



Winters Express



Photo by Dave Fleming

The \$2 million downtown streetscape project is nearly finished, and features a brick intersection at Railroad and Main, bulb-outs, seating and landscaping. The project included the construction of diagonal parking on the east side of Railroad Avenue. The southwest corner of Abbey Street and Railroad Avenue was also reconstructed. The project, which broke ground in 2008, is one of the largest redevelopment projects in Winters history.

TOP TEN STORIES OF 2008

By **DEBRA LO GUERCIO**
Express editor

From the White House to Winters, the theme for 2008 was change. As Americans wait to see if the country will be repaired and restored under a new administration, Winters residents need look no further than their own downtown to see what happens when something beautiful emerges from what appeared to be a big mess — "Ground Zero" as one local merchant tagged it.

From mid-October through December, streets and sidewalks were torn up and rebuilt, creating a brand new intersection at Railroad and Main com-

plete with seats, lighting and bricked bulb-outs. The approximately \$2 million project refreshed and updated the downtown area, and created a "community square" feel that is intended to serve both as a gathering spot for local residents and a destination spot for visitors.

While the city was able to comfortably fund this construction mainly through redevelopment funds and appeared to sail through rough economic waters relatively well, the school district struggled financially in 2008.

"It's all about the money," summarized Winters Express

school board reporter Elliot Landes. The Winters School Board again faced declining revenues due to declining enrollment for seven of the past eight years. The school district stayed in the black as it had done in the past, by making painful changes and cuts despite whatever controversy they created.

This year, more cuts were made for reasons worse than declining enrollment, said Landes.

"The state is out of money. More dark clouds are gathering in the form of mid-year cuts,

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School district braces for cuts

By **ELLIOT LANDES**
Staff writer

The state budget impasse continues, leaving the school finance department with no direction for financial planning for the cuts that are surely coming. Finance Officer Mary Kay Callaway presented the first of the department's two annual interim finance reports at the Dec. 18 meeting, and the report included steps the district will take as precautions.

The cost of living adjustment (COLA) from the state for this year was reduced from 5.5 percent to .68 percent in cuts made before the school year. The remaining small increase, which amounts to \$61,039, will be put in re-

serve until the budget crisis is resolved and more is known about the next round of cuts.

The 2008/2009 budget restored 6.5 percent in categorical funding that was scheduled for cuts. This amount will also be set aside in reserve, pending future developments. According to the report, balances in the categorical funding accounts will be held back in reserve and budgeted spending of these funds will be frozen, "unless the expenditure is mission critical and the expenditure has to be done immediately."

This anticipates the possibility the state will make severe cuts, but will make life slightly easier by giving school

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Council adjusts Chamber's rent

By **MOLLY DAVIS**
City editor

The Winters City Council met at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 16, to discuss, as usual, a number of things. But what really created some heat at this particular meeting was the Winters Chamber of Commerce's request to waive its past due and future rents at the Community Center.

Due to an oversight by both the city and the

Chamber, rent has not been paid since March, 2007, which means that the Chamber owes \$3,150 in past rent (at \$150 per month). Chamber President Nancy Meyer requested that city staff forgive this debt, and also future fees (\$1,800 per year). Her research found that many other cities do not charge, or simply charge nominal fees, for their Chamber to rent

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City council meets Jan. 6

The Winters City Council will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 6, at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall. The only agenda item at press time was a public hearing and second reading to take action of an amendment to the development agreement between the city and Granite Bay Holdings (Winters Highlands, LLC).

Following the open meeting, there will be a closed session to discuss real estate negotiations at 11 Main Street.

Honest heart saves children's Christmas

By **DEBRA LO GUERCIO**
Express editor

Times are tough and Christmas is coming. Many of us are running short of cash right about now. What would you do if you found an unmarked envelope on the sidewalk and discovered \$1,000 in cash inside? Most people would take the money and run. But Laurie Brown isn't most people.

It was just an average afternoon in Winters and Laurie decided to take a walk downtown and get a burrito from the taco wagon. She noticed an envelope on the sidewalk near the high school and stopped to pick it up.

"I thought it was somebody's lunch money," says Laurie, until she took a better look at the cash inside and noticed a \$100 bill. She says she didn't riffle through the envelope any further because there was a lot



Photo by Debra Lo Guercio

Laurie Brown (left) and Vicky Barbosa met face to face for the first time in the Winters Express office on Dec. 11, when they came to tell a real-life Christmas story.

more there and she was afraid it might be drug money.

Laurie admits that for a fleeting moment, she thought about keeping the money, but as a de-

vout Christian, she decided to pray about it and says she realized that the right thing to do was turn the money in.

"I thought about how I would feel if I lost

\$1,000," says Laurie. So, she walked over to the Winters Police Department and told the clerk she'd found the money.

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Vacaville and Fairfield.)

WEATHER

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

Date	Rain	Hi	Lo
Dec. 17	.06	41	32
Dec. 18		55	26
Dec. 19	.43	49	29
Dec. 20	.02	56	30
Dec. 21	.07	54	37
Dec. 22	.30	46	37
Dec. 23	.02	54	34

Rain for week: .90

Season's total: 4.25

Last year to date: 6.00

Average to Dec. 23: 6.76

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OBITUARIES

Vera L. (Yarberry) Bruhn

Vera L. Yarberry died at home in Winters on Dec. 17, 2008. Born on Sept. 15, 1926 in Ada, Oklahoma to Robert L. and Veda V. (Kirksey) Yarberry, she was 82.

When she was 7 years old, the family relocated to Winters, where she attended the local schools and graduated in 1945. Two days after graduation, she married Vernon C. Bruhn. They celebrated their 63rd anniversary in June 2008.

For many years, she was the dispatcher for the Winters Fire Department, and was the co-owner of the Winters Nursery. She was also a partner in B&K Woodcraft in recent years, and loved traveling to different craft shows with her husband in their travel trailer. She especially loved the ocean and camping at Bodega Bay. She also loved hosting family gatherings with her children and grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband, Vernon; brother and sister-in-law Edgar and Virginia Yarberry; daughter Elizabeth Ehnat and husband Tom; sons and daughters-in-law Vernon E Bruhn II and wife Katherine and Jeffery L. Bruhn and wife Linda; grandchildren and their spouses Stephen and Kristin Ehnat, Denise Ehnat, Jennifer Ehnat, Amanda Ehnat, Michael and Bernadette Bruhn, Sylvia Bruhn, Sondra Bruhn, Tiffani and Vernon C. Bruhn II; Tristine and Rich Wheeler, Jeffery and Tera Bruhn, Siobhan Bruhn, Tyquin and Sheryl Johnson and Mistique Chandler; daughter-in-law Kathy Wilton; 18 great-grandchildren; friends Terry and Barbara Karlen.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brother Leon Yarberry, sister-in-law Antoinette Carrion Yarberry and son Robert Charles Bruhn.

Visitation took place on Dec. 22, followed by a Rosary. A Funeral Mass was held on Dec. 23, with burial at the Winters Cemetery following the services.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Yolo County Hospice, the St. Anthony Church Building Fund or the Winters Fire Department.

E. Mary Sharp

E. Mary Sharp, 81, of Winters, California, passed away on Thursday, Dec. 18, 2008 at Sutter Davis Hospital.

Mary is survived by her husband, Alton Lee Sharp; sons, Dennis Campos and wife Nancy, and David Campos and wife, Jan Martin; grandchildren, Paul Campos, Jake Campos and Jessica Campos; her brothers and their children. Her family lives in memory of her life. Remembrances are personal to each friend.

Weekly police report

Dec. 15-22

~ 8 p.m. to 10:01 a.m., on the 400 block of Morgan Street, a 2009 vehicle license plate registration tab was stolen. Loss: \$25.

Dec. 16

~ 6:13 a.m., on State Route 128 at Interstate 505, an officer assisted the California Highway Patrol with a traffic collision.

Dec. 17

~ 7:45 a.m., An officer assisted a Yolo County Sheriff's deputy with an outside agency report of a violation of a court order.

~ 1:07 p.m., on the 1000 block of Suffolk Court, an officer responded to an audible alarm. The residence was found secure.

Dec. 17-18

~ 8 p.m. to 7 a.m., on

the 800 block of West Grant Avenue, a window was broken to gain access to a vehicle and speakers were stolen. Loss: \$800.

Dec. 18

~ 1:55 p.m., a set of keys were turned over to the police department.

~ 4:20 p.m., Bryan Lee Panzich, 20, of Winters was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon. He was booked at Winters Police Department and transported to the Yolo County Jail for incarceration.

Dec. 19-20

~ 11:30 p.m. to 8:30 a.m., on the 1000 block of Adams Lane, several yard decorations were vandalized/broken. Damage: \$395.

Blue Star banners available

Winters VFW Post 11091 has Blue Star Service banners for families in the Winters area with sons and daughters in the military service. This banner is dis-

played in a home window to signify that someone from that family is serving our country.

To receive a banner, call John Sexton, 795-0831.

Blood pressure check offered

Free blood pressure checks are offered by the Sutter Davis Hospital auxiliary on Wednes-

days in the Sutter Davis Hospital lobby, 2000 Sutter Place in Davis, from 10 a.m. until noon.

YESTERYEAR



File photo by Relfe Ehret
Pictured above are the winners of the annual Winters District Chamber of Commerce frog jump, held in the Winters City Park May 8, 1971. They are, left to right: Steve Campos, frog jockey for Jumping J.J., winner of the merchants division; Mrs. Agapito Aguirre, sweepstakes winner, and Tom Martin, winner of the junior division.

50
YEARS AGO

January 15, 1959

The Board of Trustees of the Winters Joint Union High School District voted to offer to buy a piece of the Lizzie Emery property for \$5,000 at their regular meeting last Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Gale, of Winters, are the parents of a son, born at the Yolo General Hospital, Woodland, January 12, 1959.

Water storage in Lake Berryessa is expected to reach an all-time high this weekend, as 29,075 acre feet of water poured into the lake during the past week, bringing the total storage to 896,731 acre feet of water.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Barberde, Jr., are leaving today for Fort Sill, Oklahoma, after spending a few days here with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Young.

65
YEARS AGO

January 14, 1944

Marks Raney of Woodland met last Thursday with a youth group in the labor office on Main Street, in the interests of organizing a local 4-H Club. Adults present were J.L. McClish, C.P. Culton, E.R. Crum, H.H. Johnston, Mrs. Howard Hansen and Mrs. John Ramos. There were also 31 youths in attendance.

Born in Sacramento, Wednesday, January 12, to Lt. and Mrs. William Duncan, a 7 pound, 1 ounce son.

Robert Stowers and Robert Button are the latest aviation cadets to be inducted in Sacramento. They passed all tests. Button is a graduate in class '43 and Stowers is a senior.

At congregational meeting Sunday a.m. Lt. E.N. Greenlund severed his relation as supply student pastor with the Presbyterian Church because of continued ill health and press of Seminary requirements.

Free Christmas tree recycling offered at Yolo County landfill

Free Christmas tree recycling is being offered at the Yolo County Central Landfill from Dec. 26 through Jan. 15, and at the Esparto Convenience Center from Dec. 27 through Jan. 14. "Treecycling" is the act of recycling Christmas trees so they can be turned into valuable renewable and recyclable resources. Ornaments, flocking, tinsel, garland and lights should be removed from trees to be recycled.

Yolo County treecycling locations include:

~ Yolo County Central Landfill, Intersection of County Road 28H and

104, Northeast of Davis, in Woodland; hours, Monday-Saturday, 6:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1; 666-8729.

~ Esparto Convenience Center, 27075 County Road 19A, Esparto; hours, Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1; 787-3387 (Place trees in wood bin.)

Treecycling is sponsored by the Yolo County Department of Planning & Public Works, Division of Integrated Waste Management. For more information, call 666-8729 or visit: www.yolocounty.org.

Berryessa drops .01 of a foot

The level of Lake Berryessa remained constant during the past week, dropping only .01 of a foot, with a reduction in storage of 266 acre feet of water, according to Ken Emigh of the Solano Irrigation District.

He reported Tuesday morning that the lake was 413.44 feet above sea level, with storage computed at 1,124,671 acre feet of water.

The SID is diverting 30 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 17 acre feet of water per day during the week.

100
YEARS AGO

January 15, 1909

A freight train has been put on this line to run regularly from Susan to Rumsey, taking two days for a complete round trip.

Supervisor Godfrey came up Friday to view the washing away of the bank of Putah Creek near the concrete reservoir on the Briggs place across the creek.

Mrs. S.C. Sanborn was called to Seattle on account of the serious illness of her brother, Dr. C.E. Hoy.

Constable Sam Bentley and Town Marshal Reuben Cannon of Vacaville came up on Friday morning's train. They came up for hay and pointers.

Police department seeks more reserve officers

The Winters Police Department is seeking interested Winters residents and surrounding areas who would like to join the police department as a reserve Winters police officer.

Anyone who is interested in developing an active and exciting career as a reserve officer with a modern, community-oriented organization, and who is also a graduate of a California POST Academy Level I

or II Reserve Academy can contact Sergeant Terry VanHouten, at 795-2261, extension 123, or come by the Winters Police Department at 318-A First Street (directly behind City Hall).

New reserve officers can expect to gain experience and become competent and confident in a law enforcement environment, as well as give something back to their community, says Van Houten.

The Winters Express office will be closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day



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TOP TEN

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and typical of the state, not only do we know the news will be very bad, but they can't tell us yet how bad."

Superintendent Lewis estimated the amount of upcoming budget cuts to be in the \$550,000 range, and the board is in the tough spot, knowing it's time to do something but not knowing how much to do. The amount to cut is twice what provoked the 2006 strife, when John Clayton Kindergarten was relocated to Waggoner Elementary School, amid much public outcry. The possibility of closing Shirley Rominger Intermediate School is on the list, despite being the newest school site and a good performer in state tests. Shared administration for Rominger and the middle school is another possibility. Even those choices would not fill the hole.

For the school district, the storm warning came in 2008, but the thunder and lightening will start in 2009, with a new superintendent in charge. Superintendent of Schools Dale Mitchell resigned in 2008, and the search is on for a new schools chief. In the meantime, Interim Superintendent Pat Lewis is at the helm, making for a smooth transition. A somewhat less smooth transition took place on the school board when Stephanie Atherton replaced trustee Thomas Harding, who was removed from the board after missing several consecutive meetings, which is grounds for removal. Harding at the time was facing embezzlement and felony grand theft charges that were unrelated to school district activities.

The school district wasn't the only entity facing tough financial decisions this year. The local business community was hit hard by the weak economy and downtown businesses got a double whammy when street construction began in the fall as many customers incorrectly assumed they couldn't get downtown conveniently, despite heroic efforts on the part of city staff to make it clear that all downtown merchants would be open throughout the project.

The city provided free shuttle transportation for pedestrians, held weekly meetings for merchants and produced weekly video updates on the project's progress, but some business owners felt they just couldn't hang on. Among them were Aura Day Spa, Regalare and Ethnographica, which all closed their doors a few weeks after construction began. Other businesses, including JJ's Club, Pizza Factory and Orchard Vet didn't close their doors, but instead, were taken over by new owners.

The downtown area wasn't the only place where construction proceeded at a steady pace. At long last, the new Winters Library broke ground in September and the steel framing of the building located just east of the Bobbie Greenwood Swim Center took shape in December. Over at City Park, construction also began on the Little League park, including a new irrigation system, sod, fencing, concrete, benches and bleachers. The \$70,000 project was completely funded by Little League, and the project should be com-

pleted early next year.

Although work on Railroad Trestle Bridge was completed last year, the restored bridge was formally dedicated to the memory of J. Robert Chapman, the beloved former Winters mayor and councilman who devoted much of his life to his community. The finished project is truly an attraction, getting the attention of even television celebrities like Huell Howser, of PBS California Gold fame, who came to Winters one hot summer day expecting to do a quick feature on the bridge and was so charmed by the local community that he ended up filming an entire segment on Winters.

Also actually completed last year but formally presented to the community this year was the Winters Village apartments on East Baker Street. A celebration for the new low-income housing complex was held in May.

Local names in the news in 2008 included Joe Martinez, Citizen of the Year; Briggs & Co, Business of the Year; John Sexton, Senior Citizen of the Year, Justin Hyer was the Youth of the Year, and Marie Heilman, winner of the Theodore Winters Award. Mike Miller was the EMT of the Year, Sean Pritchard was the Winters Firefighter of the Year, and Jeremy Warren was the Winters Police Officer of the Year. Karen Benson Neil was the 2008 Youth Day Grand Marshal, and Kathy Skaggs was the Honorary Grand Marshal.

In the June election, council members Woody Fridae and Tom Stone ran unopposed and were reelected. Fridae, the former mayor, traded spots with Mike Martin, who was sworn in as Winters Mayor after receiving the most votes in the prior election. The city hired a new community development director, Nellie Dyer, in 2008, replacing Dan Sokolow who resigned in January.

Winters youth made the news in a big way in 2008, as the Winters High School Academic Decathlon team finally won first place in the annual event, beating arch-rival Davis High School at long last. The team went on to compete at the state level, a first for the Winters team.

Other Winters youth making the news in 2008 included Kevin Rowell, Mr. Warrior; Cody Campos and Ari Ruiz, Youth Day Sweethunk and Sweetheart; and Caitlin Calvert and Ray McIntire, Homecoming Queen and King.

All in all, Winters had a year of not only change, but challenges and champions as well.

Top Ten Stories

1. Down on the Corner.

The \$2 million Downtown Streetscape Project gave a whole new look to the main intersection downtown. The work was done by Maxicrete, Inc. of Fairfield, and is one of the largest redevelopment projects in Winters history. The first phase of construction is estimated to cost about \$1.35 million, which will be paid for with city redevelopment funds. The second phase is expected to cost \$680,000. Of that amount, \$185,000 will come from redevelopment funds, and \$495,000 from a federal grant. This week, landscaping started going in and planning for a formal ribbon cutting cere-

mony is underway.

2. Supporting the Library.

After years of unwavering determination, the new Winters Library broke ground on Sept. 18 and began taking shape. The new 10,900 square foot library, designed by NTD Architecture of Auburn, is expected to be finished in August 2009. The \$5.3 million facility is a joint city-school-county project, including land and funding donated by the school district, \$800,000 from the city and \$3.2 million from the county. The facility features a meeting room, a main reading area, a children's area, study areas, a staff work area and computer work stations.

3. A Place to Call Home.

The grand opening for Winters Village was May 29 at the new complex located on East Baker Street. Community Housing Opportunities Corporation (CHOC) conducted the \$11 million project, which featured six buildings with a total of 38 low-income units, all of which were rented. The city committed \$1.4 million in redevelopment funds toward the project. Winters Village was the only housing development completed in 2008. Other residential housing developments planned in the area, such as Winters Highlands, were stalled by the weak economy, and developers renegotiated their agreements with the city to allow themselves more time to break ground.

4. Hi, Huell.

Huell Howser, a true celebrity amongst PBS fans, kicked off his new TV series, California Communities, with a stop in

Winters on July 25. Originally planning to feature the restored Railroad Trestle Bridge, Howser was so charmed with the town that he ended up spending the day in town, bounding here and there, with stops at The Palms, the Berryessa Gap tasting room and The Buckhorn, where owner John Pickerel treated him to a plateful of samples of The Buckhorn's trademark aged beef. The Buckhorn later hosted a community viewing of the segment when it aired in the fall.

5. Bridge to Somewhere.

On the second Saturday in May, the historic Railroad Trestle Bridge officially became the J. Robert Chapman Memorial Bridge, with friends, relatives and peers of the former Winters mayor in attendance. Person after person stepped up to the microphone to memorialize the many contributions both large and small made by Chapman over the years. Chapman passed away in 2005, but lent his support to the completion of the restoration work right up until he died. Local artist Jeff Hesemeyer created a granite memorial in Chapman's honor, which sits at the north end of the bridge.

6. Timber!

Although the city council approved the removal of 27 mulberry trees on the east side of Hemenway Street in October 2007 with very little notice from anyone, when the time to actually remove the trees approached, many in town objected. Students wrote letters of protest by the box, and demonstrators gathered beside the

trees and spoke out at city council meetings. The council listened patiently, however, the protestors learned the hard way that the time to speak out is when the decisions are being made, not afterwards. The trees came down in August to make way for the construction of sidewalks.

7. We're Number One!

Finally! Like David beating Goliath, the Winters High School Academic Decathlon Team took top honors in the annual academic challenge, soundly unseating Davis High School, which has dominated the competition since 1993. The team, which studied for six months in preparation for the one day event, went on to compete at the state level in March — a first for Winters High School, and came home with medals. The team included Honors members, Krista Blandin, Justin Hyer and Andreina Prado; Scholastic members Andrew Fridae, TJ Johnson and Andrew Hofstrand; and Varsity members Derek Riley, Savanna Waldron and Ari Ruiz. The coaches were Matt Biers-Ariel and Marcella Heredia.

8. Sad tune.

Thieves broke into the Winters Middle School music room in September and cleaned out the classroom, taking thousands of dollars in instruments and equipment. Down but not defeated, students set out raising funds on their own and kind-hearted community members donated money to help build the program back up. No sooner were the instruments replaced than the thieves struck again in

December, just before the students' Winter Concert. The students muddled through the performance with borrowed equipment. The thieves still have not been caught.

9. High achievers.

Winters Middle School principal Pam Scheeline, staff and students set out to improve their lackluster Average Yearly Progress (AYP) test results last year, and made phenomenal growth. Seven years into the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) with its tough stipulations for annual academic growth, left Winters schools struggling. For four of the seven years, two Winters schools failed to meet the incremental goals. The middle school staff and students set an AYP goal for 2007/08 of 716, which was 5 points greater than their 2006/07 score of 711. Hard work and determination paid off: the actual score was 769, a whopping 58 point increase and a source of great pride for everyone involved.

10. Keeping it Green.

The city held its inaugural E.A.R.T.H. (Energy, Agriculture, Recycling and Conservation, Transportation and Habitat) event on May 17, and Mother Earth made her presence known with temperatures that soared to 104 degrees. Despite the sweltering heat, the event, which featured a variety of booths and activities promoting "green" living and reducing humanity's carbon footprint was a sound success, and will become an annual event.

Opinion



DEBRA LO GUERCIO BECAUSE I SAY SO

SOME COLUMNS HAVE A life of their own. Such was the case with last week's installment about the "bollards" (the correct word for large cement phalluses, I've since been snippily informed) that the city recently installed on our lovely new downtown intersection. The column hadn't even printed in the Express yet when it started causing a stir.

I walked into the office and our office manager cupped her hand over the phone and with a perplexed expression, said, "The city manager's on the phone and he wants to know about the penises."

Now there's something you don't hear every day.

I picked up the phone. He didn't say hello, he didn't ask how's it going, no chit-chat, no small talk, all he said was an icy, "What did you write." Why, about our penises, of course. He sounded somewhat displeased about this. I told him to look on the bright side: If it attracts visitors to Winters, it's all good. He sounded unconvinced.

Apparently this unexpected publicity twist wasn't what the city's fancy shmantzy marketing consultants had in mind for the new Winters "brand." Oh well. They should've thought about that before they installed 13 cement penises on the main intersection downtown. Who'd they hire for design consultants? A team of nuns and virgins?

I wasn't really sure what got the city manager all bristly until I discovered an email from KOVR-13 reporter Mike DelloStritto, asking me to phone him because he was literally en route to Winters to film a segment on our new downtown décor. So, I gave him a ring, and he said the city manager refused to discuss the matter on camera, so he planned to just wing it with whoever he could find on the street. I told him to have fun with that, and went back to work. Come quitting time, there's DelloStritto and crew right by my car, so I thought I'd stop and say hello.

It was a typically slow Monday evening, freezing cold even with two jackets and a turtleneck (that's how you create that really sexy Michelin Tire Man look, by the way), and the streets were empty. So, DelloStritto asks if he can interview me, because he'd hoped to air the story that night. I figure, what the hey, they'll film some "real" people later on, what do I care, this'll all end up on the cutting room floor anyway.

Well, it didn't all end up on the cutting room floor, and obviously I was having way too much fun with the topic. Apparently someone noticed. Next thing you know, the segment skittered across the internet as far as the Baltimore Sun and Daily Show websites.

Hooboy. Well, they wanted people to know about our new downtown. Now they know.

That's the upswing of all this — regardless of the topic, our downtown looked fabulous. Even DelloStritto commented to me that although it's a gorgeous \$2 million project, KOVR wouldn't otherwise have bothered to film it. Thanks to the bollards, our downtown was the 10:30 lead story. As the news anchor said, "There's no such thing as bad publicity."

Even so, some people have their tights in a twist about a few things that need clarification.

First off, that racy headline in the Enterpriser? I didn't write it. My headline was "Even the White Rabbit would have stopped for this." Somewhat more innocuous than "Scaring the L out of pubic places," no? However, for every person who pitched a fit over this headline, there was one who loved it. Either way, I can't take credit.

Second, people keep blaming me for creating all this hubbub. Might I reiterate that I wasn't the first to notice the bollards' resemblance to the real thing. Someone else brought it to my attention, I merely reported it. Next time a storm hits, I suppose I'll get blamed for reporting on the power outage too.

Even Mr. Breaking News wasn't the first to notice our bawdy bollards. Before my column ever hit ink, people were emailing photos of naughty little things they were doing to and with the peenie-pillars. I was nowhere near the front of the pack on this one.

One gal wrote a furious letter to the editor and said because of me, she'd think about penises whenever she drives her horse-cart downtown. This from someone who spends much of her time staring at a horse's butt and smelling poo. If you ask me, I did her a huge favor. Besides, I didn't invent the shape. If you don't like the design, take it up with God.

And then there's the budding songwriter who, in the spirit of the season, wrote a darling little ditty called "Debra Blows" to the tune of "Let It Snow," and circulated it far and wide via email. And you know it got back to me. Ah well, have to take it all in stride, I suppose. However, here's where you separate the amateur rabble-rousers from the professionals. Our lyricist distributed his work anonymously, whereas the professional puts her name on her work. The amateur was too cowardly to reveal his name. Probably has a little bollard.

OUT OF OFFICE COUNTDOWN: Four weeks!



LETTERS

Disturbed and disgusted

Dear Editor,

I was disturbed, disgusted and disappointed with the news coverage on Channel 13 regarding the remodeled downtown area. Although I was not in favor of the city spending \$800,000 for this project (especially when they tell me every year that they do not have "enough" money in their budget for the horse and carriage to provide free Christmas rides), I certainly did not see any phallic symbols on the corner. Now, since it has been brought up by Debra (and others), on television no less, we all have to think this every time we pass by. And it will take time to forget this implication.

I think that the city

might have spent the money on the schools, or a better alarm system for them, but I think that the architect did a beautiful job, and I think that the final product is really nice. I believe that the criticism spoken comes from people with way too much time on their hands, a cheap imagination, and certainly not much pride of their home town.

I hope that the stir created does not imply that the city should change out these protective pylons for any additional funds. Nobody likes change, but Debra and any others that were so critical, you should be embarrassed of your comments.

**SUSAN HASSETT
Buzzard's Roost**

Post Office restored her faith

Dear Editor,
"...rain, snow, sleet, hail..."

While in general, the U.S. government seems to be functioning poorly, at least one service is still top rate. Even during this busiest time of the year, I received a Christmas card addressed with no last name, to the wrong address with the wrong zip code. I can understand

how the letter got to Winters, but our local post office must have done some serious searching to find the home of "Mom and Bob." Yes, the card was from my son — he must have his mother's lousy memory!

Thank you Winters Post Office — you've renewed my faith in peoplekind!

LINDA EASTMAN

Thankful for their Secret Santa

Dear Editor,

Just wanted to express my thankfulness to the special secret elves and Santa of Winters. Thank you very much for your generosity to our family. Things have gotten "tight" for everyone around, but you wouldn't be able to tell by the caring, the

kindness, the love and generosity of others.

Wishing the secret elves and their families much happiness this holiday season. We will be forever grateful for the wonderful surprise to our family.

**THE GRATEFUL
GOMEZ FAMILY**

Appreciating all that kindness

Dear Editor,

Joy, joy, joy! The winners of the Music Boosters quilt raffle were the Pantoja and Rosas families. Perfect timing for cold weather.

Our schools gave three excellent winter concerts from students in grades 4-12. In addition, our middle and

high school bands took first place in the Woodland Parade.

Thanks to each of you who keep the joy of music in our schools by verbal or financial support. The kids appreciate your kindness.

**LYNNE SECRIST
TANIA MANNIAN
MUSIC BOOSTERS**

Children's Festival big success

Dear Editor:

As you know, Winters Parent Nursery School (WPNS) held its 12th Annual Children's Festival on October 4. Because of your generous contributions of time, money and other important items, the Children's Festival was a huge success, raising more than \$11,000, which far surpassed expectations.

Thanks to you, the funds raised will help keep WPNS a wonderful and affordable program for our children and families in Winters and surrounding communi-

ties. The money will cover the cost of the field trips for the children, a new refrigerator and many special projects that the kids and parents will cherish forever.

Thank you so much. We are already looking forward to next year's Children's Festival.

Happy Holidays and best wishes for a fantastic 2009!

**SHANNON
RODRIGUEZ
CORRIN DURAN
WPNS board, students,
parents and staff**



CHARLES R. WALLACE A QUICK OPINION

FIFTH GRADE HUMOR. If you read the Express, watch Channel 13 or use the internet, you know that we've made the news with our streetscape improvements. Like the news anchor said, "I guess there is no bad publicity." In this case I would agree. If some idiot drives over here from Sacramento to see some bollards that some think are phallic looking, stops off for a cold one at a local bar, decides to eat at one of our restaurants, buys a bottle of wine, or two, and needs fuel before heading back, all of the angst was worth it.

I watched the "news" cast on the internet and decided that it was a great plug for Winters. It made Winters look like a happening place. There were Christmas lights everywhere, our Christmas tree looked good, people were walking around, cars slowing down to see what was going on and a horse drawn carriage ambling down the street. I don't know what a two-minute commercial cost on local TV but it isn't cheap, and they replayed it twice.

Something that does bother me is whenever the city, school district or some other agency spends money, someone always points out some other place the money should have been spent. I'll go along with that comment if they are talking about the same budget, or even the same funding source, but there are a lot of different government agencies operating in Winters and the money is usually dedicated to a particular project. The city shouldn't spend money on schools and the schools shouldn't spend money fixing streets. Can't you just see the city council telling George Griffin who to hire to coach the football team, or the school superintendent telling the city to fire the street sweeper? Maybe the county supervisors can fix our broken water mains, or help install water meters.

Winters created a redevelopment district to fix up the older parts of town. So far, it seems to be working. I like the bricks, and no offense to all those I went to school with, but I've been in a few locker rooms and those bollards don't look like anything I've seen before. Maybe 5th graders think they are something other than posts to protect pedestrians, but they are just posts. Heaven help us if we have a field trip to San Francisco or any other city with streetscapes. I won't even mention mooring bollards for large ships.

There are some large trees being planted across the street from the Express, along with plenty of shrubs, putting the finishing touches on this project. This is one of the biggest public works projects in the downtown area in years. Let's hope the irrigation system works, and they have a couple of extra trees for our side of the street.

Have a great Christmas.

Tell them what you think

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HEART

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She says the reaction was sheer amazement.”

“They just looked at me like, ‘You’re kidding!’ I knew that it made a stir.”

She admits that even though she knew she did the right thing, it was hard to hand that money over — she lost her job nearly a year ago after suffering an injury and has had difficulty finding a new one. Before turning the money in, she says she did fantasize for a moment about what she could do with it.

“I spent it in my head. I have bills still,” she says. But after imagining what she’d do with all that cash, she says she realized that the money would come and go, but knowing what choice she made “would always be on my mind.” So, she went straight to the police department.

“It was a moment of truth for me,” says Laurie. “It wasn’t easy for me, but I had a good feeling that I was doing the right thing.”

While Laurie was doing her soul-searching and heading downtown to turn the money in, an entirely different scenario was taking place

at the home of Vicky and David Barbosa.

“My husband called me from work, very upset,” says Vicky, explaining that after working odd jobs to make extra money, he had gone down to the bank and cashed the checks, planning to spend it all on their children and grandchildren for Christmas. After leaving the bank, David put the envelope containing the cash in his back pocket and walked home. When he got home, he discovered the envelope was gone.

Vicky says David was distraught, and simply told her, “Our Christmas money is gone.” Although he reported the loss to the police department, he told Vicky, “No way someone’s going to turn it in.” Vicky encouraged him to think positive, and insisted, “There are good people in this world,” but David gave up hope on ever getting the money back.

“He was crushed. It was all for the kids and grandkids. He was just sick,” says Vicky.

And then the phone rang.

“Your money’s here. Come and get it,” said the voice on the other end.

“You don’t know how thrilled we were,” says

Vicky. “(Laurie) made Christmas for our babies. She has lots of stars in heaven. I wish there were more people like her in the world.”

Vicky says David was “totally in shock that someone would do an act like that and not think of themselves,” and his eyes welled up when he learned that the money had been returned. Describing her husband as a big, strapping man who isn’t easily moved to tears, she says, “Nobody touches him, but that just melted him. It was like somebody touched him with a magic wand.”

Besides getting their money back, Vicky says Laurie’s honesty even made her skeptical husband believe that there are still good people in this world, and says there’s karma in kindness.

“What goes around comes around. You give and you’ll get something back in return.”

Laurie says she’s open to that, and should some good karma come her way, she hopes it’s in the form of a job.

“The best way to help me is to help me find some work,” says Laurie, who last worked with autistic children and started her own autism consultation business, Hope Unlim-

ited, to help make ends meet while she searches for a new job. In the meantime, she’s made new friends in Vicky and David, who showered her with a generous cash reward, as well as candy, wine and fruit. Vicky says had it not been for Christmas and the grandkids, she’d have given Laurie the whole \$1,000.

Laurie, however, says she’s thankful for the goodies she received and reiterates that giving the money back to its rightful owner was its own reward. She encourages others to experience that feeling for themselves if they’ve ever faced with a similar situation.

“If you put yourself in somebody else’s place and you know how they would feel, it makes it a lot easier to do the right thing,” adding that although \$1,000 cash in hand seems like a lot right now, it really isn’t in the grand scheme of one’s life.

“It’s nothing. A thousand dollars goes really fast these days. What do you have when you’re done? If I’d rather have the money or the Christmas Story — I’d rather have the Christmas story.”

Return to sender

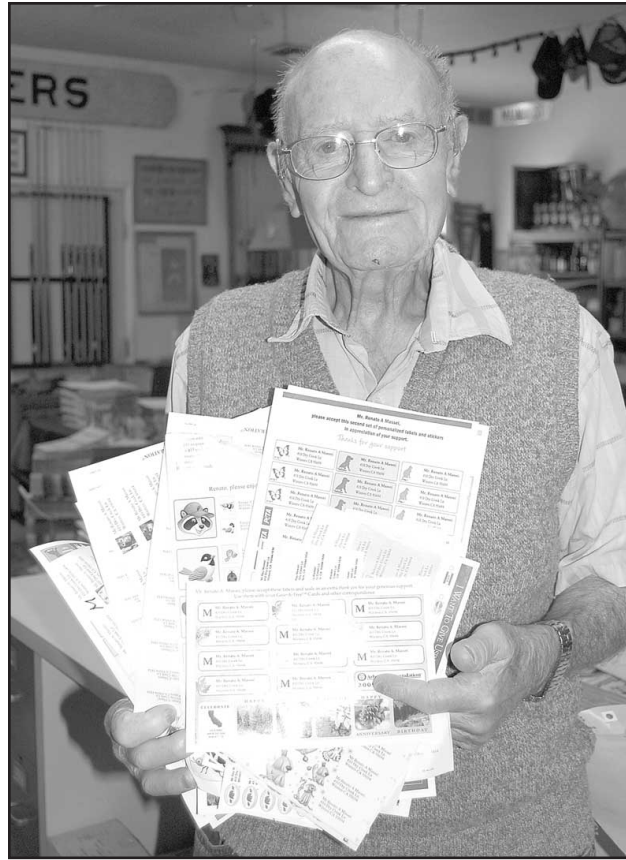


Photo by Debra Lo Guercio

Inspired by a column he read in the Winters Express about the abundance of unwanted return address labels one receives in the mail along with requests for donations, Ray Massei decided to save all the labels he received over the course of a year. The final tally was 47 sheets of labels he never asked for.

COUNCIL

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space for their meetings.

Meyer explained that the rental fee of \$150 per month for 72 square feet is “exorbitant,” and asked the council to financially “invest in the community.” She also mentioned that the Chamber absorbs its own costs at the Community Center, and they provide various services to the city, like tax assistance to seniors.

Councilmember Cecilia Aguiar-Curry expressed her concern about setting a precedent for other groups by letting the Chamber use the Community Center for free. Normally, it rents for \$20-30 an hour.

“Where I’m leary is that we’re giving away that space...(but) bygones are bygones. We should’ve kept better tabs. You’ve saved \$3,100. Merry Christmas,” Aguiar-Curry said.

The problem lies in the fact that the official lease on the space expired in Aug. 2001, and another lease or amendment to the original lease was not discussed.

“It kind of bothers me that we let it lapse that long,” admitted Mayor Michael Martin.

Ultimately, the council decided to forgive the past debt and reduce the rent to \$100 per month.

Mayor Martin explained the decision to reduce instead of waive future fees by saying, “if we were in better economic times, we’d love to help the Chamber. But they also have to support us, too.”

Free square dancing class offered

The Vaca Valley Ramblers Square Dancers Club is offering two free introductory classes for adults and children ages 9 and up who have parents in attendance. The classes will be held on Jan. 30 at 7 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, 897 Cotting Lane in Vacaville. No alcohol allowed.

For more information, call Lessie Diffey, (707) 450-0380 or (209) 559-9710.

The council also approved a street closure on Sunday, Feb. 15, in support of the Amgen Tour of California Bike Race, which will feature celebrated cyclist Lance Armstrong. Railroad Avenue and Main and Grant streets will be affected by the closure from 12-1:15 p.m.

City Manager John Donlevy described this as a “huge event for us.”

A presentation to end local homelessness in 10 years was given by Janice Critchlow of the Yolo County Homeless Coalition. Their plan will begin in Fall 2009, and will identify how many homeless people are in Yolo County.

“Homelessness can be ended,” stated Critchlow, who added that the economic crisis has added to the number of homeless.

“There are folks with very little warning that are out on the streets,” she said.

A public hearing was held to amend the City-wide Habitat Mitigation Program to include Solano as well as Yolo County, which was unanimously approved, minus Mayor Pro Tem

Woody Fridae, who was absent.

Contract Planner Kate Kelly then explained some changes to the Granite Bay-Winters Highlands Subdivision plan. The project was approved in 2006 for the construction of 413 single family residential lots and 30 apartments.

The changes include revising the number of units built per year, in a 10 year period. Years 1-3 will see increased building, while years 4-5 will see a decrease. Years 6-10 will not change.

The amendments also call for deferred payment of impact fees for building permits.

Donlevy addressed this change, saying, “Will our impact fees go up? Yes, they will,” but that the fees can be spread over more than one year.

Kelly told the council that staff recommends that they bring this item back for a second discussion in January.

Redevelopment and Economic Development Director Cas Ellena introduced Charley Wallace as a candidate for

the city’s Façade Improvement Program. Wallace requested funding to improve 310 and 310 1/2 Railroad Avenue, so that a future Winters Museum, as part of the Winters Printing Company, could be handicapped accessible, among other things.

The application does meet the program’s guidelines, including meeting regular business hour requirements, which Mayor Martin brought up.

Wallace assured him of that, joking that, “We live there.”

After some more good-natured teasing that is central to Winters, the proposal was approved unanimously.

The council will meet for the first time in the new year on Tuesday, Jan. 6, at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall.

Community

McMahon graduates from basic training

Air Force Airman Steven W. McMahon II graduated with honors in October from Basic Military Training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. During the six weeks of training, he studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies. McMahon also performed drill and ceremony marches and field training exercises, as well as rifle marksmanship.



STEVEN W. Mc MAHON II

Graduation ceremonies were held Oct. 9-10, at Lackland Air Force Base and were attended by McMahon's parents, brother Ryan McMahon, sister Shawn Humphrey, brother-in-law Devin Humphrey, and twin nephews, Peyton and Landon Humphrey; also, sister Erin McMahon and her friend Kevin Fejarang and twin nieces, Alyxandra and Alexis McMahon.

During graduation McMahon was recognized at a special ceremony for Honor Graduates and earned an extra stripe and coin for his hard work and dedication. In addition to being recognized as an Honor Graduate, McMahon received the Thunderbolt Physical Fitness Excellence Award.

McMahon is cur-

rently stationed at Eglin Air Force Base near Fort Walton Beach, Florida where he is waiting to begin a nine-month special operations training course in Explosive Ordinance Disposal. In order to gain acceptance into the E.O.D. technical school at Eglin Air Force Base, McMahon was required to pass two weeks of E.O.D. preliminary training at Lackland Air Force Base where an average of only 30 percent succeed and advance to Eglin.

He is the son of Steven and Bobbie McMahon of Colusa and grandson of Alex and Esma Estrada of Winters. He grew up in Winters and in 2001 moved with his family to Colusa. He is a 2006 graduate of Colusa High School.

'Soroptimistic' about new year

By MOLLY DAVIS
Staff writer

2008 has been a good year for the Soroptimist International of Winters. But rather than sit back and relish their achievements, the Soroptimist women are already looking ahead to good works in 2009.

Over the past year, the Soroptimists have raised about \$12,000 for the community. They donated \$4,300 to the Winters Middle School music program, which due to recent thefts, was a much-needed gift.

They also donated \$3,500 for three scholarships for Winters and Wolfskill high schools. Additionally, the club provided monetary support for the Academic Decathlon, Girls' State, FFA, the AFS foreign exchange students, Cardinal Awards, the Winters Parent Nursery School, and other edu-

cational projects.

The community at large also benefits from the club's generosity. Organizations like the Abbey House, which accepts donations and distributes them to those in need, and Yolo Wayfarers, which supports local shelters.

During the past year, the Soroptimists have given out Easter bags for the Senior Nutrition Lunch at the Community Center, promoted proper dental hygiene at Youth Day, held a quilt raffle, helped with the Friends of the Library fundraiser and participated in Toys for Tots.

Of course, the group likes to have fun, as well. This year they celebrated their 31st anniversary in Winters with a Mad Hatter Tea Party at Tomat's.

"The club is as much about fun as it is about service," member Valerie Whitworth com-

mented.

Each week the group of about 29 women meet at Chuy's for breakfast to discuss up coming fundraisers, events, and to generally enjoy each other's company.

Some of the things the Soroptimists are planning for the new year include an "Elegant Affair" fund-raiser at the Buckhorn in February, a Buck Mansion fundraiser for the Winters Participation Gallery in March, Cinco de Yolo in May and Octoberfest in October. Ongoing assistance for preschoolers is planned, as well as donations to Winters Healthcare, various academic programs and breast cancer awareness programs.

According to member Barbara Cody, the Soroptimists are eager to help and are grateful for the community's support in their fundraising activities.

Leon graduates



Marine Private Salvador I. Leon has graduated from Basic Military Training and Infantry school from Camp Pendleton in San Diego. He is the son of Angelina and Salvador Leon of Winters, and is a Woodland Adult School graduate. He currently attends special forces training in Virginia.

City of Winters Hispanic Advisory Committee to meet

The City of Winters Hispanic Advisory Committee will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 6, at 6 p.m. in the conference room at City Hall. The agenda includes a discussion

on low cost child care.

The committee was formed to help address the needs of the local Hispanic community.

For more information, call City Hall, 795-4910.

Holiday schedule planned for trash pickup next two weeks

If your regular trash pickup day falls on either Christmas Day, or New Year's Day, or the day following either holiday, your collection will be put off by one day during the last two weeks of the holiday season.

If your regular service day falls on Thursday, Dec. 25, your collection will be moved to Friday Dec. 26, 2008. If your regular service day falls on Friday, Dec. 26, your col-

lection will be moved to Saturday, Dec. 27.

If your regular service day falls on Thursday, Jan. 1, your collection will be moved to Friday Jan. 2. If your regular service day falls on Friday, Jan. 2, your collection will be moved to Saturday, Jan. 3. Regular service will resume as usual the week of Jan. 4. All other collection will remain the same during the holiday weeks.

Ornaments will raise funds for Winters Friends of the Library

You can decorate your Christmas tree and help the Winters Friends of the Library at the same time by purchasing WFoL ornaments at Pacific Ace Hardware. The round, red and blue ornaments are available during regular business hours, weekdays from 8 a.m. to 7

p.m., Saturdays 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sundays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The WFoL Christmas Ornaments are available exclusively at Pacific Ace Hardware, and all funds raised will go toward the new library. The ornaments sell for \$10 each, or two for \$15.

It's easy to subscribe to the Express
Just call 795-4551

New downtown lights add finishing touch

By DAN MAGUIRE
Winters Chamber
of Commerce
Board of Directors

Hopefully by now most readers have been to the downtown and share the Chamber's enthusiasm for the great new downtown streetscape. The bulb-outs, brickwork and seat walls are fantastic. It looks even more spectacular at night, with the Buckhorn's decorations in their bulb-out adding to the festive atmosphere.

Leno Castro of the Buckhorn did a wonderful job decorating, but he didn't stop with just decorating in front of the Buckhorn.

Thanks to the Chamber's use of BID funds (Business Improvement District), Leno was commissioned to re-string the downtown trees with string lights. The combination of the streetscape improvements with the downtown trees lit up at night is truly impressive. The Chamber also used BID funds to decorate the Christmas tree at Rotary Park. A huge Chamber thank you to



Photo by Debra Lo Guercio

Winters Chamber of Commerce president Nancy Meyer draws a Shop Winters & Win winner, Crysta Garnett, who entered the weekly drawing at Warrior Video. Assisting Meyer with the drawing is City Housing Manager Dan Maguire, who has served as the spokesperson for the Shop Winters & Win campaign. The last winner of \$100 in Winters bucks is JoanE Bryant, who submitted her winning entry at Steady Eddy's. The Shop Winters & Win project was sponsored by the City of Winters to remind the community that downtown businesses were open and ready for customers throughout the downtown screetscape project.

Mike Pittman, owner of the local company Valley Oak Tree Service, who let us use one of his bucket trucks all day for a very small fee. Being able to use the truck all day and taking the time to do it right really shows. Thanks, Mike!

Chamber gears up for Year in Review celebration Jan. 24

By DEBRA LO GUERCIO
Express editor

Among the topics of discussion at the Dec. 12 Winters Chamber of Commerce meeting were several upcoming events, first and foremost of which is the annual Year in Review celebration, planned for Saturday, Jan. 24, at the Winters Community Center. The event features dinner and a silent auction, the swearing in of the board of directors, and the highlight, the formal recognition of Winters' outstanding citizens and business for 2008. This year's honorees include Citizen of the Year, Joe Martinez; Business of the Year, Briggs & Co.; Senior Citizen of the Year, John Sexton; and recipient of the Theodore Winters Award, Marie Heilman. Tickets are \$35 per person, and will only be sold in advance. Call the Chamber office, 795-2329, for more information.

Other upcoming events include the Amgen Bike Tour, which rolls through Winters on Sunday, Feb. 14, as well as a possible quilt show in June. Cloth Carousel owner Jan Bawart gave a presentation on her ideas for the quilt show, which she hopes will become an annual event. She said quilt shows in other areas attract hundreds of people. The Chamber directors were supportive of the idea.

Artist Deborah Lamoreaux attended the meeting to introduce herself and discuss her gallery, which opened last fall at 9 East Main Street, and expressed an interest in helping to coordinate the monthly Winters Walks. There was some disagreement about the extent of the Chamber's involvement in this event, and it will be discussed at a future meeting.

The Chamber voted to spend an estimated \$2,700 on Christmas lights and decorations for the downtown, which will be paid for with Business Improvement District funds.

For a list of Winters Chamber of Commerce members visit the Chamber website: www.winterschamber.com

Entertainment

Dead Rock West coming to The Palms

Dead Rock West, opening for The Knitters, will perform in Winters on Jan. 17 at The Palms. The Los Angeles-based roots-rock/Americana band Dead Rock West is hitting the road in January on The Knitters' West Coast tour, in support of Dead Rock West's debut full-length "Honey and Salt."

The band recently released a cover of Eartha Kitt's "Santa Baby," which is available on iTunes, and is currently in the studio finishing up a spiritual album that is being produced by Grammy-nominated, singer/songwriter, author, and musicologist Peter Case (Plimsouls). The album features duets with Exene Cervenka (The Knitters), John Doe (The Knitters), and Mark Olson (Jayhawks).

Dead Rock West front woman Cindy Wasserman has been making waves in the world of Americana roots music with her tuneful collaborations with The Jayhawks' Mark Olson on his latest album, "The Salvation Blues."

Dead Rock West's debut album "Honey and



Courtesy photo

Dead Rock West, opening for The Knitters, will perform in Winters on Jan. 17 at The Palms. Tickets for the Jan. 17 show are \$20, and are available at Pacific Ace Hardware and at the door.

Salt" was mixed to tape by Grammy winner Richard Dodd (Dixie Chicks, Wilco, Johnny Cash). Three songs from "Honey and Salt" have been featured in ABC's "Men In Trees." The al-

bum has been hailed as having "packed a career's worth of potential hit songs onto a single disc" (Amplifier Magazine) and "The jagged edge of country rock that brought such ac-

claim to Los Angeles legends X in the '80s," by the Houston Chronicle.

Tickets for the Jan. 17 show are \$20, and are available at Pacific Ace Hardware.

'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 mur-

derer 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.

For more information on this production of "Macbeth," or about the Acme Theatre Company, contact production manager, Delany Pelz, (530) 574-4829 or email delany.e.pelz@gmail.com, or artistic director, Emily Henderson, 401-6688 or emilymhenderson@gmail.com

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.

'Hello, Dolly!' New Year's Eve celebration planned

Jerry Herman's Hello, Dolly!" New Year's Eve Celebration will take place at 8 p.m., on Wednesday, Dec. 31, at the DMTC Hoblit Performing Arts Center, 607 Pena Drive in Davis. This will be the Davis Musical Theatre Company's 22nd annual New Year's Eve celebration.

Enjoy a special pre-

view performance of Jerry Herman's Tony Award-winning musical "Hello, Dolly!" followed by a catered dinner by Ludy's Main Street Barbecue, champagne or sparkling cider, and dancing as we count down to 2009.

Tickets are \$40. For more information or tickets, call 756-3682.

Steinem appearance at Mondavi Center cancelled

The Mondavi Center regrets to announce the cancellation of Gloria Steinem's speaking event on Jan. 16. The center staff apologize for the inconvenience.

Mondavi Center handling fee waived in January

The Robert and Margrit Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts at UC Davis is celebrating New Year's 2009 with a special offer. Purchase Mondavi Center tickets between Jan. 1-31, and the Mondavi Center will waive the \$10 handling fee.

This special promotion applies to tickets purchased for all upcoming Mondavi Center Presenting Program performances, including the Blue Note 7 on Jan. 13, Mavis Staples on Jan. 14, Punch Brothers on Feb. 14, and k.d. lang on Mar. 27. (The offer is not valid on previous purchases.)

Visit MondaviArts.org for a full schedule of events, and follow the links to purchase tickets online. Tickets are also available through Mondavi Center box office. Call 754-2787 or (866) 754-2787 (toll-free), or visit the walk-up window Monday-Saturday, 12-6 p.m. Seating accommodations for persons with disabilities are available upon request.

Planning an event? The Express can help you get the word out! Call 795-4551 for more information.

*Happy Holidays
from the
Express staff*

‘Think Green’ this holiday season — reuse, recycle and reduce waste

This holiday season, about one million extra tons of trash will be generated between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day. During the Christmas season alone, it's estimated that Californians will generate an extra three to ten bags of trash per household. This holiday season, Waste Management is encouraging everyone to "Think Green" by reducing the amount of trash they send to our landfills.

In order to help you reduce your impact on the environment this holiday season, the EPA has provided the following tips to help minimize extra waste and still maximize holiday cheer:

- ~ Avoid using disposable dishes and utensils when entertaining friends and family, and if you must use them, buy them made from recycled or compostable material.

- ~ Remember to place easily identifiable recycling and

compost containers at your celebration so guests can recycle soda cans, bottles, and paper products, and compost food scraps.

- ~ Send e-invitations for all holiday celebrations, saving paper, time and postage.

- ~ Thousands of paper and plastic shopping bags end up in landfills every year. Tell store clerks you don't need a bag for small or oversized purchases. Better yet, bring your own reusable bag!

- ~ Extend the useful life of gifts: Before tossing the old to make room for the new, check to see if you can donate it, reuse it, or recycle it.

- ~ Wrap your presents with reusable bags, or newspaper instead of purchasing wrapping paper.

- ~ Travel efficiently: Map your shopping route to make a number of stops in one trip. Take public transportation, or hitch a ride with a friend or family member.

- ~ When decorating, use Energy Star energy efficient lighting such as LED outdoor holiday lights, which require 1/50th of the electricity of conventional lights and last 20-30 years. Put lights on a timer or turn them on only when someone's home.

By "Thinking Green" this holiday season, you can save time and money, as well as reduce your impact on the environment.

Haagen-Dazs helps fund UC Davis honeybee garden

Honey bees will soon find a pollinator paradise at UC Davis, thanks to Haagen-Dazs Ice Cream. Haagen-Dazs is making a \$125,000 donation to the UC Davis Department of Entomology to launch a nationwide design competition to create a one-half acre Honey Bee Haven garden at the Harry H. Laidlaw Jr. Honey Bee Research Facility at UC Davis.

From that gift, \$65,000 will be used to establish the garden. Haagen-Dazs and UC Davis will determine how the balance of the gift can best be used to benefit the health of honey bee populations.

"The Honey Bee Haven will be a pollinator paradise," said Lynn Kimsey, chair of the Department of Entomology and director of the Bohart Museum of Entomology. "It will provide a much needed, year-round food source for our bees at the Harry H. Laidlaw Jr. Honey Bee Research Facility."

The garden will include a seasonal variety of blooming plants that will provide a year-round food source for honey bees.

Visitors to the garden will be able to glean ideas on how to establish their own bee-friendly gardens and help to improve the nutrition of bees in their own backyards. The bee haven is expected to be the first in a series of pollinator gardens at UC Davis.

"The garden will be extremely helpful in demonstrating that bees are not a nuisance in the backyard," said Eric Mussen, a Cooperative

Garden design competition

The garden design competition funded by Haagen-Dazs is being coordinated by the California Center for Urban Horticulture at UC Davis. It is open to anyone who can create a proposal by using basic landscape design principles.

"This is an excellent opportunity to raise public awareness of the current plight of honey bees and to educate the public on how they can help," said Dave Fujino, director of the California Center for Urban Horticulture. "Planting a garden with honey bee friendly plants provides nutrition for the bees and has the potential to create valuable habitat corridors between agricultural sites."

Design submissions for the competition should describe a one-half-acre garden that can be installed for \$65,000 or less. Submissions must include a site plan, planting plan, maintenance program and construction cost estimate.

The plans should include plant species that provide forage for honey bees, a bee-accessible water source, and environmentally friendly paths for visitors. More design specifications and lists of bee-ap-

propriate plants can be found at the UC Davis Department of Entomology Web site at <<http://entomology.ucdavis.edu/dept/beebio.cfm>>.

Design plans for the Honey Bee Haven garden must be received at UC Davis by Jan. 30. Plans should be mailed to the California Center for Urban Horticulture, College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Dean's Office, University of California, One Shields Ave., Davis, CA 95616-8571.

The winning design, to be announced in February 2009, will be implemented, and the winning team will receive on-site recognition on the Haagen-Dazs commemorative plaque. In addition, the winner will receive a free year's supply of Haagen-Dazs ice cream.

More information on the design competition can be obtained from Melissa Borel, program manager at UC Davis' California Center for Urban Horticulture, 752-6642 or mjborel@ucdavis.edu.

Bee disappearance

Honey bees, which pollinate more than 100 different U.S. agricultural crops, valued at \$15 billion, are dying from an unexplained phenomenon known as "colony collapse disorder."

Bee experts suspect that a multitude of causes, including pesticides, diseases, parasites, stress, climate change and malnutrition, are contributing to the dramatic decline in honey bee populations. Seasonal food shortages lead to malnutrition in the bees, making them more susceptible to diseases.

The Haagen-Dazs brand in February of this year launched the "Haagen-Dazs Loves Honey Bees" campaign. The company committed a combined \$250,000 donation for bee research to UC Davis and Pennsylvania State University. It also formed a seven-member scientific advisory board, created an educational Web site at www.helpthehoneybees.com and introduced the new Vanilla Honey Bee ice cream flavor.

During the last several months, the public has generously responded to the Haagen-Dazs brand's call to action by donating more than \$30,000 to support honey bee research at UC Davis. In addition, numerous companies have launched programs that are donating a percentage of their sales to support UC Davis honey bee research. For example, Whole Foods Markets generated more than \$10,600 in direct and matching gifts through its in-store promotions.

Anyone interested in donating to UC Davis honey bee research may obtain information at <https://awc.ucdavis.edu/makeagift.aspx?allocat=2000>.

Sports

Hellinger wins third MVP honor

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The Winters Warriors wrestling team took 11 wrestlers to the San Marin Tournament in Novato on Dec. 13 and had a great showing as they placed in the top six out of 25 teams.

“We did very well,” said coach Tim Hausler. “We were sixth towards the end and we won our last two matches so I’m not sure if we ended up fifth or sixth but either way they all did very well.”

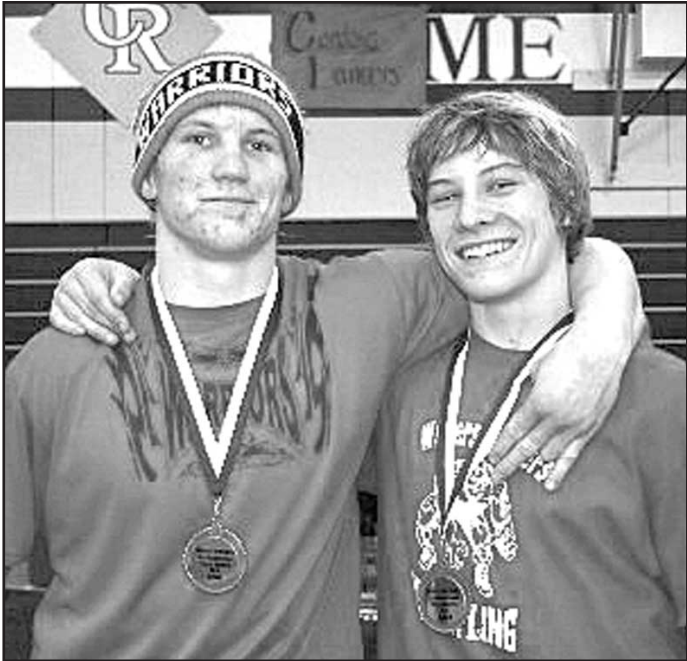
Jesse Hellinger was impressive, as always, and continues to get better according to coach Hausler. Hellinger won his weight class and was voted the Tournament MVP for the second time in his first two tournaments.

Chris Calderon placed second in the tournament with his only loss in the finals. Billy Rotenkolber had a good tournament with a third place finish. Cody Linton placed fourth with his loss coming to the number seven wrestler in the state in the semi finals.

Trevor Wright placed in the top six in his division as well as Joe Souza. Jackson Waldron and Burt Masem each went 2-2, Austin Brickey went 1-2, while Kendrick Moore and Catherine Hasbrook both had impressive matches for the Warriors.

Third MVP title

The Winters wrestling team took seven wrestlers to Casa Rob-



Courtesy photo

Jesse Hellinger (left) and Cody Linton both took first place on Saturday, Dec. 21, at the Casa Robles Invitational Wrestling Tournament. Hellinger also received the tournament MVP.

les and seven to Will C Wood on Saturday, Dec. 20, to compete in two different tournaments.

Jesse Hellinger continued his streak of dominance as he not only won his division, he won his third straight tournament MVP in as many matches.

“Jesse continues to improve on the things he needs to work on,” said coach Tim Hausler. Another highlight for the Warriors was sophomore Cody Linton. Linton won his weight class and impressed coach Hausler with each match. “Cody beat the number one seed in the tournament, then beat the number four seed and beat the number two seed in the final. He is a completely different wrestler than last year, physically and

mentally.”

Billy Rotenkolber and Chris Calderon each placed fourth. Burt Masem placed seventh. Masem lost his first match but then won his next three. Taylor Brickey won his first match but had to pull out of the second match due to a knee injury and Trevor Wright had two good matches for the Warriors.

At the Will C Wood tournament Steven Pine, Joe Souza and Jackson Waldron all went 5-0 for the Warriors.

“They did a great job in Vacaville,” said Hausler. Austin Brickey, Detiny Rodgers, Nick Stewart, Catherine Hasbrook and Kendrick Moore also did a great job for us.”

Lady Warriors rely on defense for 51-41 win

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The Winters Warriors varsity girls’ basketball team traveled to East Nicolaus on Tuesday, Dec. 15, and came home with a 51-41 victory despite being out scored 16-6 in the third period. Winters took a 32-21 half time lead but were only up by one to start the fourth period.

“We came out strong in the first half,” said coach Matt Cooley. “But the third quarter was not so good. There were a lot of fouls called in this game. Our defense stepped up though and held them to only four points in the fourth period.”

Chelsea Corrales led the Warriors attack with 15 points. Taryn Jones

followed with 14 points. Ashlynn Neil scored 10, Megan Avellar scored 5, Olivia Wingard had 3, while Brittanie Hedrick and Amy Avellar each scored 2 points for the Warriors.

JV team tough

The JV girls layed a tough game against East Nicolaus on Tuesday, Dec. 15, on the road but came up short of a victory, 62-42. The Warriors started out strong and kept up with their opponent in the first period with the score tied at 11. Even at the half the War-

riors were only down seven with the score at 29-22.

Winters made it through the third after their half time rest with the game still within reach at 43-34, but had a hard time in the fourth and were out scored 19-8 in the final period.

“The girls played hard,” said Cooley. “But with only six players they could not keep up with East Nicolaus.”

Taylor Fox led the Warriors with 23 points. Haley Tobler scored 13, Katie Clark scored 4 and Sarah Selby scored 2.

McNamara named High School All American

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

Emily McNamara, a Winters resident attending St Francis High School in Sacramento, was recently recognized for her accomplishments obtained on the Troubadors water polo team.

McNamara, in her junior season is a second year starter on the varsity team and played a big part in the Troubadors winning the Delta River League title and a Sac-Joaquin division I section championship. St Francis beat Davis in the section championships in double overtime on



EMILY McNAMARA

Saturday, Nov. 15.

McNamara finished up the season with 48 goals, 11 assists, 64 steals and 36 ejections caused). Her stats didn’t go unnoticed as she was named the teams Best Offensive Player voted by her teammates. She was named to the First Team All Metro League Team, the Sac-Joaquin First Team All Section Team and was named High School All American, voted on by 15 coaches in the Sac-Joaquin Section.

McNamara currently plays with the Davis Water Polo Club Team in the off season and swims for St Francis during the spring.

She is the daughter of Craig and Julie McNamara of Winters.

Warriors fall in overtime

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

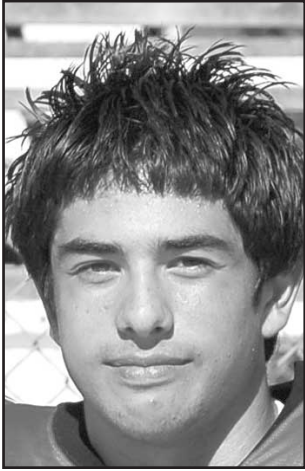
The Warriors traveled to East Nicolaus on Tuesday, Dec. 15, for a non-league match-up, but came home with a disappointing 48-52 loss in overtime.

After trailing 36-30 going into the fourth period, the Warriors out scored their opponent 16-10 in the fourth when Aaron Geerts banked in a last second three point shot to put the game into overtime. Unfortunately the Warriors were out scored 6-2 in the extra period.

Maurice Ackridge led the Warriors with 18 points and had 11 re-

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PISANI’S ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Riki Lucero

Riki Lucero, a junior on the Winters High School varsity boys basketball team is this week’s athlete of the week. Lucero had four steals and 11 points in the Warriors victory over Esparto on Friday, Dec. 19.

“Riki played a huge part in us beating Esparto,” said coach Jason Davis. “He always plays great defense and that’s why he starts, but he made some points down the stretch that gave us the win. I thought we lost him for the second half after he turned his ankle, but he came back and had a great game. He also had four steals on Tuesday, against East Nicolaus.”

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JV boys win two in a row

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The Winters Warriors JV boys basketball team improved their overall record to 6-3 last week after defeating East Nicolaus and Esparto in dominating style.

The Warriors traveled to East Nicolaus on Tuesday, Dec. 15, and came home with a 57-24 victory. Winters out scored their opponent 16-4 in the first period and 21-5 in the second. That was enough to put the game out of reach.

“Players can sometimes lose their focus in games like that,” said coach Tom Crisp. “But the team did a great job keeping their attention on the aspects of the game we wanted to work on.”

Leading the Warriors in scoring was Niko Doyle who put 15 points on the board. Skyler Geerts scored 10, John Botro had eight, Sam Newman scored seven, Juan Tovar, Jesus Quirarte and Nick Mariani each scored four, Kevin Hyde had three and Jacob Lucero scored two points for the Warriors.

On Friday, Dec. 19, the Warriors traveled to Esparto for another non league contest and continued where they left off in their last game as they dominated the Spartans with a 65-12 blowout.

The Warriors held the



Photo by Eric Lucero

John Botro goes up high for a jump ball in the opening tip off of a recent JV boys basketball game in Dixon.

Spartans to just one point in the first, eight in the second, one in the third and two in the fourth.

“After four games in five days, it was nice to have some practice time to work on some defensive fundamentals,” said Crisp. “At this point in the season we only have a couple more offensive and defensive strategies to put in and

then it is just a matter of improving our execution of those strategies.”

Botro led the Warriors with 13 points, Newman had 11, Geerts scored 10, Lucero scored six, Keli Callison scored five, Doyle, Hyde and Jesse Carabez each had four, Tovar and Mariani each had three, while Eddie Nieto scored two points for the Warriors.

Red Cross of Yolo County offering classes

The American Red Cross of Yolo County is offering the following classes for the month of January 2009:

~ Adult CPR/AED, Saturday, Jan. 3, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

~ Adult, Child, Infant CPR/AED, Saturday, Jan. 3, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

~ Childcare CPR & Pediatric First Aid, Satur-

day, Jan. 3, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

~ Childcare Preventative Health & Safety, Sunday, Jan. 4, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

~ Adult, Child, Infant CPR/AED plus First Aid, Sunday, Jan. 11, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Tuesday and Thursday, Jan. 27 and 29, 6-10 p.m.

~ Adult, Child, Infant

CPR/AED Review, Wednesday, Jan. 21, 6-9 p.m.

These classes will be held at the Red Cross office, 120 Court Street, Woodland.

For more information, call the Red Cross of Yolo County, 662-4669.

Registration may also be done online at www.yc-arc.org.

Time running out to change out wood stoves

There is one week remaining for residents to apply for a \$250 rebate for changing out an older woodstove or insert to a new, EPA certified woodburning appliance according to the Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District. To be eligible for the rebate, homeowners must have an existing free-standing wood burning stove or insert manufactured prior to July 1, 1990.

Open hearth fireplaces do not qualify for this program. The old stove must be replaced with a new EPA Phase II certified wood stove or insert, gas or pellet stove. The old stove must be rendered permanently inoperable and local retailers will assist homeowners who qualify for the incentive.

The District encourages residents to sign up for “Don’t Light Tonight” notifications, a voluntary program which discourages burning wood on poor air quality days. at <http://ysaqmd.enviroflash.org>.

For more information, contact the District, 757-3650 or (800) 287-3650.

Bone study volunteers sought

USDA, ARS Western Human Nutrition Research Center invites healthy postmenopausal women, ages 50-65, who are non-smokers and not taking medications, to partici-

pate in a nine-month study on the UC Davis campus. For more information, call 752-5177 and press 6, or visit their website: www.ars.usda.gov/pwa/davis/whnrc/nutrition.

WARRIORS

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bounds for another double-double. Geerts scored 13 points. Jules Damey scored seven points and had 11 rebounds. Ed Latimer scored six points and had six rebounds and three steals, Jeronimo Aguilar scored four points for the Warriors, while Riki Lucero had four steals.

Schools

Students can read off fines

Yolo County Library is sponsoring the second annual Read Off Your Fines campaign, to be held during the month of January. This campaign will target children and young adult library card holders, ages 5-18 years, who are able to read by themselves and who owe overdue fines on their own library cards for previously returned materials. Youth who “read off” their fines will earn a \$1 credit for each 15 minutes spent reading a book of their choice in the library.

The goal of the campaign is to encourage youth who have been blocked from checking out library materials to

once again be able to return and take advantage of the many resources available at the library. This program encourages youth to take responsibility for their fines by reading passages from their favorite books, or new ones, in exchange for forgiveness of overdue fines.

“The Read Off Your Fines program is an opportunity for us to encourage young people to return to the library and read for fun to eliminate their fines,” says Yolo County Librarian Patty Wong. “This is your library; don’t miss out on any services.”

The Yolo County Library is offering the

Read Off Your Fines program at each of the seven branch libraries during the month of January. The hours of the program will vary from branch to branch so community members are encouraged to contact their local branch for more information. Libraries are located in the communities of Clarksburg (916-744-1755), Davis (757-5593), Esparto (787-3426), Knights Landing (735-6593), West Sacramento (916-375-6465), Winters (795-4955) and Yolo (662-2363).

For more information on the Yolo County Library system visit www.yolocountylibrary.org.

High school diploma, GED class offered

The California State University, Sacramento High School Equivalency Program is offering free GED classes in Eng-

lish and Spanish, in Winters.

If you have questions or need more information, or, if you wish to

sign up for this program please contact Maria Gastelum (Migrant Ed Program), 795-6140, Extension 101.

CUTS

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districts the freedom to use restricted funds without the restrictions. This will give the district some flexibility in case the state runs out of funds in March and can no longer pay the district.

The district will limit all spending in general, to increase flexibility and minimize cash flow.

Average Daily Attendance (ADA) is declining again, as it has in eight of the last nine years. This year the predicted drop is 56 students, reducing funding for the schools by \$330,830. The actual count so far is 17 students higher than predicted, but numbers tend to decline in general towards the April 15 official count date. The district funding has lost \$1,576,295 in the past five years because of the ADA change. This year the district will teach about 1612 students, down from a count of 1923 in 1999.

The good news: the department certified that the district finances are sound and will be able to pay its bills. The board accepted the report.

In what was almost a theme for the meeting, trustee Jay Shepherd noted the district is meeting its financial deadlines set by the state, while the state government blows through all its deadlines with no results.

“It’s interesting that we have a date we have to adhere to,” said Shepherd. “Yes, it’s very interesting,” answered Chief Business Officer Gloria Hahn.

“I think we’re doing a lot better than the legislature in Sacramento,” said Shepherd.

Facilities

This school year saw the hiring and dismissal only two months later of a new facilities director. The superintendent replaced him with an interim director, Art Plunkett, who has done this job and other related jobs for the district in the past. He reported on a number of projects.

~ The district has installed new energy efficient lights in the gym, in time to take advantage of PG&E rebates.

~ New Bradley shower faucets have been in-

stalled.

~ A company will come in to do a chemical tile cleaning for the showers. “They will look like new,” said Plunkett.

~ The district is repairing the gym floors with patching, as a temporary solution until the source of the moisture issues is solved to cure the problem.

~ Plunkett is getting an automated setup for the pool that will allow him to read chemistry from his computer, without manual sampling. There is no cost, because this was included in the original contract for construction of the pool.

~ The water supply for fire suppression for the new library will connect to the city line directly, and not through the parking lot system as originally planned.

~ The district has applied for a grant to replace one bus and upgrade five others for low emissions. The district will meet the new 2011 standard early if it gets the grant, which is a 100 percent grant, with no matching funding required.

~ The district has repaired the exhaust fans on all the girls and boys showers.

~ He is working on the problem of non-func-

tional lights at the softball field, with no success as yet.

Trustee Rob Nickelson asked if solar power is planned for the new library. Plunkett answered no, and said adding such a capability later would be difficult, because the Department of the State Architect process tends to demand extreme structural changes for such modifications.

“They are very rigid on the structural part of where the panels go on,” said Plunkett. “I hope you’ll appreciate,” said Superintendent Pat Lewis in her report, “that in the short time Art has been here, six weeks, he’s done a ton of things, and gotten a lot of things off my list. If the bus grant comes through, that will be icing on the cake.”

“I’m a little worried about the library money. Some of it is on Bill Lockyear’s list (of state bond funding recently frozen) — that’s \$558,000 — but since the project is in progress, I don’t know if that will become a cut. We’ll have to wait and see.”

The next school board meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 8, 2009, at the Walnut Room in the district office, 909 W. Grant Ave.

We three kings



Photo by Debra Lo Guercio

Appearing as the Three Wise men in the St. Anthony Church live nativity scene, staged on East Main Street during the community Christmas tree lighting on Saturday, Dec. 6, were (from left) Aaron Blencow, Ashley Drummond and Seidi Long.

Explorit offers visitors new Animation Station

Explorit Science Center’s new Animation Station allows museum visitors to make short animated films using computer technology, a Webcam and a set of props.

It’s available for use during public hours at the museum, 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saturday through Sunday, and 2-4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. The museum is at 2801 Second Street, in Davis. Admission is \$4 general, free for ages 3 and under.

The station is the latest addition to Explorit’s first long-term exhibition, “Move It! Science in Action.” It focuses on the science behind motion pictures.

Explorit has posted a video about the Animation Station at

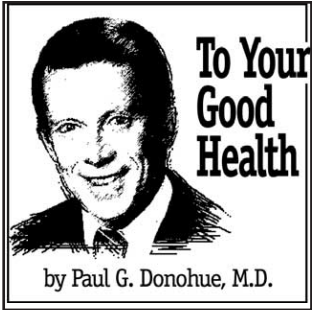
www.youtube.com. It is available for viewing on Explorit’s home page, www.explorit.org.

For more information, visit Explorit’s Web page or call 756-0191.

Features

Fibroids are common problem

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I am 37, have two children and also have fibroids. My periods are quite heavy. My doctor says that removal of the uterus is the best way to end my problem. My husband and I would like to have more children. What other options do I have? —P.S.



ANSWER: The uterus is a large, hollow muscle with an internal layer that grows every month in preparation for the reception of a fertilized egg. Fibroids are non-cancerous growths of the uterine muscle. They're common, and for most women they cause few, if any, symptoms. Large fibroids can compress the bladder and provoke frequent urination. Or they can press on the colon and bring on constipation. They sometimes reduce the chances of pregnancy. They can be responsible for heavy menstrual bleeding.

Their cause hasn't been discovered, but female hormones must be involved in their appearance, because they tend to regress with menopause.

If they're not producing symptoms, they can be ignored. If they are kicking up a fuss, hysterectomy — removal of the uterus — is one solution, but not the only one. Options depend on what the woman wants.

For a woman approaching menopause, the medicine Lupron is a good choice. It suppresses estrogen production, which shrinks fibroids. Since this has a time limit on use, women who will soon be menopausal are the ones who can take advantage of it.

Danazol (a synthetic male hormone), birth-control pills and Depo-Provera control excessive menstrual bleeding due to fibroids.

Sometimes doctors can remove a fibroid with a scope that enters the uterus through the vagina without any external cutting.

Uterine artery embolization is a procedure where the doctor threads a soft tube (a catheter) to the artery feeding the fibroid. When the right position is reached, the doctor releases particles that obstruct the artery and cut off blood supply to

the fibroid. It falls off.

MRgFUS, magnetic resonance-guided focused ultrasound, is a new technique employing sound waves to heat the fibroid and shrink it. It can interfere with subsequent pregnancies, however.

The booklet on fibroids explains these growths in detail. To order a copy, write: Dr. Donohue — No. 1106W, 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: Will you please tell me what causes hand-foot-and-mouth disease? What can be done to prevent kids from getting it? — A worried grandmother of four grandchildren

ANSWER: Hand-foot-and-mouth disease is a viral illness most often occurring in children younger than 10. The virus's name is coxsackie virus, from the name of the New York city where it was first found. It causes tiny blisters on the tongue, in the throat and on the palate, gums and lips. The blisters break to form shallow sores. The hands, fingers, feet and groin can also break out. The illness peaks in summer or early fall. It's usually a mild illness that's over in one week. There is no prevention for it, and there is no medicine for it.

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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Reflecting on ownership, labels, love

This is the season to reflect, and in reflection, let's talk of holiday ownership, gratitude, and some basic pronouns.

Who are you? Well, you are the sum of all your experiences and in relation to your family, a daughter, son, wife, mother, father, brother, or something. (Joe's friend, the youngest daughter, mother of three, her this, his that, your, my, our.) When you apply the pronouns, you start to view your identity through a scope that limits the view. (His, hers, theirs, ours) Apply the same pronouns to your family and you might get "real brother" versus "step" and adopted family too.

When you apply the pronouns, your ownership filter starts to view others through a lens of who is more valid, who is more "real" and it's divisive. If he is your half brother, not full, what does that mean?

If all your family members aren't real family members, how tolerant are you, really? If your brother and his second wife adopted two children, are they still his children? Aren't they real? Don't we all have room for a little more inclusion and tolerance?

If we are labeling people "real" and not real, valid and not valid, what does it say about our humanity?

What is a real family anyway? My family was his, mine and ours, but



we were a family. Who has the authority to tell anyone that they aren't real, or that they aren't really a family?

My greatest wish for Christmas is that we each speak to our families without so much baggage and learn to accept people for who they are. For example, Aunt Martha might have been stupid that one time, but it doesn't mean she is always stupid. Let her past go.

Mom probably did some strange parenting, or lacked enough maternal skill to keep a goldfish alive, but let it go; that was then, this is now. You lived; give her a call. Because Aunt Josefina is gay or voted for issue X, is not enough of a reason to punish her humanity. It is time to visit, but I'd call first!

Don't let bad news, or loss of life become the sole reason you reach out to your family or your neighbor. These are hard economic times; we need to be kind to each other. These are hard emotional times too.

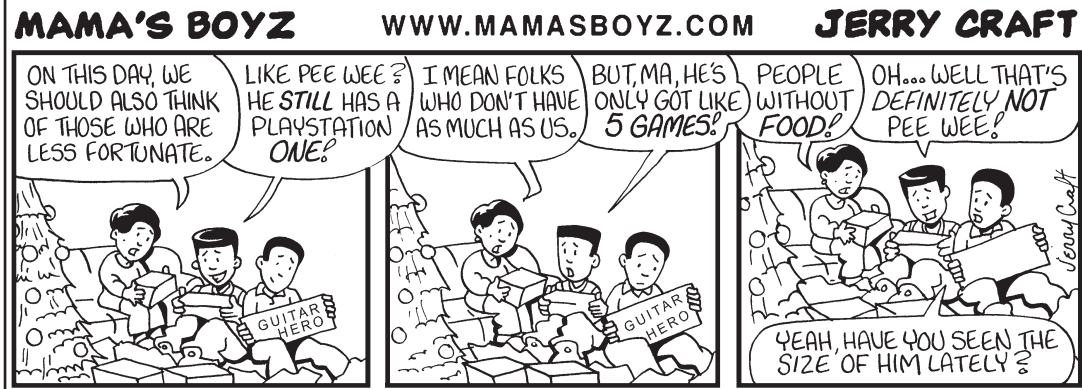
The older we each get, the more likely we are to have lost a loved one that we mourn on Christmas. I, for one, learned my dad had cancer on Christmas

Day and he lived for a year and died the following Christmas Day. I am one of the people with bittersweet memories of the holidays. This is a time to be softer, gentler, and more understanding with others, and we don't really have to stop being that way on December 26!

I want to remind people to say, "I love you" a little more often. I want to remind people to be more inclusive and less judgmental. Life is short, so short that you really won't have all your lovely people around you always. Take stock of these great folks and friends and feel truly full of friendship and love.

An ancient Greek philosopher wrote, "One cannot step twice in the same river." Meaning, the water is flowing and the river in this moment is not the same water that moved through moments ago. It is a great reminder of how swiftly life changes before our eyes.

This holiday season, take stock of the love and friendship around you and let your love be known. May your days be blessed with love and equality, peace and acceptance.



The Garden Bug

From Dec. 26 to Jan. 1, the celebrating of **Kwanzaa** honors African culture and principles using symbols from traditional communities in Africa, including the *mazao* (bowls of the first fruits of the harvest, such as sweet potatoes, shown at left) and the *muhindi* (ears of corn, one for each child in the family).

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Pleased to meet you



Name: Kris Kringle, Santa Claus, Jolly Old St. Nick

Occupation: High speed world travel.

Hobby: Decking the halls.

What's best about visiting Winters: "Reindeer is not on the menu at The Buckhorn."

Fun fact: Once dated the Tooth Fairy.

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Plant on mantel is missing. 2. Man has black. 5. Shirt zipper is gone. 6. Earmuff has added band. 7. Mitten is missing. 8. Fireplace has more stones. 9. Mitten is black. 10. Mitten is missing. 11. Mitten is black.

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Slender

5 Clothing protector

8 Russian city

12 Helper

13 Rowing tool

14 Satyrlike creature

15 Pennsylvania, the — State

17 Run away

18 The Bushes, to Henry Hager

19 Add carbon dioxide

21 Perch

22 "Let's Make a Deal" option

23 Bando of baseball lore

26 Fresh

28 Unadorned

31 Support

33 Roulette bet

35 "Whip It" group

36 Capital of Ghana

38 "The Price Is Right" guess

40 Archer's bow wood

41 Money, slangily

43 Moment

45 Some alcohols

47 Reasons

51 Algonquian language

52 Morgan of "Super Size Me"

54 Gardener, at times

55 Dawn goddess

56 Actress

57 Probability

58 Greek consonants

59 Poker variety

60 H.H. Munro's pseudonym

62 Borrower's burden

63 Pastoral piece

64 Small plateaus

65 Vaccine supplement

66 Author Fleming

67 Staff of life

68 ATV's place

69 Nonsense

70 Fat

71 Leg part

72 Doppel-ganger

73 A billion years

74 Resort

75 Joan of —

76 Big name in aircraft

77 Symbol of intrigue

78 Leading lady?

79 NASDAQ counterpart

80 Bedtime recitations

81 Talk about

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85 Devoted groups

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90 Pallet

91 Luau bowlful

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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) The arts are a strong part of the Arian aspect, with music becoming more dominant. An important decision looms as a longtime relationship takes an unexpected turn.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Surrounding yourself with beautiful things helps restore the Taurean soul. Enjoy an art exhibit, for example. Or redecorate your personal space with something truly splendid.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Some colleagues might try to talk you out of what they insist is a risk, but which you consider an opportunity. As usual, follow your own good sense when making your decision.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A workplace change you might have worried about soon proves to be highly favorable for the clever Crab who is ready to take advantage of new opportunities opening up.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Congratulations. Your Leonine pride is polished to a dazzling new brilliance thanks to your success in winning support for your new project from even the most doubtful of detractors.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) An unsettling rumor about a colleague's apparently regrettable behavior is soon proved groundless, allowing you to enjoy the upcoming end-of-year festivities in a happy mood.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your success in helping to create a harmonious environment out of a chaotic situation earns you the admiration of someone who could become an important new presence in your life.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your Scorpion's sense of loyalty could find you leading a passionate defense of a loved one you feel is being unfairly treated. The week's end brings long-awaited family news.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your keen instincts are once more on high alert as you find yourself being pressured to make a quick decision about a certain matter. More facts come to light by week's end.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) An unexpected workplace development could disrupt some family plans. A full explanation, however, averts domestic discord. A financial matter continues to need attention.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Spend time away from distractions to reassess some recent moves that might not have worked out as you had hoped. What you learn could be invaluable for future decision-making.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A recent act of kindness is a reminder of how important your friends are to you. You might want to show your appreciation by hosting a special pre-New Year's party just for them.

BORN THIS WEEK: You always try to do your best, which sometimes causes you to be critical of those who don't live up to your standards.

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Nuestras Noticias



Feliz Navidad

Día de Navidad, aunque la situación económica de muchas familias no es la mejor, sin embargo con la llegada de la Navidad, parece que los días cambian, estos días han sido de mucha actividad, ya sea preparando la cena navideña, o preparándose para visitar a los amigos y familiares. Pero así como para algunos la Navidad es tiempo de alegría, para otros puede ser de tristeza. Lo cierto que es la época del año que la mayoría de la gente trata de disfrutar. Algunos se han dedicado a decorar la casa con adornos navideños, otros se han pasado buen tiempo, y gastado su dinero en la búsqueda del regalo perfecto para los amigos y familiares. Para muchas amas de casa ha sido tiempo de cocinar, con el amor y la dedicación de la familia latina.

Pero todas estas actividades no representan el sentido que tiene la Navidad, que es mas bien un sentimiento religioso, la Navidad no tiene que ver nada con las decoraciones, ni con el árbol de Navidad, ni con Santa Claus, ni con las compras, la Navidad celebra el nacimiento de Cristo. La Navidad es mucho más que cualquiera de estas cuestiones en particular. La Navidad simboliza un nacimiento y por lo tanto un nuevo comienzo, que para mucha gente tiene un significado muy especial, ya que es la nueva oportunidad que tenemos de reparar con amor lo que hemos lastimado o dañado con anterioridad.

Cuando hablamos de Navidad, hablamos de reuniones familiares, hablamos de tradiciones, la Navidad es una invitación para abrazar al amigo, para abrazar a la persona con la cual estoy distanciado, es tiempo para decirle a nuestra familia que la queremos. La Navidad es también tiempo de recuerdos, cuando reconocemos nuestras tradiciones familiares y culturales y apreciamos nuestra historia.

En cada lucecita o adorno del arbolito ponemos nuestro afecto, nuestros deseos y nuestro reconocimiento, ya sea en el reencuentro con nuestros seres queridos, como en el desarrollo de nuestros proyectos o ideas, o en nuestra participación comunitaria. Como familias latinas, somos conscientes de las necesidades del prójimo e incluimos a quienes están solos en el país en nuestro ámbito familiar. Así es como reconocemos que la Navidad es tiempo de estar juntos, de compartir y de brindar lo mejor que tenemos.

Con respeto, y guardando las proporciones, podemos interpretarla tradición de los regalos, como los regalos que Jesucristo recibió de los miembros de su comunidad al nacer y se transforma en una forma de recordar el sentimiento del Nacimiento. Reunirse para cenar ha sido siempre una tradición familiar latina, en la que nos encontramos para compartir nuestras vidas y celebrar nuestra unidad.

Si reflexionamos sobre todas estas costumbres, podemos identificar que todas involucran amor. Cuando ponemos la decoración, lo hacemos con alegría, para alegrar y disfrutar nuestra casa. Los regalos son una forma de dar y recibir amor, que si bien estamos todos de acuerdo que es una forma de consumo popular muy conveniente para el comercio, es parte de la sociedad en la que vivimos. Al cocinar y preparar las comidas típicas de Navidad, también ponemos amor, principalmente cuando se trata de comidas tradicionales, y mucho más cuando la tarea se realiza conviniendo, compartiendo, creando juntos, posiblemente como nuestras familias lo hecho por generaciones.

Cualquier forma o tradición de celebrar la Navidad involucra amor, el amor que festejamos cuando celebramos el mensaje que simboliza la Navidad, el nacimiento de Jesucristo. Festeje y disfrute la Navidad con sus seres queridos y con sus amigos, esta noche de Navidad es para dar y recibir amor y paz. Feliz Navidad.

Pasaporte solo a ciudadanos

Bajo ninguna circunstancia intente solicitar un pasaporte estadounidense, si usted no es ciudadano americano, por nacimiento o naturalización. Se han tenido casos de fraude con los pasaportes americanos, cuando la persona que no es ciudadana, intenta hacerse pasar por otra que si lo es para obtener

un pasaporte. Las autoridades están muy pendientes y tienen estrategias para descubrir este tipo de fraude. El fraude de pasaporte constituye un delito federal y la persona que intente hacerlo y sea descubierta recibirá un fuerte castigo. Que incluye la cárcel y la deportación.

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El tiempo de reflejar en Navidad

Era la noche de Navidad. Un ángel se apareció a una familia rica y le dijo a la dueña de casa: Te traigo una buena noticia: esta noche el Señor Jesús vendrá a visitar tu casa. La señora quedó entusiasmada: Nunca había creído posible que en su casa sucediese este milagro. Trató de preparar una cena excelente para recibir a Jesús. Encargó pollos, conservas y vinos importados. De repente sonó el timbre. Era una mujer mal vestida, de rostro sufrido, con el vientre hinchado por un embarazo muy adelantado. Señora, ¿no tendría algún trabajo para darme? Estoy embarazada y tengo mucha necesidad del trabajo. ¿Pero esta es hora de molestar? Vuel-

va otro día, respondió la dueña de casa. Ahora estoy ocupada con la cena para una importante visita.

Poco después, un hombre sucio de grasa llamó a su puerta. Señora, mi camión se ha arruinado aquí en la esquina. ¿Por casualidad no tendría usted una caja de herramientas que me pueda prestar? La señora, como estaba ocupada limpiando los vasos de cristal y los platos de porcelana, se irritó mucho: ¿Usted piensa que mi casa es un taller mecánico? ¿Dónde se ha visto importunar a la gente así? Por favor, no ensucie mi entrada con esos pies inmundos.

La anfitriona siguió preparando la cena: abrió latas de caviar,

puso champaña en el refrigerador, escogió de la bodega los mejores vinos, preparó unos coctelitos. Mientras tanto alguien afuera batió las palmas. Será que ahora llega Jesús, pensó ella emocionada y con el corazón acelerado fue a abrir la puerta. Pero no era Jesús. Era un niño harapiento de la calle. Señora, me puede dar un plato de comida. ¿Cómo te voy a dar comida si todavía no hemos cenado? Vuelve mañana, porque esta noche estoy muy atareada.

Al final, la cena estaba ya lista. Toda la familia emocionada esperaba la ilustre visita. Sin embargo, pasaban las horas y Jesús no aparecía. Cansados de esperar empezaron a tomar los

coctelitos, que al poco tiempo comenzaron a hacer efecto en los estómagos vacíos y el sueño hizo olvidar los pollos y los platos preparados. A la mañana siguiente, al despertar, la señora se encontró, con gran espanto frente a un ángel. ¿Un ángel puede mentir? Gritó ella. Lo preparé todo con esmero, aguardé toda la noche y Jesús no apareció. ¿Por qué me hizo esta broma? No fui yo quien mentí, fue usted la que no tuvo ojos para ver, dijo el ángel. Jesús estuvo aquí tres veces, en la persona de la mujer embarazada, en la persona del camionero y en el niño hambriento... pero usted no fue capaz de reconocerlo y de acogerlo.

La organización protege contra conductores en estado de embriaguez

Las comunidades Latinas están siendo devastadas por conductores ebrios. De acuerdo con el reporte de los investigadores, los grupos hispanos tienen una de las más altas proporciones de fatalidades relacionadas con los choques de tránsito relacionados con el alcohol. Con el aumento de choques relacionados con el alcohol se pierden vidas, y las familias y amigos están siendo afectados. Estas muertes y lesiones son cien por ciento predecibles. Las comunidades Latinas pueden ayudar a detener esta devastación, simplemente pasando las llaves a un conductor sobrio o designado antes de que las celebraciones empiecen.

Para llevar el mensaje de conducir con seguridad a más personas, hemos creado la campaña “Pasa las Llaves”. La idea es simple: solamente pasa las llaves a un conductor sobrio si has estado bebiendo o te propones beber. Y si tus amigos o familiares están bebiendo, asegúrate

que ellos también pasen las llaves. Se trata de proteger a tus seres queridos y celebrar tu cultura al conducir sobrio, asegurando así que los conductores, pasajeros y peatones estarán seguros. Con tu ayuda, se pueden salvar vidas por medio de este programa. Sé responsable al conducir. Educa a tus familiares y amigos acerca de los peligros de consumir alcohol y conducir. Ayuda a educar a otros y toma parte activa en la protección de vidas.

Fundada en 1980, la misión de Madres en Contra de Conducir en Estado de Ebriedad (MADD por sus siglas en inglés), es detener el hecho de conducir en estado de ebriedad, apoyar a las víctimas de este violento crimen y prevenir el consumo de alcohol por los menores de edad. Lo que comenzó como un pequeño grupo de víctimas y ciudadanos preocupados después de la muerte de una niña a manos de un conductor ebrio, se ha expandido a 2 millones de afiliados y

seguidores en el mundo. MADD es más que madres procurando acabar con las lesiones y muertes por conductores ebrios. También son padres, hijos, hijas, abuelos, maridos y esposas ayudando a propiciar una conducta responsable al conducir. (MADD) cumple su misión por medio de campañas públicas, educación, promoción y apoyo a las víctimas.

Conducir bajo la influencia del alcohol. Conducir alcoholizado significa que las principales habilidades de una persona para conducir, están demasiado alteradas por el alcohol para que conduzca con seguridad. Frecuentemente se altera primero el juicio de una persona, lo que le impide hacer decisiones responsables al conducir.

Una botella de 12 onzas de alcohol, un vino mezclado de las mismas onzas, un vaso de 5 onzas de vino (11% alcohol) y 11/2” onzas de licor; tienen todos la misma cantidad de alcohol y pueden definirse como “un tra-

go”. El cuerpo requiere aproximadamente una hora para digerir el contenido de alcohol de un trago. El café o una ducha fría no aceleran dicho proceso.

Concentración de Alcohol en la Sangre (BAC “Blood Alcohol Concentration”) BAC se mide por el porcentaje de alcohol en tu sangre. Aunque depende de muchos factores, como el peso del cuerpo y la cantidad de comida consumida, la embriaguez puede comenzar en algunas personas después de su primer trago.

Por eso es recomendable que si vas a ir a una fiesta y sabes que vas a tomar, es bueno designar a una persona que no va a tomar para que sea el conductor, para poder regresar sanos y salvos a sus casas. No cometan el error de elegir a la persona menos intoxicada del grupo, por que aun si esta persona solo ingirió una o dos bebidas, pueden ustedes estar en peligro.

Política y corrupción en Estados Unidos

También en este país hay corrupción, de eso no tenemos la menor duda, los recientes escándalos de corrupción “de alto nivel” en Estados Unidos parece que confirman el hecho de que aquí en este país, los rateros roban a lo grande, por ejemplo si se van a robar el dinero del cajero automático, los ladrones se llevan el cajero. ¿Qué hizo el gobernador del estado de Illinois?, Rod Blagojevich, fue arrestado por “subastar” al mejor postor el escaño del Senado que dejará vacante el presidente electo Barack Obama. Claro, los republicanos de inmediato se fueron sobre el caso porque Blagojevich resulta que es demócrata. Y lo consideran un caso “típico” de la corrupción demócrata.

Lo que no dicen, es que el gobernador anterior a Blagojevich, George H.

Ryan, era republicano y también fue arrestado y está purgando condena en una prisión federal por “vender” licencias, contratos y prebendas a empleados estatales durante un cargo anterior. Pero eso no es todo: Bernard Madoff, presidente de la bolsa de valores Nasdaq, enfrenta ahora cargos de defraudar a inversionistas por la friolera de 50 mil millones de dólares. Corrupción hay en todos lados. La enorme diferencia es el calibre de ésta en Estados Unidos.

Pero lo bueno que hay en este país es que al menos existen los mecanismos para enjuiciar y poner tras las rejas hasta al más poderoso. Aunque no siempre tenga éxito y esté plagado de lagunas, errores, manipulaciones, y sea excesivamente caro, por lo menos el sistema judicial de Estados

Unidos sí tiene mucho más margen de maniobra e independencia que en otros países. Por lo menos en teoría. ¿Cuántos gobernadores hemos visto que hayan sido enjuiciados durante su gestión en América Latina por corrupción? No muchos. La inmensa mayoría sigue en su cargo, y siguen siendo “preciosos”. Y esto no significa necesariamente que sean menos corruptos que sus colegas gringos.

¿Cuántos ex presidentes de bolsas de valores o grandes capitalistas latinoamericanos han sido acusados de estafar inversionistas y clientes, como Madoff? Que yo sepa, ninguno. Y lo mismo: Esto no quiere decir que no exista corrupción o malos manejos. El problema, es que cuando un funcionario o un empresario latinoamericano es arrestado, generalmente

ocurre por cuestiones políticas. Porque cayó de la gracia del gobierno en turno, o porque sus “palancas” no fueron tan fuertes como las “palancas” de sus enemigos. Lo que para un político o empresario norteamericano sería el acabose de su carrera en América Latina es simplemente un ligero tropezón, uno de los costos asociados con hacer negocios con el poder.

La prueba está en que, una vez que cambia el gobierno, estos “criminales” mágicamente salen de la cárcel reinvindicados. Y hasta regresan a sus puestos y rehacen sus carreras, como si nada. Cierto, corrupción existe en todos lados, pero parecería que no es la misma. O al menos no se enfrenta igual. ¿Diferencias de cultura, supongo?

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CHP notes new laws for 2009

With a new year on the horizon, the California Highway Patrol (CHP) reminds motorists of a handful of new laws, passed by the state legislature and signed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, that go into effect in 2009.

"The overall safety of the motor-ing public is our primary concern," says CHP Commissioner Joe Far-row. "Not only will these new laws enhance a motorist's safety, many of them are a step toward ridding the roadways of drunk drivers and the tragedy they cause."

The new laws include the fol-lowing:

~ Texting While Driving (SB 28, Simitian) This new law makes it an infraction to write, send, or read text-based communication on an electronic wireless communi-cations device, such as a cell phone, while driving a motor vehicle. Pre-viously this was only illegal for in-dividuals under 18 years of age, but now has been expanded to all dri-vers.

~ Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Zero Tolerance (AB 1165, Maze) This new law prohibits a convicted DUI offender from operating a motor vehicle with a blood alco-hol level (BAC) of .01 percent or greater while on probation for DUI. The law requires the driver to sub-mit to a Preliminary Alcohol Screening (PAS) test, a portable breath test to determine the pres-ence of alcohol. If the driver refus-es, or if the driver submits and has a BAC of .01 or greater, a citation will be issued, the driver's license will be taken and driving privileges will be suspended. In addition, the vehi-cle will be impounded.

~ Ignition Interlock Devices (IID) (SB 1190, Oropeza) This new law reduces the BAC from .20 per-cent to .15 percent or more at the time of arrest to trigger a require-ment for the court to give height-ened consideration for the installa-tion of an IID for a first-time offend-er convicted of DUI of an alcoholic beverage.

~ Ignition Interlock Devices (SB 1388, Torlakson) Effective July 2009, this new law transfers author-ity for the administration of manda-tory IID programs from the state courts to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). This law also au-thorizes the DMV to require any driver convicted of driving with a suspended license due to a prior conviction for DUI to install an IID in any vehicle that the offender owns or operates.

~ Alcohol-Related Reckless Driving (AB 2802, Houston) This new law requires the court to order a person convicted of alcohol-related reckless driving to participate in a licensed DUI program for at least nine months, if that person has a prior conviction for alcohol-related reckless driving or DUI within ten years. Additionally, the court is required to revoke the person's probation for the failure to enroll in, participate in, or complete a li-censed DUI program.

~ Global Positioning Systems (GPS) (SB 1567, Oropeza) This new law allows a portable GPS device to be mounted in a 7-inch square in the lower corner of the windshield on the passenger side of the vehi-cle, or in a 5-inch square in the low-er corner of the windshield on the driver's side. These are the only two locations on a windshield where a GPS device can be mounted. The GPS device can only be used for navigational purposes while the motor vehicle is being operated, and it is required to be mounted outside of an airbag deployment zone.

~ Motorcycles (AB 2272, Fuentes) This new law changes the definition of a motorcycle by delet-ing the weight limitation and delet-ing the separate definition for elec-trically powered motorcycles. The law will now allow fully enclosed, three-wheeled vehicles to have ac-cess to high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes regardless of occupan-cy.

~ Clean Air Stickers: Misuse and Penalties (SB 1720, Lowenthal) This new law makes it an infraction for anyone who forges, counter-feits, falsifies, passes, or attempts to pass, acquire possess, sell, or offer for sale a genuine or counterfeit "Clean Air Sticker."

~ 911 Telephone System Abuse (AB 1976, Benoit) This new law in-creases the penalties for any per-son who knowingly uses, or allows the use of, the 911 telephone system for any reason other than an emer-gency. Those who misuse, or allow the misuse of, the 911 telephone sys-tem are guilty of an infraction, and

subject to either a written warning or a fine.

~ Special License Plates (AB 190, Bass) This new law, when ap-proved by local authorities, allows veterans whose vehicles display plates honoring Pearl Harbor Sur-vivors, Legion of Valor recipients, former American Prisoners of War, Congressional Medal of Honor re-cipients, or Purple Heart recipi-ents to park their vehicles that weigh not more than 6,000 pounds gross weight, without charge, in any metered parking space.

~ Studded Pneumatic Tires (AB 1971, Portantino) This new law al-lows the use of pneumatic tires with retractable metal-type studs, year round, as long as the studs are re-tracted between May 1 through Oct. 31. However, the law prohibits a tire with retractable metal-type studs on a vehicle from being worn to a point that the metal-type studs pro-trude beyond the tire tread when retracted.

~ Spilling Cargo Loads (AB 2714, Keene) This new law eases re-strictions on cargo loads of straw or hay to allow individual pieces that do not pose a threat to life or prop-erty, to escape from bales of straw or hay that are being transported by a vehicle upon a highway, so long as those bales are loaded and secured according to federal regulations.

~ Assault on Highway Workers (SB 1509, Lowenthal) This new law provides an increased penalty for assault and battery crimes commit-

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Notice of Trustee Sale

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 805D-053836 Loan No. Title Order No. 501230632 3844959 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 10-23-2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 01-14-2009 at 12:00 P.M., PLM LENDER SERVICES, INC. as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded 10-30-2006, Book , Page , Instru-ment 2006-0042664-00 of official records in the Of-fice of the Recorder of YOLO County, California, ex-cuted by: DANIEL R. WHITAKER AND LILLIAN WHITAKER, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS JOINT TENANTS, as Trustor, "MERS" MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, will sell at public auction the trustor's interest in the property described below, to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, sav-ings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. The sale will be held by the du-ly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pur-suant to the Deed of Trust. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the to-tal amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Place of Sale: AT THE REAR (NORTH) EN-TRANCE TO THE CITY HALL BUILDING, 1110 WEST CAPITOL AVENUE, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$450,083.28(estimated) Street address and other common designation of the real property purported as: 716 ASTER STREET , WINTERS, CA 95694 APN Number: 003-523-21-1 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designa-tion, if any, shown herein. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The undersigned mortgagee, beneficiary or authorized agent for the mortgagee or beneficiary pursuant to California Civil Code 2923.5(c) declares that the mortgagee, ben-eficiary or the mortgagee's or beneficiary's authorized agent made the following efforts to contact the bor-rower to assess the borrower's financial situation and to explore options for the borrower to avoid fore-closure: Mailed a letter to borrower by BOTH FIRST CLASS MAIL AND CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RE-CEIPT REQUESTED advising the borrower: (1) of the lender's (or lender's authorized agent's) desire to speak to borrower to assess the borrower's financial situation and to explore options for the borrower to avoid foreclosure; (2) of the lender's (or lender's au-thorized agent's) toll-free number to contact the lender or the lender's authorized agent; and, (3) of the toll-free telephone number made available by HUD to find a HUD-certified housing counseling agency. DATE: 12-15-2008 FOR TRUSTEE'S SALES INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL 714-730-2727, OR VISIT WEBSITE: WWW.FIDELITYASAP.COM PLM LENDER SER-VICES, INC., As Trustee (408)-370-4030 ELIZA-BETH GODEBY, VICE PRESIDENT ASAP# 2950048 12/25/2008, 01/01/2009, 01/08/2009

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Notice of Trustee Sale

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 08-0071132 Title Order No. 3794121 Investor/Insurer No. 1704048418 APN No. 003-395-01-1 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 05/23/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANA-TION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER." Notice is hereby given that RECON-TRUST COMPANY, as duly appointed trustee pur-suant to the Deed of Trust executed by MARIA ARELLANO, A MARRIED WOMAN, AS HER SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, dated 05/23/2007 and recorded 06/01/07, as Instrument No. 2007-0019935-00, in Book , Page), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Yolo County, State of California, will sell on 01/15/2009 at 12:00PM, At the rear (North) entrance to the City Hall Building, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacra-mento, CA, at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash or check as described below, payable in full at time of sale, all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust, in the property situated in said County and State and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. The street address and other common des-ignation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 729 HEMENWAY STREET, WIN-TERS, CA, 95694. The undersigned Trustee dis-claims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid bal-ance with interest thereon of the obligation secured by the property to be sold plus reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the ini-tial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$317,053.00. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. In addi-tion to cash, the Trustee will accept cashier's checks drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, sav-ings association, or savings bank specified in Sec-tion 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Said sale will be made, in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or en-cumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, advances thereunder, with inter-est as provided, and the unpaid principal of the Note secured by said Deed of Trust with interest thereon as provided in said Note, plus fees, charges and ex-penses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. DATED: 10/10/2008 RECON-TRUST COMPANY 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., S#2-202 SIMI VALLEY, CA 93063 Phone: (800) 281 8219, Sale Information (626) 927-4399 By:--Trustee's Sale Officer RECONTRUST COMPANY is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any in-formation obtained will be used for that purpose. AS-AP# 2942235 12/11/2008, 12/18/2008, 12/25/2008

Storage Lien Sale

There will be a lien Sale at Winters Self Storage (W.S.S.), 807 Railroad Ave, Winters CA 95694 on January 6, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. This sale is authorized by Chapter 10, commencing with sect.21700 of the Calif. Business and Professionals Code. All items are sold on an "as is" basis without warranty or guarantee for Cash only. We reserve the right to reject any or all offers. Purchased items must be removed from W.S.S. immediately following the sale. The following is a general description of the items to be sold:Furniture, appliances, sofa, framed prints, lamps, hutch, crib, area rug, refrigerator, photogra-phy equipment, bedding, kitchen ware, toys, washer & dryer, books & book shelf, misc. household items belong to F-05 TIMOTHY KELLY, E-43 JUDITH SPINETTI. Auctioneer bond #0342850. Published: Dec. 25, 2008 & Jan. 1, 2009.

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FBN NUMBER 2008-1203
Fictitious Business Name
Bar Diamond
33522 County Rd. 24, Woodland, CA 95695
Names of Registrant: Arthur Harrison
33522 County Rd. 24, Woodland, CA 95695
This business classification is: Individual
s/ Aurthur Harrison
Beginning Date of Business, N/A
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December 18, 2008
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Linda Smith, Deputy
FBN NUMBER 2008-1204
Fictitious Business Name
Meyer EcoMapping
1511 Pastal Way, Davis, CA 95618
Names of Registrant: Tiffany Meyer
1511 Pastal Way, Davis, CA 95618
This business classification is: Individual
s/ Tiffany Meyer
Beginning Date of Business, 9/12/06.
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December 10, 2008
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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
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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 codic-ils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any cod-icils 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 representa-tive to take many actions without obtaining court ap-proval. 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 grant-ed 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 hear-ing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attor-ney.
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 is-suance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filling 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 aperson 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, At-tomey 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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Notice of Public Hearing

Notice of Public Hearing and Second Reading to Take Action On Ordinance 2008-15 - Second Amendment to Development Agreement By and Between The City of Winters and GBH-Winters High-lands, LLC [Winters Highlands Subdivision] (APN 030-220-17, 030-220-19, 030-220-40, and 030-220-50).

Applicant: City of Winters
Description of the Project: Given the extraordinary economic climate, the City of Winters desires to amend the May 2006 Winters Highlands Develop-ment Agreement and December 2006 First Amend-ment (collectively the DA). The proposed Second Amendment includes:

- Extending term of DA to 12/31/2016.
- Updating the subject property s Assessor Parcel Numbers
- Correcting error in reference to City of Winters Municipal Code for DAs.
- Shifting filing of final map for Phase I from Octo-ber June 17, 2007 to the discretion of the developer.
- Elimination of same number of days extension provision.
- Revision of building allocation for dwelling units as follows: Year 1 from 69 units to 118 units, Year 2 from 127 units to 132 units, Year 3 from 54 units to 83 units, Year 4 from 83 units to 44 units, year 5 from 44 units to 25 units. Years 6 through 10 remain un-changed at 25 units per year.
- Affirmation that issuance of building permits shall be governed by the DA.
- Provision for advancement or deferment of up to 50% of building allocation per year to adjust to changing economic conditions.
- Deferred payment of impact fees for building permits issued on or before June 30, 2010 to pay-ment of 50% at issuance of building permit and 50% at issuance of certificate of occupancy.
- Provision for the City to provide developer with conceptual design for linear park and well site within 12 months from recordation of the Second Amend-ment.
- Shifting completion of linear park construction from December 1, 2009 or Phase I final map to con-struction concurrently with each Phase of the Subdi-vision.
- Shifting payment of \$250,000 for off-site park improvements from recordation of Phase II final map to no later than issuance of the 118th building permit.
- Shifting payment of police, fire and general mun-icipal facilities fees from filing of final map to either concurrently with issuance of first building permit for all 443 residential units or payment with each build-ing permit at the then current fees.
- Shifting payment to library fund from Phase I fi-nal map to issuance of the first Phase I building per-mit.
- Shifting the dates funding is due for the waste water treatment plant (WWTP) expansion from 2007 to 2010 for design costs, from 2008 to 2012 for land acquisition costs, and from 2009 to 2013 for con-struction costs.
- Shifting provision of sewer connections for Phases I, II, and III from 2010 to 2014.
- Shifting payment for Urban Water Management Plan from recordation of final map to issuance of the 118th market rate building permit.
- Provision for reimbursement of costs advanced for the construction of Well No. 7, transfer of well de-sign documents, the potential funding by the City for the completion of the well, and the reimbursement of costs for the completion of the well.
- Shifting payment of Miscellaneous Contribu-tions for environmental education programs, Putah Creek Park Development Fund, high school cafe-teria, and the evaluation of growth impacts and bring-ing jobs to the community from recordation of Phase I final map to no later than issuance of 118th building permit.
- Provision for any payments by Developer to City for economic development projects to be credited against the Miscellaneous Contribution for evalua-tion of growth impacts and bringing jobs to the com-munity.

Project Location: The project site is located north of Grant Avenue along Moody Slough Road (County Road 33) in the northwestern portion of the City of Winters, Assessor Parcel Numbers 030-220-17, 030-220-19, 030-220-40, and 030-220-50.
Environmental Determination: On April 4, 2006 the City of Winters City adopted Resolution No. 2006-08 approving CEQA findings of fact, adopting a state-ment of overriding considerations, adopting a mitiga-tion monitoring plan, and certifying the final environ-mental impact report for the Winters Highlands Pro-ject. Per Section 15060c of the CEQA Guidelines, the proposed DA Amendment is not subject to CE-QA due to the lack of direct or reasonably foresee-able indirect physical change to the environment which would result from the adoption of the proposed Amendment to that Development Agreement.

Public Hearing: A public hearing will be held to con-sider action on the project on Tuesday, January 6th, 2009 before the City Council. 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 dis-ability-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.

The City does not transcribe its hearings. If you wish to obtain a verbatim record of the proceedings, you must arrange for attendance by a court reporter or for some other means of recordation. Such arrange-ments will be at your sole expense.

If you wish to challenge the action taken on this mat-ter in court, the challenge may be limited to raising only those issues raised at the public hearing de-scribed in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council prior to the pubic hear-ing.

Availability of Documents: The project file is avail-able for public review at the Community Develop-ment Department, Winters City Hall, 318 First Street, Winters, CA 95694. Copies of the Staff Report will be available on the City's website at http://cityofwinters.org/administrative/admin_counc il.htm

For more information regarding this project, please contact Kate Kelly at (530) 902-1615.

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