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Construction began at the intersection of Railroad Avenue and Main Street on Friday, Oct. 3. The approximately \$2 million redevelopment project will feature bulb-outs on all four corners, as well as brick work, and the addition of diagonal parking on a widened Railroad Avenue. All businesses will remain open and accessible during the construction, which is expected to be finished in mid-December. Maxistone, Inc. is in charge of the project.

## Down on the corner

◆ Downtown street improvement project begins

By DEBRA LO GUERCIO  
Express editor

Remember what the corner of Railroad and Main looked like? Come downtown — things look very different right now. The downtown street improvement project broke ground on Thursday, Oct. 2, and although the intersection is a tangle of fencing, gravel and construction equipment at the moment, a new, spiffed-up corner

will emerge over the coming months. Maxistone, Inc. of Fairfield is in charge of the project, one of the largest redevelopment projects in Winters history. The first phase of construction is estimated to cost about \$1.35 million, which will be paid for with city redevelopment funds. The second phase is expected to cost \$680,000. Of that amount, \$185,000 will come from redevelopment funds, and \$495,000 from a federal grant.

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## Student scores on the upswing

By ELLIOT LANDES  
Staff reporter

Educational services director Emilie Simmons gave her fall report of academic progress at the Oct. 2 school board meeting. Her report showed progress in a number of areas, reflecting the most recent results from the California Department of Education's STAR testing (Standardized Testing and Reporting) as well as results from the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE). The state also released the Academic Performance Index (API) report and the Annual Yearly Progress Report (AYP), reports that track movement towards state and federal goals. Focusing on the most challenging populations, Simmons started her report by noting that 54 percent of students are Hispanic/Latino and 39 percent of those are English Language

Learners (ELL). Simmons showed CAHSEE reports for 10th graders, which the state uses for high school evaluation. The report for Winters was positive, with a greater increase than in county and state, and greater actual numbers of students passing the exam. "I'm pretty proud of how the district stacks up," said Simmons. "It takes eleven grades to get to tenth grade, and this really speaks positively to what our kids do." The specific results for math students and special ed students were also better than county and state. The numbers were excellent for ELL 10th grade students as well, with the percent passing jumping from 30 percent in 2007 to 58 percent in 2008, as compared to the county, which saw 36 percent increase to 47 percent. "Our English learners

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## Prison opponents organize

By LEO REFSLAND and TOM BARTH  
Special to the Express

A grassroots organization has formed to oppose the construction of a state prison in Madison. Members of Save Rural Yolo County oppose the construction of a so-called "secure re-entry facility" in Madison or

any other rural area of Yolo County. Under Assembly Bill 900, the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation promises to provide funding to counties to expand their existing jails in exchange for allowing the state to build new prison re-entry facilities. CDCR offered \$30 million to

Yolo County to expand the Monroe Detention Center if the county could offer a prison site. At the Yolo County Board of Supervisors meeting on Sept. 16, supervisors voted 3-1-1 to recommend the Madison site, with Supervisor Duane Chamberlain dissenting.

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## Festival celebrates autumn's abundance

By DEBRA LO GUERCIO  
Express editor

Food, friends, free wine tasting and entertainment, local crafts and produce, and all within walking distance. That's what the Winters Harvest Festival is all about. This year's event takes place on Saturday, Oct. 11, 2-9 p.m. on East Main Street alongside Rotary Park. Co-sponsored by the Winters Chamber of Commerce and City of Winters, the annual event features a cornucopia of local produce and wares, and this year's festival is bigger and better than ever. This year's festival features expanded hours, and was moved to a Saturday to make it easier for everyone to take a stroll downtown to visit and see what the vendors have to offer.

The craft vendors include The Clayground, which will offer handmade ceramics as well as autumn-themed ceramics projects that can be created right there on the spot, with guidance from local artist and Clayground co-owner, Rebecca Bresnick Holmes. Bead-maker Jiley Romney will give demonstrations on glass beadmaking. Find her



Photo by Debra Lo Guercio

Helping to celebrate local abundance are, from left, singer Vatrene King, Corinne Martinez of Berryessa Gap Vineyards, Paul Underhill and Ana Kormos of Terra Firma Farms, and Oyster King John Neil. All will be participating in this year's Winters Harvest Festival, planned for Saturday, Oct. 11, 2-8 p.m., on East Main Street next to Rotary Park. The event is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and City of Winters.

at the Briggs & Co. booth. Shopping opportunities will be plentiful, with all sorts of handmade goods for sale, including metalwork, dried flower and harvest wreaths, goat soap, beeswax candles. Many of the vendors are traveling down to Winters from the Capay Valley

with their creations and goods. Fresh local produce will be featured by Terra Firma Farms, Morgan's Fruit and Nuts, and Paul and Trudie Martin, and fresh corn and flour tortillas in a variety of flavors will be offered by Madrid Santa Fe Trading, Inc. Jan Schubert will offer lo-

cal honey, and Winter High School student Teryn Jurewicz has made his homegrown pumpkin and produce stand his senior project. Wineries will offer tastes of their latest vintages, and will include Berryessa Gap Vineyards, Rominger West,

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(Supplements are sent to Winters, Woodland, Davis, Capay Valley, Dixon, Vacaville and Fairfield.)

WEATHER

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

Date	Rain	Hi	Lo
Oct. 1		94	58
Oct. 2		93	65
Oct. 3		83	63
Oct. 4	.06	76	59
Oct. 5		78	50
Oct. 6		79	52
Oct. 7		85	53

Rain for week: .06  
Season's total: .06  
Last year to date: .75  
Average to Oct. 7: .47

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# Weekly police report

**Sept. 22-24**  
~ 5:30 pm to 6 a.m., on the 500 block of Creek-side Way, a vehicle driver side window was broken and the tires were slashed. Estimated damage: \$350.

**Sept. 25**  
~ 3 p.m., on the 800 block of Valley Oak Drive, an unlocked bicycle was stolen. Loss: \$200.

**Sept. 29**  
~ Unknown time; victim's debit card was used in several states without permission.  
~ 11:50 p.m., on East Baker Street at Railroad Avenue, a 17 year old Winters juvenile was issued a notice to appear for violating curfew, having an inoperable bicycle light and failing to wear a bicycle helmet.

**Sept. 30**  
~ 2:19 a.m., Leslie Tobie Osterhoudt, 41, of Dixon was issued a notice to appear for being an unlicensed driver, failing to update her driver's license with her most current address within 10 days, and having an audible stereo heard from over fifty feet of the vehicle.  
~ 10:40 a.m. to 1:20 p.m., four 15-year-old Winters juveniles and one 16-year-old Winters juvenile were arrested in connection with the burglary at the Winters High School weight room. Four of the juveniles were charged with burglary and possession of stolen property. The fifth juvenile was charged with burglary. All juveniles were booked at the Winters Police Department and released on notices to appear.

~ 1:50 p.m., Felipe Valdez Guzman, 21, of Winters was picked up from Glenn County Jail, transported to Yolo County Jail and booked on five Winters Police Department bench warrants charging him with violation of probation on previous charges of driving with a suspended/revoked driver's license and being in possession of ammunition when prohibited; failure to appear on previous charges of driving with a suspended/revoked driver's license and driving a vehicle with expired registration; failure to appear on previous charges of driving with a suspended/revoked driver's license and driving a vehicle with an illegal frame height; violation of probation and failure to appear on previous charge of driving with a suspended/revoked driver's license; and violation of probation and failure to appear on previous charge of driving with a suspended/revoked driver's license.

**Sept. 30 – Oct. 1**  
~ 10:15 p.m. to 6 a.m., on the 200 block of East Main Street, entrance was gained to a vehicle through a partially opened rear window

and a stereo was stolen. Loss: \$250.

**Oct. 1**  
~ Unknown time, on the 200 block of Rosa Avenue, a laptop was stolen from inside a residence. Investigation continues. Loss: \$1,000.  
~ 3:15 p.m., a set of found keys were turned over to the police department.

**Oct. 1-2**  
~ 4 p.m. to 7:25 a.m., on the first block of Russell Street, a stereo was stolen from an unlocked vehicle. Loss: \$400.

**Oct. 2**  
~ 12:42 a.m., on the 700 block of Dutton Street, a vehicle passenger side window was broken and a purse was stolen. Damage and loss: \$161.

**Oct. 2-3**  
~ 5 p.m. to 8:15 a.m., on the 200 block of Toyon Lane, a trailer tire was punctured. Damage: \$120.

~ 5 a.m. to 3 p.m., on the 1000 block of Taft Court, a political sign was damaged and graffiti was written on the sign and the security door. Damage: \$7 plus clean-up costs.

**Oct. 3**  
~ 1:43 a.m., Samuel Rueda-Jimenez, 21, of Winters was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol with a blood alcohol content of over .08%, being an unlicensed driver, failing to stop at a stop sign, driving at an unsafe speed, and exhibition of speed. Rueda-Jimenez was booked at the Winters Police Department and released to a sober adult on a notice to appear.

~ 9 a.m., a found watch was turned over to the police department.  
~ 9:22 a.m., on the 1000 block of Adams Lane, siblings were involved in a verbal altercation that turned physical.

**Oct. 4-5**  
~ 5 p.m. to 10 a.m., on the 200 block of Wil-drose Lane, a vehicle driver side window was broken with an unknown object. Damage: \$300.  
~ 7 p.m. to 10 a.m., on the 700 block of Aster Way, a vehicle driver side window and windshield were broken using an unknown object. Damage: \$400.

**Oct. 5**  
~ 12:44 a.m., Ronald William Johnson, 47, of Winters was arrested for child endangerment and inflicting injury upon a child. Johnson was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to Yolo County Jail for incarceration.

**Oct. 6**  
~ 2:53 a.m., Liala Diane Sashko, 38, of Sacramento was issued a notice to appear for driving with a suspended/revoked driver's license and driving at an unsafe speed.

# Weekly fire department report

**Sept. 29**  
~ Medical aid, 200 block of Baker Street; unknown medical problem.

**Sept. 30**  
~ Grass fire, County Road 89 and County Road 31.

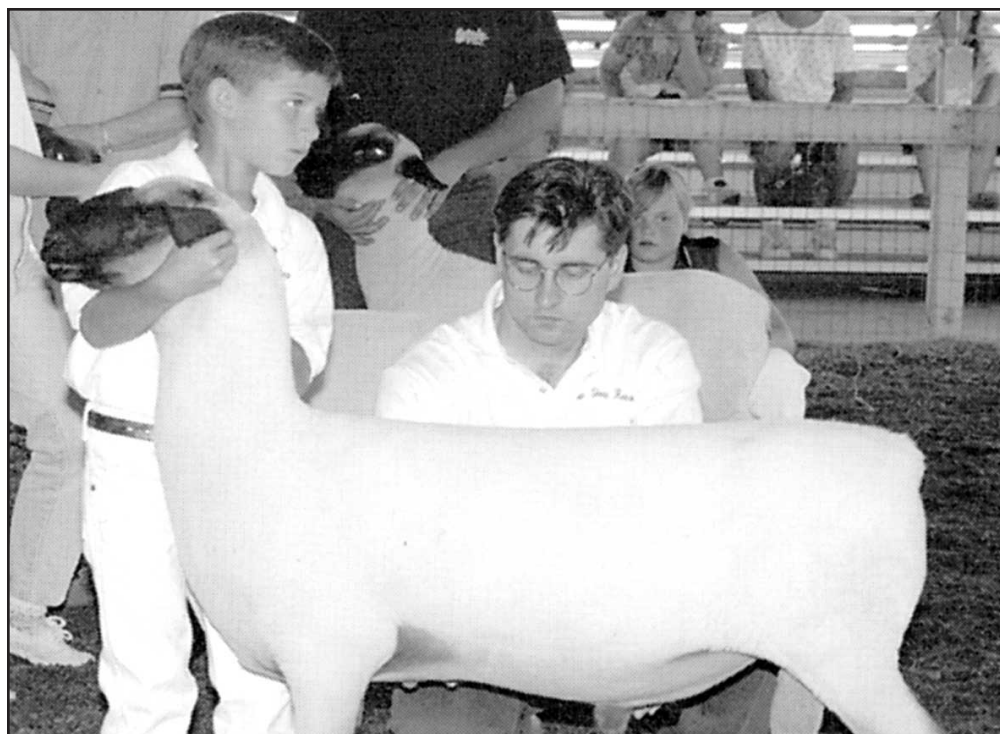
**Oct. 1**  
~ Grass fire, Interstate 505 and County Road 31.  
~ Public assistance, 400 block of Morgan Street; lift assistance needed.

**Oct. 3**  
~ Medical aid, 500 block of Abbey Street; nose bleed.  
~ Medical aid, 300 block of Main Street; female down.

**Oct. 4**  
~ Fire Alarm, 100 block of East Grant Avenue.

**Oct. 5**  
~ Vehicle accident, State Route 128 and The Horseshoe.  
~ Medical aid, 300 block of Anderson Avenue; diabetic problem.

# YESTERYEAR



In August, 1995, Brenden Benson (left) gets a hand from Paul Kuber while showing his lamb at the Yolo County Fair.

File photo

50  
YEARS AGO

October 23, 1958

A total of \$3,300,000 is in the budget of the state highway commission for completion of the 13.7 miles of two lane road from Putah Creek to a point 2.8 miles north of Madison, and building the first two lanes of the expressway from Putah Creek south to Allendale.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Conner, Jr., a son, on Sunday, October 19. The baby is named Thomas Franklin.

A total of \$718.50 has been collected as of Monday in the annual Winters District Community Chest drive, according to R.W. Jay, secretary.

Mrs. Newton Wallace will entertain Mrs. Chinda Singhanet of Chiang Mai, Thailand, at lunch today, while Dr. Singhanet speaks at the local Rotary Club. Guests will include Mesdames Elwin Martin, Al Storz, Frank Durk, Ian MacKenzie, Corbin Young, Carl Holmes, and the honored guest.

A.R. Gale, along with three sons, Robert, Gerald and Eugene, returned Monday from a five-day hunting trip to Alturas. They bagged one buck.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Butler, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Butler of Napa, spent the weekend at Lake Tahoe, taking in the Teresa Brewer show at Harrah's Club while they were there.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Mayer and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Mayer attended the christening of Julie Gay Mayer at Vandenberg Air Force Base on October 12. Nine weeks old Julie is the daughter of A/2c Delbert Mayer and his wife.

65  
YEARS AGO

October 22, 1943

Last rites were observed Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the Christian Church for R.L. Niemann, whose sudden death occurred Saturday morning at his home north of town.

Lester Mayhew of Dixon has been added to the local P.G. & E. force to fill the vacancy occasioned by the departure of Robert Haze.

Frank Martin recently purchased the 56-acre John Felix place and Emilio Martin has purchased the 30-odd acre ranch of John Felix, formerly owned by Emil Felix and contains the slaughterhouse buildings. Both places are on the Davis road about two miles out.

Miss Mary Elizabeth McCoey, prospective bride of Charles Graf, Jr., was honored Tuesday evening in pre-nuptial shower in the A.R. Gale home on Russell Street.

Sgt. Buel Sackett, in Coast Guard service, was a weekend guest with his mother, Mrs. H.E. Sackett.

Lt. Robert Gale is in the Far East and wrote that he was well and happy.

Mrs. S.H. Hoy reached her 81st milestone Monday, October 18, and was complimented with social, surprise greetings in the evening.

Rev. Ralph Isaacson, Sunday morning pulpit guest, and Mrs. Isaacson of Stockton, were dinner guests of Rev. and Mrs. Lee Sadler. Mrs. Isaacson is the former LaVerne Sacks, local resident some 20 years ago.

Miss Maralea Franke, student nurse in a bay city hospital, was a weekend visitor here at her parent's home.

100  
YEARS AGO

October 23, 1908

Mrs. S. Magill visited Mrs. R.L. Day a few days this week.

Miss Lillian Sweitzer was an arrival on last night's train.

Joe Wolfskill and daughter of Suisun are visiting this week with Aunt Peggy Wolfskill.

Monday morning about 10 o'clock, the Ed Baker dwelling burned.

Rev. and Mrs. H.C. Cul-ton are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Calvin Stone at Colton this week.

M. Nathan resigned his position Saturday with the H. Craner mercantile store, and is in the city this week.

The freight train was taken off Monday and as a consequence, the passenger train has the freighting of the line to do.

Union church services will be held in the Opera House Sunday evening at 7:30 with Rev. William Bobbitt of Vacaville giving the sermon.

Mrs. G. Wurth had a family reunion at her home Sunday. About 30 guests were present, including all but one of her 11 children. Mrs. H. Cook of Woodland was absent.

# Berryessa drops .38 of a foot

The level of Lake Berryessa dropped by .38 of a foot during the past week with a reduction in storage of 6,364 acre feet of water, according to Mickey Faulkner of the Solano Irrigation District.

He reported Tuesday morning that the lake was 414.68 feet above sea level, with storage computed at 1,145,358 acre feet of water.

The SID is diverting 235 second feet of water into the Putah South Canal and 28 second feet is flowing in Putah Creek at the Diversion Dam.

Evaporation on Lake Berryessa averaged 141 acre feet of water per day during the week.

115  
YEARS AGO

October 21, 1893

A street fair contributed to the amusement of a crowd gathered in front of the hotel Monday evening.

C.F. Wyer was in town Thursday. He says he is meeting with good success in gathering his Solano County exhibit for the Midwinter fair.

C. & A. Brinck shipped a lot of pomegranates, the last of the season, to Chicago on Tuesday. They have shipped all they raised East this season, realizing about \$1.25 a box for them.

J.W. Lamme is building an addition to his home and has added a porch on the south and west side.

Rev. H.C. Cul-ton returned from San Jose, where he had been attending the Presbytery and Synod, on Tuesday morning's train.

Leonard DeVilbiss left for San Francisco last Monday afternoon. The young gentleman, who has a great deal of histrionic ability, goes to the metropolis to take a position as an actor at Stockwell's Theatre. We wish him success. He will make his debut next Monday evening in the play of "Maine and Georgia."



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# SCORES

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significantly passed at a much higher rate from ‘07 to ‘08, so I think we can celebrate that,” said Simmons.

The AYP results look at the overall district, where things were not as rosy.

“This is the famous hockey stick,” said Simmons of the graph of AYP results, which feature a goal track that rises radically in 2007 after a few years of mild increase. This measure determines which schools will be considered needing “program improvement (PI).” Two of Winters’ schools (Waggoner and the middle school) have been in the negative PI category for a few years.

The actual results are shown on the same graph, and as in many other California schools, Winters’ results are well above the initial targets and roughly parallel the first part of the goal track, but the results are not sweeping upward to match the aggressive pace set for the next few years.

“That’s the benchmark,” said Simmons, “that says all our students will be 100 percent proficient in the year 2013.”

The graph showed the numbers for ELL and economically disadvantaged students were barely above the target track in past years, and are now below the newly raised goals, with ELL performance declining in the past year.

Simmons, in a response to a question from trustee Rodney Orosco, said numerous discussions are taking place at the school sites about how to improve the ELL numbers, including new programs and the “identifying students to move” approach that produced a remarkable API increase at the middle school.

“Everybody’s stepping up to the mark because we have to, because it’s not right for kids,” said Simmons of the focus on ELL students. “I’ve said and I’ll say it here, it is not acceptable for us to have our English learners not performing where they need to be, and no

one is happy about that.”

“I agree this is unacceptable,” said trustee Rob Nickelson. “Are these kids’ parents coming in and saying this is unacceptable? Because they are not at the school board telling us that. Is there a concern in the community that we as a district are failing these kids?”

“I would say so,” answered Simmons. “It’s a two edged sword. You hear from the people that are angry and the ones that have questions. You hear less from those that are more trusting of the teachers and the district.”

“We’re in the third year of program improvement,” said trustee Matt Brickey. “How can we go down when we are focusing on trying to make it go up?”

“We wrote a Title III improvement plan specific to the ELL students that was approved by the state; we make quarterly updates on the progress...”

“What were we doing last year, not doing anything?” asked Brickey.

“Last year we looked at the data, we held a series of focus groups with ELL parents, as well as site representatives and administrators. This plan is the implementation here.

“Last year we were trying to teach them. I’m just getting at this — it’s going on and on and on.

“Is this dip an anomaly?” said Simmons.” I sure hope so. If it happens a second year that will be a great concern.”

“My concern with this going down,” said Brickey, “that little mark there, there’s kids in there.”

Simmons pointed to the progress at the middle school in API scores, where the increase was 58 points, a huge increase.

“They targeted kids,” said Simmons. “It was a concerted effort. People are, ‘we can do this, we believe the kids can do this.’ That’s the kind of attitude I know Rominger has and I know Waggoner is developing.”

The next school board meeting will take place on Thursday, Oct. 16 at 6:30 p.m., in the Walnut Room at the district office, 909 W. Grant Ave.

# Winters horse wins championship

WR Luxor, a grey Arabian stallion owned by Janet J. Johnston of Winters, won the Western Pleasure Championship at the Diablo Arabian Horse Association’s Class A show held in Elk Grove on Sept. 28.

WR Luxor also won first place in two western pleasure classes which qualified him to compete in the championship class. He is now eligible to compete in the Arabian Horse Association’s Region 3 show, which will be held in Reno next year.

Johnston’s 5-year-old black Arabian filly, Keystone’s Fortune, also won first place in the Western Pleasure Junior Novice Class.

“I am truly amazed that both my horses did so well especially since this was the first time they’ve ever been shown and they were in competition against horses that have been competing all year.

“I am very proud and excited about Luxor’s accomplishment. It’s almost unheard of for a horse to earn, in one show, enough points to be qualified for the Regional Show,” said Johnston.

## Free health fair planned

A free health fair is planned at the Capay Valley Regional Farmers’ Market on Saturday, Oct. 11, 9 a.m. to noon at the Esparto Community Park in Esparto. Free health screenings and information will be offered, as well as a variety of activities and food.

The Capay Valley Regional Farmers’ Market takes place on the second Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to noon, April through December, at Esparto Community Park. Each market has a different theme, featuring entertainment, educational events, and vendor and community booths.

For more information, visit [www.capayvalleyfarmersmarket.com](http://www.capayvalleyfarmersmarket.com), email [info@capayvalleyfarmersmarket.com](mailto:info@capayvalleyfarmersmarket.com) or call 787-3319.



Courtesy phyoto

**WR Luxor, a grey Arabian stallion, ridden by Todd Hickerson and owned by Janet Johnston of Winters, won the Western Pleasure Championship on Sept. 28.**

Both horses are trained and shown by Todd Hickerson of Hickerson Arabians in Vacaville.

“Todd deserves a lot

of credit in light of the fact that he’s only had my two horses for less than two months. What an amazing accomplishment for both Todd and

my horses,” Johnston added.

For more information on WR Luxor, visit his website at [www.LuxorArabianStud.com](http://www.LuxorArabianStud.com).

## Disaster trainings offered

Are you looking for a new volunteer adventure? If so, enroll in two upcoming disaster volunteer trainings that will be held by the American Red Cross of Yolo County. Both classes are basic trainings to work on local and national disaster assignments.

The first volunteer training will be “Fulfilling Our Mission,” an introduction to American Red Cross and its disaster responsibilities. The class will take

place on Saturday, Oct. 11, 9 a.m. to noon.

The second volunteer class is “Client Casework.” This class will focus on learning how to work with clients who have been impacted by a disaster. The class takes place on Saturday, Oct. 25, 9 a.m. to noon.

Both trainings will be held at the Holy Rosary Pastoral Center, 530 California Street, in Woodland. To register, call the American Red Cross, 662-4669, or go online at [www.yc-arc.org](http://www.yc-arc.org).



# Opinion



**A**S SOME OF YOU KNOW, I don't only write for the Express. My deadline for the other newspapers is Thursday afternoon, and the vice presidential debate fell after my deadline. I noted this as "wildly unfortunate" in the other newspapers, and that the political scene is changing so rapidly that by the time I get a chance to comment, it's a week later, and "current news is a lot like fresh fish. After three days, it's garbage."

(I'm breaking new ground here — quoting snippets of my own column!)  
In my original column that ran in the other newspaopers, I predicted how the vice presidential debate would go. Let's see how I did: "Sarah Palin, who has been submerged in a preparatory political crash course by the McCain camp, will have her lines down when answering questions and will charm the sox off everyone listening."

Oh, *snap*, I totally nailed it.  
"However, should the topic veer into unfamiliar territory, Palin will babble some circular nonsense about Our Great Nation and Freedom and John McCain Fought For This Country and Russia Is My Next Door Neighbor and Mavericks. Oh, and World Peace. It's compulsory that all frothy, vapid responses uttered by befuddled beauty queens (even former ones) end in 'And I support World Peace.'"

Hmmm. I don't think Sarah Palin's all that interested in world peace. Far from it. Maybe that's why she was the runner-up for the Miss Alaska title. However, she did throw "maverick" in every time she could. It's become a new drinking game. Every time Palin or McCain says "maverick", everyone has to do a shot. Yikes. With "maverick" in every other sentence, there's going to be alot of killer hangovers going around.

I also noted that should Palin be tossed a really tough topic, "like what newspapers or magazines does she read, or naming one single Supreme Court decision other than Roe vs. Wade, she'll be stumped. Hope she has another folksy hockey mom one-liner up her sleeve."

Hockey mom's were so Last Week's Speech. Now Sarah's buttering up Joe Sixpack. She's also developed a highly irritating, cloying habit of winking while she talks, and has also revealed a strange speech impediment: she is apparently incapable of saying the "g" at the end of words. Also noted from last week's debate, she can't seem to say "nuclear" correctly. It comes out "noo-cue-ler." And we all know who else has that problem. And it's not all they have in common. The more Palin speaks, the more I'm convinced she's George W. Bush in a pretty package: uninformed, incurious, stubborn, defiant and taking on a job for which she is wildly unqualified.

My column went on as follows:  
"One thing for sure, Palin has made the Saturday Night Live writers' jobs easy, and has propelled look-alike Tina Fey into the comedy hall of fame. If you didn't catch Keith Olbermann's side by side airing of Palin answering Katie Couric's question on the economy with the spoof of Fey as Palin answering the same question to Amy Poehler's Couric, here's the long summary: Fey used Palin's actual answer nearly word for word. That's how utterly ridiculous Palin's nonsensical babbling was.

Guys, this is real life. It's not a comedy show. It's not cute and funny anymore. Our country is in dire straits on multiple levels. We cannot allow such a grotesquely unqualified individual to be one heartbeat from the presidency, particularly when the guy in the Number One spot is 72 and not exactly the picture of health. To propel Palin into this position would be gross irresponsibility on the part of voters.

But I digress. We aren't imagining the horrors of a Republican victory on Nov. 4, we're imagining the vice presidential debate."

As far as I'm concerned about Palin, "she can go about her peculiar blend of moose-dressin', book burnin', witch huntin' political evangelism all she wants — back up in Alaska where she belongs," and "It's not Palin, per se, that concerns me, it's Palin potentially being in charge of our country's catastrophic financial situation, strained foreign relations, the threatened environment, and pretty much anything more substantial than cheering at a hockey game that concerns me."

President Bill Clinton said recently that the next president will be preoccupied with our country's internal problems. The vice president must pick up the slack on the external problems, and competently deal with foreign leaders. As chair of the Foreign Relations Committee and with more than two decades of experience in Congress, Biden is outstandingly prepared for this task. The country will be in safe hands.

"Sarah Palin? She couldn't even handle that sweet fluffball Katie Couric, let alone a roomful of scary journalists. How will she ever be able to stand up to Vladimir Putin, Kim Jong-il and Mahmoud Ahmadinejad? I'll tell you what, ladies and gentlemen, I, for one, do not want to find out."

I totally agree with me.

**OUT OF OFFICE COUNTDOWN:** 18 weeks left.



## LETTERS

### We worked really hard

Dear Editor,  
Winters Middle School made record growth on last year's STAR Test. The state said we only needed to make 11 more points than the year before; well, we made 58!

As students, we give a lot of credit to our teachers. They got us ready for the test and gave us lots of practice. But they didn't just teach us how to take tests. Instead, they made things really exciting. We got interested in learning new things and trying our best. They worked really hard to make sure all of us were succeeding. It seems like we always saw them before school and after school. Do they live here?

Just before the STAR Test, the entire school came together to celebrate the growth we had made. This really encouraged us to do better. We saw our friends get medals and that made us want to work even harder.

We also came together to help kids that were struggling. The school started an After-School Intervention program and even though some us really didn't like going, we got the help we needed. It was no longer OK to turn in poor work. We had to do our best or face the consequences.

Everyone seemed to

know who we were and what we were up to. And when we messed up, *all* of our teachers and parents were called for a conference. Trust us, that wasn't fun.

In addition, we wrote so much last year that our hands practically fell off. Writing happened in every single class, every single week. We had to explain our ideas over and over again. It was a lot of work.

Finally, we spent a lot of time looking at our report cards and trying to figure out what we needed to do better on. We had Good Work Days throughout the year and in order to go, we had to meet some really high standards.

But perhaps the most important thing we did was believe we could do it. For so long, lots of people said that WMS was a failing school just because of our test scores. Well, we wanted to prove everyone wrong.

We have a new goal this year: raise our Academic Performance Index score to 800. Test scores aren't everything, but they definitely count. So, thanks to everyone in Winters for helping us — we really appreciate the support. And come by and visit to see what we're up to.

**WINTERS MIDDLE SCHOOL LEADERSHIP CLASS**

### How about this bailout idea

Dear Editor,  
Here is an idea that would help solve the housing, foreclosure, credit and bad loan problem in one fell swoop:

Instead of bailing out the institutions and CEOs that got us into this mess in the first place, use the \$77,000,000,000 to buy out all of the foreclosed homes from the last three years at rock bottom prices, reinstate the owners if they can afford renegotiated payments, and set up a 30, 40, or 50 year payment schedule at a fixed, reasonable percentage rate.

That would put people back in their homes with payments that they can afford, it would take the "bad loans" off the lenders' books, they would have cash to lend

others for loans, and cities and counties would enjoy increased tax revenues from the re-occupied homes and the Federal Government would have a steady source of income with which to pay down the deficit caused by the buyout, and might even make some money in the process!

It seems like politicians always look from the top down, and address the people at the top and their problems, rather than the people who are farther away at the bottom of the heap, which is us!

I would like to know if your readers think this makes any sense at all.

**GARY PITEK**

*(Editor's note: If the readers respond, we'll find out!)*

### Need to check those facts first

Dear Editor,  
I was surprised to read Sabra Bruning's letter last week claiming that Bill Clinton established Fannie Mae (FNMA) and Freddie Mac (FHLMA). In fact, according to their websites, they were established in 1938 and 1970. (Wow — Clinton's older that I thought!) Reading this, I decided to check her other facts.

According to the site

she referenced, The Center for Responsive Politics (opensecrets.org), Obama received \$105,000 and McCain \$21,500. However this money came from individual employees and members, not the company — only \$2,000 was from a PAC. Everything else came from individuals associated with FNMA

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**W**HERE'S THE OUTRAGE? No, I'm not talking about candidates that throw mud instead of addressing our problems, but I was expecting at least a couple of pickets when they ripped out the fruitless mulberries on Railroad Avenue. When they took out the exact same trees on Hemenway there were signs, pickets, letters to the editor and attendance at public meetings.

What I'm upset about is that the powers that be aren't taking out the trees on the west side of Railroad. Maybe if we had mulberries, but we have privets, which have to be the worst trees in the world. They are evergreen, which doesn't help with heat in the winter months, and they have purple berries that everyone tracks in and stains your carpet.

My solution to the privet problems has been to heavily prune, and I mean down to the stumps pruning. You only have to whomp on them every other year, and they still produce a few berries. Besides the strange looks I get while trimming the shrubs and the strange looking stumps that are left, they don't supply a lot of shade after they are properly trimmed. No matter how much you cut off, they do come back.

I've put my request in to City Hall for new trees, whatever they are putting in across the street and on the corners on our side of the street is fine with me. I don't think it is too much to ask. The trees that were removed were marked with an orange X. When I was asking the construction crew about taking out my trees they told me that mine weren't scheduled for removal. The next day there were oranges Xs on my two trees, but too late for real action, the trees across the street were already gone.

The size of the street project caught me a little off guard. I knew that they would be taking out the sidewalks and intersections, but the size of the project is mind boggling. We've survived one week, with seven to go.

There aren't many merchants who have become rich on Main Street or Railroad Avenue in Winters. Some have pretty good lives, raise their families and retire to a modest living. Some never make it to that point, either closing, moving, or selling their dream of running their own businesses. Some of us have seen the streets torn up before, but for new merchants it is just scary.

I was watching one of the giant Tonka toys ripping up blacktop and enjoying a cup of coffee when I realized what a good time I was having. With the slow economy there isn't that much to do at the office, and to tell you the truth, it is a little scary sitting there when someone you don't know comes in. You don't know if they are there to put in an ad, renew their subscription or ask if Debra is in. I think we only have 27 days left before the election, and it can't come soon enough.

If you want to support your downtown merchants, come on down and walk around the construction zone, buy an ice cream cone or two, have a bite to eat or a cup of coffee and watch the equipment. There are worse ways to spend a day.

**W**HERE ARE THE SEATBELTS? I've been championing seatbelts in school buses for years, and I believe that new buses now have seatbelts. Twenty years ago when I had children riding school busses, it was a major concern of mine. It is hard to wave goodbye to your children knowing that they are sitting, unrestrained, on a bus that isn't the newest in town. Winters was lucky with only one mishap that I can remember, that resulted in bruises and a broken arm.

Last weekend, those on a gaming bus near Williams weren't so lucky. Of the 43 people on the bus, 10 are dead and most of the rest were injured. Those deaths and injuries might have been prevented if they were wearing seatbelts. They might have been prevented if the owner of the company hadn't hired his deadbeat stepson to drive his bus. According to the police, the owner died trying to regain control of the bus after the driver fell asleep.

In Winters, you can't go 10 feet without a police officer pulling you over if you aren't wearing your seatbelt, and rightly so, I might add. If the government is so sure seatbelts save lives, where are the seatbelts in buses. I guess the legislators would rather spend their time trying to figure out how to get re-elected or raise thousands, if not millions, from special interest groups opposed to anything that impacts their industries.

Have a good week.

### Policy for Letters to the Editor

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

Letters may be mailed or hand-delivered to The Winters Express, 312 Railroad Avenue, Winters, CA 95694, or emailed to [news@wintersexpress.com](mailto:news@wintersexpress.com). Letters should not exceed 500 words. Do not use

all capital letters.

We reserve the right to edit or reject any letter.

Letters must be legibly signed by the writer, or if emailed, must indicate the writer's name. We may withhold writers' names from publication upon request if there is a legitimate reason.



# CORNER

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Cas Elena, the city's redevelopment and economic development coordinator, says that despite the temporary inconvenience, the changes downtown are intended to ultimately benefit the local business community by attracting more customers and enhancing residents' sense of pride for their downtown area.

"The downtown is already a wonderful, unique soul of the community," says Elena. "The improvement project will just enhance that sense of place in the downtown."

She adds that updating Winters' downtown gives the city a better chance of attracting new customers and new business.

"In this market, struggling for tax dollars, we're competing with other communities," she says, noting that with ever-tightening budgets, people are more choosy about where they spend their money. "It gives us an advantage for attracting people to Winters to spend their dollars. It gives us a competitive advantage."

Maxistone's project engineer, Asa Utterback, explained that after removing the asphalt from the intersection and adjoining street sections, his crews are now working on the underground utility construction, including storm drains, and water and electrical systems.

During the construction, bus stops have been temporarily relocated. YoloBus bus stops on East Main Street in front of Rotary

Park and the reverse route stop on the north side east of Elliot Street have been temporarily relocated onto Elliot Street just north of East Main Street, and will be marked with temporary signs on barricades.

The project is expected to be completed by mid-December. When finished, Railroad Avenue will be wider and will feature diagonal parking, and all four corners of Railroad and Main will feature bulb-outs and brick work, in the hopes of creating a more pleasing intersection to the downtown.

In the meantime, visitors and customers headed for the downtown will have to navigate the temporary chain link barricades, but walkways have been created at all four ends of the construction, as well as a pass-through between the city parking lot and the sidewalk next to Putah Creek café.

Last Friday evening, city staff took turns driving the city's new six-person electrical car to give free rides to anyone who didn't want to walk through the construction. However, staff said most people didn't feel the need for the rides, and just walked down the sidewalks themselves. The area was well-lit with string lighting and two generator-powered light towers.

Although the intersection is closed to traffic with detours mapped out, the sidewalks are all open and unimpeded, and anyone can easily frequent any of the downtown businesses on foot. In addition, there is still ample parking on side streets and in city parking lots. Despite these efforts to make the construction

process easier, however, local business owners have already noticed an impact since the project began.

John Pickerel, who along with his wife Melanie owns two of the corner businesses, The Buckhorn and Putah Creek Café, as well as several other buildings, says he saw a drop-off in business over the weekend after construction began. However, he notes that economic conditions nationwide also worsened over the last couple weeks, which impacts even local businesses as customers budgets in turn tighten.

Compared to this time last year, Pickerel says The Buckhorn's business was 30 percent less and the café's business dropped by 15 percent. Was it the economy or construction? Pickerel says, "There's no way to know. If it's two reasons, we won't know until one of them goes away."

He notes the hard work that has gone into upgrading and expanding the café over the last year, only to be faced with a weak economy and high gas prices to make attracting customers more difficult.

"Just when we thought nothing else bad could happen, this happened," says Pickerel, who says his businesses have already endured tough economic times and yet he has "worked hard to fight back by adding value, upgrading spaces, improving training and staffing, and putting billboards on I-5."

"We've taken steps to offset high gas prices and bad economic impact, which has been significant. People are very careful with their money."

Pickerel says it's cru-



Photo by Debra Lo Guercio

**This is how one corner at Railroad and Main looked before construction began.**

cial for the downtown businesses to keep customers coming in during the construction project and through the faltering economy. He describes this in one word: "Critical."

"You can only cut expenses so much. You have to have sales."

Although the construction project began in difficult times, Pickerel says that ultimately it will ultimately be a big improvement to the downtown area.

"The city has recognized the intersection as an opportunity to say to out-of-towners, 'You have arrived at the center, you are here.' A sense of arrival is very important, and it should be compelling enough that people will pull over and get out and look around. That's the whole point of this."

He adds that the improved intersection will make a statement about the significance and value of the downtown area.

"It is a signal to the customers and visitors of how seriously we take ourselves — of how important our town center is. People intrinsically need a town center. They look for it. (The project) underscores our center. It's a starting point for people to radiate out into

the experience of Winters."

In addition to being an anchor business on two of the four main downtown corners, Pickerel is also a former Chamber of Commerce president, and has been a volunteer consultant to the City of Winters for the last three years, helping staff to identify businesses that will accent the downtown area and business community. He has been promoting the idea of "destination retail" to attract both customers and new businesses, and cites VeloCity as a successful example.

"The fabric of the downtown is the tenants," says Pickerel. "We take our role as an anchor tenant very seriously. A lot of the way the downtown looks and feels depends on what businesses are on those corners. A quality anchor tenant inspires other businesses to locate there."

Which brings the topic back to the importance of supporting the existing downtown businesses throughout the various challenges they are facing.

"Everybody's stronger together," says Pickerel. "If we're going to have a strong downtown

that competes with future freeway development, the success of the anchor tenants — and we are just one — is critical to determining the personality of the downtown in a way that differentiates it; so that it is compelling."

And he adds, if local businesses aren't supported they'll start to close. He says rumors are already flying of as many as four downtown businesses fearing closure. He says Winters residents should consider the seriousness of that scenario.

"What kind of downtown do they want? Do they want to start over?"

In an effort to keep Winters residents and visitors up to date on the construction, as well as to remind local residents to keep shopping downtown, the City of Winters is filming weekly construction updates and interviews, which can be viewed on the city's website and will air on the local access cable TV channel. City staff are also working on a "Shop Winters and Win" project to reward customers for shopping in town.

Anyone with questions or concerns about the project can call Cas Ellena, 795-4910, extension 105.



# Community

## Plein air event planned

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](mailto:info@briggsandco.com) or call 795-9505.

## Chamber board will have openings

There are four board of directors seats that will open up in 2009. 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.

The Winters Chamber of Commerce meets on the second Friday of each month at 7 a.m. in the Community Center. All members of the board of directors are expected to attend this meeting, as well as volunteer to help at the Chamber's various events.

For more information about applying for a seat call 795-2329.



BETTY and LOU INVERNON — THEN



BETTY and LOU INVERNON — NOW

## Celebrating 50 years together

Betty and Lou Invernon of Paradise will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, Oct. 11. The celebration will take place at the Paradise Ridge Senior Center, with attendees coming as far away as the East Coast.

The Invernon's also celebrated their anniversary by taking a cruise to Alaska with their friends, Marge and Bob Samaniego.

Mr. and Mrs. Invernon met in Winters while attending school. They were married in Reno on Oct. 11, 1958.

Mr. Invernon is a musician and music instructor. He taught music in the Sacramento public schools for 22 years, and currently teaches part-time at Butte College and Paradise Middle School.

Mrs. Invernon is a homemaker, and also worked in the Sacramento School District.

The couple have a daughter, Debbie, and a son, the late Russell. They have three grandchildren and are expecting their eighth great-grandchild.

## Register to vote by Oct. 20

The last day to register to vote for the Nov. 4 Presidential General Election is Monday, Oct. 20. To qualify to register to vote in Yolo County, a voter must be 18 years of age on election day; be a resident of the County of Yolo for at least 15 days before the election; be a citizen of the United States and submit a properly completed

Affidavit of Registration to the County Clerk-Elections Department by no later than Oct. 20.

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

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## Winters Democrats reach out across country to Ohio

By CYNTHIA RODRIGUEZ  
Special to the Express

The Western Yolo Democratic Club, also known as the Winters Dems, decided that the best foot that they wanted to put forward was personal communication to rural voters. So, the small but persistent group set out to communicate directly with rural voters by sending letters to a rural community in Ohio expressing their concerns in the current election.

Through an email process of editing, the club, with about 20 core members, wrote a collective one page letter, each adding some of their most salient points about Senator Barack Obama's voting record on rural and agricultural issues, and then met on Sept. 22 to polish up the letter and send it on its way.

At the Sept. 22 session, they had 23 letter writers do one final edit to produce the final draft. Then the club members, who had each brought a pen, envelopes and stamps, set about at makeshift tables adding personal messages and inviting responses from the almost 700 members of the rural Ohio towns they had obtained addresses for through the internet.

The potluck meeting, as most club meetings are, saw great cheer amongst the club members who were inspired by the opportunity to make a connection with fellow rural voters directly. Almost 700 letters were sent to Ohio, and the club is hoping to make a difference in the world through the personal touch.

The Winters Dems had a very successful spaghetti dinner/candi-

dates night in August with more than 10 speakers, including the state Democratic Party Chairman Art Torres, many local candidates including Lois Wolk and Mariko Yamada, and a crowd of about 150 people at The Palms in Winters. They are planning to canvas all of Winters on Oct. 11 by walking door to door with Democratic literature.

Anyone wishing to join in the event can meet at Jack and Marge Graf's home at 316 Russell Street at 8 a.m. on Saturday Oct. 11.

The group will also be showing a movie and serving free treats on Oct. 13 at the Winters Library, when it hopes to choose another date for a second letter writing campaign, in light of the success of the first campaign.

## Household Hazardous Waste collection offered for seniors

Senior or disabled residents who cannot drive and who have household hazardous waste in need of recycling or disposal can schedule a free pickup of their waste by contacting Yolo County Household Hazardous Waste, (866) 714-8470. While there is no fee for this service, residents must provide evidence of a disability prevent-

ing participation in the regularly scheduled Household Hazardous Waste drop-off days by way of a doctor's note or handicap placard, or by providing a copy of a valid identification card demonstrating that they are of age 65 or older. For qualifying residents, this program is open to all households in Yolo County.

Hazardous waste has

one or more of the following properties:

~ Toxic (poisonous when ingested, inhaled or touched)

~ Flammable (easy to ignite)

~ Corrosive (eats away material or human tissue by chemical action)

~ Reactive (creates an explosion or produces

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# Annual Walk planned to defeat ALS

The 8th Annual Walk to Defeat ALS will be held on Saturday, Oct. 25. Registration is at 10 a.m. and the walk begins at 11 a.m. at William Land Park in Sacramento. The event is sponsored by the ALS Association, Greater Sacramento Chapter which provides services and resources to ALS patients and their families in 24 northern California counties, including Yolo.

What is the Walk to Defeat ALSTM?

The Walk to Defeat ALSTM is the ALS Association's national signature event. Each year, over 100,000 people including ALS patients, families, friends and corporate leaders join together to raise funds in support of The Association's cutting-edge research and community-based patient services programs. Now in its ninth year, approximately 150 Walks will be held around the country.

The ALS Association Greater Sacramento Chapter's Walk raised \$150,000, proving to be the most successful Walk season to date. This year their goal is to raise \$200,000 for continued programs and services on a local and national level.

### About ALS

Every 90 minutes a person in this country is diagnosed with ALS and every 90 minutes another person will lose his or her life from the disease. The Walk to Defeat ALSTM offers an exciting, empowering opportunity for patients, family members, friends, companies and organizations across the country to raise significant funds to support comprehensive patient service programs and cutting-edge research.

Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) most commonly known as "Lou Gehrig's Disease" is a progressive, neuro-

muscular disease that attacks the nerve cells and pathways in the brain and spinal cord. It affects more than 5,000 Americans every year. Its cause and cure are as yet unknown.

Some facts:

~ The life expectancy of an ALS patient averages two to five years from the time of diagnosis.

~ Every 90 minutes someone in this country is diagnosed with ALS, and every 90 minutes another person will lose their battle against this disease.

~ ALS can strike anyone. Presently there is no known cause of the disease. Someone you know or love may die from ALS unless a cure is found.

~ Caring for a loved one with ALS costs on average of \$200,000 each year.

The mission of the ALS Association, Greater Sacramento Chapter is to lead the fight for a cure and treat

ALS through global cutting-edge research, and to empower people with Lou Gehrig's disease and their families to live fuller lives by providing them with compassionate care and support.

Everyone can help in the fight against ALS by attending this event or making a tax deductible donation. All proceeds from the event will go to the ALS Association, Greater Sacramento Chapter in order to continue critical programs such as the monthly support group meetings, respite care program, in-home care reimbursement program, equipment loan closet, and more.

To register a team for the walk, make donation or for additional information, visit the Chapter web site at [www.alssac.org](http://www.alssac.org) or call the ALS Chapter Office, (916) 979-9265.

## Grief support offered

Yolo Compassionate Friends is a non-profit, nondenominational support group for families whose children have died.

The group meets the third Wednesday of each month at Yolo Hospice, 1909 Galileo Place, in Davis.

This month's meeting will be on Oct. 15 from 7-8:30 p.m. The topic will be "Memorials to Our Children," led by Tom Frankel.

For information call Pam Mainini at 759-78965 or Barbara Frankel at 753-5471.

## Woodland Healthcare offers flu shot clinics

Woodland Healthcare is offering adult and pediatric flu clinics beginning in late October. The cost is \$25 (fee paid at time of service if not covered by insurance). It is recommended that those receiving a flu shot wear a short sleeved shirt.

According to Woodland Healthcare, the following people are considered high risk and should contact their physician to receive a flu shot as soon as possible: all children aged six months to 18 years old; adults over the age of 65; people aged two to 64 years old with underlying chronic medical conditions, such as asthma, diabetes, heart disease, chronic lung disease, hepatitis, HIV/Aids or are undergoing active chemotherapy; all women who will be pregnant during flu season; out-of-home caregivers and household contacts of children less than six months old.

The Adult Flu Shot Clinics will be held at the following locations

and times. No appointment is needed. Call 668-2600 for more information.

~ Woodland Medical Office, 632 W. Gibson Road, Woodland, Classrooms 1 and 2; Oct. 29 and 30, 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Nov. 3 and 14, 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Nov. 5 and 7, 2-7 p.m.; Nov. 15, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

~ Davis Clinic, 2330 W. Covell Boulevard, Davis; Oct 21 and 23, 5-8 p.m.; Oct. 23, 5-8 p.m.; Oct. 25, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Oct. 26: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Pediatric Flu Shot Clinics will be held at the Woodland Medical Office, at station 1 in the pediatrics department, 632 West Gibson Road, Woodland. Call 668-2613 for an appointment or more information.

Flu shots are available by appointment on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, Oct. 27 through Dec. 19 (except Oct. 31 and Nov. 28), 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For more information, visit [www.woodlandhealthcare.org](http://www.woodlandhealthcare.org).

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deadly vapors)

Types of material that can be collected include: batteries, cleaning supplies, lighter fluid, antifreeze, aerosol cans containing hazardous waste, garden pesticides and herbicides, latex or oil-based paints, solvents, poisons, fluorescent bulbs or tubes, electrical switches/relays, pilot light sensors, mercury thermostats, used motor oil and used oil filters. Electronic devices weighing less than 40 pounds, such as VCRs, cell phones, telephones, printers, radios, computers, monitors and TVs, will also be accepted.

Appointments are required for the Senior/Disabled Resident Household Hazardous Waste program. Due to budgetary constraints, collection is limited to 10 households per collection date. Residents are asked to exercise good

judgment in scheduling an appointment based upon the amount of waste to be disposed.

The Senior/Disabled Resident Household Hazardous Waste program is a product of the Yolo County Planning and Public Works Integrated Waste Management Division (IWM). IWM manages the Yolo County Central Landfill, the Esparto Convenience Center, and various recycling programs throughout the county. IWM offers free recycling opportunities for electronic waste, cardboard, plastics #1-7, agricultural and rigid plastics, used motor oil and filters, and mixed paper and glass at the landfill seven days a week.

For more information on IWM programs and regularly schedule Household Hazardous Waste drop-off days visit [www.yolocounty.org/Index.aspx?page=1359](http://www.yolocounty.org/Index.aspx?page=1359).

To schedule a Senior/Disabled Resident Household Hazardous Waste pickup, call (866) 714-8470.

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The City of Winters branding survey is due by Friday. Did you get one? Please fill it out and send it in!

## Wildlife presentations planned at plant sale

The Solano Resource Conservation District will hold its annual Fall Plant Sale on Saturday, Oct. 18, from 8 a.m. to noon at the RCD's Conservation Education Center, 6390 Lewis Road outside of Vacaville. The event features more than 100 varieties of regionally appropriate plants and trees, including California natives and drought tolerant species. Much of the stock for sale can be viewed in the RCD's Watershed Friendly Demonstration Garden, which is also located on the Education Center site.

Volunteers from UC Cooperative Extension's Master Gardener Program will be available to answer

questions and provide cultivation advice. Naturalists from the Susiun Marsh Natural History Museum will make a half-hour presentation from 10-10:30 a.m. featuring live animals: birds of prey, a mammal, and a reptile, all CA native species.

Rounding out the wildlife conservation offerings of this event, Frances Zitano of Flying Mammal Rescue of California will host an educational display about bats and bat conservation with live bats RCD staff will be available to discuss conservation planning and practices on your land, including the SRCD Flood Control Small Grant Program and related project opportunities,

RCD staff can also provide plant selection advice and offer management ideas for specific conservation concerns.

The RCD grows plants primarily for restoration projects and wildlife enhancement in Solano County. Twice a year the district opens the nursery to the general public at its Spring and Fall plant sales, but plants are often available throughout the year, depending on project needs and stock availability.

For directions to the Conservation Education Center or more information about plant availability, contact Judy Powell by email at [Judy.Powell@ca.nacdn.net](mailto:Judy.Powell@ca.nacdn.net), or call (707) 678-1655, extension 101.

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Accardi Vineyards, and Nichelini. And no one will go hungry, particularly those who love barbecue. The Buckhorn will offer char roast sandwiches, Briggs & Co will have their barbecue fired up, Superior Farms will offer barbecued lamb, and John and Karen Neil will return with their famous barbecued oysters, as well as something new for them, shaved ice.

Adding to the evening's enjoyment will be a live performance by Winters vocalist Varena King, who wowed audiences with her jazzy flair at the 2007 Note of Elegance and Earthquake Street Festival. King, who sang on the TV Series "Ally McBeal," will appear with a collection of her friends, who

will surely include some of Winters' most noteworthy musicians. She and her friends will perform at 6 p.m.

If you have a scarecrow but didn't get it up in time for the annual Chamber of Commerce Scarecrow Contest, not to worry. Just bring your scarecrow right to the festival. There will be a scarecrow contest with People's Choice judging, and prizes for the winner.

Artwork will be a major feature of this year's Winters Harvest Festival, as Briggs & Co. sponsors another plein aire "Paint Out" event. Artists are invited to gather all around town and paint the local scenery on the spot. 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.

To participate in the plein air Paint Out, contact Shaunie Briggs or Jenny Montgomery, [info@briggsandco.com](mailto:info@briggsandco.com) or call 795-9505.

Although construction is going on downtown, it will not interfere with the festival. Plenty of parking is available in the Community Center parking lot and on nearby streets. Walkers and bike riders are always welcome. Local businesses will be open.

For general information about the Winters Harvest Festival call the Winters Chamber of Commerce, 795-2329; Cas Ellena or Dan Maguire at City Hall, 795-4910; or Debra Lo Guercio, 795-4551.



# LETTERS

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and FHLMA. She failed to mention this crucial fact and made her letter sound like the companies contributed to Obama. Misleading? I guess Obama is a great fundraiser.

Also, on the same web site that she referenced, I found another interesting statistic: individuals associated with six of the recently troubled financial institutions have donated in excess of \$1 million to each campaign. Their PAC's made no contributions. I agree that the donation system is flawed and could use work, but pointing fingers gets nowhere.

As a nation, we need to pay attention and take the time to verify what we read and hear; not just accept the stories. As Sabra Bruning said, I'd love vote for Obama too but I can't: I'm not old enough. Yet.

**DALE STEPHENS**

## Be cool, calm

Dear Editor,

I'm writing to you from your sister city: Reno, Nevada. The idea that was given to me by participants in Street Vibrations was that the citizens of America should invest in gold and silver and start out all over again on the barter system.

We are simple folks out here, but when a pro-growth government entity allows uncontrolled growth, then projects building things that nobody needs, and then cutting services to help pay for them... then I'm baffled.

Now, I'm writing this an hour before the two candidates running for president are about to

tell us all how it should be done, but the citizens of freedom on their Harleys might have a point. If government had not gotten involved in 1929 we never would have had a Depression.

By taking a deep breath and not panicking, things will work out.

A Wall Street economist once said (he wasn't one of the those who believed in embezzlement for a living) that \$13 trillion a year make up the United States economy. Seven hundred billion dollars — surely its “shock and awe” for the simple folks in Reno — is merely a bubble on the back of evolution. I know you can understand that in Winters because you have kept growth out of your sphere of influence. Please keep it up, for your own sake.

What do we have left to think about?

Values? Absolutely.

Are you a young creationist who believes that “All that exists began 6,000 years ago”? That's your right, but I find it hard to talk about human existence, science and spiritual beliefs with you in a coherent manner. Perhaps you are a creationist who believes the universe came to being when scientists say it did but “the essence of being human” was 6,000 years ago. I can enjoy a beer with you over that.

The folks here in Reno participating in Street Vibrations get annoyed when helmets are required by a government entity.

Most would wear them anyway without this intrusion and continue with the lifestyle of freedom. Many are educated medical people and business folks who retired early after making a comfortable amount of

money. I have yet to bump into a newspaper publisher, but maybe that will happen next year.

Folks, it's time for the debates.

Be cool, be calm and be filled with love for you neighbor.

**PAUL MATTSON**  
P.S. Keep Winters the same!

## He kept us safe

Dear Editor,

She may “say so” but what does she know?

I happen to know, as it is public record, that President Bush is the only American president to have an MBA. He is no dummy.

Liberals just love to mock him, the late-night pundits can crack all the jokes they want, others can laugh and howl and tear him to pieces, but I think it is so unfair.

Right after 9/11, this country was on needles and pins of the worst sort. We knew our enemies were madmen. We expected strike after strike after strike. We have watched for decades as they blew themselves and others up all over every nook and cranny of Israel (and how about Biden “get used to it” if they aim a nuke at his house?)

We have watched them attacking countries all over this planet. Clearly, madmen to any thinking individual. Shame, shame, shame on you Americans who have treated the office of the presidency with such enormous disrespect. President Bush has been more maligned, and wrongfully so, than any other president in recent history.

His Number One job was to keep America safe. We never thought we would go two years

without an attack. Highly unlikely we would go three to five. Well, he and his policies alone, along with our brave young men and women, are to be credited with you being safe in your beds each and every night. Have you thanked him? Did you support him all these long years? Did you hang tough in a difficult war? Or is all you can do is to tear him apart??

Talk is cheap. *He* kept us safe.

Now, the bedevilment continues as he alone is blamed for this mess in Washington. Look, people, the government is broken down into three divisions, each with their own jobs and limitations. The presidency is in the executive branch. There are the legislative and judicial branches, each functioning in their own particular or peculiar ways (old poli/sci major here). The president can only do so much. To point a finger at President Bush alone for the financial woes is borderline ridiculous. So many dishonest people are involved, including those at the bottom who knew they couldn't afford the home they were buying.

Many, many, including the top three moneybags are Democrats, and the main CEOs are all Obama friends and appointees. Republicans don't get off the hook entirely, but Congress has a lot to do with this as well, and must I remind you it is a Democratic Congress.

As I listened to President Bush address the nation tonight, it strikes me as so odd and again, so disrespectful to not give credit where credit is surely due... this is no stupid man. An MBA, he sounds extremely intel-

ligent to me and I encourage you to rethink your ideas.

If you think Obama is so intelligent then why can't he have come up with more than “Present” all those years he sat in the Senate? Give me a break, folks.

No... I don't care what

## PRISON

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Save Rural Yolo County has retained the services of Barth Tozer & Timm LLP, a Sacramento-based law firm, to advise the group about potential grounds for a legal challenge to the board's site recommendation.

Save Rural Yolo County contends that the prison re-entry facility belongs in an urban area, as is the intent of AB 900.

The group claims that the Yolo County Board of Supervisors failed to assess the environmental impact that the pro-

she says... President Bush is a smart man. I feel so badly for how despicable he has been treated. Did a bomb go off in your town today? Well, you know who you ought to thank? President Bush.

**SK BRUNING**

posed facility would have on the Madison site. Building a prison in a rural area would increase traffic congestion and air pollution. Save Rural Yolo County also notes the proposed site in Madison—currently planted to alfalfa—is prone to flooding.

The Corrections Standards Authority will meet in Sacramento on Nov. 13 to make its decision. The members of Save Rural Yolo County urge people to attend the meeting and voice their opposition to the prison in Madison.

For more information, visit [www.saveruralyolocounty.com](http://www.saveruralyolocounty.com).



# Schools

## JAMIE ANDERSEN WHAT'S UP AT WHS?



**LAST YEAR** we heard a lot about the “Senior Project,” when the idea of schedule reconstruction was brought up in our district. The Senior Project has been given a rather negative view in our community, and many people think that it is something that needs to be cut from Winters High. It is seen as a free period that gives seniors more time to slack off, and who knows, maybe it contributes to senioritis? However, I believe that many of these people who criticize the senior project haven’t truly seen the potential value that this class has. If you look at the basis of what the Senior Project really is, I think that there’s no denying that the Senior Project is a valuable aspect of our WHS curriculum.

Senior Project is based on the idea of self-guided curriculum. Basically, each senior gets to choose something that they want to spend the year learning about, and they have to figure out how to go and learn it. The process is broken down into bits and pieces that eventually builds up to a presentation in front of a panel at the end of the year.

When I first heard about the Senior Project, I wasn’t very excited. The way I had heard about it from other seniors made it sound like a giant project that was going to take all year, with endless amounts of paperwork, and a very nerve-wracking speech at the end of the year with the potential to make or break your high school career. With this kind of talk flying around, you can imagine how much I was looking forward to my first Senior Project class. However, all it took to change my mind about the Senior Project process was just a change in the way the Senior Project was described. Sure it’s a big project, and it is a graduation requirement, but you are basically given the opportunity to learn whatever you want, and all you have to do at the end of the year is show that you learned something. When you look at it that way, it doesn’t look like a waste of time; it’s a class that makes WHS.

There are also a lot of people who attack the choices that students make for projects. The classic Senior Project to attack is cake decorating. I could see this going one of two ways. If you did it the lame way, you might make a few cakes and take pictures of them. However, it would be a pretty cool project if you took a class, bought the right tools, and started a catering business with the skills you learned. Those skills could get you a job at a bakery during college, and you might be so inspired that you decide to become a pastry chef!

For my Senior Project, I am coaching a DI team. This isn’t life-changing, but I think that I’m going to learn a lot of life skills by working with a group of 6th grade boys for six months. Some of the other projects I’ve heard of this year include a golf club, quilting, becoming a lifeguard instructor, and event planning. All of these projects involve life skills that will help these students further on in life. I could see that if you really don’t care about your Senior Project, you could scrape by with something pretty lame, but you can also use that opportunity to do something pretty great. With the Senior Project, it’s all what you make of it.

What’s Coming up...

- ~ Oct. 9, Volleyball at Home vs. Sutter
- ~ Oct. 10, Homecoming Football game vs. Las Plumas

## Exchange student explores Winters

By **MOLLY DAVIS**  
Staff writer

It takes a brave and relatively easy-going type of person to go and live in another country for a year, experiencing new curiosities. So who better to take on the task than a young mind?

Aleksander Jankovic, a 16-year-old from southwest Germany, is a foreign exchange student at Winters High School, living with the Olivas family.

Jankovic arrived in August and will be here through the school year. He decided to come abroad for a lengthy stay after visiting relatives in Michigan last summer.

Although he misses his family and friends, he enjoys America and its quirks, like fast food and grid-like housing tracts.

When comparing the attitudes and personalities of people in his native Germany to the Americans he’s met, he observes that “people are more open and friendly” here. Coming from his hometown of Stuttgart, with a population of more than 600,000 citizens, the small town atmosphere of Winters makes it easy to see the friendliness.

Jankovic is polite and



Photo by Molly Davis

**Aleksander Jankovic, a foreign exchange student from Stuttgart, Germany, stands proudly in front of Winters High, which he’ll attend for the 2008-2009 school year.**

friendly himself, qualities that have helped him make friends quickly. He admits that he is constantly laughing and having fun, and enjoys Winters High.

He also notes that the school systems are different between countries. “Germany,” he says, “has bigger buildings and the system is different. In Germany you can’t pick your courses,” whereas in America, he has the choice to take art classes, which Jankovic ad-

mits he’s pretty good at.

“The American school system is better because you can choose whatever you want to be,” he says.

In addition to his courses, Jankovic plays football, and is looking forward to basketball, baseball and track.

Aside from school, Jankovic is eager to visit other parts of the United States during his stay, like the Grand Canyon, Las Vegas, Los Angeles and San Francisco.

According to Bobbie Greenwood, who coordinates the exchange program for Winters, the organization, American Field Service (AFS) was begun by American ambulance drivers after World War II, “to perpetuate friendships” that they had made.

With that in mind, there’s no doubt that Jankovic, with his positive attitude, will make many friendships during his experience in Winters.

### Book fair to be held

The Waggoner Elementary School library is hosting a Scholastic Fall Book Fair through Friday, Oct. 10, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., during the parent conference week.

Volunteers are needed. To help, phone Rita Holder at 795-6121, extension 217, or email, rholder@wintersjUSD.org.

Volunteers receive a free book of their choice.

### UC seeks participants

Researchers at the University of California, Davis, Developmental Research Center, are seeking individuals to participate in a research study on cognitive development. Participants will be paid.

Children and adolescents ages 9 through 15 years old may be eligible to participate in this study, along with a parent.

For more information, please contact LaTonya at 754-8543 or e-mail ChildMindResearch@gmail.com.

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## FFA takes on the circus

By **WESLEY KRAINTZ**  
Special to the Express

Winters FFA went to the Ring-Ling Brother’s Circus on Sept. 13. The FFA took 35 members to this event, creating a first-time experience for many as well as my self.

The circus was filled with many exciting features like acrobats flying through the air, seven tigers being instructed by a man with a little

wand, and the unforgettable clowns.

When asked, most students agreed the men driving motorcycles in a spherical cage and the well-trained enormous elephants, were their favorite moments at the circus.

Our chapter looks forward to many more exciting trips this year and events, such as the annual Harvest Festival on Oct. 18.

It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it.--Aristotle



# Entertainment

## Luncheon celebrates olive harvest

Dean of the UC Davis College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Neal Van Alfen will be Master of Ceremonies this Saturday, Oct. 11, as UC Davis Olive Oil, in collaboration with Slow Food Yolo and the Yolo Agricultural Marketing Initiative, celebrates the upcoming olive harvest with a walking tour and luncheon at the historic Wolfskill Ranch in Winters, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., as part of UC Davis’ 100th Centennial weekend celebrations.

For the second year, Darrell Corti of Corti Brothers, Sacramento

will give a “Blessing of the Trees.”

The four course luncheon under the 150 year old olive trees will feature fresh produce from Yolo County and Capay Valley lamb prepared by grill master and co-owner of the Buckhorn Roadhouse in Winters, John Pick-erell. Wines served are from the cellars of the UC Davis Department of Viticulture and Enol-ogy.

Preceding the lunch will be a walking tour of the property and or- chards by Vito Polito, Chair, UC Davis Pomol- ogy Department and a

sampling of regional olive oils from Yolo and Solano county produc- ers.

The Wolfskill Ranch was founded in 1841 as a land grant by the Mexi- can government to John R. Wolfskill. His heirs deeded a 107-acre por- tion of the ranch to the university in 1935 for use as an experimental orchard. The luncheon will seat guests at a sin- gle table under the shade of olive trees planted in 1861 by Mr. Wolfskill.

The event will also raise funds for the Win- ters Joint Unified School District in pur-

chasing fresh, local pro- duce for serving in the school lunch program.

For further informa- tion, go to [www.slow-foodyolo.com](http://www.slow-foodyolo.com) or 795 4995. Tickets are \$90 per person for Slow Food Members, \$100 per per- son for non-members, and can be purchased online at [www.brown-papertickets.com](http://www.brown-papertickets.com) and the Davis Food Co-op at 6th and G streets in Davis, or at Steady Eddy’s Coffee Shop, 5 Main Street, in Winters. Seating is limited and reservations necessary.

## Vaudeville cowboy entertains *The Palms*



Courtesy photo  
Manic vaudeville cowboy and champion yodeler Sourdough Slim returns to The Palms, on Satur- day, Oct. 11, at 8 p.m. joined by sidekick national steel and musical saw master Robert Armstrong for an evening of serious roots music mayhem. Tickets are \$17 and are available at Pacific Ace Hardware and at the door. For more information go to [www.palmsplayhouse.com](http://www.palmsplayhouse.com).

## FFA to hold annual Harvest Festival

The Winters FFA chapter is holding their annual Harvest Festival on Oct. 18 to celebrate the coming of fall. It will be held at the Winters Ag Site from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

There will be fun and games for people of all ages. These in- clude a dog show (bring your dogs), face

painting, a petting zoo, arts and crafts, line dancing, and oth- er numerous con- tests. There will also be a raffle to raise money for our chap- ter.

Tickets will be sold at the entrance. Please come and en- joy a day of fun.

## ‘A Christmas Carol’ to enchant Winters

With the holidays here again, it is time for the Charles Dickens’ classic, “A Christmas Carol.” The production shows Fridays, Satur- days and Sundays, from Nov. 21 through Dec. 6.

The Opening Gala will be held Friday, Nov. 21, at 7:30 p.m. All other Friday and Saturday performances will be- gin at 8 p.m. Sunday per- formances will be held

at 1 p.m.

“A Christmas Carol” will be performed by the Winters Theater Company, at the Winters Community Center, 201 Railroad Avenue, in Winters.

Ticket prices for the Gala are \$11; general admission is \$10; se- niors are \$6; and chil- dren under 12 are \$5. For more information, call 795-4014.

## ‘Footloose’ rocks Davis musical theater

The Davis Musical Theatre Company Young Performers The- ater Division an- nounces the opening of “Footloose,” based on the 1984 movie of the same name. Showtimes are Friday, Oct. 10, at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 11, at 2:15 and 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 12, at 12:30 and 5 p.m., at the DMTC Hoblit Performing Arts Center, 607 Pena Drive, in Davis. Tickets are \$7 for all ages.

The show is directed by Debbie Vanderford and Mary Rudy; choreo- graphed by Inertia De- Witt, with musical di- rection by Kate Janzen; and additional music by Eric Carmen, Sammy Hagar, Kenny Loggins and Jim Steinman. It is based on the original screenplay by Dean Pitchford.

One of the most explo- sive movie musicals in recent memory bursts onto the live stage with exhilarating results. When Ren and his moth- er move from Chicago to

a small farming town, Ren is prepared for the inevitable adjustment period at his new high school. What he isn’t prepared for are the rig- orous local edicts, in- cluding a ban on danc- ing instituted by the lo- cal preacher, deter- mined to exercise the control over the town’s youth that he cannot command in his own home. When the rev- erend’s rebellious daughter sets her sights on Ren, her roughneck boyfriend tries to sabo- tage Ren’s reputation, with many of the locals eager to believe the worst about the new kid.

“Footloose” cele- brates the wisdom of lis- tening to young people, guiding them with a warm heart and an open mind.

To reserve tickets for “Footloose,” call 756- 3682, or purchase online at <http://www.dmtc.org>.

## Singers host benefit concert

The Spokes are host- ing a benefit concert on Saturday, Oct. 25, 1-4 p.m., to raise money and awareness for the fight against breast cancer. They invite all members of the community to join them for an afternoon of live music, dancing, raf- fles, donating and awareness.

In addition to musical performances by UC Davis’ own college a’ cappella groups, the show will feature local musical artist John Webber, a performance by Sick Spits — UC Davis’ spoken-word per- formance group, and various speakers shar- ing their own personal experiences with breast cancer. There will be live entertainment, food, drinks, raffles, and lots of pink.

Sing for the Cure is

presented by The Spokes, UC Davis’ first and only all female a cappella group. The Spokes have been recy- cling music since 2004 and will be making their voices heard this Octo- ber.

This event is open to the public, and all pro- ceeds will be donated to the Susan G. Komen Foundation. Music, lit- erature and inspira- tional messages will be provided. Recommend- ed donations are \$5, but any and all donations are welcome!

The show will be held on the East Quad on the university’s campus. Parking can be found in the North Entry Parking Structure, located on Howard Way.

For more information about The Spokes, visit [www.davisspokes.com](http://www.davisspokes.com).

## Folklorico Latino holds showcase

Tickets are on sale for the Folklorico Latino de Woodland’s 22nd An- niversary Showcase, planned at the Wood- land Opera House on Nov. 15, at 7 p.m. Dancers will perform numbers from eight dif- ferent regions in Mexi- co. Every year, the show- case features eight re- gions to represent.

Tickets are \$18 in ad- vance, general admis- sion; \$12, for seniors 60 and up, and children 12 and under. Tickets at the door are \$20, gener- al admission; \$12 for se- niors 60 and up, and children 12 and under .

For tickets or more in- formation, call Esther Lara, 661-4102, or Jonni Jimenez, 668-1941.

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# Sports

## Lucero, Doyle spark JV comeback

**Warriors score 22 unanswered points**

**By ERIC LUCERO  
Express sports**

The Winters High School JV football team split up last week with most of the starting sophomores playing for the varsity team on Friday, Sept. 26, against Vacaville Christian since the Falcons did not have a JV team, while the rest of the JV team played half of the Willows JV team in Willows on Thursday, Sept. 25.

The game started out poorly for the Warriors much like their tackling as the Honkers jumped out to a 20-0 lead but the Warriors were able to turn things around just before the half when Niko Doyle returned a kickoff down inside the Honkers 20 yard line. A few plays later Kyle

Nichols ran in the Warriors first score of the game from 17 yards out. The PAT failed but the Warriors were on their way to 22 unanswered points and a 22-20 victory.

Late in the third period coach Tyson Allen decided to put Jacob Lucero and Niko Doyle in the backfield and give them the ball and that seemed to give the Warriors a little spark as the momentum of the game turned in favor of the Warriors.

Led by quarterbacks Austin Calvert and Austin Murphy the Warriors pounded it up the middle and ran around the outside on their way to their second score late in the third period.

Lucero then ran a sweep right, cut back against the grain and out ran the Honkers for a 34 yard touchdown

run. Doyle then ran in the PAT for two points to make it a 20-14 game.

The Warriors offense wasn't the only thing that turned around, their defensive intensity picked up as well. Jared Ramos, John Botro, Trevor Johnston, Trevor Wright, Elliot Herrera, Keli Callison, Nick Mariani, Darby Borges, Kyle Canela and Nick Stewart all made big plays for the Warriors.

The big red wall stopped the Honkers from scoring inside their own two yard line and got the ball back with less than three minutes on the clock when Doyle didn't just block a field goal he actually dove on the ball before it was kicked.

Winters then went to the old play book and threw the bootleg pass.

Doyle faked to Lucero

and looked deep for Joe McIntire and Mariani. Doyle hooked up with McIntire for a 35 yard gain to put the Warriors inside the Honkers 30 yard line.

Lucero then ran around the end for a 24 yard touchdown run. Lucero then ran in the two point conversion to put the Warriors up 22-20.

The Warriors defense shut down the Honkers last attempt at scoring to hold on to the victory.

Brentley Weisman made some big runs for the Warriors along with Jason Pate, while Calvert completed a 12 yard pass to Callison. Callison went up and above the defenders to pull down the reception and to give the Warriors a well needed first down.

### Students earn new belts



Courtesy photo  
**The following students received belt promotions in October at Javier Martial Arts. Left to right are Connor McGrath, promoted to Blue Belt, and Adam Javis, promoted to Yellow Belt.**

## Lady Warriors win two 1-0 in league

**By ERIC LUCERO  
Express sports**

The Winters High School varsity volleyball team won both of their matches last week including their first league match against Las Plumas. Winters started the week on Tuesday, Sept. 30, with a solid win over visiting Pierce High School. The Warriors came out and

dominated the Bears in game won 25-5 and then beat them again 25-18, before the Bears would capture game three by beating the Warriors 25-23. The Warriors won game four 25-15 and stayed perfect at home with a 4-0 record.

On Thursday, Oct. 2, the Warriors traveled to Oroville to take on Las Plumas High School for

their first Butte View League game and came home with a victory after an impressive performance. The Warriors won all three games 25-21, 25-22 and 25-9.

Winters improved their overall record to 6-5 and will take on Wheatland on Tuesday, Oct. 7, at home before taking on powerhouse Sutter on Thursday, Oct. 9.

## JV Warriors shut out Anderson 13-0

**By ERIC LUCERO  
Express sports**

The Winters High School JV football team had to travel for a couple of hours to get to their destination last Friday, Oct. 3, but when they got there they took care of business like they were playing at home, as they defeated Anderson 13-0 in their last non-league game.

Winters jumped out to a 6-0 lead against the Cubs when Jacob Lucero capped off a long drive with his first of two touchdowns on a three yard plunge on the Warriors opening drive. The Warriors offensive line did a great job of controlling the line of scrimmage in the rain storm and the Warriors backs did a good

job of hanging on to the ball. Joe McIntire, Juan Tovar, Max Barbosa, Austin Brickey, Thomas Boswell, Thomas Damon and Jared Ramos made up the Warriors front line.

Lucero scored the Warriors second touchdown when he broke through the middle and ran 34 yards for another Winters score. Alex Evanoff kicked the PAT to put the Warriors up 13-0 in the second quarter. Just before the half the Warriors made another attempt at the end zone when Niko Doyle completed a 25 yard pass to Nick Mariani on a pitch pass but the Warriors were unable to get into the end zone. Winters had the ball at the Cubs one yard line at the end of the game but

let the clock run out.

Defensively the Warriors played a tough game and took advantage of the wet and muddy conditions and forced the Cubs to cough up the ball twice as Kendrick Moore and Lucero each recovered a fumble. Moore, McIntire, David Damey, Max Barbosa, Juan Tovar and Doyle each had four tackles to lead the Warriors while Barbosa had a sack.

Lucero led the Warriors on the ground with 157 yards on 22 carries and had two touchdowns. Doyle had nine yards on 10 carries and was 1 for 1 in passing with a 25 yard completion, while Mariani had one catch for 25 yards.

## Holt picks 23 of 28 games to win grid contest

Lee Holt picked 23 out of 28 games correctly in the weekly Winters Merchants Football Contest to win the \$30 first prize. Two contestants, Bonnie Benshoof and

Robert Rosales, had 22 right, with Benshoof taking the \$15 second prize by guessing closest on the tie-breaker score of the Penn State-Purdue game. There were 26 points scored

in that game with Benshoof picking 37 and Rosales choosing 54.

The rest of the contestants had 21 or fewer correct selections. Another contest is in today's Express.



Winters AYSO Presents

### Spaghetti Feed Dinner 2008

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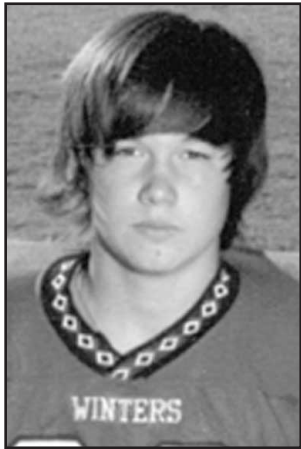
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Individual Tickets will be available from most AYSO Players for a limited time. All presale tickets are available at the AYSO Fields on Game Days and at Pacific ACE Hardware until 10/9/2008.

## PISANI'S ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



### Jacob Lucero

Jacob Lucero, a freshman on the Winters High School JV football team, is this week's athlete of the week. Last week against Anderson High School Lucero rushed for 157 yards on 22 carries, scored two touchdowns, recovered a fumble and caused a fumble. In the last three games Lucero has scored four touchdowns and rushed for almost 400 yards all while playing in just three quarters in one game, one and a half quarters in the next game and then carried a big load in the third game while playing sick.

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## EVENTOS Y COMENTARIOS HISPANOS

### 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 espatapájaros, tráigalo al festival, habrá concurso y premios para el espatapájaros 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.

## Nuevo examen de ciudadanía

El servicio de Inmigración y Ciudadanía, puso en vigor el nuevo examen de ciudadanía, desde el primero de octubre, este examen esta diseñado para que ayude a los inmigrantes a comprender con mas significado las bases del gobierno y la democracia en los Estados Unidos. El propósito no fue hacerlo más difícil para los inmigrantes, sino por el contrario el examen es para darles mas contenido, para que la gente entienda el sistema democrático, las leyes, y como ser mejores ciudadanos en este país.

Por ejemplo en ves de preguntar por algún dato específico, ahora se les pedirá que hablen sobre algún concepto, por ejemplo les pueden preguntar, que definan que es la democracia. El nuevo examen tiene una parte de cívica, con los principios de la democracia, sistema de gobierno y derechos y responsabilidades del ciudadano, y de historia—que incluye el período colonial y la independencia, el siglo 19 y la historia reciente—así como secciones sobre geografía, símbolos y fechas patrias.

Como todo lo nuevo, existen las dudas sobre este examen, y si los solicitantes no lo van a ver como un examen más difícil de aprobar. En algunas ciudades ya se ha estado llevando a cabo este examen de la ciudadanía, como prueba

piloto. El nuevo examen es resultado de un mandato de una Comisión del Senado que recomendó hace unos 15 años su elaboración. Después de los atentados terroristas del 11 de septiembre, el gobierno, prestó más atención al proceso de ciudadanía y creó la Oficina de Ciudadanía como parte del Departamento de Seguridad Nacional, dirigida por Alfonso Aguilar, encargado de elaborar el nuevo examen.

En los últimos cinco años organizaciones comunitarias, expertos en lingüística y educadores se reunieron para crear la mejor versión con un “vocabulario que todos puedan entender”, después de un profundo estudio de varios años se presento una prueba justa, con un vocabulario fácil y un nivel de inglés que todos los inmigrantes puedan comprender. Con esto se abre un camino para que los solicitantes a la ciudadanía, se preparen mejor, que formen parte de nuestra sociedad, que puedan entender las leyes, sus derechos, y sus deberes como ciudadanos de este país,

El nuevo examen es diferente, pero como todos los exámenes, si se estudia, se puede aprobar, pero es necesario que se apoyen en organizaciones comunitarias, para obtener los materiales de instrucción par el examen.

# La crisis es para todos

Si estamos en la creencia de que la crisis financiera que esta enfrentando el país, va a afectar solo a las grande empresas y a la gente que invierte su dinero en las grandes corporaciones, estamos equivocados, esta crisis no fue producida por nosotros los pobres, pero como se presenta el rescate financiero, nosotros vamos a pagar las consecuencias de los excesos y malos manejos de los grandes bancos, y empresas financieras.

No se necesita ser un economista para ver que el sistema financiero y económico de este país, esta en problemas, estamos en un país capitalista, cuya base económica es la oferta y demanda, mientras más y mejores productos sean ofrecidos por las compañías, mas demanda y, por consiguiente, mas ganancia van a llegar a estas empresas, el método para poder lograrlo, lo llaman liberalismo económico, el modo de operar es sencillo, se le ofrece a las grandes empresas o corporaciones, todas las facilidades para que les vaya bien, y si esto pasa, también le va bien a la gente, eso a veces parece ser verdad, pues mientras mejor les va a las compañías mas trabajadores estas contratan y mejores salarios

están en capacidad de pagar. Pero eso ocurría antes de que la tecnología avanzara a tan altos niveles de sustitución de la mano humana como ha avanzado hoy, y antes de que la economía alcanzara el grado de globalización que tiene hoy.

Hoy la tecnología, ha sustituido al trabajador, aumentando la producción, esto hace que las empresas puedan hacer recortes de personal, aumentando sus ganancias, las grandes empresas americanas han hecho uso de esta ventaja, ya que utilizan mano de obra extranjera barata sin necesidad de traerlas al país, ni garantizarles derechos laborales ni compensaciones.

Pero con la caída del bloque soviético, la misma Rusia se incorporo al sistema capitalista. Al mismo tiempo China y la India, empezaron a dar señales de vida como potencias económicas, y se abrieron nuevos mercados, China y la India tienen un crecimiento anual del 13%, y se han convertido en grandes potencias con gran capacidad de consumo. Este fenómeno ha propiciado que muchas corporaciones, hayan instalado plantas y fabricas en China, para producir y vender allí mismo.

## ¿Porque estamos en problemas?

¿Cómo hemos llegado, o que ha causado que el país este metido en una crisis financiera? Haciendo un poco de historia, esta crisis comenzó en 1998, cuando Wall Street, realizo una innovación financiera, que termino con el monopolio que los bancos tenían sobre los prestamos hipotecarios para adquirir propiedades. Esta innovación consistió en ofrecer a inversionistas externos, la oportunidad para que con su dinero, a través de la bolsa de valores, pudieran financiar nuevos prestamos hipotecarios.

En ese momento, las hipotecas dejaron de ser un negocio local, cuyo servicio era exclusivamente de los bancos, Wall Street lo convirtió

en un negocio global, ahora el dinero para comprar casas, llegaba de otras partes del mundo. Con mas competencia, se abarataron las comisiones y otros gastos, estos nuevos inversionistas, llegaron buscando mejores rendimiento para su dinero.

Había llegado el momento de las hipotecas subprime, solicitadas por clientes cuyo nivel de ingresos los hacía demasiado riesgosos como para obtener un crédito tradicional. El problema vino, como siempre, con la valoración de ese riesgo. Normalmente los inversores saben exactamente cuánta dinamita tienen entre las manos y se manejan con cuidado. Pero en el caso de las propiedades inmobili-

arias, la apreciación de este riesgo estaba distorsionada por la creencia de que “los precios de las casas nunca habían bajado antes.”

Los inversionistas cometieron el humano error de predecir el futuro escuchando solo esa parte de la canción y olvidando la que dice que “cuando los precios suben demasiado, están destinados a caer.” Para el inversionista que vive en la creencia de que las casas de sus deudores sólo pueden encarecerse, el peor escenario no parece tan terrible: si mi deudor se declara en default, que se venda la casa y recupero el dinero. Por eso y porque, gracias a que las tasas estaban bajísimas desde el boom de las puntocom, decidieron maximizar el

el sistema financiero. Por eso vino la crisis, no por lo que dicen los economistas del “mercado” que trabajan para las grandes corporaciones bancarias, de que el culpable es el pueblo por haber mentido para obtener préstamos. Si bien es cierto que mucha gente abultó sus ingresos para obtener los préstamos, también lo es que los bancos lo permitieron porque sabían que el aplicante lo podía pagar y que el sistema de crédito funcionaba de manera deficiente y se convertía en una obstrucción entre el cliente y el banco.

Las consecuencias para los millones de nosotros, son que los bancos nos podrán reducir nuestro crédito, nos pueden bajar los límites en nuestras tarjetas de crédito, y no renovarnos nuestras líneas de crédito, y obtener un préstamo será más difícil. Las consecuencias serán que se reducirá el consumo, se reducirán las ventas, se reducirá la producción, se tendrá que despedir personal, lo que nos dará mas desempleo, y será una cadena que no sabemos dónde se detendrá, así que nos tendremos que acostumbrar a un nuevo estilo de vida, que para muchos será largo y pesado.

rendimiento de sus inversiones financiándolas con deuda en vez de con recursos propios.

Los inversionistas a nivel mundial, creyeron que el mercado inmobiliario de los Estados Unidos, era una apuesta segura, y arriesgaron su dinero. Con los precios de las propiedades inmobiliarias en baja y la crisis desatada, el problema ahora es de confianza. La reputación de fondos y bancos de inversión depende principalmente de que el resto perciba que tiene activos detrás de sus inversiones y no solo deuda. De ahí que en estas épocas turbulentas acumulen caja y se muestren más reacios a prestar su dinero, hasta que sepan que tan expuestos están a la crisis.

## Cuidado con las adicciones

Vivimos en un mundo marcado por el abuso de drogas legales e ilegales. La adicción es más común de lo que creíamos antes. Sabemos que existen personas adictas o dependientes del sexo, internet, pornografía, juego, comida, compras, gastos, trabajo y, lo peor de todo, adictas o dependientes de personas.

Toda adicción o dependencia es negativa y acarrea consecuencias terribles, tanto para el que la padece como para la persona objeto de la adicción.

Los codependientes sufren mucho, quizás más que el adicto o dependi-

ente, y no saben qué les pasa ni por qué. Tienden a ser controladores, ya que en su interior todo lo que les rodea está descontrolado, son los únicos que parecen darse cuenta del caos que se avecinda y el daño que éste hace a quienes ama.

Algunos son manipuladores, porque ésa es la única forma que tienen de lograr que se haga algo. Están tan preocupados por resolver los problemas de otros que no tienen tiempo de identificar y resolver los suyos.

La codependencia implica un sistema habitual de pensar, sentir y comportarnos con nosotros mismos y con los demás,

que nos causa dolor. Estas conductas pueden sabotear relaciones que de otro modo podrían haber funcionado.

Existe un grupo de autoayuda llamado Al-Anon, que se basa en los 12 pasos de Alcohólicos Anónimos y ofrece apoyo, asistencia a familiares de alcohólicos o dependientes de drogas hay otros para adictos al sexo, a la comida, etc. Es gratis, funciona y si lo acompaña de terapia familiar o individual, le aseguro que se supera. No se quede parado, las heridas emocionales con el tiempo no se curan, se pudren.

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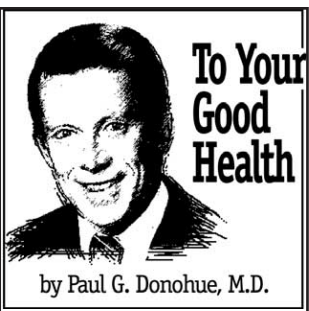
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# Features

## Hiccups are no joking matter

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I have a friend who has nonstop hiccups. He has been under the care of several doctors, but no one can help him. What causes hiccups? Is there a cure? He has them so bad he refuses to go out in public. — C.M.



ANSWER: Hiccups are the involuntary contractions of the diaphragm muscle — the horizontal muscle that separates the chest from the abdomen. It's the principal breathing muscle. What brings on the contractions often isn't known, but sometimes it is a hidden condition that irritates the diaphragm or the vagus or phrenic nerves.

Your friend doesn't have ordinary hiccups, the kind that last from minutes to hours and usually come from a distended stomach or one filled with gas from carbonated beverages. He has persistent, intractable hiccups, ones that last for months, even years. For his kind of hiccups, obscure causes have to be investigated — things like an abscess beneath the diaphragm and things that irritate the vagus or phrenic nerves. The search is arduous and includes lab tests, X-rays and scans.

Cures do exist for prolonged hiccupping. Medicines can sometimes stop them. Chlorpromazine, orally or infused into a vein, is one of them, as is metoclopramide. Seizure medicines — Dilantin, Depakote, Tegretol — also have had some success in suppressing hiccups.

A number of invasive techniques can be used when medicines fail. The phrenic nerve — the nerve that serves the diaphragm — can be blocked or crushed. An implantable breathing pacemaker that controls the diaphragm by sending nerve messages through the phrenic nerve is another way to end intractable hiccups. Readers, this isn't the kind of hiccups that responds to many home remedies like swallowing a teaspoon of sugar. This kind of hiccups is in an entirely different league.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My aunt has taken Xanax for 18 years. She

is 78. She suffers from anxiety and panic disorder. She takes the lowest dose and takes one only every 12 hours. It makes her able to live a relatively normal life. She has tried counseling several times, but it didn't work for her. Could she be damaging her liver or kidneys? This is the only medicine she takes. — M.S.

ANSWER: Your aunt has taken this medicine for 18 years without any side effects. It has allowed her to cope with life. She's taking a very small dose. It hasn't damaged her organs, and it won't. I'd leave her alone. She's doing well with it. Forcing her to give it up would create major problems for her. She has a chronic illness, and Xanax controls it.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: For 20 years, my doctor has told me that my white blood count is low. I am 82. What can I take to improve the count? — L.F.

ANSWER: You might not need to. In those 20 years, has anything bad happened to you? Have you had one infection after another? If not, you don't have a worry. White blood cells fight infections. There isn't a lot you can do about raising the count.

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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## A McCain presidency—Hoover's second term?

With the current financial mess taking place, some people have stopped calling a McCain presidency "Bush's Third Term" and have switched to calling it "Hoover's Second Term".

Elected by a Landslide in 1928, Republican Herbert Hoover was a humanitarian who had organized relief efforts for refugees in Europe during World War I and was an avid fisherman and a successful mining engineer who had amassed his own fortune. He was also a scholar. Stanford University, where he was an alumnus, has an institute named after him.

When financial calamity erupted in October 1929 and the stock market took a dramatic dive, the repercussions were not immediately understood. As the crisis continued, he continued to say that the economy was basically in good shape and that we should just wait this one out.

There had been economic panics before and all of them had ended. He still believed that his campaign slogan "A chicken in every pot and a car in every garage" was going to be a reality. "In America today we are nearer a final triumph over poverty than in any other land," he had said.

When 1930 arrived and persistent gloom still hovered over the economy, mainstream economists continued to repeat the mantra that things were still OK and a recovery was to be expected in another year or two. But when that year or two arrived, the light that was supposed to be at the end of the tunnel hadn't ap-

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peared.

Hoover insisted that "It is just as important that business keep out of government as that government keep out of business" and that "prosperity cannot be restored by raids upon the public treasury." He added, "With impressive proof on all sides of magnificent progress, no one can rightly deny the fundamental correctness of our economic system."

On July 8, 1932 the Dow bottomed out at 41.22 from its pre-crash high of 381.17. Employment reached an unprecedented 25 percent, and shantytowns,

called "Hoovervilles," were appearing all over America, where those who could no longer pay for a roof over their heads huddled in fear and hunger.

People who slept and shivered on park benches at nights, and covered themselves with "Hoover Blankets"—old newspapers fished out of trash cans. People lined up in the morning at "Hoover Cafes" for a bowl of soup, and walked around with their empty pockets turned inside out, calling them "Hoover Flags." People who could not afford to buy gasoline towed their cars with horses—"Hoover Wagons."

Hoover, who had been a successful Secretary of Commerce, just didn't get it. As the country settled

into deep gloom and paralysis, he still had the audacity to run for president... again. It was said that if one put a fresh flower in his hand it would wilt. Commenting on the Depression, he said: "It could have been worse," and "About the time we make ends meet, somebody moves the ends".

As everyone knows, Franklin Roosevelt with his "Change We Need" was swept into presidential office. On the night of his victory someone sent Hoover a telegram: "Vote for Roosevelt... make it unanimous."

The trillion dollar borrowed bailout that has taken place of mortgage clearinghouses and other pillars of finance is something that Hoover or even Roosevelt would not have ever conceived.

"Economic depression cannot be cured by legislative action or executive pronouncement. Economic wounds must be healed by the action of the cells of the economic body—the producers and consumers themselves." Whether anyone will eventually agree with this Hoover statement will be decided as we see if the recent bailouts prevent the meltdown they were intended to derail.

My favorite Hoover quote is this: "A good many things go around in the dark besides Santa Claus." We all must know who he was talking about.

The Garden Bug

Plants for a scary night

- Look for Japanese maple varieties named "Purple Ghost," "Red Spider," "Sister Ghost" and "Bloodgood."
- A Dianthus variety named "Bewitched" has pink flowers with bright purple-red centers.
- An oriental lily named "Alchemy" has large, creamy-orange flowers.
- A variety of pumpkin named "Casper" is white, not orange!

Source: Halloween-Themed Garden Plants by Angela England

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Pleased to meet you

Name: John I. Ramos, III  
Occupation: Third generation farmer; fruit and nut salesman; logger  
Hobby: Hunting and fishing  
What's best about living in Winters: Winters is just a great small, family town  
Fun fact: They call me John I the Fruit Fly because I've been selling fruit since 1967. Also, my grandfather arrived here from Spain at the turn of the century, and my mother is a descendant of Sitting Bull.

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Shoes are black. 2. Man has a bowtie. 3. Tree is moved. 4. Face guard is missing. 5. Boy has black eye. 6. Fence is shorter.

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Priceless?  
5 Garfield or Heathcliff  
8 Invitation letters  
12 Waterproof fabric  
14 Eastern potentate  
15 Reinvest  
16 Staff  
17 Potent brew  
18 Pictures  
20 Path  
23 — du Vent  
24 Session with a shrink  
25 Desk type  
28 Chow down  
29 Stitched up  
30 Tavern  
32 Race driver's protector  
34 Silent  
35 MGM emblem  
36 Speed  
37 Proofreader's finds  
40 — de deux  
41 Wander  
42 Attendance check  
47 Head over heels  
48 Talk for two  
49 Tributes in verse  
50 Pigpen

DOWN

1 Supporting  
2 Carnival city  
3 Right angle  
4 Elongated cream puff  
5 Inlet  
6 Goddess of ruinous impulse  
7 Hitchcock film, typically  
8 Meal  
9 Urban blight  
10 Contemptible  
11 C. in C.  
13 Lounge about  
19 Pinochle declaration  
20 Commonest English word  
21 Sound from 35-Across  
22 Car  
23 Des Moines denizen  
25 Gets back on  
26 Piece of work  
27 Green shot  
29 Skirt feature, sometimes  
31 Spelling  
33 Camels' cousins  
34 Good-luck critter  
36 Corridor  
37 Therefore  
38 With 39-Down, drivers' anger  
39 See 38-Down  
40 Tactic  
43 Chic no more  
44 Past  
45 Drag along  
46 Meadow

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Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

FREE	CAT	RSVP
OILCLOTH	EMIR	
ROLLOVER	POLE	
ALE	IMAGES	
TRAIL	ILES	
HOURLY	ROLLTOP	
EAT	SEWED	PUB
ROLLBAR	MUTE	
LION	HASTE	
ERRATA	PAS	
ROAM	ROLLCALL	
GAGA	DUOLOGUE	
ODES	STY	TOGA

Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your Aries charm helps persuade othersto listen to your proposal. But it's still a long way from acceptance, unless you can stand up to the tough questions that are set to follow.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Plan to share a week-end getaway from all the pressures of your hectic workaday world with a very special someone. You could be pleasantly surprised at what develops.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your keen insight once again helps you handle a challenging situation with a clearer perception of what it's really all about. What you learn helps you make a difficult decision.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) If you want to steer clear of getting involved in a new family dispute, say so. Your stand might cause hurt feelings for some, but overall, you'll be respected for your honesty.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Expect recognition for your efforts in getting a project into operation. Besides the more practical rewards, your Lion's heart will be warmed by the admiration of your colleagues.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Set aside time to rid yourself of clutter that might well be drawing down your creative energies. Consider asking someone to help you decide what stays and what goes.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A colleague could make a request that might place you in an awkward position with co-workers. Best advice: Share your concerns with an associate you can trust.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your energy levels are way up, allowing you to take on the added challenge of a task you've been hoping to secure. Expect this move to lead to an important opportunity.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your continuing sense of confidence in what you've set out to do gives encouragement to others. Expect to see more people asking to add their efforts to yours.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You might think it would be best to reject a suggestion others insist would be unworkable. But you might be surprised by what you find if you give it a chance.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Changing a decision might disappoint some people, but the important thing is that you be honest with yourself. Don't go ahead with anything you have doubts about.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) There could be some fallout from an emotional confrontation that you really should deal with before moving on. Best to start fresh with a clean, clear slate.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your honesty not only helps you make decisions for yourself, but also helps others find the right choices for themselves.

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# Lady Warriors varsity volleyball hits hard



Photo by Eric Lucero  
 Caitlin Calvert digs up a hard hit ball from a Pierce player on Tuesday, September 30, at Winters High School. The Lady Warriors varsity volleyball team won both of their matches last week

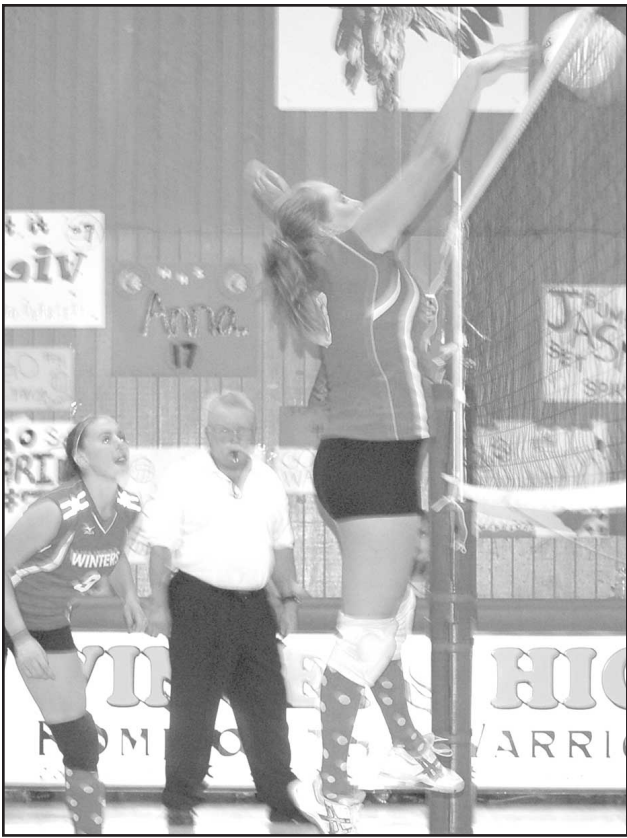


Photo by Eric Lucero  
 Katie Anstead goes up and over the net to make a block in the Warriors victory over visiting Pierce High School on Tuesday, Sept. 30.

## Radio control jet fly show planned

The public is invited to attend the Woodland-Davis Aeromodelers' annual Radio Control Jet Fly, to be held Oct. 10-12 at the Mavis Henson Field, in Woodland. See scale "true turbine" jet powered aircraft fly as well as execute aerobatic maneuvers. There will be F-86s, F 100s, Russian Migs, F-15, F-16, F-18, A 10 Warthogs, end of World War II German jets, sport jets and many more. The event runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 10, and Saturday, Oct. 11. Sunday, Oct. 12's show will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Parking and admission is free. The field is located at 20179 County Road 102, in Woodland. Food and drinks will be available at the model field. For more information, contact Monty Welch at (707) 451-1842.

# Rain ruins Warriors game

By ERIC LUCERO  
 Express sports

The Winters varsity football team had a rough time weathering the storm and the Anderson Cubs as the Warriors traveled to Anderson for their last non-league game on Friday, Oct. 3, and came home with a disappointing 8-0 loss. The game was basically played in the middle of the field and with the constant rain coming down and the field conditions getting worse by the minute both teams had a tough time hanging on to the ball. Unfor-

tunately for the Warriors every time somebody fumbled the Cubs recovered. "We fumbled the ball four times," said coach Daniel Ward. "Every time they recovered it. They fumbled the ball four times and every time they recovered it. Things just went their way. Our defense did a great job. We held them to just four first downs and 70 yards total offense. I told the team that it is going to be hard to drive the ball down field and score without making a mistake. The game will be won on a big play and

that's what happened. They had a broken play and they scored." Defensively the Warriors had some standouts with Aaron Geerts leading the team in tackles with 12. Jesse Hellinger had 11 tackles, Jesse Renaux had nine tackles and Zach Higgins had 10 tackles. "Zach did a great job on defense," Ward said. "Three of his tackles were for losses." The Warriors will host Las Plumas High School this Friday, October 10, for their homecoming game and their first league game.

## Ag class begins student writing competition

Aspiring young authors and students with a story to share have a month left to enter California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom's (CFAITC) annual story-writing contest, "Imagine this...". The contest deadline is Nov. 1, and is open to all 3-8 grade students from public, private, charter and home schools. Stories can be factual or fictional, and must reflect California agriculture in a positive light.

From the many stories submitted, six state winners (one from each grade level) will be selected to have his or her story illustrated by high school art departments, and professionally published in book format. State winners, along with their teachers and parents, will be treated to a trip to Sacramento and honored at an awards ceremony during National Agriculture Week in March 2009, and will receive resources and medals.

"Imagine this..." is designed to remind students and teachers of the countless ways we are all supported and affected by the agriculture industry by encouraging the investigation and expression of the world around us. Entry forms, contest rules and easy ways to on incorporate "Imagine this..." into your classroom can be found at the California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom's Web site, www.cfaite.org.

# Acme Theatre presents 'Puss in Boots'

Members of the Acme Theatre Company will present an adaptation of the classic French fairytale, "Puss in Boots," as part of the children's storytelling at the International House. This is the lively story of the adventures of William and a daring cat in boots as they encounter a kingdom under attack from an ogre. With some smooth talking and feline grace, Puss ensures a happy ending. There will be opportunities for children and parents to interact with the actors after the performance. The performance will be on Sunday, Oct. 19, from 2-3 p.m., with doors opening at 1:45 p.m. The show will be held in the Community Room at In-

ternational House, 10 College Park, in Davis. In addition, as part of the annual focus on UNICEF at I-House in October, there will be a brief presentation about UNICEF and Trick-or-Treating with UNICEF collection boxes. All donations at this performance will be given to UNICEF. The storytelling event is open to the public. There is no charge for International House members. The suggested donation for non-members is \$2 per person or \$5 per family. One Sunday afternoon per month, children ages 5 through 10, with an accompanying adult, enjoy storytelling performances with international content at the I-House.