



Winters Express

Prosecutor says justice served in murder trial

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(Woodland, CA) – District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced that on Dec. 22, at the conclusion of a trial that lasted almost six weeks, a unanimous jury in the Yolo County Superior Court found Felipe Cruz Hernandez guilty for the murder of his wife, Leticia Barrales Ramos.

Ramos, a 28-year-old mother, went missing from her home in Winters on April 12. The last person known to have seen and talked to her was her husband, Felipe Cruz Hernandez.

Evidence at trial showed that Hernandez had a motive to kill his wife because she had filed for divorce, was seeing another man, and was requesting custody of their daughter, who turned 10 on May 6. Furthermore, some evidence suggested that Hernandez showed signs of jealousy — following his wife in a borrowed vehicle, confronting her and her boyfriend, and eventually borrowing a firearm from his brother.

Despite the fact that a body has yet to be found, FBI Special Investigator Christopher Hopkins described the apartment shared by Hernandez and his wife and daughter as “a homicide scene.”

A search conducted at the apartment on May 28 initially revealed very little, until FBI Agent David Sesma found a rental receipt for a carpet steam cleaner dated April 13 — the day after Ramos went missing. That discovery literally put FBI agents on their hands and knees, where they found traces of blood on various pieces of furniture. Finally, the living room carpet was rolled up and three very large bloodstains were found underneath the carpet and on the carpet pad.

Hernandez had claimed that his wife left for a family emergency, but her apparent destination changed — he told law enforcement that she went to Vera Cruz, he told family members that she went to North Carolina, and he told her brother in North Carolina that he didn't have to tell him anything.

The defense introduced evidence that relatives of Hernandez received phone calls from someone who claimed to have seen Ramos at the Mexican border and that she had encountered deportation difficulties with US Immigration and Customs Enforcement. However, investigators found no evidence that she had any contact with ICE officials.

Instead, during the search of the apartment,

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Photo by Woody Fridae

Of the first people to get a sneak peek of the Winters Community Library, Dale Stephens (front) was the first of the first. The opening of the new library on Nov. 14 is the number one story of the top ten Winters news stories of 2009.

2009 was a really new year

By DEBRA DeANGELO
Express editor

2010 may be the New Year, but 2009 was the “new” year in Winters: new library, new businesses, new faces, new changes, new policies, new honors. While the rest of the state and country groaned under a sagging economy, Winters was an exception, with new projects and construction springing up all over town.

Old streets got new surfaces as the city undertook an ambitious repaving project at the end of summer. One-third of the city's streets got new slurry seals as part of the \$500,000 project. The new seals, made of finely graded aggregate stone embedded into a thin coating of asphalt will extend the life of city streets for many years to come. Proposition 1B funds paid for most of the project, with the remainder funded by Transportation Development Act funds.

Grant Avenue also got a major upgrade with the widening of the street and an additional turning lane between Morgan Street and East Street. The project included the construction of sidewalks on the south side of the street, and the closure of East Street at Grant Avenue. The \$400,000 project, which was conducted by Teichert Construction, was one of the first in the state to be funded with Federal Stimulus Funds (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act).

Several Winters locales also got facelifts in 2009. Local volunteers spiffed up the Little League ball field at City Park, putting in countless hours of work and \$75,000 in funds, and the Winters Healthcare Foundation medical office at 23 Main Street was completely renovated in 2009. Like the Grant Avenue project, the WHF project was also partially funded by Federal Stimulus Funds. The improvements included upgraded office and treatment space, and an emphasis on “green” design.

The façade at 111-115 Main Street looks brand new now, with months of renovations almost finished. The project suffered a couple setbacks over the year, including an unseasonal rain storm that drenched everything

inside and a disagreement between the planning commission and architect, Eric Doud, that interrupted the project for a bit. In the end, the building dried out, the wrinkles were smoothed over, and following a testy planning commission meeting on Oct. 27, the project is again on track.

Other new changes downtown included the final touches on bulbouts at Railroad and Main Streets, and on The Depot building, allowing Chuy's Taqueria to expand. Three Railroad Avenue spaces behind the Putah Creek Café were renovated and now look brand new, as does 22 Main Street, which formerly housed Chris' Florist. Down the street, Wiscombe's Funeral Home set up a new shop at 34 Main Street. Across town, a new child care center opened its doors at 418 Haven Street. The Tree House Children's Center is run by Janet Andersen and Cheryl Moore, and offers programs for preschool and school age children.

The Winters School District got a new superintendent in August, Dr. Rebecca Gillespie, replacing interim superintendent Pat Lewis, who filled in since former superintendent Dale Mitchell resigned in 2008. A new facilities director was hired, Gary Castillo, taking the position formerly held by Gary Cook, who resigned.

Over at City Hall, two new planning commissioners, Phillip Meisch and Dave Rodriguez, Jr., took over seats vacated by Al Vallecillo and Joe Tramontana, and the Winters Police Department welcomed a new officer, Matthew Martin. The city also opened a new Winters Visitors Center at 11 Main Street in collaboration with the Winters Chamber of Commerce, and the city council approved an official logo to represent the town's “brand.” The nouveau-rustic tree-shaped logo was created by DaRe LLC.

Inside that Winters Visitors Center, the Winters Chamber of Commerce got a new home, and a new executive director as well. Edmund Lis sold his business, Steady Eddy's Coffee House, earlier in the year and became the executive director for the Winters Chamber of Commerce in May. This of course means that

Steady Eddy's got new owners, mother and daughter team Belinda Wensel and Karen Lyons. They took over the business in February.

A change of hands also took place at Eagle Drug. Monika Brunkal took over the pharmacy after longtime pharmacist Gary Bertagnolli retired. Although no longer dispensing prescriptions, Bertagnolli and his wife, Kathy, are still running the gift shop and store at Eagle Drug, and Gary is developing a “compounding” prescription program, allowing doctors to tailor prescriptions to their patients' needs.

New to the business community this year is ARC Guitar, featuring custom made guitars and offering guitar repairs and lessons. Pastor Al Calderone opened the shop at 308 Railroad Avenue, and rightly owns the unofficial title of Winters' only rock and roll preacher. Over on East Street, Charles Gonzales opened up C&L Transmission, with customers lining up the moment the doors opened.

Although not new businesses, The Clayground did find a new home in 2009, moving to a street-side location at 7 East Main Street, and Cooper's Towing got a new owner, Dacey Havens.

More music burst onto the scene in Winters in 2009 with the arrival of a new “Zumba” dance-aerobics class instructed by Thania Coutinho. The class began in August and was such an instant hit, it outgrew the space at 305 First Street and moved to the Community Center. However, the reason the class started at that spot was because the business formerly located there, Halau Hula O Lei Hali'a hula studio, said “Aloha” after 15 years. Owner and teacher Michele Drumwright decided to turn her attention to her family, but gave one final free performance on Aug. 22 at City Park as a way of saying “thank you” to the community for the many years of support.

Following Drumwright's exit, the City of Winters took over the First Street spot for public use, including Studio C dance classes, yoga classes, and Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics

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City council meets Tuesday

The Winters City Council will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 5, at 6:30 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall. Because City Hall was closed this week, the agenda items as of Dec. 23 included:

~ Second hearing and possible adoption of ordinance regarding the zoning code pertaining to affordable housing requirements.

~ Gateway roadway and planning process overview.

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Woodland, Davis, Capay Valley,
Dixon, Vacaville and Fairfield.)

WEATHER

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

Date	Rain	Hi	Lo
Dec. 23	.01	59	41
Dec. 24		64	31
Dec. 25		60	30
Dec. 26		61	34
Dec. 27	.30	49	38
Dec. 28	.01	50	40
Dec. 29		52	31

Rain for week: .32

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Last year to date: 5.21

Average to Dec. 29: 7.43

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Tara Ann Hatanaka was the winner of the 1975 Winters Stork Derby, born January 21, 1975 in the Woodland Memorial Hospital. Pictured with her is her mother, Mrs. Kenneth Hatanaka.

50
YEARS AGO

January 14, 1960
Coach Joe Aguiar's Varsity basketball team, utilizing a second half full court press, defeated the Rams from Rio Vista Friday. The Warriors' two diminutive guards, Don Childress and Glen Butler led the surge by stealing the ball time after time.

A daughter, born in the Yolo General Hospital in Woodland, January 7, 1960, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Button, of Winters, has been judged the winner of the Winters Merchants 1960 Stork Derby, being the first baby of the year for this area.

Rev. Stewart C. Potter, pastor of the Pioneer Presbyterian Church here since 1948, has resigned his pastorate to accept the job of pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Colusa.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ramos of Winters, are the parents of a daughter, born in the Yolo General Hospital, Woodland, January 11, 1960.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ramos, of Winters, are the parents of a daughter, born January 11, 1960 in the Woodland Clinic.

The following young people of the local Christian Church are registered to attend the district World Friendship Youth Meet in Woodland Friday evening and all day Saturday: Joan Bourland, Bob Bishop, Raymond Allen, Sandra Bishop, Dean Bishop, Joan Diaz, Steve Doke, Lucille Reed, Brenda Kiepe, Roulou Reeves, Marjorie Vanoss, Katherine Wion and Roberta Wion.

Directors of the Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, meeting in Woodland last week, agreed to the purchase of Clear Lake Water Company in an essential step in the development of the Cache Creek Project.

65
YEARS AGO

January 12, 1945
Mr. and Mrs. H.G. Conner have word that their son, Herbert Jr. is now in the Dutch East Indies.

Dr. and Mrs. William John Roeber, formerly of Newark and Irvington, New Jersey, have transferred their residence to their almond orchard 5 miles east of Winters.

Mrs. William Duncan and son and Mrs. Eva Duncan left last Friday morning to join Lt. Wm. Duncan at Kingman, Arizona.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Martinez received word from the War Department that their son, Sgt. Chris Martinez, has been wounded in action in Germany.

In joint installation rites in the Masonic Hall Saturday night, Marion Degener was installed as Worthy Matron of Yosolano Chapter, O.E.S., and J.H.D. Bassett was installed as the Master of Buckeye Lodge, F. and A.M.

Chris Molina has arrived home from the Pacific area, on his first furlough after 30 months in the service. He is in the Marine Corps.

Warrant Officer Al Hughes' letters are still coming from the Philippines. He has been away 18 months. His wife is the former Mildred Pleasants.

100
YEARS AGO

January 14, 1910
M.O. Wyatt and W.R. Chapman have been designated by Judge Hawkins as among those from whom a grand jury in the fall of 1910 will be drawn.

Walter Gannon and Mrs. Maybel Frost were married in Martinez on Thursday.

Mrs. H. DeBoer fell Monday and fractured her elbow.

Dr. J.H. Haile had the misfortune to fracture a bone in his right leg Tuesday.

A call for more applicants for places as census enumerators has been issued by census supervisor Emmett Phillips of Sacramento.

The Christian Church is preparing to lay concrete walks on all sides of their church property, corner of Main and Second streets.

Lawrence H. Wilson attended the meeting of the Democrats in the city Friday and Saturday of last week.

The Saturday afternoon club met at the home of Mrs. Henry Robinson last Saturday.

115
YEARS AGO

January 12, 1895
Francis McDonald was down from Little Portuguese canyon last Sunday. He informed the Express that the water was higher in Putah Canyon, up his way, than it has been before for ten years. The creek ran four feet deep over the grade opposite Napoleon Vieu's place and washed away a good portion of Mr. Vieu's orchard on the south bank.

The Winters Union High School reopened last Monday with a full complement of scholars.

L. Moody assumed the duties of the office of Justice of the Peace last Monday, and will have his office in H. Craner's building on Main Street, just west of McCoubrey's blacksmith shop.

When on the way to town last Sunday morning, James R. Briggs and wife met with a mishap that, while serious, might have been worse. The horse became frightened at the train and in making a short turn, the front axle of their buggy was broken and the buggy in falling struck the horse's heels. Mr. and Mrs. Briggs were thrown out. Mr. Briggs was considerably bruised but his wife was not hurt.

Weekly police report

Dec. 21
~ 1:00 p.m.: On the 300 block of First Street, a jacket was stolen from an office. Loss: \$50.
~ 7-9:26 p.m.: On the first block of Main Street, money was stolen from an unsecured business office. Loss: \$1,725. On Dec. 22, the officer was notified that the money was returned.

Dec. 22
~ 1:48 a.m.: On the 100 block of East Grant Avenue, an officer responded to an audible alarm. The business was found secure.
~ 5:23 p.m.: On the first block of East Grant Avenue, graffiti was spray painted onto a sidewalk.

Dec. 23
~ 12:24 a.m.: Anthony Campos, 26, of Sacramento, was arrested on an outstanding UC Davis Police Department bench warrant charging him with two counts of failure to appear on a previous charge of driving with a suspended/revoked driver's license. Campos was booked at Winters Police Department and released on a notice to appear.

~ 12:41 a.m.: On the 100 block of East Grant Avenue, an officer responded to an audible alarm. The business was found secure.

~ 3 p.m.: On the 400 block of Edwards Street, an officer assisted a Yolo County Animal Control Officer with an animal cruelty call.

~ 3:05 p.m.: John Michael Creamer, 46, of Woodland was arrested on an outstanding Winters Police Department bench warrant charging him with violation of probation and failure to appear on previous charges of petty theft and shoplifting. Creamer was booked at Winters Police Department and transported to Yolo County Jail for incarceration.

Dec. 28
~ 1:41 a.m.: On the 100 block of East Grant Avenue, an officer responded to an audible alarm. The business was found secure.
~ 3:37 a.m.: On the 700 block of Dutton Street, an officer responded to an audible alarm. The business was found secure.

~ 11:19 p.m.: Casimiro

Picazo Gonzalez, 30, of Winters was issued a notice to appear for being an unlicensed driver.

Dec. 23-28
~ 6:30-8 a.m.: On the 100 block of Grant Avenue, three classroom windows were broken with an unknown object. Damage - \$500.

Dec. 26
~ 1:40 a.m.: On the 100 block of East Grant Avenue, an officer responded to an audible alarm. The business was found secure.
~ 10:29 p.m.: Miguel Teran Acuna, 24, of Winters was issued a notice to appear for being an unlicensed driver.

Dec. 27
~ 12:59 a.m.: Adrienne Guadalupe Lizarraga, 20, of Vacaville was issued a notice to appear for having an inoperable vehicle stoplamp and possessing less than an ounce of marijuana.

~ 3:42 a.m.: On the 100 block of East Grant Avenue, an officer responded to an audible alarm. The business was found secure.

~ 10:06 a.m.: Silvia Maria Orenlas, 50, of Vacaville was issued a notice to appear for driving with a suspended/revoked driver's license, driving at an unsafe speed and failing to provide proof of insurance.

~ 11:37 p.m.: Andrea June Farris, 21, of Winters was arrested for possessing concentrated marijuana, transporting marijuana, driving with a suspended/revoked driver's license and driving a vehicle with expired registration. Farris was booked at Winters Police Department and transported to Yolo County Jail for incarceration.

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Lake down .07 of a foot

The level of Lake Berryessa fell by .07 of a foot during the past week, with a reduction in storage of 1,090 acre feet of water, according to Ken Emigh of the Solano Irrigation District. On Tuesday morning, the lake was 407.11 feet above sea level,

with storage computed at 984,198 acre feet of water. The SID is diverting 60 second feet of water into the Putah South Canal and 42 second feet is flowing in Putah Creek at the Diversion Dam. Lake evaporation averaged 35 acre feet of water per day.

JUSTICE

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they found her purse, passport, Mexican Voter Registration Card, and a credit card in her name. In addition, her niece produced her wallet, which contained her driver's license, her Mexican Consulate card, and over \$1000 in cash.

Prosecutor Robert Trudgen also noted that Ramos left no notice with anyone else that

she was leaving or how to contact her, despite the fact that she had two jobs where she was described as a responsible employee who always kept them up to date on her work schedule.

Hernandez is scheduled for sentencing for the sole count of Murder in the Second Degree on Jan. 22, at 10:30 a.m. in Department 6 of the Yolo County Superior Court. He faces 15 years to life in prison.

Trudgen hailed the verdict as a fair and just

result in holding Ramos' killer accountable, but noted that the remaining tragedy is that Ramos has yet to receive a proper burial and that her 10 year old girl will grow up without a mother.

(Editor's note: The body of Leticia Barrales Ramos has not been found. Anyone with information about the whereabouts of her remains is asked to contact the Winters Police Department, 795-2261 or 795-4561.)

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Anonymous meetings.

The hula studio wasn't the only business to wave goodbye in 2009. After 22 years, Chris Jones, owner of Chris' Florist, called it quits after a new building owner began to renovate the building and Jones decided she could not withstand the interruption in business. She now runs her own floral business from home.

The Winters Center for the Arts also ran into snags in its space 18 Main Street, and after finally losing its lease, the gallery temporarily set up shop next door in the space formerly occupied by Aura Day Spa, which closed last year. The gallery is still in search of a more permanent location, as is the Irish Pub & Coffeehouse, which also lost its rental agreement in November and barring a new location turning up, will close next month. Also turning up homeless this year was Valley Floors, which lost its lease in December and will relocate to 18 Main Street in January, and Winters Family Chiropractic, which lost its lease on Main Street and is in the process of relocating.

The Bonn & Feeney accounting office at First and Main relocated to a new hometown, and the law office of John Wallace moved to 1 Newt's Expressway (newly named in 2009 in honor of Newt Wallace), while RISE Inc. moved to Wallace's old spot on Railroad Avenue.

Although some things in Winters won't be here in 2010, other things will return. The Winters Farmers Market, which began in May and lasted through October, was a hit with vendors, growers and customers. Located in Rotary Park, the Market was "the" place to be on Sunday morning for fresh produce, free entertainment and visiting with friends and neighbors.

Also expected to make a comeback in 2010 is the Outdoor Quilt and Textile Art festival, which debuted on June 26 and featured more than 300 hand-stitched works of art. The event, spearheaded by Cloth Carousel owner Jan Bawart, attracted visitors from all over the area, many of whom had never heard of Winters, let alone visited before.

Inarguably the biggest new thing in

2009 was the grand opening of the Winters Community Library, the culmination of years of tireless effort from the city, county, school district and in particular the Winters Friends of the Library. Located next to the Bobbie Greenwood Swim Center, the new library is a quantum leap from the old facility at First and Russell Streets.

A couple other big projects broke ground in 2009, but won't actually materialize until next year. But 2009 did see the beginnings of a new Winters Community Garden at the end of East Street on Putah Creek, the groundbreaking for the new Winters Safety Facility and the next phase of improvements on the north bank of Putah Creek. Also taking root in 2009 is a new wine tasting room, owned by the Turkovich Family Winery at 304 Railroad Avenue and a wine bar at 9 East Main Street in the spot where Jeff's Studio 9 was. Both expect to open in 2010.

Getting noticed

Winters residents already know their town is full of talent and achievement and in 2009, it became obvious to others as well. The Downtown Improvement Project, which was completed last year, won regional honors and acclaim in 2009 for its thoughtful planning and execution of the renovation of the main intersection in the downtown as well as improvements to businesses in the core area.

Winters residents also made their opinions and resolve known outside city limits, playing key roles in thwarting a state prison proposed just north of town in Madison and a plan to lace the local foothills with electrical towers. In was also Winters that hosted the first Yolo County Leadership Summit on Aug. 11, bringing together representatives from cities, counties and school districts to find a way to collectively address state plans to raid local funds. Two weeks later, The Palms was packed again with people from all over the area as Winters celebrated its horticultural roots, as well as its historical ties with the UC Davis campus.

Possibly the most impressive achievement to come from Winters, however, came from former Winters resident and Winters High School valedictorian Kit Rodolfa, who made

national headlines for his breakthrough in stem cell research at the Harvard Stem Cell Institute. His experiment was mentioned in the Wall Street Journal and chosen by Time magazine as the top medical breakthrough of 2008, making the cover of Time in the Feb. 9 issue.

Although Rodolfa's accomplishment casts a long shadow, other Winters students, former students and faculty got noticed in 2009 too. The high school itself was recognized by the California Department of Education as a Distinguished School, officially honoring the high school for its academic and educational excellence — quite an achievement for a school that not too long ago was put on notice that it needed to turn its academic performance around in the wake of substandard test scores.

Over in the athletic department, Winters High School athletic director Tom Crisp was named the 2008-09 Athletic Director of the Year by the California State Athletic Directors Association. Winters High School wrestler Jesse Hellinger also made a mark in 2009 with a string of victories and won a bronze medal at the CF 2009 State Wrestling Tournament in April.

Not to be outdone, the Winters High School FFA agricultural marketing team won a state championship for its plan to market grape-seed oil in May at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. The team included FFA members Wesley Kraintz, Raven Castro and Justin Rominger.

Names in the news

If there's one thing Winters isn't short on, it's titles and honors. The first in 2009 went to Cole Jordling, son of Cynthia and Kevin Jordling, as the First Winters Baby of 2009, born on Jan. 8. Wesley Kraintz beat out the competition and donned the Mr. Warrior 2009 headdress.

Youth Day brought the next round of honors, naming Manuel Garcia the Youth Day Grand Marshal for his many years of volunteer service to local youth sports. Peggy Narducci, who rode her beloved paint horse Dino in the Winters Youth Day parade for 25 years, was named Honorary Youth Day Grand Marshal. Sadly Dino finally passed away of old age and Narducci rode in

the parade on four wheels instead of four hooves for the first time. Also riding in the parade were the Youth Day Sweetheart and Sweetthunk, Anna Solorio and Robby Emery.

The school year began with Eric Cardenas and Taylor Hamilton being crowned Homecoming King and Queen, and ended with Winters High School valedictorians were Keeley Nickelson and Jamie Andersen giving the farewell speeches at graduation. Summer ended with Ashley Shaw taking first place in a brand new competition, Winters Has Talent. Shaw wowed the audience and won the title with her Tahitian dance routine during the competition at the Earthquake Street Festival.

Winters residents won blue ribbons at both ends of the hog business in 2009. Tina Gulseth won first place in the adult division of the Dixon May Fair hog calling contest in May, and in September Israel and Leticia Quirarte won the annual Festival de la Comunidad Carnitas Cook-off. Elia Arce won first place in the annual Winters Chamber of Commerce Chili Cook-off in December.

Then there are all the "of the year" titles. Jose Ramirez was Winters Police Officer of the year. The Winters firefighter of the year was Aurelio Barrera. Paul and Linn Myer were named Citizens of the Year, Cloth Carousel is the Business of the Year, Vic and Vi Bussard are the Senior Citizens of the Year, and Ana Kormos won the Theodore Winters Award.

One more name that made the news in 2009: Karla Knabke, who retired in August after 24 years as Winters librarian.

On the other hand

Despite all the honors, fresh starts and positive changes in Winters in 2009, it wasn't all blue skies and sunshine. A young man allegedly

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Opinion

LETTERS

Yo-yos still available

I would like to inform parents, students and community members that NED yo-yo's will be on sale at Waggoner School Library, Jan. 4-7, 2010, from 2:40-4 p.m.

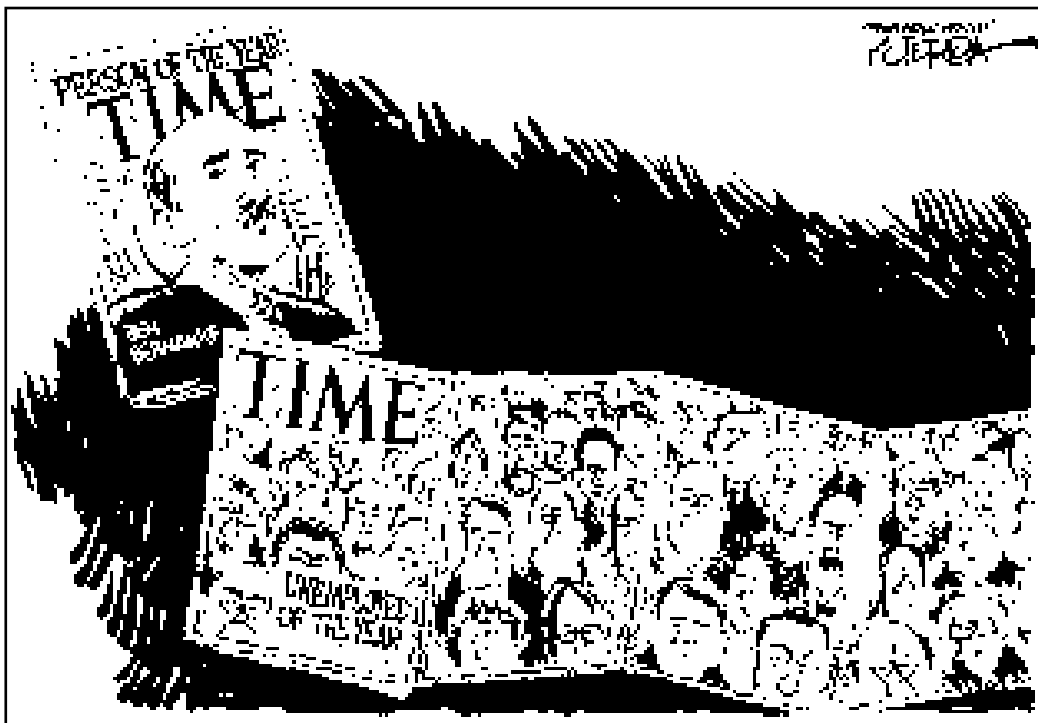
The NED Show performed at Waggoner on Wednesday, Dec. 16 with a great message. The show told a story using yo-yo's to entertain while delivering the message from NED: Never give up, encourage others, do your best. Students were very excited about the yo-yo's and teachers and staff were excited about the message.

The NED Show performed for our school for free, but with the promise that we would sell yo-yo's the week of their show. We only had three days to sell yo-yo's before winter recess, therefore we are extending the sale for four more days when school resumes in January 2010.

We would like to inform our community that it's not too late to purchase a NED yo-yo. They will be available the first four days school is back in session in January.

The price is \$6.50 for the NED yo-yo, \$10 for the Boomerang yo-yo, and \$15 for the Cosmic Spin yo-yo. Other items available are the How to Yo-Yo DVD for \$3.50, extra strings for \$3.50 or a yo-yo harness clip for \$3.50.

For more information, contact Rita Holder at Waggoner Elementary School, 795-6121 ext. 217



or rholder@wintersjUSD.org.

Thank you and Happy New Year!

RITA HOLDER

Waggoner Elementary School Librarian

Government there to help unemployed

10 month unemployed: "I'd like to apply for training benefits under the Federal Trade Adjustment Act, I'm qualified according to this confirmation letter."

CA State EDD/FTAA representative: "You have an advanced degree. You have to convince me that you need this training, and that the training you seek will be likely to get you a job."

(As if that is going to happen readily in this job market.)

Unemployed: "What will it take to convince you?"

FTAA rep: "Well, we can't do it today, go and get data and make another appointment."

Unemployed: "If I get

the data, and you are convinced, what kind of training would you approve?" (Shows sample of six month training program.) "This is what I would like to do. It's at this renowned university in that field and it's local."

FTAA rep: "Oh... We won't fund training at a university."

Unemployed: "What?! What kind of training will you fund?"

FTAA rep: "You'll have to look at our approved list, things like electrician, and so forth."

"Unemployed: "Well, it sounds like this program won't help me, even though it was targeted at my job market when it was passed. I will just pay my own way."

FTAA rep: "Oh you better not do that! You might lose your unemployment if you go to school on your own!"

Our government at preventing productive work... and keeping its own people down.

10-MO. UNEMPLOYED
(Name withheld)

Letters policy

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Coolness must be considered when selecting eyeglasses

So, I had this smashing idea: new eyeglasses. My eye doctor noted that my insurance would pay for frames and lenses this year, and I didn't need contact lenses yet... how about new glasses?

My vision with contact lenses is adequate, but not enough to read a book or work at the computer without squinting a bit, so I frequently wear glasses over — yes, over — my contacts. My old frames were a bit outdated, so sure. Let's do it. It's time for an upgrade.

While chatting with my doc, I mentioned my night vision was getting pretty sketchy, particularly while driving in twilight. It seems that the quality of my depth perception is proportional to the brightness of the light, except at twilight, when it dips even worse. Then there's street signs. I have to be practically on top of them to read them, and if they aren't lit or don't light up by reflecting the headlights, forget it.

Epiphany! Doc, are there glasses I can wear over my lenses that can correct my vision for reading, working at the computer and seeing at a distance? Glasses I can actually look through when someone walks up to talk to me rather than peering over the top? Could there be such a thing? Lo, he replied, there is such a thing.

Could it be that Plato had left eyeglasses on his table?

I pushed further: Could these glasses also

turn dark in sunlight, as I've seen many other people's do? By crackies, they could, he said. These ultra glasses would have invisible tri-focal correction, and will go dark outside, and hey, we can even add anti-glare coating to make things even more clear.

And can all these miracles be performed in frames like Tina Fey's?

Indeed, they could, he said.

Sign. Me. Up.

The doc turned me loose in his little showroom of eyeglasses, with so many choices it could make Elton John weep. OK, maybe not weep. But tear up a little, for sure. Everything from Vera Wang to Chanel to Fendi. And, being my grandmother's granddaughter, she who grew up on Fifth Avenue in New York City, of course every frame I was drawn to was upwards of \$200. I can't help it. It's genetic.

Yeah, yeah, tell that to the insurance company. I knew they wouldn't spring for \$275 frames, so I tempered my fashion flare with a little financial reality and searched for less expensive frames that I liked as much as the Fendis, and after trying on every single Fey-ish style I could find, discovered that this wasn't actually possible.

The medical assistants heaped attention on me and suggested this style and that, but clearly didn't see me the way I see me, because they kept handing me blinged-out hoochie frames covered with rhinestone butterflies



and pink leopard prints and whatnot, and, well... just *no*. I wanted plain, simple, nerdy-chic frames.

"How about these bright red Revlons with black lightening down the sides or these orange Jessica Simpsons with glittery hearts?"

Sigh.

And, gag.

When they weren't giving me glasses that RuPaul would love, they were handing me up-tight little old lady glasses, and hello, I'm not there yet, even if the birthdate on my driver's license says otherwise.

After an hour or so, I found exactly what I wanted: plain, skinny-square-ish dark brown frames, with navy blue on the inside, so while I may look like a geek coming at you, when you see that flash of blue as I toss my head, you'll realize, "Ah... she's secretly very cool. Like Tina Fey."

When the glasses finally arrived, I tried them on and... my eyelashes hit the glass. There's something you can't anticipate. No matter what we did, my lashes dragged across them when I blinked and smudged the lenses. The doc checked it out and said with the shape of my face, smallish nose and the design of the glasses, the only solution was to trim my eyelashes. Ha ha, doc.

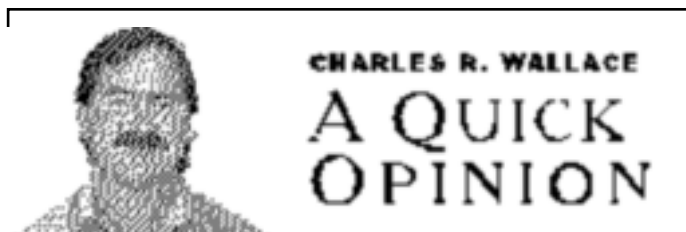
Don't quit your day job to become a comedian.

I kept searching, trying on all 350 frames in the office yet again to find a pair I liked as much. I didn't, but I found something similar, but all navy blue. Which means my coolness will be somewhat less of a surprise, but that's the way it goes.

A week or so later, finally I had the new specs. I sat down at the computer, put them on, glanced at the screen and... couldn't see. Unless I tilted my head back slightly like a dazed turkey. Back to the doc.

He futzed with this, futzed with that, conferred with his eyeglass lab for a day or two, and the verdict came in: They don't yet have the ability to produce a pair of eyeglasses that will correct my severe astigmatism, offer trifocal correction at close, medium and long range without producing cervical disc herniation, turn dark outside *and* (and here's the important part) remind people that I am nearly as cool as Tina Fey.

Wah. In the end, we decided to leave the new glasses as they were, and fix the old frames just for using at the computer. Which means that nobody in the office will ever know how cool I really am.



ARE YOU GLAD THIS YEAR IS OVER? It has been an interesting year for a lot of people. There has been a lot of change in people's lives, the economy and the job market, not just in Winters, but the rest of the world, too.

The newspaper industry has had a tough time as of late and the Express isn't immune from the financial fallout of this recession. We are still here and for that I want to thank you, our subscribers, our advertisers and anyone who reads the paper whether it's at the coffee shop, café or bakery. The folks at the Sacramento Bee have started making money again, which is also a good sign for smaller papers. If the big boys aren't making money, we have no chance. Then again, we've never really made much money anyway. Nice life, but not a lot of money.

Life goes on, sometimes the road is a little bumpier than in the past, sometimes a little smoother, but I always think the future holds great opportunity and a chance to improve. Improve what? It might be my attitude about people who don't agree with me, or maybe it's just me mellowing over time.

We've added a daughter-in-law this year, and the grandkids are still too cute. I had the chance to cook dinner for them this week. My tenants are starting to leave them alone with me. I've decided that if something goes wrong it isn't my fault. Who would leave small children in my care? Anyway, I forgot how easy it is to cook macaroni and cheese, and how it still tastes the same. I don't remember all the butter, but that must help with the flavor. Luckily the kids saved some for me.

As we end another year, I hope 2009 hasn't been too disruptive, or maybe you are one of those people who thrive during challenging times, or your life doesn't change much, no matter what happens to the economy. I was having a conversation with the farmers at the café about the challenges the newspaper industry is having, and they all just looked at each other and smiled. "Now you know what farming is like," was the common remark. I almost believed them — not a new pickup in the group.

Winters has seen a lot of changes and challenges lately (read Debra's story on page A-1), but I think the future looks bright. I was just reading that Taco Bell is advertising a drive-thru diet. Something about Fresco items and making better choices when you order at Taco Bell. After the meeting earlier this month about Winters' budget and the proposed Burger King, I went right out to the nearest Taco Bell and had a couple of bean burritos and crunchy tacos. I don't think those were on the weight loss menu. They were good, by the way.

People are always telling me that Winters hasn't changed that much, but it has. Some change has been for the better, and some for the worse. I liked it when we had car dealers, clothing stores and a 5 and dime. Maybe someday we will have another clothing store, variety store, and maybe even a used car outlet, but I'm not holding my breath. There are changes going on in the downtown area. Rumor has it that we are getting a yogurt shop, along with the new wine tasting room, a local cheese company and a wine bar.

Winters doesn't escape change. Let's just hope that the changes coming our way are something we will enjoy, and not look back and wonder what happened.

Have a great year.

Tell them what you think

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Community

Zeller, Hellinger plan to exchange wedding vows

Krista Zeller and Justin Hellinger, both of Dixon, plan to exchange wedding vows in Sonoma County in the late summer of 2010. Hellinger proposed to Zeller in Reno, Nevada.

Zeller is the daughter of Stephanie and Ronnie Joe Switzer of Vacaville. She has a brother, Justin Switzer. She attended school in El

Molino and works as a phlebotomist.

Hellinger is the son of Denise Pirner of Manteca and Jesse Hellinger of Winters. He has two brothers, JD and Jesse James Hellinger, and a daughter, Alexis Hellinger. He is a graduate of Winters High School, and is employed at UC Davis.



KRISTA ZELLER and JUSTIN HELLINGER

2009

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killed himself in a game of “Russian Roulette” in June, and a week later, a murder-suicide shocked rural Winters. 2009 also saw a Winters police officer arrested for child molestation and a former school board trustee sentenced to jail for felony grand theft.

Of all the bad news to happen in Winters this year, surely none was more heartbreaking than the disappearance of Leticia Barrales Ramos on April 12. Although her body was never found, her husband, Felipe Cruz Hernandez was eventually arrested, tried and found guilty of her murder.

Other noteworthy Winters deaths in 2009 included Andres Bermudez, dubbed the Tomato King for his invention of a tomato harvester. He passed away from stomach cancer on Feb. 5, in Houston Texas. He served in the Mexican Congress, and was the first migrant living in the United States to win a Mexican mayorship.

Winters also lost former Yolo County Sheriff and Winters police officer Robert Wion, who was killed in an auto accident in the Capay Valley on July 30. He was 61. Also passing away in 2009 was Jeff Childress, 66, owner of Jeff's Studio 9. Childress relocated the Davis landmark business Jeff's Camera in Winters under the new name at 9 East Main Street several years

ago. Winters also lost two of its oldest residents, Doris Gray, 101, and Dorothy Chapman, 99.

And on the topic of stormy skies, the Winters School District saw a year's worth of dwindling funds and cuts, cuts, cuts to the budget. The trimming still isn't finished, and discussion will pick up in January as the trustees are challenged with deciding which programs, services and staff will go, and which will be spared.

Likewise, the city of Winters is bracing itself for a major financial hit in the spring of 2010, as the state of California is poised to snatch more than a half million dollars from the city's Redevelopment budget. Winters is not alone, and is banding together to fight the state in court alongside other municipalities. But in the meantime, 2010 could mean slim times for city staff and services, with even the closure of the community swimming pool and Community Center being considered as last-ditch financial survival options.

The city has already suspended new Redevelopment projects and programs in anticipation of the blast to its budget, and more protective measures are yet to be decided upon. Will a new Burger King be the solution? That's for 2010 to know and the rest of us to find out.

Top Ten

It was a busy year, but the following stories out-shadowed the oth-

ers as the most newsworthy Winters stories of the year.

1. **Check it out.** The Winters Community Library celebrated its grand opening on Saturday, Nov. 14. After years of monumental effort on the part of the Winters Friends of the Library, City of Winters, Winters School District and Yolo County, the dream of a new library finally materialized at 708 Railroad Avenue, on Winters High School grounds next to the Bobbie Greenwood Swim Center. Some of the key players in the library effort got a sneak peak of the new facility earlier in the week, and a dedication ceremony took place on Nov. 13. But the next day, the library was open for all, and proved to be a quantum leap from the old library at First and Russell Streets. New computer labs, meeting rooms, and an expanded collection of books are just some of the features of the new library, which is open daily. The 10,000 square foot library cost just over \$6 million, and got its start with a donation of \$400,000 from the Margaret Parsons trust fund.

2. **Guilty.** That's what a Yolo jury declared Felipe Cruz Hernandez on Dec. 22, following his trial for the murder of his wife Leticia Barrales Ramos. Ramos was last seen alive on April 12, and reported missing on April 14. Although the Winters Police Department conducted an investigation, it wasn't until FBI agents stepped in on

May 28 and discovered blood under the carpets in the couple's Baker Street home, as well as a receipt for a carpet cleaner just after Ramos went missing, that Hernandez was finally arrested with the couple's 10 year old daughter in Dixon that same day. Although Ramos' body has not been found, Hernandez was found guilty of second degree murder with malice aforethought. He will be sentenced on Jan. 22.

3. **Big dam deal.** Following rounds of public protest over the removal of the percolation dam on Putah Creek as part of the larger north bank improvement project for the Putah Creek Nature Park, the city council voted unanimously to demolish the dam in August. Further controversy and outcry resulted over the project when it was disclosed that the project would include a 10-foot wide asphalt trail alongside the creek. Despite concerns, the plan was approved with the path. Demolition of the dam began on Oct. 5, with Four M Contracting in charge of removal. The next phase of the project includes restoring Putah Creek's path to its natural form before the dam was constructed. Ultimately, the park will allow greater public access to the creekside and make the area more usable for the public.

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Roberts wins weekly drawing

Amy Roberts is the winner of the final The Buck Stays Here drawing, sponsored by the Winters Chamber of Commerce. Each Monday in December, one name was drawn from those who spent \$50 at

Winters businesses. The winner received \$100 in Winters Bucks, which can be spent at any participating Winters business. The Chamber sponsored the raffle to promote shopping locally this Christmas.

Calendar

Thursday, December 31
New Year's Eve

Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, 8 p.m., 305 First Street.

Friday, January 1
New Year's Day

Saturday, January 2

WHS boys basketball game, Vacaville Christian High School; JV, 4 p.m.; varsity, 7 p.m.

WHS girls basketball game, Vacaville Christian High School; JV, 2:30 p.m.; varsity, 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 3

Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, 9 a.m., 305 First Street.

Monday, January 4

WHS girls basketball game, East Nicolaus High School; JV, 5:30 p.m.; varsity, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, January 5

City Council meeting, 6:30 p.m., council chambers at City Hall

WHS boys basketball game, Winters High School; JV, 5:30 p.m.; varsity, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, January 6

Soroptimist meeting, 7 a.m., Chuy's Taqueria, 208 Railroad Avenue

WHS boys basketball game, Vanden High School; JV, 6 p.m.; varsity, 7:30 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous meeting, 8 p.m., 305 First Street

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Lots of new things coming to community

A new year, a new decade, a new safety center, a new winery, a new public art project, a new nature park, another new intersection, a new wine café, a new Burger King, and if Gavin hadn't dropped out we could be voting for a Newsom for the new governor.

We may also be asked to vote on new taxes, new city council members, and a multitude of new voter initiatives. Needless to say this will be a new and exciting year with no shortage of action for Winters.

So what new things will the Chamber be doing this coming year? Based on the success of "The Buck Stays Here" shop local holiday campaign, we will be working on some type of year-round incentive. We will be facilitating the Mosaic Art Project on the restrooms at Rotary Park. We will be working on informational signage for Grant Avenue, Railroad Avenue, and for the Downtown.

We will be participating in the Grant Avenue community plan and design workshops. We will be at the table when public art in the Main street "pocket park" is being planned. We will make sure that the interests of our members, the



local businesses, and the community is represented in any discussions about the Gateway Master Plan. In a nutshell, we will be visible, engaged, constructive, and proactive.

Here's a heads up on a couple of fun events coming up in the new year. First is the "Red Carpet Premier" of a Putah Creek short film. The premier will be held at the Palms on Wednesday, Feb. 3, and will be a fund-raiser for the Winters Education Foundation. There will be live music, food, drink, and an auction along with the screening of the movie.

The other event will be a spectacle in itself. What do you think about 2,500-plus cyclists riding through town? Well that's what is planned for Sunday, April 28. This is a large fund-raising event sponsored by the Amgen Tour of California for "Breakaway From Cancer." It will be the month before the actual race comes through town and gives cycling enthusiasts and fans a chance to ride all or part of one of the stages

of the tour. We don't have many of the details yet but hopefully some of the riders and their supporters will have the opportunity to stop and shop here in Winters.

Speaking of stopping and shopping, I want to thank everyone that participated in The Buck Stays Here promotion. It was great to see everyone's enthusiasm for shopping local and I know many of you made a conscious effort to do some of your holiday gift shopping here in town.

I know the reality, that Winters doesn't have something for everyone but as the economy improves (and it will) the selection will improve as well. Considering that we have people opening new businesses in the current downturn just wait and see what happens when the upturn comes.

One of the things that struck me at the city of Winters budget and fiscal sustainability workshop was the fact that 40 percent of the city's sales tax revenue comes from gas. I may not be able to buy everything I need here in town but I

do have 3 choices of where to buy gas and I've decided that buying it local is one small thing I can do to help the city with its financial problems. Maybe we can start a new campaign called "Gas Before You Go" and get everyone to plan ahead and buy their gas locally.

We want to welcome one new member this month. Solano Community College has joined and will be working on outreach to the community. They are expanding their programs at the Vacaville campus just down I-505 and want to be more involved with Winters.

We also want to thank Sandy Vickrey and Dave Mills of Realty World for hosting this month's mixer and the chili cook off. The chili entries were all great and it was a lot of fun. The next mixer will be hosted by Janet Anderson and Cheryl Moore at The Tree House Children's Center, 418 Haven Street on Monday, Jan. 11, at 5:30 p.m.

Lastly I want to thank everyone who has been supportive this year as I transitioned from one role to the other. I'm glad some of you enjoy reading this column because I enjoy writing it. So as we head into 2010 remember: Think Global, Act & Shop Local, and as always Keep it Steady.

Cody's cool



Photo by Debra DeAngelo
Rory and Theresa Linton are the owners of Cody's Restaurant and Linton Screen Printing, both located at 314 Railroad Avenue. Cody's offers eat-in and takeout breakfast, lunch and dinner menu items, and breakfast buffets on Saturdays and Sundays, 8-11 a.m. and dinner buffets on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. A Sunday brunch buffet is offered on Sundays, 11:15 a.m. to 2 p.m. Gourmet truffles and fudge are also available, as well as other candies, ice cream and desserts. Cody's is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., Fridays 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sundays, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Linton's Screen Printing offers custom made T-shirts and novelty items. The phone number is 795-2283.

Support local businesses by shopping locally!

Entertainment

Quartet ends the Classical Guitar Series in Davis

Before beginning its World Music Series this winter, the Davis Art Center will close its summer/fall Classical Guitar Series on Jan. 15, 2010, with a final performance by the San Francisco Guitar Quartet. The concert will begin at 8 p.m. in the Davis Art Center Atrium, 1919 F Street in Davis. The suggested donation is \$15; \$10 for students and seniors.

The quartet—featuring Bay Area musicians David Dueñas, Mark Simons, Patrick O’Connell, and Jon Mendl—will present a diverse program with classical, Spanish, jazz and world music. Notable compositions include Blue in Green by Miles Davis,

arranged by Matthew Greif; and “Prelude & Tres Vite” from BWV 995 by Johann Sebastian Bach; among others.

The 10-piece program provides a multitude of subgenres within the broad classical contemporary category. Some works are reminiscent of minimalist (Garry Eister’s Chasing Light) and world music (Vals Venezolano’s La Partida). Others, such as Objets Futiles by Atanas Ourkouzounov—a brief series of modernist vignettes—are at first strange to the ear but charmingly quirky. Pacific Coast Highway by Andrew York carries with it elements of lyricism and new age mu-

sic, and Flowing Through, by Christopher Gainey is a rhapsody on Egberto Gismonti’s famous composition Agua y Vinho. This piece incorporates improvisation into an exploration of its hauntingly beautiful theme, which is not heard in full form until the end of the work.

Founded in 1997, the San Francisco Guitar Quartet has established itself as an enduring presence in the guitar world through its ground-breaking concerts and recording. Grounded in tradition, they are committed proponents of new music, coalescing classical, world and improvisatory musical traditions.



Courtesy photo

The San Francisco Guitar Quartet will make their way to Davis to end that city’s Classical Guitar Series on Jan. 15.

The group has recently toured in Florida, Arizona, Guam and throughout Taiwan. Among other recognitions, the SFGQ were

chosen by Chamber Music America as featured performers at the Western Arts Alliance Showcase.

For more information

about the concert, call the Davis Art Center, 756-4100. For more information on the San Francisco Guitar Quartet, visit www.sfgq.com.

Motorcycle history exhibited at museum

The California Automobile Museum’s newest exhibit demonstrates it is possible to have at least as much fun on two wheels as four.

On exhibit from Jan. 2 to March 12, 2010, “Born to Ride: Motorbikes Past and Present,” is the museum’s first-ever exhibit devoted to motorcycles and showcases a century’s worth of models, ranging from some of the earliest and most rare to a critic’s choice for the best new model in 2010. The exhibit will also include racing motorcycles and memorabilia, a tribute to Sacramento’s rich motorcycle racing history.

“The development of motorcycles parallels that of cars,” noted Karen McClafflin, Executive Director of the California Automobile Museum. “Motorcycles were considered just as novel as

the first cars in the early 1900s. In the early decades, they were sometimes a more effective form of transportation, given how primitive the roads were.

“Today, motorcycles have a wide appeal, giving many people a sense of freedom and adventure on the road while others enjoy their performance on the race track,” she added. “Our Born to Ride exhibit captures all of that and traces the history of fun and transportation on two wheels.”

In all, the exhibit includes more than 50 motorcycles, including those used for over-the-road and some built specifically for racing. The exhibit also allows visitors to trace the rise and fall of manufacturers from various countries, including the United States, Italy, Germany, England and Japan, as

each rose to the challenge of designing more advanced models in a highly competitive marketplace.

Nameplates in the exhibit range from the well-known, such as Harley Davidson, BMW, Triumph, Ducati and Honda, to the extinct or nearly forgotten, such as Thor, Crocker, Excelsior and Ariel.

The Museum will be hosting special event days in conjunction with this exhibit. Activities will be free for Museum members and included in Museum admission for non-members.

The California Automobile Museum, formerly the Towe Auto Museum, is a spacious 72,000 square foot museum, home to over 150 vehicles of various makes and models, ranging from the early 1900s to alternative power vehicles, uniquely displayed

chronologically among exhibits befitting the times and changes of the automobile. A knowledgeable docent staff provides visitors with guided tours through the exhibits that recreate the love affair we have with automobiles. Exhibits also provide historical information about the automotive industry. The Museum’s mission is to educate and entertain while preserving and promoting the automobile and its influence on our lives.

The Museum is located at 2200 Front Street, between Broadway and Old Sacramento with ample free parking. The Museum is open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., taking the last admission at 5 p.m. and stays open until 9 p.m. every third Thursday. For more information visit www.calautomuseum.org or call 916-442-6802.

Davis Art Center 50th anniversary celebrates Arneson with workshop and exhibit

In January 2010, the Davis Art Center will kick off its 50th Anniversary by celebrating one of California’s most irreverent pop artists, Robert Arneson, through an exhibit showcasing the impact Arneson has had on artists in the community and beyond.

Arneson pieces from the collections of The Nelson Gallery and the Davis Art Center will be on display, as well as works by Arneson students Donna Billick, Robert Brady, David Gilhooly, George Grant, Kurt Fishback and Tony Natsoulas, among others. A reception for invited guests will be held on Jan. 8, 2010, from 5:30-7 p.m. at the Davis Art Center, 1919 F Street, followed by an ArtAbout reception open to the public from

7-9 p.m.

Robert Arneson was a professor of ceramics in the art department at UC Davis for four decades. His unique satirical style and abandonment of functional ceramics contributed to his title as the “Father of the Funk Movement.” Funk artists, who gained attention in the ’60s, used everyday objects to make confrontational statements. Several Davis Art Center faculty members and patrons studied under Arneson at UC Davis.

The Davis Art Center will also hold an Arneson-themed clay workshop entitled “Make a Brick or Bust!” coinciding with the tribute show. The class, which takes place on Jan. 9, 2010, highlights Arneson’s unique self-portraits that boldly

pushed the boundaries of self representation. Two familiar forms used by the ceramicist were the common brick and bust. Each student can choose a wet mold of a brick or small bust that can be added to, scratched, and personalized to create a unique self-portrait. Workshop instructor George Grant was a studio assistant to Robert Arneson.

UC Davis’ Nelson Gallery will also display work by Arneson in its show “Selected Recent Acquisitions, 2007-2009,” which will run Jan. 7 to March 7, 2010. The exhibit will contain Arneson drawings as

well as his portrait of the late Roy de Forest given by the estate, among other works donated to the UC Davis Fine Arts Collection. The opening reception is Jan. 7, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

For more information, call 756-4100 or visit www.davisartcenter.org.

Auditions scheduled for ‘Moon Over Buffalo’

The Winters Theatre Company will hold auditions for “Moon Over Buffalo,” a comedy by Ken Ludwig, on Wednesday, Jan. 13, and Thursday, Jan. 14, at 7 p.m. at the Winters Community Center.

This play has a cast of

four men and four women. Auditions will consist of cold readings from the script. Performance dates are week-ends from March 12-21.

For more information, call Howard Hupe, 530-756-6187.

Shorebird migration the topic of flyway program

“Wings over borders: migration of shorebirds around the Pacific Basin” is the title of Yolo Basin Foundation’s Flyway Nights lecture on Jan. 7 at 7 p.m.

The talk will be given by Nils Warnock, who has spent most of the past 25 years doing research on the ecology and conservation of shorebirds. He has a Ph.D. in Ecology jointly awarded in 1994 from San Diego State University and University of California, Davis.

The Yolo Basin Foun-

dation offers Flyway Nights at 7 p.m. the first Thursday of the month from November to April. The talks are held at the Department of Fish and Game’s Yolo Wildlife Area Headquarters at 45211 Chiles Road. A \$5 donation to support Foundation’s wetland education programs is suggested, and Yolo Basin members are free. Call the Yolo Basin Foundation, 758-1018, for more information, or visit www.yolobasin.org.

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4. We dig it. The new Winters Safety Facility was approved on Aug. 4, and broke ground amid celebration on Oct. 8 on the northwest corner of Grant Avenue and Main Street. When finished, the \$8.4 million project will house both the police and fire departments, giving both entities more space for equipment and personnel, and will have improved radio coverage and emergency power generation. It will also offer improved sleeping quarters for firefighters as well as a holding cell for detainees. The project was funded by a 2007 Redevelopment bond, as well as police and fire impact fees and is expected to be finished in the fall of 2010.

5. We grew it. The Winters Farmers Market debuted on May 3 at Rotary Park. Coordinated by Ana Kormos with guidance from the Davis Farmers Market coordinator, the Sunday morning market featured fresh local produce and baked goods, live entertainment, and food and beverages. The market was also home to several crafts fairs and a flea market over its season, and overall was so well-received by both vendors and customers, it is expected to reopen for another season in May. The project was such a success, it earned Kormos the 2009 Theodore Winters Award.

6. Not in our backyard. The Transmission Agency of Northern California (TANC) almost succeeded in quietly lacing the state with towering 500 kilovolt power lines, which might have included a path through the blue hills west of Winters. Local farmers first caught wind of the plan when they were notified that the power lines might cross over their property. Public outcry exploded, and a series of meetings took place. Davis residents joined the fight, opposed to a possible path of power lines running through Davis wetlands. Public opposition was so fierce that the Yolo County Board of Supervisors unplugged TANC's plans, vowing to keep the lines from chewing through precious farmland, wetlands and riparian habitats. Winters residents also

helped thwart a state prison proposed for nearby Madison, noting flood plains, and environmental, infrastructure and community impacts as key concerns. Yolo County Supervisors gave a hearty thumbs down to the proposed prison on May 8, and cited a disagreement between the county and state over the land required for the prison site as an additional obstacle.

7. Welcome to Winters. The Winters Visitors center opened its doors on Aug. 10. The project was a joint effort between the Winters Chamber of Commerce and the City of Winters, and was funded by Redevelopment funds. The Visitors Center, which is open every day but Tuesday, features a wealth of information about Winters, such as local restaurants and recreation, as well as an ample supply of local products, including nuts, wine, honey and soap, all in a "one stop shop."

8. We're Number One. Winters received the Blueprint Excellence Award from the Sacramento Area Council of Governments on Dec. 17, recognizing the city's integrated approach to its Downtown Master Plan and Downtown Improvement Project that was completed at the end of last year. The project featured a major reconstruction of the intersection at Railroad Avenue and Main Street, water, sewer and downtown infrastructure improvements, and 27 façade improvements. It also encompasses plans to improve the north bank of Putah Creek. Many of the projects made use of Redevelopment funds. Also given a nod in the award was the city's establishment of a Form Based Code, which provides a blueprint for further improvements and developments.

9. Funny name, great plan. Say "Form Based Code" and people's eyes glaze over, but it's not that hard to understand. The Form Based Code outlines the types of businesses, activities and uses that can be located in downtown Winters, and regulates building design and remodeling in the downtown area. It also specifies the type of architecture allowed and sup-

ports a pedestrian-friendly atmosphere. A series of public meetings and workshops took place regarding the new code, and it was finally approved by the city council on Sept. 15. The Form Based Code was among the reasons Winters won the Blueprint Excellence Award.

10. Deep roots. Horticultural history repeated itself at The Palms on Aug. 26, as the former Winters Opera House hosted the "Winters Horticulture: A Legacy of John Reid Wolfskill." The horticultural symposium celebrated the roots of Yolo County agriculture, and featured farm tours, a presentation on Winters' agricultural history and discussion of current farming concerns. Samples of local produce, such as dried apricots and pears, fresh figs and tomatoes, were offered. The event shadowed the original horticultural symposium held by the UC Farm Institute in 1897 at the Winters Opera House.

Sports



Alex Panattoni kicks a corner shot for the Winters girls soccer team during the Warriors loss to Sutter on Dec. 8, at Shirley Rominger Intermediate School.

Geerts makes All Tournament Team

By **ERIC LUCERO**
Express sports correspondent

Sophomore Skyler Geerts was named to the varsity boy's basketball All Tournament Team at the Pierce High School Tournament on Dec. 5. Geerts averaged 13 points and seven rebounds a game for the Warriors including a 23 point game against Colusa.

Wrestling Schedule				
DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	LEVELS	TIME
8-Jan	Valley of the Moon	Napa	V	TBA
9-Jan	Valley of the Moon	Napa	V	TBA
13-Jan	* Las Plumas	Winters (SR)	V	6:00
16-Jan	Fuller Tournament	Lincoln	V	TBA
20-Jan	* Wheatland	Wheatland	V	6:00
22-Jan	Foothill Asics	Foothill	V	TBA
23-Jan	Foothill Asics	Foothill	V	TBA
27-Jan	* Sutter	Sutter	V	6:00
30-Jan	Rodriguez Tournament	Fairfield	V	TBA
3-Feb	* Orland	Winters (SR)	V	6:00
10-Feb	* Gridley	Gridley	V	6:00

Boys Basketball Schedule				
DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	LEVELS	TIME
2-Jan	Vacaville Christian	Vacaville Christian	JV/V	4:00/7:00
5-Jan	Rio Vista	Winters	JV/V	5:30/7:00
6-Jan	Vanden	Vanden	JV/V	6:00/7:30
9-Jan	Woodland	Winters	JV/V	6:00/7:30
12-Jan	Anderson	Anderson	JV/V	5:30/7
15-Jan	* Las Plumas	Winters	JV/V	5:30/7:00
19-Jan	* Wheatland	Wheatland	JV/V	5:30/7:00
22-Jan	* Sutter	Sutter	JV/V	5:30/7:00
26-Jan	* Orland	Winters	JV/V	5:30/7:00
29-Jan	* Gridley	Gridley	JV/V	5:30/7:00
5-Feb	* Las Plumas	Las Plumas	JV/V	5:30/7:00
9-Feb	* Wheatland	Winters	JV/V	5:30/7:00
12-Feb	* Sutter	Winters	JV/V	5:30/7:00
16-Feb	* Orland	Orland	JV/V	5:30/7:00
19-Feb	* Gridley	Winters	JV/V	5:30/7:0

Winter sports returning from break

By **ERIC LUCERO**
Express sports correspondent

Winters High School sports will be back on the fields, the courts and the mat in the first

week of January. The boys' basketball teams will start back up at home on Jan. 5, against Rio Vista. The varsity boys are playing in the Vacaville Christian Tournament Dec. 29-31.

The girls' basketball teams will start back on Jan. 2, at Vacaville Christian but won't return home until Jan. 19, against Wheatland. Soccer will start back up on Jan. 5, at Gridley

and will return home to play Wheatland on Jan. 7, while the Wrestling team will hit the mats in Napa on Jan. 8, and will host their first meet at Shirley Rominger School on Jan. 13.

Run to support cure for ALS cure planned

Every 90 minutes, less time than it takes the average runner to finish a 10K, someone in the United States is diagnosed with ALS, or Lou Gehrig's disease. Over 1,000 participants are expected to join the Greater Sacramento Chapter of the ALS Association by running to build support—and

raise money—for a cure to this disease and more participants are sought. The Lou Gehrig's 5K/10K Run or Walk for a Cure is planned for Jan. 9, 2010, beginning at 9 a.m. at Sculpture Park, North Sunrise Avenue, in Roseville. Registration begins at 7 a.m. and is \$35.

Proceeds raised from this run will benefit Global ALS Research Projects and support services for People with ALS (PALS). Currently serving 150 PALS and hundreds of caregivers in 24 Northern California counties, The Greater Sacramento Chapter relies on the funds raised through

Run for a Cure to support its core programs and services including: research, information and referrals, support groups, and respite grants for PALS. For more information, visit www.alssac.org.

PISANI'S ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Vince Doyle



Vince Doyle, a senior on the Winters Warriors boys' varsity basketball team is this week's athlete of the week. In the Warriors last game before Christmas break on Dec. 11, Doyle led the Warriors to a 58-50 victory over Las Plumas with his hot shooting. "Vince had the most efficient shooting night that anybody has had for us," said coach Jason Davis. Doyle was 5 of 6 inside the arc, 3 of 6 at the three point range and was 3 for 3 from the free throw line for a total of 22 points. Doyle also added two steals and two rebounds for the rebounds.

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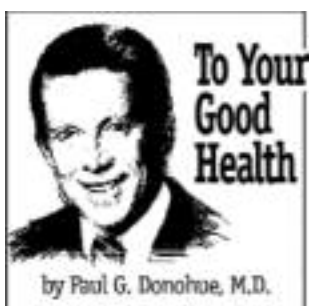
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Features

Is breast lump cancer?

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I am 20 and need your help. I felt a lump in my right breast. I told a friend about this, and she said breast cancer never happens to anyone my age. If that's the case, I am relieved. If it's not the case, what should I do? How can you tell a cancer lump from one that isn't cancer? This is on my mind all the time. — L.G.

ANSWER: Breast cancer does happen to young women. It's often said that it does not, but that's misinformation. It's true that breast cancer is more prevalent at older ages and that the risk for it increases the longer a woman lives. So someone your age is less likely to have it, but youth doesn't make you immune to it. Size, how the lump feels and whether it is tightly fixed in place are some of the qualities that sway a doctor into judging a lump as being cancerous. Cancer lumps are hard. They're firmly anchored to the tissue beneath them; you can't move the lump. Cancer lumps have irregular borders. Frequently, the overlying skin of a cancer lump is drawn down toward it to form a little dimple. This sounds like it's easy to tell if a lump is or isn't cancer. It's not. If a doctor, after examining the breast, cannot be sure, then he or she usually has the patient come back in a month or two to see if the lump has changed in size. If doubt still exists, an ultrasound in a woman less than 35 and a mammogram in an older woman usually can settle the matter. Should either of these tests not provide a definite answer, the next step is to obtain material for microscopic examination. That might be done with a very thin needle, with a larger bore needle or with a scalpel. Self-examination is good for discovering a lump. Self-diagnosis is foolish for proclaiming the lump benign or cancerous. You have to let the doctor do that; see yours today. Incidentally, it is better to have a breast exam



one week after a period. At the time of a menstrual period, many breast lumps enlarge and become tender, and this can make a difficult diagnosis more difficult. The booklet on breast cancer explains the details of this illness and its treatments. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue — No. 1101W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I am a 41-year-old woman, very petite, 5 feet 1 inch tall, and weigh 95 to 105 pounds. I am being bullied about this by my doctors. Have they supersized the height-weight tables to accommodate our increasingly obese population? I am lightweight but have no health problems. Your thoughts are welcome. — L.N.

ANSWER: Your body mass index is 18.9, which puts you in the normal weight category but at its lower end. If you feel healthy and eat a balanced diet, bully those doctors back.

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. (c) 2009 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved

My love/hate relationship with 2010

2010 is hanging over me like a registered letter from my employer. In a way, although I am 47, it's a lot like being seventeen: I'm pretty sure I already know everything; there's a lot left to do; and the world is my oyster, even if I am—ironically—a vegetarian.

Or 2010 is more like a lot of hype. I remember having a bad year in 1991. It was before my son was born. I had lived through the horrible Reagan years. Unemployment rates were sky high. People hated Reagan, but voted for him a second time. It was post-Prop 13, and the military was winding down the cold war. Savings and loans had taken large hits; my parents had lost large sums of money. My father had died. It didn't seem that anything worse could really happen. I was eeking out a living, barely.

I married an entertainer, went to college and read palms for money in Southern California. I remember the stark look of desperation in one of my client's eyes. "Is it going to get better?" he asked, and I said it would, but I had no real powers of hocus-pocus. I just believed that it couldn't really get worse.

Bush was President; things should have been getting better. Junk bonds were making money. Then we had the shock and awe of a war, followed by the money war dependably generated.

Still, when I looked into the eyes of my client, it was hard to say it was temporary. It was hard not to tell him that he was really in a position of just waiting for the other shoe to fall.

Looking 2010 in the eyes, I feel the same quiet disillusion. We have seen the shock and awe



of war. We have seen the beginning of a financial comeback. But we don't seem ready for the truth. The truth is, our nation has set its sights on a global economy, an economy for which we are not psychologically or financially prepared.

We are in the midst of understanding what it means to have a global economy that uses the lowest standards of living and the lowest common salary denominator as its base. We are not psychologically prepared for low salaries, unimaginable working conditions, the utter loss of much of the middle class, and the collapse of the ideology that higher education would mean financial stability. We are certainly not ready for the gutting of journalism or the gutting of public schools while banks enjoy excesses of astronomical proportions. We are like children who can only articulate, "That's not fair!" Yet, we have not made any strides toward addressing what is fair in our fair market economy.

Is it really any wonder that we need a health-care system that doesn't prey on the middle class? Is it any wonder that jobs we thought were sacred are being cleaned out like Chinese laundry?

For 2010, it is not politically correct to even say Chinese laundry. However, for those who can remember, it was cheap and ubiquitous at a time when global inroads were not the main

roads we all frequented. 2010 is looming on my head like a bad hair day, but I couldn't be happier. Because I lived through the poor, desperate, Reagan years, and the fat cat fun of the Clinton years, and I lived through the "Eye of Newt" years that gutted art nationally. I feel ready.

For 2010, I am wondering if people will finally get the idea that they are foolish to believe that business as usual (no new taxes), and trusting businesses to make real moral directives, will really help anyone but the ultra-rich.

We are too much like third graders who cry, "that's not fair," but only right before eating our cake and pointing over to someone else, "He did it first!"

Our reality lies somewhere between total hunger and a Tickle Me Elmo on every shelf. You don't have to know everything to know that the last several years have been hard, and change is yet, still a'comin'. My advice to my friends is to enjoy life, and be prepared for the other shoe to fall, even if it is not a designer shoe from Nordstrom's.

It is not the end of the world as we know it. Instead, it is the end of the world as we knew it for a countrywide economy.

The bright side might be hard to see for now, but there will be a bright side. There always is. Besides, almost no year could suck as much as 2009; for that I dearly welcome 2010!



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) That lower-than-acceptable performance you're getting from others in your group might be the result of miscommunication. If so, correct it before serious problems arise later on.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) An unexpected situation could call for a change of plans. If so, you might feel that this is unfair. But it's best to make the needed adjustments now. There'll be time later for rescheduling.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) The new year brings opportunities you might want to look into. Some might be more interesting than others. But take time to look at all of them before you make any decisions.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) It's a good idea to be careful about expenses until you've worked out that pesky financial problem. You might find it advisable to get some solid advice on how to proceed.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Romance looms large over the Leonine aspect. Single Lions looking for love should find Cupid very cooperative. Paired Cats can expect a renewed closeness in their relationships.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Making contact with a former colleague might not be high on your list of priorities. But it could pay off personally as well as professionally. Avoid bringing up any negatives about the past.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A personal relationship could face added stress because of a situation involving someone close to both of you. Be supportive and, above all, try to avoid playing the blame game.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You might well find some lingering uncertainties about a decision. If so, take that as a warning that you might not be ready to make that move yet. More study would be in order.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Music is a dominant theme for Sagittarians right now, and it should remind you to make a greater effort to restore some much-needed harmony in that very special relationship.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Although family matters might demand much of the Sea Goat's attention this week, you'll want to try to make time to handle those all-important workplace situations as well.

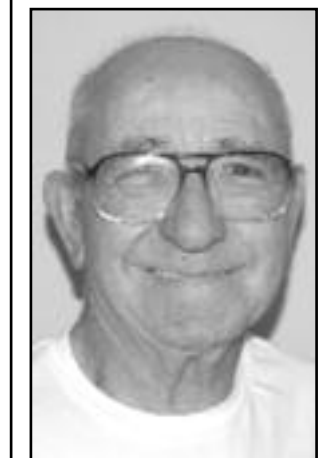
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A recurring unresolved issue might need to be revisited before you can move forward. Consider asking someone familiar with the situation to act as an impartial counselor.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Ignore pressure to make a decision. Keeping your options open is still the wisest course, at least until you're sure you've learned all you need to know about the matter at hand.

BORN THIS WEEK: You're capable of great loyalty to those around you, which is one reason you can count on devotion from friends and family. (c) 2009 King Features Synd., Inc.



Pleased to meet you



Name: Emilio Martinez
Occupation: Retired from contracting company in Woodland after 43 years.
Hobby: Walking and hanging around with friends.
What's best about living in Winters: "I know a lot of people around town."
Fun fact: Came from Spain in 1947. Born in Almeria in 1934 and turned 75 on Christmas Eve.

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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least five differences in details between panels.

King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 27 mins.

Nuestras Noticias



Propositos de año Nuevo

1. Dejar de fumar

Quizá sea uno de los propósitos más recurrentes y uno de los más difíciles de lograr. Son bien sabidas las consecuencias de fumar habitualmente: cáncer de lengua, cáncer de garganta, cáncer de boca y, por supuesto, cáncer de pulmón, son algunos de los tipos de cáncer que puedes contraer si tienes el hábito de fumar. Si fumas, es muy importante que en este 2010 te hagas el firme propósito de dejarlo. Definitivamente. Encuentra sugerencias de regalos y tips para celebrar. ¡Felices fiestas!

2. Perder peso

Seguramente has incluido más de una vez este propósito en tu lista en repetidos años. Casi todos queremos perder peso y vernos mejor pero, como el resto de los propósitos de fin de año, se requiere una gran fuerza de voluntad para lograrlo. El sobrepeso y la obesidad están causando en la sociedad problemas de salud gravísimos a mediano y largo plazo, como diabetes, enfermedades cardíacas y del sistema circulatorio. Es muy probable que no quieras verte afectado por ninguno de ellos, así que empieza tu régimen y síguelo pensando sólo en tu bienestar.

3. Encontrar un mejor trabajo

Todos nos quejamos del trabajo, pocos son los casos en los que la gente es verdaderamente feliz. Es una lástima cuando debería pasar exactamente lo contrario. Sin embargo, piensa que siempre tienes la opción de hacer algo más que soportar a un jefe intransigente o a unos compañeros que no cumplen sus obligaciones. A pesar de la crisis, el mundo es un ramillete de oportunidades: la magia está en que realmente te decidas a buscarlas y en que sepas dónde buscarlas. El momento ideal para buscar trabajo lo dictas tú mism@: si vas al trabajo sin motivación todos los días, regresas a tu casa de mal humor, no te gusta lo que haces y además tienes problemas con tus compañeros, no lo pienses más y busca otras opciones. Ningún salario pagará tu frustración y tu desgaste. No tengas ninguna duda: tu capacidad y tu experiencia serán aprovechados en otros lugares.

4. Enamorarte

Lograr una relación comprometida, duradera y feliz es una de las cosas más difíciles en la vida moderna. Cada vez tenemos menos tiempo para ocuparnos de nuestra vida personal, el mundo sexual ha cambiado en muchos sentidos en la última década; la inseguridad y el miedo que nos da arrojarnos a una relación, muchas veces nos paraliza. Sin embargo, muchas de las razones por las que no podemos enamorarnos radican en nuestro propio ser: nuestros miedos, nuestra falta de compromiso, nuestra falta de autoestima, nuestros prejuicios y muchas cosas más, nos impiden darnos la oportunidad de comenzar una relación y mantenerla. Este 2010 permítete tener una relación amorosa: verás que siempre, independientemente de si resulta bien o no, vale la pena.

5. Aprender algo nuevo

Hablar un idioma extra, tejer con punto de cruz, confeccionar tu propia ropa, actuación, cine, terminar la licenciatura, comenzar la maestría o el doctorado... Hay un sinfín de conocimiento que seguramente has querido adquirir, y no te ha sido posible por razones de tiempo o dinero. Pues bien: decídete a que este 2010 sea el año en que lo lograrás. Recuerda que el dinero que destines a aprender algo nuevo es una inversión que tarde o temprano tendrá sus frutos. La satisfacción que te dará estar consciente de que estás

aprendiendo algo que te gusta, te brindará una visión de más amplia de las circunstancias. Es cierto: verás la vida con otros ojos.

6. Viajar más

Sin duda, viajar es un ejercicio de liberación y oxigenación para tu cuerpo, tu mente y tu espíritu. Por eso nos sentimos tan bien cuando hacemos un viaje, por corto que sea. Viajar nos ayuda a mantener el equilibrio entre nuestras ocupaciones y el placer, se trata de romper nuestra rutina y renovar nuestras energías. Si bien es muy difícil viajar cada semana, este año puedes fijarte la meta de viajar una vez al mes. No tienes que hacer viajes muy caros o muy lejanos: el solo hecho de salir a carretera y dormir en otro sitio te servirá para darte un respiro de tu rutina diaria. Inténtalo este 2010.

7. Comenzar un negocio

Lo más difícil de comenzar un negocio, es saber qué tipo de negocio te interesa. Ropa, comida, joyería, cosméticos, existen tantos giros en los que puedes experimentar que es difícil decidir. Antes de empezar debes estar muy consciente que un negocio requiere de tiempo, paciencia y trabajo para que fructifique, de otra manera es difícil que prospere. En una época en la que tenemos tantos negocios a la mano, tu imaginación será determinante en el éxito o fracaso de lo que emprendas.

8. Ahorrar

En esta época de crisis, ahorrar ya no es un lujo, sino una necesidad. Si ahorras es más probable que puedas darte algunos gustos de vez en cuando, o bien, que puedas pagar esas deuditas que vienes arrastrando o incluso, que hagas el viaje de tus sueños, que cambies de auto, que te mudes de apartamento. Son muchos los beneficios de ahorrar y, a pesar de lo difícil que está nuestra situación económica, es relativamente fácil lograrlo: la clave –recuérdala siempre– se llama organización.

9. Leer más

No debe existir una persona que no desee extender su cultura general, tener una conversación interesante, estar al día de lo que ocurre en el mundo. Y eso te lo da el hábito de la lectura. Leer libros, revistas, periódicos, te da una visión más amplia de tu mundo y tu contexto, y te ayuda a construir opiniones mejor fundamentadas y más inteligentes. Esto, además de satisfacer tu ego, es útil para relacionarte con personas de otros niveles culturales que, en un momento dado, pueden ayudarte a moverte en otros círculos. Por ello, el hábito de la lectura es tan apreciado en todos los niveles... y 2010 es un excelente año para que lo desarrolles.

10. Ser feliz

Suena fácil, pero no podríamos contar a todas las personas que no son felices en el mundo. ¿En qué consiste ser feliz? Diríamos que eres feliz si amas lo que haces y lo que tienes. Tu trabajo, las labores de tu hogar, cuidar a tus hijos, estar con tu pareja, ir a la escuela... En fin, no importa a qué te dediques, lo importante es que te sientas satisfecho como ser humano y disfrutes cada día que pasa. Es muy conocido el consejo de “vivir como si fuera el último día de tu vida”, porque realmente, lo único que tienes es el ahora: mañana nadie sabe si vamos a vivir o si nuestras circunstancias van a ser iguales. Por eso, este 2010, hazte el firme propósito de hacer todo el tiempo únicamente lo que amas... o al menos, casi todo el tiempo.

Sea un buen padre

Aunque para obtener su licencia de conducción deberá someterse a un examen, la paternidad no necesita ese tipo de documento. Si bien cualquier persona puede ser padre, existe una enorme diferencia entre ser un “papá” a secas, y un “papá excelente”. Pero no es necesario un esfuerzo sobrehumano para perfeccionar sus destrezas de “papá excelente”, pues podrá hacerlo fácilmente y en cualquier momento. Siempre es el momento oportuno para encaminarse por esa ruta. A continuación, algunas formas de iniciar ese camino.

No haga comparaciones entre sus hijos. Cada uno es una persona independiente con diferentes intereses, talento.

Siempre esté listo para jugar. Ese juego de damas en el comedor, o a la pelota en el patio, fomentan los lazos familiares y la productividad mental.

Prepárese para lo inesperado. El bebé puede enfermarse justo en la noche de la fiesta de su compañía. O su esposa debe quedarse a trabajar hasta tarde, y necesita que usted recoja al niño en la guardería. La flexibilidad de su parte puede contribuir a controlar el caos.

Listo para trabajar. No hay dudas de que tendrá que cargar el asiento de seguridad del niño, la cuna, la bolsa de los pañales, los juguetes y mucho más. Tal vez no sea lo más divertido bajo un aguacero o en un día caluroso, pero es parte del trabajo.

Practique el arte de la paciencia. Independientemente de lo fuerte que sea el llanto del bebé, si usted se enfurece sólo contribuirá

a empeorar la situación.

No ridiculice ni subestime a ningún integrante de su núcleo familiar. Su objetivo es crear un ambiente positivo en el hogar, no uno negativo.

Escuche lo que le dicen sus hijos, así como en el momento que le hablan. Si escucha conocerá cuáles son sus pensamientos y vidas, y los estimulará a comunicarse mucho más con usted.

Aprenda a reír. La risa es la mejor medicina... y no cuesta nada.

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Las cifras de embargos muestran que la prolongada recesión económica y el alto desempleo está causando estragos en el mercado inmobiliario más allá de lo ocurrido con las llamadas hipotecas “sub prime” o de segunda clase. Ahora quienes están perdiendo sus viviendas son los hipotecarios regulares, con préstamos de primera clase, tal y como muestran las cifras de hipotecas en mora por más de 60 días del tercer trimestre de este año, que por primera vez sobrepasaron el millón.

Lo más grave, más de la mitad de los propietarios cuyos pagos fueron reducidos por medio de modificaciones, volvieron a retrasarse.

Esto refleja, en parte, un problema que persiste porque la economía no repunta y estando desempleado es muy difícil seguir pagando una hipoteca. Pero

también tiene mucho que ver con las deficiencias del plan gubernamental para ayudar a los propietarios y con el aumento de prácticas cuestionables por parte de bancos y otras instituciones relacionadas.

El Departamento del Tesoro ha comenzado a resolver algunas de esas deficiencias, como la letra pequeña en los contratos de modificación que no obligaba a los bancos a informar a los hipotecarios que si la modificación temporal de tres meses no se hacía permanente, se podría reiniciar el embargo e incluso vender la propiedad. Ya surgieron varios de estos casos en diversos puntos del país, donde sorprendidos propietarios cumplieron su parte del trato pero les remataron sus casas sin avisarles.

Por otra parte, ha faltado suficiente vigilancia sobre las instituciones prestamistas por

parte del gobierno federal, para asegurar que sus prácticas son legítimas. Un reporte reciente de GAO, el brazo investigativo del Congreso, apuntó que no había suficiente vigilancia y se estaban cometiendo muchos abusos contra la clientela.

En el fondo, sin embargo, nada de esto está siendo suficiente para detener la avalancha de embargos, creando un nuevo problema para el mercado: millones de

viviendas que serán puestas a la venta, deprimiendo aún más los precios que en algunos sitios, como en California, ya se están recuperando.

La pregunta válida sigue siendo si realmente no sería mejor permitir que los jueces de bancarrota decidan la reducción del capital debido para permitir a las familias permanecer en sus hogares y evitar más embargos.

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Raptor workshop, viewing planned

In the heart of winter, when majestic migratory raptors from prairie falcons to ferruginous hawks are at their peak in Northern California, Solano Land Trust is offering a special workshop to help learn how to identify the many unique species.

The workshop, led by volunteer raptor specialist Larry Broderick, will demonstrate how to identify migratory and year round birds of prey, using over 100 beautiful photos; from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 9, 2010, at the Rush Ranch Nature Center off Grizzly Island Road on Suisun Marsh. Guests are welcome to bring a lunch and join Broderick in a raptor viewing tour on the 2000-acre ranch from 1-3 p.m.

Can't tell the difference between a golden eagle and a turkey vulture high overhead? This workshop will show how to use key identifying marks, shapes, size, habitats and behaviors to make the most of the raptor diversity in the area. Participants will also receive helpful handouts to use on their future bird explorations, several of which are scheduled with Broderick and other skilled volunteers in coming weeks at various land trust sites.

This popular education program is free to Solano Land Trust members, business partners, and volunteers and their guests. Others are also welcome to attend, with a small donation to help offset costs. Please call 707-432-0150, ext. 200 for more information and to RSVP, as seating is somewhat limited.

Distributing Christmas cheer



Dennis Caskey, Ray Boone and Melissa Spurling share a laugh while handing out food at the 10th annual Christmas Basket Distribution. The yearly event, sponsored by the Winters Ministerial Association, served 250 local families.

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Tour of wetlands planned

Northern Shovelers, American Wigeons, Cinnamon Teals and Green-winged Teals are some of the dabbling duck species that can be viewed at the City of Davis Wetlands during a docent-led tour on Saturday, Jan. 2 from 3-5 p.m.

To join the tour should meet a few minutes before 3 p.m. at the gate in front of the City's wastewater treatment plant, east of the Yolo County landfill on Road 28H. Participants should take their own binoculars, water (no potable water on site), and field guide. Docents will have spotting scopes to enhance wildlife viewing. Most of the tour is by car on firm gravel roads, with a couple of optional short walks in the wetlands. A portable toilet is available on the route. Tours run rain or shine. This is a free tour. No reservations are required. For more information, call 757-4828.

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Trustee's Sale

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S No. 1152979-02 APN: 003-472-07-1 TRA: LOAN NO: Xxxxx4929 REF: Grisham, Rebecca IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED August 17, 2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On January 12, 2010, at 9:00am, Cal-Western Reconveyance Corporation, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded August 23, 2005, as Inst. No. 2005-0041474 * in book XX, page XX of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Yolo County, State of California, executed by Rebecca Stuart Grisham and Timothy Bair Wife And Husband, will sell at public auction to highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank At the rear (north) entrance to the city hall building 1110 West Capitol Avenue West Sacramento, California, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: Completely described in said deed of trust *-00 re-recorded 12-9-05 inst no. 2005-0061216-00 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: **1028 Eisenhower Way Winters CA 95694** The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$276,789.68. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. Regarding the property that is the subject of this notice of sale, the "mortgage loan servicer" as defined in civil code § 2923.53(k)(3), declares that it has obtained from the commissioner a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to civil code section 2923.53 and that the exemption is current and valid on the date this notice of sale is recorded. the time frame for giving a notice of sale specified in civil code section 2923.52 subdivision (a) does not apply to this notice of sale pursuant to civil code sections 2923.52. This California Declaration is made pursuant to California Civil Code Section 2923.54 and is to be included with the Notice of Sale. I, Jaimee Gonzales, of Wachovia Mortgage, FSB ("Mortgage Loan Servicer"), declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of California, that the following is true and correct: The Mortgage Loan Servicer has obtained from the Commissioner of Corporation a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to California Civil Code Section 2923.53 that is current and valid on the date the accompanying notice of sale is filed AND The timeframe for giving notice of sale specified in subdivision (a) of Civil Code Section 2923.52 does not apply pursuant to Section 2923.52 or 2923.55. Date: 7/22/09 Name of Signor: Jaimee Gonzales Title and/or Position: Vice President For sales information: Mon-Fri 9:00am to 4:00pm (619) 590-1221. Cal-Western Reconveyance Corporation, 525 East Main Street, P.O. Box 22004, El Cajon, CA 92022-9004 Dated: December 08, 2009. (R-280658 12/17/09, 12/24/09, 12/31/09)

Trustee's Sale

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. GM-149303-C Loan No. 0655696930 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 9/13/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by the duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. TRUSTOR: RICHARD T. NITZKOWSKI AND VICKI J. NITZKOWSKI, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS Recorded 10/3/2005 as Instrument No. 2005-0049438-00 in Book , page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Yolo County, California, Date of Sale: 1/14/2010 at 12:00 PM Place of Sale: At the rear (North) entrance to the City Hall Building, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, California Property Address is purported to be: **112 ALMERIA PLACE WINTERS, California 95694** APN #: 003-424-23-1 The total amount secured by said instrument as of the time of initial publication of this notice is \$312,096.00, which includes the total amount of the unpaid balance (including accrued and unpaid interest) and reasonable estimated costs, expenses, and advances at the time of initial publication of this notice. Pursuant to California Civil Code 2923.54 the undersigned, on behalf of the beneficiary, loan servicer or authorized agent, declares as follows: [1] The mortgage loan servicer has obtained from the commissioner a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to Section 2923.53 that is current and valid on the date the notice of sale is filed; [2] The timeframe for giving notice of sale specified in subdivision (a) of Section 2923.52 does not apply pursuant to Section 2923.52 or 2923.55. Date: 12/16/2009 ETS Services, LLC 2255 North Ontario Street, Suite 400 Burbank, California 91504-3120 Sale Line: 714-730-2727 Ileanna Petersen, TRUSTEE SALE OFFICER ASAP# 3381343 12/24/2009, 12/31/2009, 01/07/2010

Fictitious Business Name

FILED YOLO COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER December 4, 2009
FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK
Linda Smith, Deputy
FBN NUMBER 2009-1172
Fictitious Business Name
Salon Jewel
1107 Kennedy Place, Suite 9, Davis, CA 95616
Name of Registrant
Lisha Martinez
2909 Walerga Rd. #112-224 Antelope, CA 95843
Kathy Delgado
4005 Cowell Blvd. #807, CAvis, CA 95618
Business Classification: General Partnership.
Beginning Date of Business: The Registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12-4-09.
s/Lisha Martinez, Kathy Delgado
I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the original document on file in this office. This certification is true as long as there are no alterations to the document, AND as long as the document is sealed with a red seal.
State of California, County of Yolo
FREDDIE OAKLEY County Clerk/Recorder
Linda Smith, Deputy Clerk
Published Dec. 10, 17, 24, 31, 2009

Statement of Abandonment of use of Fictitious Business Name

FILED YOLO COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER November 25, 2009
FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK
Ava Woodard, Deputy
FBN NUMBER 2004-1267
Fictitious Business Name
Biomechanical Analysis
828 4th Street, Woodland, CA 95695
Name of Registrant
Aaron L. Souza
828 4th Street, Woodland, CA 95695
s/Aaron L. Souza
I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the original document on file in this office. This certification is true as long as there are no alterations to the document, AND as long as the document is sealed with a red seal.
State of California, County of Yolo
FREDDIE OAKLEY County Clerk/Recorder
Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk
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Trustee's Sale

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 09-05560-6 CA Loan No. 0022453781 Title Order No. 090671163-CA-DCI APN 038-050-29-1 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED October 19, 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 January 13, 2010, at 12:00 PM, at the rear (North) entrance to the City Hall Building, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA, Power Default Services, Inc., as the duly appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded on November 6, 2006, as Instrument No. 2006-0043576-00 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Yolo County, CA, executed by: PETE MANAS AND DAWN MANAS, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS., as Trustor, in favor of OPTION ONE MORTGAGE CORPORATION, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: **901 E GRANT AVE, WINTERS, CA 95694-9076** The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining unpaid balance of the obligations secured by and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust (together with any modifications thereto). The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$676,084.01 (Estimated), provided, however, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. DATE: December 22, 2009 POWER DEFAULT SERVICES, INC., Trustee By: Fidelity National Title Company, its agent 17592 E. 17th Street, Suite 300, Tustin, CA 92780, 714-508-5100 By: Juan Enriquez Authorized Signature The mortgagee, beneficiary or authorized agent for the mortgagee or beneficiary pursuant to California Civil Code 2923.52(c) declares that the mortgagee, beneficiary or the mortgagee's or beneficiary's authorized agent has obtained an exemption from the state regulator that is current and valid and the additional 90 day period does not apply. This loan servicer has implemented a comprehensive loan modification program that meets the requirements of civil code section California Civil Code 2923.53. Regarding the property that is the subject of this notice of sale, the "mortgage loan servicer" as defined in Civil Code 2923.53(k)(3) declares that it has obtained from the Commissioner a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to Civil Code section 2923.53 that is current and valid on the date this notice of sale is recorded. The time frame for giving a notice of sale specified in Civil Code Section 2923.52 subdivision (a) does not apply to this notice of sale pursuant to Civil Code Sections 2923.52. Fidelity National Title Company, as Agent for the mortgage loan servicer as defined under California Civil Code section 2923.53 (k)(3) By: Juan Enriquez Authorized Signature SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ON LINE AT www.fidelityasap.com AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 714-259-7850 ASAP# 3363154 12/24/2009, 12/31/2009, 01/07/2010