



Happy Halloween

Council meets new fire chief

By DEBRA DeANGELO
Express editor

It's official — the Winters Fire Department will share its fire chief with the Dixon Fire Department, following unanimous approval of the fire management services agreement at the Oct. 18 city council meeting. The item was presented informally at the prior council meeting, and actually adopted last week.

City Manager John Donlevy noted that the agreement brings with it “a shot at experience, know-how and the ability to move forward with a number of things we wanted to put into play at the safety facility.” With the move, Chief Aaron McAllister becomes Winters’ fire chief when the current fire chief, Scott Dozier, retires in November.

Describing the Dixon Fire Department as “first class,” Donlevy added that the agreement also brings in two experienced division chiefs from Dixon, and the three will be at the Winters Fire Station about three days per week. Donlevy also noted that the cost of the arrangement, at \$90,000 per year plus annual inflation adjustments, comes to

\$278,000 over three years and saves the city almost \$190,000.

Council member Mike Martin asked who McAllister’s actual supervisor would be – the Dixon City Manager or Winters City Manager.

“When it comes to fire operations, what we do here, the fire chief reports to me,” said Donlevy.

Mayor Woody Fridae expressed some unease about a clause in the contract that allows either party to terminate the agreement within 90 days.

“That’s a pretty quick turnaround time if we’re going to have to completely redo our leadership at the fire station,” said Fridae, asking Donlevy’s opinion on this. Donlevy replied that he was unconcerned.

“There is not an issue. It’s pretty standard,” said Donlevy.

McAllister, who was attending the meeting, came to the podium and introduced himself as “your future fire chief,” and said “I look forward to being part of the community and part of the organization.”

Fridae officially welcomed McAllister with a handshake, met with applause from

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Dedication ceremony planned at safety facility

A dedication ceremony for the new Public Safety Facility is planned on Thursday, Nov. 3, at 3:30 p.m. at the facility, located at 700 Main Street.

The public is invited to come hear City Manager John Donlevy give an introduction and history of the project, followed by comments from Mayor

Woody Fridae, Police Chief Bruce Muramoto and Fire Chief Scott Dozier.

A presentation given by PG&E manager Clay Schmidt will follow, along with closing comments from Donlevy.

After the formal ceremony, there will be tours of the facility and refreshments.

Fill ‘er up



Photo by Charles Wallace

Water is being pumped back into Putah Creek over a temporary dam this week. The temporary dam, just west of Winters, is scheduled to be removed on Saturday. A new 35 foot wide channel has been created, gravel and riprap are being added for stability and fish habitat. The pair of mile long 24-inch pipes were laid in the creek to divert water so the creek could be reshaped and rerouted. Once the water is back flowing in the creek, the pipes will be cut into sections and removed. The restoration project is expected to be completed by Nov. 20 of this year.

Corey’s first assignment: find a successor

By DEBBIE HEMENWAY
Staff writer

At the direction of the Board of Trustees, interim superintendent of Winters schools Marilyn Corey’s first official task is to initiate a process to select her successor, the next full-time superintendent for the district.

Discussion of the process began with what Corey characterized as a “crucial first step,” a choice of procedures: the Board could either hire an

outside firm of “head-hunters,” or could conduct their search and selection using in-house resources, led by the interim.

There were, Corey said, financial implications involved in the decision. A professional search firm would charge \$20-25,000 for their services. In-house costs “should be no more than \$5,000” for the services of two outside consultants to assist with paper-screening and reference checks of applicants and to

help assure the objectivity of the initial phases of the process.

Board President Dan Maguire asked Corey about the optimum time to hire, to which she replied that early spring would be best.

“But there are a number of steps beforehand,” she explained. “It takes time” to determine the qualifications that the stakeholders desire in a superintendent, a process that should involve the Board, the community and staff.

Further time is involved in advertising the vacancy, preparing brochures and applicant materials and screening the “hundreds of applicants you will get” to find the eight to ten best matches.

When Maguire remarked that Corey had indicated during her own interview that she could conduct a search, she replied, “I believe I could do it, but it’s your decision. I will do whatever you

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Celebrating harvest time



Photo by Debra DeAngelo

Local growers and artisans will be featured at the Winters Harvest Festival, which takes place on Friday, Oct. 28, 5-8 p.m., on the first block of East Main Street.

Helping to make the event a success are, from left, (front) Brandon Emery and Sean McNamara, and (back) Patty Rominger, Paul Holmes and Paul “Pablito” Underhill. The event, sponsored by the Winters Chamber of Commerce and the Winters Healthcare foundation, will feature locally produced food, wine and goods.

Highlights include the announcement of the Chamber Scarecrow Contest winner.

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WEATHER

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

Date	Rain	HI	Lo
Oct. 19		89	54
Oct. 20		81	51
Oct. 21		84	52
Oct. 22		85	52
Oct. 23		86	50
Oct. 24		86	52
Oct. 25		83	49

Rain for week: 0
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OBITUARY

Connie Javier Gomez

Beloved daughter, wife, sister, niece and friend Connie Renee Javier Gomez, born Sept. 16, 1975, passed away on Oct. 23, 2011. She was 36.

She graduated from Winters High School in 1993 and from UC Davis in 1998. While in college she was an active member of Mujeres Ayudando la Raza, and was a strong advocate for giving back to her community. She worked as a teacher in Winters as well as a substitute teacher throughout Yolo County, and then worked for the Yolo County Housing Authority.

She was known for her huge heart-warming smile and giving heart. She adored her children and husband, her parents and brother, and her large extended family. She made friends easily and gave generously. She had a loving way of making people feel welcome and at ease. She was genuine and always gave from her heart. Her laugh was infectious and loud, and unmistakable.

"Her absence leaves a tremendous void in our family," said family members. "She will be missed terribly. She was loved by many and a friend to all who came into her life. Although she left us far too soon, we know that she is at peace in Heaven."

She is survived by her husband, Ryan David Gomez, and their three children, Tristen, Alyssa, and Lauren Gomez, all of Winters; parents, Louie and Yolanda Javier; brother, Louie Lee Javier of Winters; brother-in-law, Philip Javier-Meisch of Winters; maternal and paternal grandfathers, Frank Trujillo of Fairfield and Humberto Hernandez of Winters; parents-in-law, David and Debbie Gomez of Woodland; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Sabrina Renee Gomez, and by her grandmothers, Angelina Arias Hernandez and Mary Trujillo; and her grandfather Fernando Javier.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Yolo Hospice in her honor.

A mass and eulogy is planned on Friday, Oct. 28, at 11 a.m. at the Saint Anthony Parish Hall, 5111 Main St., Winters. The family will hold a private burial service immediately after the mass. There will be a gathering at the Winters Community Center after the service for the community.

Weekly police report

◆ Two incidents involve minors hit by drivers that fled the scene

Oct. 14

~ 7:56 a.m., a 10-year-old Winters juvenile was riding his bicycle northbound on Railroad Avenue on the west sidewalk. The juvenile stopped at the intersection of Martinez Way and waited as a white pickup truck approached the stop sign eastbound on Martinez Way and stopped. The juvenile thought it was safe to cross the street and began crossing northbound onto Railroad Avenue. The unknown driver of the truck did not see the juvenile crossing and began to pull forward. The unknown driver applied the vehicle brakes but could not avoid striking the juvenile with the bumper of the vehicle, which knocked the juvenile off his bike and to the ground. The unknown driver then left the scene.

Oct. 17

~ 12:58 p.m., a 17-year-old Vacaville juvenile was walking westbound on Grant Avenue at Railroad Avenue. The juvenile entered the crosswalk as the pedestrian sign had changed and began flashing for pedestrians to stop crossing. The juvenile thought it was safe to continue crossing the street and continued walking westbound on Grant Avenue. The juvenile was about halfway through the crosswalk when he felt his legs being struck by a vehicle. The vehicle was in the left hand turn lane preparing to turn westbound onto Grant Avenue off of Railroad Avenue. According to statements given by witnesses, the driver of the vehicle did not see the pedestrian in the crosswalk and pulled forward. The front bumper of the vehicle struck the juvenile's left leg causing him to spin around. The juvenile sustained injury

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YESTERYEAR



Tom Reeves, center, Winters High School senior, is shown above receiving the Winters Lions Club trophy as the outstanding football player in the 1956 season. At left is Joe Diaz representing the Lions Club. At right is football coach Art Chaboya.

File photo

50
YEARS AGO

November 9, 1961
Bids on the construction of sewer lines in Major Vista will be opened November 21 at the city council meeting.

Funeral services were held at Kraft Bros. Funeral Home in Woodland yesterday for Samuel Albert Cheney, 72, who died Saturday in the veterans' hospital in Oakland.

A resurgence in the search for natural gas in the Winters area has been noted during the past fortnight, with drilling now underway on the Gladys Singleton Ranch, east of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Nakai are the parents of a daughter, Kathryn, born October 15, 1961, in the Mercy Maternity Hospital, Sacramento.

Dale Brewer is returning this month from the armed service to resume his position as custodian at the high school. Clarence Keeton has been doing his work while he was gone.

Receiving certificates of completion of the hunter safety course Sunday afternoon were Pat Bourland, Elmer Bussard, Larry Campos, Vernon Fletcher, Douglas Garcia, Buell Gonzales, Ray Hattabaugh, Phillip Jeffery, Ron Herndon, Bruce Kersis, Billy Martin, Michael Martin, Stephen Martin, Ron-ald Shirley, Tony Turkovich and Mark Wolden.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Joens entertained at a birthday dinner on Sunday for Mrs. Joens' father, J.M. Wagenet.

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YEARS AGO

November 8, 1946
Mrs. Ester J. Robinson, of Woodland, was elected Yolo County tax collector Tuesday, polling 4,389 votes to 3,516 for her opponent, Paul V. Vannucci, of Capay.

Louie Campos, local high school senior, and employee at Lindy's Shell Service after school hours, suffered leg and back injuries Wednesday in a motorcycle accident. He was a passenger on the cycle, driven by Kenneth Campbell who was not hurt.

At a meeting held Wednesday at 8 p.m. at the Bank of America the following officers for a local community chest were named: Vernon Jeffery, president; E.E. Zimmerman, vice president; and A.G. Anderson, secretary-treasurer.

Practically all local business houses, grocery and drygoods stores, butcher shops and public offices will be closed Monday, Armistice Day.

John P. Ramos took delivery Monday of a new Plymouth sedan from the R.A. Frisbee agency.

Technician 5th grade Aaron F. Rugles, Jr., arrived home Saturday from Fort Sill, Oklahoma, having been discharged from military service from the Fort Sill separation station.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hartzog and children of Benicia were Sunday guests with Mrs. Hartzog's mother, Mrs. Fred Sims.

100
YEARS AGO

November 10, 1911
On the outskirts of Sacramento the Southern Pacific Co. is erecting a steel bridge across the Sacramento River.

Miss Ona Johnson and Walter S. Weaver were married in Winters on Wednesday.

Henry Rice arrived recently from Kentucky and is enjoying the new home recently completed in the Wolf-skill District.

The Davis post office will be equipped with a postal savings department and will be ready for business November 24.

Fenley has again arranged to supply all with fresh fish every Friday.

The Halloween party given by Miss Marian Graham last week was a very enjoyable affair, attended by about 35 of her friends.

Miss Fannie Briggs will give painting lessons and do stamping for embroidery at the home of Mrs. T.H. Fenley.

F.W. Willis and family have moved into their new home in Piedmont.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Sager left Wednesday morning for a few days visit in Oakland and San Francisco.

Berryessa down .11 of a foot

The level of Lake Berryessa fell by .11 of a foot during the past week, with a reduction in storage of 1,933 acre feet of water, according to Mickey Faulkner of the Solano Irrigation District.

He reported Tuesday morning that the lake was 425.82 feet above sea level, with storage computed at 1,293,511 acre feet of water.

The SID is diverting 60 second feet of water into the Putah South Canal and 30 second feet is flowing in Putah Creek at the Diversion Dam.

Evaporation on Lake Berryessa averaged 110 acre feet of water per day during the week.

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YEARS AGO

November 6, 1896
George North, of Winters, is one of the happiest men in California. He has two boys of whom he is pardonably proud, and both will have seats in the next legislature.

John G. Fredericks was elected county supervisor from the fifth township in Tuesday's election. McKinley was elected president, but Bryan carried Yolo County.

Winters gave a majority for woman suffrage. It is a fact, too, that several Prohibition votes were cast against it, and many Democratic ones for it.

Mr. and Mrs. C.P. Parmenter are at Monticello for a few days. Mrs. Parmenter took up a fine stock of millinery to dispose of to the ladies in that vicinity.

What might have been a serious accident but for prompt action occurred in Judy Bros. Stable last Tuesday night. A lamp was overturned in a wagon which caused it to explode. The wagon caught fire sending up an immense flame, but it was immediately run out to the water trough and the fire extinguished.

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COUNCIL

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the audience.

Downtown hotel

With council member Harold Anderson recusing himself due to the proximity of his business and the property in question, at the southwest corner of Railroad Avenue and Abbey Street, where Cody's Restaurant, JJ'S Saloon and the old firehouse now stand, the council approved the final draft of a Request For Proposal (RFP) for a downtown hotel at that site. The approval authorizes city staff to develop an advisory review panel and authorize a project timeline.

Donlevy introduced the item with enthusiasm: "Imagine what we see happening downtown on Thursday, Friday and Saturday happening seven days a week. If you look at the revitalization of our downtown, it's based not only on the Buckhorn and the Café, it's Berryessa Gap, the bike shop, El Pueblo, Turkovich, Preserve, Main Street Cellars... Imagine that we put in a business that will have hundreds of people staying downtown and swamping our local businesses constantly." He said the city's hotel RFP "embodies many of these vision elements."

Donlevy said there is a recurring theme from visitors to Winters: "We wish there was a place to stay." The proposal is for a hotel with 100-150 rooms. Donlevy said parking will be an issue, and subterranean parking may be considered as an option. He noted that the project does not necessarily mean that the city would sell the property, which it now owns as a redevelopment-funded purchase.

Donlevy said that overflow from UC Davis conferences would provide clientele for the proposed hotel, which meant the size of the hotel needed to be ample enough to accommodate it. He claimed that other conference and meeting facilities in area are "kicking themselves because

they went too small."

"UC Davis is a growing industry," said Donlevy. "Over a 10 year period, they're moving from 25,000 to 35-40,000 students in future, not including faculty and employees."

Besides potential overflow customers from UC Davis conferences, Donlevy said support from key people in the community will be crucial.

"For someone to come in and invest 30, 40, 50 million — they need to know who their business partners will be," said Donlevy, listing the Pickerels, Ogandos, Turkoviches, Martinezes and Siracusas. "They've all invested in making this a very successful place."

Martin noted that other projects have been approved by the council, "and they've delayed and delayed."

"Will this RFP detail when the project will start?" asked Martin. "Will they have to start looking for financing for 4, 5 or 6 years?"

"Part of the proposal includes identifying their financing," said Donlevy. "It will not be based on speculation," adding that the proposal must identify how the financing will be accomplished.

Cecilia Aguiar-Curry, calling the RFP step "really exciting," expressed gratitude to those in the audience "who helped make this a potential reality." She recommended adding local events and activities to the RFP to make Winters more attractive to a developer, and asked Donlevy if he's gotten comments from the community about the proposed hotel. He replied that the comments are "all over the map."

Martin asked if the RFP is awarded, would the public have an opportunity to comment on the project throughout the process. Donlevy said the project would follow the city's Form Based Code for building downtown (implying that public comment has already occurred at this step) but that ultimately, the project would go before the planning commission, where the public will have time

to comment.

"I don't want to give the impression that everybody will be able to tell every little bit about how it will look," commented Aguiar-Curry, adding that the Form Based Code "will help that."

Fridae expressed support for the proposed hotel, noting, "the council for the last eight years has made a bit of an unspoken commitment to Main Street and Railroad Avenue, radiating out, making it a functioning historic small town. We have preserved the beauty of the older buildings and have really tried to inject money and face-lifting into the appearance of our downtown." He said he frequently hears compliments about Winters when visiting other cities.

"I'm really glad that this hotel is part of that redevelopment process," said Fridae. "This could be a real turning point in making our downtown very business-viable. Once you get people staying over night, they've got time to kill, will spend time walking around looking for things to do and places to eat and shop."

The public was given time to comment, and Corinne Martinez was the only one to step to the podium. Martinez questioned the number of rooms proposed for the hotel and expressed doubt about the glowing UC Davis overflow picture created by Donlevy.

"It's pretty safe to say that demand for those rooms won't come from visitors that come here," said Martinez. "The conference thing is critical. Is there any data that says how many of these conferences are going on in a 50-mile radius? It's important to know what the data is. Anybody who is going to bid on the RFP will look for that."

Donlevy replied that attendees at UC Davis conferences are currently going to Sacramento for lodging. Martinez then asked about the "rumor of a hotel" proposed near Interstate 505.

"Will that have a conference center too?" asked Martinez. "It ruins the attraction

downtown."

Referring to the people he'd listed earlier (without addressing Martinez' request for data), Donlevy replied, "They're the ones that are going to sell this project." He added that city staff would put together a DVD of some of the television shows that have featured Winters, such as Huell Howser's show, Dinners, Drive-ins and Dives, and various newscasts to attract developers.

Aguiar-Curry asked for a projected timeline for the project. Donlevy said the RFP will be released by Oct. 20, with a target date of Nov. 15 for awarding it. He said it will probably be after the first of the year before the item returns to the council. He anticipated that a revised timeline will be presented to the council at the Jan. 3 meeting.

Old police station

Shelly Gunby, the city's director of financial management, presented a plan to renovate 318-A First Street, the former police station located behind City Hall. She said that she and Mills and Community Development Nellie Dyer have been working with Dennis Dong, the architect of the Public Safety Facility, to reorganize space at City Hall.

"Basically the goal is to move more staff down to the bottom level to help with access by citizens. There are people who can't or don't want to climb the stairs."

Gunby said the old police station needs to be examined for structural deficiencies, asbestos and mold, and the overall condition of the building needs

to be assessed.

"It may be in a condition that we don't want to be spending any money on," said Gunby. "When the survey is complete, we will report to council and make recommendations. We have \$637,000 in General Facilities impact fees, which would be what we use to renovate and rehabilitate that building."

Mike Martin asked if this "would wipe out the funds," and Gunby responded that it would, noting this project "is not eligible for redevelopment funding" and that she was anticipating that some of this funding would be used on City Hall. Aguiar-Curry asked if local contractors would be able to do some of the work. Gunby said potential use of the building depends on an inspection of the building.

"If the building is not structurally sound, there's no point in doing anything," said Gunby, adding that if the building is worth renovating, that she foresaw moving the finance department there and adding a conference room on the ground floor. This would make space for the planning and building departments to move downstairs.

Anderson expressed skepticism about rehabilitating the building.

"The police would tell you it's not in too good of shape. Throwing good money after bad doesn't appeal to me," he said.

Aguiar-Curry said she thought the plans should include an employee break room, which currently doesn't exist at City Hall, and Gunby said she was hoping for the patio for that purpose.

But first, she said, "we

need to make sure it's worth it," and asked for authorization to receive bids for inspections for the structure, mold and asbestos.

Fridae also seemed less than gung-ho on the proposal.

"I would like to go about this cautiously," he said. "We are so tight on money. We've spent so much on our police and fire facility. To go out and spend more on facilities when we have so much space out there... I know it's not the convenience that you want, but we have so much space out there."

Despite the concerns expressed, the motion to approve the inspections of the building passed unanimously.

Other items

~ The council unanimously approved \$24,000 in emergency repair funding for scour discovered on the car and trestle bridge during the Putah Creek construction project. Each bridge was approved for \$12,000 in repairs, which includes rebuilding rock abutments around piers and filling with concrete. Doing this during the creek project, while the water level was reduced saved the city as much as \$300,000 in engineering fees and construction, said Donlevy.

"You wish all projects could be this easy and frankly, this cost-effective," he said. Fridae commended Donlevy for acting quickly and taking advantage of the reduced creek flow to make repairs. Donlevy in turn praised his staff for working

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Opinion

LETTERS

Winters can't support hotel

I have serious concerns about the proposal to build a 150-room hotel in downtown Winters and subsidize it with our tax money. I wish the city council would share the needs assessment that supports this idea. I just can't imagine who would stay in this hotel. People who attend concerts at The Palms come from Davis or Sacramento at the furthest, and even if every single person at a Palms show stayed over, they wouldn't fill 150 rooms. People who go to conferences at UC Davis will not drive to Winters for a hotel: the Hyatt Place hotel on the UCD campus is planning an expansion that will nearly double its size, and the city of Davis is planning a hotel/conference center at what will be a new Embassy Suites hotel on Richards Boulevard near Interstate 80.

Winters simply doesn't have the population or the visitation to support this idea. A few years ago we had five art galleries; now they are all closed. I predict the same fate for the current glut of wine bars.

Oh well, maybe when it fails we can use the hotel building for low-income housing, for which there is a very real need.

DIANE CARY

Reception celebrates donation

The Winters Combined PTA is proud to announce that a technology grant proposal submitted to The Yocha Dehe Community Fund last spring has been approved and funded for the full amount of \$239,720.

Charlotte Mehl, the PTA's former publicity chair, spearheaded



the grant writing process after hearing about another Yolo County school that had successfully written a grant to the Yocha Dehe Community Fund. Together, Charlotte and fellow collaborators Jenell Novello, Joe Cook, Suzen Holtemann, and Pam Scheeline crafted a grant proposal letter highlighting the need for technology equipment that will enhance instructional practices and learning outcomes for all students K-5.

The Winters Combined PTA functions within Waggoner Elementary and Shirley Rominger Intermediate and operates with a modest budget comprised of two fundraisers; a fall catalogue sale and an e-waste drive in the winter. Receiving this grant is a huge honor that will bring tremendous opportunities for our students in spite of our current economic times.

To show our appreciation to the Yocha Dehe Community board members the PTA is hosting a formal reception at the Nov. 8 PTA meeting, to be held in the Margaret Parsons Room at the Winters Community Library at 6:30 p.m. All are invited to attend the meeting to help celebrate this tremendous honor.

JENELL NOVELLO
PTA President

Parenting workshops

The Tree House Children's Center on Haven (across the street from Waggoner Elementary) is holding parenting workshops on the first Wednesday of every month. These are round table discussions led by an experienced child educator.

Topics so far have ranged from "Separation Anxiety" to "Problem Behaviors." Workshops are free, and free childcare is provided with notice. There is simultaneous Spanish translation available.

I've learned and commiserated with the 20 or so other attendees; parents of kids from ages 2 through high school and beyond have contributed to the lively discussions.

All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you at the next workshop on Wednesday, Nov. 2, 7-8 p.m., where discussion will center on "Sibling Rivalry."

ZOE BERNA
Winters parent and
Family Medicine
Physician

Dogs need loving homes

The Yolo County Animal Shelter cannot accept at this time any more owner-surrendered dogs. The shelter is full.

For this reason the shelter will extend its special adoption rates for dogs through Oct. 29. The adoption fee for dogs (normally \$175) will be \$75 plus license this week.

There are dogs of all shapes and sizes waiting for you to give them a forever home, and you will be well rewarded with a friend for life.

The shelter is now open on Monday afternoons (no adoptions on Mondays) as well as Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The shelter is closed each day from 1-2 p.m. for lunch.

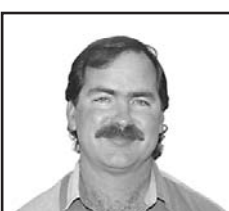
To adopt, you must prove that you own your home or, if renting, provide a copy of your lease or a letter from the landlord stating that you may have a pet.

JUDY SMITH
Shelter Volunteer

Medicare changes

Medicare beneficiaries should know that starting this year, dates for the Annual Election Period have changed to Oct. 15 through Dec. 7. The Annual Election Period (AEP) is when people with Medicare can join, dis-enroll from,

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CHARLES R. WALLACE

A QUICK OPINION

LET IT FLOW. The Putah Creek restoration project, the part for the flowing through Winters anyway, is moving right along. The new Putah Creek channel is getting ready for riprap and new gravel. They started pumping water back into the channel this week in anticipation of removing the temporary dam on Saturday. I'm not exactly sure why you would wet a creek bed before you let water flow over it, but I'll trust the engineers to know what they are doing.

The creek looks different now and will continue to change as the years go by. The removal of the car bridge will also change the look of the creek and hopefully add access to the lower level flood benches. There are a lot of trees still in the flood plane but the ground cover is scrapped clean. If Rich Marovich can keep the black berries from coming back, access to fishing and walking along the banks should be greatly improved.

I have been taking pictures of the work as it has progressed and it will be interesting to see what the creek looks like in five or ten years. Like Father Nature says, "Mother Nature bats last." Some of the engineered turns in the creek may become a little larger during heavy winters or silt up during dry periods. It will be fun to watch.

SECOND CHANCES. I travelled to San Luis Obispo last week to attend a wedding reception for a friend of mine. Fiser was the best man at my wedding, 36 years ago. It was a long drive for a wedding reception, but just a short trip to see a friend smile again. Fiser's first wife, and love of his life, had cancer and died several years ago. He didn't take it too well.

I'm not sure where he met Patrice, but when I met her a couple of years ago I knew right away that they made a great couple. She was smart, laughed easily and seemed to put up with Fiser and all his idiosyncrasies. Fiser is kind of my hero. He is one of those people who wouldn't hurt a fly, spends time with his family and has plenty of friends. He volunteers a huge amount of his free time, teaches at Arroyo Grande High School and helps with the athletic program whether it be coaching or fundraising.

Fiser, Patrice and her daughter, live in Fiser's parent's old home in Grover City, which is now called Grover Beach, to attract more tourism I would guess. The house is decorated, inside and out, in a pirate motif. Did I mention that Fiser never grew up? He still has that kid's innocent and trusting nature that most of us lost somewhere along the line. If I say something sarcastic, he will respond with "really?" and then give me a look and say, "funny Wallace."

They got married in Hawaii on 7/7/11 but were just getting around to hosting a reception. It was a family affair barbecue at the Portuguese Hall in Arroyo Grande. Plenty of friends from different times in his life, all dressed in Hawaiian shirts. I got a tear in my eye when I saw his daughter talking to Patrice, both with big smiles on their faces. Sometimes life is fair.

Until I get through this menopausal maelstrom, just call me "Burger" — if you dare

What I expected after 11 years of perimenopause: My cycle would just stop cycling, the hot flashes and night sweats would simply end, I'd dab a nostalgic tear from my eye, and with a bittersweet wave of goodbye to fertility, I'd toss my tampons in the trash, and start taking tai chi and watercolor classes, and that would be that.

HAH. That is so *not* how it's playing out.

Hormonal hell. That's what this is. What does it feel like when all the hormones that make you feel lovely and perky and sweet just dry up? A particular YouTube video illustrates it best, and if you truly want to understand, you must play along.

Stop right where you're reading, and google "Burger and Fries cat." Go ahead, I'll wait...

Exactly. The menopausal maelstrom in-cate.

Hot flashes and night sweats. Pssshhh. Those are the least of my problems. Total

psychological upheaval is more like it. I'm scrambling over the rubble of a massive 8.0 biochemical earthquake, trying to locate myself, desperately hoping that when I find me, I'm not just a bloodied and bashed corpse.

Debra's all gone.

Yes, that's how it feels. I don't know who I am right now, but it feels like all my skin has been peeled away and my entire surface is nothing but raw nerve. Any random comment could be a "ping" of rocks salt onto bare flesh. And I react in kind. Apparently estrogen is the filter that keeps you from slicing the random commentator into pieces with one vicious swipe of your claws.

And now my filter's gone. What I used to shrug off now gets my full, fierce attention. Like my boss. Used to be when he'd get mouthy with me, I'd just tune him out like a radio station that's turned to static. But lately, when he says something annoying, like "Good morning,"



DEBRA DeANGELO
BECAUSE I SAY SO

it occurs to me that he'd look simply fabulous with a 12-inch metal pica ruler plunged into his forehead.

And it's not just the anger filter that's gone. It's the weepy filter too. Example: Last weekend, I took my daughter to Target. She needed some bath towels. While she's picking some out, I realize I'm becoming uncontrollably misty-eyed and quivery-chinned. She notices, and says I look "pathetic." What's the matter, she asks. I mumbled something incoherent about a new towel.

"Mom, do you want a towel?"

I nod "yes," like a snuffling, overtired toddler.

"So, get a towel."

"I can't!" I whimper. "I don't like any of them!"

And as I stand there

trying not to burst into tears amid four aisles stacked to the roof with towels, not one of which is acceptable to me, I hear a thump-thump-thump: From behind the glass wall where I'm stuck watching "me" melt down, I pound on the glass and manage to get my attention long enough to mouth, "This is not normal."

And I hear me. And I realize I need help.

So, I went home and searched the internet for information, but it's all about the "symptoms" and "treatments," as if menopause is a disease. It's not. It's a transformation, and there's precious little to be found about the psychological experience of your hormones shutting off. It's not just hot flashes and wicked insomnia and depression and despair. Those are symp-

tomatic beads on an experiential string. It's the string itself I want to understand — the psychological reverse-metamorphosis of going through puberty backwards; the helpless plummeting down the rabbit hole into a place where nothing makes sense.

Finding nothing useful on the internet, I turned to the real experts: my friends.

After two hours on the phone, Sunny finally convinced me that I was not, in fact, insane. When her hormones shut down, she said one day she was screaming at her husband for "killing" an inflatable chair — evidence that he did not love their daughter. He stared at her in wide-eyed horror.

Oh, I said... sort of like when my husband lets water run down the driveway while he's brewing beer and it means he secretly hates Gaia and wants her dead?

Yes, she said, just like that.

Then I emailed Amy, and told her I just feel completely WRONG.

She offered comfort and reassurance, and said, "Call me. You are not alone. I swear. Pinky swear. I love you." Then she left a similar voicemail on my cell phone that I can replay in case of an emergency, like if I need a washcloth to go with that towel.

And finally, I spent an evening with Jesse, who I'd told that I feel like how John William Waterhouse's Lady of Shallot looks, and was considering heaving myself into traffic to make it stop, and hey, wouldn't you just love to spend some time with me? And she said yes. Now, *that's* a friend.

Thanks to these three angels and megadoses of evening primrose oil that are finally kicking in and insulating my nerves from mouthy bosses and towel tragedies, it occurs to me that I could, might, maybe, just possibly, survive menopause. With a little help from my friends, that is.

But, just in case, I'm going to put all the pica rulers away.

LETTERS

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or change a Part D drug plan or Medicare Advantage plan, with changes taking effect Jan. 1. It's a good idea for people to reevaluate their Medicare plans during the AEP, since drug formularies, premiums, and other out-of-pocket costs can change every year.

HICAP is a nonprofit organization that provides free, unbiased, one-on-one counseling to Medicare beneficiaries. Anyone who would like advice or assistance with changing or joining a Part D or Medicare Advantage plan should call now to schedule an appointment during the AEP. Beneficiaries are encouraged to bring with them a list of their prescription drugs, including dosage and frequency.

For a free local HICAP appointment, please call RISE, Inc. in Esparto at 787-4110, the Davis Senior Center at 757-5696, or the Woodland Senior Center at 661-2001. People who are turning 65 or are new to Medicare, or anyone needing assistance with other Medicare issues are welcome to make an appointment any time during the year.

We are also planning a "Part D Day" on Nov. 7 for Medicare recipients who wish to change their Part D plan during the AEP; call the Woodland Senior Center for an appointment. We are hoping to bring HICAP to Winters if sufficient demand for services exists here.

For Medicare recipients who are UC Davis retirees, the UCD Health Care Facilitator Program is planning a couple of presentations on Oct. 31 and Nov. 2. If you are interested in more information regarding these sessions please call 752-7840 or (530) 752-4264, or visit the HCF website at www.hr.ucdavis.edu/hcf.

SABINE NOOTEBOM
Regional Coordinator,
Yolo County
HICAP Services of
Northern California

Seeking board members

The Yolo County Workforce Investment Board (WIB) is looking to recruit one or two business owners or managers for membership on the board.

The WIB is comprised of business and corporate leadership, labor, education, nonprofit, economic development, and government organizations to bring improvement to the economic life of the community. Each member is appointed by the Yolo County Board of Supervisors. Once appointed, board members discuss local businesses workforce needs and develop policies for the local workforce development system.

The vision and purpose of the WIB is to provide a place where existing and new businesses have their employment needs met by

an appropriately trained and motivated workforce of county residents who will then have the opportunity for a fulfilling and sustainable career. The goal is provide an appropriate conduit for our community workforce to stay in the mainstream or, if fallen out of it, to get back into the mainstream.

The WIB advises Yolo County on the use of its education and training resources to satisfy the needs of the business community.

We need help and representation from the Winters business community to effectively achieve the workforce education and training goals in our county.

The WIB task includes:

- ~ Strategic planning that leads to creating and preserving local job opportunities in cooperation with economic development entities;

- ~ Cultivate youth development activities through a Youth Council;

- ~ Identify and communicate issues to policymakers as a community voice to impact the available local labor market;

- ~ Oversee the One-stop Career Centers delivering employment and training services to jobseekers and employers

The WIB is an important part of the positive economic growth of Yolo County and currently meets in Woodland once every two months – more often when needed.

Please contact Al Aldrete, executive director for the Winters Chamber of Commerce, if you have an interest in helping out.

STEVE ROBERTS
Workforce Investment Board



Scary or sweet?

Photos by
Debra DeAngelo

Will the Buckhorn's scary Revenge of the Cattle scarecrow or the sweet Cat in the Hat created by WPNS win first prize in this year's Scarecrow Contest? Vote for your favorite at the Chamber office by noon on Friday, Oct. 28.

Grand Jury now in session, complaint forms available

The Yolo County Grand Jury functions as a citizen "watchdog" organization to review the operations and performance of county and city organizations, school districts and special districts. Citizens may submit complaints about the actions or

performances of public officials or public agencies within Yolo County and the Grand Jury makes its own determination about which complaints may be investigated. All information is kept strictly confidential.

Based on these reviews or investiga-

tions, the Grand Jury publishes its findings and may recommend constructive action to improve the quality and effectiveness of local government. The public can access Grand Jury forms, information and published reports at www.yolocountygrandj

ury.org or by calling 406-5088. Forms are also available at Yolo County Administration information counter, 625 Court Street, Woodland, California and Yolo County Public Libraries.

The Grand Jury is an all-volunteer panel of Yolo County residents.

**Preschool
Halloween
Parade
Monday,
Oct. 31 at 10 a.m.
Meet in front of
Pizza Factory**

Community

Mixer honors Chamber members

The Winters Chamber of Commerce will hold its first Member Appreciation Mixer on Monday, Nov. 7, 5:30-7 p.m. at the Community Center. The Mixer will be held on the first Monday in November, rather than the usual second Monday, due to the Veterans Day Holiday the following week.

This special Mixer is devoted to showing appreciation to Chamber members and local businesses. Food will be catered by Buckhorn Catering and Tomat's California Cuisine, and entry includes non-alcoholic beverages, beer and Family Wines and Berryessa Gap wine, as well as one raffle ticket. Additional raffle tickets may be purchased for a variety of spectacular prizes.

Admission is a suggested donation of \$5; free for Chamber members to this special Mixer. Not a member? Call the Chamber office to join, 795-2329, or join at the door.

Reservations to the Member Appreciation Mixer are requested so that the caterers can prepare the appropriate amount of food. To attend, call the Chamber office, 795-2329, by Tuesday, Nov. 1.

Rotary plans craft bazaar

The Rotary of Winters Club is hosting a Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, Dec. 3, at Rotary Park starting at noon. Rotary is looking for vendors offering creative, handmade gifts. The event is for those individuals who create gifts in their home, nonprofit groups, or other crafters who sell their gifts at other bazaars. No food items can be sold at this event. There is a lot of space yet to fill in the park, says coordinator Chris Jones.

All are invited to enjoy a full day of activities sponsored by the Winters Friends of the Library in the Community Center, the Rotary of Winters Holiday Bazaar in Rotary Park, and the Winters Chamber of Commerce Christmas Tree Lighting finishing off the day.

Applications for vendor space are available at the Winters Chamber of Commerce office (Visitors Center), Spin A Yarn and the Cloth Carousel.

Email winters95694@gmail.com for more information.

Crisp will talk about book

The public is invited to meet Tom Crisp, longtime Winters High School teacher and author of "An Anecdotal History of Winters High School, on Monday, Nov. 28, 7-8:30 p.m. in the Winters Community Library community room. Everyone is welcome to attend.

For more information, call the Winters Community Library, 795-4955.

Praise for paella preparers



Courtesy photo

Winters Music Boosters had a successful Paella Dinner at Cody's on Tuesday, Oct. 18. The Boosters collected \$1,200 to help the high school and middle school music departments. From left are those who helped make the event happen: Carmina Serrano, Kathy Cowan, Tania Mannion, Beatrice Jordan, Theresa Linton, Frances Ramos and Lynne Secrist.

Nominees sought for Soroptimist award

Soroptimist International of Winters, an international volunteer organization for business and professional women, is seeking applicants for its recognition program targeted to young women who make the community and world a better place.

The Violet Richardson Award honors young women, be-

tween the ages of 14-17, for volunteer action such as fighting drugs, crime and violence, cleaning up the environment, and working to end discrimination and poverty.

In addition, the club participates in Soroptimist International of the America's Women's Opportunity Awards program. This

award provides a woman who serves as the primary wage earner for her family the financial resources to offset costs associated with efforts to attain higher education or additional skills and training.

Applications can be obtained from Barbara Cody, 795-2828 or Charlotte Carter, 794-6040.

Havens will compete in championship show

Maegan Havens of Winters, with Curb Appeal, a 2002 bay American Quarter Horse stallion, will be among 64 contenders for the Farnam All-Around Amateur Award at the 2011 Bank of America Amateur competition

at the American Quarter Horse Association World Championship Show, Nov. 5-19 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The award is presented to the amateur exhibitor earning the greatest number of points in a minimum

of two categories and three events on the same horse in amateur competition. The winner will receive \$15,000, plus thousands of dollars in additional prizes. Visit aqha.com/worldshow for more information.

Input sought on Yolo EIR

A Notice of Preparation for the Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) for the Yolo Natural Heritage Program Habitat Conservation Plan/Natural Community Conservation Plan (HCP/NCCP or Plan) was released last week, and is online at <http://www.yoloconservationplan.org> for public comment. Comments are due Monday, Dec. 5. Two scoping meetings will be held on Monday, Nov. 7, West Sacramento City Hall, 3 and 6 p.m.

Do You Have Questions?

Are You Searching?

Are you searching for something more?

Are you looking for a deeper meaning to life?

The Catholic Church is a place where, in a nurturing community, we can help you grow in your faith. A place where you can explore your questions.

St. Anthony Catholic Church invites you to join our Inquiry Group that meets Mondays at 6:30 p.m. at Casa Guadalupe, 303 Main Street, Winters, next to St. Anthony Church.

For more information, call Peggy Kelley at 795-2775.

Calendar

Friday, October 28

Winters Harvest Festival, 5-8 p.m., first block of East Main Street

Monday, October 31

Halloween

Annual WPNS Preschool Halloween Parade, begins at 10 a.m. in front of the Pizza Factory

Tuesday, November 1

City Council meeting, 6:30 p.m., council chambers, City Hall

Ongoing

Thursdays: Winters Rotary Club meeting, noon, The Buckhorn; **Bilingual Storytime**, 6:30 p.m., Winters Community Library; **Alcoholics Anonymous meeting**, 8 p.m., 305 First Street.

Sundays: Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, 9 a.m., 305 First Street

Tuesdays: Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, 6-7 a.m., 305 First Street

Wednesdays: Soroptimist meeting, 7 a.m., call 795-4631 or 795-2828 for location information; **Narcotics Anonymous meeting**, 7 p.m., 62 Shams Way

Upcoming events

Public Safety Facility Dedication Ceremony, Thursday, Nov. 3, 3:30 p.m., Public Safety Facility, 700 Main Street

FFA Buckhorn Fundraiser, Thursday, Nov. 3, 5-9:30 p.m., The Buckhorn

Yolo County Health Department flu vaccination clinic, Saturday, Nov. 5, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Community Center

Harvest the Moment, Saturday, Nov. 5, 5:30 p.m., St. Anthony Parish Hall

Winters Chamber of Commerce Member Appreciation Mixer, Monday, Nov. 7, 5:30 p.m., Community Center

WFOL Film Noir, "The Big Sleep," Wednesday, Nov. 16, 7 p.m., Winters Community Library

Winters Theatre Company's "FrUIT-CaKeS" gala opening, Friday, Nov. 18, 7:30 p.m., Community Center

Native American Heritage celebration, Saturday, Nov. 19, 1:30-3 p.m., Winters Community Library

Winters History Book Authors; Tom Crisp, Monday, Nov. 28, 7-8:30 p.m., Winters Community Library, community room

Year in Review/Citizen of the Year Celebration, Saturday, Jan. 21, Community Center

Winters History Book Authors; Gloria Lopez, Monday, Jan. 23, 7-8:30 p.m., Winters Community Library, community room

Winters History Book Authors; Dorothy O'Neil, Monday, Feb. 13, 7-8:30 p.m., Winters Community Library, community room

(To list your non-profit local event on the Winters Express calendar, email information to news@wintersexpress.com or call 795-4551.)

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COREY

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wish.”

Asked by Trustee David Hyde if she had conducted searches before, Corey explained that she had not done superintendent searches “by myself, but I have helped,” and that she had conducted searches for assistant superintendents. “The process is the same.”

Trustee Robyn Rominger found the cost difference between the two options to be compelling: “We’re broke.”

Maguire expressed his belief that because she was in-house, “Marilyn would be uniquely qualified to help find what we want,” a sentiment that was echoed by Trustees Mike Olivas and Matt Brickley.

Brickey, who was on the board at the time of the hiring of the previous superintendent, noted, “we used a firm before but they lacked the intimate knowledge of the district that we need. Marilyn comes with a good understanding of the community.”

When the matter was brought to a vote, there was unanimous consent among the trustees present to put Corey in charge. Board member David Reynoso was not present.

The discussion of the search process was followed immediately by a first reading of revisions to board policies and administrative regulations. This item appears on the agenda several times throughout the year, bringing to the attention of the trustees the most current policy language from the California School Boards Association (CSBA) and is typically considered a routine, pro forma item.

Corey requested that one item be removed from the document and suggested to the Board that they not simply adopt all CSBA recommendations.

“This process should be meaningful. It should not just be a rubber stamp.” She stressed that each district has its own needs and that there are sometimes financial implications to the

suggested changes. She urged the Trustees to read carefully everything in the packet before the next meeting, when action will be taken.

Reports

The early part of each board meeting is devoted to reports from sites, employee organizations and individual trustees, as well as input from the public.

At Thursday’s meeting, Winters High School teacher Matt Biers spoke twice, once as representative from WAEA (Winters Area Education Association) and once for himself as an instructor at the school.

Speaking on behalf of WAEA, Biers informed the board of the progress of district writing assessments and of the Waggoner School garden, but his emphasis was on class sizes at Winters Middle School and at the high school.

The contract between WJUSD and WAEA contains a statement that the district will “strive to” keep class sizes at 27 or fewer students for each teacher. The “strive-to” language is typically of most concern in core academic areas at departmentalized sites and is understood to refer to self-contained class sizes at the elementary and intermediate levels.

Currently, Biers said, 42 percent of classes at the middle school are above the contracted target size and 47 percent of classes at the high school are above, with over 30 percent above 30 students.

“WAEA stands by the strive-to number of 27,” Biers told the board, adding that he has as many as 34 students in a single English class.

Biers was then joined by WHS teacher Polita Gonzalez and the two, who both teach Advanced Placement (AP) classes spoke to concerns about the future of AP instruction at the site. AP classes offer curriculum that is equivalent to college-level instruction and students can, depending on their individual success on an end-of-year exam, enter col-

lege with credits already granted.

“Less than three years ago, WHS was named a California Distinguished School,” Biers said, “so it feels surrealistic that I am here tonight to argue for keeping our Advanced Placement classes.”

Last week, the high school staff was informed that the administration was considering dropping AP classes and suggesting their replacement with Solano Community College courses, offered either in Winters or taken at one of the Solano campuses.

Biers and Gonzalez were concerned at the possibility. For many students, they said, AP classes offer the greatest intellectual challenge of their high school years and that the grouping of “the most intellectually hungry students creates a synergy” that cannot be duplicated in other class settings.

Gonzalez added that the college credits and the extra grade points are only part of what AP classes offer students. “Sometimes we get caught up in the scores” that AP students achieve, “and we neglect the experience” of the rigors of the advanced classroom. Biers added that he believes that the AP Literature curriculum is more rigorous than freshman English classes at Solano and that the “level of student is higher.”

Rominger School

Shirley Rominger Intermediate School principal Pam Scheeline was present to recognize outstanding members of the Rominger community and to present the trustees with an overview of the school.

Fifth grade students Esther Myers and Victoria White are “outstanding all-around students,” the principal said, but they were singled out on this evening for their prowess in reading. Rominger School has annual goals for individuals and site-wide for number of words read. The two youngsters standing before the board have already read over 1,000,000 words each since the beginning of

the school year.

Parent Teresa Pisani was thanked for her volunteer work, especially her work with small groups of students in science. Pisani was clearly moved by Scheeline’s praise of her work. “This is an honor,” she said, accepting the certificate given to her by Maguire and Corey.

Scheeline then outlined for the trustees the plan that has led the site to outstanding success in the STAR testing program over the past two years.

That plan includes respect and recognition of students for positive behavior and academic progress and staff use of data and goal setting with students to make instruction meaningful.

Teacher David Paratore also spoke. The staff recognizes that they must continue to work as they have in the past to consolidate and maintain their gains. A new math program and an expanded Accelerated Reader program have been added this year and a technology grant from the Yocha Dehe Wintun band, brought to Rominger and Waggoner Schools through the efforts of the PTA, will all support the mission of the school.

Other business

The trustees approved acceptance of an agreement between Wolfskill Continuation High School and the Sacramento Tree Foundation. Present to describe the project and answer questions was Charlotte Kimball, who works with students and oversees the Wolfskill garden.

The Foundation will provide trees, which will be purchased locally from Four Winds Growers, and all tree-planting supplies. As an added value to the project, the Foundation will provide money and supplies for irrigation for the school’s Mediterranean garden, in an amount up to \$1,500.

Kimball was particularly pleased with the irrigation system allocation, which will support the trees and the

larger garden project, which has become a centerpiece of the school site.

November 5 is the scheduled date for the first planting.

Director of Educational Services Emilie Simmons reviewed for the board last year’s testing data and presented the annual Curriculum Planner. The planner is an outline of curricular goals district-wide for the current school year and an assessment of the previous year’s progress.

Simmons informed the trustees that work continues on common core standards, which are intended to insure that students who move from one state to another will have received the same instruction, no matter where they have lived or where they go. Simmons says that assessments are scheduled to change in 2014/15 with the adoption and implementation of the common core.

Following the regular meeting of the board, the trustees convened a close session. At the conclusion of the closed session, they reported unanimous consent that “the District utilize a hearing officer to conduct the evidentiary hearing requested by employee #200908.”

The next school board meeting is on Thursday, Nov. 3 at 6:30 p.m.

Council meets on Tuesday

The Winters City Council will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 1, at 6:30 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall. The agenda includes:

- ~ Presentation by Greg Lanzaro: update on Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District; City of Winters Appointment to the District Board
- ~ Public Safety Facility; notice of completion
- ~ Update and disposition of city property lease for 318 Railroad Avenue and Response to city Request For Proposals for 318 Railroad Avenue

Free flu shot clinic planned

The Yolo County Health Department and the City of Winters, will be offering a free seasonal influenza vaccination clinic to the public. The free flu shot clinic is available to all individuals six months of age and over. The clinic will be held on Saturday, Nov. 5, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Community Center.



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Project Linus gathering on Nov. 2

The monthly gathering at Cloth Carousel takes place on Tuesday, Nov. 2, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Project Linus of Yolo County will get together for its monthly gathering to work on quilts that help provide security to seriously ill or children in need. Cloth Carousel is also a drop off location for donated material and yarn. Collected blankets are already being distributed to children in Yolo County.

For more information, contact Ann Shannon, annshannon12@gmail.com or 753-9397.

Chamber Board election ballots due by Thursday Nov. 10 at the Chamber office



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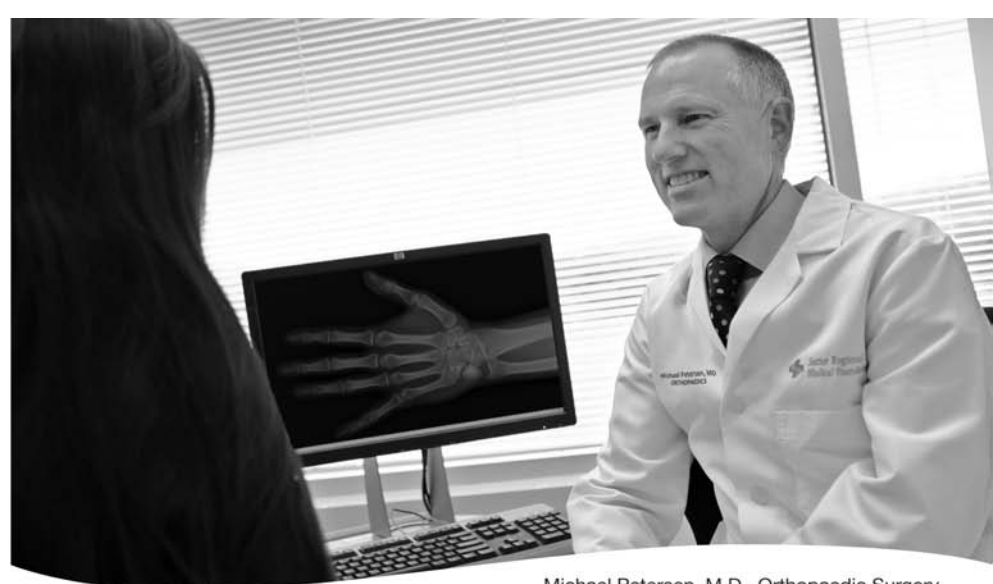
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Winters Senior Apartments' McNeill is Manager of the Year

By **DAWN VAN DYKE**
Express correspondent

Winters Senior Apartment manager Catherine McNeill recently received high honors from the USDA-RD (Rural Development). McNeill, who has managed the senior apartments on Morgan Street for the past four years, was named California Multi-family Housing Site Manager of the Year for Rural Housing/Elderly, USDA.

With 38 units on site, McNeill stays busy managing the day-to-day operations along with maintenance manager Jose Lopez "who is as important to this place as I am."

In addition to her administrative duties, McNeill organizes holiday functions, Birthday parties and other fun activities for the seniors. She also takes the time to get to know them all and interacts with the residents on a daily basis.

Winters Senior Apartments is an independent living facility, so she does not monitor medication or provide any healthcare advice. However she does look out for the residents and will call adult protective services if she feels someone is in danger. Residents look out for each other, too, and will let her know if someone hasn't been seen in a couple of days so she can check in and see how he or she is doing.

She also simply enjoys their company.

"My door is usually always open for chats, concerns, questions," says McNeill. "We truly look out for each

other — all of us, every one of us."

With only 38 one-bedroom units, there is a waiting list for Winters Senior Apartments.

"Sadly, there's not a lot for seniors in Winters."

McNeill is an employee of AWI Management Company. She was recommended for the Manager of

the Year award by Michael Burke, Vice President of AWI amongst the managers of the 14 properties in the AWI portfolio. From there, the nomination was sent to USDA-RD where she was selected by the RD committee and the State Director. Residents of Winters Senior Apartments sent letters of recommen-

dation to support the nomination.

"I am both humble and proud of my residents here at Winters Senior Apartments. Without their support the award would have gone elsewhere."

She says she's one of the lucky people who actually look forward to going to work every day. She loves the work and the people.

"I truly, truly, love my job."

McNeill has been managing senior apartments for 16 years, beginning in Texas. She's lived all over the United States, including Michigan, Kentucky, Texas and California. She has two daughters, Kim and Terrie, and five grandchildren.



CATHERINE MCNEILL

COUNCIL

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quickly.

~ A reduction in the facility fee to use the Community Center for Winters High School senior Ashley Shaw was unanimously approved. As her senior project, Shaw is planning a Hawaiian dance performance to benefit a local family with a child who has leukemia. Donlevy estimated the total cost, which includes a deposit of \$600, to be \$1,200." Council member Harold Anderson queried if the facility rental could be treated as a non-profit venture. City Clerk Nanci Mills confirmed this would reduce the rental fee. Fridae proposed approaching the Winters Rotary Club to co-sponsor the fundraiser and help pay the fees.

~ In his City Manager's report, Donlevy expressed pride about the work underway at Putah Creek, and announced the Nov. 3 dedication of the Public Safety Facility.

Council member Tom Stone arrived at the meeting during the discussion of inspections for renovating the old police station. The council meets again on Tuesday, Nov. 1, at 6:30 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall.

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Chamber of Commerce

CHAMBER NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

Chamber heating up as weather cools down

c October is full of bustling activities in Winters. It seems that there has been something going on every week this month, and not just for the Chamber but for the entire community.

For the Chamber, we had a great Business Breakfast at Cody's with guest speakers from Yolo Energy Watch and PG&E covering topics on not only how businesses of Winters can cut money spent on their electricity bill, but also ways that they can get money to finance the improvements that help maximize the payback at a much faster rate.

This is important, as electric companies are going to be moving to a new rate structure next year. There are finance programs for residents as well, but time is running out. If you are interested in getting more information, contact the Chamber office and we can get you in contact with the right people.

We had a wonderful time at our monthly mixer on Oct. 10 at Wiscombe Funeral Home. Thank you to Vera Smith for being such a gracious host.

The Sacramento region has conducted

an internal mission study for the past three years — this year the Chamber was invited to be a part of it. I went to a portion of this and listened to a panel that discussed the future of agriculture in California, and the importance of agriculture to our national economy.

After the panel discussion there was a reception where I was given the opportunity to tell the attendees all about Winters and what we have happening in this community. It was a great event and a wonderful opportunity for Winters. Thank you to the Center for Land Based Learning for the invitation.

This last weekend was the second Winters Ag Exploration. We had another full bus and unbelievable tour of Dixon Ridge Farms, the largest organic walnut grower in the county.

Russ Lester and his daughter Jenny were very informative, and delivered an unforgettable experience for all our guests. We followed up the tour with a fantastic lunch from Putah Creek Café and then finished the tour with a guided Winters History Stroll, with



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stops into various participating businesses.

Thank you to Dixon Ridge Farms, Putah Creek Café, Rootstock, Berryessa Gap, Turkovich Family Wines, and Main Street Cellars for their participation in this event.

Coming up, we have the Harvest Festival on Friday, Oct. 28, 5-8 p.m. on East Main Street, and the judging of the Scarecrow Contest. The Harvest Festival will be a grand celebration of the Harvest season. The Chamber is a proud sponsor of this event.

Next month on Monday, Nov. 7, the first Monday of the month, the Chamber will be hosting its Member Appreciation Mixer at the Community Center. This marks one of the Chamber's goals this year to emphasize our appreciation of our members. If you are planning on coming to this mixer we ask that you RSVP by Tuesday, Nov. 1. You can call the Chamber office, 795-2329, to reserve your spot.

The bottom line is

that even as the weather is starting to cool off, the Chamber is heating up and working hard to promote the businesses in Winters. Have a great month!

Chamber calendar:

~ Friday, Oct. 28: Harvest Festival, 5-8 p.m., first block of East Main Street

~ Tuesday, Nov. 1, noon, RSVPs due for the Nov. 7 Chamber Member Appreciation Mixer; RSVP by calling 795-2329

~ Monday, Nov. 7: Member Appreciation Mixer, 5:30-7 p.m. at the Community Center.

~ Thursday, Nov. 10, noon., all ballots due in the Chamber office for this year's Board of Directors election.

~ Friday, Nov. 11, Chamber Board of Directors meeting, 7 a.m., Chamber office (Winters Visitors Center), 11 Main Street

~ Saturday, Dec. 3: Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

~ Saturday, Jan. 21: "Year in Review" and Citizen of the Year celebration at the Community Center.

Harvest Festival is Friday, Oct. 28

Local farmers, artisans, wineries, and restaurants will be participating in the "Winters Harvest Festival," planned for Friday, Oct. 28, from 5-8 p.m. on the first block of East Main Street.

The Winters Chamber of Commerce and the Winters Healthcare Foundation are sponsoring to celebrate the producers of food, wine, and crafts in Winters and the surrounding area. This is a city-wide celebration of the wonderful produce, agricultural products and art that is produced in this region.

A number of local farmers will be selling their products including Terra Firma Farms, Everything Under the Sun, Sean McNamara and Toby Hastings, Cloverleaf at Bridgeway Farms, Double R Ranch, Rominger Brothers Farms, Dianne Madison, Kats Ranch, and Kurt and Connie Balasek/Quinta del Sol Olive oil

The Winters FFA will have their pumpkins for sale just in time for Halloween. Stop by the Winters Farm to School pumpkin painting table next to the FFA. They will provide coupons for one free, small pumpkin to paint at the festival.

Arts and crafts vendors will sell hand-made candles, ceramics, aprons, children's clothing, cards, and other unique products that would make ideal gifts this holiday season.

Local wineries and tasting rooms will wine available for purchase at the Winters Chamber of Commerce wine/beer booth.

The winner of this year's Chamber Scarecrow Contest will be announced, and at 7 p.m., the ceramic mural created by Rebecca Bresnick Holms and Shannon Moore for the public restroom at Rotary Park will be dedicated.

Live Music at the Harvest Festival will be provided by "Miss Lonely Hearts."

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Entertainment



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Falawn Clayson, dressed as a witch, waits to scare visitors in the Haunted Forest last year.

Haunted Forest growing west of Winters

Sherean and Sam Maynard are hosting a Haunted Forest on Wednesday, Oct. 26, through Monday, Oct. 31 (closed Sunday), from 7 to 10:30 p.m. on Highway 128, two miles west of town; follow the signs to get there.

The Maynards hope to offer a safe, scary and fun Halloween experience for local children.

"We did a Haunted forest last year and it was such a hit among adults and youth that we decided to open a larger scale event to the public, and offer five nights," says

Sherean. "Haunted Forests are a very different experience than a haunted house. Picture yourself in a dark isolated forest.

"The setting is so real and spooky: the sounds, the dark, the trees, the dirt, the smell. Just that alone frightens people and then you add the haunting and it's an experience never to be forgotten. There is something so bone-chilling about being followed or watched in the woods.

Admission is \$10, cash only. For more details, visit www.WintersHauntedForest.com

Russell celebrates new album release at The Palms

By KATE LADDISH
Entertainment correspondent

One-of-a-kind singer, songwriter, and guitar-player Tom Russell will return to The Palms, 13 Main St., on Saturday, Oct. 29, for a CD release celebration of his most recent — and highly-praised — album, "Mesabi."

Drawing on his Southern California roots and current life on his badland farm on the El Paso/Juarez border, his study of criminology, and his experiences teaching school in Nigeria during the Biafran War, Russell's songs peel back life's layers to reveal stories most people would never hear otherwise.

Full of grit, dust, sorrow and unexpected joy, Russell's songs have been featured in dozens of movies and television series including Tremors, Songcatcher, and Northern Exposure, and have been recorded by music luminaries including Johnny Cash, Nanci Griffith, Iris DeMent, Joe Ely, Jeff Walker, k.d. lang, Ian Tyson and Ramblin' Jack Elliott. His five recent appearances on "The Late Show With David Letterman" are a testament to Russell's powerful performance style and enduring popularity and relevance.

Russell and musical compadre Dave Alvin are credited with inventing the Americana radio format with their landmark Merle Haggard tribute "Tulare Dust" in 1994 — and Russell has remained a powerful and trail-blazing force in the genre. With more than 26 albums to his credit, Russell is known as much for his restless self-reinvention as he is for staying true to the essential core that informs his songs.

Russell's songs include the classics "Navajo Rug," "Gallo del Cielo," "Blue Wing," "Walking on the Moon," "St. Olav's Gate" and "Outbound Plane" as well as new favorites such as the award-winning "Who's Gonna Build Your Wall?"

Full of powerful observations and deliveries, Russell's latest release album, "Mesabi," is a collection of narrative-driven songs that explores the differences — and unlikely connections — between topics and landscapes as diverse as Juarez, Mexico, glittery Los Angeles and the Mesabi Iron Range of Minnesota.

The show begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and are available at Pacific Ace Hardware in Winters, Armadillo Music in



Courtesy photo

Tom Russell, singer, songwriter and guitar player, returns to The Palms on Saturday, Oct. 29.

Davis, Watermelon Music in Woodland, 1825 or visit palm-splayhouse.com or tomrussell.com.

Winters Theatre to offer "Fruitcakes" for the Holidays

By GERMAINE HUPE
Special to the Express

The members of the Winters Theatre Company have selected the family comedy "Fruitcakes" as their holiday play.

With a cast of more than 30 performers, ranging in age from elementary school students to senior citizens, "Fruitcakes" is genuine community theatre.

The play will open its eight performance run at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18, with a gala evening presentation.

Additional performances will be at 8 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 19, and the following two weekends. There will be matinee performances at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 27, and Sunday, Dec. 4.

There will be no Sunday matinee on Nov. 20 because of the community Thanksgiving celebration.

The plot of "Fruitcakes" concerns a small town that is famous for the holiday fruitcakes produced by two feuding sisters who share the secret recipe, but nothing else.

In addition to the cooking spinsters, the town must deal with a chickenpox epidemic, an estranged old man,

a run away child, plans for a Christmas nativity play and the usual holiday tensions which accompany a community celebration.

Although the play contains many comic situations, "Fruitcakes" also considers the very human problems of alienation, growing maturity, and eventual reconciliation as the play's characters come to an understanding of the true Christmas spirit.

Plan to join the members of WTC when they present "Fruitcakes," a wonderful start to the holiday season.

Tickets are \$15 for



Cast members rehearse for the Winters Theatre Company's holiday production of "Fruitcakes."

Courtesy photo

the gala opening on Nov. 18. All subsequent shows are \$10 general,

\$6 seniors/students.

For reservations or additional details,

send an email to wintertstheatre@gmail.com or call 795-4014.

Art Walk planned Oct. 28 during the Harvest Festival

Enjoy an evening art stroll through open house art studios and exhibits during the Harvest Festival on Friday, Oct. 28. Many downtown businesses will be open for their regular Friday evening business hours.

The Clayground, ceramic studio and

gallery introduces the works of new exhibiting artists, Connie Taxiera, fabric art baskets and woodworkers Chip McKenna and Seth Frondesco.

Rebecca Holmes, The Clayground owner, recently finished ceramic Heart Milagros.

Lamoreux Gallery will present Marjan Klupfel, botanical art quilts, and Deborah Lamoreux, contempo-

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Main Street Cellars is planning a photography exhibit.

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Sports



Photo by Ken Stewart

The Winters Warrior cheerleaders show off their stunts at a recent Warriors football game.

WHS football team gives Orland a good game

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

Sometimes the score doesn't dictate how the game really played out, and last Friday, Oct. 21, that was the case for the Winters High School varsity football team.

The Warriors hosted Orland in their final home game of the season on Senior Night and, despite losing 27-6, played a hard-fought game and actually had a good chance of winning until the last few minutes.

The Warriors are like the shorts from "back in the day": the cut-off jeans that shredded every time they were washed, and required iron-on patches to cover up all the holes—the same jeans got one kicked out of the town pool because they weren't seamed up.

Every week, the Warriors' roster seems to get shredded by injuries as coach Daniel Ward tries to patch them together. Winters not only has key players

See FOOTBALL on page B-3

Warrior swimmers win league championship

◆ Montgomery sets two more records

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

Both the boys and girls Winters High School swim teams won the Butte View League championships on Wednesday, Oct. 19, at the Bobbie Greenwood Swimming Pool.

The boys team beat second place Durham, 120 to 74, while the girls dominated their opponents, defeating second place Durham, 105 to 38. This marks the seventh year in a row that the boys team has captured the BVL title.

Once again, the boys were led by sophomore sensation Colten Montgomery who set two more school records this time in the 100 free with a winning time of 49.32 and in the 100 backstroke with a record time of 58.28. Montgomery may be close to holding the record for breaking the most records.

Holden Philbrook took third in 56.90 and Nick McKenna was sixth with a personal best time of 58.74. Austin Freed swam his personal best time in the 200 free for a first place finish with a time of 2:04.27. Kevin Lane also had a personal best time of 2:05.14 for a third place finish. D.J. Tice won the 200 IM with a personal best time of 2:08.47, followed by Justin Nitzkowski with a time of 2:18.12 and a second place finish. Matt Wallace placed third with his personal best time of 2:43.35. Zach Williams was fourth in 2:50.03 and Loren Tolley took fifth with a

personal best time of 2:52.46.

Philbrook won gold in the 50 free with a personal best time of 23.35. Imrich Valach placed third in 26.06 and McKenna was fourth in 26.34. Tice took another first place finish in the 100 butterfly with a time of 55.85, while Lane took fourth in 1:09.53. Freed won the 500 free with a time of 5:45.08 and Jacob Nicholson was fourth with a personal best time of 6:02.61.

In the 100 backstroke Anderson Bouwens was fifth in 1:11.48. Nitzkowski took second in the 100 breast stroke with a personal record of 1:09.70. Wallace had a personal best time of 1:17.48 for a fourth place finish and Tolley placed sixth with a personal best time of 1:24.17. Winters won gold in the 200 medley relay with Montgomery, Nitzkowski, Tice and Philbrook clocking a 1:47.93 and won bronze with Bouwens, Wallace, Lane and McKenna clocking a 2:02.63. Montgomery, Nitzkowski, Tice and Philbrook teamed up again for the 400 yard free relay and clocked a 3:33.90 for another gold, while Bouwens, Valach, Freed and Nicholson took silver with a time of 4:07.69. The Warriors placed third in the 200 free relay with Daniel Navarrete, Nicholson, Tolley and Williams swimming a 1:58.17.

For the girls team, Marie Scholl won gold in the 200 IM with a time of 2:44.21. Vanessa Arellano won the 50 free with a personal best time of 27.44 and Ashlynn Neil had a personal best time of 27.83.

See SWIMMERS on page B-3

CORRECTION

In last week's Express, a photo of swimmer Holden Philbrook was incorrectly credited. The photo was taken by Mikenna Sims

Winters Little League is looking for new board members for the 2011 Season.

All positions are open. If you are interested please come to the board meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 9, at 6 p.m. in the back meeting room at Preserve.

Williams wins grid contest

Mike Williams picked 21 out of 28 games correctly to win the \$30 first prize this week in the Winters Merchants Football Contest.

Three contestants, Joseph A. Borchard, Braulio Martinez and

Albert Acevedo, tied for second with 20 correct picks, with Borchard winning the \$15 second prize on the basis of the tie-breaking total score of the California-Utah game.

There were 44 points

scored in that game, with Borchard picking 45; Acevedo, 48; and Martinez, 65.

All of the other contestants had 19 or fewer correct selections. Another contest is in this week's Express.

Lady Warriors fall 3-1 to Wheatland

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The Winters High School varsity volleyball team only played one game this week as it traveled to Wheatland on Thursday, Oct. 20.

Hoping to pay back the Pirates for their close 3-2 victory over the Lady Warriors earlier in the season, Winters gave the Pirates a good game but came up on the bottom end of a 3-1 match.

The Warriors are trying to get back into the

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Haley Tobler



Haley Tobler, a senior on the Winters High School varsity volleyball team, is athlete of the week.

Tobler has been a solid player for the Warriors all season long and her versatility and athleticism has made her a big asset to the team.

"Haley can play anywhere," said coach Stacie Velazquez. "I can put her at any position and she will be the best player at that spot."

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Schools

JV football team loses close battle with Trojans

By **ERIC LUCERO**
Express sports

The Winters JV football team waited just a little too long before its defense started to play the way they're capable of.

The Warriors could not stop the visiting Orland Trojans' offense until their last defensive stand. That stop gave the Warriors one more shot at the end zone and a chance to win or tie the game. Unfortunately, Winters could not move the ball on its last drive as the clock ran down.

The Warriors hosted the Trojans on Friday, Oct. 21, in their last home game of the season and came out with a disappointing 40-33

loss. Despite the loss, the Warriors once again put on a show with their explosive and high scoring offense, which averages 29.9 points per game — once again led by sophomore Trevor Ray.

Ray passed the century mark with 103 yards rushing on 17 carries and two touchdowns. On the season, Ray has rushed for 1,019 yards with an average of 10 yards per carry. Jacob Lowrie also had another big offensive game. Lowrie carried the ball just six times for 71 yards and two touchdowns. Christian Corrales had 12 yards on four carries and a touchdown and

Chaz Mathews had three yards on one carry. Corrales completed two of five pass attempts for 36 yards, while Lowrie completed one of two passes for 38 yards. Ray caught one pass for 38 yards, Lowrie caught one for 28 yards and Roger Padilla caught an eight-yard pass. Luis Montes made three of four PAT kicks for the Warriors.

Defensively, Lowrie and Jacob Ivory, who both had eight tackles, led the Warriors. Ray and Padilla both had six tackles and Kaimi Drumright had five, while Mathews, Chris Kays, Niko Rojas and T.J. Anderson each had four.

for a touchdown.

"They are a very tough team with a lot of talent," Ward said. "But I think we played them pretty well and had a shot at beating them. Even their coach said that we played them tougher than anybody has all year."

Winters will travel to Gridley this week for their final league game and then to Corning for their final game of the season. The Warriors must win their last two games for a shot at the playoffs.

"I know we can do it," Ward said. "We just need to work hard and stay focused, and not get anymore players injured."

Jacob Lucero led the Warriors with 79 yards on 14 carries. Kyle Nichols had seven carries for 29 yards. Jason Roberts had five carries for 27 yards and Chris Mayes had 21 yards on 13 carries, and four of 15 passes for 35 yards, while Austin Murphy completed one of one for one yard. Kendrick Moore caught a pass for 19 yards; sophomore Ben Case caught a 10-yard pass in his varsity debut. Roberts caught one for five yards and Lucero caught one for two yards.

Defensively, Moore led the Warriors with 11 tackles. Darby Borges followed with eight tackles, Nick Stewart, Keli Callison, Lucero and Herrera each had six tackles, Case had five, Roberts had four and Fernando Del Rio had three.

High school students can enter essay contest

U.S. high school students and their teachers are invited to participate in the Bill of Rights Institute's sixth annual Being an American Essay Contest.

The largest contest of its kind in the country, the contest explores the founding principles outlined in the Constitution. The contest is administered by the Bill of Rights Institute, a nonprofit educational

organization in the Washington, D.C., area devoted to educating young people about the Constitution and founding principles. The 2011-12 contest is sponsored by the History Channel.

Specifically, students are asked to share their thoughts on the Constitution by answering the following question: "How does the Constitution establish and maintain a

culture of liberty?"

The top three student winners from each of the five geographical regions will be awarded \$1,000 (first place), \$500 (second place), and \$250 (third place). Teacher sponsors for each student winner will also receive \$100.

For submission criteria, lesson plans and background information, go to www.BillofRightsInstitute.org/Contest.

Donate canned goods, receive free Fairytale Town admission Nov. 25

Fairytale Town is offering free admission to families who bring canned or packaged goods for donation on Friday, Nov. 25, the day after Thanksgiving.

Fairytale Town is serving as a donation site for the Sacramento Food Bank and Family Services: Holiday Spirit of Giving Food Drive.

Activities in the park will include a hands-on activity for

children and puppet shows in the Children's Theater for a nominal fee. Families can spend a few leisurely hours in the crisp fall air and let the hustle and bustle of the season pass them by. Let your imagination run wild around the 25 oversized storybook playsets and exhibits. Say hello to Fairytale Town's newest residents the three little piglets,

and the many other barnyard animals. Parents and children alike can explore the Crooked Mile, King Arthur's Castle, Cinderella's Pumpkin Coach, Sherwood Forest or the Yellow Brick Road.

For more information, call (916) 808-7462 or visit www.fairytaletown.org. Fairytale town is at 3901 Land Park Drive in Sacramento.

Wolfskill High graduation planned Nov. 4

Wolfskill High School will have its first graduation ceremony of the school year on Friday, Nov. 4, at 12:30 p.m. at the John Clayton

Educational Center, 200 Baker St. Graduates will be Alexis Digue, Jessika Heredia, Kris Pisani and Emmanuel Rueda.

Halloween safety tips

■ Wear face paint instead of masks so you can see better

■ Wear reflective clothing so you can be seen in the dark by cars

■ Look through your candy at home before you eat it to make sure it is safe

■ Go trick or treating with friends so you can help one another if you need it

■ If you're under 13, bring an adult with you. If you're over 13 and trick or treating with friends, tell your family where you're going and what time you'll be back.



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Buckhorn sales to benefit FFA



Photo by Debra DeAngelo

With Halloween approaching, there's no scarier place for a steer than The Buckhorn. But this lucky fellow is only visiting to help promote the FFA's fundraiser at The Buckhorn on Thursday, Nov. 3. From 5 to 9:30 p.m., 10 percent of ticket sales from customers mentioning the FFA fundraiser will be donated to the Winters FFA. From left are FFA leader Kent Benson, FFA member Andrew Gonzalez, steer owner Bridget Eldridge, Buckhorn co-owner Melanie Bajakian, Joe "The Butcher" Bristow of the Buckhorn, and FFA member Daniela Salas.

Woodland Roadrunners plan holiday Toy Run

The Woodland Roadrunners' Chapter V 22nd Toy Run is back. Motorcyclists from around Northern California can help the Roadrunners ensure that children in Yolo County have a gift under the Christmas tree.

Thanks to all of the participants last year, the Roadrunners were able to collect close to 400 toys for the

children in spite of the heavy rain. The toys were then passed on to the local Marine Corps League for distribution.

This year's toy run will be the Roadrunners' fourth, with a poker run included. The price of admission is one new, unwrapped toy from each person who attends.

The toy run is on Sunday, Nov. 6, at 9 a.m., at

Les Schwab Tire, 65 W. Main St. in Woodland. All are invited for donuts, bagels, coffee, hot chocolate or tea and to get this year's poker run started. The last bike out for the poker run will be at 10:30 a.m., with awards at 12:30 p.m.

Contact Chapter Director Christi Cue at 666-4539 or visit www.gwtaroadrunners.org for more information.

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winning column and make a run for the playoffs, but time is getting short. The Warriors have just two games left and are seeded in the No. 11 spot in the Division IV Northern Section playoffs.

No other stats were available at press time.

JV girls volleyball

The Winters JV volleyball team played the Wheatland Pirates on the road last Thursday, Oct. 20, and gave the Pirates all they could handle.

The Warriors lost game one, 25-14, but bounced back and won game two, 25-19, to force the tiebreaker. Unfortunately, game three went in favor of the Pirates, 15-3.



Photo by Ken Stewart

Sarah Kimes (9) spikes the ball during a recent Lady Warriors varsity volleyball game.

"We were overwhelmed by one girl serving 10 points at the beginning of game three," said coach Teresa Perkins. "But

it should be a good game next Tuesday, at home against Gridley. Jocelyn Sanchez and Samantha Nichols played well for us."

SWIMMERS

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for a third place finish. Angelica Arellano won gold in the 500 free with a time of 6:01.70, beating her old personal best time by 20 seconds. Ashley Shaw took fifth in 6:35.72, while Sam Nickelson clocked her personal best time of 7:07.77 for a sixth place finish.

In the 200 free, Sam Nickelson took third with a personal best time of 2:36.97 and Claudia Curincita clocked her personal best mark of 3:04.55 for fourth place. Angelica Arellano posted her personal best time in the 100 butterfly in 1:11.93 for a third place finish, Shaw placed fourth in 1:15.68 and Curincita was sixth in 1:38.41. Vanessa Arellano took silver in the 100 free in 1:01.32, Neil placed third in 1:03.32, Ellie Kreun was

fourth in 1:11.23 and Molly Nickelson was fifth in 1:12.96. Kreun also took silver in the 100 backstroke with a personal best time of 1:17.08.

In the 100 breaststroke, Scholl posted a personal best time of 1:23.76 for a second place finish and Molly Nickelson was fourth in 1:28.05. Kreun, Scholl, Angelica Arellano and Shaw won gold in the 200 medley relay with a time of 2:15.38. Winters also captured a gold with Neil, Vanessa Arellano, Scholl and Kreun winning the 200 free relay in 1:54.79 and in the 400 free relay with Neil, Angelica Arellano, Shaw and Vanessa Arellano clocking a winning time of 4:10.58.

The Division II section meet was planned at West Valley High School in Cottonwood on Wednesday, Oct. 26, and the NSCIF Masters meet will take place at Shasta College in Redding on Saturday, Oct. 29.



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Notes from Africa: Crossing our fingers on the ferry

By **TIM CARO,**
MONIQUE BORGERHOFF MULDER
and **BARNABAS CARO**
Special to the Express

We woke this morning to hear about a terrible tragedy on the radio — 189 people drowned on the ferry between Zanzibar and Pemba, both of which are islands off the coast and part of Tanzania.

The whole boat sank. The cause is still unknown, but overloading seems highly probable. Boats, like buses, here are always overloaded — with people, luggage and cargo — the owners can make more money that way.

The boat had a capacity of 600 passengers but at least 800 left Zanzibar not counting crew. Some people tried to disembark before the ship left port because it was listing to one side, but the ladder was pulled up quickly and they could not get off.

Certainly the country has a long eastern coastline on the Indian Ocean, and is bounded by three enormous lakes to the west but this is the seventh boat accident here in the last three years. Policing on ferries in this country is minimal. If there is any, one can usually slip

the officer something and he will turn a blind eye. Yes, the current between Pemba and Zanzibar is surprisingly swift, and yes, there was an unusually gusty storm that night, but the consensus is that bad management and corruption were involved.

Corruption is everywhere here. No sooner than a new law is made — say buses can only travel at a certain speed to reduce road accidents — than a new opportunity opens up for someone to make some chai; literally get a cup of tea (a very expensive cup of tea sometimes!).

So the policeman tracking vehicle speeds can be given \$15 to forget about a speeding incident; the village official can be slipped cash for allowing someone to start a farm in an area that is supposedly set aside for wildlife; the government official can be given a little something to give you a permit to cut undersized trees in a forest reserve.

Politicians are not immune. Just last week, Wikileaks revealed the president received a “subsidized shopping trip” to London from a businessman, resulting in five Saville Row suits for the president and,

Here, and in most developing countries, (corruption) creeps in various guises, everywhere, even where it is against (almost) everyone’s interest.

for the businessman, a new lodge in Serengeti (where new tourist developments are now banned). It happens all the time.

Tanzanians regard corruption as the worst problem in their country. In a recent poll, 78 percent interviewed rated it as the No. 1 issue. Signs are up everywhere in government offices — *Rushwa ni adui wa haki* (Corruption is the Enemy of Truth). Yet it goes on and on. We often discuss two issues with Tanzanian friends: Is it worse than in the west? And how can it be stopped?

Sure, there is corruption in the USA: it comes through back-handers, pork barrel politics, Washington lobbyists, special interests. But it is institutionalized, and we suspect (not being experts in this area!) not as easy to carry out in Tanzania.

Here, and in most developing

countries, it creeps in various guises, everywhere, even where it is against (almost) everyone’s interests. Why? Certainly wealth differentials have a role to play. Tanzania was a society of villages — no egalitarian utopia, but there just wasn’t much that one family could own that another could not. And if anyone got ahead too far, they would be accused of bad behavior, even witchcraft. Now the rewards are just too tempting — not just a good harvest and a cell phone, but trucks, Ph.D.s, UN consultancies, Saville Row suits.

How to get rid of it? Clearly, stronger policing of corruption played a role in banishing such rampant open bribery in Europe and USA. So maybe that is what we need in Tanzania — stronger effective policing, judges who cannot be paid off, and politicians who actually resign or go to goal if they have their hand in the till. And for that to occur, society needs to demand that corruption be stamped out. Young people have to say that enough is enough. But in practice it has not started yet.

So for ourselves, we try to work with non-corrupt people — there are lots of them — give them financial opportunities so that they will not be sucked down that path, and go on crossing our fingers when we get on the next ferry.

Welfare to Work gets residents back to work

By **KATIE VILLEGAS**
Yolo County Children’s Alliance

Davis resident Susie Cooper, 40, wakes up each morning glad to have a job. Life wasn’t always positive for Cooper. The mother of five children came to the Yolo County Department of Employment and Social Services in 2004 needing help to become self-sufficient so she could care for her family.

Through the Yolo County Cal-Works Welfare-to-Work program, Cooper went back to school and earned an associate degree from Woodland Community College and then spent nine months getting work experience in her chosen field at the Yolo County Children’s Alliance.

Cooper says her experience at YCCA changed her life.

“Everyone there believed in me, giving me the self-esteem I needed and the confidence to believe I could have a professional career. Through the training they provided and the certifications I gained, along with working in the Step by Step and Baby Steps programs, I gained valuable skills that I have brought to my current job at the California Hispanic

Commission.”

Cooper does case management for the California Hispanic Commission in Solano County counseling teen mothers. She also works with people trying to overcome substance abuse and collaborates with the Child Abuse Prevention Council, Child Protective Services and the Family Resource Center to prevent child abuse. She recently was appointed to serve on the Solano Child Abuse Prevention Council.

The programs that helped Cooper achieve her dream are federal and state funded Work Experience (WEX) programs through either the Cal-Works Welfare-to-Work (CWES) program previously mentioned, or the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) program. Depending on circumstances, people like Cooper are either enrolled in the CWES or WIAWEX program. The WIA WEX program can offer an hourly wage for working.

Currently, 43 businesses are partnering with the county as work experience sites. The programs offer small businesses and nonprofits the opportunity to have additional help and not have to pay the salaries. The participants gain work experience so they can put the job on their

resume, eventually get a job and put money back into the community.

Notes Yolo County DESS Director Pam Miller, “The goal of WEX and all of our eligibility programs is to bring people to self-sufficiency. And the way to do that is to help them get jobs.”

Adds Nancy O’Hara, assistant director at DESS, “Times are tough and many of us need a helping hand. Sometimes people just need someone to open a door so they can come and show what they can do. We all benefit from people being gainfully employed.”

O’Hara, who oversees the employment and eligibility public assistance program for Yolo County, says work experience participants learn more than just the technical skills of doing a particular job. They also learn how to be a good employee, to show up for work on time, dress appropriately, work well with co-workers, take direction and interact with customers.

Not all work experience participants are new to the job market. Many are people who have been laid off and need to be trained in a new field where there are more employment opportunities. Through the new

training, they now have a competitive edge and a network of connections to help them find a job.

According to Miller, “Yolo County is always looking for more businesses and nonprofits to participate in the work experience programs for youths and adults.”

Cooper expressed her personal appreciation.

“I want to thank everyone at the YCCA who believed in me and allowed me the opportunity to better my life,” said Cooper

For more information about the Yolo County work experience program, call the DESS at 661-2750.

About YCCA

The Yolo County Children’s Alliance and Child Abuse Prevention Council is a non-profit organization committed to improving the health and well-being of Yolo County children, youth and their families. The 45-member alliance represents Yolo County agencies, community-based organizations, parents and individuals, who are all energetic advocates for children and youth.

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Best way to treat COPD? Quit smoking

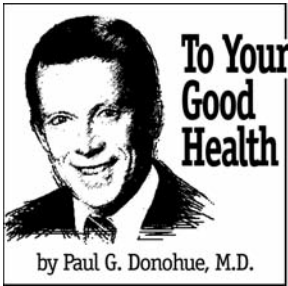
DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My mother is in her early 70s. She has been diagnosed with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, COPD. She had a bronchoscopic exam to remove a mucus plug. She was a very heavy smoker. She still smokes. She thinks her kids don't know, but we have seen the evidence. She is on oxygen. Her doctor thinks she has quit. What does this do to her life expectancy? How long can she live this way? —J.S.

ANSWER: Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, COPD, is two illnesses: emphysema and chronic bronchitis. Emphysema is a harmful stretching and destruction of the millions of air sacs found in the lungs. Through those delicate structures, oxygen reaches the blood. When they are damaged, a person cannot get enough oxygen and becomes breathless on even slight exertion. Chronic bronchitis is inflammation of the air passageways, the bronchi. They fill with thick, pus-filled globs of phlegm. Air cannot pass through them. A cough that produces of sticky, tenacious sputum is its chief sign. Cigarette smoking is the major cause of COPD, but not the only one.

It's hard to watch people ruin their own bodies and hasten death. That's what your mother is doing. Tell her that the most important treatment for COPD is total abstinence from smoking. Abstinence allows lungs to recover from the damage done from inhaling cigarette smoke. It doesn't achieve a complete reversal overnight. It does prolong life.

What does this do to her life expectancy? It shortens it. How long can she live? That can't be foretold. Unequivocally, she will live longer and enjoy her life more if she never lights up again.

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DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I have arthritis. Every time it rains, my pain seems to increase. I attend the Arthritis Foundation's exercise classes, and we all have the same response to rainy weather. We're wondering if this is due to increased humidity, low barometric pressure or just an "old wives' tale." —E.S.

ANSWER: A drop in barometric pressure along with an increase in humidity has been demonstrated to cause a flare of arthritis. It's the exact set of conditions that happen prior to a storm.

Some arthritics experience more joint pain when temperature drops.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I would appreciate reading your comments on the current rumor that microwave food loses all nutritional value. —C.T.

ANSWER: That's not a current rumor. It's a piece of misinformation that has been circulating since microwave ovens appeared on the market.

It's not true. Microwaving preserves vitamins and minerals better than almost any other method of cooking. Foods lose some of their nutritional value when they are boiled in lots of water; the water draws out some vitamins. Little water is used in microwave cooking.

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. (c) 2011 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved

Some quotes to live by

Today is "Talk About Quotes Day." Everybody has their own favorite quotes. Everybody uses quotes to support an idea or to illustrate a point. We all do, don't we? We all do the same thing. We read through hundreds of famous quotes until we find one that means something to us. We like a quote because it talks to us, it tells the truth. At least we think it does.

Some very famous quotes mean absolutely nothing at all. Others, equally as famous, mean something entirely different than we thought it would. For example, in the Bible, Chapter 22, paragraph 21, Jesus says, "Render therefore unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's." Well, if you are as smart as I am you'll know what this means.

I'll tell you exactly what it means. Say you have three asses and three bottles of bad wine when the tax man comes to your door. When the doorbell rings, you hide your asses and get drunk because if he sees you he's going to take it all. Unless of course you can prove that it all belongs to God, but the tax man doesn't want to hear that stuff anyway, so it's pay up or go to jail.

Most of the quotes from famous people like Jesus don't apply to us anyway because Caesar owns us all, and what we think don't make no never-mind. To Caesar, hog feathers and tooth fairies are the same as justice, mercy and duty. If you think that I'm mistaken and have it all wrong, just show me one atom of mercy or one atom of justice, and I'll be the first to admit that I'm wrong.

Now we'll move on to

THE WAY I SEE THINGS

DONALD K. SANDERS



some of the famous quotes that I've written through the years and I'll explain in layman's terms (dummy's terms) exactly what they mean. Now you're thinking to yourself, "Boy, that Don Sanders sure is smart, and he's very good looking too." Of course, you will be right.

Quote #1: "Honesty is not only the best policy, it's the only policy!" I wrote this just before World War I while on vacation in the Alps. What this means is that it's not advisable to lie because the government has a new camera that can tell when we're lying. The computerized system uses a simple video camera with high-resolution thermal imaging sensors and a suite of algorithms.

I think algorithms are some kind of music.

Anyway, this new camera captures our emotions, given away in our eye movements, dilated pupils, biting or pressing together our lips, wrinkling our noses, breathing heavily, swallowing, and blinking. These are just the visible signs seen by the camera. Even swelling blood vessels around our eyes betray us, and the thermal sensor spots them immediately.

Quote #2: "If it ain't one then it must be the other." A fine example of this quote comes from a company that makes a computer program called "Turnitin" that can tell if a student has plagiarized his school papers. The same company makes another program called "Write-check" that will tell a

student if his paper will pass the "Turnitin" test. This company will do great things because they want to get it coming and going, just like the taxman.

Quote #3: "There's a sucker born twice every minute." This one I learned the hard way. This quote is best illustrated by looking at what NASA is doing with all of the old leftover space food that was manufactured in the 1970s and early '80s. NASA is selling all its leftover space food to grade schools so our kids can taste space food that was made in the 1970s and early '80s. Yummy!

Quote #4: "If you don't want to get screwed, fire all of Congress and move your money out of the big bank and put it in the small bank." I just wrote this and you know in your heart that I'm right about this. You need to fire your big bank and every single person on Capitol Hill and replace them with the people that run the City of Winters. I think they'd do a capital job of running this country. The FBI and the CIA can be replaced by the people at the Winters Police Department. I don't know what those guys on the Hill are doing wrong, but I do know one thing for sure. Unlike the FBI and the CIA, you can't get a thing past the Winters P.D. Go ahead and try it! You will see how true Quote #3 is.

Quote #5: "You may forget what I have said, but it doesn't matter anyway."

Fallen leaves are high in nutrients. Avoid bagging them for the trash dump! If dry, shred the leaves and reuse right away as a fine mulch to spread around and over wintering foliage (unshredded, wet leaves will mat together and form a dense layer that won't allow water to pass through). If leaves are wet, combine with other garden waste into a compost bin to enrich your soil during future growing seasons.

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4. Fresh water for all the birds!

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ACROSS

1 Commercials
4 "Doo" follower
7 First victim
8 Acrylic fiber
10 Scent
11 Wallowed (in)
13 Sofa, recliner, ottoman, etc.
16 New Guinea port
17 Antimacassar
18 Spotted, a la Tweety
19 Intend
20 Arm bone
21 Cricket, for one
23 Performs high-tech surgery
25 Sonic —
26 Scoff
27 Elev.
28 Ladd and Alda
30 Shemp's brother
33 Guesswork
36 Jog sans togs
37 Gambling game

DOWN

1 Overhead
2 Actress Moore
3 Smear tactics
4 Slobber
5 Metallic blend
6 Actress Celeste
7 Met melody
8 Utah politico Hatch
9 Get snug and cozy
10 The whole enchilada
12 Campus big wigs
14 Grownup kid
15 Old airline initials
19 Mid-May honoree
20 Work with
21 Cobbler's supply
22 Spud
23 Chain part
24 Exculpate
25 Evil
26 "King of Pop," in headlines
28 Mountain ridge
29 Begins
30 Thurber's dreamer
31 Aware of
32 Id counterpart
34 Tom-tom, e.g.
35 Christmas refrain

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Boy's hat is gone. 2. Knapsack is different. 3. Tree has leaves. 4. Man's hat is different. 5. Tire is black. 6. Billboard is gone.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Mars, your ruling planet, begins a journey that will open up a growing number of possibilities. Put that surging Arian energy to good use and explore it to your heart's content.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) This is the time to prepare for a career move coming up next month. Update your resume. Get those proposals in shape. And don't forget to buff up that Bovine self-confidence.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your Gemini instincts will guide you to the right people who might be able to help you get over that career impasse that has been holding you back. Expect to make changes.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You're getting closer, but you still have a ways to go before reaching your goals. Continue to stay focused, no matter how difficult it can be for the easily distracted Moon Child.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your Leonine pride might be keeping you from getting to the source of a disturbing situation. Don't be shy about asking questions. Remember: Information is power.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) It's a good time to shake up your tidy little world by doing something spontaneous, like taking an unplanned trip or going on a mad shopping spree.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) This is a good week to get advice on your plans. But don't act on them until you feel sure that you've been told everything you need to know to support your move.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Be careful. You might be probing just a little too deeply into a situation that you find singularly suspicious. The facts you seek will begin to emerge at a late time.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) This is a good week to make new friends and to look for new career challenges. But first, get all those unfinished tasks wrapped up and out of the way.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Relationships need a fresh infusion of tender, loving care. Avoid potential problems down the line. Stay close to loved ones as the month draws to a close.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Aspects favor relationships, whether platonic, professional or personal. On another note: Be a mite more thrifty. You might need some extra money very soon.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) This is the absolute right time to let those often-hidden talents shine their brightest. You'll impress some very important people with what you can do.

BORN THIS WEEK: You are impelled by a need to find truth, no matter how elusive. You would make a wonderful research scientist or an intrepid detective.

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Nuestras Noticias



Una vergüenza

No encuentro otra palabra para describir lo que está pasando en Alabama con la ratificación de la ley HB 56, y digo vergüenza porque este país es un país con corazón y compasión. Los Estados Unidos son de los primeros países que ayudan en casos de desastres naturales alrededor del mundo, este país tienen un gran corazón y compasión, y lo ha demostrado a través de la historia, que vergüenza que en el estado de Alabama los que redactaron esta ley se les olvide los acontecimientos de los años de la segregación racial, parece que han vuelto a repetir la historia, pero ahora los afectados son los hispanos, que vergüenza.

En 1963 en un parque de Birmingham, Alabama se llevaba a cabo una marcha pacífica de jóvenes, como parte de las protestas de la segregación racial de la que eran víctimas. Fueron atacados por perros y por policías tratando de parar la manifestación. Fueron tratados como criminales. ¿Hay alguna semejanza en lo que paso en aquel año a lo que están experimentando nuestros paisanos que tienen la mala fortuna de estar ilegales en este país? Claro que si, a 48 años de aquellos sucesos, la jueza federal, Sharon Lovelace Blackburn, ratifico la ley, para que a los padres y niños indocumentados hispanos de Alabama, se les persiga como criminales, aún a los niños nacidos en territorio estadounidense, que son ciudadanos de este país.

En una parte del texto la ley antiinmigrante HB 56 que aprobó la jueza dice así "Todas las escuelas públicas primarias y secundarias en este estado, en el momento de la inscripción en la guardería o en cualquier grado en la escuela, deberá determinar si el estudiante inscrito en una escuela pública nació fuera de la jurisdicción de Estados Unidos o es hijo de un extranjero que está legalmente en Estados Unidos y califica para la asignación a una clase de Inglés como Segunda Lengua o de otro programa remedial." ¿Les van a negar la educación a los estudiantes? Donde queda entonces la Constitución de este país en donde se garantiza el derecho a la educación, sin discriminar a nadie. Qué vergüenza.

¿Quién gana con esta ley? ¿Qué ganaron? ¿A quién beneficia esta ley? Nadie gana con esta ley, todos perdemos, porque así como se aprobó la ley en Arizona, se aprobó la de Alabama, solo buscando aumentar la antipatía para los indocumentados, quizá gano la intolerancia, los xenófobos republicanos, los miembros del Tea Party, los racistas, los miembros del Ku Klux Klan, los segregacionistas han de estar brincando de gusto ante la impertinente, inhumana e injusta decisión de la Jueza federal Sharon Blackburn, de permitir que la mayoría de la Ley HB-56 entre en vigor, afectando con esto a miles y miles de seres humanos que viven y trabajan en Alabama y que les llaman indocumentados.

Y todavía con mucho orgullo el gobernador se puso a proclamar ¡Tenemos la ley de inmigración más dura de todo el país! Presumía estúpidamente el gobernador Robert Bentley, al enterarse de la ratificación de la ley de la Jueza Blackburn, quien hizo caso omiso de las demandas presentadas por el Departamento de Justicia de los Estados Unidos, de las asociaciones civiles, de múltiples iglesias, fueron en su mayoría ignoradas por una jueza, que ahora sabemos es una r republicana y colocada en su puesto por el presidente Bush. Vuelvo a usar la palabra vergüenza, porque Estados Unidos que presume a pulmón abierto ante todo el mundo de ser un país compasivo, respetuoso de los derechos humanos y en general de fundamentos cristianos, queda muy mal parado con esta aberrante aprobación de una ley que castiga a un ser humano por buscar un trabajo digno y una forma honesta de vivir. Qué vergüenza para todos los que tuvieron que ver en la redacción y aprobación de esta ley.

Con ésta decisión de la Jueza Blackburn, Alabama regresa a sus oscuros y temibles tiempos de la segregación, de la persecución, del sucio racismo, del odio y la violencia, que lo marcaron por siempre con aquellas escenas Dantescas de los años cincuentas y sesentas, en donde el color de la piel hacía ciudadanos de primera o de paupérrima clase, ahora los atacados son los que se parecía a hispano. ¿En dónde está la sensatez, en dónde la civilidad?

Es reproable pedirle a los niños información sobre su estatus migratorio para dejarlos estudiar, impedirle a un ser humano acceder a servicios médicos, inclusive de emergencia, es reproable. Negarle a un ser humano tener un lugar donde vivir con su familia, eso es reproable. Impedir que un soñador crear una empresa y generar empleos, es reproable. Separar a una familia en donde los hijos nacieron en este país y sus padres posiblemente sean indocumentados, eso sí lo considero un crimen.

Los redactores de esta ley tienen un corazón lleno de odio y envidia, han obligado a miles y miles de seres humanos, trabajadores, honestos, dedicados, responsables, a abandonar de un día para otro sus pocas o muchas pertenencias, a dejar atrás la casa que con tanto esfuerzo y cariño estaban adquiriendo, es tener un corazón invadido de odio y envidia. El estado de Alabama resentirá, sin ninguna duda, el haber corrido de la forma más ultrajante e inhumana a miles y miles de buenas personas, de excelentes trabajadores, de contribuyentes que pagaban sus impuestos, de consumidores que dejaban sus dineros en este estado y todo por la estupidez de unos pocos xenófobos. Qué vergüenza.

Festival de la Cosecha

Acompáñenos a celebrar como comunidad una temporada más de generosidad en el Festival de la Cosecha en Winters, este viernes 28 de octubre de 5 a 8 pm. En el centro de Winters, en la calle East y el parque Rotario.

Venga a celebrar nuestra agricultura local, compre productos cosechados en la región, compre artesanía local y consuma la deliciosa comida local así como los vinos que se ofrecen en establecimientos en Winters.

Agricultores, artesanos, vinaterías y restaurantes estarán participando en el Festival de la Cosecha, el evento es una celebración de la ciudad por todo lo que se produce en los alrededores,

vegetales, fruta, vinos, artesanías. En el evento se contara con la participación de algunos de los agricultores del área.

Terra Firm Farms, productos orgánicos y pistachos. Everything Under the Sun, frutas secas orgánicas y vegetales y legumbres frescas.

Sean McNamara y Toby Hastings, aceite de oliva. Cloverleaf at Bridgeway Farms, legumbres orgánicas tales como okra, berenjena, tomatillos y pimientos.

Double R Ranch. Rominger Brothers Farms. Dianne Madison, Aceite de olive orgánico certificado, aceite de oliva, así como jaleas y mermeladas D. Madison & Daughters.

Kats Ranch, castañas. Kurt y Connie

Balasek, aceite de oliva Quinta del Sol.

Winters FFA tendrá venta de calabazas justo para Halloween. Visite la mesa próxima a la de FFA en donde le podrán pintar su calabaza, además le regalaran un cupón par que una calabaza pequeña la cual podrá pintar en el festival. Artesanos locales estarán vendiendo velas hechas a mano, cerámicas, ropa de niños, tarjetas, y otros productos únicos que podrán ser un regalo especial para la temporada de navidad.

Vinaterías locales tendrán vino disponible para su venta en el puesto de la cerveza y el vino de la Cámara de Comercio. Se tendrán Berryessa Gap, 2008 Zinfandel, Turkovich Family

Wines Chardony, Julie Le Pla 2010 Zinfandel, Route 3 2008 Syrah, Rominger West Wines.

El restaurant Ficelle ofrecerá precio especial en comida. Buckhorn ofrecerá sándwich de trip tip además se servirán ostras asadas. El café Putah Creek estará ofreciendo pizza.

Se tendrá música en vivo, amenizara Miss Lonely Hearts, se tendrá un paseo para que vea los espantapájaros que diferentes negocios en el pueblo han puesto afuera de sus puertas, podrá votar por su favorito, y los ganadores serán anunciados a las 7pm. El evento es patrocinado por la Fundación de Salud de Winters y la Cámara de Comercio de Winters.

Juguetes para los niños

Es tiempo de inscribirse para el programa de juguetes para los niños, Toys for Tods. Este programa ayuda a las familias en necesidad a tener el espíritu de la Navidad. El programa regala juguetes para los niños de 1 a 10 años. Como cada año el programa es patrocinado por el Departamento de Bomberos de Winters para ayudar a la comunidad de Winters. Este año puede recoger las aplicaciones en dos lugares, el primer lugar es en el Departamento de Bomberos en el nuevo edificio en el 700 Main St. Puede ir ahí de Martes a

Jueves, de 8am a 5pm. El otro lugar es RISE en el 312 Railroad Avenue. Las horas para recoger la aplicación son de lunes a viernes, de 9 a.m. a 5 p.m.

Este año se tiene un nuevo requisito, cada aplicante deberá de llevar una copia de que vive en Winters, puede ser una copia del pago de la luz, agua o la basura. Sin estas copias la aplicación no será procesada. Por favor tenga en cuenta este nuevo requisito, lleve su copia cuando vaya por su aplicación, ya que el Departamento de Bomberos ni RISE no van a hacer una

copia de los documentos que presente. Las aplicaciones deben entregarse en cualquiera de los dos lugares antes del 5 de Diciembre.

Para que este programa sea un éxito, confiamos en la generosidad de la comunidad, sinceramente apreciamos si usted puede donar juguetes nuevos de acuerdo a la edad de los niños o quizá quiera hacer una donación en efectivo. Todas las donaciones pueden hacerse únicamente en el Departamento de Bomberos. Si tiene preguntas puede llamar a Dawn Barrera al 795-4180.

Fundación Educación en Winters

La Fundación para la educación en Winters, es un a organización no lucrativa que se apoya la educación en las escuelas de Winters, recaudando fondos para los programas escolares que las escuelas han recortado, la fundación se formo hace

tres años, y ahora está en su campaña de agregue un dólar. Que básicamente es si usted realiza alguna compra en algún negocio aquí en Winters, puede ayudar a la fundación dejando un dólar extra con el comerciante.

Y es una manera

muy sencilla y practica de ayudar, tanto de parte del comerciante como del público, algunos comerciantes tienen frascos a un lado de la caja registradora en donde puede dejar su dólar, y otros lo agregan a la compra total. Por favor busque esos

frascos o contenedores cuando haga alguna compra en cualquier negocio en la ciudad, la fundación le Agradece de antemano su ayuda, recuerde que este dinero va a las escuelas para apoyar programas que ayudan a nuestro hijos.

Público una clínica gratuita

El Departamento de Salud del Condado de Yolo, en asociación con la Ciudad de Winters, le estará ofreciendo al público una clínica gratuita para la vacuna contra la gripa. Esta clínica gratuita es para

todos; 6 meses y mayores.

Esta clínica se llevara acabo el sábado, 5 de noviembre de 10 a.m. a 2 p.m. en el Centro Comunitario de Winters, localizado en el 201 Railroad Avenue.

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Weekly fire department report

Oct. 17
 ~ 1000 block of Adams Lane, medical aid, chest pains
 ~ 200 block of Baker Street, medical aid, victim of a fall
 ~ Lenis Avenue and Mermod Place, medical aid, victim of assault

Oct. 18
 ~ 300 block of Second Street, unknown medical aid
 ~ 300 block of Grant Avenue, medical aid, vehicle accident

Oct. 20
 ~ 25000 block of Highway 128,

investigation of strong foul smell
 ~ 200 block of Abbey Street, medical aid, male fainted

Oct. 22
 ~ First block of Grant Avenue, unknown medical aid
 ~ 32000 block of Russell Boulevard, medical aid, vehicle accident

Oct. 23
 ~ First block of Grant Avenue, unknown medical aid
 ~ 300 block of Rosa Avenue, medical aid, unconscious person

Presentation focuses on waterfowl hunting

Yolo Basin Foundation will begin its Flyway Nights Speaker Series on Thursday, Nov. 3, with a presentation by David Hickman on the history of waterfowl hunting in the Yolo Basin.

Hickman is a Ph.D. candidate in American history at UC Davis. He studies the environmental history of California under professor Louis Warren and teaches at UC Davis and the University of the Pacific.

The talk will explore the history of waterfowl hunting in the Yolo tule lands, ranging from the

bull-hunters of early European settlement, through the famed market hunters of the Gilded Age, to the Depression-era duck-leggers who defied the first state efforts at regulating hunting.

Hickman describes his talk as "... a tale that encompasses criss-crossing ethnic traditions, competing notions of sportsmanship, and tensions between local and centralized control of natural resources, all against the backdrop of a spectacular ecological phenomenon pushed to the brink of collapse."

The Yolo Basin Foundation offers Flyway Nights at 7 p.m. the first Thursday of the month from November to April. The talks are at the Department of Fish and Game's Yolo Wildlife Area Headquarters, 45211 Chiles Road. A \$5 donation to support Foundation's wetland education programs is suggested, and Yolo Basin members are admitted free.

Call the Yolo Basin Foundation at 530-758-0530 for more details, and check www.yolo-basin.org for future programs.

POLICE

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to his right leg. The driver then drove off without stopping. The vehicle was described as a newer model 4x4 Toyota Tacoma with a matching camper shell, gray or tan in color and bearing a partial license plate of 528(symbol)HW, which may have been an out-of-state plate. Anyone with information regarding the vehicle and/or driver is asked to contact Officer Ramos at 795-4561.

~ 6:04 p.m., first block of West Grant Avenue, parties were involved in a physical fight.

Oct. 18
 ~ 7:36 a.m., 400 block of Grant Avenue, Betty Lee Nelson, 76, of Winters was getting into her vehicle, slipped and fell, knocking her vehicle into reverse or neutral. The vehicle rolled backward out of the driveway, across the street and hit the curb and bus stop sign where the vehicle came to rest. Nelson was not inside the vehicle at the time it was moving.

~ 1:50 p.m., a 14-year-old Winters juvenile was arrested for possessing marijuana on school grounds, possessing marijuana for sale and transporting less than an ounce of marijuana. The juvenile was booked at the Winters Police Department and released to a parent on a notice to appear.

~ 2:38 p.m., John Kendall Cummings, 21, of Winters, was booked and released on a District Attorney letter charging him with assault by means of

force likely to produce great bodily injury.

Oct. 19
 ~ 9:30 a.m., 100 block of Westwood Court, victim's name and bank account information was used to fraudulently obtain credit.

Oct. 20
 ~ Time unknown, 200 block of First Street, graffiti was written on a building wall. Estimated damage: \$400.

~ 1:4 p.m., 700 block of Railroad Avenue, the library bathrooms were vandalized. Damage: \$50.

Oct. 21
 ~ 1:28 a.m., Michael Anthony Sanders, 22, of Woodland, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol with a blood alcohol content of more than .08 percent and driving with a suspended/revoked driver's license. Sanders was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to the Yolo County Jail for incarceration.

~ 5:40 p.m., Maria Dolores Alvarez-Ramirez, 25, of Winters, was issued a notice to appear for being an unlicensed driver and having unlawful tinted vehicle windows.

Oct. 22
 ~ 1:17 a.m., first block of Main Street, an officer heard an audible alarm sounding. The business was found secure.

~ 2:51 a.m., Amy Virginia Treasure-Shaw, 37, of Winters, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol with a blood alcohol content of more than .08 percent and having an inoperable license plate lamp.

Treasure-Shaw was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to the Yolo County Jail for incarceration.

~ 5:20 p.m., first block of West Grant Avenue, parties were involved in a verbal dispute.

~ 6:58 p.m., Steven Thomas Long, 63, of Winters, was arrested on an outstanding Yolo County Sheriff bench warrant charging him with violation of probation on previous charge of driving with a suspended/revoked driver's license. Long was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to the Yolo County Jail for incarceration.

~ 7:36 p.m., County Road 93A and Russell Boulevard, an officer assisted the Woodland California Highway Patrol with a traffic collision.

Oct. 23
 ~ 12:24 a.m., 700 block of Lupine Way, parties were involved in a verbal dispute.

~ 3:26 a.m., first block of West Grant Avenue, an officer responded to an audible alarm. The business was found secure.

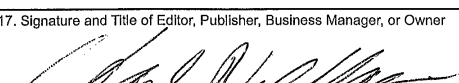
~ 11:22 a.m., a vehicle registered to Maria Guadalupe Carrillo of Winters was parked in the parking lot of 801 Dutton St. An unknown driver of an unknown vehicle struck the rear driver side bumper causing minor damage.

Oct. 24
 ~ 1:35 a.m., Axl A. Valdez-Hernandez, 19, of Winters, was issued a notice to appear for being an unlicensed driver and failing to dim high beam headlights.

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