

Photo by Dawn Van Dyke

Winters historian Joann Larkey is this year's Citizen of the Year. She will be formally honored at the annual Winters Chamber of Commerce Year in Review celebration on Saturday, Jan. 22, at the Community Center.

## Larkey is Citizen of the Year

By DAWN VAN DYKE  
Express correspondent

Winters history and Joann Larkey are practically synonymous. The local author and historian has dedicated much of her life to preserving the facts, stories and documents that comprise the history of the city and its surrounding area.

Her latest effort, the Winters History Project, exhibiting the photos that illustrate Winters' history, led to her nomination and selection as the 2010 Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year.

It was in late 2008, when she and a neighbor were looking over some historic photos of the town, that the idea for the project was born. They wanted to preserve the photos, but also wanted to share them with the community, and decided to have an exhibition. The first step was to go to the Winters City Council and ask for support for the endeavor.

"The city council was in support of that," she says.

There was so much council support that then Mayor Pro Tem, now Mayor, Woody Fridae, eventually volunteered his own time scanning the photos so copies could be made.

A small group of dedicated volunteers including Larkey, Fridae, Evelyn Rominger, Gloria Lopez and Jack Graf spent hours sorting through photos, searching the Yolo County Historical Society and the Yolo County Archives, finding just the right images to tell Winters' story. They also attended meetings of local organizations, such as the Winters Hispanic Advisory Committee, to talk about the project, and to invite residents to share their own historic photos.

In July 2009, the first Winters History project exhibition opened at the Winters Center for the Arts. The focus of the project was on the fruit industry, the centerpiece of Winters' economy during its early years and a source of pride to many residents today. Larkey points out that John Wolfskill, one of Win-

ters' most prominent pioneers, was the first in the Sacramento area to plant fruit and nut trees; he also planted grapevines.

"Which is interesting," says Larkey. "Because that's what's happening now."

In order to fund the project, the group sponsored a symposium on Winters' agricultural history, which featured a tour of the Wolfskill Experimental Station ("very few people know about that," says Larkey), coordinated with UC Davis Department of Plant Sciences. It included lunch at The Buckhorn and then the symposium itself, which was hosted by Dave Fleming at the Winters Opera House (The Palms). Following the discussion, attendees spent some time at the Winters Center for the Arts enjoying the photo exhibition and some local wine tasting.

That event "put the project on the map," says Larkey.

Since then, photos from the Winters History Project have

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## Election results finalized — finally

By DEBBIE HEMENWAY  
Staff writer

Three weeks after the Nov. 2 election, the votes for Winters School Board Area 2 have been certified. The result: The victory remains for Dan Maguire for the contested seat formerly held by Rodney Orosco. Maguire held the lead throughout the extended ballot count.

The final count for the seat was 898 votes for Maguire, 688 for candidate Rudolph Muldong and 619 for Orosco.

The reason for the delay was the need to manually count some 300 supplemental ballots, which Solano County had to supply to voters in October following their failure to include Area 2 on the county's official ballot. A portion of the Winters school district lies outside of Yolo County and there was confusion in Fairfield at the Solano County Registrar of Voters office about the fact that voters in that area

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## City council, planners schedule joint session

The Tuesday, Dec. 7, city council meeting will begin 30 minutes early for a joint session with the planning commission to discuss land designations and zoning of properties along

Grant Avenue between Morgan Street and Interstate 505. The meeting begins at 5 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall.

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Photo by Debra DeAngelo

Winters Chamber of Commerce Vice President Dan Maguire (left) and Chamber board member Nancy Meyer help get the decorations in place for the Christmas tree lighting, planned for Saturday, Dec. 4, at 5 p.m. in Rotary Park.

## FEELIN' FESTIVE

By DEBRA DeANGELO  
Express editor

Santa Claus is comin' to town — our town. Youngsters and the young at heart will greet him Winters style, not by sleigh and reindeer but on a shiny Winters firetruck, the highlight of the annual Christmas tree lighting festivities beginning at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 4, at Rotary Park.

Holiday festivities are planned all day, beginning with the annual FFA Christmas tree sale at 9 a.m. at the Winters High School ag site on Niemann Street. Funds raised from the sale of fresh fir trees and wreaths will help support the Winters FFA. The sale goes until 5 p.m. and resumes the following day at 9 a.m., and will last until the trees are sold out. FFA members will provide free refreshments, and can deliver trees as well. The Winters Community Center halls will be

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Photo by Debra DeAngelo

Noel Gutierrez, 5, got an impromptu visit with Santa Claus at the Winters Library recently. Santa was getting ready for the WFol Family Holiday Festival on Saturday, Dec. 4

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WEATHER

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

| Date    | Rain | HI | Lo |
|---------|------|----|----|
| Nov. 24 | .01  | 60 | 34 |
| Nov. 25 |      | 52 | 37 |
| Nov. 26 |      | 54 | 30 |
| Nov. 27 | .12  | 56 | 41 |
| Nov. 28 | .24  | 55 | 30 |
| Nov. 29 |      | 55 | 32 |
| Nov. 30 |      | 56 | 34 |

Rain for week: .37  
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## OBITUARY

### Constance Wilson

Constance "Connie" Yvette Wilson passed away at her home in Woodland, with her family by her side, on Monday, Nov. 22, 2010. She was 78.

A native of Chicopee, Mass., she was born Feb. 5, 1932, to Ovilla and Antonia Gladu.

Wilson is survived by her husband of 59 years, Jim Wilson, one son and three daughters. She is also survived by nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Family members said she will be fondly remembered for her love of gardening and playing bridge.

Memorial contributions may be made, at Wilson's request, to Yolo Hospice, 1909 Galileo Court, Suite A, Davis, CA 95618.

A private family graveside service is planned at Sacramento Valley National Cemetery. Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Bryan-Braker Funeral Home in Dixon. For more information, call (707) 693-0292 or visit the online guest-book at [www.bryanbraker.com](http://www.bryanbraker.com).

### Weekly police report

#### Nov. 21-22

~ 9 p.m. to 5:40 a.m., 200 block of White Oak Lane, a stereo and iPod were stolen from an unlocked vehicle. Loss: \$900.

#### Nov. 22

~ 12:38 p.m., Francisco Javier Garcia, 31, of Winters was arrested for violation of parole. Garcia was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to the Yolo County Jail for incarceration.

#### Nov. 23

~ 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., 1000 block of Hemenway Street, someone broke into a residence. Jewelry, a camera, MP3 player, stereo speakers and coins were stolen. Approximate loss: \$835.

~ 1 p.m., 900 block of East Grant Avenue, a vehicle was towed for having expired vehicle registration in excess of six months.

~ 7:55 p.m., first block of Edwards Street, parties were involved in a domestic dispute.

#### Nov. 23-24

~ 12 p.m. to 11 a.m., Railroad Avenue and Main Street, a cement table was flipped over and broken. Damage: \$600.

#### Nov. 24

~ 7:26 a.m., first block of Main Street, a 30-pack of beer was stolen from a delivery pallet. Loss: \$22.

~ 9:36 a.m., Robert Lee Whalen, 41, a transient, was arrested on an outstanding San Benito Sheriff's Department bench warrant charging him with failure to appear on previous charge of trespassing. Whalen was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to the Yolo County Jail for

incarceration.

~ 5:04 p.m., Martha Genoveva Vasquez, 43, of Winters, was arrested on an outstanding Yolo County Sheriff's bench warrant charging her with failure to appear on previous charges of driving with a suspended/revoked driver's license, failing to have two license plates affixed to a vehicle, driving a vehicle with expired registration and failing to provide proof of insurance. Vasquez was booked at the Winters Police Department and released on a notice to appear.

#### Nov. 27

~ 3:24 p.m., Jennifer Renee Jones, 29, of Winters was issued a notice to appear for driving with a suspended/revoked driver's license and driving at an unsafe speed.

~ 11 p.m., 100 block of Colby Lane, a cut was made into the soft top of a vehicle. Damage: \$200.

#### Nov. 29

~ 7:47 a.m., a 17-year-old Winters juvenile was issued a notice to appear for possessing tobacco products.

~ 7:52 a.m., a 15-year-old Winters juvenile was issued a notice to appear for possessing tobacco products and violating probation.

~ 12:58 p.m., Steven James Duncan, 20, of Winters was arrested on an outstanding warrant of arrest charging him with three counts of participation in oral copulation with a person under 18 years of age and contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Duncan was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to the Yolo County Jail for incarceration.

### Bereavement group offered

Yolo Hospice has a drop-in bereavement group for adults, which is available to the Winters community.

Registration is not necessary and there is no fee to participate.

The group meets on

the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 10 to 11 a.m. at Yolo Hospice, 1909 Galileo Court, Suite A, in Davis.

Call 758-5566 or 1-800-491-7711 for more information.

## YESTERYEAR



File photo

**Waggoner Elementary School cheerleaders and student body officers in the fall of 1966 are pictured above. From left are cheerleaders Mary Fernandez, Debbie Williver, Phyllis Keith, Rosemary Nance; secretary Donna Rominger, vice president Susie Reimers, president Debbie Snow and treasurer Annette Paul.**

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YEARS AGO

#### December 15, 1960

The U.S. Census Bureau this week released the official census figures for Winters for 1960 at 1,700, minus seven persons from the unofficial figure given out last spring.

Andrew E. Danzero was elected chairman of the Winters Farm Bureau for the coming year at last night's meeting. John McCoy was chosen vice chairman and Ben Shimomura as secretary-treasurer.

Two former Napa County ranchers won a \$410,000 judgment from the federal government for land taken for the Solano Project. The award went to Joseph Burt Scribner and Eugene Pat Scribner, now farming north of town. The government had offered \$210,000 for the ranch buildings and 735 acres, while the Scribners had asked for \$433,000.

The title of "world's meanest thief" could go to the person or persons who stole about \$55 from the Christmas tree lot being operated by the Boy Scouts. Dr. A.C. Goheen, Scoutmaster, said that the theft occurred Tuesday.

Bert Coman, Harry Sattazahn, Robbie Coman, Alden Whitney and Ben Shimomura all attended the 49er game at Kezar Stadium last Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Elliott of San Anselmo visited with the latter's brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon S. Johnston, this last weekend.

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YEARS AGO

#### December 14, 1945

A monkey was presented to George Conard and Jack Burton by a man who bought it in the Philippines. The monkey, about six months old, is reported to be very small, healthy and bright. It is at the Conard home.

Tony Garcia, son of Mary Garcia of Winters, was discharged from army service December 4 following three years of service in New Guinea, Philippines, Australia and Hawaii.

A public meeting of land owners and residents of the Dixon area, in the interest of Monticello Dam, will be held Thursday evening, December 20, at the American Legion Hall in Dixon, under auspices of the Solano County Water Council.

Miss Juanita Lopez, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rafael Lopez of Winters will exchange vows with Frank Ramos, son of Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Ramos, Saturday at the local Catholic Church.

Miss Dicie Constant, daughter of Rev. Constant, and Gloria McDowell, plan to spend their Christmas vacation in Salinas with the former's sister, Mrs. W.O. Sharp.

C.C. Fehl, of the Variety Store, is looking forward to the arrival of his daughter, Mrs. Margaret Revers, of Detroit, Saturday.

The American Legion has presented legislation to Congress to declare August 14, the day Japan surrendered, as a national holiday, or the World War II equivalent of Armistice Day of World War I.

## Berryessa static in past week

The level of Lake Berryessa remained static during the past week, falling .01 of a foot, with a reduction in storage of 161 acre feet of water, according to Ken Emigh of the Solano Irrigation District.

He reported Tuesday morning that the lake was 412.49 feet above sea level, with storage computed at 1,069,387 acre feet of water.

The SID is diverting 30 second feet of water into the Putah South Canal and 27 second feet is flowing in Putah Creek at the Diversion Dam.

Evaporation on Lake Berryessa averaged 35 acre feet of water per day during the week.

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YEARS AGO

#### December 14, 1895

Arthur Hilborn of Suisun, who was in Capay Valley a few days last week prospecting for coal, returned home Sunday.

David Hayes has purchased two new plows, the invention of Spaulding and Robbins, and manufactured by the California Disc Plow Company, at Stockton, which are considered a great improvement over the ordinary share plow now in general use.

G.W. Hemenway has received two carloads of lumber this week, which is the nucleus of a lumber yard he intends conducting here in the future.

George Anderson, a brother of Mrs. Nannie Morris, arrived from West Virginia on Friday of last week on a visit to his sister.

Miss Maude North returned on the 11 o'clock train Wednesday morning from an extended visit with her brother and other relatives in Oakland.

W.H. Gregory informs us that he has recently closed sales of land in the McMahan tract to Joseph A. Black of Vacaville, James Clark of Dixon, and H.E. McCune, also of Dixon.



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# LARKEY

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been displayed at the Winters Library and the Yolo County Historical Museum. A recent showing, entitled “The Wheels of History” featuring photographs of bicycles, tricycles and farm wagons was displayed at Berryessa Gap, the Winters Visitor Center, Winters Center for the Arts and Steady Eddy’s.

Currently, a collection of fruit crate labels is on exhibit at Lester Farms Bakery, where it will stay through December.

“Thanks to a lot of people that have contributed and worked hard, donating their time and talents, that’s been a fun project.”

Larkey grew up in Davis and moved back to that city when her husband, Richard, started his medical practice there. At that time, in the 1960s, citizens in Davis were beginning to think about saving their historic landmarks and Larkey was recruited to support that effort. That kindled her interest in the history of Yolo County and its cities.

“One thing just led to another,” says Larkey.

She later wrote a series of articles on Davis’ history (“Portraits of the Past”), and helped found the Yolo County Historical Society. She worked on the Davis centennial celebration in 1968 and sat on the Yolo County Board of Supervisors’ Historical Landmark Advisory Committee.

Her connection to Winters history began in 1974, before she moved to town, when that group asked her to address the Winters City Council and invite them to appoint their own historical landmark advisory commit-

tee. During that time, Winters was planning for its own centennial celebration, in 1975—so the community was already primed and the council eventually did appoint a committee.

“A lot of people got involved with that,” says Larkey.

She points to the Winters Express’ special Centennial Edition, featuring articles about Winters’ history and founding citizens, including Wolfskill and Theodore Winters, as one of the focal points of that movement, “That got a lot of people interested.”

Larkey remembers that another volunteer movement was also underway, planning for construction of the Winters Community Center, and, she says, “with projects like that, you sort of start on one and then it leads to another.”

Speaking of one thing leading to another. Larkey’s love for local history led her to author and contribute to several works on the subject. In 1983, she was a contributing researcher to “Winters Architectural Heritage: A Guide to the Historic Architecture of Winters, California.” She later co-authored “Yolo County: Land of Changing Patterns, An Illustrated history,” with Shipley Walters, in 1987. She focused on Winters history with her book “Winters: A Heritage of Horticulture, a Harmony of Purpose,” in 1991.

Not wanting to talk about her own accomplishments, Larkey would rather praise Winters residents’ connection to the past, a past that provided a wealth of material for her latest project.

“Winters has a fantastic photo collection for a small community...people save things here.”

She realized that

there was a treasure trove of photographs in Winters in the 1970s and 80s when she and a group of Winters historians met once a month at the old Savings & Loan building on Main Street to listen to Winters “pioneers” tell stories about Winters and the people who founded it.

The stories were tape-recorded and the photos collected were taken to the Yolo County Archives, rather than being left to sit in attics or basements. She’s grateful for the opportunity to preserve those pictures, “otherwise we may have lost a great deal.”

Larkey enjoys her work, which is clearly a labor of love; she can’t count the number of hours spent on the Winters History Project, however she says, “they are hours well spent.”

She credits Winters residents with motivating her to find out more about Winters. Most often, she says, it’s the newest residents who ask questions about the town’s history.

“People really need a sense of place.”

In addition to her volunteer work on this project, she also spends one day a week working in the garden at the Yolo County Historical Museum.

“I love to be outside,” she says.

That statement is made evident by the gardens that surround her home in the hills northwest of Winters, lush and blooming even in late November, “we have a lot of work around here on the ranch also.”

Asked what’s next for her, Larkey smiles. “I’m trying to downscale.”

She’d love to see young people get involved in the Winters History Project — she believes a connection to the past helps keep peo-

ple grounded in the present.

There are still many photos to be collected and preserved, but in order to do the job right she says, it takes money. Each photo has to be copied, matted and framed at a cost of about \$30-\$40 each. The originals are either kept in the archives or returned to their owners. The group plans to continue to work on the project, looking for new ways to raise funds and always looking for new volunteers to assist with the effort. She has faith that the project will continue.

“The great thing is that people are willing to contribute to the community welfare. That’s something that’s really very special about Winters.”

Anyone who is interested in submitting a photo or helping with the project may contact the committee through the Winters Visitor Center by calling 795-2329 and leaving a message with contact information.

Asked how she feels about the Citizen of the Year honor, she pauses.

“I was very humbled and overwhelmed by the news,” she says. “I’m grateful and in good company. The people [who were picked] in previous years have done a lot more than I have.”

Larkey will be honored as citizen of the year at the Chamber of Commerce Year in Review Celebration on Saturday, Jan. 22, at the Community Center. For tickets or more information, call the Chamber

The Winters  
Visitors Center  
is located at  
11 Main Street.  
Everyone welcome  
to stop by.

# RESULTS

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needed to be able to make a choice among candidates for the city seat.

That vote count was then transmitted to Yolo County to be recorded and certified as the final and official tally.

Maguire, along with other new trustees David Reynoso, Robyn Rominger, Robert Warren and Michael Olivas, will take the oath of office at the Thursday,

Dec. 9, board meeting.

At that meeting, the trustees will a board president and board clerk to serve for the upcoming year. They will also appoint the superintendent as board secretary, as outlined in board policy.

The terms of the departing members expired on Nov 30. Should there be an emergency requiring board action before next week’s scheduled meeting, the new board would be sworn in early to deal with it.



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## Weekly fire activity report

**Nov. 15**  
~ 400 block of Anderson Avenue, medical aid, victim of a fall

**Nov. 16**  
~ 20000 block of County Road 28, medical aid, victim down in the field  
~ 100 block of West Grant Ave, medical aid, victim fainted

**Nov. 17**  
~ 700 block of Foxglove Circle, medical aid, chest pains  
~ 1000 block of Washington Avenue, unknown medical aid  
~ Interstate 505 and County Road 31, grass fire  
~ 700 block of Valley Oak Drive, investigation of strange smell

**Nov. 18**  
~ 600 block of Manzanita Way, medical aid, difficulty breathing  
~ 600 block of Ivy Loop, unknown medical aid  
~ 100 block of First Street medical aid, victim of a fall

**Nov. 19**  
~ 400 block of Morgan Street, victim of a fall

**Nov. 20**  
~ 1000 block of Adams Lane, medical aid, finger laceration

**Nov. 22**  
~ 100 block of Martinez Way, unknown medical aid

**Nov. 24**  
~ 1000 block of Washington Avenue, medical aid

**Nov. 25**  
~ 300 block of

# Opinion

## LETTERS

### Dinner will support academics

I am currently an Achievements Via Individual Determination (AVID) teacher and the Academic Decathlon coach here at Winters High School. Due to budget cuts (as we all know), we have limited amounts of funding to keep these programs adequately funded to provide services to our students here at WHS.

Both programs promote rigorous curriculum and access to college prep. As one of the many teachers here at the high school, I am trying to promote more of a college-going atmosphere for all our students, and I believe the AVID and Academic Decathlon can do just that.

So to keep these valuable programs alive, I am putting on a holiday dinner at the Community Center on Sunday, Dec. 12, from 5-8 p.m. The dinner will include roast chicken, sides, salad and desserts. We are also going to have a silent auction, a 50-50 raffle, a craft table for kids, face painting, and all kinds of activities for families and adults alike.

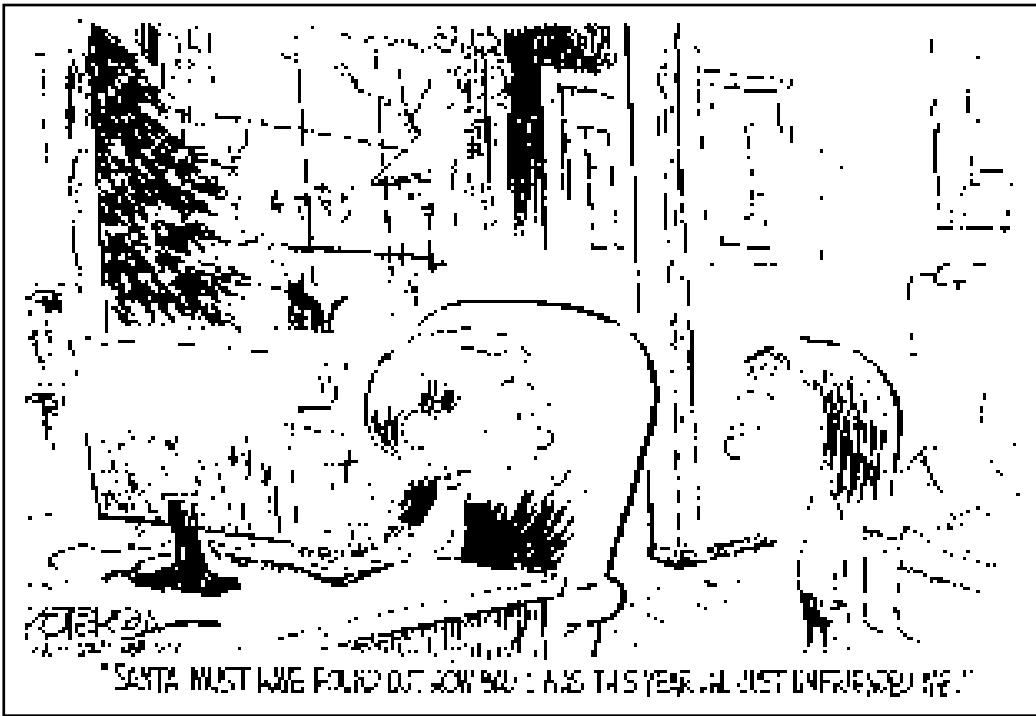
I know we are all busy and strapped for time and cash with so many fundraisers, but I am looking for people to buy tickets and come to our event. I am also looking for donations for our silent auction.

Please let me know if you can buy tickets or help with donations for our auction.

**OLIVIA RODRIGUEZ**  
Winters High School

### Thanks for helping with brick project

After a year of planning, the brick project at WHS is finally completed. If you didn't get an engraved brick, there will be another opportunity in September 2011.



Many thanks to Don Levy and his workers, Eric Lucero, Sal Toro, Tony Luna, Efren del Toro and Juan Valeriano. Hard work was made easy by the equipment you provided, your promptness and advice. Thank you Gary Castillo for all your recommendations concerning safety, etc.

Eric Lucero, "thanks" is an inadequate word for everything you made possible, no matter what hour of the day when the project needed equipment or advice.

School board member David Reynoso, your dedication on this project was beyond the call of duty. Gracias for the nights and long hours you spent cutting and laying bricks. It was obvious that you love this town and WHS.

Adding flair, humor and hard work shoveling gravel/sand were Kim and Matt Kimes, their daughters Sarah and Hannah, Marcella Heredia, Ray and Molly Goldbar, Pedro Garcia, Katie Clark, Mariah Warner and Bobbie Greenwood.

Providing expertise and hard work laying the bricks was Salvador Segura. Muchas gracias!

Bobbie Greenwood, special thanks for the nights and long hours sweeping sand that at times seemed to multiply in the darkness! It was fun!

It does take a town to produce a "thing of beauty." Come see it.

**G. McCREARY**

### Volunteers made dinner successful

This was the 12th Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner, and with each year I am overwhelmed with gratitude for the willingness and the unity of the community that makes this annual event more than the blessing of a free dinner; the volunteers that put in time and the volunteers who contribute financially for this dinner is a celebration in service to the community and their neighbors.

Working alongside other leaders and potential leaders, each doing their part, making the whole a success, is an awesome experience. We had over 100 volunteers assist in this year's Winters Community Thanksgiving Dinner. To list all the names would be an exhaustive letter; bear with me as I summarize.

People brought entertainment, set up, cleaned up, and 75 people cooked turkeys, stuffing, potatoes and gravy, green beans, cranberry sauce, bread and pie, resulting in 631 served plates, 25 home deliveries, 50 meals to Fairfield Juvenile Hall, and about 200 to the Loaves & Fishes homeless camp. That's 906 served meals, thanks to all of you.

Chris Novello and his culinary class made mashed potatoes, green

beans and filled up every plate in two shifts. The Buckhorn made the gravy. Russ and Monica Rodriguez checked in the turkeys and stuffing from a list Heather Hagy created as they arrived. Individuals sliced all the pies and cranberries, and opened over 100 cans of green beans and cranberries.

The Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts set up the tables and seated the guests. Girl Scouts, and the middle school girls from St. Anthony's decorated the tables. City council members delivered meals to the homebound. Scott and Kara Miles introduced the entertainment and announced the raffle.

Raffle prizes, money and food were donated by our local generous merchants plus individuals. Donors included Lorenzo's Town & Country Market, 20 turkeys; Cache Creek Casino, Putah Creek Café, Vintage Paving, First Northern Bank, Ace Hardware, Turkovich Family Winery, Subway, Round Table Pizza, Warrior Video, Winters Fire Department volunteers, Winters Rotary Club, Winters Chamber of Commerce, Winters Soroptimist, Eagle Drug, Cody's, Lester Farms, the City of Winters, Gloria Lopez and the Heilman family.

We received donations at the bank and in cans distributed throughout Winters businesses and some

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CHARLES R. WALLACE

## A QUICK OPINION

### WE SHOULD ALL SAY THANK YOU.

We have elected new members to our school board. Because of a little controversy, we had plenty of people to choose from. Lost in the shuffle were the outgoing members who decided not to run, again.

Jay Shepherd served for 17 years, and if you don't think that is a long time, try it sometime. Stephanie Atherton served off and on, filling in when needed for over 6 years. Robert Nickelson served 5 years, one more than he wanted to because his term was extended until this election. Rodney Orosco served two terms, 9 years total, but was defeated when he ran for re-election.

Being on a school board isn't easy and most of the time, if not all of the time, it is a thankless job. You make time for meetings and school events when you should be with your family, working or enjoying life. You do get to meet a lot of people, some of whom you probably never want to see again. There are good times, when students, parents and teachers thank you for your effort to make them better people, but I don't think that happens often enough.

There are 4 new people on the board and I'll give them 3 months to start wondering what they got themselves into. The board usually isn't in the news, but with tight budgets, school closings, personnel decisions to be made, they drew the public's attention. The budget problems aren't going away anytime soon, but hopefully our enrollment has stabilized. The state is still responsible for funding our school and they can't find their way out of a paper bag, so hang on for the ride.

When you see Jay, Robert, Stephanie or Rodney, take a moment to tell them thank you for their time and effort. It should make everyone feel better. If you see the current school board members around town, Matt Brickey, David Hyde, Robyn Rominger, Rob Warren, Mike Olivias, David Reynoso and Dan Maguire, wish them luck.

**WINTERS WONDERLAND.** Everyone should try to make it to the annual Chamber of Commerce tree lighting this Saturday, December 4. Our tree has finally grown to where it looks like a community Christmas tree and not a Charlie Brown shrub. The event runs from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and is held at Rotary Park. Several merchants will remain open for people wanting to walk around our downtown after the singing and refreshments. The Rotary Club of Winters supplies cookies and hot chocolate for the hungry and cold while our music students usually entertain us with sing-a-long Christmas songs.

See you there.

## Make the season bright by doing some shopping here in your own community

Tired of turkey yet? Good. It's time to move on to the next holiday (only 22 shopping days left, by the way), and we know it's getting close when everything in the world seems to take place in Winters on the first Saturday in December.

If you aren't in the holiday spirit yet, head downtown on Saturday (after purchasing your Christmas tree at the FFA ag site, of course) and you'll find all sorts of festivities taking place at the annual WWFoL Family Holiday Festival at the Community Center until 2 p.m. That leaves time for a quick disco nap before the community Christmas tree lighting begins at 5 p.m. at Rotary Park.

Besides a lot of people putting in a lot of effort at all three events to help make spirits bright, this is a great time to visit all the downtown merchants who plan to stay open that evening. As you're cruising around, keep an eye out for gifts you could purchase here in town. And if you can't make it on Saturday, visit our local merchants another time.

As has become my annual tradition, I challenge everyone to purchase at least one substantial Christmas gift here in town and help keep some of that holiday sales tax here in Winters. It really does add up, and helps pay for things like police officers and swimming pools and recreation programs.

Last year, we tried to get a Chamber program off the ground entitled "The Buck Stays Here," and besides encouraging people to support their own community by shopping in their own community, also pointed out that Winters Bucks (available at the Chamber office, located inside the Winters Visitors Center) are convenient and easy ways to purchase versatile gift certificates that can be used at any Winters business. It's a great option for that difficult person on your gift list.

For a more personal touch, get a nice Christmas stocking and just wander around and fill it with trinkets and treats from our local businesses. Think of the variety of things available that are made right



DEBRA DeANGELO  
**BECAUSE I SAY SO**

here in Winters – wine, cheese, caramel corn, beef jerky, soap, honey, dried fruit, nuts, cookies. Who wouldn't want a stocking stuffed with that?

Another discovery I stumbled upon last year was The Clayground. I got a few bright ideas at the last minute and made some designs, and Rebecca made them happen. My ideas, set in ceramic! Perfect! You can also make things right there at the shop and I was thrilled to discover that if you screw it up, you don't have to pay all over again. You can pound your clay back into a ball and start over.

Yet another quick and easy gift idea; Cody's makes boxes of the most heavenly fudge and can have them all ready for you in cute little holiday boxes, bows and everything. You just call Theresa and order ahead: "Five gift boxes

of fudge by Tuesday." It will be all ready for you, and totally reasonably priced.

These are my little discoveries. Head downtown and make some of your own. Maybe we should start running a little section on this page... send me your gift discoveries and I'll list them? Why not. I'll start: Pacific Ace Hardware has locally made gourmet caramel corn that is to die for. Please don't buy all of it. I substitute it for lunch from time to time when I'm in a hurry. Ditto for beef jerky at the Winters Visitors Center.

So, why do I make this annual "shop in town" pitch? Because our local businesses are the backbone of this community. Not only does sales tax help support our General Fund, our local businesses are the major donors for all sorts of fundraisers,

from the Community Thanksgiving Dinner to Youth Day to Grad Nite. They donate supplies and prizes on a regular basis, and help support youth sports teams, music programs... you name it and one of our local merchants probably supported it in one way or the other. You don't truly have a community unless you have local businesses. Period.

Even though the wheels came off our "The Buck Stays Here" campaign and ended up stuck in the weeds, I'm hoping we can patch that baby up and get it back on track, maybe in a new and improved form, like getting the 3/50 Project going here in town. You can find out more about it at [www.350project.net](http://www.350project.net), but the concept is pretty simple: Everyone picks three businesses in town that they don't ever want to see close, and commits to spending \$50 total between the three every month. As for me, I can blow through my \$50 in one night at Ficelle, easy. Thank God they don't charge for the ajo.

You don't have to wait

for the Chamber to officially get the 3/50 Project going, however. You can commit to spend \$50 all on your own, and start by doing a little Christmas shopping here in town, either on Saturday night or any other day for that matter. Just ask yourself, every time you get in the car to purchase something out of town: "Could I buy that here in Winters?" And if you can — do it. You'll save time and gas money, and support your community too. And best of all: no traffic, no crowds, no searching for a place to park.

True, it's not reasonable or practical to do all your shopping here in town. Even I am not a purist of that level, not by a longshot. But let's all challenge ourselves to do a little better. Starting with one substantial Christmas gift purchased right here in town. What better way to kick off your own personal 3/50 Project?

And just in case I haven't mentioned it, Winters Express subscriptions make great Christmas gifts!

See you 'round the tree!



# Police department offers holiday safety tips

The Winters Police Department would like to offer the following tips to keep people safe this holiday season:

**Protect yourself while using an ATM**

- ~ If possible, avoid using an ATM after dark. If you must, choose one that is well-lighted and does not have tall bushes nearby. If someone else is using the ATM when you arrive, avoid standing right behind them.
- ~ When you arrive at an ATM, look around. If you see anything that makes you uncomfortable or anyone who looks suspicious, do not stop. Either use an ATM at a different location or come back later. Notify the authorities.
- ~ Have your access card and any other documents you need ready
- ~ Do not enter your PIN if anyone else can see the screen.

- Shield your PIN from onlookers by using your body.
- ~ When your transaction is finished, be sure you have your card and your receipt, and then leave immediately. Avoid counting or displaying large amounts of cash.
  - ~ Stay alert to your surroundings and people around you. If you think you are being followed, go to an area with a lot of people and call the police.

**Protect yourself while shopping**

- ~ Use the “buddy” system and shop with a friend whenever possible. Criminals prefer victims who are alone. If you are shopping alone, check to see if the store can provide an escort to your car.
- ~ Park near the store or mall entrance and in well traveled areas.
- ~ When waiting for public transportation or rides from

- friends, do so in busy, well-lit places.
- ~ Purses and wallets may become targets for crime in crowded shopping areas, bus stops, or on public transportation, so be extra cautious with your belongings in these areas.
  - ~ Use caution when approaching your vehicle. Stay alert and have your keys ready in your hand. Watch for anyone hiding in or loitering near your car.
  - ~ Lock your car and close your windows even if you are only gone for a few minutes. Lock your packages in your trunk whenever possible.
  - ~ Avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Use checks or credit cards with a low limit whenever possible to pay for purchases.
  - ~ If your credit cards are lost, stolen, or misused, notify the company immediately.

# LETTERS

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chose to be anonymous. Volunteers from Pioneer Presbyterian Church, First Baptist Church, Winters Community Church, Main Street Church and St. Anthony Catholic Church served the seated guests plates of food, hot apple cider and water.

Buffy Tuana and Jessica kept the two chocolate fountains flowing throughout the night. Don Davis had the popcorn machine popping continuously as guests enjoyed the entertainment. Luis Alvarado played background guitar music. The Kidz Praise team youngsters from Valley Church sang us some beautiful music. Kelly the Clown made balloon animals and gave us a silly magic show. The filled Community Center was hopping as Reese Harrington sang, then First Baptist Church performed two powerful skits that grabbed our full attention.

The room was packed all night with smiling friends and neighbors who enjoyed the evening. This unique yearly event is funded completely by donations. There is no cost for anyone to attend. A

non-profit status account set-up at the bank has been established if you would like to make a donation.

It amazes me every year how this community comes together to serve one another with joy and receives the same in return by helping out. There are many opportunities in this community. I would invite you to be a part of community service and get involved, and I would be glad to point you in the right direction of service for your talents. Just give me a call: 795-4824.

Thank you again, Winters volunteers, and be blessed.

**MARIE HEILMAN**  
Dinner coordinator

## Learn about college sports

If you are interested in playing sports in college, Jack Renkens can put you on the right track. Renkens is nationally known for his seminars on “Recruiting Realities” and will be speaking at the Winters High gymnasium on Monday, Dec. 6 at 7 p.m.

This session has already been paid for, so it is free to all. Jack will clarify recruiting myths and provide tips to par-

ents and students serious about taking their high school athletics to the next level.

**TOM CRISP**

## It’s a win-win situation

In 2002, the city of Austin, Texas commissioned a study to understand how money moved through a community. They found for every \$100 spent at a local independent business, \$45 continues to circulate within the local economy. This money supports salaries of firefighters, police, teachers, etc.

For every \$100 spent at a non-local corporate business, such as a fast food outlet etc., only \$13 stays in the community. This model has been adopted by some Cali-

fornia cities to support local business.

In the town of Winters, if 7,000 people each bought \$200 worth of corporate fast food per year (every man, woman and child — babies too) the population could support one salary (7,000 times \$26 = \$182,000) of an upper level city employee. It would appear as nothing else could be funded but one salary — that is a win!

If the population has health issues from buying such continuous quantities of fast food (still debated) the good news: We have a local independent health clinic, and that is \$45 per \$100. The \$45 rate is a win!

It appears the future is a win-win!

**RICK PURVIS**

# Deadline to sign up for Christmas basket is Friday

The annual Christmas basket giveaway takes place on Dec. 18 at the Community Center, 9:30 a.m. to noon.

To qualify for a basket, sign up at City Hall by Friday, Dec. 3. City Hall is open weekdays

from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Identification and proof of residency will be required.

There will be a limited number of baskets, so sign-ups will be on a first come, first served basis.

# COUNCIL

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Following the joint session, the council will have a regular meeting. The agenda includes:

- ~ Public hearing regarding the amendment of the city municipal code to establish the office of Fire Chief and the Winters Fire Department.
- ~ Public hearing regarding the amendment of the city municipal code to delete designated inactive commissions as standing commissions, to designate city officers or departments as having authority over the former duties of these commissions and resolving

code ambiguities between the zoning administrator and community services director.

~ AT&T mobility claim against the city.

~ Resolution regarding the 2010-11 Supplemental Education Revenue Augmentation Fund shift.

~ Resolution to approve and amendment to the contract between CalPERS and the city to provide a “two percent at 50” retirement formula for police officers and introduce an ordinance authorizing the amendment of the CalPERS contract.

~ Summary on acquisition of old library building at 201 First Street.

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# FIRE

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Hillview Lane, life alert activated

- ~ 100 block of First Street, medical aid, possible heart attack

**Nov. 26**

- ~ 700 block of Village Circle, medical aid seizures
- ~ Highway 128 east of Interstate 505, car fire

**Nov. 27**

- ~ Canyon Creek Resort, medical aid, abdominal pain
- ~ 700 block of Main Street, medical aid, chest pains
- ~ 10 block of Abbey Street, medical aid, victim of a fall

**Nov. 28**

- ~ 400 block of Morgan Street, medical aid, victim of a fall
- ~ Interstate 505 south of Putah Creek, grass fire

# Community

## Senior Citizens Club news

By MARGE SEBASTIAN  
Special to the Express

Our November meeting/potluck was held on Wednesday, Nov. 10, at the Community Center.

Due to the serious illness of our president, Rina Waddell, our vice president, Ursula Navarro, presided.

We would like to thank Marie Heilman for cooking the turkey and mashed potatoes for us. Also, thanks to those who brought dishes to share that went very well with the main course.

Our drawing table had many gifts mostly donated by Ursula Navarro. Thank you Ursula and all those who brought gifts. If you have won a gift lately, it would be nice if you could bring one for our next drawing.

In December, our luncheon will be catered by Cody's. You do not need to bring a dish of any kind. However, you must be a paid-up member to attend or a volunteer who helps us on our potluck days.

Santa will make his annual visit to us and if you wish, you may have your picture taken with him.

The December meeting will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 8. We ask you to please be present by 11:30 a.m. After lunch, we will play bingo for our brown bag prizes.

## YoloLINK is directory for local services

YoloLINK is Yolo County's community resource directory of over 900 organizations and programs that provide services to Yolo County residents, linking people in need to programs and services designed to provide assistance. The YoloLINK database, a product of the Yolo County Library and sponsored by the Yolo County Department of Employment & Social Services, the City of Davis, Yolo County and the City of Woodland, is continually updated with contents available online at [www.yololink.org](http://www.yololink.org) and in hard copy format.

For more information about the YoloLINK community resource directory contact Yolo LINK, 666-8007.



YVONNE MARTINEZ and DANIEL MALONEY

## Martinez, Maloney to exchange vows

Mrs. Daniel Martinez is proud to announce the engagement of her daughter Yvonne Marie Martinez to Daniel Patrick Maloney, son of Michael Maloney of Tooele, Utah.

Dan lives in Carson City, Nevada, where he is a superintendent for Gilbane Building Co. He met Yvonne while visiting his brother in Santa Rosa. Yvonne lives in Santa Rosa and is a counselor at Santa Rosa High School.

The happy couple is getting married on Saturday, Feb. 19, 2011 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Vacaville. The reception will be at St. Anthony Parish Hall in Winters. Dan and Yvonne will be surrounded by family and friends but will feel the absence of Yvonne's father, the late Daniel Martinez and Dan's mother, the late Bernice Maloney and mom, the late Lynn Maloney.

The couple will make their home in Santa Rosa.

## VFW invites area veterans of foreign wars to join group

All Winters area U.S. veterans of foreign wars are invited to join Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 11091.

The group supports many nonprofit organizations in and around the Winters area by fundraising, placing flags around the city on Flag Day and other patriotic holidays and

much more. The VFW takes part in the Youth Day parade and honors veterans buried at the Winters and Cottonwood cemeteries.

The group meets at 7 p.m. on the third Monday of each month.

For more information, call Don, 795-1869; John, 795-0751; Roy, 681-7934; or Harold, 795-3124.

## Service men and women can get free subscription

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## Applications available for city Economic Advisory Committee

The City of Winters is seeking applications for an Economic Advisory Committee, which will address economic development and planning/design issues along the Grant Avenue corridor. The committee will meet twice monthly between February and July and will make recommendations

to the Winters City Council and Planning Commission. Regular attendance is required. Appointees will be required to file financial disclosure forms.

Committee appointments will be made by city council members.

All potential members must complete an application. To get an

application, contact Tracy Jensen at City Hall, 795-4910, extension 100, or Nanci Mills, 795-4910, extension 101, or visit [www.cityofwinters.org/pdf/pc\\_interest\\_form\\_2009.pdf](http://www.cityofwinters.org/pdf/pc_interest_form_2009.pdf).

Return completed applications to City of Winters, 318 First Street, Winters, CA by Dec. 31.

## Sierra Club group plans potluck, film

The Sierra Club Yolano Group invites the community to a holiday potluck and a showing of the film, "Finding Farley."

An evening of food, entertainment and fellowship is planned on Thursday, Dec. 9, from 7-9 p.m. in the Margaret Parsons Community Room at the Winters Community Library, 708 Railroad Avenue. The potluck will begin at 7 p.m. with the film to follow at approximately 7:45.

When writer Karsten Heuer and filmmaker Leanne Allison (filmmakers of the award-winning film, "Being Caribou") along with their 2-year old son Zev and dog Willow set out to retrace the literary footsteps of one of Canada's most famous writers, they meant it literally.

"Finding Farley" is the young family's cross-country adventure to visit Canadian literary legend, Farley Mowat. Their 5000 km journey

through the heart of Canada rediscovers the people and places that inspired Farley Mowat's most acclaimed books from "Owls in the Family" to "People of the Deer."

Bring your favorite dish to share, and to help cut down on waste, bring your own plates, cups and utensils.

The Yolano Group will provide beverages.

For more information, contact Nieberg, 756-6856 or [pnieberg@dcn.davis.ca.us](mailto:pnieberg@dcn.davis.ca.us).

## Winters Community Library hours

The Winters Community Library, located at 708 Railroad Avenue, is open Monday through Saturday.

The hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays; 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Fridays; and 1-5 p.m. on Saturdays.

The library will open at noon on Monday, Dec. 13. It will be closed from 8 a.m. to noon for a staff meeting.

For more information about services and programs, call the library, 795-4955.

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## Calendar

**Thursday, December 2**

**Winters Rotary Club meeting**, noon, The Buckhorn

**Bilingual Storytime**, 6:30 p.m., Winters Community Library

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

**Friday, December 3**

**"It's A Wonderful Life,"** 8 p.m., Community Center

**Saturday, December 4**

**FFA Christmas Tree Sale**, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Winters High School ag site

**WFOl Family Holiday Festival**, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Community Center

**Canyon Outing, "Natural History,"** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Stebbins Cold Canyon; email [jfa-lyn@ucdavis.edu](mailto:jfa-lyn@ucdavis.edu) to attend

**Community Christmas Tree Lighting**, 5 p.m., Rotary Park

**"It's A Wonderful Life,"** 8 p.m., Community Center

**Sunday, December 5**

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

**FFA Christmas Tree Sale**, 9 a.m. until sold out, Winters High School ag site

**"It's A Wonderful Life,"** 8 p.m., Community Center

**Tuesday, December 7**

**Alcoholics Anonymous meeting**, 6-7 a.m., 305 First Street

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

**Wednesday, December 8**

**Soroptimist meeting**, 7 a.m., call 795-4631 or 795-2828 for location information

**Senior Citizens Club meeting and potluck**, 11:30 a.m., Community Center

**Narcotics Anonymous meeting**, 7 p.m., 62 Shams Way

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# Winters wanderings: Ireland a wondrous place to visit

By GARY DOUGLAS  
Tribal Elder  
Special to the Express

On Oct. 20, I began an exciting two-week journey to Ireland, visiting both the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland. This was my second visit. I first visited Ireland as well as Scotland in 2003.

I arrived in Dublin the following day, which is always confusing, since there is an eight-hour time difference between California and Ireland. For the first four days, I bounced around the Temple district of Dublin, an old neighborhood in which there are many quaint pubs and shops, listening to some fantastic Irish music each evening.

On the fourth day, I began a seven-day odyssey with about 50 young people (in their '20s), appropriately called the seven-day Ireland Rocker tour.

We left Dublin heading south and west into the lush green Irish countryside. We passed the River Liffey, eventually reaching the Blarney Castle in what the Irish call the rebel county of Cork.

Since I'd already kissed the Blarneystone at the castle before, I instead went to the Blarney Mills nearby to inspect their famous Irish woollens and hopefully find a few sweaters for presents. That same night, we ended up in the party town of Killarney. I completed the evening at O'Connors, a traditional Irish pub where they hosted the theatre production of a collection of pub stories by a masterful storyteller in the traditional

Irish brogue.

During the second day of the tour, we explored the Dingle Peninsula, where they still speak Gaelic — or at least there were people whom I could not understand a single word!

The third day we visited the spectacular Cliffs of Moher. The tall sheer cliffs extend 700 feet above sea level, alive with nesting seabirds, including Puffins, Petrels and Cormorants.

The fourth day, we departed from shore at Galway and rode a ferry about a half hour to the island of Inis Mor, the largest of the Aran Islands. Unfortunately, it rained all day while we visited this traditional Irish commune. No matter — most of us from the tour spent the damp day in a quaint pub that looked as if it just came out of the Harry Potter movie. The young people, who were from all corners of the world, drank their pints of Irish ale, while I drank hot cups of coffee.

The next day we were in Northern Ireland. Of course, we changed from Euros to British Pounds since Northern Ireland is considered part of the United Kingdom. We entered the walled city of Derry, where we took a tour of this more than 1,000 year-old city.

Our tour guide explained to us about the "Troubles," when they witnessed their own civil rights movement in 1968 and Bloody Sunday on Jan. 30, 1972. Of course, their history reminded me of the 2nd Wounded Knee incident in 1973, when the U.S. government brought in federal

troops to the Pine Ridge Reservation, just like the British did at Derry, and in both cases innocent lives were lost when the troops fired on non-military protesters.

The next day we traveled over to The Giant's Causeway, a natural pavement of huge rocks projecting into the Atlantic Ocean on Ireland's north coast. The Irish legends state that it was a causeway linking Ireland and Scotland, created by a giant named Finn MacCool, wanting to do battle with a rival giant in Scotland.

The next day, we arrived in Belfast, where we learned more about the turmoil between the British troops, the Loyalists and the Republican Sympathizers. It just so happened that we arrived on Halloween eve, so we went to a nearby pub where everyone was dressed in costume and all had fun.

The following day we took a Black Cab tour of Belfast City, seeing the famous political murals and learned more about the "Troubles." Afterwards, we returned to Dublin late that evening.

Although I was clearly the elder in this group, I thoroughly enjoyed the camaraderie and the fact that all the young people were willing to walk long distances each day, and that it was a cheap trip since we stayed in hostels each night. I spent four more days in Dublin on my own visiting several museums.

Two days before departing to the States, I led a discussion with Irish history students at



Courtesy photo

Winters resident Gary Douglas visited Coumeenole Beach during his recent trip to Ireland.



Courtesy photo

Gary Douglas' visit to Ireland featured a trip to see the cliffs along Ireland's coast.

Trinity College, discussing my thesis on American Indians in World War II, the media's positive stereotype of their participation during this period, and then opened up the

discussion for their ment.

All in all, I would recommend Ireland as a wondrous place to visit and appreciate its people, their culture and the natural environ-

(Have you wandered away from Winters to visit faraway places? Send your stories and JPEG photos to [news@wintersexpress.com](mailto:news@wintersexpress.com))

## Onsum to retire from First Northern Bank

First Northern Community Bancorp has announced that Owen J. Onsum, 66, is retiring as President & Chief Executive Officer, effective at the end of 2010. Onsum, a 39-year veteran of First Northern Bank, was appointed to the Board of Directors in 1996 and elevated to the position of President & CEO in 1997. He will remain a member of the Board of Directors post retirement.

When Onsum joined First Northern Bank in 1972, the Bank had \$17 million in total assets and two bank branches. During his tenure as President & CEO, he led the Company from \$265 million in total assets to \$727 million today. Other accomplishments attained under Onsum's leadership have includ-

ed: Internet Banking, the Company's SBA Loan Department, Asset Management & Trust Department, the expansion of both the Bank's Real Estate Mortgage operation and Investment & Brokerage Services, as well as new branches in Woodland, Downtown Vacaville, Roseville, Downtown Sacramento, Auburn, and a satellite banking office in Davis' University Retirement Community.

Louise A. Walker, the Company's Senior Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer will replace Onsum as President & CEO; she will also become a member of the Board of Directors. Walker joined First Northern Bank in 1979 and has been a member of Se-

nior Management since 1989. During her career, she has held a variety of positions which included head of Operations and Data Processing and the oversight of Human Resources, Risk Management, Compliance, Accounting and Finance.

"Her experience, energy, intellectual capacity, and steadiness make her the perfect choice as my successor," says John Onsum. "I have every confidence in Louise's capability to lead First Northern Community Bancorp through the remainder of the current economic cycle and well into the Company's next couple of decades."

Walker graduated from Dixon High School and has a BA in Man-

agement from Saint Mary's College of California. She is vice chairman of the California Bankers Association's State Government Relations Committee, a past member of Western Independent Bankers Service Corporation Board, a founding board member and treasurer of the Dixon Community Education Foundation, a member and past president of Soroptimist International of Dixon where she served on the Education Committee, chaired the Ways & Means Committee, and also served as treasurer.

First Northern Bank marked its 100th year in business on Feb. 1, 2010. For information on the bank, visit [www.thatsmybank.com](http://www.thatsmybank.com).

The December Chamber Mixer will feature the annual Chili Cookoff! Monday, Dec. 13, 5:30 p.m. at Realty World

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## FESTIVE

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decked by 10 a.m. on Saturday for the Annual Family Holiday Festival, sponsored by the Winters Friends of the Library. Although Santa will make his official entrance at the tree lighting ceremony, he is expected to stop by the Community Center with one of his elves to visit with children and for photos.

The Community Center will be bustling with all sorts of children's activities, such as making tin trivets, beeswax candles, glitter star ornaments and special jigsaw puzzles. A gift-wrapping station will be available for children to wrap their projects for gifts if they choose.

Hand-decorated 28-inch Christmas wreaths

will be available for \$35 each, a Scholastic Book Fair is planned and Mrs. Claus' Café will be serving lunch. Entertainment will last throughout the festival, which ends at 2 p.m., and will feature Winters students and choirs from several campuses.

The entire community is invited to gather at the gazebo at Rotary Park at 5 p.m. for cookies and hot chocolate provided by the Winters Rotary Club, as the Christmas tree lighting ceremony gets underway. Many downtown businesses will be staying open late and offering special treats and sales for the evening. A printed program will be available listing the specials offered by participating businesses.

The annual event is coordinated by the Winters Chamber of Commerce, and Chamber

Vice President Dan Maguire will get things rolling at 5:30 p.m. Helping to make spirits bright will be the Winters Community Singers, directed by Lynne Secrist, performing Christmas carols and sing-alongs. Mayor Woody Fridae will officially welcome everyone to the downtown business community, and then comes the big moment — upon Fridae's direction, the community Christmas tree will be lit, followed shortly thereafter by Santa's arrival, heralded not by jingling bells and the clatter of reindeer hooves, but by a police and fire sirens.

Santa will visit with children at the gazebo, and along the East Main Street block adjacent to the park, First Baptist Church will offer a live Nativity scene for all to enjoy. There will even

be chestnuts roasting on an open fire at Railroad and Main, courtesy of master chestnut-roaster Yves Boisrame.

Following the official ceremonies, the community is invited to stroll around downtown and visit the local businesses and eateries, all part of this year's Winters Wonderland. In keeping with a Victorian Christmas theme, everyone is invited to wear Victorian era clothing, top hats and scarves if they choose.

The evening doesn't end there, however, as the Winters Theatre Company's production of "It's a Wonderful Life" begins at 8 p.m. at the Community Center.

For more information about this year's Christmas Tree Lighting festivities, call the Winters Chamber of Commerce office, 795-2329.



# Entertainment

## Annual Creche and music festival celebrates Christmas season

By HEIDI BAY  
Special to The Express

At last count, Mary Marble had 59 nativity scenes as part of her collection, which is just about the number of years she has been gathering them from around the world. Some years she wouldn't find any that drew her, while other years she found many.

During the two years she spent in Zimbabwe with her husband on a mission for their church, she bought several from the surrounding countries to add to her collection. And Europe has proved to be a treasure trove of exquisite interpretations of the birth of Jesus Christ over the years she has made visits there.

"When I saw one I fell in love with, I brought it home," said Marble, a Davis resident, as she tenderly fingered the protective wrap on one of her favorite creches. "When I was younger and there were fewer of them, I would set them all up in our home. Now, I find joy in sharing by displaying them for our friends and neighbors to enjoy."

Four of Marble's most precious creches will be part of the ninth annual Community Creche and Music Festival, which runs from 3 to 8 p.m. Friday through Sunday, Dec. 3-5. The event takes place at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints meeting-house on the corner of Gum and Pioneer avenues in Woodland.

What began nearly a decade ago with a handful of creches as a sharing among the local congregations of the LDS church has grown to include more than 250 nativity scenes of all sizes and styles on loan from members of churches in Davis, Winters, Woodland and Dixon.

"There is such a wide array of creches that it is hard to categorize them," said event coordinator Sheila Pratt.

"There are puppies and bears, a tiny one in an actual acorn, a carved stone one from Ecuador, a hollowed-out gourd from Panama, a carved wood one from Germany and several clay and pewter ones from Mexico."

"We have them from Zimbabwe, Israel, Spain, Chile, the Philippines, Egypt, Ireland and many from less exotic yet heartfelt places, such as those hand-made by children."

Two years ago, the creche exhibit expanded to include a program of music, with performers playing as visitors walk through to view the nativity scenes. Last year, the Community Concert made its debut on Saturday evening.

"There will be piano, guitar and vocal solos, along with small groups like a piano and string bass, and larger groups, such as a children's choir, playing throughout the exhibit time and at our concert," said Jessica Loehrmann, musical director. She added said a performance schedule would be posted online at <http://www.woodlandcreche.org>.

"We are so excited, because it is becoming truly an interfaith event, with performers from surrounding communities," Loehrmann said. "For instance, the Woodland Chamber Singers and the Woodland United Methodist Gloryshakers are set to perform, as is the Davis Flute Choir and Mary Yang and her piano students from Winters."

The centerpiece of the musical program is the Community Choir that will close the Community Choral Concert, which will take place from 7 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4. After choirs from local churches and community groups perform, the evening will culminate with all the choirs combining to sing "O Holy Night" and Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus."

"Last year we were all just so excited to have



Photo by Sue Cockrell

**Gay Morgan of Winters peeks through one of her nativity scenes. It has about 16 pieces and includes the backdrop of a wall.**

the chance to sing together with a professional choir and members of other congregations," said Loehrmann. "The sound and the sweet feeling of Christmas there was just amazing! It was a real treat for everyone involved; listeners and singers alike."

Last year, two new elements were added that quickly became very popular. The Christ-centered art exhibit features any type of art of the Savior that is not a nativity. Last year, those items included an original painting of Joseph holding 4-year-old Jesus and a watercolor of Christ's hands cupping a child's face. The exhibit has doubled in size this year.

"We had so many people wanting to lend their art work last year that we didn't have enough space and had to turn them away, so we have devoted one entire side

of the building to this exhibit," Pratt said.

The family room bustled with activity from the moment it opened.

"It was the best place in the whole building, because all the kids were having so much fun dressing up like Mary or Joseph, a shepherd or an angel, and getting their picture taken in our specially built manger," Pratt said.

"Sometimes a little girl just wanted to hold baby Jesus and get her picture taken, and other times a whole family would dress up and have a picture taken to use for their Christmas card."

While they are waiting for their photo to be printed, kids can do a craft project, such as making nativity scene puppets from Popsicle sticks.

For more details, visit <http://www.woodlandcreche.org> or e-mail [woodlandcreche@gmail.com](mailto:woodlandcreche@gmail.com).

## Family Holiday Festival features fun for little ones

By LINN MYER  
Winters Friends of the Library

The Winters Friends of the Library will sponsor the Annual Family Holiday Festival on Saturday, Dec. 4, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Community Center.

The center will be decorated in festive style for the arrival of Santa and one of his elves — bring your camera for a great holiday photo.

Children can choose to make several crafts including tin trivets, beeswax candles, glitter star ornaments and a special jigsaw puzzle. There also will be a gift-wrapping station if children decide to make these items and give them as gifts.

A limited number of hand-decorated 28-inch Christmas wreaths will be for sale at the festival for \$35 each. Come

early for the best selection.

Other activities include delicious lunches served in Mrs. Claus' Café and a Scholastic Book Fair. Entertainment will continue non-stop throughout the event with several classes of local schoolchildren and others performing.

The entertainment schedule is as follows: 10 a.m., Winters High School choir; 10:30 a.m., second grade classes of Louise Cummings and Eleanor Garcia; 10:45 a.m., Winters Middle School chorus directed by Lynne Secrist; 11:15 a.m., second grade classes of Anita Enriquez and Nancy Somers; noon, kindergarten classes of Lucilla Escamilla and Yesenia Gonzalez; 12:30 p.m., Shirley Rominger choir directed by Lynne Secrist.

## Gibson Gardeners host holiday plant sale Dec. 4

Holiday Gifts from the Garden will be featured at a special plant sale, at the Yolo County Historical Museum on Saturday, Dec. 4, from noon to 4 p.m. at 512 Gibson Road in Woodland.

This annual event will be hosted by the Gibson Gardeners, in conjunction with the Festival of Trees, which is scheduled inside the museum from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

A selection of decorative succulent gardens, decorated ivy topiaries and jade trees, dried flower bouquets, herbs, scented geraniums, flowering perennials, native

plants, shrubs, trees and holiday greens will be available.

The volunteer Gibson Gardeners will also offer for sale "Charlie Brown" Christmas trees, dried herbs, garden seeds, decorative pots, recycled garden tools and more. Admission is free.

Some of the decorated ivy topiaries and succulent gardens will be included in a silent auction, to be held during the Festival of Trees Gala on Thursday, Dec. 2, from 6 to 9 p.m.

For ticket information to this special event, call 666-1045.

## Brewing scientist to discuss 'soul of beer'

A new book that unwraps the culture and business of brewing and opens a window into the heart of beer and the brewmaster has been served up by brewing scientist Charles Bamforth of UC Davis.

Bamforth, dubbed the "brewmaster general" in Playboy magazine's recent "Roll Call" of the nation's most intriguing college professors, is the author of the recently released book "Beer Is Proof God Loves Us: Reaching for the Soul of Beer and Brewing." The 250-page, hardcover volume is published by FT Press.

Bamforth will present a public

lecture about the new book and sign copies of his book from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 6, at UC Davis. The event will take place in the Silverado Vineyards Sensory Theater of the Robert Mondavi Institute for Wine and Food Science. Tickets are \$35 for the general public or \$20 for Friends of the Robert Mondavi Institute and UC Davis faculty, staff and students.

Registration is available online at <http://ucce.ucdavis.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=5714> or by contacting Kim Bannister at the Robert Mondavi Institute at [kbannister@ucdavis.edu](mailto:kbannister@ucdavis.edu).

## Davis Chorale to present 'Songs of the Season'

The Davis Chorale will present its holiday concert, "Songs of the Season," at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at the Davis Community Church, 412 C St. in Davis.

Directed by Alison

Skinner, the concert will feature Schubert's Mass in G, along with Brahms and a variety of holiday music traditionally sung around Christmas and Chanukah spanning the Renaissance to the present.

The Davis Chorale is a

community chorus with singers from Davis, Woodland and Sacramento.

The concert is free, but donations are welcomed.

For more information, call 574-8419.

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## *It's a small world*



**The Novello family — Chris, Jenell, Téa and Nico — brought the Winters Express to The Happiest Place on Earth on Veterans Day last month.**

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## **SACOG hosts workshop on rural-urban project**

The Sacramento region is home to more than 2 million people, and the farms in this area contribute more than \$2 billion to the economy, but only about 2 percent is consumed locally.

On Dec. 10, the Sacramento Area Council of Governments will host a regional forum on the Rural-Urban Connections Strategy, looking at how to keep rural communities rural, farmers farming and protect the area's natural resources.

The event will take place at the Sacramento Convention Center from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and it's free.

Breakfast will be served. Through presentations, videos and real-time polls, the event will explore agricultural conditions and challenges, identify market opportunities for expanding regional ag activity, delve into the role of rural communities, rural transportation issues and agriculture in the region, and share innovations that will help shape the region's economic and environmental health.

A keynote address is planned by USDA Rural Development Deputy Under Secretary Victor Vasquez.

To register, visit [www.sacog.org/rucs](http://www.sacog.org/rucs).



# Sports

## Calderone signs wrestling scholarship

By ERIC LUCERO  
Express sports

Winters High School senior Chris Calderone had his dreams come true on Sunday, Nov. 28, as he signed a letter of intent to wrestle with Northwestern College in Iowa.

Calderone not only will have a chance to continue to do what he loves at the next level, he will do it without the financial burdens of tuition and other costs that come along with the college experience. Calderone accepted a scholarship offer that will take care of all that.

Calderone contacted the school first and expressed his interest in the college, letting them know some of his accomplishments in wrestling. After following up on his credentials, the school showed their interest in him.

“They contacted me and told me they were interested,” Calderone said. “They invited me to go back and visit their campus and to work out with the team. They had me wrestle one of the guys on the team and I guess they liked what they saw.”

Calderone’s skills and potential must have been pretty impressive

because the coach wasted no time in offering him a scholarship.

“I am very excited and anxious about going there,” Calderone said. “I know they will push me to the limit both physically and mentally but I am looking forward to the challenge.”

Northwestern College is an NAIA school in the Great Plains Athletic Conference in Orange City, Iowa. The state is rich with wrestling history and the Red Raiders are a part of that history. Red Raiders head coach Rik Dahl’s goals for the 2010-11 season not only include sending 12 wrestlers to the national championships, but also being in the NAIA wrestling top 10 academically for the second straight season according to the school’s website.

Calderone’s parents, Al and Kim, had a signing celebration for Chris at their business, ARC Guitar, on Sunday, Nov. 28, with several friends attending to celebrate and to watch Calderone sign the letter. When asked how the two parents felt about their son’s accomplishments, Kim said, “We are very proud of his achievements.” Al added, “He is a champion and we thank God for him.”

The Warriors’ wrestling coach, Tim

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Courtesy photo

Chris Calderone, center, is surrounded by supporters, from left, Ed “Doc” Dawkins, Winters High wrestling coach Tim Hausler, Rory Linton, Cody Linton and Jesse Hellingner, at a celebration for Calderone on Sunday, Nov. 28. The group gathered to congratulate Calderone, a Winters High senior, who signed a letter of intent to wrestle with Northwestern College in Iowa. The party took place at ARC Guitar, the business owned by Calderone’s parents, Al and Kim.

## Swimmers honored at awards ceremony

By ANIETTA TICE  
Swimming correspondent

The Winters High School Swim Team held its annual awards ceremony on a stormy Saturday afternoon, Nov. 20, at the home of Karen Lynne and John Neil.

Head coach Kevin Chester thanked all the parents who helped at the home meets, hosted pasta dinners and supported the team in various ways throughout the season.

He commended this year’s squad of 28 swimmers for stepping up and performing very well at all the meets.

Considering the loss of some key seniors from last year’s squad, this year’s young team performed better than his expectations and pleasantly surprised him.

The boys won the Butte Valley League title for the sixth consecutive year and were the runners-up at Division II Section Championships. The girls also won the league title and were the runners-up at Sections as well, with only seven girls competing at that meet. Furthermore, the boys’ 400-yard freestyle relay team of Colten Montgomery, Justin Nitzkowski, Kevin Hyde,

and D. J. Tice went undefeated the entire season, winning at the Northern Section California Inter-scholastic Federation Masters Swim Championships and breaking last year’s school record by two seconds. Chester expressed great satisfaction with and pride for all of his swimmers.

Chester presented varsity athletic letters and certificates to all swimmers. Butte Valley League awards were given to all the first place winners of relays and individual events at the league meet. They are: Angelica Arellano (400-yard free relay), Tess

Hyer (200-yard medley relay, 400-yard free relay), Ellie Kreun (200-yard medley relay), Ashlynn Neil (400-yard free relay), Marie Scholl (200-yard medley relay, 400-yard free relay), Shannon Sinkovich (200-yard medley relay), Anderson Bouwens (200-yard medley relay), Hyde (200-yard medley relay, 200-yard freestyle, 500-yard freestyle, 400-yard free relay), Montgomery (100-yard butterfly, 100-yard backstroke, 400-yard free relay), Nitzkowski (200-yard medley relay, 400-yard free relay), and

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### WINTERS LITTLE LEAGUE

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## Fish are in fast-moving water

With the recent rain, the dishing was put off a bit. This did, however, push a lot of fish up river to their spawning areas.

Most of the fish that I have been catching are in fast-moving smaller water. These spots are tough to cast into and to get a decent drift, but if you keep at it and cover the water, you should hook some fish. A small San Juan worm trailed by an egg pattern is a good setup to get their attention.

With the holidays approaching, a



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## Warriors hit the mat in scrimmage

By ERIC LUCERO  
Express sports

The Winters Warriors wrestling team took five wrestlers to Pioneer High School on Saturday, Nov. 27, to compete in the Patriots’ annual scrimmage.

The Warriors were small in numbers due to the Thanksgiving

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### Chris Calderone

Chris Calderone, a senior on the Winters High School wrestling team, is athlete of the week.

On Sunday, Nov. 28, Calderone signed a letter of intent to attend Northwestern College in Iowa on a wrestling scholarship.

Calderone’s success at Winters High School, which included an impressive performance at the 2010 CIF State meet, was enough to convince the Red Raiders head coach Rik Dahl to sign him as soon as possible.

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## Congrats, graduates!

Wolfskill Continuation High School and Independent Study celebrated their first graduation of the school year on Nov. 5.

The graduates included Manuel Santacruz, Vanessa Chavez, Michael Gomes and Alissa Guster of Wolfskill and Amber Sebastian of Winters High School's Independent Study.

Diplomas were presented by Wolfskill Principal Emilie Simmons, Winters school district Superintendent Beci Gillespie and Winters High Principal Gary Miller.

## Getting in the spirit



Photo by Debra DeAngelo

Stephanie Echaverria and Luke Talaugon, art students from Winters High School, paint a holiday scene on the door of Cody's restaurant. On Tuesday, the creative students were busy making downtown business windows festive for the Christmas season.

## City takes signups for youth basketball through Dec. 17

Registration is open for girls and boys, grades K-8, for the city of Winters youth basketball program.

Registration forms will be e-mailed to previous participants, and are available in the Finance Office at City Hall and on the city's website, [www.cityofwinters.org](http://www.cityofwinters.org). Completed registration forms and \$40 fee must be dropped off at City Hall by 5

p.m. Friday, Dec. 17, or mailed to City of Winters, Attn: Youth Basketball, 318 First St., Winters, CA 95694.

Games will be played on Saturdays gym, Jan. 22 through March 5, at the high school gym.

Jackie Stocking will be returning as the basketball coordinator for this season.

For more information, call Tracy Jensen at 795-4910.

## Dinner to benefit academic programs



Photo by Debbie Hemenway

It's never too early to start thinking about college, and Winters High School students, from left, (seated) Michael Sanchez, Heidi Gonzalez and Justice Brewer, and (standing) Tyrone Johnson and Gisela Prado are already looking at college catalogs. Sanchez and Johnson, both seniors, and have begun filling out college applications. College-bound students get academic enrichment from programs like AVID and Academic Decathlon, both of which were hit hard by recent school district budget cuts. A roast chicken dinner fundraiser is planned from 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at the Community Center to support both programs. For tickets or more information, call Olivia Rodriguez at Winters High School at 795-6140.

## County immunization clinic hours are on Wednesdays

The Yolo County Health Department's immunization clinic, offered at the Health Department at 137 N. Cottonwood St. in Woodland, takes place from 3 to 6 p.m. Wednesdays.

As a result of funding shortfalls, there now will be a charge for vaccine administration. The first vaccine will cost \$10, with additional vaccines costing \$3 each, per visit. However, clients unable to pay for vaccines will not be turned away.

The immunization clinic offers all childhood vaccines for infants through teens, including the meningitis vaccine and the vaccine to prevent human papilloma virus, the main cause of cervical cancer. The clinic also provides the Tdap vaccine, which includes pertussis (whooping cough), diphtheria and tetanus.

"Pertussis, or 'whooping cough,' is a very serious illness for young infants — in fact, it can be fatal,"

said Yolo County Board of Supervisors Chairwoman Helen Thomson. "A new law, in response to the present whooping cough epidemic in California, requires all students, grades 7-12, to have a Tdap shot before entering middle school for the 2011 school year."

The Health Department's immunization clinic also offers the seasonal flu vaccine. For more, visit: <http://www.yolocounty.org/Index.aspx?page=161> or call 666-8645.



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# Insider's Guide to Free (or nearly free) Family Fun in Davis

By HEIDI BAY  
Special to the Express

It began one beautiful spring morning when my 15-month-old son David and I boarded one of the bright red UNITRANS buses we had watched from our window almost every day of his short life. A single dollar (kids ride free) bought us a grand adventure riding around Davis for a couple of hours.

By the time my second son, Benjamin, was born, I started hearing from my growing network of mommy friends about all sorts of wonderful free or inexpensive explorations that could be found in Davis. Trains, planes, automobiles... and buses. It's all here. Raptors, bugs, gymnastics and pony rides. It's here.

Our first bus ride was on the line that runs right out in front of our house, but recently a batch of us mommies and kids made a delightful expedition on one of UNITRANS vintage double-decker buses. We parked our cars at Sycamore Park and boarded the 3:20 p.m. B bus on its way to Memorial Union Terminal. Then, we stayed on our chariot in the sky as it became the F bus and glided right next to traffic lights and brushed the tops of trees as it made its way along Anderson and into the neighborhood north of Covell and back to the MU.

We descended with energetic glee burbling out of children and parents alike and road a regular bus back to our cars. Start to finish, one hour and 20 minutes packed to overflowing with fun. The bus schedule (view online at [www.unitrans.com](http://www.unitrans.com)) indicates with a "DD" which trips will likely be on a double-decker bus. Though they can't guarantee it, generally expect it to be so where listed in the schedule (most often on the B and G lines). Fare is \$1 for adults, with up to two children riding free with a paying adult.

Lori McKee began taking her son to watch the trains come through the charming Davis station last spring, soon after Jonah turned two years old. By summer, it had become a weekly ritual that left both son and mother grinning.

"It is a great outing for both kids and mommies," McKee said. "The look of pure happiness on my toddler's face when he sees the 'big trains' makes me feel like the best Mommy in the world! And many of the train attendants will make a special trip over to say hi to the kids and hand out punched train tickets for them to play with. For the kids, it's like meeting a celebrity!"

McKee's advice on how to do the train watching best: Park on 2nd Street, which will give you two hours of free parking, then head on over to the train station park area — a cluster of trees shading a grassy area with huge rocks and benches.

"Be sure to bring toy cars or trains for the kids to play with, because sometimes it can be 45 minutes or more in between trains," she said.

## Plane watching

Because Davis is the only campus in the University of California system that has an airport, with over 35,000 take offs and landings a year, there is plenty of opportunity for family fun

soaring skyward. The best way to gauge when to go for the most plane sightings is to keep an eye on the weather, especially on the weekends, according to Jonathon Bar-or, chief pilot for the Cal Aggie Flying Farmers, a university club based at the airport.

"If you look outside and it is a nice day, then there will be people flying," he said.

Getting there is easy. Head west of Highway 113 on Hutchison Road for about two miles from the university campus to Hopkins Road. Turn left for about a quarter of a mile until you see the airport sign on your left, then make a sharp left into the parking lot. Families are welcome to spread out a blanket for a picnic or just viewing on a grassy area at the edge of the tarmac in front of the offices, but Bar-or reminds people that leaving the grassy area could be a hazard. Those who go on weekdays between 8 a.m. and noon, can explore the exhibits in the office — cross sections of two different aircraft engines and a beacon light like the one on the airport tower.

One of Bar-or's favorite viewing locations is down at the end of Hopkins Road, at the Putah Creek Riparian Reserve.

"If you want to see the planes go right over your head, walk along the path, which is at the end of the runway."

There are picnic tables under big shade trees along the path that still offer a huge slice of sky to spot the planes as they rise skyward.

## Visit the firefighters

Davis has a particularly kid-friendly fire fighting force, which any mother who has brought their bright-eyed child over to the big red truck at a shopping center can attest to.

"The firefighters are so kid friendly — if you see a firetruck at a shopping center, feel free to say 'Hi' and you will be rewarded with sticker badges and/or fire hats," said Megan Richmond, whose 2 ½-year-old son Alex has often been the beneficiary of such largess.

People are also welcome to drop by the fire stations for a quick look (one fireman told me Saturday mornings are the best time). For a more in depth experience, including a chance to talk with the firefighters and climb in and around the fire engines, you can schedule a tour. They accept any size group, but require at least two weeks advance notice (and in the event of a fire your tour may be cancelled at the last minute and have to be re-scheduled).

The fire fighting team will customize the content of the tour to the age of the group. For example, for 2 year olds, they only give a quick talk answering questions and sometimes showing fire-suits; for older kids they sometimes let the kids see how the fire-suits work and how it sounds when the breathing masks are on. After the quick talk and look in the station, they take the kids out to the fire engines and let them climb in the front and back. The tour tops off with Jr. firefighter hats for the kids. Call the main fire station, 756-3400, to schedule a group visit.

## Feathered friends

The California Raptor Center is dedicated to the rehabilitation of injured and orphaned birds of prey (raptors). The volunteer-run facility provides care for about 200 raptors per year, releasing 60 percent back into the wild. The center's museum and a permanent collection of living, non-releasable raptors are open to the public without charge weekdays 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to noon.

Self guided tours can be taken during those hours, but must be of six or fewer people, because it is a hospital for wild birds who are stressed by too much exposure to people. Larger groups (up to 30 people) can arrange a guided tour of about 1.5 hours for \$1 per person (minimum charge \$20). Each spring and fall the center also presents a family-oriented open house. The Raptor Center is located on Old Davis Road straight south of the UC Davis campus. For more information, call 752-9994.

## Kids go buggy for this museum

For families with kids who are into insects, there is UC Davis' Bohart Museum of Entomology. The seventh largest insect collection in North America, housing over seven million specimens, is open weekdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free and the collection is located on UC Davis campus, in the Academic Surge building. For more information, call 752-0493.

## Go exploring

Another great place to dig into science is Explorit Science Center, a nonprofit family friendly facility designed for kids (and adults) to explore in a hands on way. Located at 2801 2nd Street, Explorit is open Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$4; children 3 and under free. Free admission day is the third Tuesday of every month. For more information, check out the website, [www.explorit.org](http://www.explorit.org) or call 756-0191.

## Jump and tumble

Any parent whose child is typically bouncing off the walls at home, and driving them up the wall, will love the open gym times at Davis Diamonds.

"There, my son can get all his crazy kid energy out and I don't have to worry about him falling off the couch or knocking something breakable over," said Jenny Gruenemay.

Along with a variety of classes, Davis Diamonds offers open play time for various ages. For the under-five crowd, Preschool Playtime is just about right. It is a drop-in style 45-minute open gym time with a price of \$5 per child. The schedule through December is Tuesday and Thursday 10:30-11:15 a.m.; Wednesday and Thursday, 12-1 p.m.; and Saturday 12:15-1:45 p.m. (Saturday costs \$10, since it is 1.5 hours long) The facility is located at 2795 2nd Street, suite 200. For more information, call 750-3547.

## Meet a farmer

The Davis Farmer's Market is very popular with families, because it offers something for both parents and kids.

"Saturday Farmer's Market is just a

natural place for us to go each week," said Jenny Gruenemay. "For me, it's all about the ripe produce, the hot pastries, and crisp, fresh air. For the kids: three play structures to choose from, carousel rides to enjoy, and maybe even a bite of mommy's pastry! Last week we picked up fresh-popped Kettle corn, a cold jug of fresh-pressed apple juice, a delicious end-of-season peach, and walked over to the Aboreteum to enjoy our picnic."

Gruenemay added that the Farmer's Market Picnic in the Park on Wednesday is the ideal destination for a harried mother in need of a break.

"Instead of feeling guilty about getting takeout, we grab our picnic blanket, pack our own water, walk or bike to the park and enjoy our pick of the local vendors' fare," she said, adding, "There's usually a lively band playing and if the kids don't feel like sitting still, we move to the play structures and let them get pre-bed wiggles out. You do have to keep a sharp eye out for your kid, since so many families are enjoying the park together and kids are running all around."

The Saturday Farmers Market is open year round, rain or shine, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday's Picnic in the Park runs from the middle of March to the end of October from 4:30-8:30 p.m.; when winter hours switch to 2-6 p.m. There is little for children to do during the winter Wednesday market, but during the warm weather, there is a climbing wall, clowns making balloon animals, face painting, pony rides, a bounce house, live music and the bicycle-powered carousel. For more information, call 756-1695.

## On a rainy day ...

When feeling trapped inside on a rainy day, moms have several sure-fire winners to entertain the tots. Several cite cruising Petco to check out the turtles, birds, snakes, mice, and fish as a dependable option.

Julia Aue likes the County Fair Mall in Woodland when the rain starts falling.

"That trip is well worth the drive on a rainy day," said Aue. "The play area in the mall is perfect for leaping and climbing. The kids love the bright and fun structures shaped like bugs, trucks and animals (to name a few) and the moms loved that they are safe and a bit on the softer side! Just be sure to bring your own snacks because there aren't many places to buy food in the mall (especially healthy snacks for toddlers)."

Sometimes the best family fun comes in the simple unfolding of daily life. Entering a shopping center in Dixon one day a few months ago, we put David on the mechanical pony ride for two quarters and it has become a favorite fun spot ever since. And as we drove on our favorite loop to help the kids get to sleep, we discovered a street in the country where we often drive now to visit our pals — the geese, horses, cows, goats, llamas, and wild turkeys that live there.

For more fun activities check out <http://momsindavis.blogspot.com/> and [iSeeDavis.com](http://iSeeDavis.com).

## SWIMMERS

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Tice (200-yard medley relay, 400-yard free relay).

Chester announced the swimmers who were awarded All-Section Teams at the NSCIF Masters Championships on Oct. 30. Tice and Montgomery were awarded All-Section First Team; Hyde received All-Section Second Team; Neil was

awarded Honorable Mention.

Chester presented awards to the following swimmers: Most Improved to Samantha Nickelson and Matt Wallace; Most Valuable Swimmers to Hyer and Tice; and Coach's Awards to Claudia Curincita and Hyde. Hyer and Hyde each received the Block W Senior Scholar Athlete Award which is presented to the senior girl and boy with the highest overall grade point average.

Seniors and team captains Hyer and Hyde presented Chester with an appreciation gift and words of thanks. Other seniors from this year's team are Katie Sinkovich and Sakiko Marutani. Chester has known most of them since they were in the sixth grade, and the team will surely miss them next year. Teammate Kevin Lane presented each of the seniors and the coach with a special memories DVD he created that everyone enjoyed viewing.

## CALDERONE

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Hausler, was also at the signing and gave a speech about Chris and his future.

"Chris has the potential to go as far as he wants to go in

wrestling," Hausler said. "If he continues to work hard at it he will continue to be successful even at the next level. I am anxious to see how this season goes because he really has a chance at placing if not winning the state tournament this year."

## WARRIORS

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holiday, but were not shorthanded in success.

Winters won 10 out of 14 matches starting with Destiny Rogers, who won one and lost two. Holden Philbrook won two and lost one. Tim Tweedt won two and lost

one. Blaine Miller was 2-0 and Chris Calderone went 3-0.

The Warriors won all 10 of their matches by pins.

"We do work on that," said coach Tim Hausler. "So that was a good thing. This was good for us to get ready for the season. I wish we would have had more people there, but it's hard during the holidays to get everybody."



# Features

## Coumadin is effective but bothersome drug

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: For the past eight months, I have had a heart rhythm problem. I am on Coumadin. One day I forgot I had taken it and took another dose. My blood test showed that I had taken far too much. You wrote about ablation being a treatment for rhythm problems. Would it benefit me, and could I go off Coumadin? — W.K.

ANSWER: I'm sure your rhythm problem is atrial fibrillation, a common and serious heart-beat disturbance where the heart beats rapidly and irregularly. One consequence is a drop-off in the amount of blood pumped by the heart. The second, and the more dangerous consequence, is the formation of clots in the upper heart chambers because blood in those chambers isn't moving — stagnant blood forms clots. Clots in the heart can be swept into the circulation and to the brain, where they block a brain artery. The result is a stroke. Coumadin prevents those clots from forming.

Many times, the goal in treating atrial fibrillation is only to slow the heart so that it pumps out an adequate blood supply.

Are there other ways of dealing with this rhythm problem? Yes. Ablation is one. It involves eliminating the heart tissue generating the abnormal rhythm. It's done by inserting a thin tube that's outfitted to deliver radio waves to the specific heart sites from which the abnormal beating arises. Does it sound simple to you? It isn't. It's very intensive work, and requires special training. Generally, ablation is restricted to those younger than you, but not always.

I'm on your side when it comes to taking Coumadin. It's a bothersome drug, requiring frequent blood tests to be sure that enough drug is taken but not too much. Too much poses the danger of bleeding. Talk with your doctor about having a consultation for ablation. The doctor might side with you, or tell you that



you're not a candidate for the procedure. At least you'll have the satisfaction of having tried. The booklet on heart-beat abnormalities, including atrial fibrillation, discusses them, their significance and their treatment. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue — No. 107W, 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 think my husband is an alcoholic. He drinks far too much. He's not abusive, but his consumption of alcohol is more than a six-pack of beer a day, and sometimes whiskey. He usually falls asleep in a chair. My sister tells me the cage test can diagnose alcoholism. What is it, and where can he get it done? He won't talk about these things to me. — C.L.

ANSWER: It's not a lab test. It's four questions. They are: 1. Have you ever felt the need to cut down on your drinking? 2. Are you annoyed when people criticize your drinking? 3. Do you ever feel guilty about your drinking? 4. Have you ever taken a drink first thing in the morning as an eye-opener? Two "yes" answers indicate alcoholism. It's a simple but reliable test.

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

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## Women are taking control of everything

I know that I've been writing a lot about women lately. I find that I have to force myself to think of something else or I'm thinking about women all of the time. They're, like, in my head.

Every time I think I'm getting away, they just keep pulling me back! They are taking control of everything and I think they are starting with me, like I'm some sort of guinea pig or something.

Go ahead, laugh! I'll bet that after the men of this city read this column, they won't be laughing so hard. They'll be scared, like me. Here are the hard facts.

First of all, we don't have to worry about women reading this column because only dummies read my column. Women are too sophisticated to even understand what I'm writing. Let me worry about that part anyway.

Let's go back to the Thursday, Sept. 23 issue of the Winters Express. The column on page B-4 entitled, "It all started with just two chickens" written by Rebecca Bresnick-Holmes, is filled with encrypted passages.

Most men don't have my higher intelligence so they can't pick it up. This column and the follow-up one that she wrote on Oct. 7 are supposed to be about chickens.

However, if closely examined we can see that Rebecca and her "chicken guru" are passing coded messages about how to genetically breed all female embryos. What exactly they are planning to do if anything male should arise, I cannot say.

She states, and I quote, "They are not nearly as disgusting in their eating habits" in outright encrypted



codie thingys which really means: men eat like pigs.

OK, on to the Sept. 16 issue of the Express. Jesse Loren's column is an outright attack on the male gender. Jesse doesn't need no stinkin code. In plain sight, in the final paragraph of her column she uses the word "pansy" a total of over, well, not once but twice.

What Ms. Loren forgot is that I have a mind like a steel trap. I am capable of understanding their lingo. The word "pansy" was obviously directed at me. That's OK, I can take it. I've been called a pansy a lot of times. It bounces right off.

Men, pay attention now because here is the real solution to all of our problems. I've got it all figured out. It came to me when someone threw a free copy of the Fairfield Daily Republic in between my house and that of my neighbor's. I got to it first, so this is what I read.

In section D of the Oct. 10 Daily Republic was an article about a 71-year-old lady named Sandra Hawkins. It said that she was a fourth-degree black belt in tae kwon do and that she is really tough. Well, I think I can take her.

Men if we want to take control back from these women, we have to man up. This is what I propose. I will send out a challenge to Ms. Hawkins to a public bout to be fought in Winters. We can block off Main Street, set up a ring and you can all watch when I knock her out!

There is a picture of her doing pushups and another of her throwing punches. Well, I can do one of those too. If we can get her to agree, we can make a big day out of it. We can sell hot-dogs and beer to the kids and I can get a bright red robe that says, "King Don, Champion of Winters!"

We can charge \$5 for kids under 6 years old and \$30 for everybody else. I get half and the city gets the other half. Minus expenses of course. Men, this is a good plan that will work. We can regain control of our manhood and then one of you can nominate me for "Citizen of the Year."

Here is my challenge:

Hey, boxer lady, Sandra Hawkins, you ain't so tough. If you aren't too scared, come to Winters and box it out with me, Donald K. Sanders, the King of Winters! Well missy-miss, what do you say?

If you are interested, have your people contact my people and we can set up a match in, lets say, a couple of years or so. My mailing address is secret because of all the fans that I have. Don't come looking for me, I don't live in Winters no more. I live somewhere in New York, but I'll show up for the fight though. You can bet on that!

Guess I told them, huh guys?

## Pleased to meet you



**Name:** Roger Willmarth  
**Occupation:** Retired state parks worker  
**Hobby:** Cycling  
**What's best about living in Winters:** "I can be person of the week."  
**Fun fact:** I'm single!



King Crossword — Answers

### King Crossword

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### HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

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### Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Don't feel sheepish about looking to spend more time with that special person during the upcoming holidays. Do it because it's the right thing to do.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Nevermind letting misunderstandings repair themselves. Consider speaking up while the healing process can be shorter and sweeter and leave fewer scars.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Romance is easily awakened in the Gemini heart, especially around the happy holiday season. So go ahead and make those plans with that special someone.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Moon Children can glow with their own inner light as the holiday season magic takes hold. It's a very special time for Cancers and Libras together. Enjoy.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) It's a good time for you fabulous Felines to take pleasure in your special gift for, well, taking pleasure! Look for this holiday season to give you every reason to purr.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) This is a good time to let others who are in your life get a little closer to you. You'll both find out what you've been missing for a long time.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Open up your eyes and see some welcome surprises you've missed or overlooked for too long. What you find can lead to other favorable changes.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) What you expect to be potentially troublesome might simply be especially challenging and well worth your efforts to check out. Good luck!

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A friendship might not seem as trustworthy as you'd like. OK. Ask your questions, get your answers and settle the matter once and for all.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A family situation moves into a new area because of (or, maybe, thanks to) some decisions you might have felt you could not avoid making.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You could be cutting it very close if you hope to make those holiday plans change in time to avoid problems. Get a friend or family member to help.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Friends show how important you are to them. Keep these precious relationships thriving. They affect much that will happen to the fabulous Fish in the new year.

BORN THIS WEEK: Time spent at home alone nurtures your mystic self. Spending your time with others nurtures them.

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# Nuestras Noticias



## Navidad a la vista

Llego una vez más el tiempo de fiestas de fin de año, y como siempre cada año nos parece que llega muy pronto, no podemos creer que este tiempo este a la vuelta de la esquina, pero aquí está ya. En este país la tradicional época de navidad, comienza después del Día de Acción de Gracias. La Navidad era originalmente una celebración estrictamente religiosa en la que se celebra el nacimiento de Jesucristo el 25 de Diciembre. En los Estados Unidos se ha vuelto muy comercial y una celebración secular. Las tiendas departamentales, centros comerciales y las pequeñas tiendas decoran muy elaboradamente sus establecimientos e inducen a los clientes a gastar abundantemente en presentes navideños. Sin embargo, para mucha gente la Navidad aún retiene un serio significado religioso. Es la ocasión para una reunión familiar anual y crea en todo el país una atmósfera de generosidad y buena voluntad conocida como el “Espíritu Navideño”

Santa Claus se creó originalmente basándose en San Nicolás quien fue un obispo Europeo muy conocido por su generosidad al dar regalos a los vecinos pobres durante los duros inviernos. En los Estados Unidos, Santa Claus se presenta usualmente como un hombre alegre y gordo, con una gran barba blanca y vestido con un traje rojo. El conduce un trineo mágico que es jalado por ocho renos y vuela alrededor del mundo, la noche anterior a la Navidad, entregando juguetes y dulces a todos los niños.

Muchas familias colocan un pequeño árbol en sus hogares y lo decoran con luces de colores y alegres adornos. En la mañana de la Navidad, los niños despiertan para encontrar sus regalos en vistosas envolturas bajo el árbol de Navidad. Los pequeños, a menudo cuelgan medias vacías en la chimenea e igualmente las encuentran llenas de dulces y pequeños juguetes. Las familias decoran sus hogares para la temporada de fiestas adornando con luces el exterior y los pequeños árboles y setos de su propiedad. Los vecindarios toman una apariencia festiva y alegre cada noche. Algunos son tan extravagantes que rodean sus casas con miles de luces y hasta colocan a Santa Claus, a los renos y a hombres de nieve, iluminados y de tamaño normal, en sus jardines o en sus techos. Muchas iglesias y casas colocan nacimientos iluminados que conmemoran el humilde nacimiento de Jesús.

Durante esta estación, mucha gente intercambia tarjetas de Navidad o tarjetas de felices fiestas. Las tarjetas son enviadas por correo a amigos, vecinos, parientes y asociados en los negocios durante el mes de Diciembre. Si usted recibe una tarjeta no es necesario enviar una de regreso ya que algunas personas simplemente no mandan tarjetas.

Las actividades típicas en el mes de Diciembre son, las compras de regalos de Navidad o de Hanuka e ir a fiestas navideñas. En las fiestas normalmente encontramos bastante comida, bebida y alegría. La Nochebuena y la Navidad son reservadas para la observación religiosa y para las celebraciones familiares. Los miembros de la familia, cercanos y lejanos, se reúnen en la Navidad para la fiesta de celebración anual. Cuando lo inviten a una fiesta familiar, es apropiado que traiga consigo un pequeño presente para la familia. Si hay niños, los dulces y algún pequeño regalo son muy apreciados. Disfrute sanamente de estas fiestas, y recuerde la convivencia en familia es mas importantes que los regalos materiales.

## ¿Esclavo de la tecnología?

Cambios en el estado de ánimo, bajo rendimiento en la escuela o trabajo, falta de sueño y poco entusiasmo por realizar actividades diarias, son síntomas comunes que indican una adicción o esclavitud hacia las nuevas tecnologías como el teléfono celular o Internet; el mal uso de estas herramientas pueden causar problemas severos de depresión, ansiedad, sedentarismo y otras consecuencias, para evitarlo tome en cuenta esta información:

Adicción al chat. Esta actividad puede volverse problemática cuando el usuario ve al mensajero instantáneo como único vehículo para mostrar la personalidad oculta que tiene o desea tener o para multiplicarse en diversos actores. Puede considerarse una adicción cuando la persona no puede cerrar el chat y continúa agregando usuarios desconocidos para tener siempre alguien nuevo con quien platicar.

Adicción al correo electrónico. Además de quienes tienen una dirección de correo electrónico en su trabajo, es común que cuenten con otra cuenta personal, y aparte la gente que realiza transacciones por la red puede que tenga una tercera para dedicarla a la compra y venta. La imposibilidad de desprenderse del medio de contacto y la compulsión y ansiedad de verificar cada segundo si ha llegado un mail, puede considerarse una adicción.

Adicción al móvil. Expertos estiman que de cada mil usuarios, hay dos afectados por esta adicción o próximos a serlo. A diferencia de otros tipos de adicción, ésta

se presenta a una edad temprana, 12 años aproximadamente, debido al fácil acceso al sistema y el estatus social que representa frente a la sociedad. Como no saben vivir sin el celular o BlackBerry, los esclavos de esta tecnología compran varios, tienen los últimos modelos y novedades y los dejan encendidos a toda hora, estén donde estén.

Adicción a los videojuegos. La mayoría de los profesionales consideran que una afición acentuada a los videojuegos no es más que la puerta de entrada a la Ludopatía o mejor conocido como la adicción a los juegos de azar. Según una investigación, el 90 por ciento de los americanos juegan videojuegos y un 15 por ciento podría ser adicto, aunque los resultados no fueron suficientes para establecerlo como una adicción oficial.

Las adicciones pueden finalizar en las siguientes enfermedades. Síndrome de la vibración fantasma. Mucha gente tiene teléfono celular y son muchos los que usan la función de vibración para “notar” que le están llamando; si le parece que el móvil vibra, pero no es así, padece este síndrome.

La postura del portátil. Por culpa del abuso y una mala posición al sentarse, el uso de las computadoras portátiles puede llegar a provocar daños en la parte baja de la espalda, dolores musculares y en los huesos.

Insomnio adolescente. Muchos jóvenes duermen con los teléfonos celulares debajo de la almohada y lo peor es que contestan a las llamadas y mensajes de texto y

esto provoca que interrumpan su sueño.

Tensión ocular. Mirar fijamente una pantalla, ya sea de teléfono celular, computadora u otro aparato, provoca tensión ocular, reseca los ojos y básicamente estropea la vista.

Mal del iPod. Algunos usuarios de este reproductor de música han perdido sensibilidad en el oído e incluso registran sordera por escuchar sus canciones con un nivel de volumen demasiado alto.

Pulgar antigadgets. El dedo pulgar tiene una función, pero no la de escribir mensajes con los teléfonos celulares o similares; la repetición del movimiento que se realiza al usar estos gadgets provoca dolores en el dedo y, en casos extremos, ocasiona parálisis en el pulgar.

Wiititis. Ésta es la enfermedad más nueva de todas, el uso del Wii puede provocar daños en los brazos, codos, muñecas y hombros; esto pasa por repetir muchas veces una acción, por ejemplo, jugar cuatro horas seguidas al tenis con esta consola.

Para evitar la adicción: necesita adoptar un tiempo límite de navegación en la Red. Establecer un horario para desactivar el celular. Imponerse horarios de consulta para el correo electrónico. Tomarse un día a la semana en donde se desconecte completamente de la tecnología. Modifique el impulso de enviar un correo electrónico o un mensaje instantáneo a alguien, y opte por visitarlo directamente.

## Una revolución inconclusa

20 de noviembre de 2010, cien años después de la gesta revolucionaria que dimensionó a México a un nivel histórico que, a regañadientes por la realidad que vive hoy el país, aún se recuerda en su centenario. La celebración del centenario de la Revolución Mexicana no se perfila con la grandeza de los festejos que caracterizaron al bicentenario de la Independencia por muchas razones, que van desde la falta de entendimiento hacia este movimiento social hasta la poca simpatía que provoca en muchos miembros de la clase política y la élite económica del país.

A diferencia de la Independencia, que se considera como un proceso que culminó con éxito pues se logró el objetivo principal de crear una nueva nación libre y soberana, a la Revolución se le percibe como un movimiento que, pese a sus logros, aún no cumple cabalmente con las expectativas que lo desencadenaron. En estos últimos cien años, México pasó de ser un país fundamentalmente rural, con 15 millones de habitantes, seis de ellos indígenas monolingües, a una nación eminentemente urbana con 108 millones de personas. Los avances están a la vista. El país se ha modernizado e industrializado, está considerada la economía número nueve en el mundo y tiene una clase media sólida.

Pero es también innegable que son muchos los rezagos que quedan, sobre todo en materia de distribución de la riqueza, de justicia social, de oportunidades educativas y laborales, de legalidad y transparencia en el gobierno y, sobre todo, de inseguridad social.

Hoy, al igual que hace cien años, el país ha entrado en un laberinto de violencia al que no se le ve salida. En 1910, las distintas facciones que reclamaban justicia y se disputaban el poder causaron un baño de sangre que se tradujo en un millón de muertos. La violencia actual es resultado del imperio del crimen organizado y de la incapacidad de las autoridades para acotarlo. Nada ni nadie parece detener a los narcos. Cada captura o caída de un capo genera una ola de violencia cada vez más extendida y brutal.

En este escenario de caos y pánico, es claro que el gobierno ha perdido el rumbo y busca de manera desesperada una fórmula que le permita recuperar la brújula. México debería romper con los corporativismos sindicales y empresariales, acotar los monopolios, modernizar la educación y, sobre todo, entender que lo que realmente destruye al país no es el crimen organizado sino la falta de empleo y oportunidades. Esta carencia es la raíz del auge de la delincuencia y no al revés.

En pleno Siglo XXI, miles de campesinos siguen dejando sus tierras por falta de recursos para el cultivo, y vienen a parar a los campos estadounidenses, sobre todo de California, contradiciendo uno de los fines que perseguía, sobre todo, la lucha de Zapata y su Plan de Ayala. Nostalgias aparte, reflexionar sobre el legado de ese conflicto interno conduce a puntualizar, sí, que efectivamente surgió un nuevo país de esa revolución fragmentada que ha producido en estos primeros cien años una sociedad que se enfrenta a sus propias contradicciones, pero al mismo tiempo dinamizando y haciendo propia su historia, en medio de bonanzas macroeconómicas y de carencias micro salariales.

Claro, ningún proceso histórico, por mucho que se forje en las reivindicaciones más elementales para el bienestar común, ha resuelto de una vez y para siempre los problemas sociales, lo que vuelve a descomponer a las naciones en la siguiente espiral histórica. Francia, Rusia, Cuba, Nicaragua, El Salvador, por ejemplo, también saben muy bien de eso.

Pero en este nuevo milenio las cosas en México vuelven a estar no muy claras: se vive en democracia, pero con 40 millones de pobres para una población de poco más de 100 millones, y

con un éxodo migratorio imparable; se tiene un Congreso que lucha más por los diversos partidos políticos que lo representan, que por avanzar hacia un estadio superior de sus representados; se presume de un sistema judicial que en teoría está a la par de los mejores del mundo, pero en la práctica con una aplicación de la justicia que privilegia a los que más tienen. Y en medio de todo ello, un Estado amenazado en su funcionamiento por los carteles del narcotráfico.

Y sin embargo, su sociedad avanza, se politiza, abre los ojos, busca salidas, participa como puede, modifica luchas y reivindicaciones, se adapta, como siempre, al preámbulo de cada cambio histórico, se harta y se conforma, grita y calla, se sabe parte del mundo que la observa, se deja analizar, se auto-critica, conmemora y reflexiona, crece en cultura, letras y artes, ríe y llora ... y en esa fórmula de vicisitudes va encontrando, otra vez, su propio camino.



# Szekretar wins final grid contest

Charles Szekretar Sr. picked 21 out of 28 games in the final Winters Merchants Football Contest of the season to win the \$30 first prize.

There were five contestants picking 20 right, with Albert Acevedo winning the \$15 second prize on the basis of the tie-breaker score of the Grambling-Southern game. There were 55 points scored in that game, with Acevedo picking 58; Darren

Sturgeon, 42; Fred De Los Santos, 29; Paul Hackmann, 31; and Isabele De Los Santos, 39.

Tom George had 19 right, and 18s included Bob Young, Jim Ogando, Jack Slaven, Bonnie Benshoof, Pietro Bolla, Jack Holt, Tim Ireland and Paul Yandell.

All of the rest of the contestants had 17 or fewer correct selections.

## Some Yolo County residents could see lower flood insurance rates

This fall, flood insurance rates for some Yolo County properties dropped by 10 percent as a result of flood management practices implemented by the Yolo County's Planning & Public Works Department.

The 10 percent discount results in an estimated cumulative annual savings of \$48,901 for current policies on properties in the unincorporated area, or an average savings of approximately \$40 annually per policy. These figures may increase as more homeowners receive notification from their lenders and purchase flood insurance policies.

Last year, Yolo County entered into the National Flood Insurance Program Community Rating System. Yolo County has since been notified that the voluntary actions implemented by the county have result-

ed in a CRS Class 8 Rating which qualifies some Yolo County residents for a 10 percent discount in the premium cost of flood insurance for NFIP policies issued or renewed in Special Flood Hazard Areas on or after Oct. 1

In the notice from the Federal Emergency Management Agency about the CRS Class 8 Rating, it was stated, "I commend you on your community actions and your determination to lead your community to be more disaster resistant. This commitment enhances public safety, property protection, and protects the natural functions of floodplains, and reduces flood insurance policies."

Yolo County Planning & Public Works is now working with the county's Office of Emergency Services to complete the county's Multi-Hazard

Mitigation Plan update. Completion of this plan, along with state and federal approval, could result in an additional 10 percent savings for some county properties in flood insurance premiums.

Separately, through the Insurance Services Office's Fire Rating Program, Yolo County Planning & Public Works achieved a sufficient rating based on its building/fire code practices that results in unincorporated county residents receiving a 10 percent reduction in fire insurance premiums.

"Especially in these difficult economic times, we are pleased to know that our practices, which are meant to protect the public, have also resulted in a significant savings to our residents," Planning & Public Works Director John Bencomo said in a news release.



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• On Dec. 17, 1843, Charles Dickens' classic story "A Christmas Carol" is published. When Dickens' father was thrown into debtors' prison in 1824, 12-year-old Charles was sent to work in a factory. The miserable treatment of children and the institution of the debtors' jail became topics of several of Dickens' novels.

• On Dec. 18, 1886, the often-controversial baseball legend Ty Cobb is born in Narrows, Ga. In 1911, he led the league in eight offensive categories, including batting (.420), slugging percentage (.621), hits (248), doubles (47), triples (24), runs (147), RBI (144) and steals (83), and won the first American League MVP award.

• On Dec. 13, 1915, detective novelist Kenneth Millar, better known by his nom de plume Ross Macdonald, was born in Los Gatos, Calif. He wrote 24 mystery novels, 20 of them featuring detective Lew Archer, who first appeared in "The Moving Target" (1949).

• On Dec. 14, 1977, the film "Saturday Night Fever" had its world premiere at Mann's Chinese Theater in Los Angeles. Four No. 1 pop hits were launched by the movie's landmark soundtrack album, including "How Deep Is Your Love."

• On Dec. 15, 1944, legendary bandleader Glenn Miller (also a captain in the U.S Army Air Force) disappears over the English Channel en route to France for a congratulatory performance for American troops who had recently helped to liberate Paris. The wreckage of Miller's plane was never found.

• On Dec. 16, 1989, federal Judge Robert Vance is instantly killed by a powerful explosion after opening a package mailed to his house near Birmingham, Ala. In June 1991, a federal jury convicted Walter LeRoy Moody on charges related to the bombings and sentenced him to seven life terms plus 400 years in prison.

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**Trustee's Sale**  
 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S No. 1279798-10 APN: 038-180-033 TRA: 002013 LOAN NO: Xxxxxx0278 REF: Robinson, Jon IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED July 10, 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 PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On December 28, 2010, at 9:00am, Cal-Western Reconveyance Corporation, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded July 20, 2006, as Inst. No. 2006-0028143-00 in book XX, page XX of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Yolo County, State of California, executed by Jon Michael Robinson, A Single Man, 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 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: **208 Maple Lane 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: \$325,737.61. 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. For sales information: Mon-Fri 9:00am to 4:00pm (619) 590-1221. Cal-Western Reconveyance Corporation, 525 East Main Street, P.O. Box 22004, El Cajon, CA 92022-9004 Dated: November 15, 2010. (R-351433 12/02/10, 12/09/10, 12/16/10)

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 FILED YOLO COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER Nov. 22, 2010  
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 450 Douglas Lane, Woodland, CA 95776  
 Business Mailing Address  
 P.O. Box 270, Woodland, CA 95776  
 Name of Registrant:  
 John Richie Miller, Jr.  
 450 Douglas Lane, Woodland, CA 95776  
 Business Classification: Individual  
 Beginning Date of Business: The Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 11/01/2010  
 s/John Miller, Jr.  
 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.  
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 Published Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, 2010

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## Trustee's Sale

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S No. 1297351-14 APN: 003-471-019 TRA: 002000 LOAN NO: Xxxxxx5237 REF: Alvarez, Jesus IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED November 14, 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 December 28, 2010, at 9:00am, Cal-Western Reconveyance Corporation, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded November 21, 2005, as Inst. No. 2005-0058019-00 in book XX, page XX of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Yolo County, State of California, executed by Jesus Alvarez and Ramona Alvarez, husband and wife as joint tenants, 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 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1008 Kennedy Drive 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: \$237,428.19. 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. 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 02, 2010. (R-355216 12/02/10, 12/09/10, 12/16/10)

**Storage Lien Sale**  
**STORAGE LIEN SALE**  
 There will be a lien sale at Winters Self Storage (W.S.S.), 807 Railroad Ave., Winters, CA 95694 on DECEMBER 7, 2010 at 11 a.m. This sale is authorized by Chapter 10, commencing with sect. 21700 of the Calif. Business and Professionals Code All items are sold on an "as is" basis without warranty or guarantee for Cash Only. We reserve the right to reject any or all offers. Purchase items must be removed from W.S.S. immediately following the sale. The following is a general description of items to be sold: chairs, tables, headboard, bedding, end tables, washer, dryer, computer hardware, sewing machine, photo equipment, framed pictures, child's desk, rocking chair, chain saw, plastic storage bins, misc. household items belonging to: B-03 KIMBERLY CLARK, E-43 JUDITH SPINETTI. Auctioneer Bond # 0342850.  
 Charles Green, Manager  
 Published Nov. 25, Dec. 2, 2010

**Fictitious Business Name**  
 FILED YOLO COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER Nov. 1, 2010  
 FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK  
 Carol Grein, Deputy  
 FBN NUMBER 2010-946  
 Fictitious Business Name  
 Johnston Design and Finishing  
 311 Madison Place, Woodland, CA 95776-6306  
 Name of Registrant:  
 Van E. Johnston  
 311 Madison Place, Woodland, CA 95776-6306  
 Business Classification: Individual  
 Beginning Date of Business: The Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: Nov. 1, 2010.  
 s/Van E. Johnston  
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**Fictitious Business Name**  
 FILED YOLO COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER Nov. 5, 2010  
 FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK  
 Linda Smith, Deputy  
 FBN NUMBER 2010-958  
 Fictitious Business Name  
 Classic Cuts  
 100 Main Street, Winters, CA 95694  
 Name of Registrant:  
 Daniel S Fortin  
 615 Ivy Loop, Winters, CA 95694  
 Business Classification: Individual  
 Beginning Date of Business: The Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: n/a.  
 s/Daniel S. Fortin  
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 Linda Smith, Deputy Clerk  
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**Trustee's Sale**  
 Trustee Sale No. 227092CA Loan No. 0686195934 Title Order No. 602109545 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 12/15/2004. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 12/23/2010 at 12:45 PM CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded 12/22/2004, Book , Page , Instrument 2004-0058603-00, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Yolo County, California, executed by: Michael Eads and Kathleen Eads, husband and wife, as Trustor, Washington Mutual Bank, FA, as Beneficiary, will sell at public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Sale will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to the Deed of Trust. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Place of Sale: At the north entrance to the West Sacramento City Hall 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA Legal Description: As more fully described in said Deed of Trust Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$567,213.24 (estimated) Street address and other common designation of the real property: 29284 The Horseshoe OR Road 87, Winters, CA 95694 APN Number: 030-280-45-1 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". In compliance with California Civil Code 2923.5(c) the mortgagee, trustee, beneficiary, or authorized agent declares: that it has contacted the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure; or that it has made efforts to contact the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure by one of the following methods: by telephone; by United States mail; either 1st class or certified; by overnight delivery; by personal delivery; by e-mail; by face to face meeting. Date: 11/17/2010 See attached Exhibit Exhibit Declaration Pursuant To California Civil Code Section 2923.54 Pursuant to California Civil Code Section 2923.54, the undersigned loan servicer declares as follows: 1. It has obtained from the commissioner a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to Section 2923.54 that is current and valid on the date the notice of sale is filed; and 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 Section 2923.55. JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association Name: Ann Thorn Title: First Vice President California Reconveyance Company, as Trustee (714) 259-7850 or www.fidelitasap.com (714) 573-1965 or www.priority-posting.com Deborah Brignac California Reconveyance Company is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Deborah Brignac, Vice President 9200 Oakdale Avenue Mail Stop N110612 Chatsworth, CA 91311 P771120 12/2, 12/9, 12/16/2010