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Anderson Place hearing continued

By ELLIOT LANDES
Staff writer

The public hearing of Eva Brzeski's Anderson Place project that was started at the Oct. 24 planning commission meeting was continued to the Nov. 28 meeting. The project calls for 28 townhouse units on the two-acre site of the Hahn and Feeney building east of Railroad across from the end of Anderson Avenue, along with a public area and continuation of Anderson Road through the project.

Opening the discussion, Community Development Director Dan Sokolow noted a change to the development agreement that would allow low income units to be together, as opposed to dispersed throughout the project. Sokolow said he would get help with the language for the affordable housing agreement from Legal Services of Northern California, a firm that reviews our affordable housing policies.

Sokolow also noted the proposal did not have a home owners association setup but one would be required in the codes, covenants and restrictions (CCNRs) for the project.

Nine of the units face

Railroad Avenue and are residential but have office suites at the ground level. Sokolow said language would be included to prevent installation of cook-tops to prevent the suites from being converted to residential apartments. Microwaves would be ok.

City Engineer Nick Ponticello said Railroad Avenue could remain a two lane road at Anderson but right-of-way should be made so the road could be widened to four lanes in the future, as envisioned in the General Plan. Brzeski's architect Bob Lindley said at the previous meeting that keeping Railroad two lanes would allow the Anderson Place site to be shifted to allow sound wall berms around the project.

Ponticello allowed this possibility, but said it would require upgrading the East Main Street loop to the standard of a "divided arterial" all along what is now Moody Slough Road. It is now designed for less flow and referred to as a "collector loop". That upgrade would have to be in effect before building more than 450 houses north of Niemann Street.

Commissioner Bruce

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Library on next agenda

Because of the holidays, the Winters City Council will meet only once this month, on Tuesday, Dec. 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall. The following items are on the agenda:

~ Police department update.

~ Swearing-in of new police officer.

~ Proclamation to Eagle Scout James Scott Hofstrand from Mayor Woody Fridae

~ Approve project budget sheet for the new police and fire station; authorize contract with Calpo, Hom & Dong Architects for needs assessment and site master planning.

~ Anderson Street traffic calming; Hemenway Street to Railroad Avenue.

~ Approve a cooperative agreement and site lease agreement between the Winters Joint Unified School District, the city of Winters, and Yolo County for the Winters Library.

~ Proposed grant for Winters Center for the Arts.

As the Community Development Agency, the council will address the following item:

~ Approve a cooperative agreement and site lease agreement between the Winters Joint Unified School District, the City of Winters, and Yolo County for the Winters Library.



Photo by Debra Lo Guercio

Winters High School senior Nathanael Lucero is this year's Youth of the Year. The annual honor is sponsored by the city of Winters parks and recreation department. Lucero will receive his award at the Holiday Concert on Dec. 12.

Lucero named Youth of the Year

By DEBRA LO GUERCIO
Express editor

If Winters High School senior Nathanael Lucero hadn't been named this year's Youth of the Year, he should at least have gotten an award for all the activities he's involved in: sports, church, music, student government and maintaining a 4.0 grade point average all four years in high school. Whew. What's his secret?

"I pray a lot," says Nathanael, adding, "My mom keeps me in line."

Nathanael may be best known for his sports activities. He was the captain on this year's varsity foot-

ball team, playing running back and safety, and was last year's captain on the varsity basketball team. He is also a pitcher and second baseman on the varsity baseball team, as well as the Winters High School representative to the Butte Valley League. Sports are usually a non-stop, year-round activity for Nathanael (he's been playing all three since he was 8 years old), but this year he got a break — literally. Toward the end of the football season, he broke his collarbone in a game and consequently is recuperating on the bench for basketball. He hopes to be back up to speed in time for baseball.

Besides sports, Nathanael also devotes considerable time to music. He plays rhythm guitar, keyboards and sings lead vocals in a rock band called No Regret, which he formed with some friends last year. The band won a second place award in the Winters High School talent show last year and a first place award in a Hurricane Katrina Relief talent show a few weeks later. No Regret was also the opening act for this year's Earthquake Street Festival. Besides performing, Nathanael also writes his own original music and lyrics for the band. His interest in music also ex-

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Mary Rose Gardens project approved

By ELLIOT LANDES
Staff Writer

The Mary Rose Gardens development was reviewed in a public hearing before the planning commission at the Nov. 28 meeting. The 28 lot residential development completes Ivy Loop and backs up to Grant Avenue and Cemetery Lane. The project will require a development agreement, a rezoning for a Planned Development (PD) overlay, site plan and demolition permit.

City Engineer Nick Ponticello said Grant Avenue at that point will remain two lanes with Caltrans reserving right-of-way for potential expansion to four lanes. He said the development of Grant will be done as one project and built as one project,

though a number of different developers will pay for work on their sites as their developments come on line.

"If one developer doesn't eventually build, some change of approach will be required," said Ponticello.

Ponticello said the water well at Grant and Main has been drilled. The next phase is to put in equipment and structures.

Community Development Director Dan Sokolow said the well must be in service before any building permits will be issued for the north-of-Grant developments.

Commissioner Pierre Neu asked if walnut trees along the Waggoner school side of Grant can be saved. Ponticello said the city is working to save the trees.

In response to a ques-

tion, Ponticello said a bike path will run west of West Main Street, but there is not enough right-of-way to create one east of that intersection.

Developer Dave Snow showed a PowerPoint presentation of the eight home models available and the 18 potential elevations (side designs). The sizes will range from 1140 square feet to 2400 square feet. The PD overlay (an agreement that allows exceptions to the General Plan requirements) is needed because one lot is smaller than General Plan requirements.

Snow showed three plans for a small park area at the junction of Ivy Loop and Cemetery Lane. It occurred to him while presenting that increasing

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FUTURE SUBSCRIBERS

EMMA NICHOLE PAGANO is the new daughter of Nathan and Channele Pagano of Winters. Born Sept. 25, 2006 at 4:18 p.m. at North Bay Medical Center in Fairfield. She was 7 lbs, 8 oz. and 20 inches long. Emma joins a sister, Isabella. Maternal great-grandparents are Scott and Carol Steffen of Winters. Paternal grandparents are Joe and Donna Pagano of Winters. Paternal great-grandparents are Nancy and Dick Mulroney of San Diego and James and Virginia Pagano of Houston, Texas.

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WEATHER

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

Date	Rain	Hi	Lo
Nov. 29	T	60	36
Nov. 30		57	30
Dec. 1		59	33
Dec. 2		66	40
Dec. 3		66	32
Dec. 4		66	33
Dec. 5		67	33

Rain for week: trace
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Last year to date: **2.87**
Average to Dec. 5: **4.75**

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OBITUARIES

Elsie Stoner Sims

Elsie Lillian Stoner Sims passed away peacefully on Monday, Dec. 4, 2006 at Sutter Davis Hospital. She was born on May 28, 1913 in Youngstown, Ohio, the oldest child of the late John Deffenbaug Stoner and Mary Elizabeth Colbert Stoner.

She married Paul Sims in 1934. They moved with their family to Vallejo when Paul went to work for at the naval shipyard. For a time the family lived in Santa Cruz, where Mrs. Sims would amuse her daughter by doing cartwheels on the beach. She and her husband moved to Davis in 1957 to be near their daughter and son-in-law and granddaughters.

Mrs. Sims began working at Woolworths' when she was in high school, back when the clerks were required to wear high-heeled shoes to work. In the late 1930s, before marrying, She worked at a photographer's studio, using her artistic talents to hand-tint black-and-white photographs. She retired from UC Davis. For many years she taught vacation Bible school and Sunday School, and was a longtime member of the Davis Community Church.

She is survived by her daughter, Anita Deming of Silver City, New Mexico; granddaughters, Robina and husband Gary Slizeski of Davis, and Paula Deming and husband Kris Banvard of Worthington, Ohio; great granddaughters: Simona and Camilla Gamba of Milan, Italy; Elaine Banvard of Columbus, Ohio, and Honor Banvard of Cambridge, Massachusetts; great-grandsons, Alexander "A.J." and Andrew "Ace" Slizeski of Davis; sister, Betty Hoskins of Winters; nieces Judy and her husband Herschell Whitley of Winters, Ann Foster of Winters, and Patty and husband Fred Roybal of Colorado Springs, Colorado; nephews, Alexander "Pete" and wife Sharon Hoskins of Philadelphia, Tom and his wife Dorothy Hoskins of Mt. Shasta, Doug and wife Laurie Hoskins of Winters, and John and wife Jennifer Hoskins of Winters; many other nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews across the country.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 63 years, Paul; brothers: Jack, Jr. and Walter Stoner; son-in-law, Kelvin Deming and brother-in-law, Ed Hoskins.

Private family graveside services will be held at Winters Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Mrs. Sims' memory the Davis Community Church. Wiscombe's Davis Funeral Chapel is assisting the family with funeral arrangements.

Weekly police activity report

Nov. 22-23

~ On the 400 block of Abbey Street between 5:30-9 a.m., a tool box was stolen from the rear of victim's vehicle. Loss: \$1,000.

Nov. 26-27

~ On the 700 block of Aster Way between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m., a scooter and bicycle were stolen from the front yard of a residence. It was reported another bicycle was stolen from the same location two weeks prior. Loss: \$300. One bicycle valued at \$225 was located on the 100 block of East Grant Avenue.

Nov. 27

~ On the 200 block of Wild Rose Lane, parties were involved in a verbal domestic dispute.

~ On the 100 block of East Grant Avenue, an 18-year-old suspect was in-

involved in a physical altercation with a 17-year-old. The case was forwarded to the District Attorney requesting a complaint.

Nov. 30

~ On the 1000 block of Taft Court, eggs were thrown at the entryway to a residence.

~ On the 200 block of Madrone Court, parties were involved in a verbal domestic dispute.

Nov. 30 - Dec. 1

~ On the 900 block of East Grant Avenue between 2 p.m. and 10 a.m., 10 storage totes were stolen from behind a business. Loss: \$100.

Dec. 1

~ On the 200 block of Madrone Court, parties were involved in a domes-

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Berryessa drops .12 of a foot

The level of Lake Berryessa fell by .12 of a foot during the past week, with a reduction in temporary storage of 2,205 acre feet of water, according to Ken Emigh of the Solano Irrigation District.

Emigh reported Tuesday morning that the lake was 430.57 feet above sea level, with storage computed at 1,424,641 acre feet of water.

The SID is diverting 30 second feet of water into the Putah South Canal and 25 second feet is flowing in Putah Creek at the Diversion Dam. During the week, additional water was released in the creek to assist in the salmon run. Evaporation on Lake Berryessa averaged 37 acre feet of water per day during the week.

YESTERYEAR



File Photo

Pictured above is Waggoner Elementary School under construction in 1956.

35
YEARS AGO

December 9, 1971

By a four to one vote, the City Council Tuesday night approved rezoning property in northeast Winters from residential to heavy industrial status. The action allows Jack Mariani Farms, Inc. to establish a walnut processing facility.

Four members of the Winters Police Department and police reserves will compete in a firing contest at the Woodland Police Department pistol range Saturday. They are Bob Wion, John Garcia, Bob Carrion and Steve Godden.

Funeral services for George Elvin Jeffery, 76, a long-time Winters businessman, will be held this afternoon in the Dixon Neighborhood Church, at 1:30 o'clock. He died Monday in the Davis Community Hospital.

The Winters High School Future Farmers of America parliamentary procedure team won two trophies in competition in Stockton last Wednesday. The varsity team consisted of Jesse Armenteros, Darrel King, Abel Acosta and David Halley. The green-hand team was made up of Steve Montosa, Kenny Williams, Joe Rubio, Scott Dozier and Tom Hemenway.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Franke spent Thursday and Friday in the Tahoe area where he is attending a Standard Oil sales meeting.

In a basketball game played in the Winters High School gym Tuesday night, Ione High School defeated the varsity Warriors 77 to 75. Tom Hayes scored 27 points for Winters with Phil Snow scoring 22.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Griffin were in Southern California from Monday to Friday last week, where Joe was attending a flood control convention in San Diego.

Winters High School annual football awards banquet will be held in the gym tonight with dinner served at 7:30 p.m. UC Davis Football Coach Jim Sochor will be the featured speaker.

50
YEARS AGO

December 20, 1956

The pouring of concrete on the Monticello Dam is now within four feet of the roadway that will run across the top of the dam.

Cord S. Hailey was installed Saturday night as master of Buckeye Lodge No. 195, F. & A.M.

John Ramos, a seaman, first class, serving with the U.S. Navy, will visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Ramos, during the holidays on a 10 day furlough.

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation has called for bids for the leasing of the reservoir area behind the Monticello Dam, for grazing purposes, subject to flooding by the impoundment of water by the dam.

The Winters City Council, at the meeting Tuesday night, adopted a resolution calling for the inclusion of the Lake Solano area in the State Park System.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Roeber are enjoying their annual fishing jaunt on the Smith River, making their headquarters at Brookings.

Bob Nakai, of Winters, won a Fairfield weekly bass derby last week by catching a bass in the Delta area weighing 40 pounds.

Some 150 employees of Peter Kiewit Sons Co., members of the Bureau of Reclamation group and local friends will be entertained on New Year's eve at a dinner dance at El Rancho. Douglas Baker, project manager, is in charge of arrangements.

Steven Blaylock was feted on the occasion of his eighth birthday anniversary last Friday with a birthday party given by his mother in the family home on Second Street. Present were Steven Blaylock, Jimmy Lindeman, Billy Young, David Kidder, Richard Chiles, Terry Norton, Peter Hunter, Jimmy Wallace, Stephen Kiefer, Anthony Martinez, Michael Lowery, Timmy Salmon, Scotty Graf, Bobby Burkett, Danny Washabaugh, Kevin Connor, Vicki Martino, Darlene Johnson, David and Judy Blaylock.

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YEARS AGO

December 19, 1941

The county women's federated clubs are sponsoring a party for the Winters Labor Camp children tomorrow, Dec. 20. Mrs. Emil Kraft, county president, is giving general direction.

A group of local residents met yesterday afternoon and evening at the City Hall to organize for local defense. The Yolo County Defense Council Committee of Civil Protection urges every man in this section to enroll with the chief of police of fire chief for local defense.

Mrs. Fannie Baldwin, oldest pioneer resident marked her 89th birthday Saturday. Her daughter, Mrs. Ray Morlan observed the memorable occasion with a birthday party for the honoree.

The rainfall for the storm this week amounted to 3.40 inches at the Udell Ranch, bringing the season's total to 7.38 inches.

The community-wide Christmas celebration is scheduled Monday night, Dec. 22. Santa Claus with children's treats and yuletide carol renditions directed by Lloyd Adams will highlight the program.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Shell of Berkeley were weekend visitors with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E.L. Dexter.

Master Bobby Islip observed his 4th birthday Saturday, as honoree at a family dinner party.

Buell Sackett who has been in army training in San Diego spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H.E. Sackett.

Mr. and Mrs. George Co-man and sons have taken up residence in the George Taylor cottage on East Edwards Street.

Misses Mae Holmes, Marjorie and Mary Lee Herron arrived today from San Jose State College to spend the holidays in their homes here.

100
YEARS AGO

December 21, 1906

Died in Pleasants Valley Dec. 12, 1906, Mr. W.H. Gibbs at the age of 77 years. Thus another forty-nine pioneer passes away to meet the rewards of a well spent life.

Melville Dozier Jr., promoter and president of the Vallejo and Northern Railroad, accompanied by his engineer Mr. Pierce, and County Surveyor Ashley was in town Wednesday. The visit was in the interest of the electric railroad which Mr. Dozier expects to build north from Vallejo.

Mrs. Dwight and Miss Eva Hemenway went to Berkeley this morning.

John Sims and family of Klamath Falls, Oregon, are guests at Mr. and Mrs. Womacks's, Mrs. Sims' parents.

Miss Elsie Harris has gone to Sacramento where she has a position with Hale Bros. where her sister Olive is working.

This week closes the winter term of the high school and the service of Prof. Grinstead as principal, he having resigned to engage in other business.

Miss Alma Cheetham and Frank B. Sutliff were married at the residence of the bride's mother near Winters Wednesday, Dec. 19 at noon, Rev. H.C. Culton performing the ceremony.

The marriage of Miss Josephine Bell Morrison and Dr. F.W. Anderson took place yesterday, Dec. 20 at the home of the bride's father, Robert Morrison, Rev. H.C. Culton officiating.

Gannon Brothers have bought two lots from Elmer Baker immediately west of the Catholic Church on Main Street.

The railroad construction men here this week say that their department has instructions to build a new steel bridge across Putah Creek as soon as the water is down in the spring.

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HEARING

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Guelden asked if a four lane Railroad Avenue was inevitable.

“If you look at California communities and how they change, it is likely,” said Ponticello.

“Will we be able to save the trees?” asked Guelden.

“Not if we go to four lanes,” answered Ponticello.

Commissioner Jack Graf asked if neighbors Double M Trucking and Mariani had been asked about the proposed 13 foot high sound wall. The sound walls are required based on a noise study. “I haven’t seen a pretty one yet,” said Graf.

Sokolow said the 10 foot and 13 foot heights of the proposed sound walls are significant, but treatments like vines are possible.

“The architect has done his best with a site that is very tight,” said Sokolow. “This project is at the north end of the Downtown Master Plan, which calls for city infill at this location. “You are going to have some challenges with city infill. John Martin has a thriving trucking business and the sound study shows a need for such a wall for mitigation.

Graf asked what John Martin thought about the wall.

Sokolow said he had not been asked.

Commissioner Don Jordan expressed concern that the project falls short of required parking.

Sokolow said the office suites will require parking spaces, and the number will be determined at plan check.

“Plan check is late in the process to determine parking requirements,” said Jordan.

“We can’t manufacture spaces out of thin air,” said Graf. “We need to correct this problem now.”

Guelden said he would like to see clarification on the offices. “Would that include retail? What is the definition of an office? I see bathtubs and kitchenettes. To me, that screams convert to apartment.”

Sokolow said the C2 zoning allows a variety of commercial uses. “If you want to narrow the range of approved uses, you can do that in the development agreement. You will need more parking spaces if you encourage retail. The two work against each other.”

Commissioner Albert Vallecillo said the city is encouraging commercial development even though it has been a poor performer financially.

Lindley said every unit has two parking spaces, with an additional 12 spaces for office needs and an additional three spaces for guests. He said Anderson will have an additional 12 to 14 spaces. “A number of the offices will be used by owners who for environmental reasons don’t want to drive to work. Their office rent costs will be covered by their mortgages. It’s a little outside the box, but on balance we are comfortable with the parking.”

“We were instructed by the city staff to include office spaces; they see it as a plum for the city,” said Lindley. We are not happy with the sound wall requirement, but it may be short lived as the surrounding properties get developed. The walls could be removed as development changes the noise profile.”

“Somebody has got to talk to John,” said Graf, referring to John Martin of Double M Trucking. He may not want a thirteen foot sound wall. Also, overflow parking will go to the Winters High School (WHS) lot.

“The staff report says the project is short on parking, which seems dif-

ferent from what you say,” said Jordan.

Sokolow said the architect took a different approach to counting the number of parking spaces required, and came up with a different result. He said they could approach the school district to use the WHS lot as an overflow site.

In the public comment portion of the discussion, Joe Castro said he, too, was concerned about parking.

“I still like the project,” said Graf. “Noise and parking are the major issues.”

Brzeski pointed out that the units were designed to be low traffic office spaces, not retail stores. She also noted additional spaces had been dropped in favor of public space, and they could be restored.

Commissioner Vallecillo asked if parking on Railroad was planned at some point.

“We were turned down for that,” said Lindley.

Nick Ponticello said arterial roadways do not allow parking.

“The applicant took a risk incorporating offices into the site, based on staff direction,” said Sokolow.

If this is a planned development (PDA), can’t the city define the rules as it likes?” asked Guelden.

“Relaxing standards are possible in a give and take,” said Sokolow. “The idea is to get an exemplary project, one of benefit to the community. This is a significant improvement over many other projects that have come before us.”

“Staff and the developer need to get together to resolve the parking space count,” said Graf.

A motion to continue the public hearing was passed unanimously.

Because of the Christmas holiday, the planning commission meets this month on Tuesday, Dec. 19, at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall.

POLICE

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tic dispute.

Dec. 2

~ Scott Don Cameron, 40, of Martinez was arrested on an outstanding Winters Police Department bench warrant charging him with failure to appear on previous charges of driving with a suspended/revoked driver’s license, driving an unregistered vehicle, no proof of insurance and failure to appear. Cameron was booked at the Winters Police Department and released on a notice to appear.

Dec. 3

~ Gustavo Sanchez Ramirez, 20, of Winters was arrested on an outstanding Winters Police Department bench warrant charging

him with violation of probation and failing to do jail time on previous charge of driving under the influence of alcohol. He was also arrested on an outstanding Woodland Police Department bench warrant charging him with violation of probation and failing to do jail time on previous charge of driving under the influence of alcohol. Ramirez was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to the Yolo County Jail for incarceration.

~ Ricardo Carrillo Rodriguez, 43, a transient, was arrested on an outstanding Winters Police Department bench warrant charging him with failure to appear on a previous charge of battery. Rodriguez was booked at the Winters Police Department and released on a notice to appear.

Opinion



DEBRA LO GUERCIO BECAUSE I SAY SO

PLUCKED RIGHT FROM the “Because We’ve Always Done It This Way” file: Christmas cards. Every year, we waste an entire Sunday afternoon writing out Christmas cards when we could’ve been battling the crowds at the mall. Have you ever stopped to wonder why? Or, better question, for whom?

The bulk of our Christmas cards go to people we never see or speak to all year, in all likelihood because we don’t really want to. We send them cards out of habit and include our kids’ school pictures, which they only throw away anyway. And, unless you’re one of those Bah Scumbugs who distributes those cheesy, loathsome, self-congratulatory family PR newsletters, you write a cheery little greeting on every card. Somewhere around the “M’s,” the writer’s cramp sets in and consequently, the Thomspsons and Wilsons never get much more than “Ho Ho Ho, love, Us.”

Why send cards to people we make no effort to contact the other 364 days of the year? People we wouldn’t dream of calling on the phone some random Tuesday just to chat? You know what you’re really saying when you send these folks Christmas cards? Not “Happy Holidays” or “Seasons Greetings.” You’re saying “I acknowledge your existence on the planet but prefer to remain at a comfortable distance.”

Stop. Just stop. Sending these people Christmas cards every year only perpetuates the guilt cycle. They send cards every year and we feel guilty if we don’t reciprocate, then the next year they feel guilty if they don’t reciprocate, and so on and so on and so on. Somebody’s got to blink first. Do it. Trust me, all involved will be relieved. Just by eliminating this group of card recipients alone, somewhere in the forest, a tree is saying “thank you.”

Next on the Christmas card list are people who are actually part of your daily life — friends, neighbors, co-workers. They already know you like them and they don’t need a Christmas card to prove it. Forgo the cards and give them a plate of cookies instead. For the amount of time you spend scrawling on Christmas cards and envelopes, plus the expense of the cards themselves and postage, you could make dozens of cookies. Besides, cookie dough is way tastier than envelope glue. If you don’t bake, some Hershey’s Kisses in a little gift bag works too. And if you’re thinking that some people don’t warrant cookies or Kisses, guess what, they probably don’t warrant a Christmas card either. Scratch them off the mailing list too.

Now that we’ve established who not to send cards to, who’s left? Relatives. And usually they live at a distance, and thank God for that. Unfortunately, you’re stuck sending them cards, unless you want the dysfunctional family frost to settle over the next wedding, birthday party or baby shower. Grit your teeth despite your gurgling resentment, scribble “Merry Christmas” and be thankful they’re too far away to stop by for an unannounced visit and make you fantasize about committing hara-kiri with the Christmas tree topper.

The final category of people who still get Christmas cards are those for whom a plain old Christmas card from a box would never do. For those people, we stand in front of the Christmas card rack for hours, painstakingly reading every single one, picking out the perfect card and then writing a heartfelt message inside. These are the people you actually do miss if they’re far away, or would if they were.

Your kids might fall into that group, but don’t let your kids fool you. They’re only going to rip that special card open, peer inside for money and if they’re isn’t any, toss it into the pile of crumpled wrapping paper. The sneaky ones will set it aside and throw it away when you aren’t looking. Trust me, they don’t want to be slowed down by cards on Christmas morning. Presents and cash. That’s what they want, not a Hallmark moment.

Rather than needlessly sacrificing trees for your kids, purchase those special, hand-picked cards only for people who’ll actually read your handwritten message, maybe giggle or dab a tear, get a warm squishy feeling around their hearts, and put that card up on the mantle and keep it for years. Maybe forever. Now, that’s a real Christmas card — one that says “I really, really appreciate you and love you, at Christmas time and always.” And of course, they already know that. But there’s no better time than Christmas to be reminded.



LETTERS

Unhappy with CLIP outcome

Dear Editor,

Many parents, teachers, and community members were saddened and disappointed that the Winters School Board failed to support the CLIP program at the last board meeting. Many were also upset and offended by the adversarial and dismissive tone of the board members as well as by Superintendent Dale Mitchell’s comments.

Parents approached the superintendent and the school board in the spirit of cooperation and collaboration. The parents’ intention was to create a new program to offer more fulfilling educational opportunities for Winters’ youngest students. The CLIP team repeatedly offered to negotiate on issues of concern to the district or the school board.

Unfortunately, the school board misperceived this effort as criticism of our teachers and schools. It was not a criticism and the CLIP team had worked in collaboration with district teachers and with their cooperation and support. One of the board members suggested that parents simply read to their children at night and make sure they get a good breakfast in the morning before coming to school — seemingly suggesting that this would solve any problems and address any concerns that parents might have.

Thirty-four families signed a letter of support to let the district know that they were interested in pursuing the CLIP format. In an appalling and concerning move, Superintendent Mitchell researched information and test scores on the children of those families and read them aloud at the school board meeting. He noted that many of the students had good test scores already and therefore the district was serving them sufficiently and nothing more was needed. He noted that 16 families had

children entering the district in the future and asked how it could be that these families could be critical of the district without having children in the system yet.

CLIP members also collected support letters from over 20 families who live in the Yolo Housing community. The CLIP team offered the letters to the school board but the board declined to accept them. Data and consideration of these families and their Winters School District students did not appear to be included in Superintendent Mitchell’s analysis and resulting recommendation to the board.

Superintendent Mitchell stated that he did not intend to offer any additional programs or services to students performing at the proficient level or above. He said that “these students” are not the district’s focus.

Every person is entitled to his or her opinion. Decisions based on reason and careful thought are easy to understand even if they differ with one’s own. Many school board members, however, did not offer any opinions or reasons why they rejected CLIP. One member never said a word. Other members made comments that were based on inaccurate information, lacked sincerity, and were dismissive. The resulting feeling of many parents is that their ideas, concerns, and proffered solutions were dismissed without thoughtful consideration and that the board, once again, appears not to truly consider community input.

Some parents fear that their dissent will be punished. Many teachers approached CLIP members to offer their support. A school district should not be run based on fear and lacking open dialogue. The tone is set at the top.

NAMES WITHHELD

Thanks for supporting CLIP effort

Dear Editor,

Despite support from many local families with children enrolled in our school district, and numerous teachers and community members, our school board voted not to support CLIP. The CLIP Development Team would like to thank all of the families who signed statements of support, attended meetings, and spoke before the school board about the benefits of CLIP, their support of the CLIP program, and their concerns about the current school curriculum. Thank you to the school board members and our superintendent for their consideration of the CLIP proposal.

The CLIP Development Team especially thanks the many teachers who advised and supported CLIP despite their fear of reprisal.

Our loyalty, as always, lies with our teachers and children. We will continue to support them in the classroom and by offering extracurricular enrichment. We are moving forward and are taking positive steps to ensure our children have the best education possible. Please contact us at andersen@onramp113.org or 795-5030 if you would like to stay updated on the status of any future plans.

CLIP DEVELOPMENT TEAM

More Letters to the Editor
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CHARLES R. WALLACE A QUICK OPINION

I LOVE THE NEW TREE. It really isn’t a new city Christmas tree, but it is newly lighted. The annual tree light went off without a hitch, until the lights started blowing fuses in the Gazebo. The lights were on last night, so someone must have solved the problem. The new tree is just east of the old city Christmas tree. A little closer to the Gazebo, and a little taller.

The choir and crowd sang Christmas songs, the cider was hot and there were plenty of cookies, supplied by local Rotarians. The chamber kept everything on schedule and Santa made his appearance on the back of a fire truck. I didn’t get a chance to sit on his lap, but I’m sure those who did enjoyed it. Maybe I’ll get a chance later on to tell Santa what I want for Christmas.

The merchants were open late and Main Street looked alive, which is a good thing. As the holiday season gets underway, and the Christmas spirit spreads across the country, Winters is looking like the small town that we love.

MORE TREES. There is a group working on landscaping the cloverleaf, or the Highway 505 interchange if you don’t like the word cloverleaf. As we were marking where the trees would go, exactly where Rich Marovich told us to place the stakes, I was wondering what people driving by must be thinking. Scotty Dozier hammered in the stakes, Harold Anderson marked the stake with a number and the kind of tree to be planted, and I carried the stakes. Someone had taken an aerial survey of the interchange and decided where the 50 trees would go and what kind of trees were to be planted. Rich walked around with his GPS device, named after the global positioning satellites hovering over our heads, and pointed to the exact spot for a future tree.

It is almost scary to think that a device can tell you exactly where you are on this earth. Mark a spot on a map, turn on the GPS and you can walk, drive or fly right to the location. Scotty has used these devices to pinpoint fire drops, and also mentioned how helpful they are in finding people with cell phones and a GPS device. Marking deer or elk came up in the conversation, but the real show stopper was that the hand held GPS was accurate to within two and a half feet.

I was joking that we could tell people that we were marking the parking lot for the new McDonalds, but someone would probably pull up our stakes. The 50 trees are being donated by local Rotarians in honor of the service club celebrating 50 years in Winters. There are a few trees in the cloverleaf, I think planted by Beta Alpha Beta, that have survived, so I’m hoping the Live Oak, Sycamore and California Bay trees get a little TLC.

Rich tells me there is a plan to landscape the whole area with bushes in addition to the trees. If the plan is successful, it will be one of the few landscaped interchanges in our area. The Bay Area has several overpasses and cross roads landscaped, but there are more “natural” interchanges than landscaped. Let’s hope for the best with our one and only freeway cloverleaf.

Think positive thoughts and have a good week.

THANKS . . .

I want to tell everyone in Winters “thank you” for the help I received to bury my son, Anthony Kahikina. It wasn’t easy, but as donations started coming in, I met a lot of people who stopped and talked to me. To feel the love and thoughtfulness helped my pain. It’s so nice to know there is a community that has values that they never let go. Without Winters, I wouldn’t have had a hope. Special thanks to the kids like Angie, Rochelle, Robbie and Samantha, who stayed with us in the rain, washing cars. God bless everyone in Winters. Special thanks to Pisani’s Service for donating water and space for the car wash.

TERRI KAHIKINA

We would like to express our gratitude to the members of St. Anthony’s Parish and the Winters community for their support and care given not only to our mother Natividad (Nati) Montaña Acosta during her battle with cancer and myasthenia gravis, but also to us, her family. Nati passed peacefully, at home, Thanksgiving evening with her children and grandchildren at her bedside.

Because the community at large was so supportive, it is very difficult to single out individuals for specific “thank yous.” However, we would particularly like to thank the following individuals: our mother’s wonderful caregivers, Edith Rodríguez, Teresa and Soledad Valadez; Las Guadalupanas of St. Anthony’s Parish under the direction of María Luisa García; Our dear parents’ family, neighbors and friends; Chris’s Florist for the beautiful flowers for the services; Sandi Holland, St. Anthony’s Musical Director, St. Anthony’s Spanish Choir and Lenore Sebastian for the lovely music provided during our mother’s religious services; Father Humberto; the lectors and speakers at the services; everyone who joined us for our mother’s services; Shawn Wiscombe’s and staff of Wiscombe’s Davis Funeral Chapel.

The most heartfelt thank you that could be given to all who have helped us during this very difficult journey in the memory of our mother’s smile that continues to shine on all of us. Thank you to everyone.

Escribimos al Express para darles públicamente nuestras gracias a los miembros de la parroquia de San Antonio y la comunidad de Winters por el apoyo y cariño que le dieron a Natividad (Nati) Montaña Acosta durante su batalla con cancer y myasthenia graves que terminó el 23 de noviembre 2006, el Día de Dar Gracias. Y también gracias por el apoyo que nos dieron a nuestra familia después de su fallecimiento.

Aunque sea muy difícil dar gracias a individuos porque muchas personas nos han ayudado, queremos darles las gracias a las siguientes personas: Las que cuidaron a Nati, Edith Ro-

Injured child in need of assistance

Dear Editor,

At this time of year our generous spirits spur us to think of how grateful we are and to consider what organizations will receive our donations of time, money and gifts.

Five-year-old Taylor Parker is a patient at UCDMC Pediatric Intensive Care Unit. On Nov. 16, she was in a car accident in Chico. She sustained a cervical spine injury that has left her unable to move her body. (Taylor was born in Woodland and

has relatives in Winters).

Her parents, Tammy Garrison Parker and Matt Sadler are sitting vigil at Taylor’s side.

Taylor’s website is taylorparker.net if you care to follow her progress. If you would like to include Taylor on your list of donations, please send checks to “Taylor Parker Hope Fund” c/o Northern California National Bank 1717 Mangrove Ave. #100, Chico, CA, 95926.

MELISSA GARRISON
PHILLIPS

Write to us at: news@wintersexpress.com

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Community

Senior Citizens Club news

By MARGE SEBASTIAN
Special to the Express

Our November meeting/potluck was held on Wednesday, Nov. 8, at St. Anthony's Parish Hall due to a conflict of scheduling at the Community Center.

Despite the change, the potluck was very well attended. We want to thank everyone who brought food to share but a very special thanks goes to Ursula Navarro, who cooked two turkeys and donated them to the club. She also prepared the stuffing and mashed potatoes. Marie Heilman cooked a turkey and also brought mashed potatoes. Thank you Marie. Sandy Webster brought the potatoes to be mashed. We also thank everyone who helped in the kitchen.

Our speaker was Dr. Williams who spoke to us on diabetes. We also had a gentleman from Health Net who brought us literature and gave each one present a tote bag from Health Net. I am sorry he left before I could get his name.

We had a good number of drawing gifts and we thank Paul Brighton, Dorothy Becker, Marge Sebastian, Ursula Navarro and Sheri Del Toro for donating the gifts.

We are sorry that we did not play Bingo after lunch as promised, but our speaker took a lot of time and it was running late. We hope to play in January.

Our December meeting will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 13, and we will have someone from Waste Management come and talk to us about the new changes which will take place in January. Santa has promised to also be present and you may have your picture taken with him at no charge.

Please bring a dish to share for the potluck and also bring a canned food item to be put in baskets for the needy at Christmas.

Marie Heilman walked in the Elderly Nutrition Marathon and we want to thank her for representing our Winters seniors.

Property taxes due this month

Paul Lester, Yolo County Tax Collector, reminds taxpayers who own property in Yolo County that the first installment of 2006-2007 Secured Property Tax is now due and payable.

Property taxes become delinquent if not paid by 5 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 11. Envelopes must be postmarked no later then Dec. 11 if taxes are paid by mail.

Property owners who have not received a tax bill should contact the Tax Collector's Office immediately.

For more information about property taxes, contact the Tax Collector's Office in the Erwin W. Meier Administration Building, 625 Court Street, Room 102 in Woodland; 666-8625.



Photo by Bill Sinkovich

Kelsie Sinkovich gives her wish list to Santa Claus at the Winters Friends of the Library Holiday Festival, held at the Community Center on Saturday, Dec. 2.



Photo by Bill Sinkovich

Stephanie Angel (above, left) makes a trivet with some help from her mother, Maria, at the Winters Friends of the Library Holiday Festival, held at the Community Center on Saturday, Dec. 2. The well-attended event featured food, entertainment and children's activities.

Photo by Debra LoGuercio

At left, Julie Lopez and Pete Rojas participated in the Christmas carol sing-along at the Christmas tree lighting at Rotary Park.



PROJECT

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the park size by 3000 square feet would make the park legal as a park and count to the developer's responsibility to contribute to park costs.

Planning Commissioner Bruce Guelden noted that sound walls had brought objections from residents in the past. "Perhaps two storey buildings shouldn't face onto a major highway," he added.

"I like the variety of the plan, the garages set back at different positions," said Commissioner Wade Cowan. "It's not designed

to look like a typical tract. It is a good thing to fill in that spot."

Neighbor Greg Drummond said the Park was nice looking but he did not see the point "of having kids playing right on Grant Avenue."

In the public comment part of the discussion, neighbor Joe Castro liked the plan and the park, but would like to see a wrought iron fence for more visibility.

Commissioner Graf moved and Cowan seconded

approval and the project was approved unanimously.

Commissioner Joe Tramountana objected, as he has in the past, to the turn lane at the traffic signal at Railroad and Grant not responding to the presence of a bicycle. Commissioner Albert Vallecillo responded, as he has in the past, that Tramountana could install magnets on his bicycle of the sort used on motorcycles to cause turn signal light sensors to respond.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

Planning commission to meet

Because of the holidays, The Winters Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, Dec. 19, at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall. The commission's usual meeting day is the fourth Tuesday of the month.

The following items are on the agenda:

~ Public hearing and consideration of a site plan application submitted by Fran Oremus for the installation of a new single-story, single-family 1,979 square foot manufactured residence with three bedrooms and two

bathrooms at 437 Main Street.

~ Continued public hearing and consideration of the Anderson Place subdivision map. The project is a proposed subdivision of 2.13 acres to create 24 residential lots with a total of 28 residential units and nine office suites, an internal roadway/parking area, a pedestrian pathway area, subdivision feature/green space area, and second internal roadway/parking area at 723 Railroad Avenue. The applicant for Eva Brzeski.

LUCERO

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pands into sound mixing, which he does for a variety of high school dances and events.

So, when push comes to shove, which does he like better — sports or music? Nathanael says that's a tough call.

“My passion is music. It's the universal language. But I enjoy sports because I enjoy the teamwork and staying in shape. But if there was only one thing I could do with the rest of my life, I'd choose performing in a band.”

Ironically, now that he's in the process of choosing a college to attend next fall, it will be neither music nor sports that will be Nathanael's focus. He

plans to become a cancer researcher.

“I think I can have a bigger impact on the world,” he says, adding that if he could find a cure for cancer and perform in a rock band, that would be the ultimate.

Nathanael became inspired to do cancer research after participating in a UC Davis Department of Entomology study for two months last summer. On a whim, he decided to volunteer and served in a laboratory studying the urine output of genetically altered mice.

“I wanted to see if being in a lab is what I'd want to do for the rest of my life,” says Nathanael.

Although he says he played only a very small role in the study, Nathanael says he is

proud that the Department of Entomology received a \$23 million grant to continue the research. The experience was so positive, Nathanael decided to pursue this line of work further, and has applied to Stanford, Yale, the University of California at San Diego, Davis and Los Angeles, as well as Biola University, in hopes of taking the next step.

Faith and family are also priorities for this year's Youth of the Year. He is involved with Warriors for Christ at Winters High School and plays keyboards and guitar in the worship team for Vacaville Valley Church youth group. But all in all, family is still first on Nathanael's list.

“The most important

thing is staying connected to my family and making time to spend with my family. My brother (Jacob) is my best friend. We play music together — he plays drums. And my parents are my biggest role models. Talking with them and spending time with them is just great.”

Other activities Nathanael has been involved with include serving as this year's co-president of Block W at Winters High School, and participating in Boys State last summer, where students from 950 high schools throughout California go to the state capitol to learn about state government. He also participated in FFA as a freshman and sophomore, raising a steer and a hog. During his time in FFA, he won a

first place award in the FFA Sectional Creed Speaking Contest. He is a former Winters Rotary Student of the Month, a member of the California Scholarship Federation, a three time recipient of the Butte View All League Award, and has volunteered with Winters Little League and the Winters Jr. Warriors. Nathanael also participated in a variety of school activities, including Doug Baldrige Work Day, Camp Loma Mar and Every 15 Minutes. He has been a straight-A student every year since kindergarten.

Nathanael is the son of Eric and Laura Lucero of Winters. He will be formally honored as this year's Youth of the Year at the annual community holiday concert, which

takes place on Tuesday, Dec. 12, at 7 p.m. at the Community Center. There is no charge to attend the event, which also features holiday music, the Circle of Singers, and refreshments.

LETTERS

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Fun festival

Dear Editor,

The Winters Friends of the Library would like to once again thank everyone who helped to make our Holiday Family Festival a wonderful event this year. We had an incredible turnout and children young and old seemed to enjoy themselves despite the larger than usual crowd.

We appreciate all of you for managing so well with so many people in a small space. The success of our event was due to the efforts of many dedicated volunteers and our wonderful community. We ap-

preciate all of the merchants who donated generously to our raffle tree. Our first place prize winner this year was Beth Gale; our second place winner was Dwight Howard and the third place winner was Richard Rominger.

A hearty “thanks” also goes out to all of the teachers, students and community members whose performances also helped to make our festival so special. Mrs. Claus’ Café was busy all day serving up great lunches and treats, with the generous donation of yummy food from Randy Oates and the Oates’ Country Store. A big “Ho, ho, thank you” goes out to Santa and his lovely elf, who took time during this busy season to come and visit the children of

Winters.

Thanks again to everyone in the Winters community who support the Friends of the Library and help to make our Family Festival a joyous fun event. All of our efforts are truly valuable when we see the good time had by all.

The Winters Friends of the Library is a volunteer organization that raises money to support extra library hours, library programs, and new books. We also put on community events such as our Holiday Festival. We meet the first Monday of every month at the library, and we welcome new members. For more information call 795-2201 volunteer coordinator.

CAROL SCIANNA

Yolo County Fair options to be considered

The 40th District Agricultural Association (DAA) which operates the Yolo County Fair, the city of Woodland and Yolo County are collaborating to explore the future of the existing Yolo County Fairgrounds located in Woodland, as well as the challenges facing the existing fairgrounds and the fair's long term operational and economic viability.

The three entities will fund preparation of a technical report that will address factors related to the Yolo County Fair remaining at its current location, po-

tential development program for a new fairground on a hypothetical site, and alternatives for reuse of the existing site if the fair were to relocate to another location. The report is scheduled to be complete by late April, 2007.

The preparation of this report will include public input. A community workshop will be scheduled in late January or early February 2007 regarding the future of the Yolo County Fair, and specifically issues related to potential reuse of the existing fairgrounds property if the

fair were to relocate to another site.

For information about the date, time and location of the community workshop, contact Lonny Wunder, Chief Executive Officer, 40th District Agricultural Association (DAA), at 402-2222 or by e-mail at lonny@yolocountyfair.net.

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

Schools

Vacaville Elks Lodge #2638 honors Robert Warren

On Nov. 24, at a dinner and awards ceremony, George Nunez from the Vacaville Elks Lodge #2638 presented a commemorative plaque to Robert Warren for winning one of the Elks National Foundation's 500 "Most Valuable Student" Scholarships.

Last spring Warren, a student at Winters High School, along with more than 14,000 other outstanding high school seniors, submitted an application to the Elks National Foundation for their "Most Valuable Student" Scholarship Competition.

He was awarded 1st place at the local level earning himself \$100 and was advanced to the district level where he also took home 1st place,

earning \$700.

Warren moved on to the state level, winning it also and earning himself a spot in the National Finals. Only 500 students made it to the finals and there he won one of the two Third Place Awards and will receive \$20,000. (\$5,000 per year for 4 years).

Last year the Elks National Foundation awarded \$2.216 million to the 500 national finalists. These scholarships are made possible by the generous donations from the Elks, along with their families and friends.

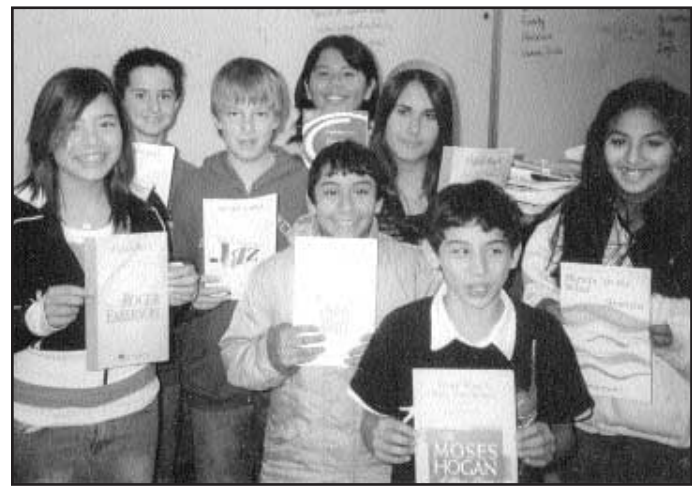
Warren now attends Harvey Mudd College in Claremont, California, where he is pursuing his undergraduate degree in engineering.



Courtesy Photo

George Nunez from the Vacaville Elks Lodge #2638 presented a commemorative plaque to Robert Warren for winning one of the Elks National Foundation's 500 "Most Valuable Student" Scholarships.

Performing Holiday songs



Courtesy Photo

Through a grant from Yolo Community Foundation, the Winters Middle School Chorus has purchased music to perform in the spring concerts. Holding the new music are Mariah Warner, Shane Stanley, Justin Crabtree, Gabby Leal, Veronica Cerros, Morgan Olivas, Luke Talagugan, and Liliana Medina. The students are very thankful for the music and are anxious to get started in learning new songs and harmonies.



Courtesy Photo

On December 12 at 7 p.m. in the Community Center, Shirley Rominger School and the Middle School Chorus and Band will be presenting their holiday songs. Come and share the joy. Practicing for the performance are Cristina Chavez, Alejandro Jimenez, Kristopher Murphy, Thommi Irish.

Bringing poetry to life



Photo by Debra Lo Guercio

Students in Gina Johnson's speech and drama class at Winters High School brought poetry to life for Shirley Rominger Intermediate School students on Monday, Dec. 4 performing oral interpretation of poems the Rominger students were learning. Ashley Jordan (left) and Angelina Lim act out one of their poems. Seated is Rebecca Lopez. On Dec. 12, Johnson's students will do a similar performance for a school in Davis.

PTA meetings

The PTA for Waggoner Elementary School and Shirley Rominger Intermediate School meets on the second Wednesday of each month at Shirley Rominger Intermediate School. Meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. in the staff room. Childcare is provided in the multipurpose room.

For more information, call Jenyse, 795-0958.

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Entertainment



It's all about the haggis

Photos by Debra LoGuercio

The Irish Pub and Coffee-house hosted a St. Andrew's Day celebration on Wednesday, Nov. 29, with Celtic music, a Scotch tasting, a raffle for Scottish prizes and a traditional Scottish meal of haggis, mashed potatoes and mashed turnips. St. Andrew is the patron saint of Scotland, credited for bringing Christianity there. Providing acoustic music for the party was the Sawney Bean Band (above), featuring Keith Cary on Guitar, Bob Armstrong on banjo and Michael Sears on fiddle. At right, Alex Henderson, owner of the Scottish Meat Pie Company in Dixon, explains the meaning behind the Robert Burns' poem, "Address to a Haggis," which celebrates the hefty Scottish sausage. Henderson then recited the poem.



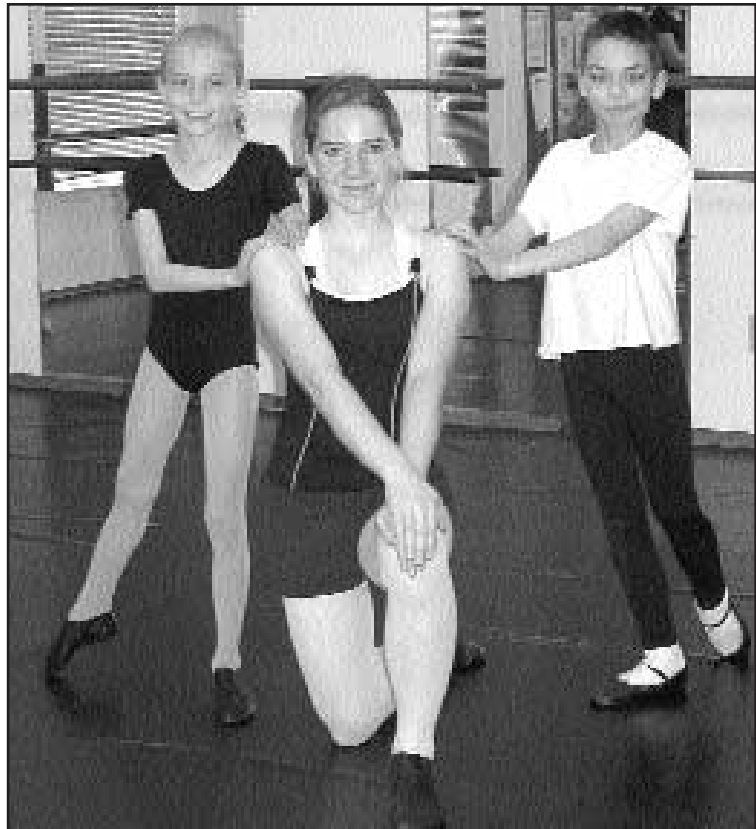
Studio C jazzes up Nutcracker

This holiday season, Studio C School of Dance in Winters will replace its traditional Nutcracker Ballet with the upbeat and jazzy production of the Nutcracker All Jazzed Up. This rendition of the Nutcracker uses a more upbeat version of Tchaikovsky's original score, and modernizes the music in a festive and modern way.

The production includes dancers of all ages and abilities, ranging from age 3 to adult. Types of dance to be showcased are ballet, lyrical, jazz, tap, modern and hip hop. Fun surprises are planned for this show, which is appropriate for the entire family.

The Nutcracker All Jazzed Up takes place at the Winters Community Center Theater on Saturday, Dec. 9, at 2 and 7:30 p.m., and on Sunday, Dec. 10, with a gala performance at 2 p.m. The show length is a newly-revised 90 minutes.

Admission for the Saturday performances are \$8 for children, \$10 for adults.



Courtesy photo

Appearing in Studio C's production of The Nutcracker – All Jazzed up are, from left, Colwin Martin, Natalie Roberts-Kane and Jill Oates.

Tickets for the gala performance are \$11 for children, \$13 for adults. Pre-sale tickets will be sold in advance at Studio C

School of Dance, 106-C Main Street in Winters or call 795-1900 from 3-8 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

Vacaville's Winter Wonderland brings Santa

Everyone is invited to come enjoy holiday hospitality at the Winter Wonderland in Historic Downtown Vacaville on Friday, Dec. 15, from 5-8 p.m. Santa will be in his sleigh in the "Heart of the City," Town Square, to visit with children to hear their last minute gift wishes.

There will also be holiday entertainment in Town Square featuring Travis Air Force Base's

"Brass Quintet" at 5 p.m. and the Phoenix Rising Irish Dancers will be featured at 6 p.m.

Local merchants will stay open late to help solve any last minute shopping problems. Some are holding open as well, and the

downtown restaurants will be open.

For more information, go online to www.downtownvacaville.com or call the Downtown Vacaville Business Improvement District office, (707) 451-2100.

UC Davis Art-Science Fusion Program plans open house

The community is invited to an open house for the UC Davis Art-Science Fusion Program on Sunday, Dec. 10, 2-5 p.m., in Environmental Horticulture Rooms 126 and 128. Refreshments will be served. The Environmental Horticulture complex is located on Old Davis Road between the Buehler Alumni and Visitors Center and the University Club, on the UC Davis campus.

The event will feature an end-of-the-quarter show of work by students in the program. Visitors can tour the new Art-Science Fusion Program facilities and see new graphic and ceramic mosaic mural projects in the Arboretum.

The UC Davis Art-Science Fusion Program is an innovative new approach to teaching science by having students create art projects with scientific content. In 2000, Professor Diane Ullman of the Entomology Department and ceramic artist Donna Billick launched a course called Art, Science, and

the World of Insects. This year, with new funding from the Provost, the course has expanded to 140 students, and faculty in other departments will also be able to develop courses that incorporate both art and science.

This quarter, students have lectures twice a week and an art studio once a week in their choice of ceramics, textiles or graphics. They are working in groups on public art projects, including two in the Arboretum.

Students in the ceramics section of the class are creating a large-scale mosaic of an oak ecosystem — ancient valley oak tree and the insects that inhabit it — for the front of a new restroom building at Shields Oak Grove in the Arboretum. The students pressed slabs of clay onto the bark of living trees to reproduce the texture of bark, and built a large tree shape with arching branches. Each student selected an insect to study and created

a ceramic representation of the insect for the mosaic.

The course also has a community outreach component. Participants at the Arboretum's Family Wildlife Day in November were invited to make cut-out clay oak leaves and acorns, using actual leaves and acorns as templates, and glaze them. These will be in-

corporated into the mosaic.

The graphics section of the class created a beautiful, brightly-colored mural for the wall of the tunnel under the A Street bridge, with a strong focus on human interactions with insects.

For more information, contact Professor Diane Ullman, 754-8789.

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dríquez, Teresa y Soledad Valadez; Las Guadalupeñas de la parroquia de San Antonio bajo la dirección de María Luisa García; Nuestros queridos familiares, vecinos y amistades; Chris's Florist por sus muy hermosas flores; Sandi Holland, la directora de la música, el coro de la parroquia de San Antonio, y Lenore Sebastian cantante en la misa; Los lectores y los que com-

partieron los bonitos recuerdos durante los servicios memoriales; el Padre Humberto; y a todos que asistieron en los servicios; Shawn Wiscombe de Wiscombe's Davis Funeral Chapel.

De todo corazón gracias, a todas las personas que nos han apoyado en toda manera en la memoria de la sonrisa de nuestra madre y esposa .

**JOSE CONCEPCION
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Sports

Warriors beat Dixon, now 3-1 overall

◆ Zaragoza hits game winning shot against East Nicolaus

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The Warriors made a 180-degree turnaround in 24 hours. After a shocking loss in a practice game against Esparto on Monday, Nov. 27, the Winters varsity basketball team turned their game completely around with a 58-54 victory over the visiting Dixon Rams on Tuesday, Nov. 28, at Young Gymnasium.

Against Esparto the Warriors were completely out of sink defensively.

"We had a lot of breakdowns," said coach Jason Davis. "I was surprised. I thought we would play better than that."

Alexio Jurado led the Warriors with 21 points and Alex Thomson followed with 19.

Against the Rams, the Warriors didn't play a perfect game, but they did make some drastic improvements on both sides of the court. The defensive game was much better and the team started to work together on offense as well. Winters jumped out to a 21-10 lead in the first quarter but only led by three at the half with the score 28-25. Dixon continued to pressure the Warriors and took a 3 point lead by the end of the third. Winters regained the momentum they started with though and out scored the Rams 18-11 in the fourth period to pick up a 58-54 victory.

The Warriors played well enough to win and had some big rebounds and steals with a team high of 33 and 16 respectively, but relied on the Rams poor performance at the free throw line to help seal the victory. Dixon shot five of 24 from the line.

Thomson led the Warriors in scoring with 18 points, had three rebounds, four steals, three assists and five turnovers. Jurado scored 13 points, had three rebounds, four steals, five assists and three turnovers. Colton Crabtree scored 7 points, had seven rebounds, one steal and three assists. Brock Neil had six points, a team high of eight rebounds and one steal. Damon Miles scored 15 points and had seven rebounds. Justin Valenzuela scored 4 points, had two rebounds, one steal and one assist. Alvaro Zaragoza scored three points and had a steal. Matt Catalan scored one point, three rebounds and a steal, while Kelvin Leverette scored one point, had two rebounds and had one steal for the Warriors.

Winters played their



Photo by Eric Lucero

Matthew Catalan (#14) and Colton Crabtree (#12) defend the ball during the Nov. 28th game against Dixon. The team played a good game beating Dixon 38-37.

third game in four nights on Thursday, Nov. 30, as they traveled to Arbuckle to play in the Pierce High School tournament. The Warriors played Mt Shasta in game one and suffered a disappointing 44-38 loss. After being tied through the first two periods at 19-19, the Warriors put on some defensive pressure that turned into an 11 point lead going into the final period. Unfortunately, Winters was out scored 18-2 in the fourth and let the win get away.

"We are very inconsistent

right now," said coach Davis. "We are not moving the ball very well and we are standing around watching."

Thomson led the Warriors with 11 points. Jurado scored seven points, Crabtree and Miles each added six, Zaragoza had five, Valenzuela had two and Neil added one point and had 12 rebounds for the Warriors.

On Friday, Dec. 1, the Warriors played Biggs for their first win of the tournament with a score of 51-26. Winters led the game from

start to finish with Alvaro Zaragoza leading the scoring. Zaragoza scored 14 points, Valenzuela scored

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Warriors kick it to Lions, 6-1

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The Winters High School girls' soccer team dominated the Live Oak Lions in their season opener with a 6-1 victory at Live Oak. After a 1-1 ball game in the first half, the Warriors unloaded their offensive arsenal and scored five more goals in the second half.

The Warriors also did a good job of spreading the wealth as three different people scored. Arlett Chavez led the Warriors with three

goals out of six shots. Fabiola Silva scored two goals on four shots and had one assist. Mallory Creamer scored the Warriors other goal out of six shots and had two assists.

Danielle Murphy had two assists for the Warriors. Serena Boyko did a good job for the Warriors at goal keeper allowing just one goal while having seven saves. Maribel Escobedo also had five saves for the Warriors. Winters totaled 19 shots in the game.

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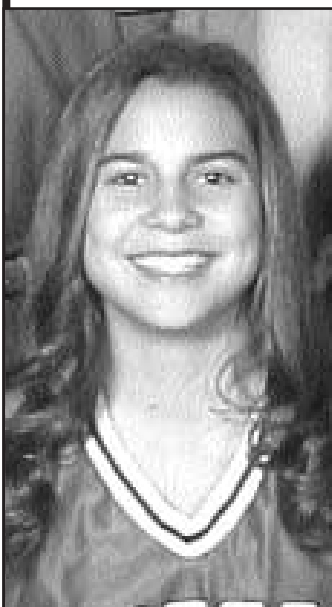
CODY'S ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Lauren Yehle

Lauren Yehle, a senior for the Winters High School varsity basketball team, is this week's athlete of the week. In the first four games of the Warriors 2006-07 season Yehle averaged 26 points a game and helped lead the Warriors to a 3-1 overall record. In the Warriors' first game of the season, Yehle scored 32 points and had 12 steals for the Warriors.

“Lauren is all over the place,” said coach Matt Cooley. “Her defense is really helping her get some easy shots too.”

Yehle also made the all tournament team at the Live Oak Tournament.



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JV boys basketball team has a rough first week

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The Winters High School JV basketball team fell to Dixon in their season opener at home last Tuesday, Nov. 28, by a score of 60-29. First year head coach Brad Burton may not have liked the final score but he was pleased with the way the team made adjustments in the second half.

"I was happy with the way they responded from our half time talk," said Burton. "They were making the adjustments in the second half that they weren't making in the first."

Aaron Geerts led the Warriors with 14 points. Cody Shafer scored 6 points. Woody DeVries scored 5 points, while Max Mariani and Jules Damey each scored 2 points for the Warriors.

On Thursday, Nov. 30, the Warriors traveled to Arbuckle to compete in the Pierce High School tournament. Winters first game was against Mt Shasta. The Warriors lost 42-29.

"We just went ice cold," said Burton. "We had good looks at the basket, we just didn't make the shots and that seemed to be the difference in the game."

Geerts led the Warriors

with 11 points, DeVries scored eight points, Mariani scored four, Damey scored three and Tobler scored two points for the Warriors.

Winters returned to Pierce on Friday, Dec. 1, and played a good game against Colusa despite losing 44-43.

"We are making a lot of progress," Burton said. "We just had a low shooting percentage."

DeVries led the Warriors with 13 points. Geerts and Cody Shafer each scored nine points. Damey scored five points, Mariani scored four points, Jose Ceja scored two points, while Tobler added one point for the Warriors.

On Saturday, Dec. 2, the Warriors took on Biggs and once again lost in a nail biter 44-42.

"We started out flat," said Burton. "But we came back in the second half and played pretty well. We changed to a more aggressive style of defense and it worked. We put Mariani on their best shooter and Max did an outstanding job of shutting him down."

DeVries lead the Warriors with 16 points, Geerts scored 14, Shafer had seven, Ceja had four and Mariani had one point for the Warriors.



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The 2006-07 Winters High School swim team includes, from left, (back) coach Kevin Chester, Ashley DeVries, Ethan Johnson, Meghan Hyde, Jameson Shugart and assistant coach Ms. Samuelson; (middle) Eric Cardenas, Morgan Fjord, Alec Bouwens, Clinton Freed, Justin Hyer and Justin Rominger; (front) Cheyenne Powell, Maya Tice, Catherine Hasbrook, Jamie Anderson, Cheyenne Burrall and Lauren Atherton. (Not pictured, Giorgio Ippolito).

Swimmers of WHS receive awards

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The Winters High School swim team held their annual awards banquet last week and had plenty of swimmers receiving recognition for their successful season.

The Warriors had

seven swimmers named to the Butte View All League team. Alec Bouwens, Clinton Freed, Justin Hyer, Ethan Johnson, Justin Rominger, Jameson Shugart and Morgan Fjord all made the team as members of first place relay teams at the

league championships.

Meghan Hyde was named the teams MVP. Maya Tice was given the Rookie of the Year Award. Giorgio Ippolito was named the Most Improved, while Clinton Freed was named the Coaches Award winner.

Yehle scores 32 in 55-50 win over Esparto

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

Lauren Yehle scored 32 points for the Winters High School girls' varsity basketball team and helped lead the Warriors to a 55-50 win over the Esparto Spartans on Tuesday, Nov. 28. The Warriors traveled to Esparto for their season opener and played a solid game for their first victory of the season. Yehle also had 12 steals for the Warriors.

"Lauren played a great all around game," said coach Matt Cooley.

Rebecca Salas scored 8 points, Silvia Garcia scored 6, Jenny Campos scored 4, Chelsea Corrales scored 3, while Elena Leal scored 2 points for the Warriors.

On Thursday, Nov. 30, the Warriors traveled to Live Oak and played in the Live Oak High

School annual tournament. Winters lost the first game but won the next two. In the opener against Pierce the Warriors played a solid game and were with in 3 points at the end of the third but couldn't keep up with the Bears late in the game.

"We just ran out of gas," said coach Cooley. This was a tougher game."

Yehle led the Warriors again in scoring with 16 points, followed by Salas with 15, Corrales with 11 and Leal with 5 points.

The Warriors took on Willows on Friday, Dec. 1, and came home with a victory. The Warriors jumped out early on the Honkers and never looked back.

"We came out fast in the first period," said Cooley. "We were ahead 19-11 and we kept that

lead the whole way out."

Yehle had a game high of 26 points to lead the Warriors. Campos scored 9 points, Salas scored 6, Corrales had 3, Garcia had 2 points and Leal had 2 as well.

On Saturday, Dec. 2, the Warriors played their final game of the tournament and picked up another victory by dominating the Orland Trojans 63-34.

"This was the best game we've played as a team so far," said Cooley. We did a good job on defense against a taller team. The defense led to a lot of steals."

The Warriors out scored the Trojans 15-5 in the first and 15-4 in the third. Yehle had another big night for the Warriors as she scored 29 points. Salas scored 14. Corrales scored 12 and Campos had 8 points for the Warriors.

JV girls start season 2-0

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The Winters High School JV girls basketball team beat the Esparto Spartans 36-34 in their season opener on Tuesday, Nov. 28. The Warriors traveled to Esparto for their first game of the season. Winters was led by Taryn Jones with 13 points and Megan Avellar with 12.

On Wednesday, Nov. 29, the Warriors improved their record to 2-0 after a dominating performance against Woodland Christian. The Warriors beat the Cardinals 52-11. Amy Avellar led all scorers with 17 points. Megan Avellar and Jones each had 11 points. Olivia Wingard scored eight points, Brittanie Hedrick scored three and Alyssa Oxley scored two points for the Warriors.

Lady Warriors begin soccer 2-0

By LYNN CREAMER
Special to the Express

In their first game of the season, the Lady Warriors scored big to defeat the Live Oak Lions 6-1 on Tuesday, Nov. 28., forward Arlett Chavez scored a "Hat Trick" (three goals) in this game, with goals in the 5th, 61st and 69th minutes. She was assisted by midfielder Danielle Murphy, midfielder Mallory Creamer and forward Fabiola Silva.

Silva scored two goals of her own in the 48th and 89th minutes, assisted by Murphy and Creamer. Creamer then scored on a corner kick to the far post that came off a Lion defender. The Warrior defense allowed a goal in the 43rd minute on a scrum in front of keeper Serena Boyko, who had three saves in the first half.

Maribel Escobedo stepped into the goal for the 2nd half, and had three saves as well. The defense of Cindy Houck, Ari Hoover, Leslie Contreras and Lillian Boisrame held strong throughout the game. The midfield of Creamer, Kaelene Callison, Jessica Sharp and Murphy controlled the field. Substitutes Martha Lopez, Jessica Jordan, Karissa Sais and Sierra Krueen provided rest for the starters without compromising skill and intensity.

After losing to the Rio Vista Rams last year 3-0, the Lady Warriors were out for revenge on Thursday, Nov. 30, at Shirley Rominger Intermediate School. The Warriors came out strong and pressured the Ram defense relentlessly.

The Warriors have their first Butte View League game on Tuesday, Dec. 5, at 3:30 p.m. at Williams High School. For more information on Lady Warriors soccer, visit www.eteamz.active.com/LadyWarriors.



Photo by Eric Lucero

Alex Jurado makes a basket during a past game against Dixon. Jurado a senior on the Winters High School varsity basketball team, was named to the Pierce High School annual basketball tournament All Tournament Team. Jurado helped lead the Warriors to a 2-1 record in the tournament.

Boy's Basketball games schedule

Basketball season has started, the upcoming games for these few weeks will be:

Tuesday, Dec. 12

The boys basketball team will have a home game againsts John Swett. The JV

will start at 5:30p.m. and Varsity boys will start at 7p.m.

Friday, Dec. 15

Home game for the boys basketball against St. Helena. The JV start at 5:30p.m. and Varsity at 7 p.m.

WARRIORS

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nine, Thomson scored 7, Neil had 6, Leverette scored 5, Jurado scored four, while Crabtree and Miles each scored three points for the Warriors.

Winters came back on Saturday, Dec. 2, and played East Nicolaus for the conso-

lation trophy and won on a game winning shot by Zaragoza. The Warriors defense has improved from their first game and that's what they relied on in the final seconds of the game. The Warriors went to their press and capitalized on their opponents mistakes.

With less than 10 seconds Jurado drove to the basket and was fouled. After mak-

ing the shot Jurado made the free throw to pull the Warriors within one point. Winters then put on a full court press and forced East Nicolaus to make a bad pass. Zaragoza cut in front of the

pass and took it to the basket for a one point lead with seven seconds remaining. East Nicolaus tried to break the press for a last shot but was unable to get it off as the Warriors won 38-37.

Neil led the Warriors with 11 points and had 11 rebounds. Zaragoza scored 10, Thomson scored seven, Jurado scored 6 and Crabtree had 4 points for the Warriors.

Nuestras Noticias



Compás de Espera

A pesar de que ya paso casi un mes de haberse efectuado las elecciones, seguimos interesados en todo lo que se relaciona y se habla con respecto a los cambios que los Demócratas pudieran hacer en los próximos dos años, en donde controlaran las dos cámaras. Como hispanos nos interesa que los Demócratas intenten y traten de enderezar la política que los republicanos estaban aplicando en las dos cámaras. Una política que aunque muchos republicanos pregonaban que eran decisiones basadas en la seguridad nacional, a muchos hispanos nos parecen crueles y a veces racistas.

El resultado de las elecciones fue un claro mensaje del pueblo a los que están en el poder, y a los que estaban en la otra banqueta. Los Demócratas salieron victoriosos y los resultados de esa victoria, más que ellos mismos, lo dictaminaron las circunstancias. Sobre todo, cuando al decir de muchos, un gran sector del electorado no votó por ellos sino en contra de los Republicanos y su política.

Por regla general en la política, el electorado no se manifiesta a favor de un grupo, sino que vota en contra de lo que este mal hecho, beneficiando al grupo opositor. Los Demócratas no dijeron muchas cosas en la campaña, sino que optaron por dejar que los propios Republicanos se mataran por si mismos. La prepotencia, la intolerancia y la inflexibilidad política de los Republicanos, los llevó a que el pueblo les perdiera la confianza y se tornara hacia el otro lado sin importar que éstos, los Demócratas, no presentaran claras alternativas.

El tema que perjudico a los republicanos fue la guerra de Irak, hasta ahora los Demócratas no han presentado un plan concreto al país, se habla mucho, se sugieren muchas alternativas pero nada concreto todavía. Van a tener que trabajar para poder solucionar la encrucijada en la que esta metida la administración de Bush. Pero no debemos olvidar que también los demócratas apoyaron el plan de Bush, quizá lo apoyaron tratando también de salvar su trabajo en la cámara, de cualquier manera ellos también son responsables.

Así que solo nos resta esperar el próximo enero, que será cuando los demócratas entren en funciones en las dos cámaras, debemos esperar y ver para creer.

Que Vergüenza para Mexico

En donde se tiene una Democracia viva, plural, naciente, en el parlamento tal vesse calienten los ánimos, se arrebate el uso de la palabra, se dispute la tribuna parlamentaria para exponer alguna idea o punto de vista, pero lo que vimos en la televisión la semana pasada en la cámara de diputados en México, es una vergüenza, tal ves era solo un anticipo de lo pudo haber ocurrido el viernes pasado, cuando Calderón tuvo que haber tomado el cargo de Presidente de México. Lo que vimos la semana pasada fue una vergonzosa disputa, ya no por el poder sino por el desprestigio de la política, de la democracia y las instituciones.

Diputados de PRD y PAN ya no pelean el poder -porque les guste o no a las partes, Felipe Calderón es el presidente constitucional desde los primeros minutos del pasado viernes-, sino que los primeros se habían propuesto impedir el mandato constitucional en donde Felipe Calderón protesto si otra cosa no paso, el viernes pasado, y las actitudes del PAN eran de pleno respaldo a Calderón.

Una disputa absurda, emparentada con un espectáculo circense, que niega la política, denigra a los políticos y que deja ver que los primeros, los diputados del

PRD, están dispuestos al extremo de la violación constitucional con el único fin de saciar su sed de venganza -porque no digieren que los errores de su candidato presidencial y los abusos del Presidente al que tildaban de tonto, les arrebató una victoria que ya daban por descontada-, mientras que los segundos, los del PAN, resultaron atrapados por la provocación que los llevó a ofrecer el mismo espectáculo que cuestionaban.

El problema de fondo es que la legislación, la Constitución y sus leyes reglamentarias son incapaces de ofrecer soluciones a conflictos como el que vivimos, al circo en que los irresponsables diputados han convertido la llamada “casa del pueblo”. El problema es que el Congreso, la inmunidad a los diputados y senadores, y el vacío legal para sancionar a los legisladores que incumplan la Constitución y que, como es el caso, decidan violarla como parte de la violencia política que han desatado contra las instituciones, convierten al Congreso en otro de los monopolios que dañan al país y a la democracia.

¿Quién es capaz de exigir cuentas a los diputados y senadores, no sólo por su trabajo, deficiente en las más de las veces, sino en su comportamiento irresponsable y con-

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Natividad Montaña Acosta nació el 28 de Diciembre 1929 en San Martín Hidalgo, Jalisco, México. Sus padres eran Manuel Montaña y María Ramírez. Nati era la menor de 12 hijos. Nati tuvo 5 hermanas y 6 hermanos.

A los siete años murió la mama de Nati. Desde la edad de 7 años Nati tuvo el cargo del hogar de su papa. Ella cocinaba, lavaba, planchaba, y limpiaba para sus hermanos, tíos, y su papa. Las personas que la conocieron decían que le tenían lastima, porque cuando lavaba la ropa en el río hasta le sangraban sus manos y tenía que lavar la ropa de nuevo por las manchas de sangre.

A los 21 años de edad, Nati se caso con José Concepción Acosta Camacho también de San Martín Hidalgo. En menos de un año de casarse la pareja se vinieron al “Norte”. El Viaje a Estados Unidos no fue fácil para Nati, porque “la Migra” la bajo varias veces de los camiones en que viajaba. Concepción paso la primera vez dejando a Nati en Tijuana. Cada mañana iba a misa y le pedía a Dios que la dejara pasar la frontera. Una tía de Nati le decía que le rezara a las animas Americanas, porque las animas Mexicanas no habían podido cruzar la frontera. El 4 de julio si pudo cruzar la frontera sola. Y se vino sola hasta Vacaville, decía que Dios la había traído.

Nati y Conce han vivido en Winters desde 1952. Han sido miembros de la parroquia de San Anto-

nio desde antes que construyeran esta iglesia. Nati y Conce tuvieron 3 hijos, Eva, Raquel, y Abel. Los nietos “su corazoncitos” de Nati y Conce incluyen Isaac, Kristina, Ileana, Victoria, Ruben, Rebeca, y Ruthi.

Nati tenia mucha fe en Dios y la Virgen De Guadalupe. Ella demostraba su fe todos los días en la manera que cuidaba a sus hijos y nietos (sus corazoncitos), además también presentaba su amor maternal a muchas otras personas. Ella vivía su fe. No se quejaba de sus enfermedades, por el contrario, le daba gracias a Dios por todo lo que le había dado.

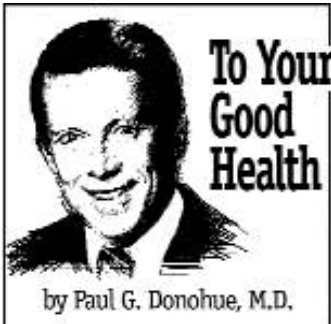
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Features

Choosing the Right Vitamin Supplement

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For Hispanics war in Iraq trumped immigration

THE ROGER E. HERNANDEZ COLUMN
By Roger E. Hernandez

One of the ingredients of the Republicans' election debacle: Hispanics deserted the GOP. Just two years ago Republicans bragged about exit polls that showed a record 44 percent of Hispanics voted for George W. Bush. Exit polls also showed the same percentage voted for Republican Congressional candidates. All was up, up and away from the 35 percent Bush won in 2000, and the 21 percent that went to Bob Dole's discredited campaign in 1996. But now things are heading back down to Dole levels.

This year, just 29 percent of Hispanics voted for Republican congressional candidates, exit polls show. That's a drop of 15 points since 2004. In Senate races, upward of 70 percent voted for Democrats in California, New York and New Jersey (where Cuban-American Bob Menendez won). And although Republicans fared better among Hispanics in Texas and Florida, Karl Rove's dream of building some-

thing close to a Hispanic GOP majority in key electoral states seems to be vanishing.

Part of it has to do with Rove's failed political strategy on immigration. He tried to use the xenophobes to secure the so-called base while at the same time holding out promises to Hispanic voters, a strategy that backfired when Hispanics — even those uncomfortable with the growing population of illegals — began to feel assaulted by a wave of nativism.

But immigration was not the main issue, not for Hispanics or anyone else. A late October poll by Encuesta, Inc. showed 89 percent of Hispanics thought terrorism was "very important" when deciding their vote; 84 percent thought the same about the war in Iraq. Seventy-two percent attached the same importance to immigration.

In other words, Hispanics approached the voting booth much like other American voters, worried about terrorism and Iraq, knowing that the failures there are much more serious than mere political gamesmanship about im-

migration.

Not since Jimmy Carter has the United States been in a weaker international position. Back then the Sandinistas had taken power in Nicaragua as allies to communist Cuba, fanatical theocrats in Iran held Americans hostage and the Soviet Union seemed ascendant.

Today Sandinistas have taken power back in Nicaragua. Fanatical theocrats in Iran seem intent on making a nuclear bomb. A madman in North Korea actually exploded a nuclear device. And the threat of Soviet totalitarianism has been replaced by the smaller but infinitely less predictable threat of Islamic fundamentalism.

All we've had, until Nov. 7, has been George Bush — a man who brags he "doesn't do nuance" at a time when what is most necessary is the shrewdest diplomacy this nation can muster, the kind of diplomacy that can bring the international community to the side of the United States instead of alienating it with a poisonous mix of arrogance and incompetence.

The Democrats have been very good at criticizing the disaster Bush created in Iraq (with the help, of course, of Iraq's cultural bloodlust). We shall soon see if they have anything to offer beyond "Don't do that."

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Use a little more sense in how you plan to spend your end-of-the-year holiday dollars. Meanwhile, you continue to gain support for your stand on a workplace issue.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)
Wearing that big, loving Lion's heart of yours on your sleeve leaves it unprotected. Let things develop a little more before you allow your emotions to spill over.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to September 22)
You might feel you're not ready to patch up an unraveled relationship. But the longer you wait, the more difficult it will be for all parties to take the first healing step.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)
Your end-of-the-year holiday plans could be disrupted by something out of your control, but stay the course. Ultimately, things will settle back into a normal pace. SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)
Your honest approach to a workplace project earns you both respect and credit from those in charge. Meanwhile, that personal problem still needs to be dealt with.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)
Money could be a little tight this month. This means the usually bargain-oblivious Sagittarian should look for ways to save on end-of-the-year holidays.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)
Examine the facts, and you might find that it's a wiser move to shift gears and redirect some of your goals before the end of the year. Someone close to you offers good advice.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)
Be careful that your generosity is not abused. Find out more, both about the special favors you might be asked to grant and who is asking for them.

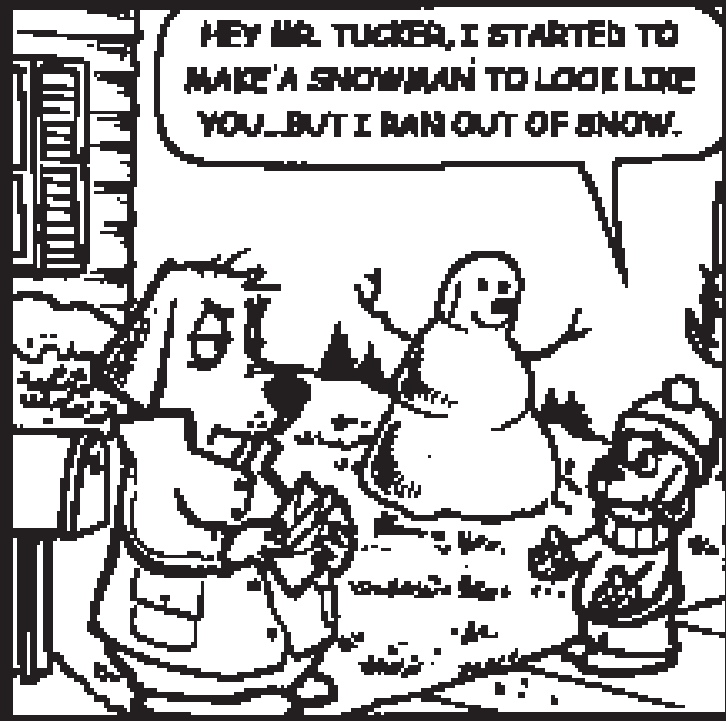
PISCES (February 19 to March 20)
You've come through a recent rough time in great shape. Congratulations. Now go out and enjoy your well-earned rewards. More good news comes in mid-December.

BORN THIS WEEK: You aim for truth, and you usually find it. Your honesty earns you the friendship and respect of others.

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King Crossword

ACROSS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1	Racade										
4	icy pinnacle										
9	Young gent										
12	Storm center										
13	"The Devil Wears -"										
14	Nevada town										
16	"Top Ten List" reader										
17	Pirouette pivot										
18	From here, to Soots										
18	Goldie Hawn, to Kate Hudson										
21	Whale variety										
24	This twice follows "Que"										
26	Flow rock										
28	Pesticide letters										
31	Lint collector										
31	Catcher's aid										
33	Madam's counterpart										
36	"Zouave!"										
38	Iranian faith										
38	Energy										
40	-de-France										
41	Additionally										
43	Association										
46	Hit hard										
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54	Brothers hit										
54	Chic no more										
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DOWN	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1	Conger or mray										
2	"See ya!"										
3	Wager										
4	Quashed forth										
5	Quick, purposeful trips										
6	Aries										
7	Second president										
8	Lake boats										
9	Sluggish										
10	Lotion additive										
11	Color worker										
18	Phonograph inventor's monogram										
21	Long pines, in football										
22	Met melody										
23	Deadlines										
27	Girality										
29	Big wind										
30	Garmen river										
32	Of great height										
34	Fidgery										
37	Wagner's "Hutan und -"										
39	"Night and Day" composer										
42	Phantom's ballwhick										
44	Tied										
46	Courts										
48	Tough										
50	Dress (up)										
61	Historic time										
62	Has permission										
63	Female sheep										

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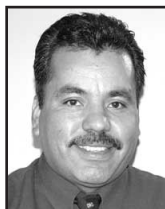


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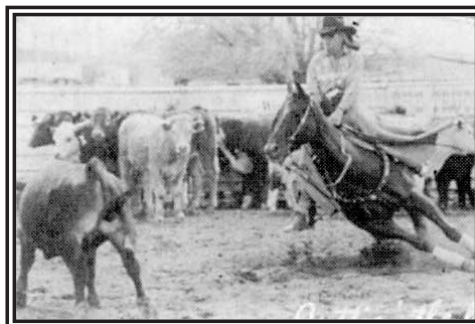
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