadas de telemarketing solamente entre las 8 de la mañana y las 9 de la noche. Vendedores que llaman más temprano o más tarde están desobedeciendo la ley. ¿Quiero recibir más llamadas como ésta? Si usted no quiere que un negocio lo vuelva a llamar, dígalos. Si lo vuelven a llamar están violando la ley.

Reconocer los telemarketers fraudulentos es importante y reportarlos a las autoridades también es crucial. Su reporte puede ayudar a detener el fraude. Reporte el fraude telefónico a la Comisión Nacional de Comercio. Si su número de teléfono está inscrito en el Registro Nacional No Llame, debería recibir solamente llamadas de las compañías con las que tiene una relación comercial—o de compañías que usted haya autorizado a llamarlo. Si recibe llamadas de una compañía con la cual no tiene ninguna relación—o de parte de una compañía a la cual le solicitó que de-

Features

When to fix leaky heart valves

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Six years ago, I had a heart attack that resulted in triple bypass surgery, and I had to have my mitral valve replaced. Last year, my cardiologist informed me that my new mitral valve and my original aortic valve were leaking a little. He told me not to worry about it. I do worry. If you have a leak in your pipe in your home, you have it fixed immediately. I would think that applies to the body too. What do you think? — M.G.

ANSWER: You can't compare heart valves to leaky pipes. They're quite different, and they behave quite differently. Many people at older ages have slightly leaky heart valves that don't interfere with heart action in the least. If the leaks were compromising your heart's pumping, the doctor would have jumped right in with a suggestion for immediate repair.

Furthermore, unlike a pipe, valve leaks can but don't always get worse.

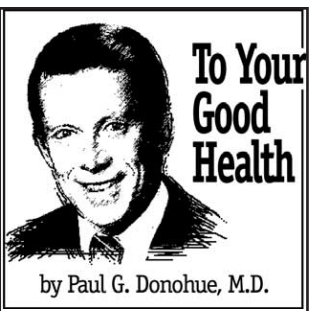
Your doctor will check your heart regularly, and if the leaks are increasing, he will tell you then. For now, don't dwell on them.

The booklet on heart-valve problems discusses these common medical conditions in depth. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue — No. 105W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I would like to know why you lose flesh with age, but not bone, nor skin, nor fat. One doctor told me that's why people get colder when they get older. I am rapidly losing flesh. — L.J.

ANSWER: People lose muscle with age. The process is called sarcopenia (SAHR-coe-PEA-knee-uh). I never thought of it until you brought it up, but it could be a reason why older people chill quickly. Muscles generate heat, and they serve as insulation. Shivering is a response to a cold environment. Shivering muscles give off heat.

Lots of unpleasant



things happen with aging. Metabolism slows, and that's another reason why older people complain of the cold. Our bodies don't repair themselves as well as they did when we were young. Bones do lose strength and size with age. Growing old is not for the faint of heart.

Sarcopenia and bone loss can be kept to a minimum and possibly reversed if people exercise. The kind of exercise they must do is "resistance" exercise—lifting weights. It sounds nutty, but it's for real. Weights don't have to be of the same magnitude used in a bodybuilding contest. You can start with one-pound weights and gradually increase the poundage when you become comfortable with that amount of weight.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I have been on thyroid medicine for years. It was suggested that I take iodine to get my thyroid gland functioning on its own. Why don't doctors suggest iodine rather than prescription medicine for the thyroid? — V.W.

ANSWER: Unless the circumstances are quite unusual and unless a person is truly iodine deficient, taking iodine doesn't cure thyroid problems. You shouldn't stop your thyroid medicine unless your doctor says to do so.

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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This might make your skin crawl

Ever hear of Morgellons disease? Here is what the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has to say about it: "Persons who suffer from this unexplained skin condition report a range of cutaneous (skin) symptoms including crawling, biting and stinging sensations; granules, threads, fibers, or black speck-like materials on or beneath the skin; and/or skin lesions (e.g., rashes or sores). In addition to skin manifestations, some sufferers also report fatigue, mental confusion, short term memory loss, joint pain, and changes in vision."

They continue to say that the factors associated with acquiring this condition are unknown. At this time, there is insufficient information to determine whether or not this condition is contagious. CDC has awarded a contract to Kaiser Permanente's Northern California Division of Research to assist CDC in the investigation of this condition. The study is being designed and led by CDC.

Some health professionals believe that signs and symptoms of Morgellons disease are caused by another condition, often mental illness. Dr. Noah Craft, assistant professor of dermatology at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center states that Morgellons disease is an outbreak of delusional parasitosis brought on by some common exposure. Delusional parasitosis is often seen in recreational drug users (especially those using methamphetamine).

"Dermatologists are afraid to see these patients," says Dr. Peter Lynch, professor emeritus of dermatology at the University of California. He had one patient tell him that, "I'm going to shoot the next doctor who tells me it's in my head." Some people who suspect Morgellons disease claim they've been ignored, criticized as delusional or dismissed as fakers. In contrast, some



doctors say that people who report signs and symptoms of Morgellons disease typically resist other explanations for their condition. Reports of Morgellons disease have been made in every state in the United States and various countries around the world. Most reported cases are clustered in California, Texas and Florida.

OK, I think that we're all probably confused as to the reality of this disease. In one form or another it has been around since the 17th century; always attributed to mental illness. I've even heard it referred to as "growing pains". I think that maybe we have all had the disease at one time or another if you consider it a mental disorder.

OK, here is the rest of my story. Ever hear of the "God particle"? Its real name is the "Higgs particle." As any object moves through space they have to "wade" through these Higgs particles that "cling" to them, causing a drag that shows up as mass. In 1966 Peter Higgs (University of Edinburgh) proposed that the universe was full of a field called a "Higgs field."

Scientist around the world are in the process of trying to identify the "God particle" through the use of huge "super colliders" that employ what they refer to as nanotechnology. Teeny weenie little "nanomites" (I invented that word) are shot around these huge colliders in the hope that they will gather enough mass to be identified. A worthy endeavor, I guess, but not as good as feeding or educating the Third World.

Anyway, I don't want to go there right now, so back to nanotechnology. Nanotechnology is nothing

new. There are literally thousands of products which utilize nano particles in their make-up. Golf balls, cleaning products, stain resistant clothing, baseball bats, house paint, air purifiers, surfboards, odor-proof socks, cosmetics, computer chips, sunscreens, self-cleaning windows... and the list goes on and on. Nano particles in these products are what scientist refer to as "nanotechnology in its static form".

OK, now we are getting to the heart of the matter. What do super colliders have to do with Morgellons disease? There have been two recent outbreaks of a mysterious "itching nanofiber" disorder known as Morgellons. One in Europe at the CERN Collider and the other at the Hanging Rock Supercollider in Australia. Scientists at both facilities have indicated a possible link between high-energy particle colliders and the disease. Both facilities were attempting to create and detect the elusive Higgs particle when the outbreaks occurred, which affected scores of scientists and workers and is now spreading rapidly around the world.

I guess some of the scientists itched themselves to death, because according to Dr. Walabi of the HRS, (Hanging Rock Supercollider), "We are trying to contain the event and prevent more deaths". Considering that it is possible for "nanomites" (my word again) to manipulate an oily drop of liquid and even push it up an incline of 12 degrees, I think you'll agree with me that this could easily make your skin crawl. I think I've seen them around here too!



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) The changing season brings new experiences as well as challenges for the ever-adventurous Aries. Your social life expands, as do the opportunities at your workplace.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) That recent period of uncertainty has passed. You can now feel more confident about making decisions, especially those that relate to an important personal relationship.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Although you might be faced with a number of tasks on your to-do list, try to take time out to enjoy the arts. Music, especially, can be soothing to the sensitive soul of a Gemini.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A disagreement with a colleague or friend is best resolved with open and frank discussion. Trying to force the other party to see things your way is bound to backfire.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) That Leonine pride might be ruffled by a colleague's challenge to one of your pet ideas. But stop growling and listen. You could learn something that will work to your advantage.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Someone in authority might decide to select you as a candidate for a project that carries more responsibilities. Be prepared to show why you're the right choice for the job.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) That new workplace problem should be dealt with as soon as possible. Leaving it unresolved for too long could lead to an even more unsettling and time-consuming situation.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You might have to do some fancy juggling to keep both your work responsibilities and personal obligations on track. But ultimately, you'll work it all out, as you always do.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You might hear some upsetting things about a situation in your life. But don't be swayed by talk. Demand proof before making any decisions on the matter.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Don't risk depleting those precious energy levels by taking on more tasks than you can realistically handle. Also, remember to ask for help when you need it.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) It might be difficult for the Aquarian who is used to giving advice to take counsel when offered. But it's a good idea to listen to what trusted friends feel you should know.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Things might be a little unsettled as you move through a period of reassessment. But once you get your priorities sorted out, you should be ready to tackle an important decision.

BORN THIS WEEK: You're able to achieve a happy balance in your productive life by never feeling overwhelmed or underappreciated.

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King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Con game

5 Martian vessel

8 A really long time

12 Imogene of "Your Show of Shows"

13 Tier

14 Smart-phone name

15 Iowa city

16 Dunce

18 Lucille Ball, notably

20 "Landing"

21 Hostel

22 Mainlander's souvenir

23 Lost color

26 Minuteman's foe

DOWN

1 Cicatrix

2 Arrive

3 Scored 100 on

4 Old name for a 5-iron

5 City-related

6 Comestibles

7 Possess

8 Of a cultural group

9 Sandwich

10 "Swell!"

11 Lays down the lawn

17 Supplement-ed, with "out"

19 Conclusion

22 Journey segment

23 Burst

24 "All the Things You -"

25 Meadow

26 Deteriorate

27 Lubricate

28 Big bother

29 Craggy peak

31 Trail behind

34 Throttles

35 Feedbag fill

36 By way of

37 Soak up

39 Warner Bros. skunk

40 Same as above

41 Put one over on

42 Summertime desserts

43 Imago-in-training

44 Curved molding

45 Arm bone

46 Drudge

48 Galley implement

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THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

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ISAIAH 60:20

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HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Catcher's shirt has a stripe. 2. Batter has a hat. 3. Mom's collar is different. 4. Sofa has no ruffle. 5. Picture is tilted differently. 6. There's more glass on floor.

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Pleased to meet you



Name: Christina Gray
Occupation: Realtor with Keller Williams Realty
Hobby: Real estate investing
What's best about living in Winters: "Being able to keep track of my kids and knowing if they're getting into trouble."
Fun fact: She's working on her private pilot's license.

King Crossword Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

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NOTICE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE WINTERS JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT'S CONSIDERATION OF AN ADJUSTMENT TO LEVEL 1 SCHOOL FACILITIES FEES ON RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 65995, APPROVAL OF A SCHOOL FACILITIES NEEDS ANALYSIS, AND ADOPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF LEVEL 2 AND LEVEL 3 SCHOOL FACILITIES FEES PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 65995.5, 65995.6 AND 65995.7

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Trustees of the Winters Joint Unified School District will hold a public hearing at a regular Board meeting on November 6, 2008, to consider an adjustment to the District's Level 1 school facilities fees on residential, commercial and industrial construction projects pursuant to Government Code Section 65995, approval of a school facilities needs analysis, and adoption and implementation of Level 2 and Level 3 school facilities fees pursuant to Government Code Sections 65995.5, 65995.6 and 65995.7 as follows:

1. A so-called Level 1 Fee per square foot of any residential construction within the boundaries of the District at the rate of \$2.97 per square foot, applicable to any unit of residential construction that is not already subject to a pre-existing agreement between the District and a developer relating to that unit and obligating the developer to pay a different amount;
2. A so-called Level 2 Fee per square foot of any residential construction within the boundaries of the District at the rate of \$2.42 per square foot, applicable only to units of residential construction that are subject to an agreement between the District and a developer relating to that unit and specifically obligating the developer to pay a "Level 2" Fee;
3. In the event the State Allocation Board is no longer approving apportionments for new construction in accordance with Article 5 (commencing with Section 17072.20) of the Education Code, a so-called Level 3 Fee per square foot of any residential construction within the boundaries of the District at the rate of \$4.84 per square foot, applicable to units of residential construction, including those that are subject to an agreement between the District and a developer relating to that unit and specifically obligating the developer to pay a "Level 3" Fee;
4. A fee per square foot of senior citizen housing, as defined by Government Code Section 65995.1(a), of \$0.47 per square foot;
5. A fee per square foot of any commercial-industrial construction (except "rental self-storage" development) within the boundaries of the District of \$0.47 per square foot; and
6. A fee per square foot of new "rental self-storage" development within the boundaries of the District of \$0.03 per square foot.

The meeting of the District's Governing Board will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Winters Joint Unified School District Office, Walnut Room, 909 W. Grant Avenue, Winters, California. Copies of the School Facility Needs Analysis are available for public review at the District Office. All interested persons are encouraged to attend and be heard. Any written comments or questions may be submitted before the close of the public hearing.

Questions should be directed to Pat H. Lewis, Ed.D., Interim Superintendent at (530) 795-6112.
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City of Winters Tennis Lessons

Tennis Instructor Brian Rust is a USPTA certified tennis professional with 20 years of experience. The first session will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays from October 14-October 30, 2008. Lessons will be held at the Winters High School tennis courts.

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For more information, please contact Brian Rust at 530-759-9113 or Traci Nakamura at 530-795-4910 x102. 32-5tc

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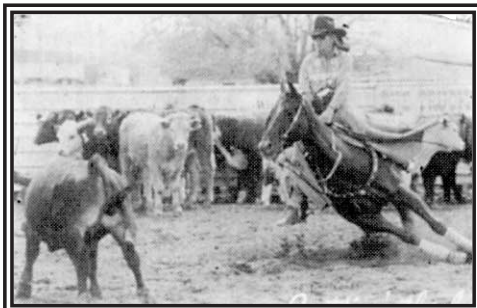
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Members of Winters High School's Varsity Football Team break through a sign before their 40-0 loss to Dixon last Friday night. Because of injuries, only 20 of the team's 29 players were able to suit up before the game, and injuries claimed a handful of players during play. Sophomore members of the JV team will join the Varsity team at Vacaville Christian this week, in an effort to add depth to the roster.

Beginning curling course scheduled

Wine Country Curling will be presenting a Learn To Curl night at the Vacaville Ice Sports Center next Saturday, Sept. 27, from 7:30-10 p.m. The class will be conducted at the Vacaville Ice Sports Center, 551 Davis

Street, in Vacaville, next to the Brenden Theater complex.

Curling equipment will be provided and it is recommended that loose, warm clothing and rubber soled athletic shoes be worn. In-

structors are US Curling Certified. There will be a small charge for the cost of using the ice. The Ice Sports complex is set up with five sheets of curling ice

Curling involves teams of four trying to

knock an opponents 42 pound stones out of a circle and having your stones closest to the center to earn points.

For more information, contact Jerome Larson at (707) 374-3920 jl-curler@frontiernet.net.

POLICE

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parties were involved in a verbal domestic dispute.

Sept. 17-18

~ 9:20 p.m. to 9:30 a.m., on the 200 block of Creekside Way, a rear driver side window of a vehicle was broken.

Sept. 18

~ 11:47 a.m., Frances Elaine Oremus, 49, of Winters was arrested on two outstanding felony bench warrants charging her with violation of probation on previous charge of possessing a controlled substance and failure to appear on previous charges of possessing a controlled substance and possessing controlled substance paraphernalia. Oremus was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to the Yolo County Jail for incarceration.

~ 10 a.m., on the first block of East Baker Street, gang type graffiti was reported on the north wall of the Mariani Nut Company building. Damage was estimated to be about \$50.

Sept. 20

~ 3:06 a.m., Joshua Thomas Gonzalez, 26, of

Winters, was arrested on a Solano County warrant for violation of driving under the influence of alcohol with a blood alcohol content of over .08%. Gonzalez was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to the Yolo County Jail for incarceration.

Sept. 19

~ 12:30 p.m., on the 900 block of East Grant Ave next to the Chevron Station, a boat trailer was towed for violation of the city ordinance on storing vehicles on the street and unregistered vehicles.

Sept. 20

~ 4:20 a.m., on the 1000 block of Washington Ave, parties were involved in a verbal domestic dispute.

~ 10:35 a.m., Steven David Lanfranco, 18, of Winters was stopped and cited for exhibition of speed after officers heard an engine revving and tires screeching from a vehicle on Railroad Avenue.

~ 11:23 a.m., on the 100 block of East Baker Street, a rear passenger side window was smashed out with an unknown object to gain entry. A car stereo and dual DVD system was taken. Loss is estimated at \$545.

~ 7:41 p.m., on the 200 block of Red Bud Lane, a back window of a vehicle was smashed out with unknown object and two large scratch marks were made completely around the vehicle. Damages were estimated to be approximately \$2,000.

Sept. 21

~ 12:59 p.m., on the 700

block of Main Street, the front window of victim's vehicle was smashed with an unknown object. Damages were estimated to be approximately \$500.

~ 2:05 p.m., Kelli Marshane Wilkerson, 25, of Vacaville was issued a citation for driving without a driver's license and driving with a headlamp out.

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"[Sophomore Zack] Higgins has unbelievable football instincts. He carried the ball six times for 56 yards all in the fourth quarter. He also did a great job on the defensive side of the ball with six tackles and three sacks. Zach and Bjorn Kulseng, one of our foreign exchange students who played quite a bit on the offensive and defensive line were the only two that actually had fun."

The Warriors will be able to add to their roster this week because the JV team will have a bye. Most of the sophomores will be up on the varsity team to give the Warriors some depth.

"I am looking forward to this week of practice because we are going to get to bring up several sophomores," Ward said. "I love competition, I think it brings out the best in everyone and because we have had so

many injuries we haven't been able to have much competition in a while so it will be nice to see everyone get after it again. It also gives us an opportunity to rest our wounded and try to get everyone healthy again before league starts up."

Higgins led the team in rushing with 56 yards on six carries. Warren had 13 yards on six carries. Max Mariani had 10 yards on eight carries. Mariani completed 1 of 1 passes for 19 yards. Kyle Tobler completed 1 of 9 attempts for two yards, Ray McIntire had 19 yards receiving and Dylan Ney had two yards receiving.

"Ney did a great job filling in at defensive end and finished with 8 tackles and a sack, while McIntire played every defensive position except defensive line and finished the game with 8 tackles," Ward added.

The Warriors travel to Vacaville Christian this Friday, Sept. 26.