

**MIA GRACE MARIANI** is the newborn daughter of Laura and Matt Mariani of Winters. Born on Nov. 24, 2008, at Sutter Memorial Hospital in Sacramento, she was 8 pounds, 9 ounces and was 21.5 inches long. She joins a brother, Miles, age 2. Maternal grandparents are Ruthann and Francis Tocco of Ballston Lake, NY, and paternal grandparents are Linda Mariani and Jack Mariani, both of Winters. Maternal great-grandmother is Ruth Collins of Jupiter, FL, and paternal great-grandmother is Virginia Flood of Santa Rosa.



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## OBITUARIES

### Helena Salaverria

Helena Salaverria, 85, completed her last journey in this life and passed away peacefully on Sept. 14, 2008, in San Luis Obispo. A frequent world traveler and dedicated college professor for over 40 years, she enjoyed her last 20 years living in retirement in Cambria.

She was born on May 19, 1923 in San Francisco and lived in a small mining community, Engle Mine, in Plumas County. The family moved to Winters in 1929 when the mine closed as a result of the Great Depression. The eldest child of Blas and Eugenia Salaverria, she was joined by sisters Clara and Flora on a small ranch east of town on County Road 32.

She attended local schools in Winters, graduating from the tiny Buckeye School and later, Winters High School in 1941. She went on to attend UC Berkeley where she earned her bachelor's degree in Education and later obtained a masters degree from Stanford University. A lifelong student, Helena also attended college at the University of Madrid in Spain and enjoyed many summers at the Monterey Institute of Foreign Languages.

Helena's first career position was as a high school teacher in Walnut Creek. After completing her work at Stanford, she taught languages at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa for two years. She returned to California in 1962 and began teaching at Bakersfield College where she remained until her retirement in 1983. It was during this tenure that she was inducted into the prestigious Who's Who in America.

While living in Cambria, she served as a docent at nearby Hearst Castle and continued to teach part-time at Cuesta College. Ever a student herself, Helena traveled frequently to Europe, studying culinary skills in France and learning new languages and traditions while visiting most of the countries in Europe on operatic tours.

She is survived by her sister, Flora Dolinar of Grass Valley; niece, Carol Perkins Rupe of Redding; nephews Dennis Dolinar of Ventura, Stan Dolinar of Evanston, Wyoming, and Gary Perkins of San Diego; great-nieces and nephews, Aimee Rupe of Sacramento, Jared Rupe of Ft. Bragg, North Carolina, Ryan and Kevin Dolinar of Ventura, and Shelley and Justin Dolinar of Evanston.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her sister Clara Perkins of Woodland, brothers-in-law, Clifton Perkins and Louis Dolinar, and her nephew Larry Perkins.

Cremation has already taken place and a memorial service was held on Sept. 27 in Cambria, with inurnment in Monument Hill Memorial Park outside of Woodland.

### Paul Iribarne

Paul Iribarne passed away on Dec. 14, 2008 at Sutter General Hospital in Sacramento due to complications from congestive heart failure and kidney disease. A native of Carson City, Nevada and a 73 year resident of Sacramento, he was 79.

He graduated from Christian Brothers High School in 1947, spent two years in the U.S. Army, and then went on to earn his bachelors degree at Sacramento State University 1953, and then an administrative credential from CSUS in 1966.

He was a teacher and principal in the public schools for 37 years and was principal of Sacred Heart Catholic Grammar School for five years. He was the principal of Waggoner Elementary School in Winters from 1971 to 1990, and friends and relatives will remember his warm, gentle manner. He influenced countless young people during his years in Winters, says a family member.

He is survived by his children and their spouses, Matthew and Amy Iribarne of San Francisco, Jennifer and John Milne of Sacramento, Nancy and Bruce Gervais of Sacramento, and David Iribarne of Sacramento; grandchildren Anthony, Vivian and Janine Milne, and Katherine and Natalie Gervais, all of Sacramento, and August Iribarne of San Francisco.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Beverly Ann Iribarne.

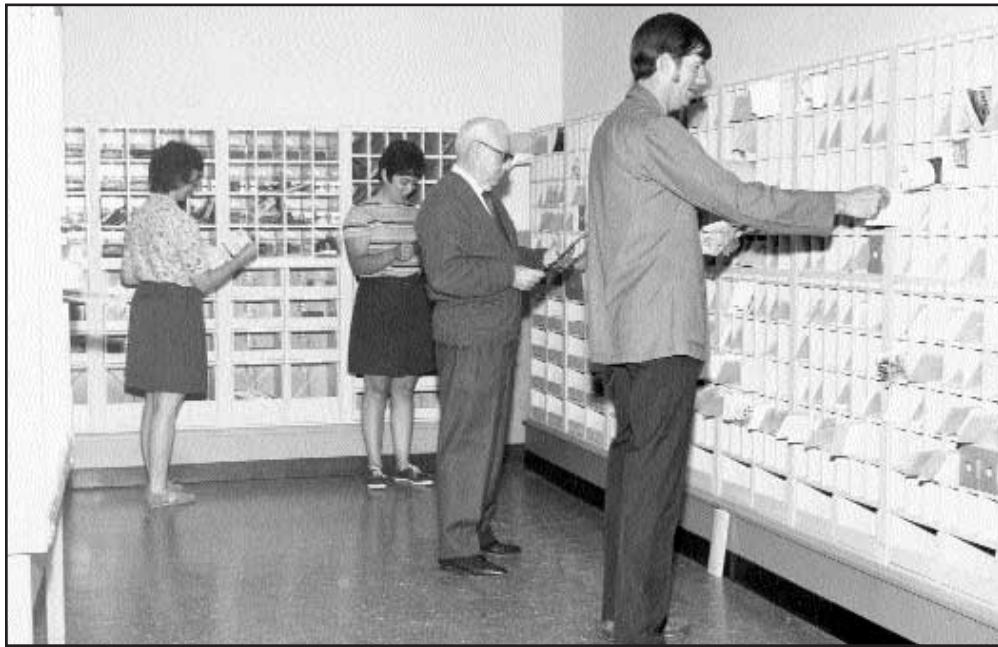
Friends are invited to attend a memorial mass to be offered for the repose of his soul at Sacred Heart Church, 1040 39th Street in Sacramento on Friday, Dec. 19, at 2 p.m. Private interment will be held at St. Mary's Cemetery. Remembrances may be made to Mercy Education Resource Center.

Give what you have.

To someone, it may be better than you dare to think.

~ Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

## YESTERYEAR



File photo by Relfe Ehret  
**The new Winters Post Office was opened in July, 1971. The new roomier quarters made mail sorting easier for the four postal employees shown above putting mail into boxes. They are, from left: Shirley Marks, Anna Muller, Postmaster J.R. Chapman and Bill Gray.**

**50**  
YEARS AGO

**January 8, 1959**

Janet Martin, Winters High School senior and president of the student body, was unanimously elected 1959 Winters Youth Day Sweetheart by students at the high school.

An ordinance was passed which will establish a recreation commission for the Winters area at the regular meeting of the city council Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Faustino Acosta, of Winters, are the parents of a son, born at the Yolo General Hospital, Woodland, January 5, 1959.

The Yolo County Board of Supervisors, meeting in Woodland last Friday, opened bids for the sale of \$50,000 in Winters Joint Union High School bonds, and then sold them to the Bank of Rio Vista, which offered 3.73 percent interest. The bond issue was approved by voters last fall, and will be used to construct a swimming pool.

**65**  
YEARS AGO

**January 7, 1944**

The first session of the Service Club of the new year disposed of the suggestion that the club convert into a Lions Club by voting rather heavily to remain as it is.

A New Year's gift of a little 7 pound, 10 ounce daughter came to Mr. and Mrs. R.A. Frisbee Saturday at the Jenney Hospital, Vacaville. The new-comer will be called Barbara Irene.

Corporal Mariano Lopez came from Monmouth, New Jersey, for a holiday leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Lopez, on the Davis Road.

Lt. Charles H. Binns arrived Wednesday from Austin, Texas, for a brief visit in the E.L. Dexter home with Mrs. Binns and his little sons.

Eugene Paul arrived Tuesday night for a brief furlough visit.

**100**  
YEARS AGO

**January 8, 1909**

Total rainfall for the season up until 8 o'clock this morning, 7.94 inches.

H.L. Houston of Woodland was in town Tuesday on legal business.

California Fruit Exchange paid its six per cent dividend this week.

Miss Hazel Robinson of San Jose opened school in Buckeye district Monday.

Miss Ora Woods has been employed as a telephone girl on the Farmer's Line.

Treasurer T.E. Dunnan reported \$234.43 in the city treasury at this week's meeting of the town board.

For sale at Allendale: 114 acres, \$4,500.

**115**  
YEARS AGO

**January 6, 1894**

Miss Myrtle Cooper of Winters was granted a primary grade certificate by the County Board of Education, at the examination of applicants for teachers' certificates, held last week.

We now have two trains and two mails, each way, a day again. It is a great convenience to everybody.

E.E. Baker spent a part of the holiday season with his brother, Philip, near Williams, Colusa County.

A surprise party was given to Miss Mary McArthur, on New Year's night by her classmates in the high school, and a most enjoyable time was had by all participating.

### Weekly police report

**Dec. 5**

~ 8:15 a.m., An unknown driver of a vehicle was traveling southbound on Fourth Street approaching Russell Street. For an unknown reason, the driver swerved to the right and collided with a parked vehicle owned by Manuel Pena Montenegro and then fled the scene.

**Dec. 5-6**

~ 6 p.m. to 6 a.m., On the 500 block of Abbey Street, a digital camera and compact discs were stolen from a vehicle. Loss: \$100.

**Dec. 8**

~ (Time unknown), a victim's credit card information was used to make internet purchases. Loss: \$145.

~ 8 a.m. to 6:15 p.m., on the 300 block of Edwards Street, a residential garage was entered. A bicycle and two cameras were stolen. Loss: \$1,290.

~ 7:12 p.m., Gustavo Garcia, 22, of Winters was arrested on an outstanding Winters Police Department bench warrant charging him with failure to appear on previous charges of driving under the influence of alcohol with a blood alcohol content of over .08%, being an unlicensed driver, two counts of failing to stop at a stop sign and having an open container of an

alcoholic beverage inside a vehicle. Garcia was booked at Winters Police Department and transported to Yolo County Jail for incarceration.

**Dec. 9**

~ 7:45 a.m. to 9:15 p.m., on Betty Court, entrance was gained to a residence and jewelry was stolen. The loss is yet undetermined.

**Dec. 11**

~ 3:45 p.m., Christopher Joseph Edwards, 46, of Winters was issued a notice to appear for being an unlicensed driver, driving a vehicle with expired registration, and having inoperable vehicle stop lamps.

**Dec. 11-12**

~ 9 p.m. to 8 a.m., on the 100 block of East Grant Avenue, a black marker was used to write graffiti on a business. Damage: \$200.

**Dec. 12**

~ 12:46 a.m., Joseph Donald Francis Bertinoia, 20, of Winters was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol with a blood alcohol content of over .08% and possessing stolen property. Bertinoia was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to Yolo County Jail for incarceration.

~ 9:23 p.m., two Win-

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## Berryessa drops .06 of a foot

The level of Lake Berryessa dropped by .06 of a foot during the past week with a reduction in storage of 997 acre feet of water, according to Ken Emigh of the Solano Irrigation District.

He reported Tuesday morning that the lake was 413.45 feet above sea level, with storage computed at 1,124,837 acre feet of water.

The SID is diverting 50 second feet of water into the Putah South Canal and 35 second feet is flowing in Putah Creek at the Diversion Dam.

Evaporation on Lake Berryessa averaged 39 acre feet of water per day during the week.



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# Opinion



## DEBRA LO QUERCIO BECAUSE I SAY SO

**B**REAKING NEWS! I have breaking news!" hollered one of our locals as he sprinted toward me across the Community Center front lawn faster than I've even seen him move before. "It's the next lead story for the Express!" he exclaimed.

"No, no, no," I protested, "Not now, it'll have to wait. Call me Monday. I'll be late for my next appointment," and made a beeline for my car, hoping I could dive in, lock the doors and speed away before he could throw his body across the hood, pound on my windshield and demand I whip out my reporter's notebook forthwith.

Yes, he was that worked up.

But it was one of those Saturdays, you see, on which everything in the universe was scheduled, and only with precise timing and stern discipline would I manage to stay on track. I had to take photos at the FFA Christmas tree sale, photos at the Winters Friends of the Library Holiday Festival and later on that day, yet more photos of the community Christmas tree lighting, photos of the St. Anthony Catholic Church live nativity scene and most crucial of all, photos of Santa officially arriving in Winters as he always does, on a firetruck. (Apparently the reindeer are a little skittish about getting too close to The Buckhorn.) Sandwiched in between all of this madness were appointments scheduled in my own (so-called) life.

You know, there are 31 days in December. Maybe you, like me, are wondering why everything in this silly little town always seems to happen on the same day. Or maybe you're wondering why the Express editor is running around taking photos instead of the photographers. Answer: It's a very small paper. I am the photographers. And the front desk receptionist, complaint department, layout artist, occasional housekeeper and chief obituary writer.

Others of you are wondering, "When's she going to get on with this story?"

I'm gettin', I'm gettin'...

The unusually nimble yet frantic man was undeterred by my objections and managed to intercept me before I made it to the car. As I reiterated that I really, honestly did not have two mere seconds to spare or my entire meticulously planned schedule would be flung into disarray, he again insisted that he had the biggest scoop ever in the history of Winters.

"Yeah, yeah, yeah, everybody thinks their story is front page news, bri-p, brap, brup, must be going, busy, busy, busy, call me Monday..."

But he blocked my path and looked me squarely in the eye, his voice trembling with determination: "There are penises all over downtown!"

Oh. Kay.

Sir, you have my undivided attention.

"There," he said, sweeping an arm toward our lovely newly reconstructed main intersection in beautiful downtown Winters, "They're on every corner!"

I peered, and I blinked, and I blinked again, and it was like staring at one of those magic 3-D drawings until an image emerges. Sure enough, he was right. Standing at attention on each of the four corners were three male appendages, just large enough to be respectable but not threatening.

"Didn't you notice them?" he said, "Everybody's talking about them!"

Sure, when I drove by that morning, I'd noticed the concrete pillars, newly installed on the corners to keep all the tractors and trucks loaded with walnut bins from wiping out those nifty new brick bulb-outs (not to mention the people standing on them). Funny, though, when I noticed the pillars the first time, they reminded me of chess pawns. But... not anymore. Or ever again.

What can you do but stand there and snicker like a schoolgirl. Which we did for a moment or two. Finally, Mr. Breaking News noted that there was just too much testosterone downtown now, and we needed to install something to balance out all this male symbolism. I suggested a Georgia O'Keeffe wall mural spanning the front of the Winters Opera House.

And yet more snickering ensued.

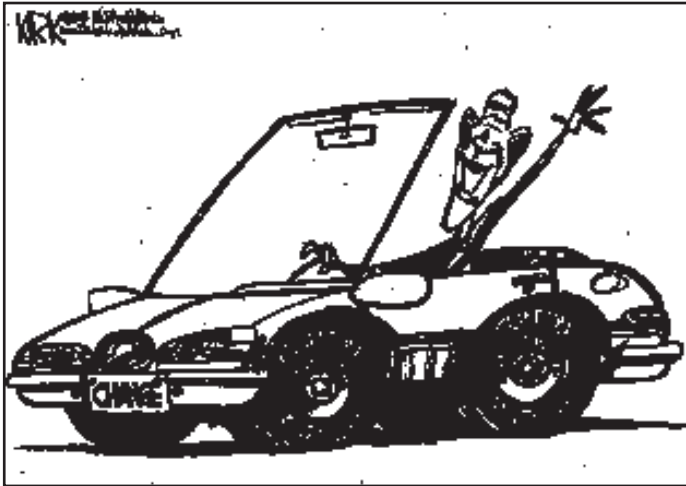
Or, maybe we could raise money for the new library by inviting local women to purchase bronze plaques to be installed on the pillars to honor their men, I said, like the bricks honoring families at the gazebo. Come on, fair's fair. The guys have their names on plaques over the heads, horns and various carcasses mounted on the walls at The Buckhorn. Shouldn't the ladies be able to claim trophies of their own?

OK, OK, OK, I suppose that'd be in bad taste. Let's just take a deep breath here, and be adults, I told my snickering cohort. You know, the kids are gonna see these things every time they come downtown. We need to set a good example for our youth. Do the right thing and whatnot.

"What? Take them out?"

No, I said. Put condoms on them.

**OUT OF OFFICE COUNTDOWN:** Breaking news! Only four weeks left!



## LETTERS

### Capturing nature's rhythms

Dear Editor,

I live in Davis and work at Winters High School. That's about 4,500 commute miles a year. 4,200 of those miles are by bicycle.

Commuting on a bike is one of the great pleasures in life. For a glorious hour and a half, I am unplugged from computers and cell phones but plugged into the natural rhythms of the world. Sometimes I think of lesson plans; sometimes I obsess over a difficult interaction with a student. But mostly my mind wanders and watches the world. I've never missed the first robins of spring or the pungent almond blossoms bursting open. The occasional bluebird rocketing across Putah Creek Road is nothing less than soul food.

For a good part of winter, the morning commute is pitch black except for my headlight and the stars. At 6:30 a.m. the country roads are empty, and I often turn off the light. It's a slice of the sublime to bike under Orion's watchful gaze.

Sure, the commute is not always blissful. Sometimes I've got the wrong gloves on and the cold burns so hard that the ride is a scream-fest. Sometimes it's so rainy that my glasses fog up and I ride by feel. But in the times when I don't ride, all day long I feel anxious that something isn't right, like when you brush your teeth but forgot to floss.

Like all my friends, colleagues, and students, I live a frenetic life. The only thing bigger than my "to do" list is the pile of ungraded essays. I rush to finish one thing in order to rush to the next. But by its nature, the pace of life changes when you are traveling at 16 miles per hour versus 60. In Fahrenheit 451, Ray Bradbury observes that

people are always in a hurry, that they have no time to enjoy anything. My students always nod when we read this passage. When they learn that the book was published in 1953, two generations before text messaging and 30 years before phone answering machines, their jaws drop, for they know that life moves exponentially faster today and just keeps gaining speed.

Cycling is a built-in daily workout. There's no need to join a gym. Its carbon footprint is minuscule; and it's the cheapest form of commuting outside of hoofing it to work. With the price of gas at \$4/gallon, the IRS figures that a mile of driving costs 58.5 cents. Rather than annually spending \$2,400 commuting by car, a bicycle commute costs less than \$200. Using a ton or two of car to carry a person and a few papers on a 25-mile roundtrip makes as much sense as using a clothes dryer instead of a clothesline on a summer day when the ambient temperature is above 90 degrees. Sure, I can use the dryer, and sure, I can drive the car, but given the state of the atmosphere and the thickness of my wallet, better options exist.

My students are always fascinated by the bike. I suppose that if someone were to take a poll five years after graduation and ask students what they remembered from Mr. Biers-Ariel's class, some might say, "He showed us the dirty jokes in Romeo and Juliet," others, "He always yelled about where to put those stupid commas," but I bet there would be a larger contingent who would answer, "That dude rode his bike from Davis." And if that were the case, I wouldn't be sad.

**MATT BIERS-ARIEL**

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We may withhold writers' names from publication upon request if there is a legitimate reason, such as fear of reprisal or retribution. We reserve the right to determine legitimacy.

Letters submitted anonymously will not be printed.

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

"Dick Cheney and I do not want the nation to be in a recession. We want anybody who can find work to be able to find work."  
~ George W. Bush, on "60 Minutes II" in December 2000



## CHARLES R. WALLACE A QUICK OPINION

**W**HERE ARE THE CAMERAS? When the middle school music department was broken into last week, it might have been the third time that we've run the story. After the first time the thieves hit, I asked if the school had security cameras? "Can't afford them," was the answer. Now, a camera system would look cheap compared to replacing all of the equipment that was stolen. Even if insurance pays for replacing the equipment, the increase in premiums will eventually cost more. I know that a lot of people donated money to the music department after the last break-in, how many will step up this time?

This isn't an isolated problem. Downtown Winters has had its share of break-ins and vandalism. I'm not sure I like the idea of security cameras on every corner, but that day is coming. I've mentioned this before, but maybe we can contract with Google Earth to watch out for our belongings.

**G**ETTING INTO THE Christmas spirit. I'm not a shopper. If I want something I'll go out and buy it. I don't wander around the stores looking for things on sale, or try to figure out what else to buy. I head for the sock department, buy some socks and head home. You can't do that around Christmas time.

My permanent tenant and I headed out of town to shop. I know it is a mortal sin to leave town to spend money, but what's a grandpa to do? We went to the new Target in Woodland. The main problem with a store that I've never been in is that you can't just head for what you're looking for. You end up wandering around, picking up stuff you hadn't thought of. Maybe that's why the milk and beer are always in the back of the grocery store.

After making the required list, Sherri started checking off the names. I'll admit that what we bought you can't find in Winters. Maybe some day, but not today. There were plenty of people walking the isles, looking as lost as I felt. Most shoppers had stuff in their arms or carts, so the idea that people aren't buying anything for Christmas isn't true in Woodland. I might mention that I saw people from Davis and Winters while visiting Woodland's shopping hub.

Christmas needs to get back to the basics. Sing a few Christmas carols, drink some eggnog and celebrate Jesus' birth. Think about a simple birthday party, not some shopping spree. That is, unless I'm on your list.

Have a good week.

**Tell them what you think**

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# BUSINESS

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cause of the economic impact,” Hinds said. “I could see it coming down the pipe.”

Hinds went on to become the program coordinator for the Winters Participation Gallery, a non-profit gallery, but she still sees some of the problems that downtown businesses are having. For one thing, she says there is not enough local support of the businesses. Some community members only come downtown when visitors are in town, instead of utilizing the businesses here.

She adds that not enough people realize that there is a free art gallery in town, a good destination that is open in the evening, and can attract out of town visitors biding their time between dinner and a show.

As far as her own business endeavors go, Hinds opened Inspired Designs with Andrea Barry, which does personal design consulting. This type of business does not require a retail space, although it lends itself to cross-marketing with another boutique.

Hinds does not regret closing the Attic Gallery, rather, she says it was a “smart business move to get out at a good time.”

Her new design consulting business is just one of the ways she is branching out creatively, a move she encourages other businesses to do.

“You’re constantly reinventing yourself,” she said. “Don’t give up.”

Another business that closed this past summer was the Hula Studio, Halau Hula O Lei Hal-i’a. Michelle Drumwright, the studio’s owner and teacher, opened the space in 2006 to accommodate students wanting to learn Hawaiian hula dancing and other styles. The studio became very successful very quickly, and Drumwright soon had about 180 students on her hands.

“It became overwhelming,” Drumwright admitted.

She began teaching several classes several days a week to accommodate all the eager dancers, but when that began taking time away from her family, Drumwright decided to take a break. The city took over the lease on her studio space, but will sublet it to her so she can begin teaching once a week beginning in January.

She said the business brought students from Winters and beyond — even as far as Sacramento and Vallejo. Students who could take advantage of all the good eats in Winters and who could stroll downtown with their parents after their lessons.

“I didn’t expect to have so much interest in Winters.”

She emphasized that her decision to take a break from teaching had nothing to do with the economy, but everything to do with wanting to spend more time with her own family. Like Hinds, Drumwright is reinventing herself and has found a way to provide dance lessons without sacrificing time at home.

## Business present

Julie Lopez-Rojas has time for walk-ins now.

The manicurist at Close Quarters salon usually has her appoint-

ment book filled. Around the holidays, customers need to book a slot two weeks in advance. And she usually starts her day at 7 a.m.

However, now Lopez-Rojas has time to sleep in.

“Before the construction work, (business) was really doing good. I was busy,” she explained. But the fencing and construction on Railroad Avenue affected business, she said.

“It was hard to get into the shop. Customers didn’t want to (try to) get through. It was really discouraging,” she admitted.

Thankfully, her loyal customers are coming back, and she has thought of other ways to drum up business, like bringing back gift certificates and advertising walk-in appointments.

Lopez-Rojas is cautiously optimistic. “We’ll just have to see what the future holds.”

“I can’t see myself retiring just yet,” she mused.

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When asked how Steady Eddy’s Coffee House was holding up, Edmund Lis offered a grim smile and the word “survivable.”

To accommodate for trickle down effects like vendors charging fuel surcharges, Lis reluctantly raised prices, after avoiding doing that for two years.

Like Lopez-Rojas, he said he noticed a change while the streets were closed and businesses like his were not as accessible.

It was the “perfect bad timing,” since the street closure coincided with the stock market crash. However, he thinks the construction will help in the long run. And, surprisingly, he described this as the prime-time for new businesses to come to Winters.

He explained that spaces are available, and the city is trying to help stimulate businesses into coming here.

It’s a gamble, Lis admitted, but, “come spring, you’re established,” and new businesses will benefit when “Winters is all of a sudden cool again,” he laughed.

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The Buckhorn is thought of as the barometer of how things are doing in Winters. If The Buckhorn is doing well, then surely things aren’t so bad.

John Pickerel would rather not have this standard be the case, but he knows business, and he knows that businesses like his have to be destination-worthy.

“It’s the cross we bear in Winters,” he admitted.

And so he has felt the economic repercussions and made adjustments, like trimming hours and increasing advertising.

“Business practices have to be very shiny,” if they’re going to make it through harsh conditions, Pickerel said.

While the street construction impacted the accessibility of the Buckhorn, he praised the city, saying they did a great job of ferrying passengers through the construction.

The construction “endeared us to people who came into town,” he said.

And as any good businessperson like Pickerel would know, that may be all it takes to get customers coming back.

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Unfortunately, though some businesses are surviving, some simply are not. Winters has al-

ready seen the loss of Regalare, Aura Day Salon, Ethnographica and now Chris’s Florist.

Chris Jones has been in business almost 30 years, 18 of which have been spent in the same building she’s in now. She is a multi-faceted business, carrying gifts and even making coffee and other treats in addition to doing floral designs.

However, unless she can find a new building by the end of the year, her doors will close. She has been unable to find a building downtown that can accommodate her need for water, and the building she is currently in has become too big and costly for her. She would prefer to find a smaller space and pare down on her inventory and focus just on the flowers, although she wants to keep the coffee part going, too.

Jones saw business going down after the mortuary left town and after the schools no longer accepted as many deliveries. As people have tighter budgets, flowers are often the first things to be sacrificed.

“We are last on the list,” Jones explained. “And we cannot survive being last on the list.”

She also said the town has changed. People are not shopping locally. Jones commented that she’s heard of people living in Winters for years who have never come down to Main Street.

“Things are just different and I can’t fix it. It’s time to rethink, to change,” she said.

Jones had a difficult time with the street closures as well. She would rather the money go to something tangible that people can see, like improvements at Grant

and Railroad streets, instead of on Main and Railroad streets.

“I’ve seen people unable to find parking and have left,” she said.

She remained adamant that her business will not remain at its current location, but still holds hope for a new location where her utility bills and other overhead will not be as expensive.

“All that trickle effect has an effect on us,” Jones lamented.

## Business future

And yet, in the midst of a devastated economy and a small town coping with losses of businesses, one man is charmingly hopeful. New life is being breathed into an empty storefront on Railroad Avenue.

Al Calderone, owner of ARC Guitars, was courted by the city and other business owners, and wooed into opening a guitar shop.

“I was recruited by the city to move my enterprise into the historic downtown as a destination business,” he explained.

Calderone has been in the guitar business for ten years, making custom guitars, doing guitar repairs and selling guitar merchandise. He has a strong internet presence, and draws customers from all over the nation.

All of these qualities qualified his business for city assistance, mostly because he has a diverse revenue source and is a destination for serious musicians. So at a time when other businesses are suffering, he is ready to go.

“I see other people cutting back, so rather than that, I’m going full stream ahead,” Calderone smiled.

What’s more is that all of the construction he’s done has been done through local vendors. Briggs & Co. are making a sign, and Melanie Pickerel is helping with interior design.

Calderone is genuinely optimistic and has thoughtfully worked to craft a good business plan.

“I encourage other business owners to hold on,” he advised.

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The Winters City Council has worked hard to help businesses thrive in Winters. They offer a lease assistance program that works to identify businesses that can survive in Winters.

Cas Ellena, Director of Economic and Redevelopment, explained that the city has a criteria of what they look for in assisting businesses, and echoes the need for destination businesses. Her goals for the town include crafting downtown Winters into an “experience.”

She also praised businesses like Cloth Carousel, which she describes as a “strong operator,” noting that “positive businesses have positive results.”

City Manager John Donlevy discussed

some possibilities of having some roadside restaurants by the highway, which would target long-distance drivers. The taxes from businesses like that would help benefit the smaller businesses downtown. That would also provide jobs for local youths who have few resources for after school jobs in town.

The city has a number of projects up its sleeve, all designed to help businesses and promote Winters as a place to come and enjoy all the treasures the town has to offer.

The future of Winters is taking shape as improvement projects begin and end, and some businesses are giving way to other businesses. Just as the Winters of the past recycled itself into what the city looks like now.

Despite economic woes, the community is recognizing the need to shop locally, through the efforts of business owners and city officials. The moral of this story is that business constantly evolves, and Winters is no different. Simply put, businesses go and come.



# Community

## Times a-changing on Railroad Avenue

By **DEBRA LO GUERCIO**  
Express editor

The latest Winters business to call it quits is Ethnographica, which adorned the space at 306 Railroad Avenue with its signature pink truffle pig for 15 years. Owner Marion Hamilton closed her doors at the end of November, and says it was a combination of things that led to her decision — the weak economy, the inconvenience of ongoing construction downtown and two burglaries at her shop a few months back that resulted in the loss of rare and expensive antiques, some of which were never recovered.

Hamilton says it was the burglaries that really took the wind out of her sails, and her sales, and the construction downtown was the last straw. However, she adds that although she didn't feel she could wait the project out, she says the finished project will be a positive thing for Winters.

"We're going to be a second Healdsburg or Petaluma," she says, complimenting the brick work on the bulbouts, and adds, "It will be a great boon to the city."

Although the eclectic mix of ethnic collectibles and antiques won't readily be available in a Winters storefront, Hamilton says she will continue trotting the globe and picking up trinkets and treasures, which she will sell online at [www.ethnicarts.biz](http://www.ethnicarts.biz) and [www.marionhamilton.com](http://www.marionhamilton.com).

The most well known



Photo by Debra Lo Guercio

**The changes in the Winters business community can be seen on Railroad Avenue, where ARC Guitar is preparing to open in the old Arte Junction spot, just as Ethnographica closed next door. ARC Guitar owner Al Calderone (right) and Ethnographica owner Marion Hamilton chat about the transitions.**

of her treasures is arguably the large pink papier mache pig that graced the front of her building whenever she was open. He started out blue, and was designed to hold a small person or child inside who sold truffles through an opening in its chest. Hamilton's daughter repainted the pig several years ago, and it even survived an assault at an Earthquake Street Festival a few years back when some overly enthusiastic festival-goer punched it right in the face.

Although many in town were fond of the pig, Hamilton is somewhat less so.

"I would like to find a home for him," she says. "He's available."

Meanwhile, as Hamilton closed her shop doors for the last time, a new shop — ARC Guitar — is getting ready to open next door. Al Calderone, Winters' own rock 'n roll pastor, will be selling his hand-made guitars and plans to offer guitar lessons in the spot formerly occupied by Arte Junction at 308 Railroad Avenue. Calderone is aiming for early 2009 to open his doors, after selling his guitars from home for the last eight years. More information about ARC Guitar can be found online at [www.arcguitar.com](http://www.arcguitar.com).

In the spot next door, where Ethnographica was, construction and remodeling is already taking place. John Pickerel, who is the "point person" along with his wife, Melanie, for leasing the three spaces behind Putah Creek Café, which are owned by Mary Bajakian. Pickerel declined to say who the tenant at 306 Railroad will be, but did confirm that the spot has been leased.

A lease for the space at 304 Railroad has not been finalized, Pickerel said. When all three spaces are leased, Pickerel said the storefronts will be modernized, and façade improvements will "tie it all together."

## New structure all about the ashes

By **DEBRA LO GUERCIO**  
Express editor

For those Winters residents who have chosen cremation rather than burial for their final earthly exit, there is now a new "cremation niche" at the Winters Cemetery. Installed on Dec. 10 by Christie Vault Co. of Colomas, the multi-sided niche is made of rose and mahogany marble.

The niche can hold 160 containers of "cremains," and the compartments are designed to hold two containers each, explains Brett Dunham manager of the Winters Cemetery. He says this is so husbands and wives or other couples can be interred together.

Dunham says Winters residents have been requesting an above-ground resting place at the cemetery for their cremated loved ones "for a number of years." The Winters Cemetery is one of the last in the area to install one.

The cremation niche

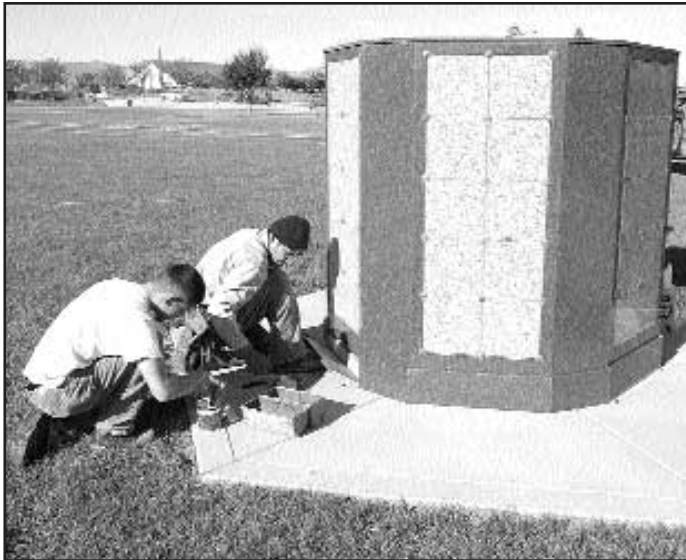


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**Juan Zamorano (back) and Daniel Sanchez finish installing the cremation niche at the Winters Cemetery District. The structure has 80 compartments and a potential capacity of 160 containers of "cremains," and will be finished by January.**

was funded through the Winters Cemetery District, which gets its main source of income through tax revenues, explains Dunham. Half of the tax revenue comes from Yolo County, and the other half from Solano County.

The cremation niche will be finished by Jan-

uary, at which time the spaces will be available for both purchase and actual use. The price of each compartment has yet to be settled, but Dunham expects the price to be set by January.

For more information, call the Winters Cemetery District, 795-2475.

### Planners meet at earlier time

The Winters Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, Dec. 23, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall. The agenda includes public hearings regarding development agreements with Winters Investors, LLC (Callahan Estates), and Winters Investors, LLC (Hudson-Ogando Property).

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## Event has dogs needing homes

Dogs will be available for adoption by Rotts of Friends Animal Rescue on Sunday, Dec. 21, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 29 Palms Pet Resort, 34505 County Rd 29. All these spayed and neutered dogs are current on their shots and come with free obedience training.

For more information call Renee Lancaster, 681-1326. Rotts of Friends Animal Rescue is a nonprofit that seeks to find good homes for Rottweilers and other breeds of dogs.



# MARTINEZ

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right. Martinez returned home that evening as the newly-elected president of the fledgling Winters Healthcare Foundation.

Through his work as a board member of the California FFA organization, Martinez had experience with developing non-profit agencies and lent it to the neophyte foundation, which eventually became a full-fledged non-profit organization. He has participated in all the various stages of the Winters Healthcare Foundation's development, from opening the medical office at 21 Main Street and expanding it to 23 Main Street, as well as a business office and dental clinic just down the sidewalk. The business office has since relocated to the old Church of Christ building at Fourth and Main Streets.

Of all Martinez' extensive involvements and with various agricultural organizations, as well as honors for his service, he admits that his work with the Winters Healthcare Foundation stands out as something really special to him.

"It's the love of my life," he says, quickly adding, "Other than Shelly."

He and Shelly have

raised two sons, Brett and Ryan, who both work on the family farm, Martinez Ranches, Inc., where they grow walnuts, prunes and almonds. Martinez is himself from a farming family, and was an innovator his whole life, often getting teased about his "wild" ideas, like developing a brush shredder and mowing the orchards before discing. He was labeled "College Joe" not only for his unorthodox experiments, but also because he was the first one in his family to go to college.

Following graduation from Winters High School in 1966, where he was the student body vice president as well as the FFA chapter and state president, and the national FFA vice president, Martinez went on to graduate from Cal Poly with a degree in pomology (fruit science) in 1972. He then got a teaching credential at UC Davis. He is also a graduate of the Ag Leadership Program, which gave him a background in international agricultural concerns.

Besides FFA, Martinez has devoted himself to all sorts of agriculturally related organizations, including 10 years of service on the Solano County Farm Bureau and 22 years of service on the Yolo County Farm Bureau. He is the current president of the Solano

County Farm Bureau, as well as the current president of the Solano Resource Conservation District. He was honored for his service to the Yolo Bureau in 2000, and was named Yolo County Farm Bureau Outstanding Member of the Year. He also currently serves on the board of directors for the Walnut Bargaining Association, which strives to increase profits for walnut farmers.

With his experience in farming and many ties with local farmers and their concerns, Martinez has also gotten involved with agriculture at the political level, and lobbies for agricultural interests in local elections and with local politicians, and has traveled all the way to Washington D.C. to make farmers' voices heard.

"The things that go on in Sacramento and Washington D.C. have direct influences on us," says Martinez.

Some of his other accomplishments include getting involved with the push to bring ambulance service to Winters, and founding the Yolano Harvest Trails, which was a direct marketing effort to bring community awareness to local agriculture. He has also given financial support to various community efforts, including the City Park play structure and youth activities, and does agri-

cultural outreach to youth who live in the city and don't have much personal contact with farming.

Conservation is also one of Martinez' key interests, and he has volunteered with projects to protect and restore Putah Creek. He points out that farmers in particular must be concerned with caring for the soil, water and air because without them, they are out of business.

"A farmer is supposed to be a good steward of the land. You can't destroy the soil or contaminate it, or you can't farm it. Trees need clean air and water. That's how you get maximum quality production," says Martinez. "Harming the environment will end up coming back and biting you in the butt."

He says whether it's people or land, what you put in is what you get out — if you take care of the land, or the people, it/they will take care of you.

"We've gotta take care of each other," says Martinez, whether it's the environment or the community.

"As I get older, I think about what kind of legacy I can leave behind, especially for the youth. I'd like to leave Yolo and Solano Counties, and Winters, in better shape than they were in when I came into this world. We, as a community have got to learn

not to be so mean to each other."

With a lifetime of caring for the environment, the community and the people, plants and animals in it, Martinez still insists that being selected as this year's Citizen of the Year came as a "total surprise." In fact, when he returned home one day and saw Dr. Davis in his driveway, he immediately thought something bad had happened. But no, Davis — who is himself a former Citizen of the Year — wanted to personally deliver the good news.

Humble to the very end, Martinez says he will accept the award on behalf of everyone who has been involved with his various efforts.

"It's not just an award to me, it is to the whole community, the whole group of people that I work with," he says. "Ultimately, I have gotten more out of these things than I've put in."

The real reward, he says is seeing how his efforts are appreciated by average members of the community, particularly patients that come to the Winters Healthcare Foundation office for medical care.

"People are so overjoyed that the Winters Healthcare Foundation is here, and that we can provide that kind of healthcare."

He stresses, however that he is appreciative of both the Citizen of

the Year honor and the community itself.

"Winters has been very good to me and my family, from the day my dad arrived in 1944, and my mom in 1946. We were part of the American Paella," he says, referring to Gloria Lopez' book that chronicled the local Spanish American experience, and in which Martinez and his family are mentioned. "I feel I have a responsibility to be good to Winters."

He says whether it's volunteer work or simply helping to fund local efforts and needs, it's important to be a part of the community. And, that spirit is what makes Winters what it is.

"In Winters, that sense of helping people is the rule rather than the exception. We are helping each other. I hope as Winters grows that we don't lose that perspective. "It takes a village... If that was ever true, it's true here in Winters."

Martinez will be formally honored as this year's Citizen of the Year at the annual Winters Chamber of Commerce Year in Review celebration, planned for Saturday, Jan. 24, at the Winters Community Center. Tickets are \$35 per person. For tickets or more information about the event, call the Winters Chamber of Commerce office, 795-2329.

# SEARCH

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intendents, and detailed the process they use and their proposed timeline. The process includes meetings with local groups as well as with the board, development of a brochure, and applications that would go out in February or March. Their quote was \$22,500, which is all-inclusive.

Board members asked a number of questions. Asked by trustee Rob Nickelson about warranty, Buster said they would come back and redo the process if the choice did not succeed.

In response to a question from trustee David Hyde, Buster said typical superintendent salary contracts have been running in the \$130,000 to \$150,000 range, depending on the area. He said the salary for a superintendent in Sunnyvale will run about \$195,000, as an exception.

Answering a question from trustee Stephanie Atherton, Abbott said they limit the number of searches to four or less at a time, to avoid a situation where they are recruiting the same people for different districts.

The second presentation was from Dan Walden of Executive Search Services of the California School Boards Associations, who proposed a search costing \$12,500, excluding various costs such as brochure printing, advertising, travel, phone costs and postage. He suggested the total cost would not exceed \$17,500. Responding to a question from Atherton, he said he would only be working on one district at a time.

Asked by Shepherd about having a community panel involved in the interview process, Walden said it usually is a beneficial approach, though he has seen in larger districts where it can get out of hand, resulting in candidates that cancel their candidacy.

In later discussion, Shepherd spoke in favor of Leadership Associates.

"I worked with Jake," said Shepherd, "and we were so satisfied with the work he did when we hired Wally, that we wanted him to come back the next time, but he didn't because he was busy, and that's why we went with CSBA. Everything he tells you is true, in the way he works with his clients.

After a number of other favorable comments, the board unanimously chose Leadership Associates as the firm to choose the next superintendent.

## Audit

James Marta, CPA, presented the results of his firm's annual independent audit of school finances, and gave the district an "A," with no identified weaknesses in any of the many aspects of school finances the firm analyzed.

"In conclusion," said Marta, "the financial condition of where you stand today as a district, is very good, and I think that's because of good discipline over the years, with the financial measures you have taken. When there are financial difficulties on the horizon, you've made good decisions early on. However, the outlook for federal and state funding is not good, and the outlook for continued enrollment is not favorable. You do benefit from good sound financial management despite that declining enrollment." The board voted to accept the report.

## Parcel Tax

The Parcel Tax Committee has been meeting once or twice monthly, and high school principal George Griffin was the lone member that stayed late enough through the long meeting to report. He stated the committee's opinion, that the board needs to employ a professional polling firm to find out what the community is willing to support, what programs would be supported,

and what timeline would work.

Griffin spoke in favor of trying to join the June 2009 election, but said the polling process would have to start immediately. The cost would range from \$12,000 to \$15,300. The committee received proposals from three firms, and chose the proposal from Center for Community Opinion for its recommendation.

"The reason we are recommending moving ahead," said Griffin, "despite hard financial times, is, it is critical to find additional revenue streams, because of the losses we know are coming. This is one of the few ways we know we have. We don't feel it is a viable option without using a professional polling firm. To do it June of '09, we would have to have the proposal to the recorder's office in March."

The alternative would be to put it off to June of 2010.

"I don't see any way in heck it's going to pass in this community," said Nickelson. "At this point now, I would have a hard time funding a phone survey. It's something I would like, but I think it would be prudent to first see what happens with the next budget cuts. We will be spending as much money as it would cost to fund a teacher, to fund something that I don't think is going to happen in this economic time."

Trustee Matt Brickey spoke in support of Nickelson's idea of putting the proposal off to June 2010.

Griffin said an election was expected for June 2009 because of the governor's attempt to make use of lottery funding. Without that, the next available election would be June 2010. He proposed the board authorize the superintendent to move on the polling process, in order to be flexible enough to move as soon as news comes in about state cuts.

"That hammer's going to fall," said Atherton, of the expected cuts.

Resident Diane Beaton, who has worked on

school campaigns in the past, spoke in favor of public support.

"I think you underestimate this town," said Beaton. "This town is really pro-education, pro-schools. The financial outlook is certainly not going to get better. In terms of running a campaign, you're really cutting it short, unless you start right now. It can't hurt to have too much information."

Shepherd moved to authorize the superintendent to begin negotiations for a contract with the Center for Community Opinion. The motion carried unanimously. The board will make the final decision in January.

## Other items:

The school board held its annual organizational meeting and recognized outgoing board president Jay Shepherd with the customary pen and a plaque. Board Clerk Mary Jo Rodolfa was elected president for the coming year.

"I only did it to get the pen," said Shepherd.

Trustee Rodney Orosco was unanimously elected to the position of clerk, and Superintendent Pat Lewis was elected secretary. The board adopted the schedule of meeting dates for the coming year.

Middle school principal Pam Scheeline reported on new programs she has instituted at the school. One program she calls "pods." Last year, the staff focused on specific students, in order to move up their level of proficiency as measured on state tests.

"At least 70 percent of the kids we identified, we moved," said Scheeline.

"This year we thought, how can we reach more students? We put teachers in groups of three, and the three teachers identified groups of five kids. When we talk about the kids, the group of teachers discusses fifteen kids, so the conversation is more encompassing. We are looking at their areas of strengths and their areas of weakness. Each pod has

identified an instructional strategy."

The groups develop methods of instruction based on conversations in the pods, and revise the strategies if they are not working. The pod teachers will then bring the strategies to work to the teaching staff as a whole.

Middle school teacher Greg Moffitt commented on the process.

"It's been really nice to get together with colleagues, and be our own experts. "

The next meeting is Thursday, Dec. 18, at 6:30 p.m., at the Walnut Room at the district office, 909 W. Grant Ave.



# LIBRARY

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there,” he said, just as even though the signed beam won’t be visible when the library is completed, it will still be there supporting it.

The library sits immediately east of the Bobbie Greenwood Swim Center, and is expected to be finished in late summer or early fall of next year. The current target completion date is August 2009. Right now, the concrete slab is in place, as well as conduit for electricity and plumbing, and the steel beams are forming the skeleton of what will be the Winters Community Library. Donlevy extended an invitation to all present, as well as the rest of the community, to stop by the site and see the building take shape for themselves.

“As we start to get closer, I want to invite everybody back. This building wouldn’t be here if it weren’t for all of you.” He further encouraged all of the library supporters to stay informed about the building’s progress, and as community “ambassadors” to keep the information and enthusiasm flowing so that everyone feels connected to the new library. He stressed the importance of the building’s title.

“This is an important project, it’s an important investment, and it’s an important investment in the community. It *is* a community project, and that’s why it will be named the Winters Community Library, because that’s what it is.”

Donlevy reemphasized the long, faithful pursuit of making the new library dream come true, despite setbacks that include a failed ballot measure and the difficulties in securing state funding.

“This community has worked so hard for the library. The community deserves this library, and it is going to be a great project for some time to come.”

As people finished signing the beam, Anthony Thompson, the project manager for the company that is constructing the library, PNP, gave a imaginative tour of what will eventually materialize. Leading the group through each area, Thompson pointed out various features of the library — the community meeting rooms, the book drops, the main lobby, the restrooms — and said that now that the beams are in place, construction will speed up over the next few weeks.

“You’ll see walls go up and see the building take form over the next month,” said Thompson. “After January 1, we will have a good part of the building up.”

Carla Knabke, a Winters librarian for 23 years, listened to Thompson’s presentation with interest, but admitted that she has a little trouble envisioning it all. She was mainly impressed by how much bigger the new library will be and is looking forward to how many more people it will serve, particularly youth.

“I’m excited for the kids to have their own place, especially the older kids. They need a place to sit that’s all their own. That will be good.”

Also taking the imaginary tour of the new library was Theresa Sackett, executor of the Margaret Parsons Trust. Parsons, who passed away in 1995, left her entire estate — \$400,000 — toward the construction of a new library. Sackett explained that in addition to the library, Parsons was inspired by the artwork done by students of former Winters High School art teacher Sally Paul, and hoped that art would somehow be incorporated into the finished building.

Sackett said she thinks the new library will be “absolutely beautiful, and much larger than we thought it was going to be.” She added that Parsons would approve.

“She would think it’s just what she dreamed of,” said Sackett, who emphasized that attorney John Wallace played a key role in making sure that Parsons’ estate was dispersed as she wished. She said Wallace was a constant source of support to her in watching over Parsons’ wishes.

“He volunteered his services,” says Sackett,

adding that she “could tell he was honored” to play a part in carrying out Parson’s wishes.

“If not for John, I couldn’t have done this,” she says.

Jaqueline Avellar, member and former president of the Winters Friends of the Library, summed up the entire project.

“I think this building will show what dedication and love of community is all about,” said Avellar.

A joint project of the city of Winters, the Win-

ters School District and Yolo County, the new library broke ground on Sept. 18 of this year, following 16 years of efforts to make that day happen. When finished, the 10,900 square foot building will feature a media-equipped meeting room, a main reading area, a children’s area, text storage, space for staff and Winters Friends of the Library volunteers to work, numerous computer work stations, a group study area, and book stacks. The building was de-

signed by NTD Architecture of Auburn, and the overall cost of the facility is \$5,367,606.

Besides the Margaret Parsons Trust, other funding sources include \$3,242,600 from Yolo County, \$800,000 from the City of Winters, \$274,000 from city development agreements, \$300,000 and a site from the Winters School District, \$50,000 from the Winters Friends of the Library. There is an ongoing effort to raise an additional \$201,00 to complete the project.

# Entertainment

## ‘MacBeth’ to be staged in Davis

Acme Theatre Company is premiering its 2009 season with William Shakespeare’s classic dark tragedy, “Macbeth,” at the Veteran’s Memorial Theatre, 203 East 14th Street in Davis, on Jan. 2, 3, 7, 8 and 9 at 7:30 p.m., and Jan. 4 at 2 p.m.

“Macbeth” tells the bloody tale of a man who will stop at nothing for power. Hailed as a hero, Macbeth, Thane of Glamis, is seemingly happy with his lot in life. Yet a prophecy made by three creatures of unknown origin changes his fate forever. Spurred by the urgings of the prophecy and its possibilities, Macbeth is transformed from hero to tyrant and murderer by his lust for power.

Acme Theatre Company has been presenting quality theatre in Davis for the past 28 years. “Macbeth” will be Acme Theatre Company’s 98th major production. Since 1981, more than 3,000 young people in Davis and Yolo County have participated in Acme productions. The only Sacramento area community theatre group run exclusively by and for high school age students, Acme is fully self supporting, deriving funds from ticket sales and from its summer youth drama program.

The company presents three to four productions each year, drawing from the best dramatic literature from around the world. Acme has concentrated on presenting plays with themes relevant to our community, our nation, and our world.

General admission for “MacBeth” is \$12; students and seniors, \$8. Tickets are available by reservation and at the door. For ticket reservations, call 574-4829.

## Mondavi Center presents an evening with Gloria Steinem

As an activist, journalist and spokesperson for the feminist movement and equality, Gloria Steinem has been one of the most prominent and influential public figures in the United States for more than 40 years. Her key interests are shared origins of sex and race caste systems, gender roles and child abuse as roots of violence, nonviolent conflict resolution, the cultures of indigenous peoples, and organizing across boundaries for peace and justice.

Now an advocate for the elderly, Steinem will address current events and her lifetime of activism on Friday, Jan. 16, at 8 p.m. in Jackson Hall of the Robert and Margrit Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts, UC Davis.

In 1972, Gloria Steinem cofounded “Ms. Magazine,” remaining one of its editors for 15 years. She continues to serve as a consulting editor and was instrumental in the magazine’s recent move to join and be published by the Feminist Majority Foundation. Before “Ms.,” she helped to found “New York” magazine, where she was a political columnist and wrote feature articles.

As a freelance writer, she has been published in “Esquire,” “The New York Times” and numerous women’s magazines, as well as publications in other countries. Her books include the bestsellers “Revolution from Within: A Book of Self-Esteem,” “Outrageous Acts and Everyday Rebellions” and “Moving Beyond Words.” Her writing also appears in many anthologies and textbooks, and she was an editor of Houghton Mifflin’s “The Reader’s Companion to U.S. Women’s History.”

Steinem helped to found the Women’s Action Alliance, a pioneering national information center that specialized in nonsexist, multiracial children’s

education, and the National Women’s Political Caucus, a group that continues to work to advance the numbers of pro-equality women in elected and appointed office at a national and state level. She was president (and cofounder) of Voters for Choice, a pro-choice political action committee for 25 years, then with the Planned Parenthood Action Fund when it merged with VFC for the 2004 elections.

She also cofounded and serves on the board of Choice USA, a national organization that supports young pro-choice leadership and works to preserve comprehensive sex education in schools. She was the founding president of the Ms. Foundation for Women, a national multiracial, multi-issue fund that supports grassroots projects to empower women and girls, and also a founder of its Take Our Daughters to Work Day. Currently, Steinem is working with the Sophia Smith Collection at Smith College (from which she graduated Phi Beta Kappa in 1956) on a project to document the grassroots origins of the U.S. women’s movement.

As a writer, Steinem has received the Penny-Missouri Journalism Award, the Front Page and Clarion awards, National Magazine awards, an Emmy Citation for excellence in television writing, the Women’s Sports Journalism Award, the Lifetime Achievement in Journalism Award from the Society of Professional Journalists, the Society of Writers Award from the United Nations and, most recently, the University of Missouri School of Journalism Award for Distinguished Service in Journalism.

In 1993, her concern with child abuse led her to coproduce and narrate an Emmy Award-winning TV documentary for HBO, “Multiple Personalities: The

Search for Deadly Memories.” With Rosilyn Heller, she also coproduced an original 1993 TV movie for Lifetime, “Better Off Dead,” which examined the parallel forces that both oppose abortion and support the death penalty.

She has served on the board of trustees of Smith College, as well as the boards of other nonprofit and educational foundations. She was a member of the Beyond Racism Initiative, a three-year effort on the part of activists and experts from South Africa, Brazil and the U.S. to compare the racial patterns of those three countries and to learn cross-nationally.

In 2000, Steinem married David Bale, a South African-born animal rights activist. They divided their time between his home in Southern California and her home in New York City until his death of primary brain lymphoma in 2003. She now lives in New York City and is currently at work on “Road to the Heart: America as if Everyone Mattered,” a book about her 30-plus years on the road as a feminist organizer. She is also writing for other books and publications, and is part of an effort to form a women’s media center and a woman-controlled radio network.

Pricing for An Evening with Gloria Steinem is \$55/45/35 for regular tickets and \$27.50/22.50/17.50 for students and children. Purchase tickets online at MondaviArts.org, through the Mondavi Center box office at 754-2787 or (866) 754-2787, or at the door. Accommodations for persons with disabilities are available upon request. This event is presented as part of the Mondavi Center’s Distinguished Speakers Series.

## Accardi Vineyards holds wine tasting

Accardi Vineyards is hosting a holiday wine tasting and gift boutique on Saturday, Dec 20, 1–7 p.m. at the winery, located at 7924 Timm Road in Vacaville. Festivities will include wine tasting,

hors d’oeuvres and a selection of unique holiday gift items, including sale-priced wines, gift baskets, gourmet food and spa products.

For information, call (707) 592-8361.

## Cat Fanciers show planned

The Cat Fanciers Association will hold a cat show on Sunday, Jan. 17, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Dixon Fairgrounds.

Tickets will be on sale at the door during show hours. There are no advance ticket sales. Ad-

mission is \$7 for adults, and \$5 for children, seniors and military personnel. Children under 6 will be admitted free when accompanied by an adult.

For information, call Mary Turcotte, 676-4953.



# UC Davis to study breast cancer vaccine

(SACRAMENTO, Calif.) — UC Davis Cancer Center researchers are launching a study of a new, experimental vaccine to determine if it can arrest or prevent breast cancer when used in conjunction with standard hormonal therapies.

Existing cancer vaccines for hepatitis B and the human papillomavirus aim to prevent the viral infections that can lead to liver and cervical cancers. But the experimental breast-cancer vaccine aims to stimulate the immune response against breast cancer tumors themselves.

“With a vaccine approach to cancer therapy, cancer researchers hope to activate the immune system to target and destroy breast cancer cells while sparing healthy cells and tissues,” said Michael DeGregorio, professor of hematology and oncology at UC Davis and principal investigator of the study. “We are investigating whether this particular vaccine has any impact on the development of breast cancer in mice when combined with anti-estrogen ther-

apies, the current standard of care for patients.”

Funded with a \$3 million grant from Merck KGaA, the study is assessing the effectiveness of Stimuvax®. The experimental vaccine targets MUC1, a cancer cell surface protein that is uniquely overexpressed in many cancers, including more than 90 percent of all breast cancers. Results from the UC Davis study will help direct the design of human clinical trials slated to begin worldwide in 2009.

“Hormonal therapies, such as tamoxifen or raloxifene, are FDA-approved for the treatment of breast cancer and for reducing the risk in women,” said DeGregorio. “They work by blocking the action of estrogen, which is known to promote breast cancer development. But up to 20 percent of women with breast cancer choose not to go on anti-estrogen therapy due to quality-of-life side effects, such as hot flashes, insomnia and weight gain, in addition to life-threatening

blood clots. The addition of a vaccine may enhance the effectiveness of these anti-estrogens as a prevention strategy.”

For the study, DeGregorio and longtime collaborator Greg Wurz, a UC Davis research scientist, are assessing the vaccine’s ability to prevent breast cancer in mice bred to promote human MUC1 expression and a gene known to spontaneously cause breast cancer. The mice additionally will be exposed to one of four anti-estrogen therapies to assess the vaccine’s impact.

“We truly don’t know all of the risks of hormonal therapies, especially when they are used as preventatives,” said Wurz. “The fact that we’re looking at a new treatment strategy that can be used much earlier in the disease process with potentially greater benefits and fewer negative outcomes is very exciting.”

Ralph deVere White, director of the UC Davis Cancer Center, agrees.

“The results of these studies ultimately will help inform the cancer

research community about whether it is possible to successfully integrate active immunotherapy into the standard of care for breast cancer,” he said.

DeGregorio leads the pharmacology research program at UC Davis Cancer Center, where he specializes in the molecular analysis of drug activity and the evaluation of biomarkers of drug response or resistance. The majority of his work focuses on developing new drugs that improve women’s health.

Information about the internships can be requested from DeGregorio by e-mailing him at [mwdegregorio@ucdavis.edu](mailto:mwdegregorio@ucdavis.edu).

UC Davis Cancer Center is a National Cancer Institute-designate cancer center that cares for 9,000 adults and children with cancer each year from throughout the Central Valley and inland Northern California. Its Outreach Research and Education Program works to eliminate ethnic disparities in cancer region-wide.

## Volunteers needed for study

USDA, ARS Western Human Nutrition Research Center is seeking healthy normal and overweight women, ages 42-52, to participate in a study examining nutrition and body weight.

Participants will receive a health status evaluation and two free prepared lunches,

as well as a stipend.

Women must not be taking medications for depression, anxiety, birth control, weight loss or other conditions, and must not be pregnant or lactating.

For more information, call 752-5177 and press 8, or visit [www.ars.usda.gov/pwa/davis/whnrc/nutrition](http://www.ars.usda.gov/pwa/davis/whnrc/nutrition).

A walk a day help keeps the doctor away!



# Sports

## Warriors struggle in Tournament

By ERIC LUCERO  
Express sports

The Winters Warriors had a tough time in the Dixon Tournament last week, going 0-3. The Warriors started out against Klamath Union of Oregon on Thursday, Dec. 11, and had a hard time keeping up as they fell 84-37.

Maurice Ackridge led the Warriors with 15 points. Aaron Geerts had six points, Ed Latimer scored four, Jules Damey scored three, Jose Ceja, Riki Lucero, Eric Ruggles and Zach Pangburn each had two, while Jeronimo Aguilar put in one point for the Warriors.

On Friday, Dec. 12, the Warriors took on The Orland Trojans and lost a close game 60-70. Winters led 36-33 at the half but were out scored 4-20 in the third.

Ackridge led the Warriors once again with 20 points. Latimer followed with 11 points. Damey had 10 points, Geerts had nine, Lucero scored six and Pangburn scored four points for the Warriors.

The Warriors returned on Saturday, Dec. 13, and took on Las Plumas High School of Oroville. Winters kept it close but were unable to take the lead away from the Thunderbirds late in the game and lost 39-35.

## Athletes named to All Tournament Teams

Winters High School varsity basketball player Maurice Ackridge made the Pierce Tournament All Tournament Team on Saturday, Dec. 6. Ackridge averaged 15 points and 13 rebounds for the Warriors during the three day tournament.

Sam Newman, a sophomore on the Winters High School JV boys basketball team was named to the Dixon Tournament All Tournament Team on Saturday, Dec. 13. Newman averaged eight points a game but what stood out most was his ball handling skills and ability to penetrate the defense.

In girls basketball, Taryn Jones was named to the Pierce High School All Tournament basketball team on Dec. 13. Jones averaged 12 points a game for the Warriors.

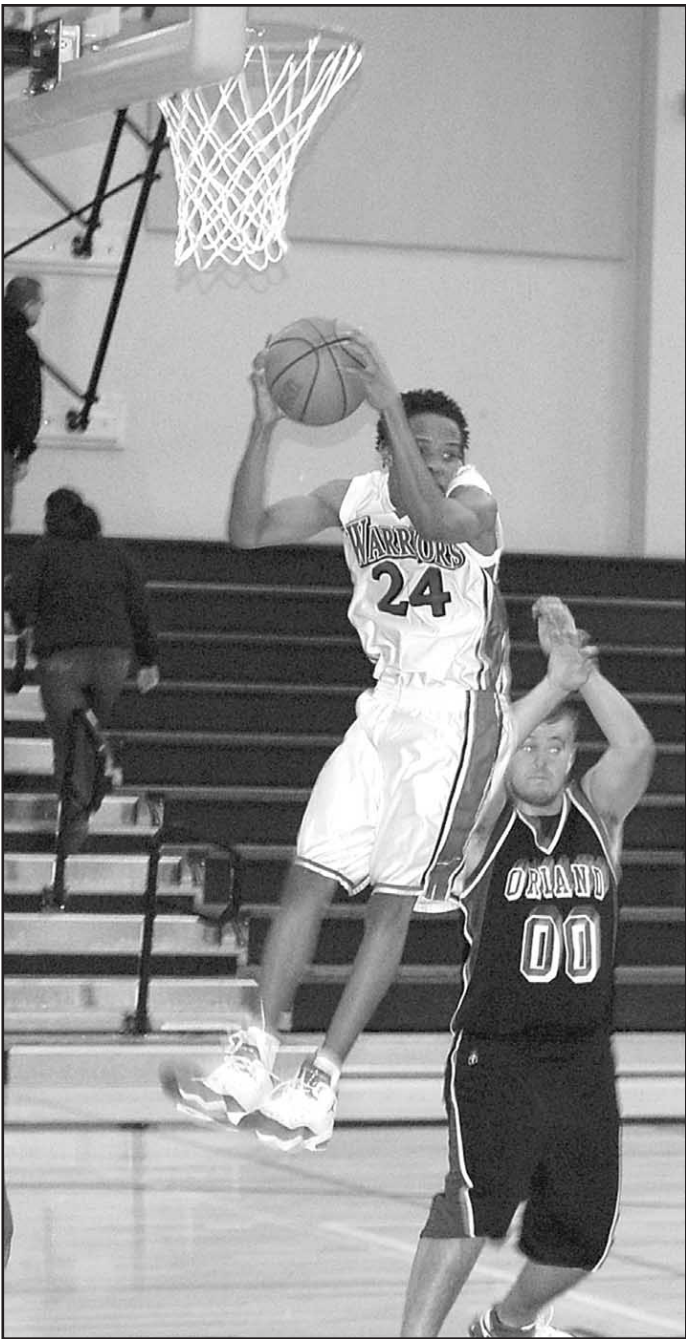


Photo by Eric Lucero  
**Maurice Ackridge, a senior on the Winters High School varsity boys basketball team, goes up and over an Orland player for a rebound during the Warriors' game at the Dixon Tournament on Friday, Dec. 12**

## Varsity girls play tough in Pierce High tournament

By ERIC LUCERO  
Express sports

The Winters Warriors girls basketball team traveled to Arbuckle to compete in the Pierce High School tournament last week and went 1-2 in the tournament. Winters started with Esparto in game one and pulled out a 40-39 victory over the Spartans.

“We played good enough to win,” said coach Matt Cooley.

Taryn Jones and Chelsea Corrales each scored 12 points to lead the Warriors. Megan Avellar scored nine points, Ashlynnne Neil scored three,

while Olivia Wingard and Amy Avellar each put in two points for the Warriors.

In game two on Friday, Dec. 12, the Warriors lost a close one to Colusa 48-46 but coach Cooley was still pleased with his teams' performance.

“This was the best game we have played so far,” said Cooley. “Everyone hustled and we had a chance to tie or win in the last seconds but missed the shot.”

Jones scored 17 points to lead the Warriors. Corrales followed with 14 points, Megan Avellar

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## Fox scores 26 points for JV girls

By ERIC LUCERO  
Express sports

The Winters High School JV girl basketball put a team on the court as they traveled to Arbuckle to compete in the Pierce High School tournament. The JV team only has six players, so there will never be an issue of playing time, except for the issue of getting tired down the stretch.

The Warriors started the tournament with Esparto on Thursday, Dec. 11, and lost 22-33. Katie Clark led the Warriors in scoring with nine points. Taylor Fox scored seven points, Haley Tobler scored four and Illene Reynoso scored two points for the Warriors.

On Friday, Dec. 12,

the Warriors took on Williams and picked up their first win of the season with a 36-30 victory. Fox scored most of the Warriors points with 17.

Winters played Maxwell in their final game of the tournament on Saturday, Dec. 13, and lost 54-42.

“This was the first three games for the JV team,” said coach Matt Cooley. “With only six players and little experience they did well. In the game against Williams, Haley played good defense on their point guard which caused them to turn the ball over.”

Fox led all scorers with 26 points, Tobler and Reynoso scored six points each, Clark had two points and Sara Selby scored two points as well.

## Boys soccer team ties one

By ERIC LUCERO  
Express sports

The Winters High School boy's soccer team lost one and tied one last week as they played both games at home. Starting on Tuesday, Dec. 9, the Warriors played Orland and lost 1-0 to the Trojans.

On Dec. 11, Winters took on visiting Gridley. The Bulldogs took a 1-0 lead into the half, but the Warriors responded and tied up the game in the second half.

The Warriors play their next game on Tuesday, Jan. 6.

## PISANI'S ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



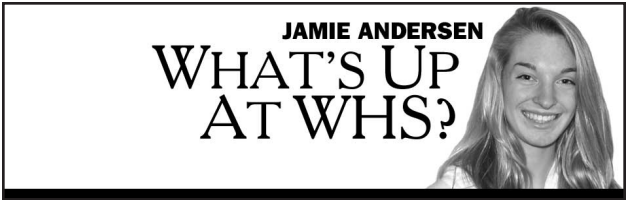
## Jesse Hellinger

Jesse James Hellinger, a familiar name for athlete of the week over his four years at Winters High School now is a familiar name from the Bay Area to the Oregon boarder. Hellinger, this week's athlete of the week has won his second straight MVP of a wrestling tournament, this time at the San Marin Tournament in Novato. Hellinger is currently ranked number four in the state and is on his way of having just as successful of a season that he had last year when he won seven MVP awards and a trip to the state tournament.

## Now Offering Wheel Alignment



# Schools



**IT IS OFFICALLY** the holiday season, which started off with Thanksgiving, Black Friday, and the new tradition, Cyber Monday. It's a good way to get in the holiday mood, because before we know it Christmas and New Years will be here. However, I was thinking about the “events” of Black Friday and Cyber Monday, and I think they really detract from the meanings of the holidays and the warm spirit they're supposed to bring.

While watching TV the week before Thanksgiving, I saw an interesting commercial. In it, a mom and her family were setting up a picnic Thanksgiving dinner. This seems like a very sweet idea, until the camera pans out and it shows that the family is having their dinner in the parking lot in front of a store so they could be one of the first people in line for the deals to come the next day! In the commercial, they parking lot was filled with families having their Thanksgiving dinners in front of the store. Maybe I overreacted to this commercial, but I thought this totally stomped on the whole concept of Thanksgiving.

I believe everyone heard about the WalMart employee who was trampled to death on Black Friday, and how about the two people that died in a shooting... at Toys R US? This just shocks me. People spend their Thanksgiving planning out their shopping plan of attack for the next day, when they should be giving thanks.

And I don't know about you, but I have absolutely no desire to wake up at 3 a.m. the next morning to go stand in line, in the dark, in the cold. Maybe it's just me, but that sounds very unappealing. I will admit that the idea of the adventure that you would have trying to navigate the crowds is a bit appetizing, and so are those sales, but I think this year advertisers took it over the limit.

Cyber Monday is another phenomenon that I don't quite understand. The people who couldn't get the deal that they wanted in the chaos of Black Friday go to work and shop online. At work! Being only 17, I don't know how boring or slow-paced most adults regular jobs are, but at school I know I have no time to be surfing the internet looking for online deals.

With or without Black Friday and Cyber Monday, this is one of my favorite times of year. For the most part, everyone seems to be in a little bit better mood. What would make the holidays even better would be if we would all stop worrying about finding gifts in time and throwing the perfect Christmas party. The stress that comes for parents seems out of place in the time of year that is supposed to be about family, cold weather, and lights. Have a good holiday everyone.

**Coming up...**  
~ Dec. 18, finals, 1st, 2nd, and 4th periods  
~ Dec. 19, finals, 5th, 7th, and 8th periods  
~ Dec. 20 through Jan. 5, Christmas vacation  
~ Jan. 10, Winter Ball

## Scouts hold Court of Honor

The Winters LDS Boy Scout Troop 998 held a Court of Honor on the evening of Dec. 10.. Conducting was Color Guard Bo Anguay. who posted the colors. The Pledge of Alligiance was recited by everyone. The Scouts saluted the Colors and recited the Boy Scout Oath. Scout Chaplin Aide Kaimi Drumright asked his father to give the opening prayer.

Lt. Colonel Charlie Schaup was their special guest speaker. He has worked with the Scouts most of his life. His talk was very motivational. During his talk he gave a young scout, Nick Muldong, a personal and unique item of his own, a neckerchief tie clasp, from Okinawa, Japan.

Scoutmaster Aaron Drumright gave his Scoutmaster minute and then awarded several Merit Badges to Scout

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## School board agenda items

The Winters School Board will meet on Thursday, Dec. 18, at 6:30 p.m. in the Walnut Room at the Winters School District office, located at 909 W. Grant Avenue. The agenda includes the following items:

~ Recognize of Shirley

## Firefighters get into the holiday spirit



Photo by Debra Lo Guercio

**Winters firefighters Jason Van Doren (left) and Dan Schrupp display some of the toys that will be given away at this year's Toys for Tots effort on Saturday, Dec. 20, at 9 a.m. at the Winters firehouse. Winters Fire Chief Scott Dozier says the weak economy is affecting Winters families too. Last year 92 families requested Toys for Tots assistance, and this year the number rose to 130. Consequently, the Toys for Tots fund is running low and Dozier says any donations of money or new, wrapped toys would be appreciated. Any money or toys that can't be used this year will go toward next year's Toys for Tots drive. For more information, call the Winters firehouse, 795-4131.**

Rominger Intermediate School students Eugene Myers and Deisy Salinas.

~ Recognize Shirley Rominger Intermediate School parents Patricia and Rudolph Muldong.

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# POLICE

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ters juveniles, ages 15 and 16, were arrested for burglary and conspiracy to commit a crime. They were booked at the Winters Police Department and released on notices to appear.

~ 9:31 p.m., Jesus Sanchez, 38, of Sacramento was issued a notice to appear for being an unlicensed driver

~ 9:59 p.m., Marco Antonio Garcia Reyes, 25, of West Sacramento was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol with a blood alcohol content of over .08%, being an unlicensed driver and possessing a controlled substance. Reyes was booked at the Yolo County Jail.

~ 11:02 p.m., Cesar Ramirez Garcia, 24, of West Sacramento was issued a notice to appear for being an unlicensed driver.

## Dec. 12-14

~ 5 p.m., ~7:00 am – On the 100 block of East Grant Avenue, a window was broken to gain entry to a business and the business was ransacked. It did not appear that property was stolen.

## Dec. 13

~ 12:12 a.m., Dionicio Heriberto Casillas, 23, of Sacramento was issued a notice to appear for being an unlicensed driver.

~ 2:53 p.m., a found ATM card was turned over to the police department. The owner was located and the ATM card was returned.

# GIRLS

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scored five, Neil had four, Amy Avellar had three and Wingard scored two points and Brittanie Hedrick scored one point for the Warriors.

In their final game on Saturday, Dec. 13, the Warriors lost to Willows 52-36. The Warriors led 23-19 at the half but were unable to hold on to the lead in the second half.

“We played a good first half,” Cooley said. “But we ran out of gas. Playing three games in three days with only seven players is hard.”

The scoring was more spread out in this game, with Jones leading the team scoring eight points, Corrales and Megan Avellar each scored seven, Hedrick scored six, Neil had four and Wingard scored two points for the Warriors.

# New wrestling club competes

The Winters Knights, a new wrestling club here in Winters, traveled to Oakley on Dec. 7, in their first tournament of the season. The team showed a tremendous amount of heart and courage going against many seasoned wrestlers.

“The majority of our team are first-year wrestlers, ranging

from 7 to 12 years old,” said Vic Maldonado, the team president and head coach.

With just a few weeks of practice under their belt, this team showed that they are ready.

Erik Iannone led his team with a first place victory in the 85 lb weight class. In third place, Tyler Williams in the 90 lb weight

class and Ethan Lane in the 85 lb weight class. In fourth place, they had Zachery Williams in the 115 lb weight class, Cody Williams in the 90 lb weight class and Will Maldonado in the 60 lb weight class. Austin Baylor, Dominic Fernandez, Trevor Ray and Logan Ray also wrestled this weekend.

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# SCOUTS

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Troop Nick Stewart and Joshua Walton, and to Scout Team Bo Anguay and La’akea Drumright. He also recognized Anguay’s advancement to Star. Venture Crew Leader Jeff Hofstrand awarded Ryan Hofstrand the Lifesaving Merit Badge. He awarded Eagle Scout Dylan Cliche, the Bronze Palm, the first Winters 998 Eagle to do so.

A special award was given to Pat Tippetts by Tom Ryel, C. O. R., from the Troop Committee, for her years of dedicated and devoted service. The Scouts also gave her a Certificate of Appreciation for all the help she has given them. The Scouts lined up and each gave her a handshake or hug. Her experience and personal touch will be sorely missed.

# SCHOOL

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~ Communication and reports.

~Public input on non-agenda items.

~ First Period Report of Attendance (July 1 through Dec. 26)

~ Resolution regarding budget revision.

~ 4th Month ADA Report.

~ School district calendar for development of the 2009/10 budget with a July 1, 2009 adoption date.

~ New, revised and deleted board policies regarding administrative regulations on philosophy and goals, business, personnel, students, instruction, facilities and board bylaws.

~ Consent agenda (warrants, minutes, etc.)

~ Informal review of Governance Team’s performance.



# Features

## Hiatal hernia turns traumatic

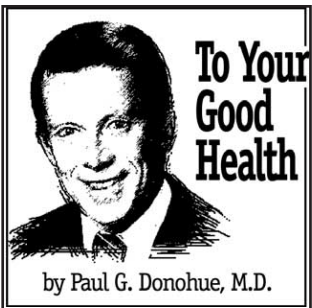
DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Our experience with my husband's hiatal hernia was traumatic. He was 69 and in excellent health. After a day of working in the yard, we sat down to supper and within three minutes he was incapacitated with chest pain. He was taken to the hospital and was given nitroglycerin for the pain. The pain subsided as quickly as it came. It took two months to discover the real problem: His stomach was in his chest cavity and had crowded his heart and lungs. Surgery was scheduled. Before the scheduled date, the pain returned and he had to have emergency surgery. Please let people with a hiatal hernia know about this. — M.H.

ANSWER: People have been led to believe that a hiatal hernia is the same as GERD, gastroesophageal reflux — heartburn; it isn't. They are two different conditions. A hiatal hernia is a bulging of the stomach through a gap in the diaphragm muscle, the muscle that separates the chest cavity from the abdominal cavity. The gap is the hiatus, and through it, the esophagus can pass from the chest into the abdomen to join the stomach.

GERD can happen to people with a hiatal hernia, and it can happen to people without a hiatal hernia. Your husband's problem was a somewhat rare complication of a hiatal hernia. The upward bulge of his stomach, the portion in the chest, twisted and cut off its own blood supply. That's what caused his pain. The first time, the hernia untwisted spontaneously and the pain left. The second time, the twist didn't untwist, and emergency surgery was required.

This process is called strangulation and is a very serious affair. Thankfully, it happens only to a very few. You've provided a chance for people to learn what a hiatal hernia is, what a strangulated hiatal hernia is and what GERD is. We're all glad that things worked out well for your husband.

The booklet on hiatal hernia, acid reflux and heartburn focuses primarily on the common heartburn problem and its treatment. Readers



wanting more information can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue — No. 501W, 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.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I have two granddaughters who bite their fingernails. Is there anything that stops this awful habit? — B.S.

ANSWER: What prompts people — children and adults — to bite their nails is often unexplainable. Stress, boredom, imitation of other nail-biters and relief of anxiety are offered as explanations for the habit, but proof is lacking for a cause in most cases. Close to 60 percent of 10-year-olds bite their nails. As children grow older, the number of nail-biters lessens.

Doing nothing about it is often the best policy. If the child wants to stop, then there are ways to help him or her break the habit. When children are at home, Band-Aids over the fingers remind them not to bite. Chewing sugarless gum makes nail-biting less convenient. Readers are welcome to give us their solutions.

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 monster can feed itself

Has anyone in Winters, other than me, noticed that there is a monster out there and that it feeds itself? I sure do hope so because if there's not, then I must be losing my mind.

Every time that I open a newspaper I find another little piece of the monster and if I put them all together I simply freak out at the sheer size of it. This is no girly-man monster because it has male genitalia the size of two of Earth's moons. Holy crap!

A week or so ago I found a teeny weenie little article in the Sacramento Bee entitled, "Blackwater faces fines over weapon shipments." The article, citing McClatchy Newspapers as its source, reported that the State Department was preparing to slap a multimillion dollar fine on Blackwater Worldwide for shipping hundreds of automatic weapons to Iraq without the necessary permits. Once in Iraq, the weapons have all but disappeared. Of course Blackwater denies everything.

Fourteen months have passed since the illegal shipment and no criminal charges have been filed. To make things worse, Blackwater has since been awarded \$1.2 billion worth of U S contracts. My mind that has superior intelligence tells me that this means that there will never be a fine and no one will go to jail. If it had been you or I that sold a few machine guns, we would be walking laps on a four-yard prison track at this very moment.

Within a month or so of the weapon shipment (Oct. 26, 2007) Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice conceded that Blackwater Worldwide could do this because there is a hole in United States law that allowed it. I thought, "Something is weird about this because the authorities around these parts can regularly find a little teeny weenie little sack of white powder in the shoe of a guy that is hidden in the trees, by hiking 10 miles from the nearest road in the dark carrying 50 pounds of police equipment, uphill, in the snow." (Whew, that was a long thought)

I decided to look into the situation a little deeper. Someone, some authority, some federal agency has to be responsible for prosecuting crimes committed by gov-



ernment contractors. Someone has to be accountable. Again, I thought, "First, I'm going to eat something, go to the bathroom, maybe watch some TV, and then I'm going to the government to find out the answer to all of this.

Well, as it turns out there is some good news and some bad news. The good news is that there is an agency called the US Investigations Services (USIS) that is charged with investigation and regulation of all contractors and personnel. The bad news is that it was sold by Bill Clinton in 1996 to the Carlyle Group for \$545 million to save government money.

In May 2007, USIS was sold again for \$1.5 billion to Providence Equity Partners (PEP), an outfit that specializes in media, entertainment and communications companies, which includes a company called Clear Channel. A big wheel at PEP was Michael Powell (son of Colin) and former employee of Dick Cheney.

OK, now follow me. Little Mikey Powell was appointed by George W. Bush to be chairman of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) where he allowed Clear Channel to acquire the television stations in a way that would have been previously illegal. Well, again, my superior mind told me that these guys couldn't regulate their way out of a wet paper bag. OK, this was a dead end, so I looked at the United Nations.

Nope, the UN has no regulation power over the US because we are one of the "Permanent Five" holding the power to veto anything that the UN does. Dead end again. Blackwater does not fall under any international law on mercenaries, which is defined narrowly. Nor does the national law of the United States clearly apply to the contractors in Iraq, especially because many of the contractors are not Americans.

Blackwater Worldwide is a private military con-

tractor co-founded by former Navy Seal Erik Prince. Other company big wheels are Joseph E. Schmitz, formerly of the Office of the Secretary of Defense and J. Cofer Black, formerly of the US Department of State. Blackwater's high priced attorneys consisting of top notch former Senators and Congressmen have advised Blackwater to form The Blackwater Peace and Stability Operations Institute.

Our contractors in Iraq are horribly under-monitored. American mercenaries are being paid up to \$1,000 a day for who knows what. There is neither responsibility nor accountability anywhere for Blackwater Worldwide. If you have enough money, Blackwater will kidnap your neighbors, take them to a foreign country and insert various objects into every crevasse of their body until they promise to return your lawnmower and skillsaw.

Custer Battles, a nine-month-old company started by two former Army rangers, charged \$20 million for providing security guards for six months. By hiring Iraqi guards at \$100 dollars a week, the actual cost to the company was \$840,000. OK, I figure 95 percent of that contract was simply profit. Those two soldiers didn't even need a second contract.

I don't need to say anything else. I have shown you the monster. He is growing at a rapid rate and he is very hungry. Do not get in his way. He will not eat you but he will step on you as surely as a bear will defecate in the woods. This monster feeds himself.

## Pleased to meet you



**Name:** Ensley Barbosa  
**Occupation:** Being a 4 year old  
**Hobby:** I like to play with my Care Bear. It's pink.  
**What's best about living in Winters:** Playing at Gramma's house.  
**Fun fact:** I hope Santa will bring me a Strawberry Shortcake doll that sings.

## King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 27 mins.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Careful, Lamb. Don't let your generous nature lead to some serious overspending as you contemplate your holiday gift-giving. Your social life kicks off into high gear by week's end.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A positive attitude helps you weather annoying but unavoidable changes in holiday plans. Aspects favor new friendships and reinforcement of existing relationships.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Demands on your energy level could be much higher than usual as you prepare for the upcoming holidays. Be sure to pace yourself. Friends and family will be happy to help.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Don't allow a suddenly icy reaction from a friend or family member to continue without learning what caused it—and what can be done to restore that once warm and caring relationship.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A relationship seems to be unraveling, mostly from a lack of attention. It might be a good idea to ease up on whatever else you're doing so you can spend more time working to mend it.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) New facts emerge that not only help explain the recent rift with a trusted colleague, but also might provide a chance to wipe the slate clean and make a fresh start in your friendship.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A family member's personal situation is, fortunately, resolved in time for you to get back into your hectic round of holiday preparations. An old friend might bring a new friend into your life.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Pace yourself in meeting holiday pressures and workplace demands to avoid winding up with a frayed temper and a Scorpion stinger that lashes out at puzzled kith, kin and colleagues.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A financial matter requires close attention. Also, news from a trusted source provides the means to help sort out a long-standing state of confusion and put it into perspective.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) This is a good time to reinforce family ties. Make it a priority to assess and resolve all outstanding problems. Start the upcoming holiday season with a full measure of love.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Don't be pressured into a so-called solid-gold investment. Wait until the holiday distractions are over. Then take a harder look at it. You might find that the "gold" is starting to flake off.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A former friend might be trying to heal the breach between you by using a mutual friend as an intermediary. Best advice: Keep an open mind despite any lingering bad feelings.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of saying the right thing at the right time. Your friendships are deep and lasting.

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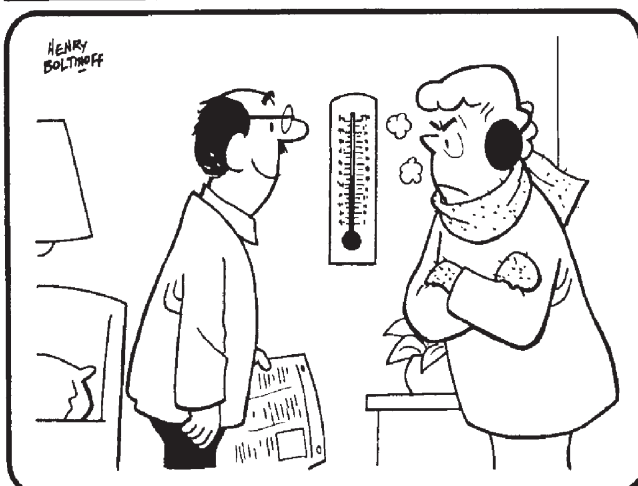
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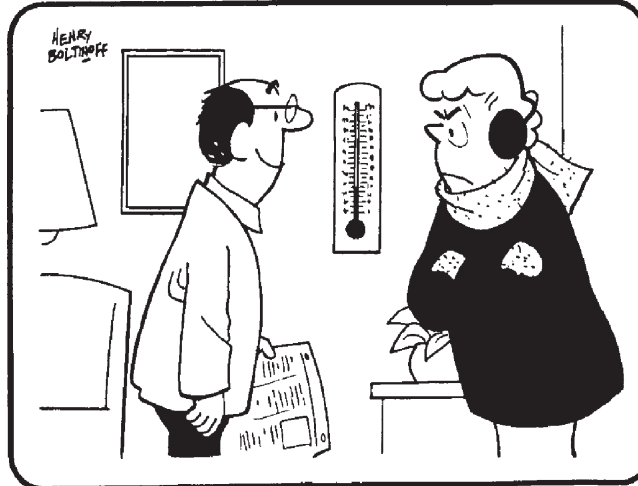
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## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Blouse is black. 2. Breath "puffs" are gone. 3. Picture has been added. 4. Pillow is missing. 5. Temperature is lower. 6. Moustache is gone.

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# Nuestras Noticias



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## Los fraudes de las corporaciones

Seguiremos hablando del tema de la economía, pero esta vez les quiero comentar sobre las corporaciones que tenemos en este país, las corporaciones son propiedad de individuos, que muy inteligentemente se inventaron un sistema para captar y multiplicar sus riquezas. El sistema se llama la bolsa de valores.

Estas corporaciones son dirigidas por ejecutivos que ganan unos sueldos muy altos, en comparación con los empleados a quienes dirigen. Y con sus muy honrosas excepciones, un ejecutivo se dice que es un ladrón con corbata. ¿Habrá algo de cierto en esta afirmación?

En la bolsa de valores, las corporaciones venden acciones, y quien las compra se dice que también es dueño en parte de la corporación, estos son los llamados inversionistas.

Los inversionistas se supone que deben de recibir ganancias por su dinero invertido, ¿pero como se ganan este dinero? Bueno, pues lo juegan en la bolsa de valores, en donde los rumores y mentiras hacen subir y bajar el precio de las acciones. Así las venden a precios más altos de los que la compraron y adquieren dividendos mucho mayores que los establecidos en la compra del activo.

Pero como no todos los inversionistas pueden tener el tiempo para estar apostando su dinero en la bolsa de valores, las corporaciones se inventaron otros ejecutivos, los “Corredores de la bolsa” quienes por una jugosa comisión representan a los inversionista en la bolsa de valores.

Los fraudes de las grandes corporaciones han estado ahí, tal ves no tan a la luz publica, porque algunos gobiernos han ayudado a controlar algunos escándalos, pero recordemos el año 2002, cuando salieron a la luz publica los malos manejos de grandes corporaciones, y hablamos de las mas sólidas y prestigiosas, tal como lo fue la poderosa petrolera Emron.

Los ejecutivos de la omnipotente compañía alteraban los libros de contabilidad para hacer creer que la empresa estaba sana y creciendo y hacer que los inversionistas compraran acciones.

El último escándalo de los fraudes corporativos es el de las entidades financieras hipotecarias, conocidas como “Mortgage Companies,” para establecer diferencias entre ladrones chiquitos (prestamistas) y ladrones grandes (Bancos), o ladrones con permiso y ladrones sin permiso.

Estas corporaciones estafaron sin ningún tipo de escrúpulos a los compradores de casas y a los inversionistas. A los compradores les dieron préstamos variables, sin que estos se enteraran, los cuales fueron subiendo hasta hacerse incosteables. Luego, cuando se les trancó el juego tuvieron las agallas de acusar a los compradores de haberlos engañado a ellos abultando sus ingresos para obtener los prestamos.

A los inversionistas les hicieron creer que sus corporaciones estaban mejor que el que está mejor, cuando en realidad estaban cayendo mas abajo del que está en el fondo. Así miles de inversionistas perdieron sus ahorros de toda su vida.

¿Qué hicieron los ejecutivos para solucionar los problemas de sus corporaciones? Pues los ladrones con corbata, se premiaron con millones de dólares como bonos, aparte de su salario, y entre estos ladrones se encuentran los presidentes de Lehman Brother, Richard S. Fult, la cual dejó en bancarrota a miles de accionistas incluyendo a una pequeña ciudad de Nueva York, y Jame Cayne de Bear Stearns, a cuya firma el gobierno del Presidente Bush le acaba de “inyectar” (término con el cual se conoce ahora el regalo), 29 mil millones de dólares de los contribuyentes americanos.

Entre 2003 y 2008, Charles R. Schwab, presidente de la firma Charles Schwab, percibió 816.6 millones de dólares en compensaciones en efectivo y ganancias de la venta de acciones; Dwight Schar, de NVR, recibió 626.3 millones de dólares. Angeo R. Mozilo, ejecutivo principal de Countrywide, recibió 470.7 millones de dólares, Robert I. Toll, de Toll Brothers, 427.8 millones de dólares; Richard D. Fairban, presidente del banco Capital One recibió 245.3 millones de dólares; Bruce Karatz, de KB Home, recibió 191.8 millones, y Richard S. Fuld, de Lehman Brothers, 184.6 millones de dólares.

Las compañías hipotecarias por años han estado enriqueciendose con los compradores de viviendas, con los altos intereses, ayudándose con las agencias de crédito que manejan el famoso puntaje de crédito, con el cual las compañías determinan que interés puede cargar a los compradores.

El banco asegura el préstamo, por si el comprador no puede pagar. Por eso cuando hay un embargo el banco cobra el seguro sobre la hipoteca, recibe el dinero de la aseguradora, por eso para los bancos es mejor recibir el dinero de la aseguradora, que renegociar la deuda con las familias.

Por eso cuando se vino el problema hipotecario, las aseguradoras no estaban preparadas para desembolsar tanto dinero, las acciones empezaron a perder valor en la bolsa de valores, a pesar de las mentiras de los ejecutivos. Estos ladrones con corbata no van a ir a la cárcel a pesar de haber cometido una gran estafa, son personas “honorarias”, que se han hecho millonarios con sus artimañas, personas honorables, verdaderos ladrones con corbata.

## Busque ayuda para su hipoteca

Si usted comienza a tener dificultades para realizar sus pagos mensuales ¡entonces tiene un problema serio! Aun la falta de un solo pago puede ser difícil de reponer. Si usted se encuentra en esta situación, necesita conseguir ayuda de inmediato. Primeramente póngase en comunicación con el prestamista (o la compañía que le da servicio a la hipoteca) y explíqueles su situación. Y ojalá tenga suerte.

También considere todos los recursos posibles. ¿Existe algún familiar que le pueda prestar el dinero? ¿Cuenta usted con acciones o una póliza de seguro a la que le pueda pedir prestado? ¿Puede usted recortar algunos gastos aunque sea temporalmente? ¿Puede conseguir un trabajo de tiempo parcial o trabajar horas extras? Trate de comunicarse con una agencia de consejería crediticia local que le ayude a organizar sus finanzas y ha establecer un plan de pago funcional.

No intente ponerse al día con los pagos hipotecarios atrasados tomando un préstamo a corto plazo de una compañía de préstamos o tomando un avance en efectivo de su tarjeta de crédito. La tasa de interés al consumidor es muy alta y podría resultar en mayores problemas financieros más adelante.

Algunas personas, cuando se ven en problemas financieros, tratan de prolongar lo más posible el comunicarse con sus acreedores. Esta es una estrategia equivocada si usted quiere retener su casa. Si usted pospone el tomar acción con la esperanza de que su situación financiera mejore, ¡se está arriesgando a perder su casa!

Cuando llame al prestamista (o la compañía de servicio hipote-

cario a la que usted realiza los pagos), explíqueles que sus pagos están atrasados y por qué no ha podido hacerlo. Por ejemplo, dígame que a usted lo descansaron en el trabajo o que ha estado enfermo temporalmente e incapacitado para trabajar. Anote el nombre de la persona con la que habló y escriba una carta de seguimiento para su expediente de préstamo. Si usted no puede comunicarse con su prestamista por teléfono, escriba esta misma información en una carta y pídale al prestamista que se ponga en comunicación con usted. En cualquiera de los casos, su carta debe incluir la siguiente información: su nombre; número del préstamo; dirección de la propiedad; su número de teléfono durante el día y la noche; una breve explicación de por qué usted no ha podido realizar sus pagos.

Algunas veces, su prestamista o (compañía de servicio hipotecario) estará en la mejor disposición de ayudarle siempre y cuando piense que usted está actuando de buena fe (o sea, que usted sinceramente quiere hacer sus pagos y retener su casa). De nuevo, el prestamista estará mejor dispuesto a considerar otras opciones de pago si usted tiene un buen historial de pago y toma la iniciativa y se comunica con ellos.

Si el prestamista piensa que existen probabilidades de que usted puede ponerse al día, este podría referirlo a una agencia de consejería de vivienda aprobada por HUD en su comunidad. Un consejero debidamente entrenado para estos casos, le ayudará a revisar su presupuesto y desarrollar un plan de pagos funcional que lo habilitará para poner su hipoteca al día.

## Solo estas distraído

No estás deprimido, estás distraído, distraído de la vida que puebla. Distraído de la vida que te rodea: delfines, bosques, mares, montañas, ríos. No caigas en lo que cayó tu hermano, que sufre por un ser humano cuando en el mundo hay 5,600 millones. Además, no es tan malo vivir solo. Yo la paso bien, decidiendo a cada instante lo que quiero hacer, y gracias a la soledad me conozco, algo fundamental para vivir.

No caigas en lo que cayó tu padre, que se siente viejo porque tiene 70 años, olvidando que Moisés dirigía el éxodo a los 80 y Rubinstein interpretaba como nadie Chopin a los 90. Solo por citar dos casos conocidos.

No estás deprimido, estás distraído, por eso crees que perdiste algo, lo que es imposible, porque todo te fue dado. No hiciste ni un solo pelo de tu cabeza por lo tanto no puedes ser dueño de nada. Además, la vida no te quita cosas, te libera de cosas. Te alivia para que vuelas mas alto, para que alcances la plenitud. De la cuna a la tumba es una escuela, por eso lo que llamas problemas son lecciones.

No perdiste a nadie, el que murió simplemente, se nos adelantó, porque para allá vamos todos. Además, lo mejor de él, el amor, sigue en tu corazón. ¿Quién podría decir que Jesús está muerto? No hay muerte: hay mudanza. Y del otro lado te espera gente maravillosa: Gandhi, Michelangelo, Whitman, San Agustín, la Madre Teresa, tu abuela y mi madre, que creía que la pobreza está más cerca del amor, porque el dinero nos distrae con demasiadas cosas, y nos aleja por que nos hace desconfiados.

Haz sólo lo que amas y serás feliz, y el que hace lo que ama, está benditamente condenado al éxito, que llegará cuando deba llegar, porque lo que debe ser será, y llegará naturalmente. No hagas nada por obligación ni por compromiso, sino por amor. Entonces habrá plenitud, y en esa plenitud todo es posible. Y sin esfuerzo porque te mueve la fuerza natural de la vida. Dios te puso un ser humano a cargo, y eres tú mismo. A ti debes hacerte libre y feliz, después podrás compartir la vida verdadera con los demás. Recuerda a Jesús:

“Amarás al prójimo como a ti mismo.” Reconciliate contigo, ponte frente al espejo y piensa que esa criatura que estás viendo es obra de Dios; y decide ahora mismo ser feliz porque la felicidad es una adquisición.

Además, la felicidad no es un derecho sino un deber, porque si no eres feliz, estás amargando a todos los que te aman. Un solo hombre que no tuvo ni talento ni valor para vivir, mandó a matar seis millones de hermanos judíos.

Hay tantas cosas para gozar y nuestro paso por la tierra es tan corto, que sufrir es una pérdida de tiempo. Tenemos para gozar la nieve del invierno y las flores de la primavera, el chocolate de la Perugia, la baguette francesa, los tacos mexicanos, el vino chileno, los mares y los ríos, el fútbol de los brasileiros, Las Mil y Una Noches, la Divina Comedia, el Quijote, el Pedro Páramo, los boleros de Manzanero y las poesías de Whitman, Mahler, Mozart, Chopin, Bethoven, Caravaggio, Rembrant, Velázquez, Picasso y Tamayo entre tantas maravillas.

Y si tienes cáncer o sida, pueden pasar dos cosas y las dos son buenas; si te gana, te libera del cuerpo que es tan molesto: tengo hambre, tengo frío, tengo sueño, tengo ganas, tengo razón, tengo dudas....y si le ganas, serás humilde, más agradecido, por lo tanto fácilmente feliz. Libre del tremendo peso de la culpa, la responsabilidad, y la vanidad, dispuesto a vivir cada instante profundamente como debe ser.

No estás deprimido, estás desocupado. Ayuda al niño que te necesita, ese niño será socio de tu hijo. Ayuda a los viejos, y los jóvenes te ayudarán cuando lo seas. Además, el servicio es una felicidad segura, como gozar a la naturaleza y cuidarla para el que vendrá. Da sin medida y te darán sin medidas. Ama hasta convertirte en lo amado, más aún hasta convertirte en el mismísimo amor.

Y que no te confundan unos pocos homicidas y suicidas, el bien es mayoría pero no se nota porque es silencioso, una bomba hace más ruido que una caricia, pero por cada bomba que le destruya hay millones de caricias que alimenta a la vida.

## Prestamos FHA

Muchos han hecho realidad el sueño de comprar casa gracias a un préstamo respaldado por la Autoridad Federal de la Vivienda (o FHA, por sus siglas en inglés), con requisitos mucho menos rígidos que los que exigen los préstamos convencionales.

La FHA no es la que te presta el dinero directamente. Lo que sí hace es garantizar un préstamo hipotecario que puedes recibir de una larga lista de instituciones financieras aprobadas por ella. La FHA les ofrece a dichas instituciones una mayor flexibilidad a la hora de aprobar un préstamo basándose en una evaluación general de la situación económica particular del solicitante, en lugar de exigir el estricto cumplimiento de una lista de requisitos.

Como cada compañía puede interpretar esa situación de forma diferente, puede que una te apruebe el préstamo y otra te lo niegue. Para aclarar las cosas, los factores que más influyen a la hora de aprobar o rechazar un préstamo son: Tipo de vivienda elegible para una hipoteca FHA: la propiedad financiada con un préstamo FHA, ya sea una casa independiente, townhouse o condominio, debe ser tu residencia primaria. Es decir, tienes que vivir en ella. Este tipo de préstamo no se puede usar para propiedades de inversión o de alquiler.

Cantidad máxima de la hipoteca: la cantidad máxima que el solicitante puede recibir (asumiendo que tenga los ingresos requeridos) es la cantidad menor de las dos siguientes: el límite legal establecido para el área geográfica en la que se encuentra la

propiedad. El máximo de la relación préstamo valor (o LTV) o sea, la cantidad mayor que se te puede prestar con relación al valor de la propiedad que quieres adquirir.

Los límites de los préstamos están fijados por la institución Freddie Mac (sí, esa misma de la que tanto se ha hablado últimamente).

Aunque la FHA no exige un mínimo en la puntuación de crédito, sí puede rechazar a solicitantes con puntuaciones bajas teniendo en cuenta las actividades que llevaron a ese bajo nivel de puntaje, como no pagar las cuentas a tiempo. La falta de historial de crédito no resulta un impedimento, ya que la compañía prestamista puede evaluar otro historial de pago, como el de la renta, agua o electricidad.

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Los consumidores que participan en planes de consejería de crédito pueden solicitar préstamos FHA, siempre que hayan permanecido en el programa al menos un año y hayan efectuado todos sus pagos a tiempo. Aquellos que hayan terminado ya el programa deberán presentar documentación que pruebe que han terminado exitosamente el programa.



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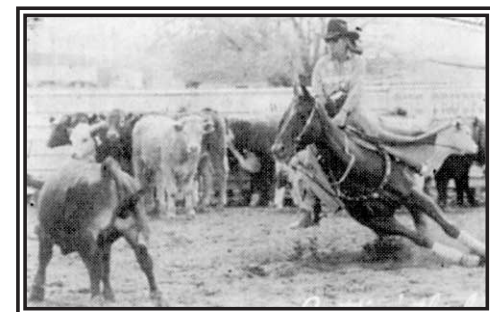
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# JV boys go 1-2 in Dixon Tournament

By ERIC LUCERO  
Express sports

The Winters High School JV boys basketball team slipped to 4-3 on the season after going 1-3 in the Dixon Tournament last week. The Warriors had a hard time handling the pressure of Natomas and Mesa Verda but did a good job of handling Pioneer High School.

The Warriors started with Natomas on Thursday, Dec. 11, and were unable to handle the pressure of a bigger, more athletic team, as they fell 63-27.

After falling behind 29-5 in the first half, the Warriors had a productive third period as they kept it close, scoring 12 points to Natomas' 14, but in the fourth were outscored 20-10. Skyler Geerts scored 10 points to lead the Warriors. John Botro scored six, Sam Newman had five, Jesus Quirarte had four and Keli Callison had two.

On Friday, Dec. 12, the Warriors took on Pioneer and played a better game than the first as they came out with a 43-30 victory. Jesse Crabtree led the Warriors with 11 points. Kevin Hyde and Geerts each scored nine points. Newman scored five, Botro scored four, Jesse Carabez and Callison each scored two and Quirarte scored one for the Warriors.

The Warriors returned to Dixon on Saturday, Dec. 13, to take on Mesa Verda. Despite losing a close game 61-50, the Warriors did a much better job of taking care of the ball.

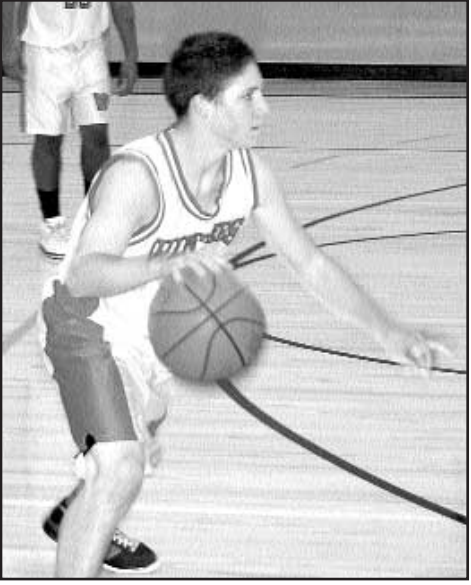


Photo by Eric Lucero

**Niko Doyle, a freshman on the Winters High School JV boys basketball team, gets ready to drive by a defender during the Warriors' victory over Pioneer at the Dixon Tournament on Friday, Dec. 12.**

"We showed signs of the type of team we are capable of being," said coach Tom Crisp. "We moved the ball sharply and made good decisions in passing and shooting. We need to do that on a more consistent basis."

Newman led the Warriors with 14 points and did a great job of handling the ball at the point. Geerts had 12 points, Botro had 11, Niko Doyle had seven, Quirarte had three, while Jacob Lucero, Nick Mariani and Hyde each put in one point for the Warriors.

## Basketball camp offered over break

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### Notice of Public Hearing

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO TAKE ACTION ON THE PROPOSED FORM BASED CODE FOR DOWNTOWN WINTERS**

Applicant: City of Winters

Description of the Project: Proposed Form Based Code for Downtown Winters would govern land use and development standards for the core of the Downtown Master Plan Area. The Form Based Code for Downtown includes definitions, a regulating plan, street typologies and standards, allowed use regulations, development standards, architectural and design standards, parking standards, and sign standards.

Proposed adoption of the Form Based Code for Downtown would include:

- ~ CEQA clearance in the form of a Negative Declaration.
- ~ General Plan Amendment to delineate a portion of the Central Business District as the Downtown Master Plan Area and a portion of that as the Downtown Form Based Code Area. The Downtown Master Plan was adopted by the City in 2006.
- ~ Amend General Plan Central Business District designation to eliminate Floor Area Ratios within the Downtown Form Based Code Area.
- ~ Amend General Plan policies to provide for mixed use and allow Bed and Breakfast inns as a permitted use within the Downtown Form Based Code Area.
- ~ Amendment of the City of Winters Municipal Code to include the Form Based Code for Downtown as Chapter 17.58
- β Rezone project area from C-2 to the following zones: Main Street DA  
Railroad DA  
Railroad DB  
Grant Avenue DA  
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Project Location: Downtown Master Plan Area which encompasses approximately 50 acres and incorporates the historic commercial downtown core. The Downtown Master Plan Area is primarily situated along Main Street (from Second to Elliot) and Railroad Avenue (from Wolfskill Street to Grant Avenue) and includes portions of Abbey, East Abbey, East Edward, East Baker, and Wolfskill Streets.

Environmental Determination: Negative Declaration.

Comments on the Negative Declaration: The City requests your written comments on the Negative Declaration during a 30-day review period which begins Thursday, December 18, 2008 and ends Friday, January 16, 2009. All comments must be received no later than 4:00 p.m., January 16, 2009. Postmarks are not accepted. Comments should be directed to Kate Kelly, Contract Planner, Community Development Department, 318 First Street, Winters, CA 95694.

Public Hearing: A public hearing will be held to consider adoption of the Negative Declaration and action on the project on Tuesday, January 27, 2009 before the Planning Commission. This meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. at the City Council Chambers located on the first floor of City Hall at 318 First Street, Winters, California.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you are a disabled person and you need a disability-related modification or accommodation to participate in these hearings, please contact City Clerk Nanci Mills at (530) 795-4910, ext. 101. Please make your request as early as possible and at least one-full business day before the start of the hearing.

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If you wish to challenge the action taken on this matter in court, the challenge may be limited to raising only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission prior to the public hearing.

Availability of Documents: The Negative Declaration, supporting documentation, and project file are available for public review at the Community Development Department, Winters City Hall, 318 First Street, Winters, CA 95694. Copies of the Negative Declaration and the Initial Study will be available on the City's website ([www.cityofwinters.org](http://www.cityofwinters.org)) under the Community Development Department tab (Reports & Publications option). Copies of the Staff Report will be available on the City's website at [http://cityofwinters.org/administrative/admin\\_boards.htm](http://cityofwinters.org/administrative/admin_boards.htm)

For more information regarding this project, please contact Contract Planner Kate Kelly at (530) 902-1615.  
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December 10, 2008  
FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK  
Linda Smith, Deputy  
FBN NUMBER 2008-1187  
Gifts N Knickknacks  
1311 Madison Place, Woodland, CA 95776-6306  
P.O. Box 1672, Woodland, CA 95776-1672  
Names of Registrant: Van Eldon Johnston  
1311 Madison Place, Woodland, CA 95776-6306  
This business classification is: Individual  
Beginning Date of Business, 12/10/2008.  
s/Van Eldon Johnston  
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  
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Linda Smith, Deputy Clerk  
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### Abandonment of Use of Fictitious Business Name

FILED YOLO COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER  
November 10, 2008  
FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK  
Linda Smith, Deputy  
FBN NUMBER 2005-1337  
LeGare's Full Service Salon & Day Spa  
917 Main St., Ste A, Woodland, CA 95695  
The fictitious business name was originally filed in Yolo County on 2005 and assigned FBN Number 000133700 is being ABANDONED by the registrant listed below.  
Modesto Guerrero  
27 Sutter St., Woodland, CA 95695  
Maria Teresa Guerrero  
27 Sutter St., Woodland, CA 95695  
s/Maria T. Guerrero  
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Published Nov. 27, Dec. 4, 11, 18, 2008

### Notice of Public Hearing

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO TAKE ACTION ON THE ORCHARD VILLAGE PROJECT (APNs 003-360-05 and 003-360-18)**

Applicant: Central Valley Coalition for Affordable Housing

Description of the Project: The project proposes to include the following improvements on 10.6 acres:

~ 74 multi-family units

~ Roadway dedications for Railroad Avenue and Dutton Street

~ Common area including landscaping, internal roads, club house, pool, playground, and bike path

~ Park, detention pond, and open space

Project Location: The project site is located in the north-central portion of town, along the east side of Railroad Avenue, between Carrion Circle and Martinez Way. The property extends from Railroad Avenue east to Walnut Street. The project site totals 10.6 acres comprised of APNs 003-360-05 and 003-360-18

Environmental Determination: Mitigated Negative Declaration

Comments on the Mitigated Negative Declaration: The City requests your written comments on the Mitigated Negative Declaration during a 30-day review period which begins Thursday, December 18, 2008 and ends Friday, January 16, 2009. All comments must be received no later than 4:00 p.m., January 16, 2009. Postmarks are not accepted. Comments should be directed to Nelia Dyer, Community Development Director, Community Development Department, 318 First Street, Winters, CA 95694.

Public Hearing: A public hearing will be held to consider adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration and action on the project on Tuesday, January 27, 2009 before the Planning Commission. This meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. at the City Council Chambers located on the first floor of City Hall at 318 First Street, Winters, California.

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For more information regarding this project, please contact Nelia Dyer, Community Development Director, at (530) 795-4910 ext. 114.  
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### Petition to Administer Estate

Notice of Petition to administer estate of George H. Conard.

Case Number PB08-244

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate or both of George H Conard.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by: Shelly Pardi in the Superior Court of California, County of Yolo

The Petition for Probate request that Shelly Pardi be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files and objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:

Date: 01/22/08 Time: 9:00a.m. Dept: 15  
Address of court: 1100 Main Street, Ste. 300, Woodland, CA 95695

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for petitioner (name): Ronald N. Paul, Attorney at Law  
Address: 6940 Tremont Rd.  
Dixon, CA 95620  
Telephone: 707 678-9259  
or after 12/7/2008 and until 1/04/2009 406-837-5832  
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