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Helping to celebrate the opening of the Winters Healthcare Foundation's dental office at 31 Main Street are, from left, (back) Joe Martinez, Oliva Martin and Jill Michel, (middle) Mayor Woody Fridae, Dr. Sapna Hayes, Laura Martinez-Chavez, Gaye Lopez, John Lopez, City Manager John Donlevy, Winters City Council Member Mike Martin and Dr. Fred Ransdell; (front) RoseMarie Hendrix and Irene Goya Tweedt.



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Dr. Sapna Hayes gives a toothbrushing lesson to Chris Kelsch, Winters Health Care Foundation executive director.

Open wide

◆ Winters Healthcare Foundation celebrates opening of dental clinic

By JUSTIN COX
Staff writer

Community pleas for additional local dental services have been answered. The Winters Healthcare Foundation, which has provided medical and mental health care for over seven years, opened its new dental office on Nov. 19. After conducting a nation-wide selection process in search of a qualified dentist to estab-

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School board discusses cuts

By ELLIOT LANDES
Staff writer

The Nov. 15 school board meeting included a workshop with the Restructuring and Expenditure Reductions Committee. The controversial subject brought out a large crowd that filled the Walnut Room at the School District Office to overflowing, with parents, students and teachers. The committee, created in October, is charged with making \$480,000 in cuts because of the loss of revenue caused by the ongoing decline in attendance. This meeting was the last to be open to public discussion, before the committee's conclusions will be taken up by the board in December.

The committee's report identified 13 proposed actions to reduce expen-

ditures by \$491,659, culled from 124 suggestions the committee considered. It also included suggestions from meetings at specific school sites. At most of the school sites, participants suggested adding programs, not cutting, or making cuts at a different school site.

The final proposal included the following:

- ~ Reducing the Employee Rollover Reserve: \$40,000.
- ~ Reduction of non-personnel general fund expenditures: \$58,805.
- ~ Credit for timely submission of e-rate application: \$4,500.
- ~ Consolidation of facilities director and director of transportation positions: \$68,645.
- ~ Create ELL coordinator: \$45,000 additional

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One fatality in crash

By DEBRA LO GUERCIO
Express editor

A car driven by an elderly Sacramento man was T-boned from both directions at the intersection of Russell Boulevard and Interstate 505 late Saturday afternoon. The man did not survive.

According to California Highway Patrol officer Robert Lagomarsino, Carl Louis Rainero, 83, of Sacramento, was head-

ing northbound on the Interstate 505 off ramp in his 2002 Mercedes station wagon when, for unknown reasons he entered into the path of a 2003 Chevy pickup truck driven by Matthew Brickey, 45, of Winters. Brickey was traveling eastbound on Russell Boulevard and was unable to stop, broad-siding Rainero's car on the

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Machine converts walnut shells into energy

By JUSTIN COX
Staff writer

Dependence on fossil fuels and environmental preservation are two of the most heavily discussed issues in modern-day America. While both are of great national and global concern, a local Winters farm has stepped up and made itself a living example of how these looming potential problems can be addressed in the future.

Dixon Ridge Farms is an all-or-

ganic walnut farm four miles east of Winters, on Putah Creek Road. It has been in the area since 1978 and has operated without the use of synthetic fertilizers, herbicides or pesticides since 1991. Owners Russ and Kathy Lester have taken a sustainable, whole-systems approach to farming by consistently seeking out environmentally friendly methods of producing their organically grown walnuts.

"Our goal is to make the entire farming and processing company energy self-sufficient by 2012,"

says Russ Lester.

Dixon Ridge Farms has taken bold steps in guiding the agricultural industry in the direction of what will surely contribute to the reality of an energy-independent America. Their latest addition the BioMax 50, will set the wheels in motion by converting excess walnut shells (on-site waste) into energy that will power the walnut farming operation.

The BioMax 50 was created by

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Photo by Justin Cox

The Biomax 50, demonstrated at Dixon Ridge Farms last week, can use walnut shells for heat to dry nuts, or create electricity for farm use. The machine has the potential to turn shells into synthetic diesel to power tractors.

FUTURE SUBSCRIBERS

JAMES BENJAMIN PURTILL is the newborn son of Jennifer and James Purtill of Vacaville. He joins siblings Indiana, 5, Zackery, 3, and Sydney, 2. Born on Sept. 30, 2007 at North Bay Hospital, he weighed 6 pounds, 4 ounces, and was 19 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Carolyn Purtill of Winters and the late Thomas R. Purtill. Paternal grandparents are Ester Acda of San Diego and the late Christopher Acda.

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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. 14		73	51
Nov. 15		78	46
Nov. 16		75	51
Nov. 17		71	46
Nov. 18		71	45
Nov. 19		76	50
Nov. 20	T	70	42

Rain for week: Trace

Season's total: 2.64

Last year to date: 1.64

Average to Nov. 20: 2.82

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OBITUARIES

Louise McFarland

Louise McFarland passed away on Nov. 10, 2007, in Placerville. Born on Feb. 8, 1917 in San Francisco, she was 90 years old. She attended Esparto High School and Sacramento City College, and was a homemaker. She was a member of the Eastern Star, Yolo Fliers Club, the Cameron Park Country Club and the Esparto Countryside Church.

She is survived by her daughter, Joan Humphrey, and grandchildren, Laura Schumacher, Desiree Emmett and Deanna Lamb; six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, John McFarland; brothers George and Harvey Forbes; and parents, Stanley and Anne Forbes.

Funeral services were held on Friday, Nov. 16, at McNary's Chapel. Burial followed at Monument Hill Memorial Park in Woodland.

Marguerite L. Godden

Marguerite Godden, a Winters resident for over 51 years, passed away on Nov. 12, 2007, at the age of 86, from congestive heart failure. She was born on Oct. 30, 1921 in Hershey, Nebraska to Charles and Mary Josephine Sullivan and was one of four children.

Upon graduation from Hershey High School in 1939, she moved to Los Angeles, to work for Douglas Aircraft following the start of World War II. While in Los Angeles, she met Silas L. Godden, a Chief Petty Officer in the U.S. Navy, who was from North Platte, Nebraska. They were married in Hershey, Nebraska on Oct. 30, 1944 and moved permanently to California in 1947.

In addition to raising a family of three boys, she worked seasonally at the Tufts Ranch and for many years for the Mariani Nut Company where she was a floor supervisor. She could be seen riding her bike around town into her early '80s and was an active member in the Pioneer Presbyterian Church. She was also an avid baseball and basketball fan.

She is survived by her sons Randall Godden of Capay Valley, Steven C. Godden and wife Deborah of Winters, Daniel Godden and wife Fern of Westlake Village, grandson Steven M. Godden and wife Elizabeth and two great grandchildren Hunter and Mackenzie of Woodland.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 28 years Silas L. Godden, her mother and father, sister Dorothy Dickerson, twin sister Marjory Lancaster both of Nebraska, half-sister Lavera Gerrard of Apple Valley.

Following cremation, private services will be held at the Winters Cemetery on Saturday Nov. 24, 2007 at 10:30a.m. Friends wishing to sign a guestbook online may do so at www.wiscombefuneral.com.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that any donations be made to the Shriners Childrens Hospital of Northern California or to Yolo County Hospice.



MARGUERITE L. GODDEN

File Photo
In June, 1976, in observance of the bicentennial of the Declaration of Independence, Alistaire Cooke and the British Broadcasting Company were producing a documentary on Mark Twain, and sent a crew to Winters to make use of the old sheetfed, flatbed press at the Winters Express that was alive when Mark Twain lived. Jean Jewett, at left, a printer at the Express, is setting handset type for cameraman Tony lmi, right, and soundman Derek Williams, center.



50
YEARS AGO

December 5, 1957

John Greenwood, owner of Greenwood's Department Store and long active in community affairs was named "Citizen of the Year" at the annual Christmas party and Ladies Night of the Winters District Chamber of Commerce, held Monday night at the Christian Church.

Water problems will be discussed at Wednesday night's session of the Winters Farm Bureau, meeting in Wesley Hall at 6:30 o'clock. The principal speaker will be Glenn Laugaard of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.

Funeral services were held Monday at the McNary Funeral Home in Woodland for William Warren Stith, 77, a retired Winters automobile dealer, who passed away Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pelganti and daughter, Mary Louise, of Santa Rosa, spent Thanksgiving day with Mrs. Pelganti's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Yolo Briggs.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Salido have sold their home on West Edwards Street to Al Fernandez and have moved to the Collado ranch in the McMahon tract.

E.E. Zimmerman is driving the elementary school bus in the absence of Elmer Fischer, who has been ill and who is to undergo surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Arms, of San Francisco, spent Thanksgiving day at the Al Lambert home. Mr. Arms is the brother of Russell Arms of theatrical fame.

Friendship Circle of the First Christian Church will meet on Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Robert Bishop with Mesdames Robert Thompson and William Duncan serving as assisting hostesses.

65
YEARS AGO

December 4, 1942

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Bishop were hosts, and their home on East Main Street the setting last Thursday evening for a farewell compliment to host's brother, Robert Bishop, who left Friday for army induction.

R.E. Degener attended the meeting of Yolo County Defense Directors Monday night in Woodland.

A. Bianchi, jeweler, has returned from his summer sojourn at Tahoe and plans to open his shop for business Monday. He will be located in the building next to the Moore Meat Market.

It has been announced by the U.C. Board of Regents that the U.S. Army signal corps will take over the U.C. College of Agriculture at Davis. A thousand Signal Corps trainees are expected in Davis very soon.

Shelford Wyatt of Esparto has received his call to officers training in the Naval Reserve and plans to leave Monday for New York.

LeRoy Harrington, Vito Biasi, La Verne Baker and Robert Bishop were among the enlistees in army and navy service during the last weekend.

Word has been received that Pvt. Carl Poppe of the Air Corps is now en route to St. Petersburg, Florida.

Harry E. Sackett, Union Ice Company local representative, has been transferred to Richmond. Sackett will not change residence at present.

Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Ruggles, Lucille and Bobby were holiday guests with Mr. and Mrs. R.G. Hollar in Fairfield. Host's mother, Mrs. Dixie Hollar of Sacramento was also a guest.

100
YEARS AGO

December 6, 1907

Miss Anna Barnes returned to Denverton yesterday after a visit with her brother, G.L. Barnes.

Mrs. L.D. Hemenway who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Mary Hemenway returned to Alameda Monday.

Mrs. T.H. Brock went to Fruitvale the first of the week for a short visit with Mrs. E.K. Caldwell.

Hale Bros., San Francisco, recently offered a prize of \$5 for the best drawing of Santa Claus by any child under 17 years. Little Beth Pleasants, five years old, entered the contest and received a check for \$5 from the firm for the best drawing.

Miss Viola Ruggles has accepted a position as clerk at the Henry Craner store.

The railroad bridge gang has practically finished the job and with a little smoothing and leveling the surroundings will be about as nature left them.

The Yolo Board of Supervisors accompanied by C.E. Binning came over from Woodland Tuesday a.m. by automobile to make an inspection of the concrete bridge. Solano County Supervisor Godfrey and County Engineer P.N. Ashley met them there, and all were pleased with the speed that is being made and the evident intention of the builders to do a good job and give the counties a bridge structure to be proud of in all time to come.

Berryessa drops .07 of a foot

The level of Lake Berryessa dropped by .07 of a foot during the past week with a reduction in storage of 1,751 acre feet of water, according to Mickey Faulkner of the Solano Irrigation District.

He reported Tuesday morning that the lake was 419.52 feet above sea level, with storage computed at 1,227,673 acre feet of water.

The SID is diverting 40 second feet of water into the Putah South Canal and 25 second feet is flowing in Putah Creek at the Diversion Dam. Evaporation on Lake Berryessa averaged 60 acre feet of water per day during the week.

115
YEARS AGO

December 3, 1892

The greatest storm, for the first one, ever experienced here has been raging for the past week, and 12.95 inches of rain has fallen. A high wind has prevailed most of the time, and a large number of orchard and shade trees have been blown down. Buildings have been unroofed, and in some instances blown down. The road between here and Monticello has been rendered impassible for vehicles of any kind, by washouts. About 180 feet of railroad track about 3 miles north of town, was washed out. Telegraph and telephone lines have been down and communications interrupted. The creek reached the 24 foot mark on Wednesday and was full of drift and debris. Cellars and streets were flooded, wells filled up and the whole surface of the country was under water.

Col. Samuel Taylor came up from Alameda on Wednesday to see how work was progressing on his new mansion, and to see what damage the storm has done him.

It was reported here that the bridge across Putah Creek, on the road from Monticello to Napa, was carried away by high water, at 4 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon.

A Winters Athletic Club has been organized, with Seaman's Hall to be used as headquarters.

Weekly police report

Nov. 10

~ On the 200 block of Railroad Ave, a victim reported she was grabbed around the neck by the suspect.

~ On the 700 block of Aster Way, unknown suspect(s) threw eggs at vehicles, causing damage. Loss: clean up cost.

Nov. 14

~ Unknown suspect(s) forged checks using victim's information. The suspect possibly cashed the checks in Folsom.

Nov. 15

~ Kevin Joseph Lewey, 27, of Chico was issued a notice to appear for parking in a disabled parking place and possession of marijuana.

~ On the 400 block of Anderson Avenue, unknown suspect(s) took a skateboard that was locked in the bicycle rack.

~ On the 200 block of Almond Drive, unknown suspect(s) threw eggs at vehicles, causing damages. Loss: clean up cost.

Nov. 16

~ Jose Figueroa, 19, of Winters was arrested on charges of transporting marijuana and possession of marijuana for sale. Figueroa was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to the Yolo County Jail for incarceration.

~ On the 400 block of Anderson Avenue, unknown suspect(s) used a victim's personal information to open an online checking account.

Nov. 18

~ On the 400 block of Main Street, unknown suspect(s) broke out the rear window of victim's vehicle with a rock. Loss: \$500.



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CUTS

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- cost.
- ~ Eliminate Business Services Technician Position: \$44,403.
- ~ Transfer bilingual position to a restricted account: \$10,700.
- ~ Declare the district has no early retirement monies: \$20,700.
- ~ Reduce staffing allocation for the senior project to five periods: \$160,000.
- ~ Reduce Wolfskill Counselor position: \$10,868.
- ~ Reduce grounds position: \$10,608.
- ~ Spend one-time monies: \$94,030.

Many of the speakers were high school teachers, and it turns out that many teachers are good at expressing themselves before a room full of people. They came because of the one item that called for cost reduction relating to the senior project program. The reduction involves changing the high school program from eight periods to seven, which results in less classes being offered.

High School Principal George Griffin spoke in favor of the current eight period program, and said it would be “imprudent” to make a change that would reduce the opportunities the schedule offers, based on a two year funding shortfall.

“Our schedule allows students to be very diverse in their interests,” said Griffin, “and it has allowed us to accommodate the requests of individual students. When you reduce by a period you will reduce that access to those classes.”

High school teacher Liz Coman spoke in favor of taking six months longer to evaluate the financial situation. She, along with a number of speakers, referred to the 2006/07 budget, which was conservatively predicted to be short \$250,00, and ended up with no shortfall at all.

High school and senior project teacher Evan Barnes calculated the loss of teaching time with the proposed schedule change.

“If you look at changing to a seven period day, you actually end up losing 21 minutes of instructional time per day,” said Barnes, “which equates to two full instructional days by the end of the year. No one is advocating cutting the school year, but that would save us money as well.”

A high school student objected to the proposed change, because it would eliminate electives and schedule flexibility.

High school teacher Jim Stark also spoke against the schedule change. He said some students were excited by the prospect of not having to do the senior project.

“This really is a radical restructuring of every part of the way we do things at the high school,” said Stark. “The undeniable fact is, some programs will disappear, and staffing for those programs will disappear — that is where the cost savings are. Our kids are beginning to understand that there will be fewer opportunities for them, and we are deeply concerned about this. All of us, every educator at that site, are imploring you, don’t do this to us, not after all this time. You’ve trusted us to develop these programs, and we’ve improved achievement again and again. If you take this particular path, it cuts the heart out of our instructional program.

“What we’re asking you to do, if you must move now, do what you have done before: empower us to find the money and we can shield our students for as long as possible. Turn it back to us, and charge us with finding the money and we will get it done. We will make the sacrifices we need to make. Pulling this trigger would be the last thing we would do, not the first thing.”

Trustee Rob Nickelson asked why cutting the senior project would produce the broad effects Stark was discussing. He expressed his doubt the project is cost effective, especially with some of the projects being mediocre.

Union representative Sue Bridge questioned the conclusion the cuts need to be made, as she has at previous meetings, as well as objections she has made previously that the process does not follow the structure of Interest Based Bargaining technique. She passed out an analysis that shows the district budgets so conservatively, that the year end numbers always show a surplus. She also objected to the decision being made in January 2008 by a board that includes two new members, serving for their first meeting.

Student Amy Cross spoke in favor of keeping the senior project. She said the new schedule will make many programs ineffective because of shorter periods.

Principal Griffin said the senior project has no staffing allocated to it, and canceling the project will be saving only a negligible amount. The cost savings in the draft report come from the change from eight periods to seven, according to Griffin.

Rominger Teacher Dave Paratore was an exception to the run of high school teachers. He spoke in favor of support for the elementary program, and the concern for poor progress of English Language Learners (ELL). He also objected to plans to cut the level of counselor staffing at the middle school.

“The way to nip this is in the beginning,” said Paratore. “If we’re going to look at cost-benefit, it’s going to be at the entry level of all students. We have to focus on ELL.”

Facilities Director Gary Cook objected to cutting custodial positions, noting that the last restructuring cut custodial staffing, and then later reinstated it. He also objected to the plan to combine the facilities and transportation director positions.

“This is our charge, this is what we get paid the big bucks for,” said trustee Rick Romney. “It all boils down to what we have to do. I wish we could see crowds like this on other occasions. I’ve been hearing ‘do nothing’, but I’m not hearing ‘what can we do?’ No matter what we do, it’s going to hurt. There are districts around us that haven’t done things, like Dixon and Woodland, and they’re in really big trouble. The one constant in my 20 years is Gloria Hahn and her numbers. And we’ve been solvent. We need to hear some things that we can do. It’s important that this board does something.

The next step in the restructuring process takes place at the next school board meeting, which will be held on Dec. 6 at 6 p.m. in the Walnut Room at the district office, 901 Grant Avenue.

DENTAL

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lish and lead the new facility, Winters Healthcare found Dr. Sapna J. Hayes, whose accomplished background and infectious enthusiasm has already filled the new office with excitement for what’s to come.

“Her professionalism, warmth and caring manner make her a great addition to the Winters Healthcare family of providers and we’re delighted that she’s chosen Winters as her home,” said Winters Healthcare Executive Director Chris Kelsch in a press release issued by Winters Healthcare Center.

Hayes was born in Michigan and raised in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. She did her undergraduate studies at Louisiana State University before giving ten years of service in the Air Force; an experience that sent her to London, Texas, Florida and most recently, Fairfield.

“This is such a wonderful opportunity,” said Hayes, who has devoted herself in recent weeks to preparing the clinic

for its grand opening. “The clinic will have three rooms, all of which we hope to run at the same time.”

“Dr. Hayes brings us the latest in the best practices of dental care as well as a wide range of patient experience so that we can greatly expand what we offer the local community to meet more of their health needs,” says Kelsch.

Winters Healthcare has already identified nearly 300 children who have never received preventative dental care. The new clinic, led by Hayes, aims to reach specifically for children and under-served populations while simultaneously providing quality dental care to the entire community.

As an Asian Indian growing up in Baton Rouge, Hayes brings with her first-hand knowledge of life as a minority member of a community, an experience that will surely assist her in addressing the unique needs of Winters.

Support from local dentists was instrumental in laying the groundwork for the new clinic. According to a statement

released by the Winters Healthcare Foundation, area dentists have donated operator and lab equipment (including two lab chairs) as well as professional expertise and time.

“I have been around many ‘service before self’ people in my career, but never to the extent that I have experienced here at Winters Healthcare,” said Hayes.

The dental clinic hopes to work in connection with the health clinic in addressing and treating problems early on.

“We will refer people to the health clinic if we feel they need a medical assessment, and they will refer people to us,” says Hayes. “We are all a

part of one philosophy.”

At the grand opening, Chris Kelsch thanked dentists Kim Anderson and Jim Childress for their time and input. He also thanked The California Endowment and the Rumsey Foundation, as well as three people who he described as instrumental in pulling the dental office together: Joyce Jordan (general contractor), Dr. Hayes (dentist) and Olivia Martin (dental assistant).

Located at 31 Main Street, the clinic will initially operate from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday’s and Thursdays and from 1 to 5 p.m. on Wednesdays. Hours will expand to an 8 to 5, Monday-through-Friday schedule in the near future.

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Opinion



DEBRA LO GUERCIO BECAUSE I SAY SO

RECENTLY WE DISCUSSED the horrific details of female genital mutilation (FGM), as well as possibly doing something to end it by supporting Global Women Intact, founded by Sia Amma, who raises funds and awareness through her performances. All we need is a place. So, I asked you for ideas.

The suggestions poured in: the UC Davis Main Stage or Wyatt Pavilion, the Odd Fellows Hall or Veterans Memorial Theatre in Davis, Pepperbelly's in Fairfield, Solano Community College, and the Vacaville or Fairfield Performing Arts Theaters.

Before exploring these, I contacted a nice lady named Laura at the UC Davis Freeborn Hall, who said several dates were available, and that the rental fee is \$1,700, plus the cost of security guards. Didn't seem too unreasonable for a huge concert hall and, with a large crowd, the expense should be reimbursed. All we need is a sponsor and we're in!

Laura noted that the Main Theatre is even less — \$1,000 — and that these were the public rates. We'd get a better deal if an on-campus group sponsored the event, and she suggested the Women's Studies department as the logical choice. So I gave the department head a call.

I spoke with professor Anna Kuhn, who must've been very busy, because she sounded somewhat annoyed that I'd gotten through to her at all (darn that pesky automated campus operator that whisks you right past the front desk receptionist barrier), and seemed further annoyed that I was requesting her assistance in raising funds to combat FGM.

She asked for a written synopsis on the issue. I told her I'd just written about it in the Davis Enterprise the day before and if she had one handy, she could read it on the spot.

"I don't read the Enterprise," she responded icily.

Well. Apparently Ms. Kuhn is not interested in the community surrounding the university and supporting it on a daily basis. And I don't mind surmising that in print because I know that Ms. Kuhn doesn't read the local newspaper and doesn't care what's in it, least of all the ramblings of some picayune columnist buried in the C-Section of some picayune newspaper in some picayune community.

Picayune or not, she forgot she was speaking to The Press. Funny how when you do that, it can end up in print.

As if soundly dissing me wasn't enough, here's the real kicker. I told Ms. Kuhn I'd email her my column so she could read about FGM and Sia Amma (she never bothered to reply), and she ended the conversation on this note: Maybe the African Studies department would be interested. I interpreted her response this way: FGM is a black woman thing, let the black community deal with it — I'm not interested.

Pretty astonishing. But maybe typical. We've done a fairly crappy job of helping black women in America, so why should we do any better for black women in Africa. It's conversations like these that make me think Mother Earth is doing whatever she can to cleanse herself of humans — global warming and bird flu and AIDS — because we are the disease.

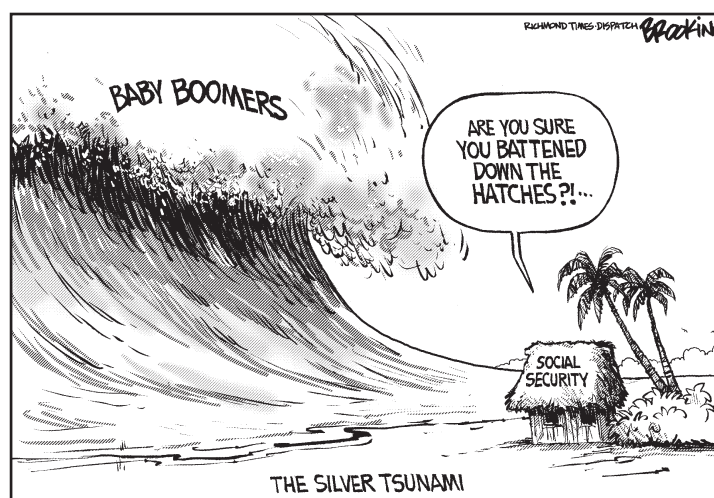
This issue isn't about being black. Or African. It's not about being tribal or Muslim. It rises above race and religion. It does not rise above gender. If women don't stand up for each other, regardless of the color of our skin or the way we choose to worship the Almighty (or not), then we'll continue to be dominated in whatever way catches the fancy of the males in control.

I was discouraged. I started checking into some of the other venues, and yet another email popped in, suggesting a certain Winters spot that holds about 200. The proprietor (who asked to remain anonymous) is potentially interested in housing Amma's show. I suggested \$100 per ticket. He thought that was too pricey. Personally, I think a clitoris is worth that much, but I'm totally biased.

He said check to see if people would pay that much. So I am. Would you pay \$100 to help end FGM? If not, how much? Email me and let me know. This just may be doable, because this proprietor will donate the space.

Is it worth it? I'll end with Sia Amma's own words in response to the column I wrote about her quest: "A million thanks for every imaginable support and unconditional love you send my way and to the women of the world."

Pretty good return on \$100, if you ask me.



LETTERS

It's what it's all about

Dear Editor,

I wanted to remind folks in Winters how awesome they are when they work together. We had our 10th Winters Community Thanksgiving dinner this past Sunday. This year we had a great turnout. We served 410 dinners to those who came, delivered 29 dinners and sent home 50 more with the public.

The Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts set up all the tables and chairs. Justin and Tess Hyer decorated all the tables and passed out free raffle tickets to all. City council members Tom Stone, Mike Martin and Harold Anderson delivered dinners. Chris Cantrell set up and took care of the chocolate fountain, which was quite fun.

The Winters drama class were mimes entertaining all of us. Howard and Camile Brown as well as Jill Breshears helped set up, cook, clean and serve, beginning to end. The adults from the churches and some youth handed out coffee and soda plus dinners.

Chris Novello and his Culinary Arts class and the Student Government class (Amy Cross, Cody Campos, Rebecca Lopez, Courtney Young, Kap Smith, Rafael Martinez, Arilene Ruiz, Jordan A. and Kim Heilman) served up every meal,

sliced pies and cranberries, and made mashed potatoes and gravy. I'd say those folks worked the hardest.

Tom Stone called the raffle numbers for the donated prizes for kids and adults. The prizes were donated by Eagle Drug, Ace Hardware, Steady Eddy's, Tom Stone, Sherrie Del Toro, Winters Rotary, Lester Farms, Pizza Factory, Warrior Video, The Buckhorn and our family. The money to buy all the food was donated by the City of Winters, Waste Management and our family.

Individuals from St. Anthony's, Main Street, Discovery worship, First Baptist and Pioneer churches bought and cooked the turkeys we enjoyed. Almost everyone stayed to clean up and take out the trash.

Again I'm so impressed by the folks in Winters who are willing to give of themselves to serve others. This is what Thanksgiving is about in my book. I'm already looking forward to doing this again next year. Thank you to everyone who helped out by serving or donating. Please forgive me if I forgot anyone.

Happy Thanksgiving everyone and God Bless you all.

MARIE HEILMAN
Volunteer project manager

The "messy trees" are lovely

Dear Editor,

"Messy Trees" says one council member. Well, they are trees and they do drop leaves, Heaven forbid.

Ok, we missed the Nov. 6 council meeting, but are we the only neighbors in opposition to cutting them down (besides "Tree Man" who hung signs decrying their loss)?

The proposed sidewalk will be built along the fence line of the football field. Why can't that fence line be moved further in so that there would be room for both the sidewalk and the

trees?

It's a lovely shady place to walk, a small treasure that helps keep Winters a country town, not a heavily manicured suburb. And why is this walk unsafe anyway? We walk there every day and have yet to trip on the few tree roots. Are the school students just clumsier or what?

And what's with these home owners who won't sacrifice a bit of their unused front yards to have the already partially-built sidewalk continued on the east side?

BONNIE MCMANUS
ROBERT ARMSTRONG

It was a very special birthday

Dear Editor,

I will never be able to thank everyone enough who made my birthday

party such an unforgettable time for me. What a special place Winters is!

BOBBIE GREENWOOD

Science Night was successful

Dear Editor,

We had a great turnout at the PTA Science Night last week at Shirley Rominger School. Over 200 people came out to experience the hands on learning opportunity put on by Explorit Science Center of Davis. Students brought their families to learn about reptiles, insects, birds, human anatomy, the physics of kites, static electricity,

bridge architecture, puzzles and more.

Thank you to First Northern Bank for their sponsorship and the many parent and high school student volunteers. Thank you to our very hard working PTA Board members that continue to work tirelessly to put on enrichment opportunities like this for the children of Winters.

JANET ANDERSEN

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CHARLES R. WALLACE A QUICK OPINION

CUT THE TREES AND SAVE A CHILD. I've been rallying for sidewalks next to our schools for years and the city has finally stepped in to finish the sidewalks along Hemenway Street. Why our children have to walk in the streets on their way to school is beyond me. We've been lucky that no one has been seriously injured on Hemenway, Grant or Railroad.

Why the city is paying for sidewalks on school property is a mystery, but there was something in the paper about the city getting a grant to put them in. Hopefully it isn't costing the city a dime.

One of the casualties of the sidewalk on the east side of Hemenway will be the trees. Fruitless Mulberries aren't the best trees in the world, but they are old and supply shade. We have Mulberries across the street from the Express. Most have been taken out over the years and replaced with Bradford Pears or Chinese Pistache. There are a few privets left around the downtown, but they have to go. Their berries are a mess and they aren't deciduous which allows them to block the sun in the winter months.

When our city council decided to cut down the trees to make room for sidewalks, the only discussion was whether to cut down half the trees now and the rest after the new trees got established, or all at once. The vote was 4-1 to cut them all down and save money in the long run. No one stood up defending the trees, but there are now signs on the trees asking to spare them from chainsaws. One of the signs is pretty cute, "firewood for sale" inquire at City Hall.

It is sad that the trees have to go, but blame the people who planted those trees all over town. Try to plant one today and the city tree police would be all over you. Their roots grow up and lift sidewalks or anything else around them. If the choice is safe sidewalks for our children or trees, I'm voting for the kids every time. This isn't the only school site without sidewalks, but maybe this is the start of keeping a potential nightmare from happening. The trees will grow back, and faster than you think.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING. Everyone should take a moment and remember all of our blessings. With the world seemingly falling apart and people divided over everything, you have to look at what is right in your world. Is your family healthy? Children doing well? Are you making your house payments or rent? Like your job? It doesn't take a lot to make me happy and I'm hoping the start of this Christmas season finds everyone in good spirits.

The annual Winters Christmas Tree Lighting is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 1, along with the FFA Christmas tree sale (Ag site) and the Friends of the Library's Holiday Festival at the Community Center. I'm sure your schedule is filling up, but this is another part of living in a small town.

The merchants are staying open late on that Saturday, and if you haven't visited the downtown area, this could be a good time. It might be a little chilly, but walking to the tree lighting is always a joy.

If you don't think trees grow fast, just look at our city Christmas tree. It seems like only yesterday that we planted those trees, the city crews tried to kill them, but they grew anyway. Now we don't have a lift high enough to reach the top for a menorah or Star of David.

Have a good Thanksgiving.

Thanks for those who helped

Dear Editor,

I would like to tell everyone just how lucky we are to live in such a great community. I would like to ask all of your readers (especially our football and cheer parents) to show your support for the local business in Winters because they themselves turn around and support many of our local organizations.

I personally would like to thank all of the businesses that generously donated wonderful raffle items to the Winters Jr. Warriors Award Ceremony. This year, the Jr. Warriors hosted an awards ceremony dinner. One of the highlights of the evening was the free raffle that we provided for the children in

the organization. This was a huge success. To everyone who donated raffle prizes, once again, thank you.

Dawn Mayes and I were given the opportunity from our fellow board members to put this event together. We knew from the beginning that we wanted the night to be all about the children. Our organization was able to provide dinner for 400 people involved in the organization and to be able to do something like this is a huge accomplishment on behalf of the Board.

We feel we were able to provide a special night for the children and their families with a raffle, a slide show and spe-

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THANKS...

The family of John Kammerer would like to express its deepest appreciation for all the kind words, prayers and thoughtful gestures of love honoring him during his illness and after his passing. John was truly blessed knowing he was loved by so many friends and family. We would also like to thank the compassionate assistance of Yolo Hospice, whose services were delivered with so much care.

The Carbahal-Kammerer Family

Policy for Letters to the Editor

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

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Letters should not exceed 500 words. Do not use all capital letters.

edit or reject any letter.

Letters must be legibly signed by the writer. However, we may withhold writers' names from publication if there is a legitimate reason, such as fear of reprisal.

We will accept letters of thanks naming individuals and local Winters businesses.

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

We reserve the right to

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cial tribute to the 8th graders leaving our program, shadow boxes and team framed pictures, a silent auction and all of the extra touches throughout the night, but we knew we couldn't have accomplished anything without the wonderful people listed below who helped to make this possible.

Thank you to Dawn Barrera and to all of the staff members who helped to set up and put away at St. Anthony's Parish Hall. To Baldo and your staff at El Pueblo Meat Market, thank you for preparing such a wonderful dinner for everyone to enjoy.

I need to thank Bridget Mariani for being such a wonderful person to work with and for always being there to help when things seemed to get a little out of control. Also, for making and donating the one of a kind signed team pictures for our silent auction and helping with the shadow boxes.

A big thank you to Vic Maldonado, Dave Ray and Randy Ashdown for your help with set up and clean up, Rudy and Shelly Baylor for the last minute shopping, the Wolfskill students, Julian Hughey and Daniel for volunteering to work the front door during dinner so we could all eat with our families.

Thank you to our team parents Bobbie Riise, Dawn Mayes and Debbie Geerts for collecting all of the RSVPs. Thank you Laura Ray and Rory Linton for the beautiful football pictures, Ken Stewart for making the slide show and to Marni Ashdown for bringing two full sheet cakes in a convertible Corvette to the dinner (where there's a will, there's a way). This night would not have been as special if it wasn't for all of you and your families. You all are a true testament of Warrior Pride, One Heartbeat, One Team.

To Dawn Mayes, my sidekick for the past two months, thank you for being such a wonderful friend, board member and team parent. I can-

not thank you enough for all of the much needed laughter and tears, the early morning phone calls while drinking coffee or wishing I were, and the witty one-liners that had impeccable timing, but mostly for the friendship that was so needed. You and I proved to everyone what two women could accomplish when they work together to do something extra special for a cause that they both felt so passionate about. I cannot thank you enough.

Hope to see you all on the field next season.

KELLY LOWRIE
Secretary and Executive Board Member
Winters Jr. Warriors

Estranged and alienated in America

Dear Editor,

The educated, aware and reasonable minority in the US are reeling on a slippery slope of modern day ignorance and absurdity. They ask why so many in our society are following U S political and religious institutions and conventions into a modern dark age. This despite access to more and more knowledge and understanding through experience, science and technology. The dethroning of reason and reality by blind faith and self-serving political manipulation is creating a feeling of estrangement and alienation from society for the educated and informed minority.

The well-funded creationists fight against science and condemn anybody not accepting their beliefs. The self serving politicians are mainly concerned with getting reelected to their positions of power over others and their own greed satisfaction. The man in the street often fails to look after his own mental and physical health while making little effort to consider the human needs of his neighbors or of his own self-realization.

Is there a solution? Maybe, but it will take a lot of time and effort to swing the pendulum back toward enlightened reason and action. For the necessary drastic

changes, consider the following:

~ Vomit up our failed political system and fight it any way we can. The best way would be to change the rules. Lots of rules, all around.

~ Realize that politics and religion are both good and bad, right and wrong. The meal we are being served stinks, which means we have to prepare it differently.

~ It's a feel-good thing to try an individual approach embracing the one human ethic behind all reasonable philosophies and religions, the Greater Golden Rule. It reads, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you — even those from a different culture and with different beliefs." The trouble is, it doesn't work. Different cultures have different values and different "do unto others" thoughts.

In addition, change on the scale I'm describing requires some sort of organizational change, not an individual one. It will take hard work and heavy lifting to forge organizations that can compete with church and party, they being well entrenched and backed by billions of dollars. Rhetoric is only the least of tools to do this, but it's a start toward solving our annoyance with the status quo. Is there someone out there? Somebody coming from a different direction? Maybe Barack Obama, or especially Ron Paul for starters?

A note of optimism. While our political system is horrific in more ways than can be described, so far there hasn't been a real-world implementation of a better way. Our new dark age still sucks. Keep on screaming.

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Time to move to mail-in ballots

By **FREDDIE OAKLEY**
Guest columnist

On Tuesday, Nov. 6, we had an election. These odd-year elections are devoted primarily to issues of local governance: school, fire and other district governing boards, bond measures for schools and libraries, and the like. In Yolo County, we elected six school board trustees and voted on three bond measures, all told.

And although we have 84,889 registered voters in Yolo County, only 23.39 percent of them, a total of 19,856, participated in the decision-making by casting ballots. Using figures from past elections, I know that the cost of running an election is about \$4 per registered voter. That means the taxpayers of Yolo County just paid about \$17.10 per voted ballot. Holy Toledo! Shouldn't you get a nice lunch with that?

We print a ballot for you and staff your local polling place with four friendly, capable people (and about \$10,000 worth of accessible technology for voters with special needs) whether you show up or not.

We also staff four early voting sites around the county for those who wish to use them.

Finally, we will happily mail a ballot to you for your ultimate convenience.

Mail ballots ("absentee ballots") are convenient for us, too, and they are very economical, at about \$2.50 per vote cast.

58.71 percent of the votes cast on Tuesday were by mail-in ballots. At \$2.50 per vote cast, with 11,658 absentees voting, that mail ballot (absentee) portion of the election cost about \$29,000.

8,198 voters cast ballots at the polls, and the total cost of the election will probably be about \$340,000. Subtracting the \$29,000 spent on absentees and dividing by about 8,000 polling place voters, the cost of the election per polling place voter was about... You do the math; I lack the heart for it.

But it's a great deal more than I am willing to spend on anybody's lunch.

This piece is not meant to be an aimless harangue. I am at the point of admitting that we don't have a way, short of coercion, to get those who are registered to vote to go to the polls. Much as I hate to confess it, I believe it is time to fold up our old polling place tents and steal away from our wonderful neighborhood-based past.

Few people want us in the neighborhood, few people visit us in the tent on election day, and we are supporting an expensive infrastructure for little apparent benefit.

Voters, like me, who enjoy the patriotic communi-

ty experience of walking past waving flags to make our voices heard are about as anachronistic as music listeners, like me, who think that Mozart can't be beat.

The current cost to local government coffers of supporting our quaint, little-exercised neighborhood voting ideals is too great, in my opinion, when counted against the need for mental health services, healthcare, roads flood-control, emergency preparedness, eldercare education, library books well-baby care, and the innumerable other responsibilities of local government.

It's time to get real. In the coming legislative sessions I will work hard to pass a law permitting Yolo County to conduct some, if not all, elections by mail, with the addition of fully accessible early-voting polling places and regional voting centers on election day. I'll do it holding my nose and humming the Statue Song from Don Giovanni, but I'll do it.

If you have a different idea, please let me know.

(Freddie Oakley is the clerk-recorder and registrar of voters of Yolo County. You can reach her at oakley@dcn.org or by calling 666-8264 or by writing to her at P.O. Box 1820, Woodland, CA 95776-1820.)

CRASH

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driver's side at about 4:45 p.m.

Rainero's car was then broad-sided by a 1993 Chevy pickup truck traveling westbound on Russell Boulevard. The second pickup was driven by Reuben Lopez Melendez, 20, of Madison. After the pickup trucks hit

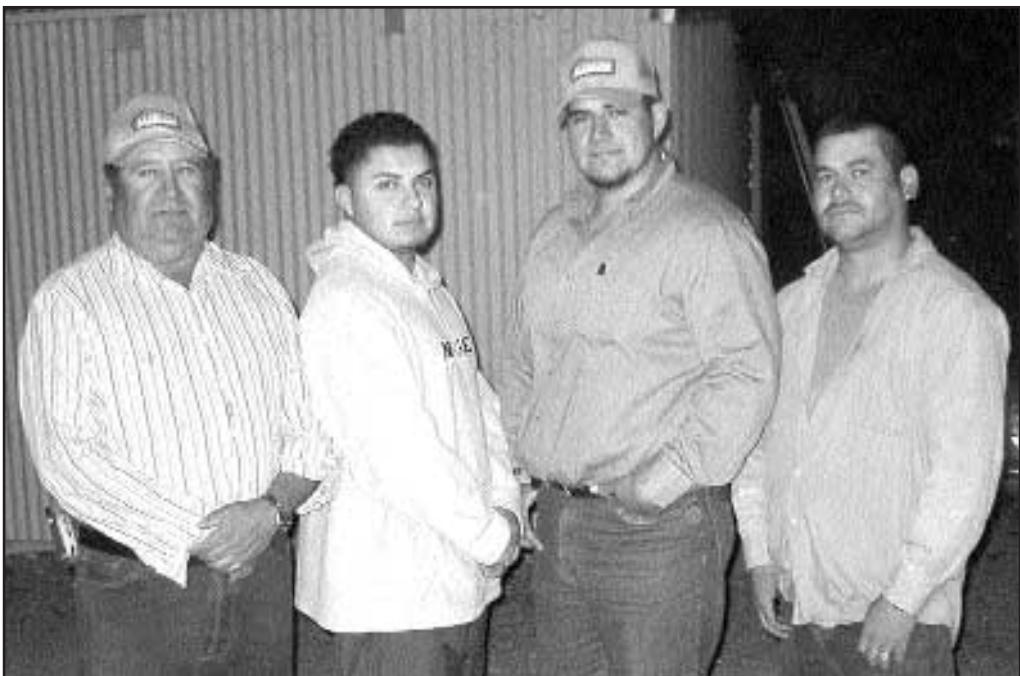
Rainer's car, they bounced off the vehicle and then collided with each other.

Rainero was taken by emergency helicopter to the UC Davis Medical Center in Sacramento, where he was pronounced dead from blunt force trauma at 6:13 p.m. His wife, Rina, 83, was a passenger in his vehicle, and she was also taken by emergency heli-

copter to the UC Davis Medical Center, where she was listed as having sustained major injuries.

Lopez Melendez sustained minor injuries, and was taken to the Sutter Davis Hospital in Davis by ambulance. Brickey and an 11 year old male passenger both sustained minor injuries, but declined any medical aid.

Community



Courtesy photo

The American Red Cross will honor four Winters men as heroes at a special luncheon planned on Nov. 29 at the UC Davis Freeborn Hall. The honorees are, from left, Manuel Guzman, Juan Carlos Guzman, Manuel E. Guzman and Antonio Murillo, who saved a man from a burning house last summer.

HEROES TO BE HONORED

Four Winters residents are among the heroes who will be honored at the American Red Cross Heroes Luncheon on Thursday, Nov. 29. Nine individuals and groups of local heroes will be honored during this seventh annual event. The luncheon takes place from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Freeborn Hall on the UC Davis campus.

This year's master of ceremonies will be Sam Shane, the nighttime anchor of Channel 13 news. Those being honored this year include the following individuals:

~ Winters residents Manuel Guzman, Manuel E. Guzman, Juan Carlos Guzman and Antonio Murillo, for running into a burning home and rescuing its occupant.

~ Jason Bryant &

David Tobin, local basketball players who gave a teammate CPR and saved his life when he collapsed on the Davis High School court.

~ Liesl Soltani, Davis resident, who saved the life of her 8-year-old neighbor when he was choking and not breathing.

~ Mario Reina-Guerra, Davis resident, and Augusto Leal, Davis High student, who rescued a 4-year-old from the bottom of a city pool and prevented him from drowning.

~ Tamara Pelle, Woodland police officer, who rescued her neighbor's horses during a tragic barn fire, endangering her own life.

~ Woodland firefighters Wyatt Cline, Ernie Fatta, Asha Stoddard, Gaea True and Chris

Delcour for their efforts in rescuing a man from a burning home in Woodland.

~ Glenn Todd, a Southern California resident, who pulled a UC Davis student from her burning car just in time, saving her life.

~ Officers Trista Cooley and John Riley, Woodland Police, for giving CPR to a woman in a Woodland apartment while they were first responding to another call.

~ Ken Wilson, Woodland resident, for his outstanding efforts as an American Red Cross disaster volunteer.

Tickets for the luncheon are \$30 each and can be obtained by calling the American Red Cross of Yolo County, 662-4669, or online at www.yc-arc.org. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Creek can be explored online

By **DAWN CALCIANO**
Putah Creek Council
Special to the Express

Have you ever wondered where you can go along Putah Creek to hike, bird watch, and explore? The new online Putah Creek Exploration Book will allow visitors to explore the public access sites along Lower Putah Creek with interactive 360 degree photography. Walk through the virtual sites and hear what it is like to actually stand at selected locations through realistic binaural stereo audio. Visit Putah Creek online and learn about the plants and animals that call the creek corridor home, the recreation opportunities available at each location, and about the history of Putah Creek. Explore online and then come discover Putah Creek in person!

The Exploration Book can be found as the featured story on the Putah Creek Council home

page (www.putahcreek-council.org). The book came out of a need for easily accessible information on the public access sites along Lower Putah Creek. Visit the sites from your desk, learn about the Putah Creek watershed, and get information on where to take your family for a picnic or a hike.

The filming for the book was done over 6 days at the public access sites along the creek by a custom computer driven camera that can be remote controlled to take panoramic images. The audio is recorded by using miniature microphones from the live-theatre industry that are placed inside a mannequin head to recreate sound as though you were standing at the site.

The Putah Creek Council partnered with Dennis Blakey from Listening to Nature to create the online Putah Creek Exploration Book. Blakey has a background

in animation and graphics. Dennis has also created explorer books for the Department of Water Resources at the Feather River Fish Hatchery (www.lakeoroville.water.ca.gov/about/stats/feathertour.cfm) and for the West Sacramento Historical Society Museum and Visitor's Center (www.westsachistorical-society.org/tour.cfm).

The Putah Creek Exploration Book was funded through a grant from the CALFED Bay-Delta Authority.

The Putah Creek Council is dedicated to the protection and enhancement of Putah Creek and its tributaries through education, advocacy, and community-based stewardship. For more information on the Putah Creek Council and its programs, visit www.putahcreekcouncil.org or contact Dawn Calciano, executive director, 795-3006; dawn@putahcreekcouncil.org.

Council to meet twice over holidays

The Winters City Council will have only one meeting in December and one meeting in January. They will take place on Tuesday, Dec. 18, and Tuesday, Jan. 15.

Regularly scheduled meetings, which take place on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, will resume in February.

Winters 4-H is helping News 10 collect coats for its Coats For Kids. Leave coats, through Nov. 30 at the following businesses:

Lorenzo's Market
First Northern Bank
Eagle Drug
Pacific Hardware
City Hall

Tree lighting planned Dec. 1

The annual community Christmas Tree Lighting is planned for Saturday, Dec. 1, at 5:30 p.m. at the Rotary Park gazebo. Festivities include Christmas carols, the lighting of the tree by Mayor Woody Fridae, free refreshments provided by the Rotary Club of Winters and, of course, Santa Claus. Santa will arrive by firetruck, courtesy of the Winters Fire Department to meet with children. The entire community is invited to sing carols and enjoy the holiday decorations and treats.

Blood drive will be Monday

The next Winters Community Blood Drive takes place on Monday, Nov. 26, 3-7 p.m. at the Community Center.

The local blood drives are sponsored by the Winters Lions Club and BloodSource.

Donating blood is safe, easy and takes about an hour. Donors must weight at least 110 pounds, be at least 17 years old (16 with a parent's consent) and be generally healthy. There is no upper age limit for blood donations. Everyone is welcome.

Who's who at City Hall

By **JUSTIN COX**
Staff writer

As the City of Winters recreation coordinator, it is Traci Nakamura's job to organize and monitor all city programs and events having to do with children. She is a recent UC Davis graduate and the youngest of all city hall employees.

"This has been a great starting point for me," she says. "I love the small-town feel. It's not too overwhelming; it's very manageable."

She noticed the job on the city's website shortly after graduating and decided to apply online. Director of Administrative Services Nanci Mills contacted her in the weeks that followed and she was hired just in time to experience the hectic pace of last summer's programs.

"It's very busy because kids are out of school," she says. "Last summer we opened the new pool, started a softball league and ran two camps."

Now that most kids are in school, Nakamura has been assisting



TRACY NAKAMURA
Recreation coordinator

After School Coordinator Nancy Gonella in running the new after-school program, while also planning for the upcoming youth basketball season, all the while continuing to prepare for next summer's programs.

"It's nice to know I have one summer under my belt because I'll be more prepared as things get busy again," she says.

In addition to her responsibilities as recreation coordinator,

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Winters firefighters who helped fight the blaze in Southern California last month included, from left, Captain Terry Karlen, Firefighter Rigo Garcia, Firefighter Chase Grumbling, Captain Brad Lopez, Assistant Chief Dave Kidder and, Firefighter Jason Van Doren (not pictured: Jeff Winslow and Dave Callison).

Firefighters return from Southern California

By JUSTIN COX
Staff writer

Winters fire fighters were dispatched on Monday Oct. 22 assist in containing one of the many fires that ravaged Southern California a couple of weeks ago.

Assistant Chief Dave Kidder, Captain Brad Lopez, and fire fighters Chase Grumbling and Dave Callison were the first four to be dispatched.

They first went to Sacramento to meet up with their strike team,

which consisted of departments from Chico, Willows, Linda, Yuba City and Yreka. From there they traveled together to Prado Staging, a California Department of Forestry and Fire staging place. From there they were dispatched to Escondido, where the Witch Fire had already caused great damage.

“We worked shifts of 24 hours on and 24 hours off,” said Assistant Chief Dave Kidder. “For our second shift, we were dispatched to Poway, on

the other side of San Diego.”

They returned to camp on Oct. 26 before heading to San Pasqual on Oct. 27 to patrol and keep an eye out for more fires.

Those four fire fighters returned home on Oct. 30, while the truck stayed in Chino for Captain Terry Karlen and fire fighters Jeff Winslow, Rigo Garcia and Jason Van Doren to further contribute to the efforts.

“The whole area was smoky, nasty and burnt up,” said Kidder.

Winters resident Lee Holt, a member of the Vacaville Fire protection district, also contributed to the efforts in San Diego. She even met and was photographed with President Bush while at Kit Carson Park in Escondido.

Roughly 198,000 acres were burned as a result of the Southern California fires, and according to Kidder, the land is still dry and they are still waiting for a rain storm to end their fire season down there.

Photo by Justin Cox

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Nakamura also works the reception desk at city hall, handling various administrative duties along side Tracy Jensen and Nanci Mills.

Nakamura is originally from Vallejo but moved to Davis for college, where she majored in Human Development.

While attending UC Davis, she worked as a children’s gymnastics coach, an experience that further validated her desire to work with kids and ultimately pursue a career in recreation.

“My mom used to do a lot of baby sitting when I was younger,” she says. “So I was around a lot of little kids growing up.”

Nakamura has highly

enjoyed her experience at city hall thus far and describes the staff as having a very positive overall attitude and a consistently high level of attention to detail that she believes has had a direct positive effect on the community.

“Everything has worked out really well,” she says. “I couldn’t be happier.”

She can be found

everywhere from both city hall and Waggoner Elementary School, to the Bobbie Greenwood Swim Center and City Park.

“I sort of go where ever the kids are,” she says.

Traci Nakamura can be reached at 795-4910, extension 102 or at traci.nakamura@city-ofwinters.org.

SHELLS

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Community Power Corporation (CPC), a modular biopower company out of Littleton, Colorado. The project, which was inaugurated on Nov. 13, was funded by the California Energy Commission along with Dixon Ridge Farms and CPC.

According to CPC, The BioMax system is a “green” alternative to conventional fossil-fuel generators. It frees users from dependence on high-cost fossil fuels such as natural gas, propane and diesel fuel. The machine converts on-site biomass residues such as wood chips, pits, prunings, nut shells, shredded cardboard or any other wood-based product into power, heat and synthetic diesel fuel that can in turn be used to run a farm such as Lester’s. The only byproduct of the system is ash, certified as non-hazardous. The technology produces no smoke, smell or toxic effluents and meets all current California Air Quality standards.

The product works by feeding the biomass (walnut shells) through the on-site bioenergy plant (BioMax50), which consists of three components. The shells first pass through the gasifier, which extracts hydrogen, methane and carbon monoxide gasses from the shells at temperatures around 2,200 degrees. The gas is then passed through a heat exchanger, which simultaneously cools the gas and extracts excess heat to supplement the drying process. The cooled gas

is then passed through a filter, removing leftover ash. At this point, the gas can be burned and used to produce either heat or power by sending it to the walnut drier burners as a substitute for propane or to the genset to make electricity.

“Once you’ve got it in a gas form, you can pretty much do anything with it,” said Kingsbury Browne, Vice-President of Product Development for CPC. “You can run it into a burner to make heat, into an engine genset to generate electricity, or through a catalytic reactor to make liquid fuel (synthetic diesel). And it’s a very clean fuel; better than biodiesel even.”

All heat generated by the BioMax 50 is burned to dry the nuts. In an effort to further conserve all potential resources, a canopy has been constructed over the storage containers preventing heat from escaping, instead sucking it back down through a set of pipes and re-circulating again through the walnut dryers, reusing 40 percent of the heat.

“The design uses basic physics,” says Lester. “Warm air rises and the canopy holds it and pulls it back down to be reused.”

During a typical four or five-week drying season, Lester’s farm will generate an amount of energy equal to \$9-10,000 worth of propane, which will be saved thanks to the new technology.

Plans to convert the shells into a liquid synthetic diesel fuel are currently in the works.

“We hope to bring in another module in May or June that will convert the gas to the synthetic

diesel,” said CPC President Robb Walt. “The objective is to eventually get the farm completely off the grid and off the pipeline.”

The new module will produce around 50 gallons of synthetic diesel per day, which Lester will use to power on-site tractors, trucks and pumps that normally run on purchased fossil fuel.

“We’re not completely where we want to be,” said Lester, who has demonstrated continuous dedication to making the farm a leader in environmental awareness.

The main source of the project’s funding was the California Energy Commission (CEC), which provided the funds under its Public Interest Energy Research (PIER) program.

“They funded the research and development for the project,” said Browne. “Their goal is to deploy a system in California that will demonstrate the technology, which is not yet commercial.”

“Dixon Ridge Farms serves as the host site for our pre-commercial prototype. We are looking to commercialize the technology. In order to do that, we need funding from private investors as well as commercial prototypes in the real world,” both of which are being accomplished with this project.

CPC will work closely with Dixon Ridge Farms in years to come in order to monitor and troubleshoot the machinery.

“It is our intention to make the farm completely energy independent,” said Browne. “We hope to really make it a showcase for this technology.”

Also involved at the

Nov. 13 demonstration was the Ecological Farming Association, a 28-year-old non-profit organization out of Watsonville, whose goal is to educate farmers and promote ecologically friendly food systems. They received a grant from Sustainable Agricultural Research and Education (SARE) to conduct four informational trainings, the last of which took place at St. Anthony’s Parish on Nov. 13. After a series of speakers and demonstrations, the group traveled to Dixon Ridge Farms (and Eatwell Farms) to observe its organic farming operation as well as witness the new BioMax 50 in action.

“We work closely with organic farmers and people interested in sustainability and energy conservation,” said Communications and Outreach Coordinator Marcy Coburn. “The goal being to transform the food system.”

Dixon Ridge Farms produces about two-and-a-half million pounds of walnut shells every year. The BioMax 50 will use approximately 720,000 pounds, less than 35 percent of the total waste and will cut their total electricity costs by 40 percent.

With the synthetic diesel fuel technology waiting on the horizon and energy costs and fuel emissions already heading south, the Lesters have their sights on the future. This will not be the last time you hear from them, or the technology that is being put to work on their farm.

Library committee to meet on Dec. 11

The Winters Library Steering Committee will meet with architects from NTD Stichter on Tuesday, Dec. 11, from 6-8 p.m. in the Winters Joint Unified School District conference room, located at 909 West Grant Avenue.

The committee unanimously voted on Aug. 27 to accept the schematic design proposed. The architects have now completed the design development phase and will be sharing the more detailed design and elevations. In addition,

the committee will select a color palette for the project.

Dani Thomas, executive director of Yolo County Arts Council, will also make a brief presentation regarding “Art in Public Places” and will outline the process to be used in establishing a committee which will be responsible for the art selection for the new Winters Community Library.

As always, the public is invited to attend. For more information, contact Sandy Briggs, 666-8005.

Community invited to participate in Crèche exhibit

Members of the local community are invited to display their personal nativity scenes as part of the 6th Annual Crèche Exhibit, which is sponsored by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and will be held Dec. 1 and 2 from 3-8:30p.m. each day at the church’s meetinghouse on the corner of Gum Street and Pioneer Avenue in Woodland.

The free interfaith event features an exhibit of nativity scenes from around the world on loan from members of the Davis, Dixon, Winters and Woodland communities, along with a program of live musical performances that will run throughout the hours of the exhibit on both days.

In last year’s event, more than 250 Crèches were exhibited, including some quite rare and exotic in style.

“We welcome all to display one or more of their nativity scenes,” said event coordinator Carol Gubler, adding that the crèche need not be elaborate or expensive.

“We are interested in various interpretations of the subject, whether it be an entire nativity scene, the holy family, or simply the mother and child, and of any size or style.”

To ensure the security of the displays, the room will be guarded during viewing hours and locked between the two exhibition days.

For more information or to schedule a crèche for display, contact Deidre Oliver at 795-9999 or Carol Gubler at 756-8915.

Holiday traditions can impact air quality

By KATHY COULTER
Yolo-Solano Air Quality
Management District
Special to the Express

The Thanksgiving holiday weekend can have poor air quality due to high particle concentrations primarily from residential wood burning according to the Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District.

“Combining weather conditions and an increase of wood burning during the holiday weekend can create poor air quality which contributes to health problems,” stated Mat Ehrhardt, executive director. “Temperature inversions trap smoke from residential wood burning and other particle forming emissions during cooler weather. This trapping causes unhealthy particulate levels to stay within neighborhoods.”

The District reminds residents of the voluntary “Don’t Light Tonight” program which discourages the use of wood burning stoves and fireplaces especially on cold nights when temperature inversions contribute to an unhealthy situation.

If wood burning is the sole source of heat in a home, pellet stoves, EPA-certified woodstoves or fireplace inserts, and natural-gas fireplaces are encouraged as cleaner burning alternatives over fireplaces. Woodsmoke, which can cause adverse reactions in children, the elderly and those with respiratory conditions, can be reduced by 75 to 99 percent over a traditional fireplace. In addition to using a cleaner alternative, residents should follow these steps:

~ Always burn small pieces of aged, dry hardwood. Unseasoned wood has lots of moisture, which causes fire to smoke. Choose pellets over wood when possible as they burn 50 percent cleaner and with less ash clean up.

~ When storing wood, stack it under cover in a dry ventilated area. Freshly cut wood needs to be stored for about 8-12 months before burning.

~ Never burn household trash, chemically treated or painted wood. It pollutes the air and can produce poisonous gases.

~ Stack wood loosely so air circulates around it which reduces heavy smoke emissions.

~ Keep the flame active. Your fire should only smoke when you first light it and when you add extra fuel (and then only for a few minutes).

~ Don’t let your fire smolder overnight – keep enough air in the fire to maintain a flame.

~ Check your chimney regularly to see how well your fire is burning. If there is excess smoke coming from the chimney, increase the air supply to your fire.

The Yolo Solano Air Quality Management Dis-



From Start to Fitness

By ANDREA RENEE WYATT,
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The Right Fit

Q: My personal trainer always reminds me that although I’m not sore after all of my workouts, I am still making progress. I trust my personal trainer; however, when I exercise on my own, how do I know if my workouts are really working?

A: The effectiveness of a workout routine should be determined by the results you see and not just how you feel. Feeling exhausted and sore after a workout is a physical response to the exercise performed, but should not be used as a major measure of success. The workouts you are completing with your personal trainer should be designed to be performed with a suggested number of sets, repetitions and weight. These exercises should be specific to your goals, and you and your trainer can decide what will work best for you.

When working out without your trainer, determining how and when to change your workout program can be tricky, but you can use the acronym FIT to help you out. Designing your workout with the right Frequency, Intensity and Type can keep you working toward your goals and feeling confident in the effectiveness of your workouts.

The frequency is how often you are completing your workout program. One to three times a week may be recommended for strength training, while a frequency of up to seven days a week may be recommended for specific cardiovascular workouts. It is equally important not to overdo your workouts in order to achieve that feeling of soreness. Soreness could be a sign of overtraining or lack of recovery time be-

tween workouts.

The intensity of your workout is important in developing a program that will not only help you see results, but also keep you safe. The stress you place on your body through the intensity of your workouts is an integral part of your workout. An intensity too high could cause you to feel the soreness you seek, but it can also mean you are working yourself too hard.

For example, if the workout calls for you to do squats with dumbbells, choose the right weight by starting light and progressing after completing a few workouts safely and with the correct technique. This may require you to complete the squats without the dumbbells at first, and then increase the intensity by adding weights.

The type of exercise also should not be ignored. Predesigned workouts such as the ones in magazines usually give you a goal and explanation of what the workout was designed to accomplish; however, let your trainer help you. Be sure that the workout you are completing is designed to fit YOUR needs. If strength is your goal, then be sure the workout has been structured to improve strength and not just cardiovascular endurance or flexibility. Keep these factors in mind when trying new workouts and use them as a guide to help you reach your goals.

Always consult a physician before beginning an exercise program. Andrea Renee Wyatt, M.S.S., C.S.C.S., is a certified personal trainer with an extensive background in strength and conditioning as well as therapeutic recreation. If you have a fitness or training question, write Andrea in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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Sutter Auxiliary seeks new volunteer members

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

For more information,

check out the website: www.sutterdavis.org/careers/auxiliary.html Application are available on the website or by calling the Hospital Information Desk (2000 Sutter Place in Davis), 759-7485, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Senior program offers help for disabled, elderly

Adult day health programs provide health and social services that can significantly improve the lives of adults with physical or cognitive impairments. The programs’ support and resources enable individuals to maintain independence, self-sufficiency and personal

care capabilities while preventing hospitalizations and delaying nursing home care.

Yolo Adult Day Health Center, a collaboration of Woodland Healthcare and Yolo County, has been serving the community since 1984. For more information about the program, call 666-8828.

AA meets weekly at library

Local meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous are held on Thursdays at 8 p.m., Mondays at 9:30 a.m. and Sundays at 9 a.m. (book study) at the

Winters Library, 201 First Street. Adults are welcome at all meetings.

There is no charge to attend.

Van offers free rides for seniors

The city of Winters offers free transportation service to seniors and disabled persons needing a ride to and from medical appointments.

The van is staffed by volunteer drivers, so the city asks those with appointments to get in touch by phone at least two days in advance, if possible.

For scheduling, call the city of Winters, department of administrative services, 795-4910, ext. 100.

Community Blood Drive

Monday, Nov. 26, 3-7 p.m.
Winters Community Center

Entertainment

The Sound of Music in Winters

By ELLIOT LANDES
Staff writer

Winters is a little less flat these days as the hills come alive with the Winters Theater Company's production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's spectacular "The Sound of Music". The company likes to put on something lavish each fall, and this year founder Howard Hupe has directed a joyful rendering of what many consider the greatest musical ever.

The Robert Wise 1965 movie with Julie Andrews was based on the 1959 Broadway musical presented here, and it vaulted the popularity of this story and its music into the stratosphere, making it almost unnecessary to revue the plot, which follows Maria, a postulant who is clearly not going to make it as a nun, sent in 1938 to be the governess of the Austrian family of the widower Baron von Trapp and his seven children.

The Baron, a navy captain who has lost his wife as well as a coastline since the last war, is formal and stiff and too often absent to give his family what they need. He likes to run a tight ship and even summons the children to attention with toots on a bosun's whistle. Maria's joyful personality explodes the household and transforms the rigid Georg and his loveable brood, and as the Third Reich looms, romance blooms and the family makes its famous getaway through its beloved alps.

The story has everything, romance, children, evil Nazis, great scenery and most of all, one of the greatest collections of

popular songs to make the stage. You'll be humming "My Favorite Things" and "Do-Re-Me" all week, as well as the title song, and that turns about to be a pretty good thing.

Amy Vyvlecka has played in a number of this company's productions, and here she plays Maria with a great mix of youthful innocence and big personality. Her sweet soprano is a delight and carries the production quite nicely. The role offers more than just great songs. There is great humor in the script and Vyvlecka delivers the snappy lines with wit.

The Baron going through some big transformations is played well by Trent Beeby with sympathetic sincerity. Tom Rost is a hoot as Uncle Max, everybody's weird uncle, tossing off great lines like, "I like rich people, they have such great wine cellars." Despite a total lack of scruples, you can see he loves this family, and he makes them into performers.

Eleanor Yeatman, as Mother Abbess, gives a moving performance of the pivotal anthem for the story, "Climb Every Mountain." This is one of the great songs of the twentieth century, and her performance brings weight to the conclusion of both acts.

The set is elaborate and effective, and a challenge for the amateur stage hands to keep up with, let me tell you. And over it all is the grand full-stage mural of the alpine valley, painted beautifully by Winters artist Jeff Hese-meyer.

The children are the great delight of this pro-

duction, and so many local kids turned out to participate that Hupe ended up with two teams to play most of the roles, alternating performances. The children perform wonderfully, singing solo as well as in chorale. Most are from local families and have parents in the cast or working backstage, another delight of small town community theater. Little Gretl is a scene stealer, whether you get to see the show on Emilia Orosco's night, or Corinne McKenna's. Susanna Thomson's portrayal of the always-too-honest Brigitta stands out.

Daughter Liesl, the young girl becoming a young woman, is played every night with grace and aplomb by Kirsten Myers. As the show progresses, you can feel the audience looking forward to every opportunity to hear her exquisite voice.

Company regular Joanie Bryant has been finding a niche in recent productions as the evil woman, and in this show she looks smashing as the snotty baroness and trainee for the role as evil stepmother. She dryly dishes out some of the play's zippiest lines, like when she allows she won't be learning the children's names "for a very long time." Later she says to Georg. "I want a simple party, just something lavish."

This musical started going through revival in New York and London after years of people loving it at the same time as loving to hate it, somewhat unfairly accusing it of being too sugary. Clearly, the sugar-averse should stay away from Broadway in general.



Photo by Elliot Landes

In the Abbey of Winters Theater Company's "The Sound of Music," left to right: Sister Margaretta (Helen Dahlberg), Mother Abbess (Eleanor Yeatman) and Maria Ranier (Amy Vyvlecka).

This particular script (and this music) is actually much better than all that, and people should leave their irony at home and open their hearts to discover this. It's like being open to enjoying community theater. It's a community event and you're out to enjoy a great show put on by friends and family.

People like to object to the script not following closely the true story of the Trapp family, a truly ridiculous way to evaluate a Broadway musical. The true story is actually fairly interesting, with 10 kids in-

stead of 7, and the Trapps leaving by train through Italy — the changing borders of Europe having conferred on the Austrian von Trapp Italian citizenship. They made their way to the States and even built a rustic lodge in an alps-like part of Vermont, where music lovers go to stay to

this very day. The real point, as the title says, is the music, and the real family was all about that, going on to tour the US for years, performing classical and folk music as an ensemble.

On stage, this story is less about the story, it's about the sound of music.

Holiday open house planned at Briggs & Co

Briggs & Co will hold a Holiday Open House on Saturday, Nov. 24, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Everyone is invited to bring their family and holiday guests to enjoy the sites and sounds of Briggs & Co, including hot apple cider and treats. An added feature of the open house will be the construction of a gingerbread house, which will be donated to a charity.

This gingerbread mansion, along with three other masterpiece confections, will be on display at The Artery in Davis, Nov. 27 through Dec. 19. Four lucky winners will be chosen by

raffle to win these gingerbread creations. Raffle tickets are available at The Artery. Proceeds will go to various local charities.

This month, Briggs & Co will be open on Fridays in December until 8 p.m. On Dec. 7, from 6-8 p.m., The Mudlarks will debut their new CD there. The Davis trio MudLark includes Ray Frank, Katie Henry and Laura Sandage. Their rootsy, intense sound features banjo, guitar, string bass, and three strong voices covering a broad emotional and stylistic range.

On Saturdays in December, the public can stop by Briggs & Co to meet artists Solomon Bassoff and Domenica Mottarella creators of Faducci — funky, fun, whimsical, concrete, glass and steel sculpture for the home and garden. Also expected to make a Saturday appearance is pumpkin carver Linda Galusha, who will create art live and in person.

For more information about upcoming events at Briggs & Co, visit their website: www.briggsandcompany.com, call 795-9505, or stop by at 820 Railroad Avenue, Wednesdays through Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Briggs & Co will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday through Nov. 23.

Farmers' Market in Esparto

The Capay Valley Regional Farmers' Market takes place in the Esparto Community Park on the first Saturday of each month, April through December. On Saturday, Dec. 1, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., everyone is invited to the special Holiday Gift Giving Market, featuring local fruits, vegetables, herbs, spices and oils.

There will be free health screenings and Dilly Dally the clown will provide free face painting and balloon

animals. Visitors can taste fresh locally grown goodness and get ready for the holidays by placing orders for the annual Holiday Gift Basket fund-raiser. To view the two gift basket choices available for purchase, visit www.capayvalleyfarmers-market.com

For more information, call market managers Monique Garcia or Julio Cota, 787-3319, or email at info@capayvalleyfarmers-market.com.



Coming up

Fri. November 23 - Mumbo Gumbo

Wed. November 28 - Issa

Fri. November 30 - Steve Forbert

See the rest of our schedule online at palmsplayhouse.com

'Tis almost time



Photo by Debra Lo Guercio

It's not too early to start thinking about getting this year's Christmas tree, and the Winters FFA is ready to help. The FFA will hold its annual Christmas tree sale on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 1 and 2, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the high school ag site on Niemann Street. Besides trees, there will be horseshoe wreaths and stands, and evergreen wreaths. The annual event is a major FFA fund-raiser. From left are FFA members Katie Anstead, Alex Huizar, Ellis White and Ari Ruiz.

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trict, a public health agency, offers a free brochure "Light It Right" with additional tips on wood burning. The District is dedicated to protecting human health and property from the harmful effects of air pollution. For a current update on "Don't Light Tonight," call the burn information line, 757-3660, or toll-free at (800) 246-3660.

Residents can also view readings of particulate matter (PM) levels throughout the region at www.sparetheair.com.

For more information on the District's programs and services call 757-3650 or visit www.ysaqmd.org.

The Nutcracker returns to Winters in December

The Studio C School of Dance will once again present The Nutcracker on Saturday, Dec. 8, and Sunday, Dec. 9, at the Winters Community Center. Saturday's show times are 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and Sunday's are noon and 5 p.m.

With dancing dolls, battling mice and twinkling fairies, children and adults alike will enjoy watching the magic and beauty

of The Nutcracker come to life This year's production of The Nutcracker will feature Alex Cushman in the role of Clara and Mat Talaugon as the Prince. Kristin Rheuby will be this year's Sugar Plum Fairy. This classic Christmas story is a fun event for the entire family.

For more information, call Tara Mann, 795-1900.

Organic livestock production workshop offered in Woodland

A workshop scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 29, Norton Hall in Woodland will focus on organic standards and opportunities for livestock production. Anyone considering organic production for livestock operation will have a chance to learn more about the specific practices required for certification and potential markets for organic meat products.

The morning session (8 a.m. to noon) will cover organic production systems and standards, organic processing and

marketing opportunities. In the afternoon session (1:30-4:30 p.m.) a trainer will explain the process of developing an organic system plan and help producers develop a plan for their operations, which is required for certification. For those who need DPR continuing education credits, 3.5 hours are approved for this meeting.

The workshop is sponsored by the University of California Cooperative Extension, California Certified Organic Farmers (CCOF) Yolo Chapter, the CCOF Foun-

dation Going Organic Project and Yolo County Department of Agriculture. This is a free event and no reservations are required.

Norton Hall is located at 70 Cottonwood Street. For more information, call Morgan Doran with the University of California Cooperative Extension, (707) 784-1326, or Fred Thomas, (530) 819-6958. For more information about the California Certified Organic Farmer Going Organic program visit www.ccof.org/programs.php.

Festival of Trees events planned at Gibson House Museum

The Festival of Trees begins with a Gala Friday on Nov. 30 at the Gibson House Museum in Woodland. Beautifully decorated trees, wreaths and centerpieces donated by local designers will be up for silent auction that evening from 7-9 p.m. A lovely evening filled with music, song, light holiday fare and beverages is planned.

Saturday, Dec. 1, will mark Santa's first visit to the Gibson House Museum. Santa will arrive in an antique fire engine, accompanied by Mrs. Claus, ready for photo opportunities. There will be holiday arts and crafts for children including making ornaments and

face painting in the Cottage Workshop. The Museum will be decorated with beautiful trees and décor for the Festival of Trees. The Museum will be open from 12-4 p.m..

On Sunday, Dec. 2, the museum will host a holiday open house from 12-4 p.m. Everyone is invited to come for tours and good cheer. Are you looking for a present for someone who loves to garden or someone who is hard to shop for? The Gibson Gardeners can help. There will be a na-

tive and Victorian plant sale on Dec. 1 and 2.

Admission on Dec. 1 and 2 is \$5. Children under age 12 free when accompanied by adults. Tickets to the Gala are \$25 each and are available for purchase now at the museum by calling 666-1045.

Call the museum office, 666-1045, for more information. Proceeds from the Festival of Trees will go to museum renovations and programs.

Sports

Athletes honored at banquet

By **ERIC LUCERO**
Express sports

The Winters Warriors varsity and JV football teams held their annual football banquet on Wednesday, Nov. 14. Cody Campos was named the Lions Club Offensive Most Valuable Player and Ramon Bermudez was named the Lions Club Defensive Most Valuable Player. Both Campos and Bermudez also

made the Butte View All League team along with teammate David Hill. Kaplan Smith and John Cummings made honorable mention all league. Smith was given the Paul Zinselmeir Award, while Hill was given the John Kammerer Award. The JV Warriors had a lot to celebrate as coach Daniel Ward recognized his team and gave special attention

to Marcus Carrasco, who was named the Offensive MVP and to Billy Rotenkolber who was named the teams Defensive MVP. Tony Breavor was named the Freshman of the year, while Zach Higgins and Cody Linton were both given the Coaches Award. The Winters High School volleyball team held their annual awards night on Tuesday, Nov. 13, and recog-

nized some individuals for their accomplishments. Jenny Campos was named to the Butte View League All League team, while Caitlin Calvert and Katie Anstead were named honorable mention all league. Chelsea Anstead was given the Coaches Award and Ashley Andersen was named the Rookie of the Year.

Slaven wins grid contest

Jack Slaven picked 24 out of 28 games correctly to win the \$30 first prize in the Winters Merchants Football Contest this week. Five contestants tied for the \$15 second prize with 22 right, with Ann Gertz winning on the basis of the tie-breaker total score of the Idaho State-Sacramento State game. There were 71 points scored in that game with Gertz guessing 60, Angela 56, Jack Holt 45, Fred De Los Santos 44, and Rob Young 41.

Masters and Adult Lap Swim programs continue at pool

The City of Winters has extended the adult swimming programs at the Bobbie Greenwood Community Swim Center. Adult Lap Swim is offered Monday through Thursday, 7:30-8:30 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, noon to 2 p.m. On Sat-

urday and Sunday, both the Masters Swimming program and Adult Lap swimmers share the pool. The cost for adult lap swim is \$25 per month and is payable by cash, check, or money order at City Hall in the City Clerk's Office.

Masters Swimming takes place Monday through Friday, 6-7:30 a.m. and 6-7:30 p.m., as well as Saturday and Sunday, noon to 2 p.m. For more information about Masters Swimming in Winters, visit the Winters Aquatic Club website

at <http://wintersaquatic-club.memberlodge.org>, write to swimwinters@sbcglobal.net, or call Dave Kelley, 795-2265. For more information about Adult Lap Swim, call Traci Nakamura, 795-4910, extension 102.

Hikes explore local nature beauty and scientific importance

Stebbins Cold Canyon is one of the most pristine, back-to-nature places in all of Yolo and Solano counties. It offers hiking, sight-seeing and the ability to breathe deeply in a natural setting. The Stebbins Cold Canyon Presentation & Hike program provides opportunities to explore the natural beauty and scientific importance of the Reserve and the surrounding ecosystem. Toward that goal, presentations are interactive and experiential allowing participants the freedom to assign meaning in their own way. Presentations are offered free of charge. Pre-registration is required for each outing you are interested in attending. Most outings have a limit of 15 people. To register send an email to jfalyn@ucdavis.edu. Please include your name, presentation date, phone number and/or e-mail address. Also, indicate whether you need directions or would like to arrange a carpool.

Schedule of classes
~ Loop Trail, Saturday, Nov. 24, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. What are you thankful for? A Sat-

urday hike after Thanksgiving with an opportunity to reflect on being thankful. Note: The loop trail is five miles of ups and downs. There is a 1500 foot elevation gain (with many steps), a distinctive change in plant communities and breathtaking views in all directions — look for the waterfalls after a rain. Bring sturdy shoes, at least a liter of water and a snack. Guide: Stephen McCord ~ Animal Tracking, Saturday, Dec. 8, 9 a.m. to noon, at Lake Solano. With people hiking all around the lake the animals mostly stay out of sight. Experienced tracker, Sean Clemenza, offers ways to identify animals by the evidence they leave behind. This outing meets in the

day use parking lot at Lake Solano. Guide: Sean Clemenza. ~ Winter Solstice, Saturday, Dec. 22, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The leap from Winter to Spring: On this outing, the group traverses the canyon and experiences the reserve on the shortest day of the year. The focus of this hike is to experience the reserve in winter and then several months later compare the reserve on a hike in spring (date to be announced). Guide: Jeff Falyn. ~ Guide Training; sponsored by UC Davis Natural Reserve & Putah Creek Discovery Corridor. Training begins in October for individuals interested in leading (or assisting) themed hikes at Stebbins

Cold Canyon UC Reserve. The emphasis of this program is to develop a diverse series of presentations that educate, stimulate and provides recreation. The training consists of four four-hour sessions and offers opportunities to connect to a personal passion or hobby and mold it into a presentation for the public. Training dates are Oct. 27, Nov. 3 and 10, and Dec. 1, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Stebbins Cold Canyon. Sign up by contacting Jeff Falyn: jfalyn@ucdavis.edu

CODY'S ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Deli & Catering

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Natalie Cooley

Natalie Cooley, a 2006 graduate of Winters High School is this week's athlete of the week. Cooley, now playing for the Solano College women's basketball team was just named to the all tournament team in the Mount San Antonio College basketball tournament in Covina California. At the end of her freshman season, Cooley was given the Falcon Award for maintaining the team's highest GPA. Now starting her sophomore season, Cooley earned all tourney on Nov. 9-11, as she was all over the court on both sides of the ball.

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

Schools

AFS student from Thailand



DALE MITCHELL, Ed.D

EDUCATIONALLY SPEAKING

Yellow. Yellow is the most visible color associated with schools and school districts. It is a classroom on wheels that travels throughout our local community and takes trips to numerous other destinations. Yellow is the color of our school buses.

Most adults can identify with riding on a school bus. Whether it was our regular mode of transportation from home to school, a means of going on field trips, attending away athletic events, or going to grad night, we were transported on a bus. While not as comfortable a ride as in a car, it did provide us with safe transportation and the opportunity to visit with classmates, teammates, and friends.

The enjoyment of a bus ride had, and still has, much to do with the bus driver. How we are greeted when we enter the bus, how we are treated when we don't always sit in our seats, and how the driver establishes the culture of the bus including the music that is played are all examples of how the bus driver expresses an interest in the welfare of the bus riders.

Our district is very fortunate to have bus drivers whose passion are our students. Marie Boone, David Duncan, Patty Havens, Jim Ledesma, and Saundra McKinney daily chauffeur our students in their yellow limousines. Debbie Hunt provides leadership support and occasional driving assistance as the Director of Transportation. These dedicated employees usually know all the students by name, the students' families, and the support and challenges that each student has both at home and at school. In observing our bus drivers at work, we note that they are a blend of parent, counselor, nurse, teacher, and taxi driver.

How can we express gratitude for the valuable work of our bus drivers? Most importantly, by exercising caution when the buses' yellow lights are flashing and stopping when the red lights are flashing. A wave of the hand, a smile, and a verbal praise are additional ways to say thank you to these valuable district employees.



KHACHONYOT YAEMPRADIT

By JUSTIN COX
Staff writer

Khachonyot Yaempradit was just fifteen years old when he made the long flight from Thailand to America, marking the beginning of his year abroad in Winters. As the youngest and only male AFS student to attend Winters High School this year, "Big" as he is referred to by fellow students and teachers, has settled nicely into small-

town American life.

"I wanted to see a new culture and make friends from a different country," he says. "America is interesting to me."

Since arriving in Winters, Big's ability to speak and understand English has vastly improved. He struggled initially to comprehend his peers and was hesitant to speak out loud. His host family has helped instill confidence and develop his skills. As a result, his comprehension and ability to speak have developed significantly over just a few months.

"Woody, Rebecca and Andrew (Fridae) have helped me very much with my English," he says. "In Thailand they don't speak much (English)."

Big's favorite subject and personal passion is art. He loves to draw and paint in his spare time and even had one of his paintings published in a magazine back in Thailand.

"I want to be anima-

tor," he says. "I love animation."

He has a 28-year-old sister at home who also speaks English. He looks forward to being able to converse with her once his year abroad has expired.

"I will have many stories to tell from this year," he says.

For now though, he is enjoying life in America. He spends each day after school practicing with the high school soccer team, a sport which he also played in Thailand, as well as preparing for the high school's rendition of "Little Red Riding Wolf," a production that will take place in the high school drama room on Nov. 30 and Dec. 1.

AFS information

American Field Service (AFS) is an organization designed to promote peace through international high school student exchange.

During World Wars I and II, young Americans volunteered to serve overseas as ambulance

drivers, evacuating the wounded from battlefields. Upon returning home, they founded the organization in an effort to perpetuate the development of intercultural relationships similar to the bonds they formed during their time abroad.

Students who wish to study abroad may choose between a wide variety of countries in North, Central and South America, the Caribbean, Asia and Europe.

Also, local families may sign up to host a student from a foreign country, which can prove to be an equally beneficial cultural experience for both the family and the student.

Informational pamphlets can be found at the Winters High School office or may be requested by calling 1-800-AFS-INFO or by visiting the AFS website, www.afs.org/usa.

Donate items to the WHS Student Government Class to help with their donations to families in the community for Christmas.

Winters PTA benefits from eScrip

Anyone wishing to help support the Winters Combined PTA can sign up for eScrip at www.escrip.com. Click on "Sign Up," and enter the Group

ID# 139431312.

Every time you shop at any of the over 6,000 merchant locations, a percentage of your purchase will go to the Winters

PTA.

For more information, call Jenyse Lichwa, eScrip coordinator, 795-0958.

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and don't forget to visit our website at www.wintersexpress.com

Local student named news layout editor for The Bates Student

Former Winters resident, Vasey Coman is this year's news layout editor for the Bates College newspaper, the Bates Student.

The student-run newspaper has received a number of journalism awards, including several from

the American Scholastic Press Association of Columbia University and the Maine College Newspaper Contest. Founded in 1873 as a monthly literary magazine, The Bates Student is now a weekly publication and is one of the oldest continu-

ously published college newspapers in the county.

Coman, a sophomore dean's list student, is the daughter of Robert and Elizabeth Coman of Winters. She is a 2006 graduate of Winters High School.

ROTARY CLUB OF WINTERS

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Rachel Chapman



George introduced Mrs. Tania Mannion, the music teacher at the high school. Mrs. Mannion introduced Rachel Chapman who she described as open and always willing to help other students.

"Rachel is a student that every teacher hopes to have in her class," Mrs. Mannion told the assembled Rotarians at a recent luncheon at the Buckhorn. Joining Rachel for lunch was her father, Brad Chapman.



Rotary Club of Winters
Meets every Thursday, 12:15 p.m.
Buckhorn Restaurant
2 Main Street, Winters

The Rotary Club of Winters would like to thank everyone who made the Rotary's Wine and Food Jubilee a huge success

Nuestras Noticias



Día de Acción de Gracias

Aquí esta otra vez este día feriado tan esperado por muchos, el tradicional Día de Acción de Gracias, un día para reunirse con la familia y amigos. el principal motivo de reunión es para que en familia y entre amigos demos gracias a Dios por todas las bendiciones que nos da. Recuerden que el ser agradecido debe ser cosa de todos los días. El que da gracias por las bendiciones en su vida recibe más y el que no esta agradecido por lo que tiene, con su actitud bloquea las bendiciones.

Las personas que piensan que no tienen mucho por qué agradecer, si contaran sus bendiciones, se darían cuenta que tienen mucho porque agradecer. El solo hecho de estar vivos, sanos, poder ver, escuchar, caminar o tener un trabajo, es una bendición porque a otros les hace falta algo de lo que estamos mencionando. Ellos cuanto darían por estar en nuestro lugar.

Para ser Feliz no cuenta que tanto tenemos, sino que tanto podemos apreciar y disfrutar. El hombre que goza lo que tiene, es un hombre feliz. El triunfo es obtener lo que uno quiere, pero eso toma su tiempo. Mientras tanto la felicidad es querer lo que uno tiene.

En nuestra vida en este país, debemos reconocer que no siempre nos damos cuenta de todo lo que pasa a nuestro alrededor, estamos tan ocupados en trabajar, en tener mas bienes materiales, que se nos olvida dar gracias. Vivimos arrastrados por lo que deseamos y no por lo que somos y tenemos. Nos olvidamos entonces que la vida es un tesoro. Y sólo cuando perdemos parte de ese tesoro, nos damos cuenta el tesoro que tenemos. Dice un dicho que, nos damos cuenta de lo bueno que tenemos cuando lo perdemos. Así pasa con la vida.

Pasamos desapercibidos los ojos que tenemos hasta que perdemos la vista. Sin ella no podemos mirar el sol, las noches estrelladas, el paisaje, el mar, la lluvia, la luna, el color de las flores, de la rosa y el clavel y los anocheceres y atardeceres, el pájaro volar y el rostro de aquellos que nos quieren y queremos.

No podemos mirar los labios que sonríen y el júbilo del que se alegra. Ni tampoco las miradas que penetran nuestro ser para amarrar el corazón con un flechazo de amor. No podemos ver el rostro feliz de la madre que nos ama, del fiel amigo o amiga. ¿Qué sería nuestra vida sin la vista? Sería una oscuridad, sin brillo ni color. ¿Cuántas cosas perderían sentido sin la vista? ¿Cuántas cosas son movidas en nuestro interior por el impacto de una mirada?

Y las manos y los brazos. Las manos con que saludo, con que escribo una carta al ser que amo y con las que me visto, me baño y me llevo los alimentos a la boca para alimentarme. Qué sería sin mis manos y mis brazos para abrazar a los que quiero y así sentir su cercano afecto. Por eso abrazo a mi madre, mi padre, mi esposa, mis hijos y mis amigos. Qué insípido es un afecto sin un abrazo.

Mi boca para alimentarme y expresar lo que pienso y lo que siento. Con labios para besar y decir a otros que los quiero.

También quiero oír el canto de los pájaros, el murmullo de las aguas y de la canción que grita al amor y que denuncia el sufrimiento. Sin oír, camino sin rumbo como si otros no existieran. Al oír a otros sé que vivo con otros, para escuchar sus alegrías, quejas, dolores y llantos.

El Día de Acción de Gracias que se celebra desde 1623, va mucho más allá del simple “a donde fueres haz lo que vieres” que como inmigrantes podríamos adoptar como una fiesta más. Sí; definitivamente este no es “otro día festivo”, una conmemoración fría y ajena sino una muy justa celebración que nos invita a todos a detener por un día la “máquina productora de monedas” y encender la “máquina productora de emociones y recuerdos”.

Por un día, nos reunimos con los familiares o amigos cercanos y de pronto nos damos cuenta de lo mucho que hemos obtenido en esta tierra. De pronto, como en un cuento de hadas, nos acordamos que muchos de nosotros estuvimos mucho tiempo “perdidos en el bosque” de las inseguridades e injusticias en nuestros países de origen pero un buen día nos atrevimos a soñar, y lo que es más difícil, a tratar de hacer realidad nuestro sueño; y llegamos a este país que nos ha enseñado de ausencias, de recuerdos, pero que también nos ha dado una oportunidad para demostrar que es posible crecer y mejorar día a día.

Este país, que nos ha hecho suyos, nos ha devuelto la ilusión. Este país estuvo durante años metidos en nuestros sueños y expectativas. Hoy agradecemos la fortuna de sentirnos parte de él. Agradecemos la influencia poderosa de un país honesto que nos ha permitido el gusto enorme del trabajo bien compensado y la retribución justa. Hoy el “Thanksgiving Day” tiene un sabor latino pues nosotros también tenemos mucho que agradecer. Es cierto, los hispanos tenemos mucho camino por recorrer, pero así mismo debemos agradecer los múltiples logros obtenidos en nuestro camino. Quizá en muchas de nuestras mesas no haya pavos sino nuestra comida tradicional o quizá bebamos tequila en vez de sidras, pero lo cierto es que en miles de casas hispanas, a la hora de agradecer, recordaremos cómo llegamos aquí a este país y sabremos que estuvo bien haber peleado por nuestro sueño. Feliz Día de Acción de Gracias.

Hipotecas y algo mas

Seguimos leyendo en las noticias los problemas que sigue teniendo el mercado inmobiliario, la venta de casa sigue a la baja, los precios de las casa siguen cayendo, pero lo más triste es que seguimos mirando como más y más familias siguen perdiendo sus casas, muchas han sido víctimas de verdaderos abusos por parte de agentes de bienes raíces que resultaron ser personas sin escrúpulos, y que lo único que les importo, fue vender casa como fuera. Existen muchos motivos por los que las familias pierden sus casas, cuando se tienen problemas al no poder hacer los pagos de la casa con regularidad, lo primero que debemos hacer, es hablar con el banco. Pero muchas personas evitan ponerse en contacto con el banco cuando tienen problemas financieros. Nos da pena hablar de nuestros problemas con extraños o creemos que si el banco se entera que tenemos problemas, va a intentar cobrar la deuda o quitarnos la vivienda.

Las instituciones financieras quieren que sus clientes se queden con sus casas. Las ejecuciones hipotecarias son costosas para los prestamistas, los aseguradores hipotecarios y los inversores. El Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano (HUD/FHA), igual que las compañías de seguro hipotecario y las dos mayores compradoras de préstamos, Freddie Mac y Fannie Mae, requieren que los prestamistas hagan todo lo posible para ayudar a los prestatarios con problemas de dinero evitar perder sus casas. Llama a tu prestamista para intentar llegar a una solución. Ten a mano estos datos: El número de tu cuenta (préstamo), Una explicación breve de tu situación, Documentación reciente sobre tus ingresos. (Si trabajas por tu cuenta, necesitarás tu Declaración de impuestos o un estado de ganancias y pérdidas de tu negocio.) Una lista de tus gastos mensuales, Es probable que tendrás que hacer varias llamadas telefónicas a tu prestamista. Típicamente, tu banco te enviará una propuesta oficial para resolver el asunto. Esta propuesta contiene información, formularios e instrucciones. Si deseas la cooperación del banco, tienes que llenar los formularios y devolverlos

al banco rápidamente. El prestamista o banco entonces analizará lo que enviaste y podría proponer una solución.

Si tu problema financiero, solo es temporal, entonces el banco te ofrecerá una reintegración (“reinstalación”), que quiere decir que tu banco está dispuesto a discutir la posibilidad de aceptar la cantidad total de pagos atrasados en una suma global y fija una fecha. A menudo, combinará esta opción con una tolerancia por incumplimiento de pago (“forbearance”).

Pero si quedarte con la casa no es una opción, entonces tienes la venta de la propiedad. Si no puedes seguir pagando tu casa, tu banco o prestamista puede acordarte un plazo de tiempo para vender tu casa y liquidar el préstamo. El banco esperará que contrates a un agente para que se pueda vender la vivienda con la máxima urgencia posible.

Venta pre-ejecución o una liquidación corta (“short payoff”): Si el precio de venta de una vivienda no es suficiente para pagar el saldo de la hipoteca, el prestamista podría aceptar la cantidad inferior de la venta. Esta opción puede incluir un plazo de tiempo para el mercadeo y venta de la casa.

Asunción: Un comprador calificado puede recibir permiso de asumir tu hipoteca (es decir, hacerse responsable de los pagos mensuales), incluso si los documentos originales de la hipoteca no lo permiten. (La mayoría de las hipotecas exigen el pago del saldo si la propiedad cambia de manos.)

Entrega de propiedad (“deed in-lieu”): Tu banco o prestamista puede decidir entregarte la propiedad y perdonar la deuda. Aunque esto luzca como la mejor opción para el dueño, el prestatario (el dueño) primero tiene que intentar vender la propiedad por un espacio mínimo de 90 días antes de que el prestamista considere esta opción. Otros factores pueden impedir acudirse a esta opción especialmente si existen otros gravámenes, como una segunda hipoteca o gravamen por impuestos atrasados (“tax liens”).

Celebrando la 8th aniversario

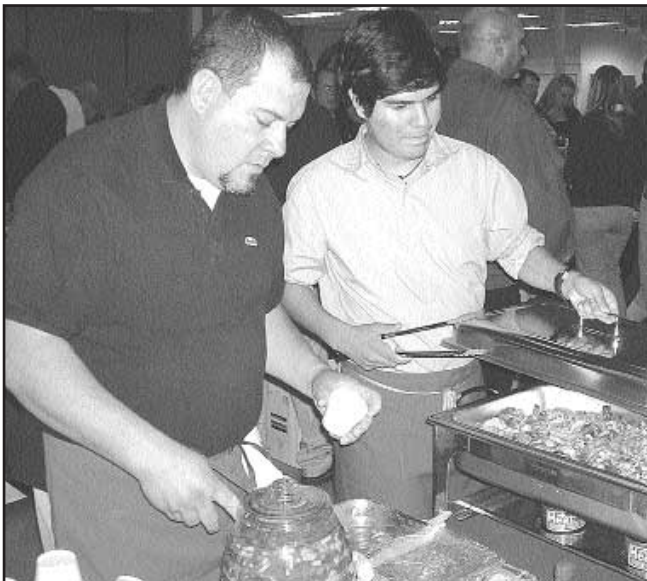


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Jesus Salazar el dueño de Chuy's Taqueria y su hijo Andres Salazar dieron un rico coctel de camaron en el octavo aniversario del Club de Rotary de Winters en el centro de San Antonio el 2 de noviembre.

Política y Economía, un abismo

Aquí en los Estados Unidos, una cosa es hacer política, y otra muy diferente, es hablar de economía, aunque parece que una es consecuencia de la otra, no se puede decir lo mismo cuando hablamos de los hispanos, la economía nos trata de un modo muy diferente a como nos tratan nuestros representantes en la política. Y esto esta relacionado con el dinero en la economía, y con los votos en la política. Mientras que los hispanos somos mas de cuarenta millones que ganamos dólares, que los ahorramos y lo más importante para el sistema económico de este país, es que los gastamos, y los latinos nos caracterizamos por eso, por gastar, y eso es precisamente lo que mueve a este país, dólares.

Por otro lado a pesar de que más latinos se están naturalizando americanos, ese incremento no se ha reflejado en las votaciones, y es que en las ultimas elecciones no votaron más de 5 millones de hispanos.

Lo ves en la televisión, lo oyes en la radio, y cuando andas de compras ves como las grandes compañías nos están atrayendo usando nuestro idioma, en español, dicen que para que la cuña apriete debe ser del mismo palo, y así es como las grandes, medianas y aun pequeñas empresas nos están enamorando. Con ofertas que ya van dirigidas específicamente al bolsillo de nosotros, porque ahora

si como dicen estas empresas le dieron al clavo, publicidad en español, tiene sus grandes recompensas. Y esa es la razón por la que más de cuarenta millones de personas gastamos nuestro dinero.

¿Seria lo mismo si solo fueran un millón o dos millones los que consumieran y gastaran el dinero? Por supuesto que no, no tendríamos toda esa maquinaria de publicidad como lo vemos ahora,

Pero si los latinos no votamos, eso si tiene consecuencias, si no votamos no nos escucharan, además, no tenemos el numero suficiente de candidatos en los diferentes puestos políticos que nos puedan representar, debemos trabajar para tener lideres hispanos, y tener gente que con su voto los pueda apoyar, debemos buscar una mejor calidad de vida, ya sea por medio de la educación, la salud, lo económico.

Más de 12 millones de latinos están habilitados para votar y no lo hacen. Si lo hicieran, la solución de los principales problemas que los aquejan quizá, y digo quizá se les encontraría una solución mas rápida. Hemos recorrido ya un camino muy largo, debemos dar el ultimo estirón para subir un escalón mas en la sociedad, y no seamos un grupo minoritario que siempre debe estar dependiendo del voto de otros.

Help Wanted

Drivers
Teams earn top dollar plus great benefits.
Solo drivers also needed for Western Regional.

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FT/PT direct care positions, serving adults w/DD in Vacaville Day Program.
Assist w/daily activities, personal care & skill development. Reqs.: HS diploma/GED, valid DL. Must clear DMV, bkgrd. check & drug screen. Pd. training, comp wages & full bnfts. at 30+ hrs. Contact Dungarvin CA, Inc: 41-4tp

Help Wanted

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We are looking for a 30-40 hr/week Medical Assistant at our small-town medical office in Winters. Some evenings and front desk work included. We are looking for someone who is interested in giving the best patient care with outstanding customer service. Must be bilingual English/Spanish. Our ideal person will have experience working as a medical assistant and as part of a team. Send Resume to jmichel@winter-shealth.org. 42-1tc

Help Wanted

MAINTENANCE, FT Must have min. 4 yrs. exp. in apt. maintenance, HVAC, electrical, plumbing, etc. Have own tools & transportation. Live off site, clean drug & bkgrnd. ck. Call bwn. 10am-4pm for appt. (707) 425-1624 42-4tp

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SOLANO Legal Process Clerk II \$34,061- \$41,817 yrly. FFD: 12/7/2007 To obtain more info regarding this position, please visit our website: www.solanocourts.com <http://www.solanocourts.com> or pick up an appl. at 600 Union Ave., 3rd Fl. Exec. Office Fairfield. 43-3tp

Auto Body Tech w/exp. for a production shop. Bnfts. Apply in person at American Auto Body, 1950 Walters Ct., Fairfield.

Help Wanted

Winters Joint Unified School District
Sub Teachers Needed:
Call HR: 795-6103
Classified:
Custodian M-F, 5hrs/day 3p.m. to 8p.m. \$12.34/hr-\$13.62/Hr. High Schl Diploma or equiv req; 18 yrs old; Valid CA Driver's Lic. Deadline: 11/16/07
Student Supv. Aide Continuation High 1hr/day; M-F, Sick Lv and Pdt Hol. \$11.47-\$12.67/Hr.
Coaches Needed:
Girls Softball
Subs Needed for:
Clerical; Student Supv Aide; Crossing guard, Inst Aides, etc.
Application Packets and Addit'l Info at District Office, 909 W. Grant Ave. or call HR/795-6103

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Site Leaders to supervise adult staff in Middle Schl. rec. program, Mon.-Fri., 12:30-7. \$14.20/hr. Apply at 1000 Kentucky St., FF 43-2tp

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RECREATION LEADERS to supervise teens in Middle School rec. program. Mon.-Fri., 1:45pm-7pm. \$11/hr. Apply at 1000 Kentucky St., FF 43-2tp

HVAC SERVICE TECH for comml. HVAC co. Exp'd. only, good pay & bnfts. Apply Energy-Lock Inc., 4960 Allison Prkwy Ste. G, Vacaville or fax resume to (707) 448-6094 or call (707) 448-8536 43-2tp

Notice of Trustees Sale

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S No. 1114940-03 APN: 049-272-08-01 TRA: LOAN NO: Xxxxxx5013 REF: Brascia, Stephen IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED March 19, 2004. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On December 18, 2007, at 09:00am, Cal-Western Reconveyance Corporation, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded March 26, 2004, as Inst. No. 2004-0011985-00 in book XX, page XX of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Yolo County, State of California, executed by Stephen L Brascia, will sell at public auction to highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state: At the rear (north) entrance to the city hall building 1110 West Capitol Avenue West Sacramento, California, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: Completely described in said deed of trust The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 26478 Capay Street Esparto CA 95627 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$23,450.40. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. For sales information: Mon-Fri 9:00am to 4:00pm (619) 590-1221. Cal-Western Reconveyance Corporation, 525 East Main Street, P.O. Box 22004, El Cajon, CA 92022-9004 Dated: November 21, 2007 Trustee Sale Officer: Monica L. Gonzalez. (R-156343 11/22/07, 11/29/07, 12/06/07)

Public Lien Sale

Notice is here by given that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to satisfy a lien imposed on said property pursuant to section 21700 of the bus. and prof. code section 2328 of the UCC, section 535 of the penal code and provisions of the civil code. The undersigned will sell at public sale by competitive bidding on the 4th day of December 2007 at 11a.m. on the premises where said property has been stored and which is located at Beamer Street storage 1572 E. Beamer St, Woodland, CA 95776 and which consists of Misc. personal property, household, garage and yard items and misc. boxes (contents unknown) sale will begin at Beamer Street storage. All items sold as is. Where is and must be removed by 5p.m. or make arrangements with the office. Sale subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party. Terms and inspection prior to sale Beamer Street Storage Unit #

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Published November 22, 29, 2007

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NOTICE OF YOLO COUNTY SPECIAL EDUCATION LOCAL PLAN AREA (SELPA) SEEKING OUT ALL INDIVIDUALS WITH EXCEPTIONAL NEEDS, AGES 0 THROUGH 21 YEARS, INCLUDING CHILDREN NOT ENROLLED IN PUBLIC SCHOOL PROGRAM. Do you know someone with a disability that may be affecting their learning? Individuals with disabilities have a right to a free, appropriate public someone, birth through 21, who may have a physical mental, emotional, or language problem, please call your local public school of residence for assistance.

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Fictitious Business Name

FILED YOLO COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER
November 14, 2007
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Oliz Mahoulich, Deputy
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The following person(s) is/are doing business as:
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25761 Craig St. Esparto, CA 95627
Tayniska Richard 25761 Craig St. Richmond, CA 95627
This business classification is: An Individual s/Tayniska Richard

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Oliz Mahoulich, Deputy Clerk
November 22, 29, Dec. 6, 13, 2007

Fictitious Business Name

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October 22, 2007
FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK
Ava Woodard, Deputy
FBN NUMBER 2007-1073
The following person(s) is/are doing business as:
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925 North Point Pkwy, Suite 400 Alpharetta, GA 30005
LandAmerica Property Inspection Services, Inc., a Virginia corporation
This business classification is: A Corporation s/Anna M. King

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Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk
November 15, 22, 29, Dec. 6, 2007

Fictitious Business Name

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October 19, 2007
FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK
Ava Woodard, Deputy
FBN NUMBER 2007-1066
The following person(s) is/are doing business as:
Winters Tree Service
905 Suffolk Pl. Winters CA, 95694
Martin Hernandez 905 Suffolk Pl. Winters CA 95694
Rafael Prado 1041 Roosevelt Ave. Winters CA 95694
This business classification is: A general Partnership s/Martin Hernandez and Rafael Prado

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November 1, 8, 15, 22, 2007

Fictitious Business Name

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Oct 17, 2007
FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK
Linda Smith, Deputy
FBN NUMBER 2007-1054
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429 F Street Davis, CA 95616
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Summons (Family Law)

Summons (Family Law)
FILED SUPERIOR COURT COUNTY OF LAKE
July 03, 2007
MARY E. SMITH, CLERK
DIANA SELLERS, DEPUTY CLERK
FL NUMBER 204393
NOTICE TO RESPONDENT: Serena B. Cabrera-Taylor
PETITIONER'S NAME IS: FRANK T. TAYLOR
You have 20 calendar days after this Summons and Petition are served on you to file a Response (form FL-120 or FL-123) at the court and have a copy served on the petitioner. A letter or phone call will not protect you.
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NOTICE: The restraining orders on page 2 are effective against both spouses or domestic partners until the petition is dismissed, judgment is entered, or the court makes further orders. These orders are enforceable anywhere in California by any law enforcement officer who has received or seen a copy of them.

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Frank T. Taylor
P.O. Box 364
Clearlake Oaks CA 95423
Date: July 3, 2007
CLERK Mary E. Smith
DEPUTY Diana Sellers
November 8, 15, 22, 29, 2007

Notice of City Council Discussion of Potential East Abbey Street Abandonment

NOTICE OF CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION ON POTENTIAL EAST ABBEY STREET ABANDONMENT

The Winters City Council will discuss the potential abandonment of the section of East Abbey Street between Railroad Avenue and Elliot Street at a regular meeting of the City Council, beginning at 7:30 P.M. on Tuesday, November 20, 2007, in the Council Chambers, City Offices, 318 First Street, Winters, California 95694.

PROJECT LOCATION: EAST ABBEY STREET BETWEEN RAILROAD AVENUE AND ELLIOT STREET.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The section of East Abbey Street between Railroad Avenue and Elliot Street is being considered for abandonment as part of the development of the 1.823-acre block (Assessor Parcel Numbers 003-224-01, 02, 03, and 04) bordered by Railroad on the west, East Abbey on the north, Elliot on the east, and East Main Street on the south. The block has been referred to as the Main Street Village Project. If the abandonment occurs, a section of the street (south side) near the southeast corner of East Abbey and Railroad may be used for a building footprint which would extend from the existing City parking lot into a portion of East Abbey. The remainder of the street would be used for limited vehicle access and on-street public parking. The City would retain public utility and public/fire access easements for the abandoned street.

The purpose of the City Council discussion on the potential abandonment of a section of East Abbey Street is to introduce the subject to the Council and community, receive early input, and provide staff with direction on whether to start the process for a street abandonment. If you are unable to attend the November 20, 2007 City Council meeting, you may direct written comments to the City of Winters, Community Development Department, 318 First Street, Winters, CA 95694, email comments to the City at dan.sokolow@cityofwinters.org, or you may telephone (530) 795-4910, extension 112. In the event that the City Council instructs staff to start the process for abandonment of a section of East Abbey Street, one or more public hearings before the City Council at futures dates will be required before the Council can take final action on approving or rejecting the abandonment. Notice of the public hearing(s) will be provided.

Dan Sokolow – Community Development Director
Published November 15, 22, 29, 2007

Public Notice

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S No. 1114940-03 APN: 049-272-08-01 TRA: LOAN NO: Xxxxxx5013 REF: Brascia, Stephen IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED March 19, 2004. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On December 18, 2007, at 09:00am, Cal-Western Reconveyance Corporation, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded March 26, 2004, as Inst. No. 2004-0011985-00 in book XX, page XX of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Yolo County, State of California, executed by Stephen L Brascia, will sell at public auction to highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state: At the rear (north) entrance to the city hall building 1110 West Capitol Avenue West Sacramento, California, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: Completely described in said deed of trust The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 26478 Capay Street Esparto CA 95627 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$23,450.40. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. For sales information: Mon-Fri 9:00am to 4:00pm (619) 590-1221. Cal-Western Reconveyance Corporation, 525 East Main Street, P.O. Box 22004, El Cajon, CA 92022-9004 Dated: November 21, 2007 Trustee Sale Officer: Monica L. Gonzalez. (R-156343 11/22/07, 11/29/07, 12/06/07)



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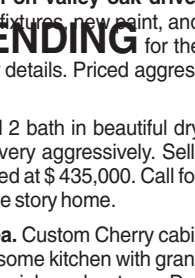
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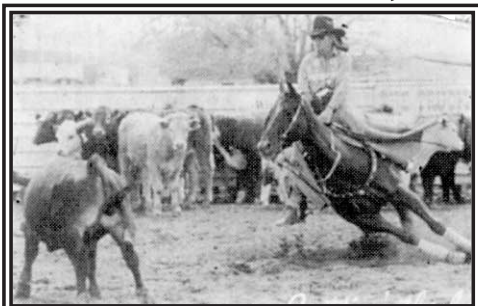
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