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It's a no-growth town

By ELLIOT LANDES
Staff writer

Years after big debates between supporters of slower growth and those supporting a faster growth rate, Winters has become a no-growth city. Only 10 permits for single-family homes were issued in the last four years. Unintentionally, the dreams of Winters slow-growth citizens have come true.

In 2004, when city staff supported approval of Granite Bay's Winters Highlands Development, which called for 443 units. Crowds of citizens showed up at council and

planning meetings, objecting to this development and others sited on previously open land with vernal pools and habitats for Swainson's hawks and burrowing owls.

Only a few years ago, developers galloped to Winters, drawn by its charm and appeal, especially as other once charming towns in the Sacramento Valley allowed malls and free-ways and big box stores to transform them. The city learned over the years to be more resistant, making more demands of developers about the quality of the

developments and the amenities the developer would bring to Winters.

All told, the city now has over 700 units approved for development, including Winters Highlands, Callahan Estates (120 units), Hudson-Ogando (72), Creekside Estates (40), Anderson Place (30) and Cottages at Carter Ranch (6).

These developers have all filed final subdivision map applications after vigorously pursuing approval at great cost. Now they are putting on the development brakes, facing a credit crunch and a real estate slow-down. When it will end,

no one knows.

The development process for controversial projects includes many elements, but the development agreement (DA) is the contract that spells out what extras the developer will offer for the permission to build, known as "entitlement."

The DA with Granite Bay includes considerable costs related to direct impacts, like water wells and expanding the sewage treatment plant. In the rush of the booming market, Granite Bay also agreed to a grocery



Photo by Elliot Landes

Despite what the sign says, construction will not begin in 2007. The development agreement with Granite Bay Holdings actually calls for 69 homes to be built in the first phase of Winters Highlands, starting in September 2006. Granite Bay put the office trailer, seen in the background, on the site last year. It has never been used.

Book chronicles Spanish immigrants' history in Winters

By DEBRA LO GUERCIO
Express editor

Gloria Lopez says she's always had an appreciation for history, which may be what prompted her to collect and document a local history that had been overlooked — that of the Spanish immigrants in the Winters community. She says that although much has been written about Winters history, very little of it mentions the Spaniards. Lopez sought to correct that.

"I was waiting for someone else to do it, to be honest, but no one did," she says. "I decided it was time. I decided to tell our story."

Her own family story is typical of many featured in her book and DVD, "An American Paella." Her mother's side of the family was on the first ship to leave Spain in 1907 for the Hawaiian Island to work in the sugar cane fields. Her father's side immigrated via Ellis Island a few years after that.

Like many of the Spaniards who labored in Hawaii, Lopez' relatives were still searching for something more.

"They were still on a journey

to find a better life and didn't quite find it in Hawaii. But they still wanted something better than what they had in Spain."

Not willing to return to the poverty they'd known in their homeland, many of the Spaniards in Hawaii had heard about California and headed to the mainland, to the port of San Francisco.

"California sounded good, like the land of opportunity; the land of gold."

She says her grandfather arrived here just after the San Francisco earthquake and told stories of camping in tents on Nob Hill for housing because the area still hadn't been rebuilt. Many of these early settlers took jobs in factories, which were plentiful in San Francisco. Others kept moving to the valley, seeking agricultural work, often as laborers.

Here in Winters, Lopez says many of the Spanish agricultural laborers worked for Pioneer families. Ironically, over the years, these laborers went on to purchase the very same



Photo by Debra Lo Guercio

Gloria Lopez' new book, "An American Paella," and its accompanying DVD chronicle the experience and contributions of Spanish immigrants in the Winters community.

Auditors give district an 'A'

By ELLIOT LANDES
Staff writer

It was time for the annual audit report at the Dec. 6 school board meeting and David Becker from Perry-Smith Accountants, LLP, gave the district and Chief Business Officer Gloria Hahn an almost perfect score. The 77 page report covered district finances for the fiscal year that ended June 30 and was written in more or less plain English.

The report showed government revenues of \$18.8 million and expenses of \$17.3 million. Capital assets were \$15.7 million. Capital projects included the completed \$97,927 softball field at Shirley Rominger School and \$50,888 for the restructuring move of the Wolfskill program to the John Clayton site and preparing Waggoner Elementary for the move of kindergarten to that site.

Works in process at the close of the fiscal year included the new pool, to which the district contributed \$250,000, as well as project management. Also in process was (and is) the design of the city-school-county joint-use library to be built at the high school site.

According to the report, district assets increased and liabilities decreased, with the result of a net asset increase of \$2,968,136, or 24.4 percent.

Becker said there were almost no objections raised in their audit of the districts' books, with the exception of a few items caused by the county being behind in its reconciliations. There was one small miscount of ADA (attendance) noted, in the case of an independent study contract that was incorrectly completed.

"I do want to compli-

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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
Dec. 5	.04	59	44
Dec. 6	.03	68	47
Dec. 7	1.72	54	47
Dec. 8		63	39
Dec. 9		56	42
Dec. 10		60	33
Dec. 11		63	34

Rain for week: 1.79
Season's total: 4.69
Last year to date: 3.01
Average to Dec. 11: 5.42

Seven public hearings on next council agenda

The Winters City Council will tackle seven public hearings in addition to its other agenda items at the next council meeting, planned for Tuesday, Dec. 18, at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall. The following items are on the agenda:

Presentation of executive P.O.S.T. (Police Officer Standard Training) certificate to Chief of Police Bruce Muramoto.

~ Public hearing regarding an addition to the Winters Municipal Code to establish provisions for commercial

condominium conversion.

~ Public hearing regarding street closure and encroachment permit for the Granite Bay Holdings commercial project, located at the southeast corner of Grant Avenue and East Street, west of Subway and north of the Winters II apartment complex. Applicant: Larry J. John and/or D. Rick Cheney.

~ Approval of resolution approving execution of an amended and restated Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement re-

lating to the California Statewide Communities Development Authority; and Public hearing and adoption of resolution authorizing the issuance of tax-exempt revenue bonds by the California Statewide Communities Development Authority in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$5 million to assist in financing the acquisition and rehabilitation of the Almondwood Apartments

~ Public hearing and



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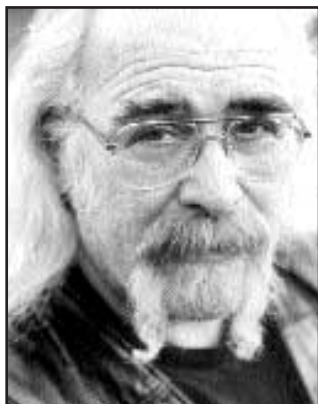
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OBITUARIES

Dennis “Izzy” Isbell



Dennis “Izzy” Isbell

Dennis M. “Izzy” Isbell, a member of the Sacramento-area motorcycle and recovery community, died of cancer at his home in Davis on Dec. 2, 2007 surrounded by family and friends. He was 62.

Born May 24, 1945 in San Francisco, he lived in Alaska for 49 years before moving to Davis in 2001. He served in the military between 1967-69, operated heavy equipment on the Alaska pipeline and worked as a civil servant at the Eielson Air Force Base in Fairbanks.

An avid Harley rider, he loved California’s year-round riding season. Described as a role model for scores of young men in recovery, he celebrated 21 years clean on April 8, 2007.

Family members say he wished to thank everyone who was part of his recovery journey. He is survived by his wife, Maggie; mother, Deede; children, Melissa, Jeremiah and Wendy; grandchildren, Riley and Taden; and brothers, Steve, John, Ayden, Bob, Dan, Greg, Barry, Tim and Lee.

Weekly police report

Dec. 1

~ On the 800 block of Carrion Circle, forcible entry was gained to a vehicle and property was stolen. Damage and loss: \$290.

Dec. 2

~ On the 400 block of Baker Street, parties were involved in a civil dispute.

Dec. 3

~ Jennifer Lynn Michael, 45, of Winters was driving westbound on East Grant Avenue. Jaime Quezada, 30, of Winters had pulled out into the westbound lane north roadway edge of East Grant Avenue heading west. As Michael approached Quezada’s vehicle, Quezada made a u-turn across the westbound lane in front of Michael, causing the vehicles to collide.

Dec. 4

~ Rolando Arismendez, 33, of Winters was arrested on an outstanding Solano County Sheriff felony bench warrant charging him with failure to appear on previous charge of possessing a controlled substance. Arismendez was also arrested on an outstanding Davis Police Department felony bench warrant charging him with transporting a controlled substance, possessing a controlled substance for sale, possessing a controlled substance and driving with a suspended/revoked driver’s license. Arismendez was booked

at the Winters Police Department and transported to the Yolo County Jail for incarceration.

~ Joann Nichelini Meyer, 53, of Winters was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol and driving over a double yellow line. Blood alcohol content results: .22/.24. Meyer was booked at the Winters Police Department and released to a sober adult on a notice to appear.

Dec. 5-6

~ On the 400 block of Edwards Street, a purse and its contents were stolen from an unlocked vehicle. Loss: \$185.

Dec. 7

~ Mann Love Davis, 19, of Winters was arrested for being a minor in possession of alcohol. Davis was booked at the Winters Police Department and released on a notice to appear.

Dec. 8

~ On the 200 block of Emery Street, parties were involved in a family dispute.

Dec. 9

~ Ricardo Ponce-Magana, 18, of Winters was issued a notice to appear for being an unlicensed driver and failing to provide proof of insurance.

~ Jorge Silva-Ramirez, 23, of Winters was issued a notice to appear for being an unlicensed driver and having a vehicle multi-beam headlamp out of adjustment.

Fire department report

Dec.3

~ Vehicle accident, Railroad and East Street; no injury.

~ Medical aid, 300 Block of Grant Avenue; unknown medical problem.

Dec.4

~ Medical aid, 200 Block of Anderson Avenue; high fever.

~ Medical aid, 700 block of Apricot Avenue; victim of a fall.

Dec.5

~ Medical aid, 200 Block of Anderson Avenue; unknown medical problem.

~ Medical aid, 700 block Taylor Street; victim of a fall.

Dec. 7

~ Medical aid, 400 block of First Street; possible stroke.

YESTERYEAR



File Photo

Bill Cody, left, and Bill Ramos stand beside the heads and antlers of seven mule deer killed on a hunting trip to Montana in November 1975. The two Bills were part of a five man team, which also included Bob Pisani, Sam Biasi and Dan Martinez, who left Winters on November 15 and returned November 26. The deer are mounted on the back of a trailer which carried the four snowmobiles the hunters used on the trip.

50
YEARS AGO

December 26, 1957

In a father-son football banquet held at John’s Club Wednesday night, Bill Ramos received the Lions Club trophy as the outstanding player on the Winters Warrior football team.

Harry Sattazahn and daughter, Sandra will leave by plane from San Francisco on New Year’s eve for Redding, Pennsylvania, where they will visit his mother, Mrs. Mabel Curley.

Home for the Christmas holidays from Stanford University are Barry Bellport and George Wren; from University of California at Berkeley, John Brinck and Carol Merchant.

Driving to Merced last weekend for a pre-Christmas visit with Mr. and Mrs. Bud Williams were Mr. and Mrs. Perry Clark and family and Mrs. Gay Morgan and family.

Members of the family to dine Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Martinez of the Wolfskill district are Mr. and Mrs. Chris Gertz, Donna Christine and Denise Darlene of San Francisco; Mr. and Mrs. Tony Garcia, Dennie, Ronnie, Richard and Allan of Dixon; Mr. and Mrs. Rudy George and Tommy; Mr. and Mrs. Chris Martinez and Frankie Martinez.

65
YEARS AGO

December 25, 1942

Rice Brothers report the sale of the Elmore Pearse residence property on Baker Street between First and Second to Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Ruggles. The new owners have already occupied the property and have leased their ranch in Olive District.

Rive Brothers also report the sale of the Clarence Smith orchard in the Wolfskill 1000-acre tract to Mr. and Mrs. Miguel G. Martin of San Francisco.

Foss Moore, in Army service at Ft. Bliss, Texas, was at home this week. He had a two weeks leave, and plans to return Monday. Yolo Briggs in U.S. Army stationed near Fresno is at home on holiday ten-day leave.

Sydney Dunsmore arrived for a week’s leave with his parents, from Camp Rucker, Alabama. He has been in the Army for more than two years without a visit home.

Mr. and Mrs. A.R. Gale and children are Christmas dinner guests with Mrs. Gale’s mother, Mrs. John Dowdall in Sonoma.

Dr. And Mrs. W.J. Blevins Jr. and children and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Graeser and daughter of Woodland will be holiday dinner guests with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.B. Young.

100
YEARS AGO

December 27, 1907

Miss Mary Vasey, Margaret Ish and Edna Dexter came home from their schools to spend the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. A.P. Popes came up from the city Tuesday evening to spend the Christmas holidays with her sister, Mrs. Clarence Scott and other relatives.

H.E. and Chester Sackett went to Alameda Sunday to spend Christmas with the B.R. Sacketts. Chester expects to stay a week or more.

Dr. and Mrs. F.W. Anderson went to Santa Rosa Tuesday morning where the Anderson family will have a family reunion Christmas day.

Funeral rites were held Sunday, Dec. 22, for Judge Lorenzo Moody who died Friday, aged 82. Moody was justice of the peace in Buckeye in 1862 and served in the same office in Winters for two terms. He was appointed postmaster by President Grant and served 11 years.

The cannery did a big business in olives this week and Tuesday sent 80 packages by express to fill Christmas orders.

Berryessa drops .05 of a foot

The level of Lake Berryessa dropped by .05 of a foot during the past week with a reduction in storage of 920 acre feet of water, according to Mickey Faulkner of the Solano Irrigation District.

He reported Tuesday morning that the lake was 419.13 feet above sea level with storage computed at 1,220,942 acre feet of water.

The SID is diverting 30 second feet of water into the Putah South Canal and 30 second feet is flowing in Putah Creek at the Diversion Dam. Evaporation on Lake Berryessa averaged 33 acre feet of water per day during the week.

Support offered for families

The Compassionate Friends is a nondenominational, nonprofit support group for parents and families whose children have died. They meet regularly on the third Wednesday of the month. The next meeting takes place on Dec. 19, from 7:30-9 p.m. at Yolo Hospice, 1909 Galileo Court, in Davis.

Call Barbara or Tom Frankel for more information, 753-5471 or 759-7865.

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YEARS AGO

December 24, 1892

C.L. DeVilbiss, a prominent farmer of this section was in town Thursday.

C.W. Scott of Citrona passed up the road on Monday morning’s train, on his way home from a week’s stay in San Francisco. Mr. Scott said that while in the city he posed as a Democrat, and became quite popular in consequence.

The gauge at the depot registers 5 inches of rain for the twenty-four hours ending at 7 o’clock this morning, 6.06 for the storm and 20.07 for the season. At the same date last season the total rainfall amounted to only 2.23 inches.

The telephone between Monticello and Winters is temporarily mute. J.G. Gimney, who lives in Putah Canyon, was felling a tree, and it fell across and broke the wire.

The district school trustees held a meeting last Wednesday evening and elected T.J. Crane of Capay principal, in place of L. H. Grunig, and Miss Kate Johnson teacher of the second intermediate department, in place of Miss Della Dunton, resigned.

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Opinion



DEBRA LO QUERCIO BECAUSE I SAY SO

OKAY, NOW WE ALL KNOW that we can't name Teddy bears Muhammad. Two weeks ago, we didn't have a clue. Who would've thought that doing so, even completely innocently, could ignite mass hysteria and calls for beheading?

Although cooler heads finally prevailed, and Muslim leaders in several countries objected to the Sudanese uproar, and British school teacher Gillian Gibbons was finally released without harm from prison (Prison!), the incident illustrates the source of much tension between Muslims and non-Muslims: mystery.

Muslim sensitivities are, quite simply, mysteries to most non-Muslims. We don't really know what sets them off until it's too late. And when it is too late, they want our heads! Over a Teddy bear!

Non-Muslims just can't wrap their brains around killing someone over a cartoon or a toy. When we kill someone, it's for a really good reason, like a Super Bowl game or wearing a red bandana in the wrong neighborhood or for scowling at you while passing you in the fast lane.

Ahem.
Here's a switch: How about a call for Muslims to try and understand non-Muslims for a change. For starters, we just don't get it. Honestly, we mean no disrespect to the Prophet Muhammad. We have difficulty grasping the hair-trigger touchiness surrounding the portrayal of the Prophet Muhammad because we see Jesus Christ portrayed everywhere, from lunchboxes to bobbleheads. We don't understand what the big deal is.

From a non-Muslim perspective, Muslims like those demanding a beheading over the naming of a toy elevate the notion of "thin-skinned" to a level for which non-Muslims have no frame of reference. Again, we don't get it. Where Muslims see "offense," non-Muslims see "Huh?"

Outside the U.S., Muslims seem ready to pounce upon any and every "insult," even if no such insult was ever intended. For non-Muslims, it's like walking through land mines. Blindfolded. One false step and you're toast. Which brings us back to that "mystery."

Suppose I'm an otherwise peaceful, sweet-natured person. But I have a hot button: Flamingos. Mention flamingos and I'll go stark-raving berserk and slit your throat from ear to ear. But I won't warn you of that in advance. If you happen to say "flamingo" in my presence, hey, sucks to be you, doesn't it. One more note: the same thing happens if you say "popcorn" or "wheelbarrow." And a few other words too. Wanna be my friend?

Most non-Muslims don't mean to offend Muslims or insult Islam. But if Muslims don't communicate about what they find offensive, in advance, we'll keep finding out by accident. OK, no cartoons about Muhammad, no toys named Muhammad. We've got that down. Could Muslims please spell out to the entire list of offenses and remove the mystery once and for all?

As for the Great Teddy Bear Fracas, some good came out of it, but you might not have realized it. Muslim leaders in several countries objected to the uproar, which sadly got far less coverage than stories and photos of Sudanese Muslims rioting like rabid animals. If only the objections from American Muslims made as many headlines as the uproar itself. Because they existed, but the entertainment corporations that pass themselves off as news media likely figured that rational objection wouldn't get nearly the ratings that shrieking, scary Sudanese Muslims would.

At least one American Muslim leader objected to the uproar, but I didn't find that out on the evening news. Someone forwarded me his essay from the Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR) website. There, Ibrihim Hooper writes, "Given the ongoing controversy over the jailing of British teacher Gillian Gibbons in the Sudan for 'insulting Islam,' perhaps it is time to remind us all how the Prophet himself reacted to insults, both real and perceived.

"Even if Ms. Gibbons had the intent to cause insult, which does not seem to be the case, Islamic traditions include a number of instances in which the Prophet had the opportunity to retaliate against those who abused him, but refrained from doing so. 'You do not do evil to those who do evil to you, but you deal with them with forgiveness and kindness.' (Sahih Al-Bukhari)...

"This week's unfortunate incident in the Sudan points to the need for an increased level of dialogue between ordinary people in the Muslim world and the West."

Mr. Hooper is absolutely correct. Dialogue — not violence — is our only hope for peaceful co-existence. But before Muslims and non-Muslims can have that dialogue, Muslims must first warn us, "Don't say flamingos."

ERIKA PADILLA



LETTERS

Thank you to all involved

Dear Editor,

I was reminded of one of the reasons I like living in Winters when, last Tuesday evening, the traditional Winters High School winter concert and honoring of Youth of the Year took place.

Amy Cross is the perfect recipient this year and it was fun to see her honored by the City Parks and Recreation Department, Mayor Woody Fridae, and all of the students in the room.

The merchants that gave gifts so generously this year are to be thanked as well as the judges who read the letters of nomination: Ace Hardware, Aura Day Spa & Salon, Buckhorn Catering, Camille's, Close Quarters, Cody's, Eagle Drug, El Pueblo, Fi-

celle's, First Northern Bank, Pardehesa Store, Pizza Factory, Ron Riesner, D.D.S., Round Table Pizza, Steady Eddy's, Subway and the Winters Express.

The City of Winters has supported this award for 10 years now and I thank them for that. The honorees from present-to-past are: Amy Cross, Nathanael Lucero, Andrew Fridae, the FFA Judging Team, Christina Avellar, Erica Ceja, Jennifer Little, Brandi Vigil and Christina Bolla.

Those wonderful smiling faces of the musicians and singers, led by Tania Mannion, made spirits light in their gift of music; thank you all too.

THERESA FOSTER

If only you'd been there

Dear Editor,

I wish you could have seen them: Emily Loreda with her shorts on inside out for good luck; Angelica Arellano streaking down the field after the ball like it had just stolen her cell phone; and a sideline full of parents bundled up like suburban Eskimos against the early morning South San Francisco chill.

I wish you could have seen the girls play with such pride for their little town in the big AYSO Section 2 Tournament this weekend (Next year the tournament organizers hope to get the team from Oregon to show.)

If you had been there, you would have seen our girls come from behind 2-0

in one game to end in a 3-3 tie. You would have seen Olivia Orosco drill the ball into the net from outside the penalty box; you would have been amazed as Sarah Kimes heaved throw-ins 20 yards down the field. And, you would wonder how Ellie Kreun can dribble the ball so well with that gigantic smile on her face the whole time.

It was a weekend Marlen Guzman, Morgan Olivas, Sofia Evanoff, Claire Penzel, Allie Reynoso, Jessica Sanchez, Sierra Hamertter, and Cassidy Seese will never forget. And me. I was lucky enough to be called "coach."

RODNEY OROSCO

Stop the next war before it starts

Dear Editor,

Are you tired of billions of our tax dollars going to fight a futile war? Then help stop the next war before it starts.

For months, President Bush has been threatening to take military action against Iran for what he said was its nuclear weapons threat. Now the new National Intelligence Estimate reports that Iran stopped its nuclear weapons program in 2003.

President Bush claims he only learned about this last week. But his own National Security Adviser Stephen Hadley told the Washington Post that "Bush was first told in August or September about

intelligence indicating Iran had halted its weapons program." He has been ignoring this intelligence while recklessly pushing us closer toward war with Iran, just as he did with Iraq.

We can't afford to let Bush and Cheney start another disastrous war. Congress must act now and make it clear that President Bush has no authority to strike Iran. Contact Congressman Mike Thompson at 662-5272 or email him through his website (mikethompson.house.gov) and let him know how you stand before it's too late.

DIANE CARY

Thanks for many happy memories

Dear Editor,

I want to thank you for the years of joy reading the Winters Express brought to my father and mother-in-law, Jim and Naoma (Sidwell) Rollins.

Mom was a native of Monticello and Dad moved there at a very young age. They were both 1940 graduates of Winters High School and had a grand time at the big "reunion" a few years ago. Through their marriage at the beginning of WWII, two children (David and Kathlene)

and eventually a move to Sacramento in the late 1950's, they continued to subscribe to the Winters Express.

Dad passed away in October 2006 and Mom is now a resident of Sunrise Nursing Home in Roseville. My husband Dave and I now own the family home in Sacramento and we, too, have enjoyed the pictures from the past.

Thanks again for many happy memories and the best of luck in the years to come.

JENNIE ROLLINS



CHARLES R. WALLACE A QUICK OPINION

YOCHA-DE-HA. I'm not sure what that means, but I think it means great golf course. I invited myself along last Saturday to the new golf course at Cache Creek Resort Casino. Some of the locals received invitations, for two, to play a complimentary round at the new course. Winters must not be considered local.

I overheard Jean Chevalier talking to Dennis Hiramatsu about playing a round at the new course, so I finagled an invitation for Mayor Fridae and myself. Woody, Dennis and I play golf most Sunday mornings and I figured we might as well play at Cache Creek if Jean could get another set of tickets. It took a couple of weeks to put the outing together but Jean called and we were off.

Saturday was a little windy in Winters, but I didn't see any frost, so it shouldn't be too bad. I did put on long underwear, just in case. We arrived at the Casino and waited for a shuttle ride to the course, which is in the hills between the hotel/casino and Cache Creek. We were told that there was a frost delay of about an hour, so just relax, enjoy the complimentary coffee, tea, breakfast rolls, sandwiches, etc. When they say a complimentary round of golf, they mean a complimentary day at their place.

The Rumsey Band of Wintun the Tribe bought something like 800 acres around the reservation for the golf course and other amenities. According to their new golf pro, Rusty, imported from Arizona, they plan to charge somewhere in the \$85 range for golf with a cart. After playing the course that seems reasonable if not cheap.

The driving range is on the side of a hill with beautiful views. I almost felt guilty taking divots (chopping holes in the new grass) but when was I going to get the chance to hit golf balls off new grass that had never seen a golf club. The clubhouse is still on the drawing board but will look over the 18th green when it's completed.

Once the wind blew the frost away, we took our turn at the first tee. You stand on a hill looking down at a lot of green grass, white sand traps, native grasses and hills that should be turning green by now. The course was built by Brad Bell and runs mostly north, into the wind. Mr. Bell must not be familiar with the area or he would have built all of the holes heading south.

Hole number 2 wasn't finished, but we drove along the cart path and admired the water features, plenty of lakes, waterfalls and ducks. The drink cart came by and offered us a beverage of our choice, along with the normal snacks, all on the house. I volunteered to pay for the first round.

Woody commented that the golf carts are so new that they still have the little rubber whiskers on the tires. The new ice chests are so tight it was hard to open them to get to the ice and bottled water. We didn't need the ice. The wind was picking up and the temperature was falling, fast.

It took a long time to play, but I don't think that is was the course's fault. We walked most of the course, carts were allowed on paved paths only because of the rain the day before. It is long and wide and I didn't seem to hit my ball by the cart path very often.

The 7,300 yard, par 72, course would be hard enough without 50 mile per hour wind gusts, but we played on. The greens are exceptionally large, undulating and fast. There are some challenging holes and a few easier ones, but it is a tough course, built in the hills and vineyards. It is a beautiful valley and a beautiful course. There are 4 different tee boxes set up for different skill levels of golfers.

If you like to golf and can get past the casino, give this course a try. Mention my name and they will let you hit two balls off the first tee.

Have a good week.

Policy for Letters to the Editor

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"I am tough, ambitious, and I know what I want. If that makes me a bitch, okay. I can throw a fit, I am a master at it."

-Madonna

"When I am alone I am not aware of my race or my sex, both in need of social context for definition."

-Maxine Hong Kingston

Adams Lane has holiday spirit

Dear Editor,

Who needs Candy Cane Lane when we have Adams Lane. Take a drive down Adams Lane (off of Valley Oak), the only street in town that it really lit up with Christmas lights. Almost every

house on that street is decorated with Christmas Lights. It would be great for more people to go out and see how nice it looks. That street is very well illuminated.

ERIKA PADILLA

BOOK

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Pioneer land and farm it themselves. She says these early Spanish farmers were savvy about keeping up with changes in the agricultural market and like other Spanish immigrants, saw the importance of educating themselves about everything from farming to finances, and valued a strong work ethic.

As new generations were born on American soil, the descendents of these immigrants were also encouraged to keep learning and many started attending college after finishing high school. Although they were succeeding educationally and financially, Lopez notes that with each generation, the ties to the

old country are progressively diluted. Like many other cultures, ethnicity is often lost by the third generation in a new country.

The first thing they lose when they immigrate is the language. The last thing they lose is the food,” says Lopez. “That’s why food is still really important to us.”

She notes that many of the local Spaniards learned their traditional dishes from their mothers and grandmothers and, ironically, when the new generations visit Spain, they discover that these dishes are often no longer made in the old traditions. People just buy the food at the market.

Going back to visit the country of their ancestors is important to American Spaniards, she says.

“It’s the full cycle of the immigrant, from leaving home, to the second, third and fourth generations going back to Spain. It’s a cycle of leaving as Spaniards and returning as Americans.”

Lopez’ family history is just one of many in the Winters community, and she decided to compile a representation of this history in “An American Paella.” She videotaped a grueling 87 interviews, which can all be seen on the DVD, and selected excerpts from each to be included in the book.

“It’s their voices, even if it’s bad grammar. It’s everything,” says Lopez.

Besides recording a slice of history, Lopez says she decided to write the book because “it’s important to note the contributions of the Spaniards to the commu-

nity of Winters.” She points out that Spaniards have been involved in everything from the schools to the city to local service groups over the years, and that Spaniards founded many of the familiar businesses here in town, such as Lorenzo’s Market, Berryessa Gap Vineyards, Ficelle and Carbahal & Co.

Writing the book was a satisfying experience for Lopez, who teaches culture and diversity courses at Sacramento City College, because teaching these classes helped her to “cement my identity.”

“I knew being Spanish was an important part of me.”

Recording all these histories, as well as her own “helps keep the memories alive,” she adds.

“If you don’t write the

memories down, they’re lost. That’s what history is—memories.”

“An American Paella” was such a labor of love, Lopez decided to self-publish the book because she wanted to retain total control of its contents and ensure a high-quality publication. The book is hard-bound, and features off-set printing and hand-sewn bindings, and she commissioned a musician to do the original background music on the DVD. The book and DVD are available at Ficelle and Berryessa Gap, and directly from the author by calling 795-2242.

Lopez teaches family and consumer science at Sacramento City College. She lives in rural Winters with her husband, Mike Autry. They have two children, Erin, 29 and Brett, 27.

Winters Putah Creek group to meet Dec. 17

The Winters Putah Creek Committee will meet on Monday, Dec. 17, in the council chambers at City Hall, 318 First Street. The agenda includes the Winters Stewardship Committee, the Master Plan and Proposition 12 grant projects schedule. Any interested resident is welcome to attend.

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SCHOOLS

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ment Mary Kay (Call-away) and Gloria — they do a fantastic job,” said Becker. “You guys should count yourselves lucky to have people who are so conscientious and diligent in what they do. They give us constant communication throughout the year and it makes our job so much easier.”

Trustee Rodney Orosco asked about one-time funds that added to the general fund surplus. Becker said the state provides funds for mandated costs in an unpredictable way and this year the funding actually came in, which should be considered a one-time bonus, because “you can’t tell when it will happen again.”

“I really appreciated the report,” commented Trustee Jay Shepherd. “It was unusually easy to read and very informative.”

The report was moved and approved unanimously.

Public Comment

Teacher Dave Paratore spoke during the public comment period.

“There’s a disconnect between teachers and how things are decided,” said Paratore. “It’s my feeling that teachers are very underutilized and administrators are sometimes under-informed. Many teachers have great knowledge and experience that isn’t being used adequately. I’m concerned that many administrators are new and are not using the resources we have, pulling things off the shelf, instead of talking with the teachers.”

Paratore also said the new approach to special means more special ed students in the classes, which is providing “extreme challenges and opportunities.

“Teachers have been often left out on their own to try to deal with these problems, with no support from their administrator. The admin-

istration is responding at a glacial pace, in trying to figure out how to make this work.

“These are huge issues to us, just as much as the restructuring and money issues are to you. They are big issues right now and need to be dealt with right now.”

ELL

English Learner Coordinator Emilie Simmons introduced a draft Title III Year Four Action Plan for English Language Learners (ELL). The Winters ELL students did meet the No Child Left Behind first and second tests, but they did not meet the third test, which calls for students in the district five years or longer to meet grade-level standards in the California Standards Test (CST).

As a result, the California Department of Education required the district to present an action plan. The plan Simmons presented identifies findings, analyzes causes for the problems, and proposes remedies and objectives. The plan offers timelines and calls for a number of focused instructional development programs in five different areas, along with counseling from an outside consultant.

“No there are no extra funds for this,” said Simmons, of the plan’s costs.

“When are we supposed to implement this?” asked trustee Rob Nickelson.

“We are already doing it,” answered Simmons.

Kindergarten teacher Kim Holsberry read a statement, discussing instructional programs that took place in kindergarten before last year’s site change.

“Kinder has the highest number of non-English speakers,” said Holsberry. “These meetings and in-services are not new to me, said Holsberry, referring to items in the action plan. “We were doing these things at Clayton before we were moved to Waggoner. For the three years I was at Clayton,

under Pam’s leadership, these things were in place.

“And then we moved to Clayton. Three of our six teachers did not return, which meant three new teachers. Those teachers required extra support.”

At this point, Superintendent Dale Mitchell interrupted, objecting to Holsberry’s subject being different from the agenda item.

“Most of your comments have nothing to do with that,” said Mitchell. “Unless we’re going to violate the Brown Act, your comments have to be limited to Title III and ELL.”

“I think this is about the ELL program,” said Holsberry, “but I will defer to Dale.” At this moment she left the meeting.

Trustee Rob Nickelson asked if the board could make a motion to allow her comments.

“She’s not going to respond now,” answered her husband Dave Paratore.

Later in the meeting, during the “governance” discussion of board performance, Orosco asked if there was some way to have not given the impression of cutting Holsberry off.

“Is there some way we could have asked her to get to the ELL portion of her statement?” asked Orosco. “She was quite upset.”

“She was going too far afield,” said Trustee President Mary Jo Rodolfa. “I was trying to suggest she stick to the agenda item, but it is an emotional issue for her and I don’t think she was ready to hear that.”

“Maybe we should have more signs on the yellow sheet, clarifying to people the need to stick to the agenda item, because of the Brown Act,” said Trustee Rick Romney.

“She could have made her comments during public input,” said Rodolfa, “as Dave did.”

Mitchell said he would invite Holsberry by email to return and make her comments dur-

ing the public input portion of the meeting.

Head Start

Trustees unanimously voted to support the Superintendent’s plan to look into moving a portable, located at the old Wolfskill site, to the John Clayton Educational Center, to provide a space for a Head Start Program in Winters. The cost will be \$62,000, with Winters paying \$20,000.

“It would be a cool thing if we could get away with this that cheaply,” said Rodolfa.

Nickelson asked if a space is available at Waggoner. Mitchell answered no, not an acceptable space.

Recognitions

It was Waggoner School’s turn to present at this meeting and Principal Pam Scheeline recognized and presented plaques to students, Joey Weatherwax and Daniel Navarette.

“This is Daniel Navarette,” said Scheeline, “and he waters our rose bushes. He’s been given lots of different things to do and he always does them with grace. He’s a hard worker and an excellent student.

“I was moved by Joey’s writing and wanted to meet him,” said Scheeline of Joey Weatherwax. “It turns out I had already met him — he serves lunches at school. He is the student you dream of having. He is polite, a good student and he is well respected by everyone.

“Mr. Weatherwax is at school often, lugging Joey’s trombone,” said Scheeline,” recognizing parent Kirt Weatherwax with a plaque. “He’s been a great supporter of our school and we are always happy to see him.”

Next meeting

School board meetings are open to the public and the next board meeting is scheduled for Dec. 13, at 6 p.m. in the Walnut Room at the district office, 901 Grant Avenue.

Who’s who at City Hall

By JUSTIN COX
Staff writer



CAROL SCIANNA
Management Analyst

Management Analyst Carol Scianna moved to Winters in 1980 with her husband and 9-month-old daughter. Having grown up in San Jose, she had no family or friends in the area.

“We moved here with no jobs, knowing no one, and bought a 100-year-old house,” she says.

The Sciannas found Winters by drawing a circle with a 30-mile radius on a map around the city of Sacramento. The plan was to find a nice place to raise their children without living too far away from the city, where they figured they’d be commuting for work.

“My husband ended up getting a job at Ace (Hardware),” she says. “Then he was hired by the school district and is now retired after 27 years.”

Scianna never had to leave the city for work either, describing her current daily travel demands as a “one block commute.”

“I later went back to school and finished my B.A., which I’d started 20 years before,” she says. She attended UC Davis for one year and got her degree in sociology.

She was hired by the city in June 2004 as an administrative assistant/recycling coordinator. The position was expected to be temporary, to fill in for an employee on maternity leave. One month into the job, the director quit and Scianna was left to handle much of the job’s de-

mands on her own.

“It was sort of trial by fire,” she says of the experience, which she believes helped prepare her for the increased responsibility of her current position.

She has been the city’s management analyst for about a year and also serves as liaison to the Putah Creek Committee and the Waste Management (recycling program). She is part of a six-person public works crew whose job is to maintain and monitor the city’s sewers, water, storm drains, parks and city buildings.

“The crew is wonderful,” she says. “They work independently and do a very good job.”

Scianna is quite involved in the community, having worked with the Winters Friends of the Library for about ten years and served as their president last year.

She was the first in her family to move to Winters, followed shortly after by her parents. Her daughter is currently raising three children in town and her son lives just 10 miles up the road.

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list of such things as \$75,000 for the new library, \$100,000 for environmental programs, \$100,000 for development of Putah Creek Park, \$50,000 for high school cafeteria improvements, \$3 million for a new sports park and \$1.25 million for the new swimming pool, the last of which Granite Bay has already paid.

“We need to be closer to getting some revenue from the development, before we can afford more of these projects,” said Tyler Wade, development manager for Granite Bay.

The DA also includes time lines for development. In the DA with Granite Bay, Phase I of five phases calls for 69 homes to be built in the year starting September 2006, with numbers specified for four more phases, and limitations on rolling numbers of unbuilt homes from one phase to the next. Clearly, this time line is not being followed, with similar time lines failing in the Callahan and Hudson-Ogando project DAs.

The three developments planned for the open space area west of the end of Niemann and Anderson streets, Winters Highlands, Callahan and Hudson-Ogando, are linked by the need for improvements that will serve all of them, such as completion of well #7 at West Main and Grant, the continuation of Main, Anderson, and Niemann streets through the area, and expansion of the sewer treatment system.

The first to build may have to build facilities for all, and then collect costs from the next, in a process known as “oversizing.” This process can create a house of cards effect. As long as all the developers delay their start dates equally, it should work out. If one developer chooses not to proceed, real problems could result.

Smaller projects not connected to that property, like Eva and Jan Brzeski’s 30 unit Anderson Place, may be delayed as well, awaiting more water supply and sewer treatment capacity. The Brzeskis are offering the 26,000 square foot Hahn and Feeney building on their property for rent, though it is scheduled for tear down for the development.

The national real estate sales slowdown is affecting planning in towns like Winters across the country. The effects are even more profound in areas, like Winters, that saw extraordinary property value increases in the years 2000 to 2004. The impact is being felt strongly in the Winters school district, with expected developer school impact fees evaporating as developers delay and school enrollment continues its decline. In 2008, school enrollment

is expected to be 15 percent less than in 2000, a significant drop, an ongoing crisis for the school district and its ability to deliver programs.

The impacts will soon be felt in the city economy as well.

“Our finances will become precarious,” said City Manager John Donlevy, asked about the next few years, “if we see no development into 2010. We may have to look at cuts.”

This year and next, the city will be using some reserves to balance the budget.

Adding to the difficulty is the uncertainty, because it is impossible to predict when the real estate market will come around. Some experts talk about a turn around this year. Others say homes may be worth, five years from now, about what they are today.

Not all cities depend on real estate development for funding projects, but Winters has been popular with developers throughout the real estate boom years of the late 90’s and the early two thousands, and the city became accustomed to developer fees filling in for a lack of other sources of commercial income.

Property tax income in a post-Proposition 13 world is disappointing, despite high real estate values, returning only 17 percent to the city, because of political machinations at the state level.

Sales tax can be a good source of city funding, particularly in cities like Vacaville with highway commercial sales and “big box” stores. Winters’ retail sales per square foot are dismal, putting it in the eleventh percentile of California cities, behind some cities that don’t even have a commercial district, according to Donlevy.

The Winters City Council and city staff are looking for ways to boost commerce in Winters, to increase employment and to build sales tax revenue. The city fire and police departments are understaffed and in mediocre facilities. The water and sewer infrastructure is aging.

The city council supports industrial and commercial development, with hopes centered on East Grant Avenue. Retailers along Highway 128 generate the greatest current sales taxes, and commercial development near the interchange offers the greatest promise for increasing this source of revenue.

Because some of the residential development projects have blown through their time lines, the DAs will have to be renegotiated. As in any renegotiation, more than the time line may be on the table, in an economic climate radically changed from when the agreements were first made, only a few short years ago.

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first reading of ordinance eliminating the existing time limit on incurring debt and amending certain time limitations with respect to the Redevelopment Plan for the Winters Community Development Agency project area, and approval of resolution electing to receive a portion of the tax increments.

~ Public hearing and consideration of the Casitas at Winters Tentative Subdivision Map. The project is a proposed rezoning and subdivision of 1.2742 acres to create five lots at a location on the north side of West Grant Avenue and east of Tomat’s (1123 West Grant). Applicant: Mark R. Power. Entitlements include rezoning from Neighborhood Commercial (C-1) to Neighborhood Commercial Planned Development Overlay (C-1 PD), Planned Development Permit for PD Overlay, and Tentative Subdivision Map.

~ Public hearing and adoption of urgency ordinance to adopt provisions of Title 15 (Buildings and Construction) of the Winters Municipal Code and to adopt selected amendments and appendixes to the California Building Codes.

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~ County Development impact fees

~ Revised project budget sheet for the 2007/08 water and sewer improvements.

~ Introduction and first reading of ordinance adding Chapter 2.68 to Title 2 of the Winters Municipal Code regarding claims against the city.

~ Fiscal Year 2007-08 budget financial adjustments.

~ Continued public hearing and consideration of Master Plan for Sports Park Facility and consideration of Master Plan for Linear Park.

~ Presentation of building, planning and public works/engineering fees project.

~ Approval of Vegetation Management Plan for the Winters Putah Creek Nature Park as presented by the Winters Putah Creek Committee.

~ Alternatives for installation of water meters.

Acting as the Community Development Agency, the council will address the following items:

~ Housing funding priorities.

~ Authorization to enter into professional services contract with PMC to prepare a hybrid Form Based Code for the Downtown Master Plan area.

~ Resolution No. 2007-64 of the Community Development Agency submitting the annual Redevelopment report to the legislative body, State Controllers Office and State Housing & Community Development Department for fiscal year ending June 30, 2007.

County librarian appointed

The Yolo County Board of Supervisors has appointed Patricia M. Wong as Yolo County Librarian. Wong will take the position currently filled by Interim County Librarian Roger Pearson. She has served with the Stockton-San Joaquin County Public Library since 2001, most recently as Deputy Director of Library Services managing the daily operation of the Central Library, 12 branches, a bookmobile and a mobile youth literacy vehicle.

“Ms. Wong comes to Yolo County at an important time,” said Chair Yamada. “We have much to do following the successful passage of the Davis Branch Library Community Facilities District Special Tax (Measure P), and as we embark on the building of new libraries in West Sacramento and Winters. We are pleased to welcome someone with her broad experi-

ence and expertise aboard.”

Prior to her tenure as Deputy Director of Library Services in the Stockton-San Joaquin County Public Library system, Wong held positions as Library Program Manager for Children’s Services in the Oakland Public Library and Supervising Librarian and Children’s Librarian for the Berkeley Public Library. She obtained her bachelors and Masters degrees in Library and Information Science from UC Berkeley. She is the co-author and/or co-editor of numerous publications, most recently California Cultural Crossroads in the California State Library, and has held a number of elected office positions in organizations such as the American Library Association, and the United States Board on Books for Young People.

Community

Winters Healthcare Foundation welcomes two more doctors

By JUSTIN COX
Staff writer

Dr. Annie Hargadon began working at the Winters Healthcare Foundation clinic earlier this summer and so far describes it as “a wonderful place to work, from the front desk of the clinic to the streets of the community.”

Her career as a doctor has taken her to a variety of towns and cities of differing sizes and characters, ultimately helping to prepare her for the slow pace of a small town like Winters. She did her undergraduate work at Stanford, studied medicine at Dartmouth University in New Hampshire, did her residency at Santa Clara Hospital and worked as a doctor in Florida.

“Dartmouth was a wonderful school in a small town,” she says. “It was fun getting to know all of the students and patients.”

Her three-year residency at Santa Clara Hospital marked a drastic change of environment and pace.

“I saw people from all over the world and treated everything from malaria to tuberculosis to HIV,” she says. “We had interpreters on hand for the translation of 83 different languages at Santa Clara. It was an interesting and amazing experience.”

Hargadon grew up in Marin County where her mother was an elementary school teacher and her father worked in real estate.

“My family would buy an old house, fix it up, then move to another house and repeat the process,” she says. “It made for a fun childhood.”

After getting her degree in Human Biology from Stanford, she was not immediately sure that she wanted to be a doctor and instead began working as a teacher for one year.

“I realized how much I enjoyed the process of learning how to make people better,” she says. “I like knowing how the body works, and what happens when it doesn’t work.”

“I decided to go back and take care of my premed at Berkeley over the next three years. I supported myself by working as a teacher, researcher and custodian while taking classes. I was very busy, but it was great in helping me realize what I wanted to do.”

She has lived in Davis over the last few years where she be-

came familiar with Dr. Davis’ story and the evolution of the clinic in Winters. She was surprised to find out earlier this year that they were hiring.

“I spoke with Medical Director Chris Kelch and asked if I could shadow Dr. Davis at the clinic,” she says. “When I did, I thought, ‘Oh my gosh. If I had seen someone like this earlier on, I would have known exactly what I wanted to do in medical school.’”

Hargadon has been impressed by both the staff at the clinic, who she says makes sure to always spend the time necessary in order to give great care, as well as the patients, who she describes as kind and warm; deserving of a clinic run by such dedicated, intelligent and hard working people.

Dr. Matthew Rosenberg

In many medical clinics, the reception desk and the lobby are separated by a thick sheet of bullet-proof glass. These barriers, according to Dr. Matthew Rosenberg, serve not only as physical barriers, but also institutional divisions between doctors and patients. As one of two new doctors at Winters Healthcare, he has enjoyed the blurring of this dividing line and settled nicely into what he describes as a “very warm place.”

Rosenberg was born in Michigan and did his undergraduate studies at the University of Michigan. Upon graduating, he joined the Peace Corps, which landed him in a Costa Rican village for about two years. He had not yet decided to study medicine, but during his time abroad steadily developed a desire to help others, a desire that ultimately guided him to Winters last July.

Upon returning home from Costa Rica he returned to medical school and, after graduating in 2001, moved to Oakland. He later began his residency, which had him splitting his time between Davis and Sacramento. It was during this time that he became familiar with Winters Healthcare and Dr. Davis’ story.

“Bill has an approach to his patients that is what many people strive for,” he says, noting the “red tape” and difficulties commonly associated with modern American healthcare. “Because of Sutter, Kaiser and the HMOs, people aren’t always able to practice from the heart.”

Rosenberg serves as both a family practice doctor and medical director for Winters Healthcare. He has found the dual role to be very satisfying in the



DR. ANNIE HARGADON



DR. MATTHEW ROSENBERG

sense that he is given the opportunity to treat people on a personal level as well as contribute to the creation of a system that is more responsive to people’s needs.

“It’s special being a primary care doctor for people who may not have anybody else if you’re not there,” he says.

“There is a kind of preemptive spirit here,” he says, pointing out actions taken by both the healthcare foundation and the town as a whole. “People work to solve problems sort of before they happen. I’m really impressed.”

“If I’m going to be somewhere for the next 30 years, I want to be doing something I’m proud of.”

Medical office

Hargadon and Rosenberg, along with Davis, practice medicine at the Winters Healthcare Foundation medical office, located at 23 Main Street.

The Winters Healthcare Foundation seeks to provide medical care for all Winters residents, even those without medical insurance. The foundation also recently opened a dental clinic at 31 Main Street, and dental insurance is also not necessary to see a dentist.

To make a medical or dental appointment, call 795-4377.

For more information about the Winters Healthcare Foundation, call 795-5200.

Five generations of West women



Courtesy photo

Elizabeth Joy Patton-Banuelos was born to Stephanie Joy Patton at 6:42 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 12, 2007, making her a fifth generation West. Ellen West, wife of former Winters mayor, James M. West, became a great-great-grandmother; Jocelyn (West) Schrum, a great-grandmother; Laura (Schrum) Patton, a grandmother. New mother Stephanie proudly holds her newborn daughter, Elizabeth Joy, in this picture taken recently at Laura’s home in Winters.

Basketry workshop offered at art gallery

The Winters Participation Gallery for the Arts will sponsor a six-week American Indian basketry workshop at the gallery, located at 18 Main Street. Classes meet on Wednesdays, Jan. 9-30 and Feb. 6 and 16, from 6-9 p.m.

This class is an introductory course that will give a basic knowledge of the four most common basketry techniques in Native American basket weaving: Plaited, Wickwork, Coiled and Twined. The techniques and materials change and vary across the continent as do the cultures and landscapes. Students will learn about

the problems that Native American basket weavers face today and the techniques used to manage the native plants use in traditional basketry.

This is a hands-on studio art class. Participants should dress comfortably and bring scissors, a bowl or pan to soak material and an old towel to work on wet projects. The last class will be a field trip with a potluck picnic.

The instructor is Katherine Wallace, who is Karuk, Yurok, Mohawk and a member of the Hoopa Valley Tribe. She has been weaving in the Karuk, Yurok and Hupa

traditions for over 30 years and has studied with basket weavers from other traditions as well as her own. As a quiet activist, she has advocated for the weavers of this country for 17 years. She has worked to help form collaborations with land managers to protect and allow access to the traditional practitioners who still gather natural resources for cultural uses today.

Call 795-0608 or 795-2009 for more information or to reserve a slot in the workshop. A few limited scholarships are available for Native Americans and high school students.

Nuestras Noticias



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Retraso con la ciudadanía

Esa parece ser la palabra que el departamento de seguridad tiene para todos los que han solicitado la ciudadanía, es una lastima que el proceso este tan atrasado, este retraso va a tener como consecuencias que los aplicantes, no podrán tener sus documentos para votar en las próximas elecciones presidenciales. Con la propuesta del departamento de seguridad para que los residentes legales, tengan que renovar sus tarjetas de residencia, Más residentes legales hayan decidido naturalizarse.

Un residente legal en este país, no tiene derecho a votar, ni a trabajos en el gobierno federal, esa restricción ha estado vigente hasta la fecha, pero ahora con la reforma migratoria de 1996, hay un temor que se tiene de perder derechos, que se tenían por ser residente, y es un motivo mas por la que ahora muchos inmigrantes legales han aplicado por la ciudadanía.

Pero hoy en día con tantos problemas en inmigración, con los políticos hablando de rechazo a los indocumentados, parece ser que no falta mucho que los residentes legales, se vuelvan blanco también de toda esta xenofobia que se esta viviendo en todo el país.

Muchos residentes que han tomado la ciudadanía, comentan que ahora se sienten mas protegidos. Con todas las cosas negativas que están pasando con el debate migratorio, parece ser cosa de algún tiempo, para que los políticos conservadores, busquen algún pretexto para atacar a los residentes legales.

En todo el país, se están teniendo campañas para que si usted es residente, aplique por la ciudadanía, que le dará derecho a votar, y de paso se sumara al poder político que los hispanos han ido ganado poco a poco. Pero con el aviso del Servicio de Ciudadanía e Inmigración (CIS) de que hay un gran retraso en el procesamiento de solicitudes para la ciudadanía y otros asuntos migratorios, este poder político tendrá que esperar mas tiempo, ya que el retraso parece ser de entre 14 y 18 meses, para un proceso que solo debería tomar 6 meses.

El departamento de seguridad ha recibido muchas solicitudes, sobre todo antes del 30 de junio, fecha en que el precio por la ciudadanía subió de 330 a 595 dólares, que curioso, pero la razón del incremento era para tener mas personal preparado, pero parece ser que ni ellos esperaban esta avalancha de solicitudes, así que están como al principio.

Informes indican que entre dos y tres millones de personas presentaron una solicitud en el verano, y esa cantidad es la que esperaba la oficina de seguridad, pero en dos años, así que estamos mirando como ni aun con el incremento de precios, ni agregando mas personal, ni aun utilizando la tecnología mas avanzada, el proceso ira mas rápido.

Así que cuando parecía un tramite de mero rigor, se ha convertido en un tramite costoso en dinero, y en tiempo.

Programa paisano

Para todas las personas que en estas fechas salen a México, el programa paisano seguirá en efecto hasta el 8 de enero del 2008. el programa orientara e informara a los casi mas de un millón de personas que visitaran México, durante las fiestas decembrinas.

El Instituto Nacional de Migración (INM) explico que las acciones se efectuarán simultáneamente en los 31 estados del país y el Distrito Federal, y contará con la colaboración de los gobiernos estatales y municipales.

La finalidad es reducir los índices de maltrato y corrupción, toda vez que los observadores informarán y orientarán a los paisanos sobre los servicios y trámites que tienen que cumplir ante las autoridades, como el llenado de formas migratorias, el pago del Derecho de No Inmigrante (DNI) y formato aduanero, entre otros.

Indicó que el Programa Paisano es permanente y funciona durante los 365 días del año las 24 horas del día, para proporcionar información sobre trámites y servicios a los mexicanos que ingresan

al país. Entre enero y septiembre de este año, la página de Internet del INM registró 87 mil 456 consultas, en tanto que el personal del programa atendió a 33 mil 665 personas por teléfono y se orientó personalmente a 17 mil 892 usuarios.

El programa pretende garantizar que los connacionales que ingresan, transitan y salen de México lo hagan con absoluta garantía de sus derechos, la seguridad en sus bienes y personas y con el pleno conocimiento de sus obligaciones.

Para ello, añadió, se capacitó a servidores públicos y se intensificó la entrega de guías paisano, cuya edición 2007-2008 consta de un tiraje de dos millones de ejemplares.

De ellos, 75 por ciento fueron distribuidas mediante la red consular de México en Estados Unidos y Canadá, las representaciones de Paisano en Los Angeles, California; Chicago, Illinois, y Dallas, Texas, mientras que en México se entregan en las Delegaciones Regionales del INM y la Secretaría de Turismo.

Canastas de Comida

Se regalaran canastas navideñas en el centro comunitario de Winters, el 15 de diciembre. El horario para la entrega será de 9:30 am –12 pm. Para recibir una canasta

solo tiene que anotar su nombre en el ayuntamiento (City Hall), el horario es de 8am-5pm. se le pedirá identificación y prueba de residencia en la ciudad.

Educación y Dinero

Hablando de dinero para la educación de los hijos, parece que muchos padres sobrestiman el costo del Colegio y piensan que necesitan ahorrar el monto total. Y esto en la practica no es cierto. Lo cierto es que el estudiante termina pagando el Colegio con una combinación de sus ingresos, ingresos de sus padres, becas parciales, subvenciones, prestamos, etc.

El propósito de la ayuda financiera es cubrir la brecha entre lo que las familias pueden pagar por los estudios y lo que cobran los planteles. Las familias necesitan entender el proceso para obtener la mayor ayuda financiera.

Para obtener cualquier tipo de ayuda financiera con fondos federales deberán llenar la Solicitud Gratis de Ayuda Federal para Estudiantes (FAFSA). Es posible que también le pidan que llene formularios específicos de cada institución. Lo bueno es que usted sólo tendrá que llenar un formulario de FAFSA y uno de CSS/PROFILE por cada año, ajeno a cuántas escuelas usted solicite entrada, porque las solicitudes que usted envíe van a una misma compañía de análisis de necesidad, y esta envía los informes a usted y a los colegios que usted indique.

Así que mientras tu llenes tu solicitud de entrada, tus padres deberán cotejar sus documentos financieros. La fecha más temprana en la que puedes presentar el FAFSA es el 1 de enero de su último año de secundaria. La mayoría de los colegios dan

un plazo para solicitar ayuda financiera a principios de febrero, así que solicita la ayuda lo más pronto posible después del 1 de enero.

Hay dos formas de llenar el FAFSA. Lo puede hacer “en línea” en www.fafsa.ed.gov o puede presentar una copia en papel, que podrá conseguir en la oficina de ayuda financiera de su Colegio, o llamando al 1-800-4-FED-AID. La mayoría de los administradores de ayuda financiera prefieren el método “en línea” porque reduce el tiempo del trámite a la mitad.

Si usted presenta el FAFSA en línea, cerciórese de obtener un Número de Identificación Personal (PIN), de manera que esté listo para llenar el formulario lo antes posible después del 1 de enero. La presentación del FAFSA es gratis cuando usted lo hace mediante www.fafsa.ed.gov, así que cerciórese de escribir la dirección correcta del sitio web. Algunos sitios web con nombres similares le cobrarán una cuota por presentar su solicitud.

Si no tiene claro algún asunto, o tiene dificultades para llenar el FAFSA, por favor comuníquese con la oficina de ayuda financiera de su Colegio o el Departamento de Educación de EEUU, en el 1-800-4-FED-AID.

El paquete de ayuda financiera que usted acepte durará por un año. Si usted se toma cuatro años para terminar el Colegio, tendrá que hacer el proceso para la ayuda financiera cuatro veces. Cada año tendrá que llenar un nuevo FAFSA y los otros formularios.

Clases de Ingles

El Colegio comunitario de Solano, ofrecerá clases de ingles como segunda lengua, en tres niveles, las clases se impartirán en los próximos cursos de primavera, que empezaran el 22 de enero del 2008. los cursos son: ESL 372, la clase se ofrecerá en Vallejo los martes de 1 pm a 3:50 pm.

ESL 373 se ofrecerá en la extensión del colegio que se tiene en Vacaville, los lunes de 6:30 – 9:15 pm. Y en la escuela preparatoria

de Dixon se tendrá la misma clase los jueves de 6:00-9:15 pm. En Fairfied los estudiantes pueden registrarse para los niveles 1 y 2, que ofrecen ayuda en lectura, composición, y conversación.

La unidad por clase solo cuesta \$20. para obtener mas información puede llamar a Jane Berger al 707-864-7000 x4459. puede registrarse llamando al 707-864-1006 O en el internet en el sitio www.solano.edu.

Vacuna contra la Influenza

El Dr. Mark Horton, director del Departamento Estatal de Salud Pública (CDPH por sus siglas en inglés) de California, urge a los californianos que desean protección contra la influenza (también conocida como la gripe) a que se vacunen para así poder prevenir las enfermedades, hospitalizaciones y complicaciones de salud a causa de la influenza.

Los Centros Federales para el Control y la Prevención de Enfermedades (CDC por sus siglas en inglés) y CDPH recomiendan que los siguientes grupos se vacunen:

Personas de 50 años de edad y mayores. Todas las mujeres que estarán embarazadas durante la temporada de la influenza. Niños de 6 meses a 5 años de edad. Residentes de hogares de ancianos o de instalaciones de cuidados a largo plazo. Profesionales de la salud que tienen contacto directo con sus pacientes. Una nueva ley requiere que todos los hospitales de cuidados agudos ofrezcan la vacuna contra influenza gratis. Personas con condiciones médicas crónicas. Personas que viven con o cuidan a personas ancianas o a niños menores de 5 años de edad.

Los niños menores de 9 años de edad que son vacunados contra la influenza por primera vez, necesitan dos dosis de la vacuna. Las personas saludables de 2 a 49 años de edad pueden recibir la vacuna contra la influenza en forma de rocío nasal. La influenza es peligrosa especialmente para los niños pequeños, ancianos, mujeres embarazadas y personas con enfermedades crónicas como cardiopatía (problemas del corazón), diabetes o asma.

Cada año en los Estados Unidos más de

225,000 personas son hospitalizadas y más de 35,000 mueren a causa de la influenza y las complicaciones de esta enfermedad. El Dr. Horton animó a todos los californianos que tomaran las siguientes medidas para ayudar a prevenir la propagación de la gripe y otras enfermedades respiratorias:

Permanezca en casa cuando esté enfermo, así evitará el contacto con los compañeros de trabajo y los amigos. Cubra su boca y nariz con pañuelos desechables al toser o estornudar y deséchelos adecuadamente. Lavarse las manos con jabón y agua tibia o con un desinfectante de manos a base de alcohol para ayudar a protegerse contra los gérmenes y evite tocar sus ojos, nariz o boca. Permanezca sano comiendo alimentos nutritivos, bebiendo bastante agua, haciendo ejercicio y descansando lo suficiente.

El Dr. Horton también recomienda que los padres y los cuidadores de niños usen acetaminofén o ibuprofeno en vez de aspirina para tratar la fiebre o síntomas de la gripe en niños o adolescentes. La aspirina está relacionada al Síndrome de Reye, una rara enfermedad de la niñez que puede resultar en una coma, daño cerebral y hasta la muerte.

Para más información sobre las vacunas gratuitas o de bajo costo, los consumidores deben comunicarse con su departamento de salud local. Para más información sobre la influenza, visite el sitio web de la Rama de Inmunización de CDPH. Para encontrar una clínica donde proveen vacunas contra la influenza, visite el sitio web de la Asociación Americana del Pulmón.

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Entertainment

“It Takes a Village to Build a Library”



Courtesy photo

“It Takes A Village to Build a Library” — that’s the name of the raffle for this gingerbread house, created by Shaunie Briggs, Jeanne Oster and Melissa Briggs. The gingerbread house has amber-colored sugar windows, and is constructed of gingerbread, candy and sugar, and has real lights inside. It is on display at Briggs & Co until Friday, Dec. 14. On that date, Briggs & Co will have a community Christmas party, live music and refreshments from 6-8 p.m. to celebrate the gingerbread house raffle. Tickets are available at Briggs & Co or from WFOL members, and cost \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Briggs & Co is located at 822 Railroad Avenue. For more information, call 795-9505.

Al Stewart at The Palms



Courtesy Photo

Al Stewart the renowned singer of “Year of the Cat” and “Time Passages” will be at the Palms on Saturday, December 15 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15.

Davis Farmers Market open during winter

Holiday festivities are featured at the Davis Farmers Market on Saturday mornings in December from 8 a.m. to 1p.m. in Central Park, located at 4th and C Streets. There is a Gift Basket Central at the north end of the pavilion, and items purchased at the market can be wrapped in a complimentary gift basket. This free service is available throughout December.

The market is also brimming with holiday music and crafts. Market crafts are available at the north and south ends of the market featuring a variety of hand-made items including dolls, photography, beeswax candles, lapidary arts, holiday wreathes, fresh lavender and cedar sachets, pottery,

metal and wood work, basketry, paintings, jewelry, and more. Davis Farmers Market Gift certificates are available at the market booth at the south end of the pavilion.

New products at the market include fresh chestnuts, mandarins and navel oranges. Many of the sellers have their unique holiday gift packs ready. Giant and petite poinsettias, candy, candied nuts, honeys, kettle corn, specialty oils and dressings and smoked salmon will continue to be available at the market throughout December.

For more information or a holiday schedule, visit www.davisfarmersmarket.org or call the market office, 756-1695.

Empty Bowls on display at Winters Participation Gallery

By KATY ZANE
STEAC
Special to the Express

Winters High School hosted its first annual “Empty Bowls” fundraiser at the Winters Community Center on Wednesday, Dec. 5. With some 200 pieces of student art displayed against the backdrop of Putah Creek, this event created a stunning presentation of hand-crafted bowls and posters. Increasing public awareness that there is always someone hungry in the world with an empty bowl to fill is the simple, yet compelling, concept behind this event.

“When I heard about this program it got to me because I’m from a family with not many benefits,” wrote a student about his poster, adding that “this piece is from my heart to those who care about people.”

“This is just one example of the way this project moved the students,” said Winters High art teachers Kate Humphrey and Molly Bentley. “Art is a powerful and inspiring tool for teaching about social awareness.”

Proceeds benefited the Short Term Emergency Aid Committee’s food closet. Established 40 years ago, STEAC provides short-term emergency assistance to low-income families and individuals throughout Yolo County. Each year, STEAC distributes 100,000 pounds of food through its food closet, enough food for over 50,000 meals. Other services include rental and utility assistance, everyday clothing as well as work interview attire for job seekers, and educational assistance for low-income students. Annually, STEAC helps approximately 7,000 individuals

comprising some 2,500 families throughout the county.

Folks who missed last week’s event will have a second chance to view the art at the Winters Participation Gallery/Center for the Arts, located at 18 Main Street in Winters. The pieces will be displayed through December, with proceeds from sales benefiting STEAC.

The staff at STEAC feels fortunate for the warm embrace of the Winters community, and appreciates all that it did for their cause.

For more information about STEAC, visit the website at www.steac.org. Questions regarding the show at the Winters Participation Gallery/Center for the Arts can be directed to Valerie Whitworth, 795-2009.

Worried about the Christmas rush?
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Ugly Christmas sweater contest planned Dec. 21

Briggs and Co will have an “Ugly Xmas” sweater contest on Friday, Dec. 21, from 6-8 p.m. The evening’s festivities will include live music with the Putah Creek Crawdads. Briggs & Co is located at 820 Railroad Avenue. Their

regular hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information call 795-9505, visit www.briggsandco.com or email shaunie@briggsandco.com.

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Sports

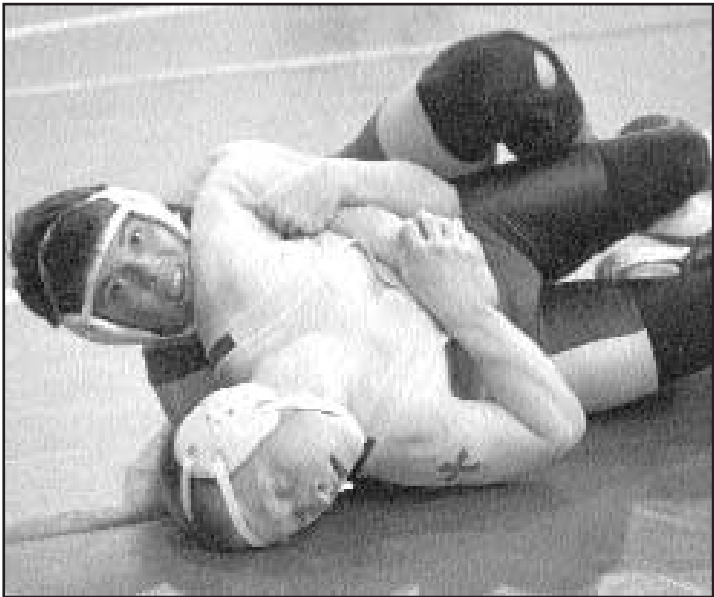
Hellinger again named Most Outstanding Wrestler

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The Winters High School wrestling team competed in the San Rafael High School tournament in Novato on Saturday, Dec. 8. Jesse Hellinger once again stole the show as he not only won his weight class but was named the Most Outstanding Wrestler for the second week in a row.

“Jesse is doing really well right now,” said coach Tim Hausler. “He is dominating his opponents.” Hellinger went 4-0 in the tournament.

Chris Calderon went 4-1 and placed fifth in the tournament in the 145 class. Steven Pine wrestled the 152 class and went 0-2. At 160, Colton Nichols went 0-2. Cody Linton wrestled up in the 171 class and went 0-2. Billy Rotenkolber went 2-2 at 189 lbs.



Courtesy photo

Winters High School freshman Chris Calderone took 5th place in the Green and Gold Tournament at San Marin High School in Navato last week.

Taylor Brickey went 1-2 at the 215 class and is now ranked sixth in the northern section. Brandon White, now ranked fourth in the section at 189 wres-

tled up from the 189 class to 215 and placed an impressive second. White pinned three straight opponents to get into the finals and lost in the finals.

Swim programs offered every day

The following swimming programs are offered at the Bobbie Greenwood Community Swim Center:

~ Masters Swimming: weekdays, 6-7 p.m. and 6-7 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m. to noon. For more information, call Dave Kelley, 795-2265.

~ Adult Lap Swim: Monday through Thursday, 7-8 p.m.; Saturdays

and Sundays, 10 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$25 per month, payable at City Hall in the city clerk's of-

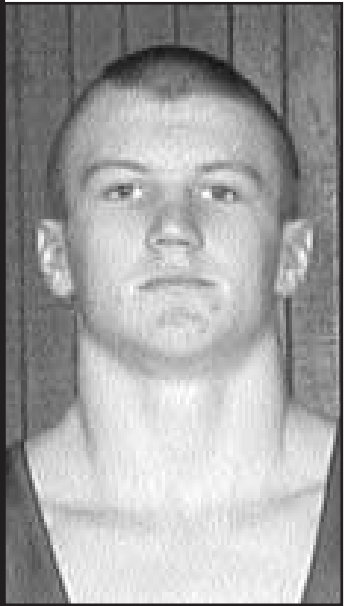
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More sports on B-2

CODY'S ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

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Jesse Hellinger

Jesse Hellinger, a junior wrestler on the Winters High School wrestling team, is this week's athlete of the week. Hellinger is well on his way to proving why he is ranked number one in the Northern Section. Hellinger is undefeated and in the last two weeks has been named the Most Outstanding Wrestler at two different tournaments.

“Jesse is dominating right now,” said coach Tim Hausler. “He has high expectations of himself and has the ability to achieve them.”

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



Courtesy photo

The Winters High School varsity girls basketball team took second place at the Pierce Tournament on Saturday, Dec. 8. The team includes, from left (back) Alyssa Oxley, Tess Hyer, Megan Avellar, Amy Avellar and Taryn Jones; (front) Olivia Wingard, Chelsea Corrales, Rebecca Salas and Jenny Campos.

Hyer scores 28 points in one game

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The Winters Warriors varsity girls' basketball team had a good week of basketball as they finished second in the Pierce High School tournament on Saturday, Dec. 8. The Lady Warriors started the tournament off with a win over Pierce, a win over Colusa and then lost to Hamilton City in the championship game.

On Thursday, Dec. 6, the Warriors defeated Pierce 49-29. Freshman Tess Hyer was just one point short of out scoring the Bears by herself. Hyer finished the game with a career high 28 points, 10 rebounds and had six steals. Rebecca Salas scored 9 points, seven steals and five rebounds. Alyssa Oxley scored 7 points and had nine rebounds. Olivia

Wingard scored 3 points and had three rebounds. Jenny Campos scored 2 points and had three rebounds. Megan Avellar pulled down four rebounds, Taryn Jones had three rebounds, Amy Avellar grabbed five and Chelsea Corrales had three rebounds for the Warriors.

On Friday, Dec. 10, the Warriors traveled back to Arbuckle to take on Colusa and had a great shooting night.

“We had our best scoring night against Colusa, said coach Matt Cooley. “We scored 40 points in the second half and at one stretch made four three point shots in a row. We made nine total for the game.”

Campos had a big night scoring 19 points to lead the Warriors. Campos also had eight rebounds and

three steals. Hyer scored 17 points, had six rebounds and two assists. Salas had 9 points, six assists and three rebounds. Corrales had 8 points and Jones had 4 points and pulled down 10 rebounds.

In the championship game the Warriors had a hard time with Hamilton City and lost 53-37 and came home with a second place finish in the tournament. Campos led the Warriors in scoring with 12 points and had six rebounds, two steals and two assists. Hyer scored 10 points and had 10 rebounds. Corrales scored 8 points and had three rebounds. Salas scored 7 points and had three rebounds and five steals. Jones had two rebounds and two assists, while Amy Avellar grabbed three rebounds for the Warriors.

Hyer, Campos on All Tournament Team

Tess Hyer and Jenny Campos were both named to the Pierce High School annual basketball tournament All Tournament Team on Saturday, Dec. 8. Hyer

and Campos helped lead the Warriors to a second place finish in the tournament with their consistent play. Hyer had a 28 point game against Pierce and av-

eraged 18 points, nine rebounds and three steals, while Campos averaged 11 points, six rebounds and two steals a game for the Warriors.

Freshman basketball team 2-0 this season so far

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The Winters High School freshman basketball team has only played two games this season, but has won both of their contests. The Warriors started their season with a 51-45 victory over Dixon.

“We had a really good second period pressing full court,” said coach Mathew Baker. “We out scored them 23-4. We let them come back in the second half, but held it together in the fourth period

for the win.”

Sam Newman led the Warriors with 13 points. Jesus Quirarte and Zach Higgins each scored 10 points. Sebastian Mahnke scored 8 points, Tony Breavor scored 6, while David Damey and Juan Tovar each put in 2 points for the Warriors.

The Warriors won their second game of the season on Tuesday, Dec. 4, with a 45-39 victory over St. Patrick's of Vallejo.

“This was a very close game that tested us down the stretch,” Baker said.

“We were fortunate to execute well enough to score our last three possessions and our defense held them to one shot. Darian Flores and Sebastian Mahnke gave us a lot of energy with their aggressive defense which led to several turnovers and fast break points.”

Higgins led all scorers with 15 points followed by Kevin Hyde with 12. Flores and Mahnke each scored 7 points, while Newman and Breavor each scored 2 for the Warriors.



Photo by Eric Lucero
 Helene Martenson kicks the ball down to a teammate in the Warriors game against Williams on Tuesday, Dec. 4.

Lady Warriors kick it to Las Plumas 7-0

By ERIC LUCERO
 Express sports

The Winters High School girls soccer team lost their first three games by one point each but then turned things around when it counted with a 7-0 victory over league opponent Las Plumas.

The Warriors started their season against Live Oak at home on Tuesday, Nov. 27, and suffered their first loss 3-2. Danielle Murphy and Helene Martenson each scored a goal for the Warriors.

On Thursday, Nov. 29, the Warriors played Rio Vista and again lost 3-2. Rio Vista scored two goals in the first half to take a 2-0 lead but the Warriors came back and scored their two in the second half. Rio Vista scored the winning goal in the second half to make it a 3-2 win over the Warriors. Martenson scored another goal for the Warriors and Karissa Sais scored the Warriors other goal.

The Warriors were back

Warriors Varsity basketball team struggles in tournament

By ERIC LUCERO
 Express sports

The Winters Warriors varsity basketball team lost their last four games. After falling to St Patrick's of Vallejo on Tuesday, Dec. 4, the Warriors traveled to Live Oak to play in the Lion's annual tournament and went 0-3 with a close loss to Colusa.

Winters had a hard time keeping up with a very good St Pat's team as they were outscored 72-26. T.J. Johnson led the team with 7 points. Kelven Leverette scored 5, Maurice Ackridge scored 4, Alex Huizar and Aaron Geerts each scored 3, while Miguel Del Rio and Kevin Rowell had 2 points each.

On Thursday, Dec. 6, the Warriors played their first game in the Live Oak Tournament against Live Oak and lost 53-35. Geerts led the Warriors in scoring with 14 points and three rebounds. Leverette scored six points, Rowell scored 5 points and had five rebounds, Ackridge, Del Rio and Dillon Miles each scored 3 points and Riki Lucero added 1 point for the Warriors.

In game two of the tour-

nament, the Warriors ran into Kelseyville and a low-scoring second and third period. Winters lost 51-24 and only managed to put up 4 points in the second and 3 in the third. Leverette led Winters with 6 points, Ackridge scored 4, Jules Damey and Huizar, Geerts and Garcia each scored 3, while Rowell put in 2 points for the Warriors.

The Warriors returned to Live Oak on Saturday, Dec. 8, and faced off against Colusa for the final game of the tournament. The game was close from start to finish but for the third time this season the Warriors lost a game with in just 2 points. Colusa held on to a 54-52 win over the Warriors. Garcia had his biggest scoring night of his varsity career with 22 points to lead the Warriors in scoring. Leverette followed with 13 points and eight rebounds. Johnson scored 8 points, Rowell scored 4 points and had four rebounds, Geerts scored 3 points, while Huizar scored 2 points and had four rebounds for the Warriors.

November promotion



Courtesy photo
 November promotions at Javier Martial Arts include, from left to right, Ka e' o Drumright — purple belt, Devin Tice — orange belt, and Jordan Hoekwater — purple belt.



Courtesy photo
 November promotions at Javier Martial Arts included Jesse Heslin — yellow belt, and Tim Mazzoleni — orange belt.



Courtesy photo
 November promotions at Javier Martial Arts included Joseph Dunlap — purple belt and Brandon Masteller — purple belt.



Photo by Eric Lucero
 David Borges sets up two defenders in the Warriors game against Williams on Tuesday, Dec. 4.

Boys soccer team loses two

The Winters High School boys soccer team lost both of their games last week starting with a 2-3 non-league loss against Williams on Tuesday, Dec. 4, at Shirley Rominger

School. Winters then played their first league game against Las Plumas High School and lost 0-1.

JV boys fall to St. Pat's

The Winters High School JV boys basketball team lost to St. Patrick's on Tuesday, Dec. 4, 91-46. Winters had a hard time keeping up with the fast-paced St. Pat's team, but did get a big offensive performance from Cody Romero, who scored 16 points to lead the Warriors.

Vince Doyle and Ed Latimer each scored 9 points. Cody Klimper scored 6 points; Tyler Berg scored 3 points, while Daniel Boyko and Israel Aguilera each scored 2 points for the Warriors.

Youth basketball program signups

The City of Winters Parks and Recreation is once again sponsoring youth basketball this winter. Registration will take place from Dec. 3-14, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at City Hall (city clerk side), 318 Fist Street. The registration fee is \$35 per player, which includes a team T-shirt.

Boys and girls in grades 1-8 are eligible to play. Games will take place on Saturdays at the high school gym from Jan. 5 to Feb. 23, and possibly into March if necessary.

For more information, call Traci Nakamura, 795-4910, extension 102.

Schools

Yolo Community Foundation receives grant for youth programs

By CATH POSEHN
Yolo Community Foundation
Special to the Express

Yolo Community Foundation's new Yolo Youth Service Awards Program has received a grant from The California Endowment. The program is a central element in YCF's vision for Yolo County, The Leadership 2025 Plan. Yolo Youth Service Awards will support the development of youth leadership in the county through awards of innovative, paired grants to students and to the nonprofits the awardees have served.

Because YCF believes that leadership requires a commitment to service, the Yolo Youth Service Awards program will recognize youth involvement in community life. YCF will seek applications from high school seniors who volunteer with Yolo County nonprofit organizations during their junior and/or senior year of high school. By recognizing a student's volunteer service, the YCF seeks to nurture the future leadership of Yolo County.

YCF will make grants of \$2,000 to the Yolo County nonprofit where the young person volunteers. Half of the award will support the work of the sponsoring nonprofit; half will be a scholarship to support the further education of the youth leader.

The grant will be made from YCF's Community Development Fund. YCF announced the guidelines for the project at the beginning of the 2007-08 school year and will make its first awards at the end of that school year.

With its Community Impact Funds, YCF raises funds in order to make grants to support local community issues, identifies organizations capable of making the greatest impact in the specific issue area, and enhances the quality of life in our community by supporting community programs through financial and community partnerships. YCF encourages individuals, families, and businesses to partner with them to fulfill their financial and charitable goals in the Yolo County community.

The Community Development

Fund is dedicated to promoting community building and connections and is available to address the community's most pressing needs and most important opportunities. Community development seeks to empower individuals and groups of people by supporting development of the skills they need to effect change in their own communities.

The Yolo Youth Service Awards Program requires the applicant to work at least 60 hours with a recognized nonprofit in the year prior to the application. The process will begin with a joint application, submitted by the nonprofit but with a section from the young person. The application deadline is Feb. 28. The selection process will occur in March and the grants will be announced in April. The selection committee will look for leadership, commitment to others, maturity, and reliability.

Formed in 2001, Yolo Community Foundation is a nonprofit public resource created by and for the people of Yolo County for community philanthropy that helps donors

make a positive impact on their community. Yolo Community Foundation enables individuals of both modest means and significant wealth to support nonprofit organizations that provide vital programs and services and to contribute to a permanent endowment for the people of Yolo County.

Community foundations provide a simple, powerful, and highly personal approach to giving. They offer a variety of giving tools to help people and businesses achieve their charitable goals. Donors can give cash, appreciated stocks, real estate, charitable IRA transfers, or other assets and receive maximum charitable and tax benefits.

Yolo Community Foundation is one of nearly 700 community foundations nationwide. Its mission is "To match the philanthropic interests of donors with the needs and opportunities of the Yolo County community."

To learn more about Yolo Community Foundation, visit www.yolocf.org or call 312-0593.

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Fresh Oranges



Photo by Debra Lo Guercio
Cathy Olson (left), director of food services for the Winters School District, and Lindsay Harris, food service worker at Waggoner Elementary School, display just some of the fresh oranges that were purchased with \$1,000 raised at the Slow Food Yolo event, held at Wolfskill Ranch in October. The oranges were purchased locally from the Novotny ranch. The school district will continue to purchase local oranges for students at all Winters campuses for as long as the funds last, and is interested in purchasing other local produce as well.

Solano Community College offering ESL classes

For residents who are developing fluency in English, Solano Community College is offering a number of Level 3 courses this spring throughout Solano County for students seeking to master the English language. Classes start on Jan. 22 and include ESL 372 (Fundamentals of ESL

Reading), which will be taught at the Vallejo Center on Tuesdays from 1-3:30 p.m. ESL 373 is being offered at the Vacaville Center on Mondays from 6:30-9:35 p.m. and at Dixon High School on Thursdays from 6-9:15 p.m.

In Fairfield, students can register for Level I and

Level II classes for help with reading, composition and conversation skills.

Classes cost \$20 per unit. For more information contact Jane Berger, (707) 864-7000, extension 4459. Register by calling (707) 864-1006 or visit www.solano.edu by Jan. 16.

‘Revitalization March’ to focus on DQ University

By THE AON NEWZHOUND
Special to the Express

California's only tribal college may be down –but it's not out. Not by a longshot, say student organizers and supporters from the community who have organized a march to the school from Davis on Saturday, Dec. 15.

Seeking to revitalize the school (which nearly collapsed in 2005 from administrative woes), four groups have pledged their support in helping to get DQ University back on its feet: Natives Empowered Through Unity and Education: Movimiento Estudiantil Chicana/o de Aztlan; Movimiento Estudiantil Chicana/o de Aztlan, the American Indian Movement-west, and the Affiliated Obsidian Nation. The groups are just the beginning, organizers say, of a broad-based community movement to bring DQ University back from the

brink.

"DQ represents the Great People's Dream," said Steve Jerome-Wyatt, Acknowledged Spokesman of the Affiliated Obsidian Nation. "The school has risen, and fallen, yes. But with all of the people coming back together in unity, DQ will rise once again to see its finest hour."

In 1970, Chicano and American Indian students occupied 643 acres of land once used by the US Military as a radio communications base. The site became known Deganewedah/Quetzalcoatl (DQ) University. The goal of the bold new American Indian/Chicano university was "to create a learning environment through the unified cultures of the indigenous peoples of the Americas." Thirty-seven years later, the school is struggling to survive. It has no money: no accreditation: no president: no staff: little (or no) help from California's Indi-

an gaming tribes, and only a handful of students.

In the winter of 2007-08, supporters from Davis, Sacramento and the San Francisco Bay Area are actively engaged in the Revitalization of DQ University. Their goal is to infuse the school with new ideas for the future and an abundance of brand new energy. Hence, the march and rally.

The solidarity march will form at 7 a.m. on Saturday in the Safeway parking lot on West Covell Boulevard in Davis. At 7:30, people will start walking west on County Road 31, a distance of seven miles, straight to DQ University. A rally will be held upon arrival on campus, with invited guest speakers and supporters from the community. After the rally is finished, participants will take part in a regularly-scheduled open meeting of the DQ University board of trustees.

AYSO Regional D Champions



Courtesy photo
The Winters U12 girl's soccer team "Chaos" won the AYSO Regional D championship on Nov. 18 in Antelope. During the two-day tournament, the girls only had one goal scored on them in four games. The team went on to play in the area tournament in Foster City on Dec. 8 and 9. From left are (back) Emily Lored, Sierra Hamerter, Cassidy Seese, Marlen Guzman Ellie Kreun, Angelica Arrellano and Jessica Sanchez. (Not pictured: Morgan Olivas, Claire Penzel, and Olivia Orosco.)

Features

Forget stomach flu, blame norovirus

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Have you any information on the Norwalk flu? My grandkids were all sick with it last week — vomiting and diarrhea. One had to be taken to the hospital because of a high fever. — M.C.

ANSWER: The Norwalk virus — so named because it was first isolated in Norwalk, Ohio — is now called Norovirus. It's one of the most common causes of infectious diarrhea, and the infection is not limited to children. It's the virus responsible for ruining many people's vacations when it races through cruise ships.

After a relatively short incubation period (the time from the virus's entry into the body until the appearance of symptoms) of one to two days, infected people begin to have diarrhea, sometimes accompanied by stomach cramps and vomiting. Body temperature rises, and headaches are another feature. The illness lasts, on average, two to three days, but some are ill for as long as one month.

There is no special medicine for the infection. Lowering body temperature, when indicated, and making the person comfortable are two treatment goals. The most important aspect is to keep the infected person — adult and especially child — hydrated, since so much fluid is lost in the diarrhea stools.

The virus can be passed through food and drink, and from person to person. It's all over. Outbreaks are common in the military and, as I mentioned, on cruise ships. It takes only a few viruses to establish an infection, and that's why it is so catchy and spreadable. One outbreak occurred during a college football game among players on both sides who neither shared food or drink nor had contact with each other except for game time.

Care if I make a picky point? This isn't the flu. Flu is a respiratory illness with cough, muscle pain and fever. People use the term "intestinal flu," but that's a misnomer. I make the point



only because many people who receive the flu vaccine and then later develop diarrhea blame it on the flu. They say the vaccine didn't work. They're wrong. They're talking about a different illness, perhaps a Norovirus infection.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I take Metamucil for constipation. I have had regular bowel movements since starting it. A few days ago, I had a sharp, intense pain during a bowel movement. Now every time I relieve myself, there is bright-red blood present. I don't have any pain, but there is an enormous amount of blood there. Will this clear up on its own? — T.J.

ANSWER: Don't take a chance on something like this clearing up by itself. The kind of bleeding you describe could well be due to something innocent, like hemorrhoids, but the cancer issue has to be investigated quickly. Metamucil is not responsible. Colon cancer is one of the most common cancers. The booklet on it provides information about its detection and treatment. Readers can order a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue—No. 505W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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This woman has too much time on her hands

My usual morning routine is to get up around 7 o'clock, wash my face, brush my teeth, go downstairs and make a cup of tea, and putz around the house while the tea brews. When the lapsang souchong tea from Peet's is ready, I go to the computer, check my email and do the daily Sacramento Bee Sudoku puzzle.

This morning there was a new gift on the email screen. Neighbor Lura Meyer had circulated a website that she promised was addictive. Curious, I clicked. I was in a word game: choose the correct definition of a word and 20 grains of rice would be donated to the United Nations World Food Program.

No problem! I ran through a bunch of words and donated 3,000 grains of rice in no time at all. At first the words were easy — cordial means friendly — but they quickly got more difficult. Oroide means pseudo gold. Tergiversate means to equivocate. Good guess! Then I actually had to do some real work, so I set up loads of laundry and read my book club assignment for Sunday while I waited for the towels to dry.

The scientist part of my brain was not comfortable. How much is 20 grains of rice? Was this another feel-good scam? So, after a late lunch with The Main Man at Ficelle's, an hour of deciding what bookcases to buy, a massage by Debra and while The Main Man was making shrimp pasta for dinner, I investigated and experimented.

The cost of purchasing the rice is donated by the advertisers on the site. They include Amazon.com, Libris.com, Liz Claiborne, OxiClean and lots of others. The



MARGARET BURNS
MIDNIGHT OIL

rice is purchased depending on how much you play the game, and how often the advertising sites are presented to you. The more you play, the more they pay. Apparently the game started on Oct. 7, 2007 when a total of 830 grains of rice were donated. By Nov. 29, nearly 400 million grains of rice were donated.

How much food is my munificent gift of 3000 grains? What do 400 million grains of rice represent in terms of hunger?

I got out my usual rice which is a stubby, short grain white rice. I was going to count the number of grains in a tablespoon, and realized that could take a long time. I settled on a teaspoon. 300 grains of rice filled the teaspoon. That translates to 900 grains of rice in a tablespoon (three teaspoons in a tablespoon). Multiply by 4 to get the number of grains of rice in a quarter cup — 3,600 grains. Multiply again by 4 to get the number in a cup of rice — 14,400 grains per cup. That means that yesterday 26,648 cups of rice were donated. The 3,000 grains I played for were a measly 10 teaspoonfuls — two teaspoons short of a quarter cup — for about 30 minutes play.

One half cup of cooked rice has roughly 100 calories. If one cup of dry rice cooks into three cups of cooked rice, the donated rice on Nov. 29 would translate into 79,944 cups of cooked rice. This is equivalent to just under 16 million calories of food (15,988,800 to be more or less exact). Six-

teen million calories of food is enough to provide 8,000 people with a 2,000 calorie a day diet. And that was only one day's donation.

Two thousand calories a day are more than many people in the world are getting. Especially children. The FreeRice site says that about 25,000 people die each day because of hunger or hunger-related diseases.

In true obsessive-compulsive disorder fashion I didn't stop at one measurement. I also had Lundberg Family Farms Long Grain Brown Rice and found that it only took 180 grains to fill a teaspoon. Beretta Arborio rice is fat and white and 140 grains filled a teaspoon. So, depending on what kind of rice is being donated, the contribution could be more than what I calculated.

I think I need a day job.

If you need a little zone time and like to play with words, go to www.freerice.com and you can simultaneously improve your vocabulary and do something really worthwhile in the world. But you can also do the latter closer to home. Donate to Winters Food Closet. Donate to the Winters Firemen's Toys for Tots. Donate to the Abbey House clothes closet.

Pick a worthwhile cause you care passionately about — hunger, literacy, youth, music — and donate. It will be the best holiday gift you can give — to yourself.

Pleased to meet you



Name: Vera Arthur
Occupation: Retired fire inspector/investigator
Hobby: Quilting
What's best about living in Winters: "Love the small town-the people are so friendly."
Fun fact: Likes to donate her quilts for fund-raisers

Want to be the person of the week?
Stop by at the Winters Express and let us know!

King Crossword — Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Start preparing now to make sure you get the credit you're due for all that effort you put in to get that project off the ground. A new challenge emerges after the 15th.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You're still charging full steam ahead on the job — and that's fine. But take time to share the joy of preparing for the upcoming holidays with folks you love.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A former detractor resists joining your ranks just yet. Give him or her time to learn more about what you're doing. Meanwhile, devote more time to friends and family.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Be careful not to be goaded into a tiff by someone who might be looking for a fight. Remain cool as you make your exit. Be assured that others will rally to your support.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Kudos on getting the well-deserved Lion's share of the rewards for a job well-done. Now you can take a breather from your workaday duties and spend time with your family.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You enjoy a quick spurt of renewed energy just in time to meet that upcoming deadline. A potentially romantic situation looms. How it develops will be up to you.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Watch out for distractions that could cause delays and leave you running twice as fast to finish your work by the 15th. Then go ahead and have fun.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You might prefer to work on current tasks on your own. But be open to a potentially useful suggestion from someone who admires you and wants to help.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Avoid rushing full gallop into that volunteer project without knowing what's expected of you. Take things a step at a time as you begin to find your way.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Good news: You should begin to feel more comfortable expressing your emotions. This will go a long way in helping you with that personal situation.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) An old friend gives confusing signals. Best advice: Don't assume that things will necessarily work themselves out.

Ask questions and demand straight answers. PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A new relationship needs time to develop. Be careful not to let your emotions flood your natural sense of caution. Meanwhile, check out that new job offer.

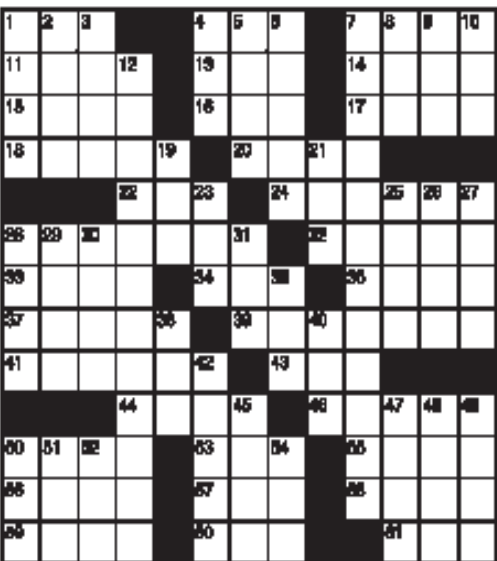
BORN THIS WEEK: Your sense of right and wrong sometimes causes you to come into conflict with others. But you invariably come out ahead.

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- That get
- Sculptures, e.g.
- Hemingway sobriquet
- Government overthrow
- Shed product
- Wife of Oedipus
- Emulation
- "The Simpsons" network
- Apiece
- Scup stock
- "— have this dance?"
- Lummock
- Parody
- Tabloid topic
- Pillared
- Ridge
- Web address part
- Sharpen
- Islander's farewell
- Unspecified
- Exotic
- "— Wednesday"
- Audacious
- Exposed
- Apple style
- Charged hit
- Italian's 37-Across
- Grand story
- Figure head? (Abbr.)
- Otherwise



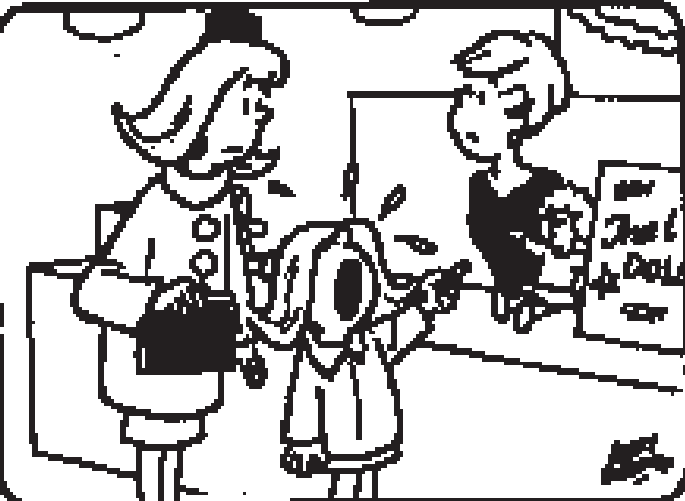
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- Wound cover
- TV time slot, often
- Frame replacement
- "Bow-wow!"
- Leeway
- Largest of the lower 48
- Comic's plot?
- Smile center
- Snapshot
- Blond shade
- "Well done!" gesture
- Possessed
- Affirmative reply
- Cruze
- Entrance
- Arm bones
- Orange coating
- Clear the deck?
- Honeycomb compartment
- Lotion additive
- Journal
- Afternoon affair
- Commotion
- Sister
- Wily
- Info
- Narc's measure
- Relaxation
- No stay-at-home
- Morning moisture
- Gonorrhea
- Conk out
- Aye antithesis

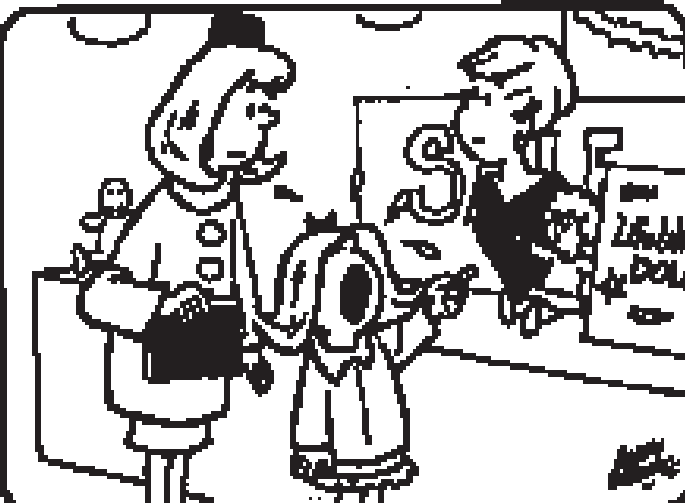
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTING



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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Art Gallery
Program
co-ordinator

We are seeking a dynamic organizer to expand the activities and program for a nonprofit organization developing an art center for a growing rural community with a developing artistic venue. The position would start at 20 hours a week grow into a full time position within two years time. The individual filling the position would be responsible for working with the Board of Directors to expand and fund the position. This person would need to have experience or understanding of marketing, nonprofit organizations, educational systems, artistic temperments, artistic display, grants and technology such as email and website development. For detailed job description email eldoud@dcn.org Open until filledbut responses by January 7 will have priority .Send resume or bio to POB 1140, Winters, CA 95694

-Program Co-ordinator of the Winters Participation Gallery/Center for the Arts
20 Hours a week
Primary Focus:
•Development of Classes (8 hours per week)
•Recruit and sign on artists four months in advance
•Determine economic feasibility.
•Provide administrative support for classes
•Attend first meeting,
•Orient artist to gallery,
•Collect fees,
• Keep records of payments and stipends including name, address, phone, email
• Oversee payment of artist in a timely manner
•Marketing (8 hours per week)
•Classes: confirm schedule and publish three months ahead
•Newspapers, utilities news, Yolo County Arts Council, Solano and Sacramento magazines, Dixon Round Up, other
•Update website through Richard Yamagata
•Contact sign ups and former students
•Assist in connecting high school Art classes with opportunities stipends and scholarships
• Connect with other nonprofits and advertise our schedule
•Gallery shows
• Assist in developing the decent schedule and training
•Fundraising events
•Administrative Support for Gallery (2 hours per week)
•Attend monthly board meeting with report on monthly activity
• Pick up mail and distribute to secretary and treasurer
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Application Packets and addt'l info at District Office, 909 W. Grant Ave. or call HR/530-795-6103

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HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.

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BIBLE TRIVIA

By WILSON CASEY

1. Is the book of 3 Kings in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. "Satan" is found 15 times in the Old Testament, but with 11 in which single book? 1 Chronicles, Job, Psalms, Zechariah
3. In the sight of the elders of Israel, where did Moses bring water out of a rock? Horeb, Carmel, Pishgah, Gilboa
4. What did Sarah say she had not done, therefore lying to God? Walking, Eating, Laughing, Lusting
5. From the gospel

of John 1: 1, what was "in the beginning"? The Earth, The Heavens, The Word, The Spirit
6. Which of these isn't a biblical nationality? Amorites, Girgashites, Hivites, Woolites
ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Job; 3) Horeb; 4) Laughing; 5) The Word; 6) Woolites

Wilson Casey's "Do You Know Your Bible? A Fun Quiz on the Good Book" (Sourcebooks, \$5.95) makes a great Christmas gift.

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The Garden Bug

More gift ideas for gardeners

The online site www.reneesgarden.com offers cookbooks, gift certificates and themed seed collections. From their profits, they donate seeds to groups around the world that promote improving social conditions through organic gardening.

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Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE NO. 2008-01
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINTERS, CALIFORNIA ADDING CHAPTER 2.68 TO TITLE 2 OF THE WINTERS MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Winters City Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, December 18, 2007, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 318 First Street, Winters, California. Purpose of the Public Hearing is consider adoption of City of Winters Ordinance No. 2008-01, An Ordinance of the City of Winters Adding Chapter 2.68 to Title 2 of the Winters Municipal Code Regarding Claims Against the City.

The ordinance is summarized, pursuant to the California Government Code, as follows:

This ordinance will establish a claims procedure for all claims against the City of Winters not otherwise provided for or preempted by the claims procedure in the California Government Code. The ordinance establishes similar claims requirements and time limitations as provided by the California Government Code Sections 900 et seq., and requires any action brought on a claim to conform to the requirements of California Government Code Sections 950-951. The ordinance, if adopted, shall take place 30 days after adoption.

Copies of the proposed ordinance are on file with the Winters City Clerk, 318 First Street, Winters, California. Written comments may be submitted at the hearing or by prior submission to the Winters City Clerk, and oral comments may be made at the hearing. All interested citizens are invited to attend.

Dated: November 27, 2007

/s/ John C. Wallace

City Attorney

City of Winters

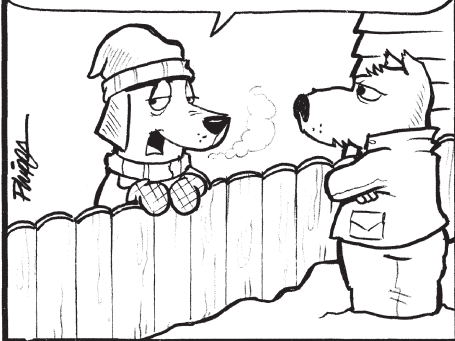
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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

THIS SNOW CAME JUST IN TIME. THE WIFE KEPT BUGGING ME TO TAKE, EVEN BETTER, I THINK THE SHOVEL GOT LEFT OUT...OOOPS.



Fictitious Business Name

FILED YOLO COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER

November 14, 2007

FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK

Kimberly Barklow, Deputy

FBN NUMBER 2007-1140

The following person(s) is/are doing business as:

Wyatt Jensen Squeeze Service

20820 Co. Rd. 79B Capay CA 95607

Wyatt Jensen 20820 Co Rd. 79B Capay CA 95607

This business classification is: An Individual

s/Wyatt Jensen

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the original document on file in this office. This certification is true as long as there are no alterations to the document, AND as long as the document is sealed with a red seal.

State of California, County of Yolo

FREDDIE OAKLEY County Clerk/Recorder

Liz Mahovick, Deputy Clerk

November 29, Dec. 6, 13, 20, 2007

Notice of Trustees Sale

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 07-40929 Doc ID #0001030717182005N Title Order No. 3435748 Investor/Insurer No. 103071718 APN No. 003-421-03-1 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 05/31/2005. 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." Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by LAURA HODGSON, A SINGLE WOMAN, AND BRETT GUTIERREZ, A SINGLE MAN, AS JOINT TENANTS, dated 05/31/2005 and recorded 06/13/05, as Instrument No. 2005-0027823-00, in Book , Page), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Yolo County, State of California, will sell on 01/07/2008 at 12:00PM, At the rear (North) entrance to the City Hall Building, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash or check as described below, payable in full at time of sale, 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 and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1000 HEMENWAY STREET, WINTERS, CA, 956941653. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance with interest thereon of the obligation secured by the property to be sold plus reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$389,364.04. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept cashier's checks 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. Said sale will be made, in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, advances thereunder, with interest as provided, and the unpaid principal of the Note secured by said Deed of Trust with interest thereon as provided in said Note, plus fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. DATED: 12/01/2007 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1757 TAPO CANYON ROAD, SVVW-88 SIMI VALLEY, CA 93063 Phone: (800) 281 8219, Sale Information (805) 578-6618 By: Trustee's Sale Officer RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. AS-AP# 939574 12/06/2007, 12/13/2007, 12/20/2007

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TTD No.: 20070063352555 Loan No.: 14932610 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 10-05-2005 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 12-20-2007 at 12:00 P.M., TITLE TRUST DEED SERVICE COMPANY, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 10-28-2005, as Instrument No. 2005-0054194-00, in book --, page --, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of YOLO County, State of CALIFORNIA, executed by CHRISTINA M. HILL, A SINGLE WOMAN WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) at AT THE REAR (NORTH) ENTRANCE TO THE CITY HALL BUILDING 1110 WEST CAPITOL AVENUE WEST SACRAMENTO CA 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: APN No.: 003-155-02-1 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 12 EDWARDS STREET WINTERS CA 95694 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale of property will be made in "as is" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created 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 \$378,504.01 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. IF AVAILABLE, THE EXPECTED OPENING BID MAY BE OBTAINED BY CALLING THE FOLLOWING TELEPHONE NUMBER or (818) 871-1919. Date: 11-26-2007 TITLE TRUST DEED SERVICE COMPANY, AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE Address: Malibu Canyon Business Park, 26679 W. Agoura Rd., Suite 225, Calabasas, CA 91302 Phone: 818-871-1900 We are assisting the Beneficiary to collect a debt and any information we obtain will be used for that purpose whether received orally or in writing. AS-AP# 940465 11/29/2007, 12/06/2007, 12/13/2007

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Maria G. Bravo 437 Gibson Woodland CA 95695

Martha Cervantes 18204 Mallard St. Woodland CA 95695

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s/Maria G. Bravo, Martha Cervantes

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State of California, County of Yolo

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December 6, 13, 20, 27, 2007

Notice of Trustees Sale

Trustee Sale No.: 20070134008437 Title Order No. 1145349 FHA/VA/PMI No.: NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 6/6/2005. 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. NDex West, LLC, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 06/14/2005 as Instrument No. 2005-0028029-00 of official records in the office of the County Recorder of Yolo County, State of California. Executed By: Carol A Trejo, will sell at public auction to highest bidder for cash, cashier's check/cash equivalent or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States). Date of Sale: 12/27/2007 Time of Sale: 12:45 PM Place of Sale: At the north entrance to the West Sacramento City Hall located at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA Street Address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 104 Orchard Lane, Winters, CA 95694 APN#: 003-491-15-1 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 made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created 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 \$372,971.65. 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 Trustee Sale Information Please Call: Priority Posting & Publication 17501 Irvine Blvd., Suite One Tustin, CA 92780 714-573-1965 www.priorityposting.com NDex West, LLC as Authorized Agent Dated: 12/6/2007 NDex West, LLC may be acting as a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. P340087 12/6, 12/13, 12/20/2007

Public Notice

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 74-27538-3 Title Order No.E719248 APN 003-144-121 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 11/16/2006. 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 PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 12/19/2007 at 12:00PM, HOUSEKEY FINANCIAL CORPORATION as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 11/22/2006, as Instrument 2006-0046154-00 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of YOLO County, California, executed by: MARIA GOMEZ, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN, as Trustor, MERS as Beneficiary and DECISION ONE MORTGAGE COMPANY, LLC. as Lender (Original Lender) and DECISION ONE MORTGAGE CO. L.L.C., as current Servicer/Lender, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by 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, CA, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California describing the land therein: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE ABOVE MENTIONED DEED OF TRUST. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 214 GRANT AVENUE, WINTERS, CA 95694. 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 made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$311,604.47 (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. CONDITION OF SALE: The successful bidder will be required to pay county documentary transfer tax, any city tax, and any other applicable taxes or fees (including, but not limited to, the fee for recording Preliminary Change of Ownership report) to the auctioneer at the time of sale. 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 and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. DATE: 11/28/2007 HOUSEKEY FINANCIAL CORPORATION P.O. BOX 60145 CITY OF INDUSTRY, CA 91716 For Sale Information: (714)259-7850 or www.fidelityasap.com TO NOTIFY TRUSTEE OF BANKRUPTCY FILINGS, PLEASE FAX FACE PAGE OF BANKRUPTCY PETITION TO (909) 397-3914 IRMA BARRIOS, Trustee Sales Officer HOUSEKEY FINANCIAL CORPORATION MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ASAP# 940051 11/29/2007, 12/06/2007, 12/13/2007

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Red Cross offers holiday fire safety tips

As the holiday season moves into full swing, the American Red Cross of Yolo County urges families to follow simple safety tips to keep the season merry and to prevent holiday fires. During the winter holiday season, the incidence and severity of home fires dramatically increases. In fact, according to the U.S. Fire Administration, each year nearly 47,000 fires occur nationally during the holidays claiming more than 500 lives, causing more than 2,200 injuries, and costing \$554 million in property damage. Many of these fires are caused by home heating sources, unattended cooking, and candles.

To prevent holiday home fires, the Red Cross recommends keeping all potential fuel sources, including decorations and evergreen trees and wreaths, at least three feet from heat sources such as candles, heat vents, fireplaces and radiators. In addition, holiday lights and candles need to be turned off or extinguished before leaving the room or going to bed, and especially before leaving home. If you are entertaining guests, designate a responsible family member to walk around your home ensuring that candles and smoking materials are properly extinguished once guests leave.

In addition to following safety precautions with holiday lights and decorations, this is a great time for Yolo County families to make sure that their smoke alarms are functioning properly and practice their home fire escape plan, says Neu.

At a minimum, smoke alarms need to be installed outside of each

sleeping area and on each level of your home. If you sleep with closed doors, install alarms inside sleeping areas too. Use the test button to test each smoke alarm once a month. All smoke alarm batteries need to be replaced once a year.

Fire escape plans should include at least two escape routes for every room in the home. Also choose a convenient meeting place at a safe distance from your home. Practice your escape plan at least twice a year with all family members.

The Red Cross recommends following the below tips to help prevent holiday home fires:

Christmas Tree Care

~ Purchase flame retardant metallic or artificial trees.

~ If you purchase a real tree, make sure that it has fresh, green needles that aren't easily broken. Keep live trees as moist as possible by giving them plenty of water.

~ Use a sturdy tree stand designed not to tip over.

~ Keep trees at least three feet away from heat sources, including fireplaces, portable heaters, radiators, heat vents and candles.

~ Make sure that any light strings or other decorations for the tree are in good condition and follow manufacturer's instructions for their use. Do not use anything with frayed electrical cords.

~ Be careful not to drop or flick cigarette ashes near a tree.

~ Never put tree branches or needles in a fireplace or wood burning stove.

~ Safely dispose of trees as they become dry and needles begin to drop.

~ Dispose of trees through recycling centers or community pick-up services. Dried-out trees should not be left at home or in a garage, or placed against the home or garage.

Lights and decorations

~ Always unplug tree and holiday lights before leaving home or going to bed.

~ Inspect holiday lights each year for frayed wires, bare spots, broken or cracked sockets, and excessive kinking or wear.

~ Avoid overloading electrical outlets by not linking more than three light strands.

~ Use decorations that are flame-resistant or flame-retardant.

~ Place decorations at least three feet away from fireplaces, portable heaters, radiators, heat vents and candles.

Candles

~ Remember that lit candles are fire. Always extinguish candles before leaving the room or going to bed.

~ Never use lit candles to decorate a tree.

~ Keep candles at least 12 inches away from trees, evergreens, holiday decorations, and other items that can catch on fire like clothing, papers and curtains.

~ Use candle holders that are sturdy, won't tip over easily, are made from a material that cannot burn, and are large enough to collect dripping wax.

~ Place candles only where they cannot be reached or easily knocked over by children and pets.