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New trustees sworn in

By DEBBIE HEMENWAY
Staff writer

The first and most important order of business when the Winters School Board met last week was the swearing in of new board members and the election of board officers for the coming year.

The meeting was convened by Trustee Matt Brickey as his last official duty as clerk of the previous board. Superintendent Becci Gillespie then introduced Yolo County Supervisor Helen Thomson. Thomson, who is retiring after 36 years of public service, administered the oath to the new trustees: Dan Maguire, Mike Olivas, David Reynoso, Robyn Rominger and Robert Warren. Standing with Rominger for the swearing-in were her two young children, John and Rachel.

Immediately following the ceremony, the board conducted its first official action, which was the annual election of a new president and clerk.

Brickey, who led the nomination and voting, began by requesting that his own name not be entered into consideration.

"With everything that's happened this year," Brickey said, referring to the tumultuous relationships between the former board and community members, "the board would be better served without me being included."

With that said, he opened the floor to nominations. Dan Maguire was unanimously elected as the new president, with Rob Warren chosen as clerk.

The board president is the public face of the trustees and as

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Photo by Debbie Hemenway

Yolo County Supervisor Helen Thomson (far right) administers the oath of office for new school board trustees (from left) Mike Olivas, David Reynoso, Robert Warren and Dan Maguire, and incumbent Robyn Rominger, accompanied by her children John and Rachel, at the Dec. 9 school board meeting.

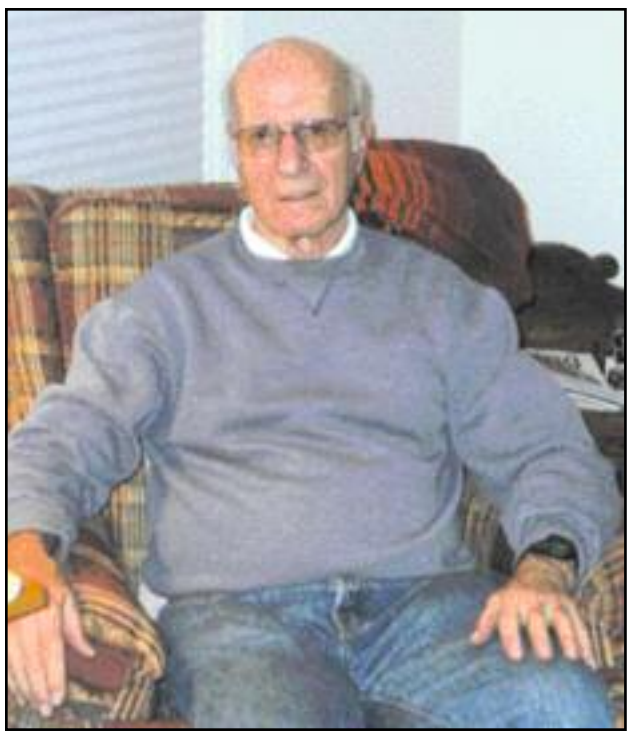

Photo by Dawn Van Dyke

Joe Tramontana is the recipient of this year's Theodore Winters Award, given by the Winters Chamber of Commerce to someone who has done an outstanding job serving the community over the prior year.

Tramontana wins Theodore Winters Award

By DAWN VAN DYKE
Express correspondent

When times are difficult, everyone agrees that something needs to be done. Not everyone stands up and takes action. When Joe Tramontana found out the Winters Community Center and Bobbie Greenwood Swim Center were facing cuts in services, hours and increased fees due to budget deficits, he did just that.

Last spring, when the city council was having one of its many difficult discussions about the city's budget, Tramontana stood up and volunteered to do whatever he could to raise money so the Community Center and pool would stay open for those in the community who need them most.

"I don't know what got into me. I just thought, 'there has to be some way of raising money to keep them open.'"

The first thing Tramontana did was schedule a meeting with City Manager John Donlevy to ask how much money it would take to keep both the Community Center and the Bobbie Greenwood Swim Center programs open full-time. The answer: $40,000 per year, each.

Although the number seemed daunting, Tramontana was determined. Somehow he just knew he had to help.

"I don't do these things," he says, laughing. "I didn't even have the slightest idea what kind of really very big job it was."

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Classic Cuts will feature full range of services

By DENISE COTTRELL
Staff writer

Maybe there are days when you think about the profession that got away. You thought about life as a carpenter, or you always wanted to be a firefighter or a teacher, however, life got in the way and you were too busy or too stuck in your present job to take that leap of faith.

Danny Fortin used to work in the electrical trades, but the economy changed all of that and gave him the opportunity to try what he always wanted to do: be a barber. After years of working in San Francisco teaching at the barber college, he is marking something else off of his "what I always wanted to try" list. He is opening a barber and hair salon in downtown Winters. Classic Cuts, located at 100 Main Street will open on Jan. 3.

Classic Cuts will offer a full range of services from a shave and a haircut to tints and perms, massage and pedicures.

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Photo by Denise Cottrell

Danny Fortin looks forward to serving local residents in his new business, Classic Cuts, located at 100 Main Street. Classic Cuts will be open for business on Jan. 3.

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Weather

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

Date	Rain	Hi	Lo
Dec. 8	.28	61	42
Dec. 9	.46	53	50
Dec. 10	.05	64	52
Dec. 11	.01	67	55
Dec. 12	T	68	51
Dec. 13	T	58	53
Dec. 14	.07	57	51

Rain for week: .87
Season's total: 5.71
Last year to date: 6.30
Average to Dec. 14: 5.75

Next step toward establishing Winters Fire Department taken

By DEBRA DeANGELO
Express editor

Although there was little fanfare, a pretty big thing occurred at the Dec. 7 city council meeting: the next step in officially establishing the Winters Fire Department and the position of Winters Fire Chief took place. Up until this point, fire services in Winters were provided by the Winters Fire District, which encompasses a 100-square mile area of rural land surrounding Winters city limits.

The fire district formerly billed the city for services within city limits. Now the arrangement will be flip-flopped, and the fire district will provide 97.5 percent of its revenues to the city to provide

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SILAS VAUGHAN SCHRUPP* is the newborn son of Tom and Katie Schrupp of Esparto. Born at 2:49 a.m. Nov. 26, 2010, at Sutter Davis Hospital, he weighted 7 pounds, 6 ounces and was 19 ½ inches long. Maternal grandparents are Gordon and Kathy Chapple of Walnut Creek. Paternal grandparents are Jim Schrupp and Georgeanne Brennan of Winters and Donna Segal of Davis. Maternal great-grandparents are Douglas and Jean Vaughan of Bayside and Jack and Betsy Chapple of Irvine. Paternal great-grandparents are Francis and Florence Schrupp of Lafayette and Don and Nadeene Bowman of Lake of the Ozarks, Mo.

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OBITUARIES

Miguel Moreno Franco

Miguel Moreno Franco passed away Thursday, Dec. 9, 2010, at Woodland Memorial Hospital surrounded by his family. Born on Sept. 26, 1920, in Moroleon, Guanajuato, to Lucas and Felicitas Franco, he was 90.

He was a loving and caring father, grandfather and friend. He enjoyed family gatherings and always made visitors feel welcome at his house.

He is survived by his sons Jaime (Ilda) and Pedro (Concepcion), and daughters Bertha (Uriel) Huizar and Teresita (Gerardo) Garcia; grandchildren, Erika Padilla, Veronica Hernandez, Jaime Franco, Oscar, Cesar and Karina Franco, Jorge, Alex and Eduardo Huizar and Natalie Garcia; great-grandchildren, Dezireé, Roger and Richard Padilla and Maximiliano Hernandez; brothers Ramon of Moroleon, Guanajuato, Mexico, Jose of Winters and sister Guadalupe of Richmond.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Natividad Franco, sister Natalia, brothers Socorro and Gilberto, and just recently, close friend Vicenta Rodriguez.

A Rosary will be held at St. Anthony Catholic Church on Tuesday, Dec. 14, at 7 p.m. and a funeral Mass will be on Wednesday, Dec. 15, followed by burial services at the Winters Cemetery. Father Humberto Gomez of Vacaville will be officiating.

Funeral arrangements are under the care of Wiscombe Funeral Home.

August Peter Gonnella

August Peter Gonnella died Thursday, Dec. 9, 2010, at age 85. He was born June 11, 1925, to Pompeo and Pilmira Gonnella in Occidental.

Gonnella is survived by his wife of 61 years, Julia Gonnella; children Jimmy Gonnella of Santa Rosa, Ronnie Gonnella of Winters; Augie Gonnella of Winters; Gloria Foster of Lodi, Judy Jeffery of Vacaville and Diana Carner of Winters; daughters-in-law Nancey Gonnella and Ashley Jeffery; sons-in-law Richard Carner and Gary Foster; and the late Betty Gonnella. He had 12 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Gonnella had a love for his work. In the early years, he worked at Travis airbase. He retired from the Carpenter's Union, but his greatest love was his masonry work and all the love from his family and friends. "We will miss him," family members said.

Martha Mary Johnson

Martha Mary Johnson passed away on Friday, Dec. 10, 2010, at age 87. She was born on May 22, 1923, and raised in Winters, where she met and married her husband of 65 years, Herbert Johnson, and where together they raised their family.

Over the years, she was employed as a bookkeeper for various Winters-based businesses, the last of which was Valley Almond Growers and, after many years of service, she retired. Martha spent her remaining years enjoying her family and their frequent camping trips.

Martha is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, LeRoy and Debra Johnson; grandson Scott Johnson, granddaughter Kimberli Quam and her husband Brent; and great-grandson Tyler Cassidy.

She was preceded in death by her husband Herbert and daughter Darlene Newmann.

Private family services will be held on Friday, Dec. 17, at 10:30 a.m. at Wiscombe Funeral Home in Winters. Interment will be in Winters Cemetery.

Those who wish to sign a guestbook online may do so at www.wiscombefuneral.com.

YESTERYEAR

File photo

In September 1977, these three charter members of the Olive-Pleasants Fire Department were honored at a dinner given by the fire department. They are, left to right: George Castro, Jack Fay and Tony Martin. A plaque naming all charter members was dedicated outside the fire station.

50 YEARS AGO

December 29, 1960

Weaver Gaddini and Tony Martinez indicated at the regular meeting of the high school board of trustees last Wednesday evening that they would not be candidates for re-election to the board.

E.S. Rust, of Coachella Valley, whose father founded the Winters Express in 1884, visited here briefly Saturday enroute to Red Bluff, to spend Christmas with his son, Robert Rust.

Mr. and Mrs. Eusabio "Sabe" Carrion, of Winters, are the parents of a son, born December 27, 1960, at the Yolo General Hospital, Woodland.

Eyvind Faye, president of the Yolo County Farm Bureau and a resident of Knights Landing, will be the speaker at the Farm Bureau meeting tonight in Wesley Hall. A potluck supper will start at 6:30, followed by the program at 7:30.

Mr. and Mrs. Rod Degener spent the Christmas weekend with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Al Baker, and grandson, Roddy, in Redding.

George Moore spent Christmas day with his son Foss Moore and his wife and their family in Davis.

65 YEARS AGO

December 28, 1945

Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Armstrong were hosts last Sunday at a dinner in honor of Chaplain and Mrs. Monroe Drew, Jr., and their children Marie Louise and Cameron. Chaplain Drew was formerly pastor of the local Presbyterian Church.

Born in Woodland to Captain and Mrs. Charles E. Graf, December 25, 1945, a son, Richard Edward, weight 9 pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. William F. Singleton arrived in Winters Saturday from Lawrenceville, Illinois, and are at the home of Dr. and Mrs. A.M. Herron, parents of Mrs. Singleton. Singleton, master sergeant in the U.S. Army Air Corps, was released from service at George Field, Lawrenceville, December 19, and the couple immediately started their homeward trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Bruhn have returned from Tacoma, Washington, accompanied by their son Meredith, recently discharged from the U.S. Signal Corps.

Wayne S. Ireland has received his honorable discharge from the U.S. Navy at the Naval Personnel Separation Center in Shoemaker, California.

100 YEARS AGO

December 30, 1910

H.G. Boyce was a southbound passenger Saturday noon.

Miss Maybel Sackett is home from Esparto for the holidays.

Adrian Overhouse was over from Sacramento to spend Christmas at home.

Archie Murray, who has been at home for the past few days, returned to the city yesterday afternoon.

Next Sunday, Jan. 1, the Presbyterian Church will celebrate the 33rd anniversary of the pastorate of the Rev. H.C. Culton.

Dr. B.E. Hoye left for his home in Auburn, Washington, Saturday after visiting here with his sister, Mrs. S.C. Sanborn.

The meeting of the Improvement Club in the reading room Wednesday was not as well attended as it should have been.

Leroy Fenley fell and broke his arm while playing with some other boys at Chickahominy bridge.

115 YEARS AGO

December 28, 1895

Miss Eva Tadlock and William Bourland were married at 1:30 o'clock Tuesday, at the residence of the bride's father, R.G. Tadlock, near Madison, by Elder Philip Burton of this place.

Mr. Isaac Wright, principal of the Winters Union High School, went to Oakland Wednesday afternoon to the annual meeting of the State Teachers' Association.

On Friday evening of last week, Mrs. G.A. Weihe gave a party for her brother, Dell Hall, prior to his departure for home. The following young people were present: Misses May Baker, Laura Hanson, Addie and Birdie Cooper, Estella Duprey, Mamie Hill, Susie Dunton, Lula Clark, Carrie Womack, Pearl Wyatt, Lorena Wolfskill, Grace Jacks, Florence Rummelsburg and Madge Rust. Messrs. Arthur Cooper, Alex Ritchie, Leland Sweitzer, Charles Moody, Rob Lee, Andy Johnson, Charles Waughtel, Arthur Northcutt, Charles Downey, Dell Hall and Frank Duprey.

Berryessa lake level rises .19 of a foot

The level of Lake Berryessa rose by .19 of a foot during the past week, with an increase in storage of 3,066 acre feet of water, according to Ken Emigh of the Solano Irrigation District.

He reported on Tuesday morning that the lake was 412.82 feet above sea level, with storage computed at 1,074,710 acre feet of water.

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

Evaporation on Lake Berryessa averaged 8 acre feet of water per day during the week.

Weekly police report

Dec. 2-3

~ 9 p.m. to 6 a.m., 200 block of Suffolk Place, someone broke into a locked vehicle and stole property. Awaiting a list of stolen property and dollar amount.

Dec. 5-6

~ 11:30 p.m. to 7 a.m., 900 block of East Grant Avenue, someone broke into a locked storage container and stole eight cases of beer. Loss: $175.

Dec. 6

~ Time unknown, 400 block of Pear Place, two license plates were stolen from one vehicle and one license plate

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Weekly fire department report

Dec. 7

~ 100 block of Liwai Village Court, public assistance

~ 30 block of Main Street, medical aid for difficulty breathing

~ 100 block of East Grant, medical aid for chest pains

~ 500 block of Niemann Street, fire alarm sounding

Dec. 8

~ 400 block of Morgan Street, smoke detector sounding

~ 20 block of Main Street, medical aid for

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AWARD

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Tramontana, a former researcher, says he has a "scientist's mind," so he sat down and made a list of all the steps he would need to take to help solve the problem. First, he decided, he needed a Tax ID number. After searching the internet and considering taking on the task as an individual, he approached City Hall and was told he could use that Tax ID.

So, he scratched that item off the list and moved onto the next.

"These are the problems that little, by little, by little, had to be solved."

Luckily, he says, he had help. Howard Hupe, Dick Larkey, Wally Neeley and "naturally, Bobbie (Greenwood)"all stepped up to volunteer. Then one day, Tramontana stopped by Eagle Drug and out of the blue, owner Gary Bertagnolli offered to help organize a spaghetti dinner to raise funds.

Throughout the following months, a small committee of 6-8 people met every two weeks to discuss fundraising ideas. The group divided up jobs: taking photos, making brochures, delivering flyers around town, and sending out solicitation letters.

"It was kind of fun. It was fun do to all the logistics."

Then the checks started to trickle in.

The first week, he received a donation for $1,000.

"I was on top of the world."

The committee placed donation jars around town and collected nearly $800. Tramontana began to feel like the goal could be reached — that people were paying attention and wanted to help. Then when he and his wife, Gerry, were on vacation in Alaska, the committee began planning for the spaghetti dinner to be held in May.

However, as the date was drawing close and they hadn't sold many tickets "we were sweatin' it," Tramontana says.

But they kept working and hoping, and when the event was over, 115 people had attended and it was a big success. He is grateful to Bertagnolli for his assistance, as well as Marie Heilman, who offered her expertise as the organizer of the annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner.

Others pitched in: Dante Mazza, a seventh grader at Winters Middle School, asked his classmates to start saving cans. Others mailed in donations from $25 to $2,500. Donations were made on Youth Day.

"It just seemed like people wanted to help us,"says Tramontana.

By fall, the committee had raised nearly $25,000, a significant amount of money that was raised purely through volunteer efforts "which everyone was very happy with."

Then came the hard part: deciding where the need was greatest and where to donate the funds. So Tramontana, Larkey and Hupe sat down to discuss solutions for the Community Center. In the end, they decided to pay $3,000 a year for two years to sponsor the Senior Citizens lunch. They also sponsored the Lions Club's use of the Community Center for their regular Blood Drives for two years.

They met with Greenwood and city officials to come up with a recommendation for how to help at the pool.

"That was a little harder. I would have liked to spread the funds all around. But that would have maybe only helped for about a year."

However, one issue about which Tramontana and Greenwood were adamant was that the price of the summer recreation swim fees should be dropped from the newly increased price of $3 per person, back to $1 per person. So that was their final recommendation — also for a period of two years.

"We tried to do the best we could with the money. With these times, it's tough. We were lucky to do what we did."

He still can't identify what it was that made him decide to take on the task of trying to help keep vital community services available when it seemed it was impossible. He says he had no agenda.

"I just thought 'there's gotta be a way.' So, I said, 'I think I'll try to do it.'"

And do it, he did.

"It was fun. I don't know if I would do it again. I'd have to think about it real hard," he says with a smile. "I had a lot of help from a lot of good people in this town."

Tramontana is used to being active and involved. A bicycling enthusiast, he has completed eight Davis Double Century (200 mile) rides. He's completed nearly 100 Century rides over a period of about 20 years.

These days, though, he's more likely to be found on the golf course.

"Golf. That's my big thing now."

He is a member of SIRS (Seniors in Retirement) and also the Leisure Town golf club.

He and his wife, Gerry, are avid travelers and active out of doors. They own a travel trailer, which they take to Denver, Colorado, Seattle, Washington and Lake Tahoe and Pismo Beach. They also enjoy boating at Lake Berryessa.

Tramontana is a retired research scientist with Xerox, which is where he met Gerry. They lived and worked in Palo Alto until they moved to Winters in 1994. He has been a member of the Winters Planning Commission for 13 years.

Tramontana will be honored at the Chamber of Commerce Year in Review celebration on Saturday, Jan. 22, at the Winters Community Center.

For tickets or more information about the event, call the Chamber office, 795-2329.

Council members, planners to meet

The city council meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 21, will begin one half-hour early, at 6 p.m., for a joint session with the planning commission meeting, which will not meet on at its regular time (the fourth Tuesday of the month) in December.

The topic of discussion for the joint session will be an analysis of land use designations and zoning for properties along Grant Avenue between Morgan Street and Interstate 505.

Following the joint session, there will be a regular city council meeting. The agenda includes:

~ Second reading and adoption of ordinance establishing the Winters Fire Department and office of fire chief.

~ Introduction and first reading of ordinance authorizing an amendment to the contract between the City of Winters and the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System, applicable to local police members.

~ Approval of agreement for temporary transfer of vehicular equipment with the California Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA)

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

~ June 30, 2010 Community Development Agency audited financial report.

CUTS

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Classic Cuts has five haircutting stations and will be the base of operation for some service providers who have worked in other Winters establishments.

Tammy Clark will provide massage services and Julie Lopez-Rojas, formally of Close Quarters will be bringing her complete nail service to the bright and airy salon. In addition, chiropractic services will also be available from Bryan Case, D.C. Appointments can be made directly with the various service providers who will be providing services at Classic Cuts.

As a resident of Winters for over 20 years, Fortin is happy that he is no longer making the two hour drive to San Francisco and that he has the opportunity to utilize his barbering and business skills in a new business venture.

"Everything has already surpassed my expectations," he said.

Fortin is looking forward to showing off his new establishment on Dec. 31. If you happen to be downtown, stop in and become acquainted with what this new business has to offer.

FIRE

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allergic reaction

Dec. 9

~ Buckeye Road and Russell Boulevard, medical aid for seizure

Dec. 11

~ 1000 block of Kennedy Drive, medical aid for a diabetic

~ 4000 block of Jaybee Lane, mutual aid with Dixon Fire, hay barn

Dec. 12

~ 20 block of East Abbey Street, medical aid for difficulty breathing

~ 400 block of Morgan Street, medical aid for possible stroke

Legal clinic offered for seniors

The Winters Seniors Clinic serves seniors with legal and other resource needs.

Seniors 60 and older can meet with a Legal Services of Northern California attorney to receive free legal services for civil matters, such as housing, Social Security, employment, and other benefits. They can also meet with a Senior Link of Yolo County representative who can provide free information to link seniors age 60 and older to services and resources in Yolo County, offering information on a range of topics.

The Winters Seniors Clinic will be held every fourth Thursday of the month at the Winters Healthcare Foundation, 350 Main Street. Call the Winters Healthcare Foundation, 795-5200, to schedule an appointment.

If you have questions about the clinic, call contact Kristi Link-Crosier, Senior Link of Yolo County Information & Assistance coordinator, 662-1065.

Opinion

LETTERS

'Gifts' under the Betty Tree

Our Mom — "Betty" to all who knew her — was one who gave much more than she received in her 84 years on this earth. She did not, as the Gospel of Matthews says, "lay treasures for herself upon earth." The treasures she did lay were in the hearts of others. It was we who received her gifts and we who will, hopefully, spread those gifts to our own children and their children.

The good news is that Mom left this earth knowing that she left behind the kind of treasures that are cherished far more than gold.

As you pass this tree at Rotary Park over the years to come, think of it as the tree bearing gifts, not just for Christmas, but for every day: winter, spring, summer and fall.

Look under the tree. I am sure you will see your own gift. Right now, I see the gift of encouragement. I see the gifts of shared sorrow and shared joy. I see the gift of a helping hand to someone who suffered a misfortune

Look again. You may see the gift of a meal lovingly prepared for you. A warm bed made for you. A playful song, sung just for you.

The Betty Tree is everlasting. It's bounty everlasting. It's ok to reach under with your eyes and take a gift and smile to yourself. Just remember, though, to leave at least one more for the next soul to pass the Betty Tree.

"Where your treasure is, there will be your heart also" (Matt. 6.21). May all of our hearts be so touched.

PETE HOSKINS

Best wishes, Winters

Best wishes for a happy holiday season to all in the historic town of Winters. Many congratulations to Joann Larkey for her role in preserving the history of Winters and Yolo County.

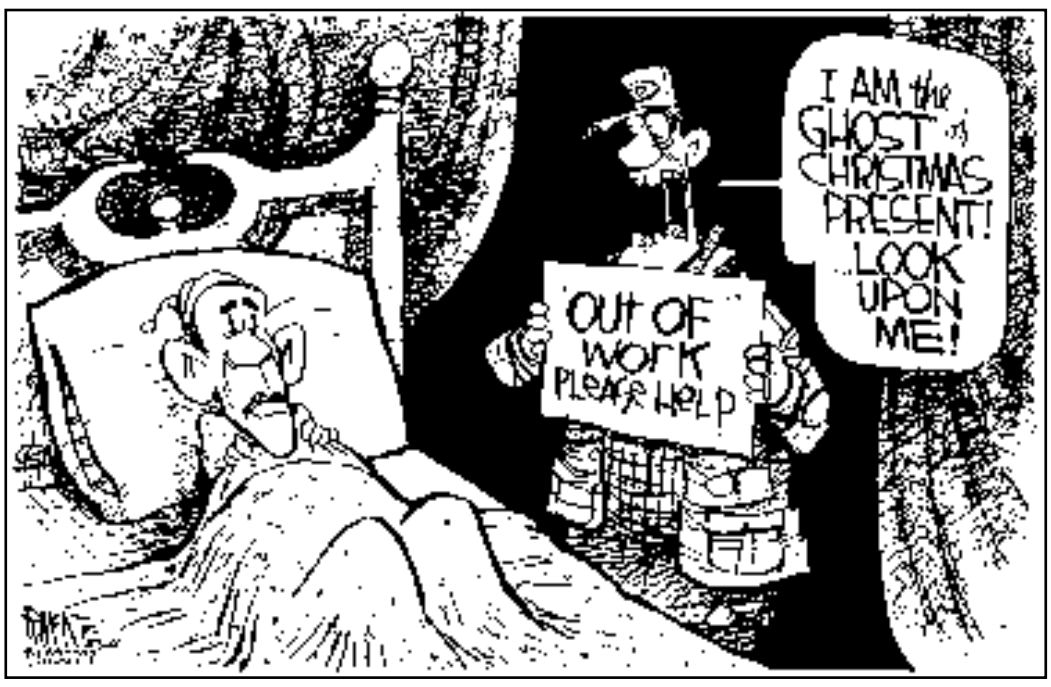
Discovering linkages with the historic Santa Fe Trail and even the Spanish Trail, along with the railroad is all relevant to the Winters story. I am hopeful that the original goals and mission of the Winters History Project can continue to celebrate the origins of the town, many family legacies, along with regional importance in the development of California.

The Winters History Project was developed as a vehicle to benefit all merchants, businesses, residents and visitors alike as a unifying marketing principle for the historic town of Winters.

Winters has so much to offer through its historic and current community attributes and surrounding natural beauty.

As I have now moved to Santa Fe, New Mexico, much thanks to everyone in Winters. Again, best wishes for the holiday season.

JILL COURSIN
Co-Founder of the Winters History Project



Lucky to live in Winters

One of the main reasons I love the community of Winters is the generous people who call this town "home." As one of the many teachers in our district who strive to better our school academics, it is heartwarming to see the amount of support the community has for our academic programs.

I just completed our first annual AVID/Academic Decathlon Holiday Dinner and was able to raise over $2,000 for these programs with the help of so many individuals and businesses. These programs are designed to assist students in their educational pursuits and give them opportunities to challenge themselves as they continue on in their education.

I would like to thank the people who made this dinner a success. Thank you to Jessica Williams, Mary Kay Callaway, Sandy Martinez Freeland, Adam Freeland, Andrea Hurst, Liz Coman, Matt Biers-Ariel, Dianne Grimard, Teresa Perkins, Courtney Caruso, Raena Ernst-Lavelle, Susan Hamilton, Debbie Nicholson, Lisa Brown, Bridgett Mariani, Matt and Laura Mariani, John and Jean Rodriguez, my fabulous mother-in-law Linda Rodriguez (who put in just as much time as I did!), Chris and Shannon Rodriguez, Marc Rodriguez, Nikki Singh, Marcella Heredia and Jenny Ehnat.

I would also like to thank the following businesses for their contribution to our silent auction: Cody's Deli, Putah Creek Café, Buckhorn Steakhouse, Steady Eddy's, Round Table Pizza, Turkovich Winery, Berryessa Gap, Velocity, Ace Hardware, Dream Dinners and Lester Farms Bakery. When I asked each of these businesses for a donation, all of them gave me an enthusiastic "yes!" even though I know that they are asked to donate weekly by our many community and school organizations.

It is moments like these that I feel lucky to live in this little town and I am so thankful to everyone who volunteered, donated and attended this event.

OLIVIA RODRIGUEZ, JESSICA WILLIAMS, SUSAN HAMILTON
Winters High School

Thanks for a great festival

On behalf of the Winters Friends of the Library, I would like to thank our community for another great Family Holiday Festival. On Saturday, Dec. 4, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., the Winters Community Center was brimming with holiday fun. Children and their parents sang, made crafts, sat on Santa's knee, shopped for books, ate delicious food, and had a lovely time. We are delighted to be part of such a warm community.

We would like to thank some of the individuals and businesses who make our annual Holiday event an annual success. Randy Oates of Oates Country Store makes the kitchen hum every year, organizing workers, donating food and supplies, and making fantastic gourmet sandwiches for hungry crowds. Buckhorn Catering donates the white tablecloths that give our decor a little polish.

Our Mrs. Claus' Cafe

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CHARLES R. WALLACE

A QUICK OPINION

BETTING THE HORSES. It has been years since I was at a racetrack. The Rotary Club of Winters met at Golden Gate Fields for a day at the races last Saturday. There were over 400 Rotarians in the Turf Club, which is a nice, glassed in, dinning facility. Whoever was in charge of us did a great job. Everything went smoothly from the valet parking to a great buffet and dessert table.

There were nine races that day and all were listed in a nice booklet that also had someone's picks for all nine races. I'm a big spender, so I picked horses he thought would finish 2nd or 3rd and bet them to win or show (which means they would finish either first, second, or third. It cost $4 to bet each race. My system worked from the very first race. My horse finished third, paying a big $3.60. The next race was even better with my horse finishing second, paying $4.60. I was boasting about my horse picking skills until someone asked me how much I had made. $8.20 I told them. "How much had I bet?" $8.00. There were a few chuckles.

I didn't impress too many people with my profit margin, but I did pick 8 out of 9 on the day, with the big payout being the ninth and final race. Unfortunately, we left after the eighth race where we got our picture taken with the winning jockey. On the way out the door, I handed my ninth race ticket to an employee of the park and told him it was a winner. After I got home, I looked up the race, and sure enough, my horse won, paying $16. I'm glad I made someone happy that day.

This is the same racetrack that tried to move to Dixon a few years ago. Dixon residents voted not to allow the track to move to their backyard, by a wide margin. It would have had a big impact on the Dixon economy, but I guess the people decided they didn't want the traffic.

It takes a lot of people to run a racetrack. From parking attendants, food preparers, servers, bartenders, jockeys, groomsmen, track sweepers, timers, veterinarians, ambulance drivers, you get the picture. I'm not sure how they manage on $10 and $15 admission tickets. Maybe it is the $6 beer, or maybe people bet more than $4 a race.

Golden Gate Fields is just the right distance. Far enough to make it a planned trip and close enough if you really want to see a horserace. This is my first trip to the track, Rotary's second year. Mike Kimes is the organizer for Winters and he told me that they doubled the number of people who went last year. I can see why. It is a fun day. I'll give you my picks for next year, as soon as I see the expert's picks in the program.

Have a good week.

Policy for Letters to the Editor

The deadline for Letters to the Editor is noon on Mondays for publication that week. Letters may be mailed or hand-delivered to The Winters Express, 312 Railroad Avenue, Winters, CA 95694, or emailed to news@ wintersexpress-com.

Letters should not exceed 500 words. Do not use all capital letters.

We reserve the right to edit or reject any letter.

Letters must be legibly signed by the writer, or if emailed, must indicate the writer's name.

Letters submitted anonymously will not be printed.

Distant karma: John's not really gone — he still shines on, from across the universe

DEBRA DeANGELO

BECAUSE I SAY SO

Someone posted "A date which will live in infamy" as their Facebook status last week, acknowledging the bombing of Pearl Harbor. I posted this response: "Dec. 8 is pretty infamy-ish too." While Dec. 7 is the official date of infamy for the United States, for John Lennon fans, Dec. 8 is the date that lives in infamy – truly a date forever stained with tragedy and sorrow.

What was your first tragic "that moment I'll never forget where I was" experience? JFK's assassination? The Challenger explosion? 9/11? Mine came on Dec. 8, 1980. I guess shock and tragedy sear mundane details into memory, because I remember every detail of that evening, right down to the book I was reading — "Maturity and Aging" (how ironic) for a psychology class at UC Davis. I was lying on my stomach on this tacky old plaid couch, highlighting key passages in bright pink, and the music on the radio stopped. The DJ, his voice curdled and thick, announced John Lennon's death. It literally took my breath away — a gasp that sucked in and couldn't be released without the escort of frantic tears.

It was my first personal experience with something too horrible to be true, something my brain simply could not wrap around, something that compels you to run out the door and grab the first person you see by both shoulders and shriek, "Have you heard??? Oh my God, have you heard???" and then collapse into each other's arms and weep.

For me, that shock of disbelief over John's death progressed through the stages of grieving — denial, anger, bargaining, depression — right up to the brink of "acceptance." And stopped. I don't think I ever truly worked through that stage successfully. Maybe because John still seems very much alive to me?

Even from the ever-after, John still inspires and challenges me. His words and music are like peering through a kaleidoscope — time and experience turn the lens, and the images tumble and swirl into new and novel patterns. Just last week, on the 30th anniversary of his death, I listened to "Mind Games" afresh, and it struck me from an entirely different angle, and it made me smile.

Although I obviously never knew him in person, John impacted my life in tangible ways. He was my example for fearlessly speaking the truth regardless of who it pisses off. He was the embodiment of my favorite Edward Albee quote: "Never be afraid to be loud and unpopular." He taught me that if you want to keep your integrity intact, you have to choose between honesty and popularity. Believe me, the truth is often unpopular, and if you hurl the you-know-what squarely at the fan, some of it splatters back on you. So what. It washes off.

Speaking the truth and weathering the consequences, and rebounding each time with renewed determination to jump back in feet first and do it again – this is what forges lumps of coal into diamonds. And nothing cuts like a diamond. Except words, maybe. Heat and pressure, baby. If you can't take them — embrace and relish them, even— don't pursue a career in opinion, whether your words are set to music or not.

John was the muse not just for my mind, but my heart too. He and Yoko became my template for love… God and Goddess, yin and yang, earth and sky, sun and moon. Together, they were a perfect complement to each other, two halves of one whole. I recognized this on an instinctual level, but sadly, had no personal experience with it. What John and Yoko had — I believed in it, but only in theory. Their love was real, but also some sort of anomaly that happened to regular people with about the same frequency as becoming a rock and roll superstar.

I'd resigned myself to a life devoid of this experience, never dreaming it would be John himself who'd guide me straight into it. This time however, he didn't touch me through music or books or words, but through a new media — the Internet. When the internet became part of life's fabric in the late '90s, I discovered an infinite source of information about John — websites and chat rooms, where Lennon fans could endlessly and inexhaustibly pore over every bit of Lennon minutiae imaginable.

Over time, I began to favor one particular website, and our little group of dedicated fans evolved into a support group of sorts. Actually meeting each other in "real" life became an ongoing challenge: who had met the most of us? Me, I'm always up to a challenge. And so, I met several of them — lovely, interesting, diverse people, whose paths I'd never have crossed without one common thread: John Lennon. It gave "Come together… over me" new meaning.

Yes, I met this one and that one. And then I met The One. And I wasn't even looking for him. And as one of John's songs says, for the first time in my life, my eyes were wide open. And I knew for certain, as another song says, love is real.

So, when people ask me how The Cutest Man In The World and I met, I often respond, "John Lennon introduced us." And they smile and wait for the punch line. But… there isn't one. I'm totally serious. Do you think someone who's dead could do that? I don't. You know, all in all, acceptance is overrated. All we really need to accept is that we all shine on. I know John does. I can see him in my sweetie's eyes. Love is real. And it is all we need.

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tables come from the generous owners of Ficelle. The Winters Theatre Company shared space and equipment with us right in the middle of their delightful holiday production of "It's a Wonderful Life." And of course, the City of Winters staff, including Carol Scianna, supports our event in many ways. The new color copy machine at the Winters Express turned out a set of sharp and beautiful posters. Thank you all.

Special thanks to the lively and talented students and teachers of the Winters Joint Unified School District. Teachers made time to bring their singing students from Waggoner, Rominger, Winters Middle School and Winters High School. Winters is truly blessed to have excellent teachers who continue to bring music to our children and to our community. Thank you.

Chris Novello's high school culinary arts students cranked out the most delicious, generously sized, gingerbread men for children to decorate. The WHS industrial arts classes made 150 trivet bases out of wood — every one turned into a gorgeous trivet at the fair.

More than 30 Winters High School students volunteered their time to help with all aspects of the festival. They were cheerful, patient with the very young crafters, and talented at designing crafts themselves. They worked hard at any task we gave them, from craft making, to the kitchen, to gingerbread men, to broom detail. We heard that many were students from the high school AVID class. Great job.

With warmest wishes for a happy holiday season,

MARY LOU LINVILL
Co-president
Winters Friends of the Library

Thanks for supporting wreath project

We would like to thank all who participated in some way to make the 2010 Wreath Project such an overwhelming success, covering the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery entirely again for the fifth year. For the many who gave donations with which to purchase wreaths, help to spread the word to friends and family and came out Saturday with more than 2,000 of their neighbors to honor our fallen, we say thank you and we couldn't have done it without all the support. We would also like to thank Bob Button (Button Transportation) for donating the freight for this year's project.

For the first time this year, a portion of the wreaths were delivered early and made available for people to pick up and lay early. That proved to be very popular and we plan to do the same again next year. We were very fortunate to be able to work with Teufel Holly Farms from Oregon and they not only sold us wreaths for $7 each, but donated a portion of the shipment to us as well.

We recognized many people helping Saturday who make this an annual family event; some with family buried there, many without — they just want to help and pay their respects.

We will continue this annual event and can accept donations year-round. You may be added to the email list for project updates by sending an email to wreathproject@ yahoo. com. We also have a web site that is constantly updated at www.wreathproject.org for project information.

Thank you all again for your ongoing support of this annual community tradition however you are able to help. Merry Christmas!

CURTIS and SUSIE STOCKING

Cemetery board thanks volunteers

The Winters Cemetery Board of Trustees would like to acknowledge and publicly thank Suzy Stocking, the Girl Scouts, the Boy Scouts and other unknown volunteers for their efforts in placing holiday wreaths on our veterans' graves.

This all came together as a result of a telephone call from Suzy asking if the Cemetery District would be interested in her and other volunteers placing the holiday wreaths on the graves of our veterans. The Cemetery District provided Suzy with a listing of over 300 known veterans buried in the Winters Cemetery. One day later, the wreaths were placed on as many veterans' graves as the volunteers could locate during a heavy rain storm.

Thank you, Suzy, Scouts and the others. The Cemetery is honored by your efforts and hopes that this can become an annual event in the future.

LARRY W. JUSTUS,
GAIL A. WINGARD,
JOHN KNABKE
Winters Cemetery District

Chamber chili champ

Photo by Debra DeAngelo

Chamber president Myke Berna (right) presents the first place award in the annual Chamber Chili Cook-off to defending champion Elia Arce of El Pueblo Meat Market.

Bryan and Meghan Maguire (below) ponder their choice for their favorite chil when it was time to vote at the Dec. 6 Chamber Mixer, hosted by Realty World.

County puts Job Search Central online

Yolo County's Job Search Central, posted on the county website, provides resources and links to assist those seekers employment.

The primary goal of Job Search Central is to educate, prepare and directly assist Yolo County employees affected by budget cuts in obtaining paid employment. However, the resources are posted so others impacted by job losses can also benefit from the resources and information.

To view Job Search Central visit www. yolocounty. org (select the Employment link at the top of the homepage and then select Job Search Central on the left menu). T

Employers can submit job announcements and filing requirements wiht the link on the website or e-mail directly to the Yolo County Human Resource Department: gina.duncan@ yolcounty.org.

Yolo County department closures planned

Yolo County will have some department closures during the week winter holidays. With few exceptions, all departments will be closed Dec. 24 and 31.

The following departments will be closed Dec. 19-23: Alternative Sentencing Program, Child Support Services, Coop Extension, County Administrator, County Counsel, General Services, Health, Human Resources, Library (Central Services & Archives/Record Center and the following branch libraries: Clarksburg, Esparto, Knights Landing, West Sacramento, Winters (beginning Dec. 23) and Yolo, and Planning & Public Works.

The following departments will be closed Dec. 25: Animal Services, Davis Library and Landfill.

The following departments will be closed Dec. 26-30: Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health, Alternative Sentencing Program, Auditor-Controller/Treasurer-Tax Collector, Child Support Services, Coop Extension, County Administrator, County Counsel, General Services, Health, Human Resources, Library (Central Services & Archives/Record Center and the following branch libraries: Clarksburg, Davis (12/26), Esparto, Knights Landing, West Sacramento, Winters & Yolo library branches) and Planning & Public Works.

The following departments will be closed Dec. 31: Animal Services, Davis Library, Landfill.

Community

Filling food baskets

Photo by Debra DeAngelo

It's a bit of Christmas magic — members of the Winters Theatre Company will turn the check in this basket into food for the community, after raising $1,151.25 for the annual Christmas Food Basket project, coordinated by the Winters Christian Ministers Alliance. From left are WTC members Howard Hupe and Anita Ahuja, WCMA member Bob Badgley, food basket project chairman Les Tilden, and WTC actresses Emilia Orosco, Allyson Freckmann, Corinne McKenna and Sophia Tolley. The food baskets will be distributed on Saturday, Dec. 18.

Food to be distributed

The Food Bank of Yolo County will distribute food to eligible Winters residents on Thursday, Dec. 16, 12-1 p.m. at First Baptist Church 512 First Street, and 3-4 p.m. at Yolo Housing, 62 Shams Way.

Participants may receive food at only one site, and are asked to bring a bag to carry their food home.

For more information call the Food Bank, 668-0690.

Calendar

Thursday, December 16

Winters Rotary Club meeting, noon, The Buckhorn

Food Distribution, 12-1 p.m., First Baptist Church; 3-4 p.m., Yolo Housing

School Board meeting, 6:30 p.m., school district office

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

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

FSaturday, December 18

Canyon Outing, "The New Trail," 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Stebbins Cold Canyon; email jfalyn@ucdavis.edu to attend

Sunday, December 19

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

Canyon Outing, "Winters Solstice Walk," 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Stebbins Cold Canyon; email jfalyn@ucdavis.edu to attend

Tuesday, December 21

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

City Council and planning commission joint meeting, 6 p.m., council chambers at City Hall

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

Wednesday, December 22

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

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

(To list your non-profit local event on the Winters Express calendar, email information to news@wintersexpress.com or call 795-4551.)

This community calendar is sponsored by:

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Volunteers needed for Putah Creek project

By OLGA GARZON
Putah Creek Council

The Putah Creek Council and partner Lower Putah Creek Coordinating Committee won a $400,000 grant on Oct. 1 to restore to Putah Creek damage caused by illegal off-highway vehicle trespass. The funds are intended to restore the integrity of habitat along the Putah Creek and prevent further trespass.

Some areas along Putah Creek have been a magnet for abuse. At one property where the trespass was especially bad, different user groups were battling one another over who could trespass. They erected gates onto a farmer's land, attached their own locks, and attempted to keep one another away. Dirt bikers drug in trash to construct ramps and jumps, and disturbed the ground so badly that in some areas only invasive species survived.

"We are excited to replicate and expand on success we have experience in the Winters area by using vegetation as a barrier," said Libby Earthman, executive director of Putah Creek Council. Putah Creek Council and Lower Putah Creek Coordinating Committee intend put up cable and post fencing and plant hedgerows to deter trespass.

"While fencing will help prevent immediate damage, in the long run the native plants we will plant will create an impenetrable thicket of wildlife habitat. Once the plants are mature they will benefit wildlife and keep the habitat intact by preventing further motorized trespass."

This is a three-year project, and will include the installation of: 19 acres of native grassland, 1.7 miles of native plant hedgerow, 400 canopy trees, 12 gated entry points (to deter trespass while still allowing legal landowner access). The project includes sites along and near the UC Davis Riparian Reserve, Winters Putah Creek Park, and Dry Creek (near Winters).

Anyone interested in helping Putah Creek by planting trees and other native plants as part of this project, can visit www.putahcreekcouncil.org to learn more and register. There are volunteer planting events scheduled for the morning and afternoon of Dec. 19 near Davis.

Photo by Andrew Fulks

This mud-bogging truck, stuck to its floorboards in mud, was caught trespassing at one of the sites to benefit from restoration on Putah Creek.

"Three of the adjoining sites we will restore happen to be at an area where we have had salmon spawning in the recent past. We are especially excited to have the opportunity to protect these vital spawning grounds," Earthman said.

Funding from this project comes from the California State Parks Off Highway Vehicle program, which is funded by license fees from off highway vehicle registration.

COUNCIL

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fire services to the entire district, including the area within city limits.

A public hearing and first reading of the ordinance establishing the department and position passed unanimously. No one spoke at the public hearing.

The second reading and adoption of the ordinance is planned at the Dec. 21 council meeting. If passed at the Dec. 21 meeting, the Winters Fire Department will operate much like the Winters Police Department, as an actual part of city services. Those residing within the Winters Fire District (which still exists) will receive services from the Winters Fire Department.

The position of fire chief will be appointed by the city council, as is the position of police chief. The current fire chief is Scott Dozier, and no changes to that position were discussed.

The council heard briefly about what was described by City Attorney John Wallace as an "alleged overpayment" of $17,124.85 to AT&T, triggered by a class action lawsuit in Illinois. Under the settlement in this case, AT&T must file claims wherever it collected taxes for its internet services, which includes Winters.

AT&T, which sells internet access to its customers, collected a Utility Users Tax from those customers and paid it to the city. However, under federal law, wireless internet services and fees for internet access are not subject to local taxation.

Wallace indicated that AT&T's claim is not in compliance with state and city laws, and should be rejected. He noted that there weren't any individual taxpayers filing a claim locally, which is one of the local requirements for such a claim.

"The problem is it wasn't signed by anybody who was a taxpayer," said Wallace, also noting that the claim goes back to 2005. "We determined that the claim is insufficient."

He asked the council to direct him to return the claim to AT&T as insufficient and incomplete. The council approved this request unanimously.

Although the Dec. 7 agenda was light and the meeting brief, there was still time for Shelly Gunby, the city's director of financial management, and City Manager John Donlevy to take a swipe or two at the state of California for its snatching of local redevelopment funds.

Gunby came to the podium to request that the council approve a resolution allocating required funds for schools and community colleges. Included in the California state budget for fiscal year 2009-10 is the requirement that redevelopment agencies shift property tax revenues to K-12 schools and community colleges. Winters is required to shift $160,886 for these purposes.

Gunby noted that this shift in tax revenue comes on top of the $780,000 the state of California already took from Winters redevelopment funds, as it did to many other California cities, in an effort to balance its budget. She noted that the city is required by law to notify the county about the shift in funds.

She emphasized that this doesn't help the city budget one bit.

"The city has this huge hole and it just keeps getting bigger," said Gunby, describing the state's budget balancing efforts as "tricks and smoke and mirrors."

"This is "$960,000 the state stole," added Donlevy, declaring it to be "a violation of the Constitution." He pointed out that all this money rightfully belonged to the Winters community for redevelopment projects and sewer and water upgrades, that the community doesn't have "because the state of California can't balance their own budget."

Without much comment, the council approved the resolution to shift tax funds unanimously.

Council member Cecilia Aguiar-Curry was not present at the Dec. 7 meeting.

Other items

~ Donlevy reported on a recent real estate economic forecast meeting he attended, at which the future of local real estate was predicted to be "challenged."

~ Donlevy informed the council that progress for the formation of the Economic Advisory Committee is continuing.

~ Council member Mike Martin commended Curtis and Susie Stocking and the local Cub Scouts groups for laying Christmas wreaths on the graves of local veterans. He also praised Yolo County Supervisor Helen Thomson, whose retirement dinner he recently attended.

Next meeting

The city council will meet on Tuesday, Dec. 21, at 6 p.m. at City Hall to have a joint session with the planning commission to discuss the Grant Avenue corridor plan.

POLICE

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was stolen from another vehicle. Loss: $250.

~ 5:09 a.m., 1000 block of Washington Avenue, parties were involved in a verbal domestic dispute.

Dec. 6-7

~ 5 p.m. to 8 a.m., 400 block of First Street, a lock box was stolen containing a key to the residence. Loss: $60.

~ 11:30 p.m. to 7 a.m., 600 block of Snapdragon Court, a bicycle was stolen from the front porch of a residence. Loss: $209.

Dec. 7

~ 2:07 p.m., a 14-year-old Winters juvenile was arrested for possession of cocaine and methamphetamine. The juvenile was booked at the Winters Police Department and released to a parent on a notice to appear.

~ 5:47 p.m., first block of Main Street, an officer responded to an audible business alarm. A door was found unsecured. The business was cleared and the door secured.

Dec. 8

~ 1 p.m., 100 block of Grant Avenue, a juvenile victim was struck in the face by a juvenile suspect and sustained loss of consciousness and injuries. Investigation continues.

~ 3 p.m., 1000 block of Roosevelt Avenue, a BB gun was used to shoot and kill a cat. The case is being forwarded to the District Attorney for complaint.

~ 4:48 p.m., 800 block of West Grant Avenue, parties were involved in a domestic dispute.

~ 9:27 p.m., 200 block of Railroad Avenue, an officer responded to an audible business alarm. The officer located an open door. The perimeter and interior were checked and the building was secured.

Dec. 9

~ 6 p.m., a 14-year-old Winters juvenile was reported missing from the 100 block of Anderson Avenue. At 9:30 p.m., an officer located the juvenile at First and Main streets, counseled him and returned him to his parents.

Dec. 9-10

~ Time unknown to 8 a.m., 800 block of Walnut Lane, graffiti was written on the street in front of a residence. Damage: clean-up cost.

~ 11:30 p.m. to 6 a.m., 400 block of Cottage Circle, someone broke into a locked vehicle, stealing a subwoofer with enclosure, amplifier and tool box. Loss: $1,050.

Dec. 10

~ 10:29 a.m., Myrtle Drive, an officer assisted a Yolo County Sheriff's deputy with a domestic disturbance.

~ 11:09 a.m., a 16-year-old Vacaville juvenile was issued a notice to appear for possessing tobacco products.

~ 11:15 a.m., a 17-year-old Winters juvenile was issued a notice to appear for possessing tobacco products.

Dec. 11

~ 1-11:28 p.m., 1000 block of Village Circle, someone broke into a residence and stole a Wii game system, digital camera and laptop. Loss: $1,600.

~ 5:30 p.m., Shams Way and Myrtle Drive, two officers assisted a Yolo County Sheriff's deputy on a traffic enforcement stop with four subjects detained.

~ 10 p.m., 500 block of Niemann Street, John Daniel Miller, 20, of Winters was issued a notice to appear for possessing less than an ounce of marijuana.

Planting days planned in Solano County

The Solano Resource Conservation District will hold volunteer planting days on:

~ Monday, Dec. 20, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Solano RCD will be planting native grasses and sedges along Old Alamo Creek just outside of the city of Vacaville.

~ Sunday, Jan. 9, 1-3:30 p.m., Solano RCD will be installing native Santa Barbara sedge plugs on an eroding hillside, plus planting several species of native trees on the banks of Putah Creek in Lake Solano County Park.

Solano RCD will provide all necessary plants, tools, snacks, and warm drinks. Contact Katherine Holmes, Katherine.Holmes@solanorcd.org or (707) 678-1655, extension 118, to register for either of these planting events.

Volunteer planting days are part of Solano RCD's "Welcome to the Watershed" program, addressing resource conservation issues and create wildlife habitat.

Volunteers needed for bone study

The USDA, ARS Western Human Nutrition Research Center is seeking healthy postmenopausal women, ages 50 to 65, who are non-smokers and not taking hormone replacement or other medications, to participate in a nine-month study with 10 visits at UC Davis to test whether Vitamin B-12 changes markers of bone formation.

The study includes a DEXA bone scan, Vitamin B-12 injections and supplements, health evaluations and financial compensation. For more, call 752-5177 and press 6 or visit www.ars.usda.gov/pwa/davis/whnrc/nutrition.

Fibromyalgia group to meet

The Northern Cal Fibro Friends will meet on Saturday, Dec. 18, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the conference room of the VacaValley Hospital on Nut Tree Road in Vacaville. All who have been diagnosed with fibromyalgia or have a family member or friend with fibromyalgia are welcome at these meetings. There is no charge, but donations are appreciated.

Members will have a roundtable discussion, offering ideas for programs for the coming year. It was voted that members bring an item of non-perishable food, which will be donated to a local food bank.

For more information contact Valma at valmagrace@aol.com or 756-9153, or Jan Fowler at (707) 448-5786.

Pass on holiday digestive woes

By RICHARD N. WALDMAN, M.D.
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American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists

During the holiday season, delicious and decadent foods are everywhere. Foods that have the potential to throw the digestive system for a loop are all around.

Problems of the digestive system such as constipation, diarrhea, heartburn and gas occur more frequently in women than in men and may be made worse by changes in hormone levels caused by menstruation and pregnancy. Women are also more likely to develop irritable bowel syndrome (IBS), a common digestive disorder marked by persistent abdominal pain and bowel changes. IBS sufferers may have a strong digestive reaction to stress, large meals, caffeine, dairy products, and large amounts of alcohol — typical staples of the holiday season.

Try these tips to avoid seasonal digestive consequences:

Eating large meals and not getting enough fiber can trigger constipation. Symptoms may include having fewer than three bowel movements a week, firm or hard-to-pass stools, abdominal swelling or bloating, straining during bowel movements and a full feeling after a bowel movement. The Fix: Eat at least 25 grams of fiber each day, drink plenty of fluids, exercise, and use the bathroom when you have the urge. Your doctor may also prescribe laxatives or other therapies.

You may develop a case of diarrhea — defined as having three or more loose bowel movements in a day — after eating or drinking foods that contain harmful viruses or bacteria. Dairy products, caffeine, artificial sweeteners, certain additives, or medications such as antibiotics can also be a cause. The Fix: Eat hot foods hot and cold foods cold. Skip foods that have been sitting out on the buffet too long. If you have diarrhea, drink fluids to keep hydrated. Drink liquids that contain salt such as sports drinks or broth if diarrhea lasts more than a few hours. Avoid drinks that include dairy products, caffeine or sugar, which can make diarrhea worse.

Rich, fatty, or acidic foods, chocolate, coffee, alcohol, mints and big meals can cause stomach acid to push back into your esophagus and may lead to heartburn, a burning feeling in your chest and throat. The Fix: Avoid overeating. Instead of lying down after a meal, try taking a walk.

Gas and bloating can be triggered by hard-to-digest foods such as beans, broccoli, cabbage and dairy products (for lactose intolerant people). The Fix: Pay attention to which foods give you gas and avoid them. Your doctor may suggest an over-the-counter treatment.

Talk to your doctor if your abdominal or digestive discomfort persists. Symptoms that have been present for at least 12 weeks out of the last 12 months may be a sign of IBS or a more serious condition, such as colon cancer.

For more information, the ACOG Patient Education Pamphlet "Problems of the Digestive System" is available at www.acog.org/publications/patient_education.

Help offered with grief during holiday season

The holiday season can be a stressful time of the year. For those grieving the loss of a loved one, the holidays can be a particularly sensitive time.

This season, Yolo Hospice's Bereavement Services is providing a free workshop to help. Participants will receive information about coping with bereavement during the holidays and have the opportunity to share personal experiences.

"Bringing Light Into the Darkness After the Holidays" will take place on Jan. 11. The hustle and bustle of the holidays may have distracted you from grief. At the beginning of the New Year, unexpectedly, grief may re-emerge. How do you consciously bring light into these dark days?

Two workshops are available: 1 to 2:30 p.m. or 6:30 to 8 p.m. Pre-registration is necessary. To pre-register or for more information, call Yolo Hospice Bereavement Services at 601-5756 or (800) 491-7711, or visit www.yolohospice.org.

The Yolo Hospice Team of professionals helps people fully live the final days of their lives "by focusing on the whole person, body-mind-spirit."

Providing clinically expert care, delivered in a spirit of loving service, the agency emphasizes comfort through pain control and sophisticated symptom relief. As the first hospice in this area, Yolo Hospice has provided not-for-profit hospice care since 1979.

To assist patients, their families and the community, Yolo Hospice provides bereavement services to adults, adolescents and children who have experienced the death of a family member or loved one.

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such is responsible for the orderly and lawful conduct of meetings. The president literally and figuratively sets the agenda, both in tone and by meeting with the superintendent to determine what matters will come to the table at board meetings. The clerk of the board, among other duties, chairs meetings and represents the trustees when the president is unavailable.

The board also appointed Gillespie as secretary of the board. This appointment is dictated by law.

Following the election of officers, Maguire took the gavel, Warren and Brickey exchanged seats at the table, and the new trustees began their work.

Winters Middle School (WMS) was highlighted at the meeting. Seventh grade student Edgar Chavez was recognized for his hard work and cheerful, respectful presence on the campus. Principal Sandra Ayon said that she was thrilled that Edgar is just a seventh grader, as it means "we get to have him for another year."

Parent Tanya Martin was also honored for her tireless volunteer work for the school, including her concerns for student safety and her personal efforts to raise over $5,000 to insure that all sixth graders would have the opportunity to attend the annual Outdoor Education program.

Ayon, with the help of WMS teacher and student activities director Greg Moffitt, gave the board a look into the school's focus on student success.

All sites having reported once this year on test scores, the presentation Thursday included no graphs, charts or numbers, and no talk of areas of testing or subgroups. Instead, Ayon and Moffitt were able to talk about the ongoing efforts and activities that make up the day to day workings of the school.

Recognition of student achievement was first on their list of goals. The site recently had a "Good Work Day" celebration. Students who had earned no grade below 'C' on any measure in the first part of the year had an afternoon of celebratory activities. Those who had not met the standard had an afternoon in which to attend study hall and work toward making the mark next time. In all, 174 students, almost half of the WMS enrollees, were rewarded.

Kim Hyer, WMS library technician, has also issued a "million word challenge" to all students. The million word goal, set out in the state standards, is measured based on testing of each child's comprehension of his or her reading. So far this year, 16 students have reached the goal, with one youngster reading 2.7 million words. In total, WMS students have read over 60 million words this year.

The second goal, supporting student learning, has two components: professional development for staff, in which teachers work on refining teaching strategies to engage students and make them responsible for their learning, and after-school intervention programs in math and reading to help youngsters who are struggling.

The WMS math teachers are working with their counterparts at all grade levels in the PRIME (Project for Improving Mathematics Education) program. The teachers meet regularly with the consultant hired by the district. When Rominger asked for more information about PRIME, Gillespie said that there would be a report to the board in January on the subject.

Intervention and instruction are informed by an analysis of standardized test scores and results of the regularly administered district writing assessments.

The third goal of the WMS administration and staff is to engage parents in their children's education and in the overall life of the school. To this end, the site recently held drop-in parent conferences, which 45 families attended. There is also a Parent Partners group which volunteers time and provides healthy snacks for student activities. The school also sends out weekly emails to 168 recipients, detailing progress and programs at the school.

Following WMS, the trustees were asked if they had anything to share with the board and the public. Brickey and David Hyde both welcomed their new compatriots and each of the new members thanked the district for sending them to the California School Boards Association conference earlier in the month. Maguire summed it up when he expressed his confidence that "all of us feel better equipped to deal with some of what we will be facing" as new trustees.

Rominger, following up on Brickey's comments on attending an FFA function, reported that she had recently been a speaker at an FFA conference. She reported that she told the attendees at that conference that she had been an FFA leadership student at Davis High School and that she was now a school board member, a position which she felt the organization had begun to prepare her for years ago.

Warren extended his appreciation to Laura Smith, the superintendent's administrative assistant, whose "workload has increased tenfold for the last nine months due to circumstances beyond her control and is always pleasant to speak to and quick to answer your questions." Warren's comments were met with applause from everyone in the room.

Jim Marta, the district's independent auditor, presented his annual report. Marta noted that there were no problems in WJUSD's accounting and that the district "continues to benefit from sound financial management," and that "conservatism and consistency" have kept Winters out of hot water. Still, he cautioned, as has district CFO Gloria Hahn in recent months, that the board will "continue to be faced with difficult decisions to fund core programs" over the next few years.

Hahn presented the ADA report for the third month of the school year and once again, student enrollment has fallen short of projections. Enrollment has also dropped by 10 since the second month. The state funds the district in the amount of approximately $38 per student per day. Even with over 95 percent attendance in the third month, WJUSD lost $42,000.

The trustees approved the annual application for K-3 Class Size Reduction and gave their go-ahead to spend $40,500 for facilities improvements for Special Education. They also approved, as part of the consent agenda, the adoption of new geometry texts for Winters High School and Wolfskill Continuation High School.

At the end of regular business, the board adjourned to closed session with legal counsel regarding anticipated litigation. The district has "significant exposure to litigation" in "the claim of George W. Griffin as against the Winters Joint Unified School District."

The trustees returned to open session and Maguire reported that no action had taken place. He then adjourned the meeting until the next regularly scheduled date, Thursday, Dec. 16. That meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. at the district office at 909 West Grant Avenue. The meeting is open to the public.

Washington Express

Courtesy photo

Honoré Eldridge, 83, took her Winters Express to Seattle recently with daughter-in-law Alison Hapworth-Eldridge (far left) and granddaughters Mikenzie and Ciara for a surprise visit with Honoré's son Mike at his jobsite in Bothell, Washington. Mike works for Kiewitt Pacific as a pipefitter and has been stationed there since June. While in Seattle, the group visited the Space needle.

Entertainment

Jug Band brings zany holiday fun to Palms

Courtesy photo

The Christmas Jug Band will bring its brand of off-beat holiday cheer to The Palms at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 19. The group performs original holiday numbers and parodies of classics accompanied by instruments ranging from accordions and guitars to harmonicas, kazoos, rub-boards and washtub basses . Tickets are $20.

The Christmas Jug Band — "the kings of 100 percent acoustic folk-skiffle-swing holiday highjinks" — will bring its off-beat holiday cheer to The Palms on Sunday, Dec. 19, for the group's annual dose of holiday laughs.

The Christmas Jug Band — featuring an all-star lineup of Nor-Cal musicians, including Paul Rogers (of Those Darn Accordions!), Austin de Lone (Bill Kirchen, Elvis Costello) and various Commander Cody alumni — perform original holiday numbers, parodies of unlikely classics ("SANTA!" to the tune of "Gloria") and raucous jug-bandizations of seasonal favorites.

Together for more than 20 years, The Christmas Jug Band's material ranges from holiday pop and jazz classics such as "Winter Wonderland" and "Merry Christmas, Baby" to more off-beat tunes such as "Daddy's Drinkin' Up Our Christmas," "Somebody Stole My Santa Claus Suit," "Santa Lost a Ho" and "Santa Don't Do It," a song campaigning that Santa not shave off his beard even though Mrs. Claus wants him to. Think of the evening as big-time fun in the form of woozy vocals accompanied by harmonicas, rub-boards, washtub basses, jugs, kazoos, accordions and scuffed-up guitars.

The show starts at 7 p.m. Tickets are $20 and are available at Pacific Ace Hardware in Winters, Armadillo Music in Davis, The Heidrick Ag History Center in Woodland, online at tickets.com, and at the door.

For more information, call 795-1825 or visit palmsplayhouse.com, or christmasjugband.com.

Nature outings planned at Cold Canyon

The goal of the Nature Outings program at Stebbins Cold Canyon is to help participants experience the reserve and continue to develop relationships with the natural world. Most outings are interactive and experiential. In addition to Stebbins Cold Canyon, just below Monticello Dam, outings will take place at Bobcat Ranch.

The suggested donation is $5 per person or $10 per family for each outing. Most outings are limited to 15 participants and fill up quickly. To attend, send an e-mail to jfalyn@ucdavis.edu. Include name, address, presentation date, phone number and/or e-mail address. Also, indicate whether directions are needed.

The fall outing schedule includes:

~ The New Trail, Saturday, Dec. 18, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Andrew Fulks leads a loop trail hike that includes exploration of property at the Cold Canyon headwaters. This property was recently purchased by Tuleyome, a nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting both the wild and agricultural heritage of the Putah-Cache bioregion. Fulks will share some of the plans for increasing the trail system around Stebbins. The hike will be approximately six miles long with a 1,200-foot elevation gain, steps and boulder hopping on the ridge

~ Winter Solstice, Sunday, Dec. 19, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: On this outing, the group walks to the Cold Storage area and experiences the reserve on the shortest day of the year. The winter solstice is a time for reflection and optimism. Participants will have the opportunity to focus on the seasonal changes taking place around them and within. Guide is Stephen McCord.

Choppin' down the Christmas tree in Dixon

By HEIDI BAY

A century ago, when Christmas came around, a family would trek into the back country in search of the perfect Christmas tree. Cutting it down, they would undoubtedly have great fun dragging it back to the homestead. Who would have thought that, in the middle of decidedly modern Northern California, such a heartfelt old time experience was possible.

On a cold foggy Saturday morning a couple of weeks ago, our family drove down the road off Pitts School Road exit in Dixon to Silveyville Christmas Tree (and Pumpkin) Farm, where a rapidly diminishing way of life is lovingly preserved for those of us ensconced in suburbia. Just over 30 years ago, the first seedlings were planted on the farm by Jerry and Alberta Taylor in anticipation of a joyful occupation in their retirement. Today, as daughter Jeri and her husband Ted Seifert run the overall operation of 15 acres of Christmas trees and five acres of pumpkins, Grandpa and Grandma Taylor enjoy the details surrounded by family.

It is a family business that is truly about family. "This farm is more than just come and cut your tree down. It is meant to be an experience. People come here wanting joy and to be uplifted," said Jeri Seifert.

Silveyville grows six different varieties of "choose and cut" trees. For $42 you can choose any Monterey Pine, as much size as you can handle. Other varieties are about $6 a foot.

Once you cut your tree down, you only have to carry/drag it to the path that winds around the perimeter of the place. One of the crew with a tractor and flatbed trailer will be by to pick it up for you, give you a tag, and take it to the clerking area. Pre-cut trees are also available.

While our tree was prepared for going home, we explored the barnyard fun. There's free popcorn and hot apple cider and a sleigh or wagon ride through the acres of trees for $1 per person.

A rustic barn houses a Candy Cane Castle made up of hay bales. Guarding the entrance are a half dozen wooden reindeer that children ride rocking horse style.

A tiny store is packed to the rafters with Christmas ornaments, decorations, wreaths, baskets, homemade jelly and jam, taffy, fudge, toys and more.

Silveyville Farm is at 6208 Silveyville Road in Dixon. It's open the day after Thanksgiving through noon Dec. 24, from 9 a.m. until dusk. For more, visit http://www.silveyvilletreefarm.com, e-mail Jeif54@aol.com or call (707) 678-1823.

Tree planted in Hoskins' memory

By DENISE COTTRELL
Staff writer

Family and friends of Betty Hoskins gathered at Rotary Park on Saturday, Dec. 11, to plant a tree in her memory near the Community Center. The coastal redwood was planted as a living memorial to Betty in a town that she loved so much. Betty was a longtime Winters resident who worked for a number of years at City Hall and was well known for her volunteer work.

The inspiration for the tree planting came at her funeral, when Gail Wingard reminded everyone of how instrumental Betty was in the building of the Community Center.

"The Community Center was built by many members of the community — in construction, those who gave directions and labor, and those who gave materials and money — and Betty gave by creating many fundraisers," said Wingard.

Betty's generosity toward her neighbors and community went beyond volunteer work. She will be remembered for her willingness to take those who had no place to go into her home. She cared for people who were challenged.

Larry Smyres, former Winters city financial officer and colleague, reminded everyone that there is always a danger when one talks about someone else's life.

"It is like a traffic accident with four witnesses," he said. "Everyone has a different point of view."

He remembered Betty as a sharp dresser, and a prompt worker who was always ready to help around City Hall.

Smyres also reminisced about Betty's fearlessness. There was a time when Betty worked in a store in Montecillo. The creek was high and close to flood stage. Two men across the river were waving frantically at Betty. Obviously they needed her help, so she got in a rowboat and headed across the creek to see how she could help out. It seems the men needed some beer.

Betty rowed back across the creek, got the gentlemen their requested beer and once again rowed back to sell it to them. All of this effort, even though she was pregnant.

City Attorney John Wallace also spoke of how Betty was his colleague who became his friend. She showed him the ropes around City Hall when he arrived and taught him that friendship was unconditional.

"Those were the days when people would come to City Hall and yell at whoever was behind the counter," said Wallace. "Betty never held it against anyone. She knew they were angry, but didn't take it personally and forgave them. She was one of the most forgiving people on earth — forgive and forget."

According to Betty's son, Pete Hoskins, the tree was planted "in the spirit of Betty, in hope that it will live a long while and interact with people as they walk or drive by."

"We are naming it the Betty Tree in honor of a woman who lived for 84 years, however, she gave more than she received," said Hoskins. "She did not lay treasures for herself on earth, she left them for others. We will think of these powerful sharing gifts every day when we see her tree."

Photo by Denise Cottrell

Family and friends of Betty Hoskins encircle the tree planted in her memory on Dec. 11 at Rotary Park and sing a Chirstmas carol.

Photo by Denise Cottrell

Aaron Seese helps plant a tree honoring his great-grandmother, Betty Hoskins, with some help from his grandmother, Judy Whitley. The ceremony was on Dec. 11 at Rotary Park.

Sports

Warriors kick off season with 3-0 start

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The Winters Warriors boys soccer team is off to a perfect start with a 3-0 record after defeating Gridley and Las Plumas last week.

On Tuesday, Dec. 7, the Warriors traveled to Gridley and came home with a 9-2 victory over the Bulldogs. Winters scored five goals in the first half and four more in the second.

Omar Herrera had a big day for the Warriors as he scored two goals and had three assists. Dagoberto Fierros scored two goals and had one assist. Felipe Hernandez also scored two goals. Ricardo Rodriguez scored one goal, Tony Brever scored a goal, Max Fuentes had two assists and Fernando Cervantes had one assist.

On Thursday, Dec. 9, the Warriors hosted Las Plumas and shut out the Thunderbirds 4-0. Hernandez had one goal and one assist. Orlando Rodriguez had one goal, Cervantes scored one goal, Brever scored a goal and Herrera had three assists for the Warriors. Jose Santana had 10 saves for the Warriors as goalkeeper.

Dagoberto Fierros moves the ball through traffic during the Warriors home victory over Las Plumas High School on Thursday, Dec. 9, at Shirley Rominger School.

Photo by Eric Lucero

Lady Warriors 2-0 in league play

Morgan Brace sets up to pass the ball forward during the Warriors' victory over visiting Las Plumas last Thursday, Dec. 9, at Shirley Rominger School.

Photo by Eric Lucero

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The Winters High School girls soccer team is off to a great start in Butte View League play after winning its first two league games last week.

The Lady Warriors started on the road in Gridley with a 2-1 victory over the Bulldogs. Allie Reynoso and Alex Panattoni each scored a goal for the Warriors and Tasha Panattoni had an assist.

Alex Panattoni put the Warriors on the board on a solo shot in the first half while Tasha Panattoni assisted on Reynoso's goal in the second half. The Warriors also got great defense from Sydney Stewart and Amy Masem.

"Sydney and Amy shut down their star player and kept her scoreless," said coach Lee Holt.

The Lady Warriors hosted Las Plumas on Thursday, Dec. 9, and dominated the Thunderbirds with a 5-1 victory. Reynoso had two goals and one assist. Stewart, Tasha Panattoni and Emma Hesz had one goal each, while Ashley Shaw, Marlaina Garcia and Alex Panattoni each had one assist. Sierra Hamerter had 13 saves at goalkeeper for the Warriors.

"The girls' hard work and preparation has paid off," Holt said. "Las Plumas was the conference No. 2 team last year. We took an amazing 40 shots and had 16 crosses."

Basketball team goes 2-1 in tourney

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The Winters Warriors varsity boys basketball team competed in the Marysville Pepsi Classic last weekend and had a very successful showing.

The Warriors started the tournament on Thursday, Dec. 9, with a game against league foe Wheatland and picked up a 51-47 victory over the Pirates. The Warriors trailed by two at the half but outscored the Pirates by three points in both the third and fourth periods.

Skyler Geerts shot the lights out as he put 25 points on the board and had five rebounds. John Botro scored 11 points, grabbed nine rebounds and

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Girls have tough time in tournaments

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The Winters Warriors varsity girls basketball team had a tough couple of weekends as it finished up its tournament in Live Oak on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 3 and 4.

The Lady Warriors played Orland on Friday and lost 51-44. Winters played a close game, but was outscored 20-8 in the

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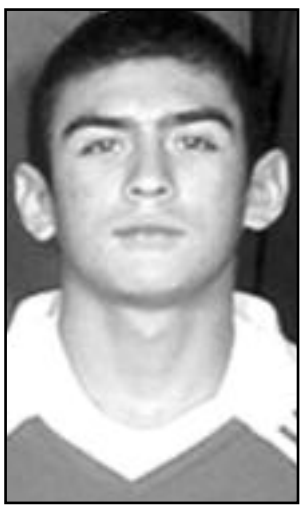

Omar Herrera

Omar Herrera, a junior on the Winters High School boys soccer team, is athlete of the week.

In the Warriors' first three games, Herrera has more than done his part to help lead the team to a 3-0 start. Herrera has scored four goals for 16 points on 17 shots, has eight assists and 21 steals.

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Schools

Drumright recognized at Eagle Court of Honor

By TOM ANGUAY
Troop 998
Committee Chair

An Eagle Court of Honor was held on Sunday, Dec. 5, at the Winters LDS Church cultural hall for La'akea Drumright, son of Michele and Aaron Drumright of Winters.

Conducting the Court of Honor was Ruben Martinez, Scoutmaster. Giving the invocation was Scout Kyle Karlen.

The Scouts of Troop 998 presented the Colors. Led by Scout Mitchel Stewart, the audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Opening the Court of Honor was Leslie Cliche, National Venturing Training Committee Leader.

Martinez gave his talk on the honor of achieving Eagle Scout. Making it a greater honor is the fact that only 2 percent of all Scouts attain the rank of Eagle Scout. One of our most famous Eagle Scouts, astronaut Neil Armstrong, was the first man to walk on the moon.

Next the Eagle Nest was formed. This is a tradition were all Eagles sit in a certain area next to the front area. In the Nest was Jeff Thompson, Chuck Aldous, Aaron Drumright (La'akea's father) and Elder Crowder. Aaron Drumright then gave a talk on La'akea's Road to Eagle. He mentioned several stories of La'akea from his 11-year-old start in Scouts to Life Rank, then Eagle. His Eagle project was retrofitting the inside of the Helping Hands building.

Presentation of the Eagle Award was done by Thompson, La'akea's previous Scoutmaster. He presented La'akea with his Eagle pin and BSA Eagle plaque. La'akea then pinned his mother and father. Aaron Drumright presented his son with his Eagle Scout neckerchief. Thompson gave La'akea his Eagle challenge: Live with honor, always be cheerful and serve others (do a good turn daily).

The final speaker was La'akea. He told stories about Scout outtings with friends and his favorite merit badges. He then thanked Angela Hofstrand, Dawn Stewart, Tom Ryel and Thompson for helping him in Scouts. He gave each a box of chocolates. Cliche closed the Court of Honor and Cody Thompson gave the benediction.

A slide show was shown of La'akea's journey in scouting and refreshments were served.

On this night, Troop 998 honored its ninth Eagle Scout within seven years. This reflects the dedication Troop 998 leaders have for our Scouts. All Troop 998 leaders feel honored by La'akea Drumright's achievement. His name will be added to our Eagle plaque hanging in our trophy case.

Courtesy photo

A Court of Honor was held recently for for La'akea Drumright (left), pictured with his father, Aaron, who is also an Eagle Scout.

Winters-based program receives TogetherGreen Innovation Grant

The Center for Land-Based Learning's Student and Landowner Education and Watershed Stewardship (SLEWS), a Winters-based education program that introduces urban kids to hands-on conservation, is the recipient of a national Innovation Grant.

The funding will support critical restoration efforts across the nation, while providing students with science education and opportunities to play a hands-on role in conservation.

TogetherGreen Innovation Grants, provided through an alliance between the National Audubon Society and Toyota, provide seed money for projects that use innovative approaches and technologies to engage new and diverse audiences in conservation and tackle pressing conservation problems.

Innovation Grants enable awardees and their partner organizations to inspire, equip and engage people to tackle environmental concerns and improve the health of their communities.

Audubon California and SLEWS will receive $20,000 in TogetherGreen funding to allow two dozen high school students from an underserved Colusa County school to help restore a five-acre, one-mile-long riparian corridor along Sycamore Slough.

The SLEWS experience

Students will collect seeds, plant native vegetation, build and install bird boxes, remove invasive species, and install irrigation equipment. They'll also play a role in ecological studies focused on the plants, animals, water quality or soils at the farm.

The SLEWS experience will introduce students to possible careers in agriculture, education and natural resource conservation, while developing leadership skills.

"The benefits of projects like this go way beyond their impact in Colusa County," said Graham Chisholm, executive director of Audubon California.

"By drawing these ideas out of the community and involving people in their implementation, these projects build a shared culture of conservation that can't help but spread."

More than $1 million awarded

The nearly $90,000 in California Innovation Grants are part of almost $1.1 million awarded by the TogetherGreen initiative this year.

Now in its third cycle, the TogetherGreen Innovation Grants program has awarded more than $3.5 million to over 130 environmental projects nationwide. Forty-three awardees in 27 states will receive grants ranging from $5,000 to $66,100.

Funds are awarded to partnerships between Audubon groups (local chapters or programs of Audubon's large national network) and organizations in their communities — with more than 125 partner organizations involved in Innovation Grant projects in the coming year.

Most of the projects involve audiences previously underserved or not engaged in environmental action, from urban youth to ranchers.

"The conservation solutions pioneered by TogetherGreen Innovation Grant winners are inspiring models of both ingenuity and conservation commitment," said Audubon President David Yarnold.

"Each project represents an investment in our shared environment and future — and an opportunity for many of our nation's most creative and dedicated individuals and communities to transform their dreams into effective conservation action. As our alliance with Toyota shows, when organizations work together, they can magnify conservation results."

Other support

In addition to financial support, Innovation Grantees receive opportunities for professional development, including a multi-day workshop at the U.S. Fish & Wildlife's National Conservation Training Center, which is located in Shepherdstown, W.Va.

Grantees also receive Web-based training throughout the year, as well as support from Audubon program staff.

Communications support also is provided to grantees, which leads to more public recognition at the local, state and national level, and they are networked with other grantees to share best practices and learn from others.

School board meets Thursday

The Winters School Board will meet on Thursday, Dec. 16, at 6:30 p.m. in the Walnut Room at the school district office, 909 W. Grant Ave. The agenda includes:

~ Recognition of Shirley Rominger Intermediate School students Dakota Dummert, Logan Pittman, Roberto Torres, Isaiah Perez, Jacqueline Ayala, Ivan Santana, Mikko Pizano, Sandra Moreno, Julia Escamilla, Alexis Garcia, Dalton Lowrie, Rickelle Lancaster and Valeria Serratos

~ Recognition of Shirley Rominger Intermediate School grandparents Kimberly and Steve Hicks

~ Communication and reports

~ First interim report; standards and criteria report

~ Board Governance Team workshop

~ Consent agenda (minutes, warrants, etc.)

E-waste collection is fundraiser for students

The Winters PTA is offering an opportunity for the public to get rid of unwanted electronic waste on Saturday, Jan. 8.

The event will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Shirley Rominger Intermediate School, 502 Niemann St., Winters.

CEAR E-Waste will collect electronic devices, working or not.

Items such as televisions, computer monitors, cameras, laptops, copiers, printers, scanners, LCDs, VCRs, DVDs, cell phones, fax machines, microwaves, hairdryers, blenders, mixers, toasters and PC systems will be accepted.

However, the company will not collect large household appliances such as refrigerators, washers and dryers. Also not accepted: batteries, fluorescent light bulbs, glass, wood and tires.

The fundraiser will support events at Waggoner and Shirley Rominger schools.

For more information, send an e-mail to Jenell Novello at jnovello@wavecable.com.

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Report potentially dangerous dog situations such as loose dogs, aggressive dogs, chained or abused dogs, dogs being used for fighting.

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Courtesy photo

The Winters under-12 boys soccer team includes, from left (back row) Matthew Holmes, Sam Shea Lichter, Ignacio Ochoa, Jose Aguilera, Oswaldo Ochoa, Claudio Reyes, Alec Matheson, Carlos Mejia and (front row) Omar Ochoa, Thomas Kakutani, McKay Baker, Tim Mazzoleni and Coach Bonnie Shea. Not pictured is Coach Joie Watson.

Under-12 boys place second in AYSO tournament

After only two losses during the regular AYSO season, the Winters under-12 boys soccer team, coached by Bonnie Shea and Joie Watson, earned second place in the regional tournament in Antelope on Dec. 4.

The team began the tournament by defeating Antelope (1-0) and then tying Esparto (1-1). In the semi-final game, the team beat Davis (1-0) and went on to a close championship game with Esparto where they lost (2-3).

"The boys gave it their all and had a terrific season," Shea said.

Calderone named Most Outstanding Light Weight

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The Winters Warriors wrestling team traveled to Novato on Saturday, Dec. 11, to compete in the San Marin High School Tournament. The Warriors competed well as a team, placing fifth out of 32 teams.

Chris Calderone

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Features

Clogged heart arteries cause pain of angina

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I am 56, a woman and have angina. I don't understand it too well. I have never smoked, and I am not overweight. I'd get chest pains if I hurried to catch a bus or to get on an open elevator. When it first started, my doctor gave me a medicine to put under my tongue when the pain happened. It worked well. I don't have to use it much anymore. Is that a good sign? Am I destined to have a heart attack? — J.A.

ANSWER: Angina (pronounced ANN-juh-nuh or ann-JEYE-nuh) is squeezing chest pain that comes on when a person is active and leaves when that person rests. Being active can mean walking, jogging, cleaning, doing the washing, weeding or digging. It comes about because one or more of the heart arteries is plugged with plaque — a mound of cholesterol and fat on the inside artery wall. At rest, enough blood makes its way to the heart. With activity, the heart can't get enough blood because of the plaque. The heart makes its lack of blood known by chest pain that also might be felt in the neck, the jaw or the arms, or only in those places.

Angina, one of the signs of coronary (heart) artery disease, affects 17 million Americans. Smoking, obesity, inactivity, high blood cholesterol, high blood pressure and a family history are some of the major factors that cause its development. You don't smoke and never did. How about your cholesterol, blood pressure and weight? If those things need to be addressed, they trump all other treatments.

In spite of controlling the above factors, many still have to take medicines — medicines that dilate arteries or make the heart beat slower, or ones that lower blood pressure or cholesterol. The medicine you put under your tongue was nitroglycerin. Long-acting varieties of that medicine and long-acting other artery dilators might be the reason why you don't need nitroglycerin as much as you did. That is a good sign. Clogged heart arteries can be opened with a balloon-tipped catheter or by bypassing the clog with an artery graft. You might not ever need such procedures.

You're not doomed to have a heart attack. The treatment you're now getting is designed to prevent one.

The booklet on coronary artery disease provides information on this No. 1 North American illness. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue — No. 101W, 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.

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DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My grandson recently had scarlet fever. In my day, this was a very frightful disease. My daughter has taken a ho-hum attitude toward it. What are its complications? — W.B.

ANSWER: Scarlet fever is a strep throat with one addition — a red skin rash. That's the only difference between the two. Penicillin is its treatment.

When treated early, there should be no complications from it. If not treated, then it can have the same complication that strep throat has — rheumatic fever.

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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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Learned a lot about women online

I've been thinking about women lately and there's so much to think about that it's hard to quit thinking. I thought so much that I decided to go to the Internet to see what I could find out about them.

Some of the things that I found out about women are very profound. One woman tried to tell me that a skinny woman is living inside of her, but that she could usually shut her up with a few cookies. What the heck does that mean?

Women are very abstract and maybe I'm dumb, but a lady named Janette Barber said, "I refuse to think of them as chin hairs. I prefer to call them stray eyebrows." What the heck does that mean?

Zsa Zsa Gabor claimed that she was a wonderful housekeeper. She said, "Every time she gets a divorce, she keeps the house."

I found that women breathe 10 million times a day. Their urine will turn bright yellow because they eat so much green stuff. Also, women blink twice as much as men.

Women believe that some days you are the pigeon and some days you are the statue. I found that women that read romance novels have sex twice as much as those that don't. I find a lot of these books at garage sales, boxes of them.

Women feel that some mistakes are much too fun to make only once. Science tells us that the force of 10 million women jumping at the same time is equal to the force of 500 tons of TNT. Women like Lily Tomlin think that things are going to get worse before they get worse.

I found a lot of information about women and alcohol. For instance, the consumption of alcohol might leave them wondering what happened to their underwear. The consumption of alcohol may cause women to believe that they can sing.

One very important thing that I discovered is that women are often afraid and that they are very stubborn. For example, that Rosa Parks lady was terrified when she sat down in the front of the bus, but she was so stubborn she sat down anyway. I've seen pictures of young African American girls walking to school while angry white bubbas threw rocks and insults in their faces. I could see the intense fear in the eyes of the young ladies but they kept going until they got into the classroom.

I read that women must work twice as hard as men to be considered half as good. Luckily, this is not difficult.

I found that 2010 marks 90 years of Women's Suffrage in the United States. Women have come a long way and even with the Equal Rights Amendment and the possibility of a woman in the White House, some older women feel that the younger women are dropping the ball.

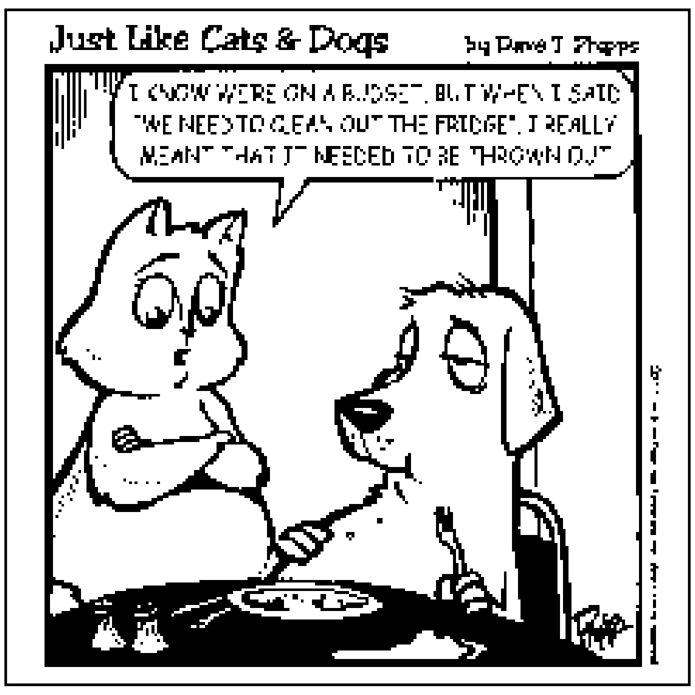
I found that this may be true. There is a GAO report that states that the pay gap between male and female managers has widened between 1995 and 2005. The government is not enforcing the law and younger women are not fighting the battles.

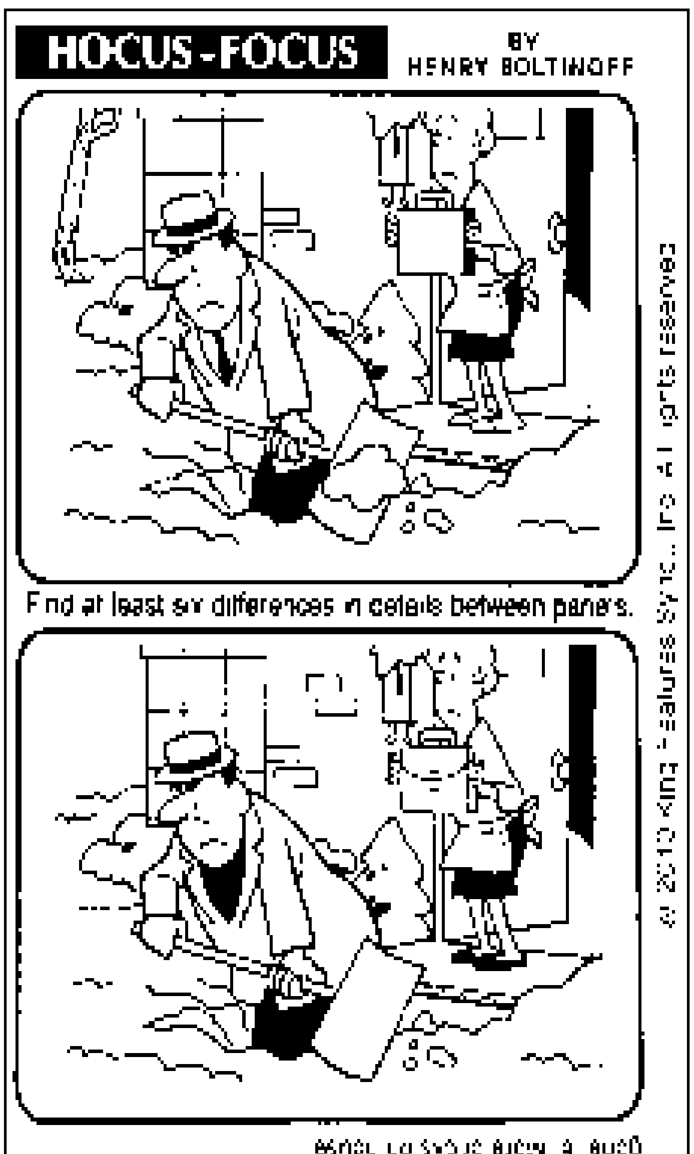
I found that if a woman calls you and says there is water in the carburetor of her car, it is in a lake. I can see that the sign on the White House that says, "No women allowed" might be coming down.

Eleanor Roosevelt said that no one can make you feel inferior without your permission. I think this is true and there have been some huge advances in women's rights since 1964.

So, with all of this information I have but one thing to say: "You younger women must finish the cooking and cleaning and then drop the apron. Get busy, because you cannot afford to lose even one inch of ground that your foremothers have bought and paid for. You best get at it quick but don't get your panties in a bunch — it must be done legally without violence against any man, no matter how big a jerk he is.

My wife left me a note before she went off to work. I'm not sure of its meaning but I'm sure it's very profound. It read, "You are not a smart feller, you're a smart feller's son, so keep on felling smarts until the smart feller comes." I think that means that she doesn't want any more romance novels.





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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) At this time you might want to resist that otherwise admirable Aries penchant for getting to the heart of a matter quickly. Keep in mind that a delicate situation calls for patience.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your aspects favor more diplomacy and fewer direct confrontations when dealing with a relationship problem. Avoiding hurt feelings can help in your search for the truth.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Positive aspects are strong this week. Although you might still have to deal with some problems caused by a recent period of turmoil, you are making progress, and that's what counts.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A family matter could benefit from your counsel. But don't come into it unless invited, and don't stay if you feel uneasy. Just remember to reassure one and all that you'll be there for them.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) As the truth about an ongoing situation emerges, you could find that you were right to defer judgment before you had all the facts. Now would be a good time to move on to other matters.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your plans to take control of a personal situation because you feel you are best qualified could create resentment. Best to hear what everyone else involved in the matter has to say about it.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Uncovering some surprising background facts about that ongoing personal matter could make you reconsider the extent of your involvement. A neutral family member offers advice.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Religious or spiritual themes start to dominate your aspect this week. This can serve as a counterweight to the mounting effects of the season's growing commercialization.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Taking on that recent challenge impressed a lot of important decision-makers. Meanwhile, proceed with your holiday plans, and don't forget to include you-know-who in them.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Disagreeing with an opinion you can't accept could be dicey, and your motives might be questioned. Best to wait to mount a challenge until you have support for your position.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Getting involved in helping others in this increasingly hectic period not only makes the generous Aquarian feel good, but you could also gain a more substantive benefit from your actions.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) The Piscean way of thinking clearly and objectively helps you resolve a complex situation without creating any ill will. Don't be surprised if your counsel is requested on another matter.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of persuading people to look at the positive possibilities that make up any choices they might face.

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Pleased to meet you

Name: Rosi Martinez

Occupation: Assistant manager at Putah Creek Cafe

Hobby: Walking my dog and cooking

What's best about living in Winters: "You can walk around safely at any hour."

Fun fact: Did the Susan Koman marathon in May.

King Crossword

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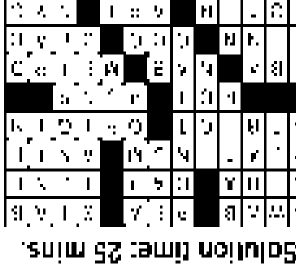

King Crossword — Answers

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Nuestras Noticias

JUAN FERNANDEZ
EVENTOS Y COMENTARIOS HISPANOS

Nada es secreto

Si en este mundo digital, parece que ya nada es secreto. Las recientes filtraciones de Wiki-Leaks de documentos confidenciales de la política exterior norteamericana confirman que estamos en un mundo cada vez más abierto y transparente. Lo que era privado ya no lo es. Nadie se salva. En esta era digital hasta un texto íntimo entre amantes puede, en un clic, hacerse público. Las computadoras, como gigantes hambrientos, lo guardan todo. Solo basta saber donde rascar para descubrir lo que antes estaba escondido. Futuros candidatos presidenciales quedarán descalificados cuando en dos o tres décadas se publiquen fotos y frases que hoy, sin ninguna vergüenza, presumen alegremente en Facebook y Twitter.

El trabajo de Wiki-Leaks se basa, precisamente, en esa nueva premisa del siglo XXI: una vez publicado, nada desaparece. Si algo apareció en una pantalla, quedó guardado en algún lado. La publicación de más de 250,000 documentos del Departamento de Estado y sus embajadas y consulados en todo el mundo nos permite ver el engranaje de la diplomacia de Estados Unidos. Eso es lo fascinante. Vemos lo que teníamos prohibido.

Al leer los documentos de Wiki-Leaks estamos ahí sentados con el embajador, con el primer ministro, con el opositor y con el general. Y si no nos invitaron a la fiesta, podemos escuchar la música y ver a los invitados desde la ventana. Los cables y memorandos secretos están llenos de descripciones poco halagüeñas de líderes mundiales, de recomendaciones y cambios de política, de amenazas y hasta de simples chismes tras una borrachera. Pero todos tienen ese tinte de realismo. Como lector uno se queda con la impresión de que esto es lo que verdaderamente pasa entre políticos y diplomáticos, no lo que aparece en diarios, televisores e internet.

Me preocupa el temor del gobierno mexicano de "perder" territorio ante los narcos, la presencia de espías cubanos dentro del gobierno venezolano y el peligro de que material nuclear en Paquistán termine en manos de terroristas. Hay asuntos médicos, como el supuesto tumor nasal del presidente Evo Morales de Bolivia y preguntas respecto a la estabilidad emocional de la presidenta Cristina Fernández de Argentina. Y hasta rumores de pasillo, incluyendo las parrandas de los primeros ministros de Italia y de Kazakhstan, y los trucos para conseguir los números de las tarjetas de crédito de altos funcionarios.

Julian Assange, el australiano de 39 años de edad que fundó WikiLeaks, está en la mira. Enfrenta acusaciones de abuso sexual y violación en Suecia. Pero él ha negado los cargos diciendo que son una forma de atacarlo por el impacto mundial de WikiLeaks. Pase lo que pase con Assange, el jarrón de cristal está roto y ya no hay manera de pegar todas sus partes. Aún si Assange y WikiLeaks desaparecieran, otros seguirán su ejemplo. Hay una urgente necesidad de más transparencia en los gobiernos, particularmente en América Latina.

Yo quisiera saber, por ejemplo, por qué muchos ex presidentes y altos funcionarios mexicanos terminan sus sexenios como multimillonarios. La suma de sus modestos salarios no puede explicar sus fortunas. ¿Cómo le hicieron? Estoy seguro que la explicación está escondida en alguna computadora gubernamental. Basta el clic de un informante para que nos enteremos.

¿Es legal? Bueno, eso es discutible. Depende de las leyes de cada país. Pero el fenómeno de WikiLeaks pone el énfasis en la transparencia. Todos los funcionarios públicos son, finalmente, empleados de los ciudadanos y votantes y, por lo tanto, están obligados a dar cuenta de sus gastos y acciones. Si no lo hacen voluntariamente, WikiLeaks (o alguien más) se encargará de hacerlo por ellos.

Con WikiLeaks está cambiando la política mundial al demostrar que nada, ni lo más confidencial, es secreto. Lo que antes era terreno exclusivo de los periodistas ya no lo es. Cualquiera, frente a una computadora, puede descubrir y publicar un secreto de estado. ¿Que seguirá? Ya nada nos puede sorprender, o ¿Quizá si?

Evite el estrés en la Navidad

Las festividades de fin de año son para muchos una época de mucha actividad y cambios en la rutina familiar, presión económica, expectativas poco realistas y tristeza por la imposibilidad de reunirse con los seres queridos. Estos factores pueden aumentar la tensión en la familia. Es importante encontrar maneras de reducir el estrés para evitar que empañe el regocijo familiar.

Desde el Día de Acción de Gracias hasta el Año Nuevo, puede parecernos un torbellino de actividades sin fin. Ir a comprar adornos y regalos navideños, escribir tarjetas para amistades y familiares y preparar comidas para grupos numerosos son algunos de los factores que aumentan la tensión durante esta época, contribuyendo al cansancio. Como si fuera poco, muchos niños también tienen vacaciones escolares y hay que entretenerlos en casa mientras se trata de realizar todas las actividades adicionales.

Evite acabar exhausto. Sea realista acerca del tiempo que tienen disponible usted y los demás miembros de la familia. Establezca prioridades e incluya dentro de ellas apartar un poco de tiempo para estar a solas y atender a su necesidad de calma y descanso. Al considerar alguna actividad, pregúntese si realmente tiene que hacerse y, de ser así, si usted es la única persona que puede llevarla a cabo.

El gasto de los regalos y reuniones para celebrar con familiares y amistades o participar en el intercambio de regalos en el trabajo también aumentan la presión económica en muchos hogares. Mantenga la calma y proteja el presupuesto familiar recordando que es posible celebrar las fiestas decembrinas sin gastar grandes sumas de dinero.

Haga lo posible por evitar tener expectativas poco realistas consigo misma o con otras personas. No espere que todo quede perfecto y ni que todos se porten a las mil maravillas. Recuerde que la manera de pensar y las costumbres de los demás no pueden cambiarse con facilidad. Los conflictos y problemas familiares no se esfuman simplemente por ser diciembre. No piense que cada momento estará lleno de gozo ni que el tiempo que pase con familiares estará siempre lleno de armonía.

Al limitar su participación en actividades que otros propongan, considere de antemano cómo va a responder cuando familiares o amistades se muestren decepcionados por su falta de participación. Ante todo, pregúntese, "¿Qué me gustaría que recuerden mis hijos cuando sean adultos acerca de las fiestas decembrinas? ¿Qué experiencias quiero para mis hijos en esta época? ¿Qué experiencias quiero para mí?" Sus respuestas serán la mejor guía no sólo para disfrutar más de la época sino para forjar bellos recuerdos que sus hijos atesorarán toda la vida.

Sigue la deserción escolar

La mitad de los hispanos que llegan a High School no se gradúa. Y esta tendencia no cambiara si nosotros como padres no ayudamos a nuestros hijos a cambiar la mentalidad de nuestros hijos. La plataforma indicadora del avance social y económico de un grupo está determinada por su progreso educativo. La educación es el barómetro que indica el desarrollo de un grupo. Ante esta situación, lo más lógico es preguntarse, qué está motivando que nuestros estudiantes dejen las escuelas. ¿Saben los estudiantes lo crítico que es para ellos continuar con su educación?

Las causas que van desde la apatía, el desencanto y la implementación de un currículo escolar dirigido única y exclusivamente a satisfacer las necesidades de aquellos estudiantes que van a seguir una carrera universitaria en el futuro. En ese sentido, para muchos estudiantes la "High School," tal y como está estructurada, no responde a sus necesidades, ya que, sus metas están dirigidas hacia otros objetivos en los que no se contempla una carrera universitaria.

A estos estudiantes se les hace cuesta arriba enfrentar las exigencias académicas que se requieren para completar el currículo de la "High School." Muchos de ellos no ven la conexión entre las exigencias teóricas de las aulas y la realidad de la vida. Es muy común escuchar a un estudiante preguntar a su maestro o maestra, para qué le servirá lo que está aprendiendo en la clase.

Si la escuela, en este caso el maestro o maestra, no sabe responder satisfactoriamente a esta inquietud del estudiante, es seguro que el desánimo comenzará a sobrecoger al estudiante y en última instancia decide abandonar la escuela. Por otro lado, hay quienes sostienen que la causa de la baja estudiantil en "High School," es la cultura prevaleciente, donde los jóvenes buscan la respuesta fácil a los problemas de la vida, concentrándose en satisfacer las necesidades materiales inmediatas. Es muy frecuente que jóvenes dejen la escuela para ponerse a trabajar para adquirir un carro y otras cosas materiales para estar al día con la moda y otras superficialidades que el medio le exige.

Muchos de ellos no perciben la vida más allá de lo inmediato y por tanto, echan de lado el trabajo duro que implica la preparación para el futuro, que requiere cada vez más educación para poder insertarse en el mercado de trabajo. Las posibilidades de responder a las necesidades de la vida cada vez se harán más precarias sin una educación. La exportación de la manufactura hacia otros países, está reduciendo la opción de empleo para la mano de obra sin educación.

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Colección De Electrodomésticos

Colección De Electrodomésticos el Sábado 8 de Enero 2011 en la escuela Shirley Rominger de 9 a.m. a 1pm.

La PTA d Winters ofrecerá al publico la oportunidad de deshacerse de sus electrodomésticos.

El CEAR E-Waste aceptara trabajen o no objetos como, televisiones, computadoras, cámaras, maquinas copiadoras, celulares, maquinas de fax, hornos microondas, secadoras de pelo, video caseteras, licua-doras y tostadoras.

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Lo recaudado será utilizado para ayudar a la escuela Waggoner y Shirley Rominger.

Para mas información comunicarse con Janell Novello.

En espera

El Senado rechazó someter a votación su propia versión del Dream Act para la legalización de estudiantes indocumentados, como parte de una delicada maniobra para promover en su lugar la de la Cámara de Representantes. La votación, 59-40, ocurrió un día después de que la Cámara de Representantes aprobase su versión de la medida con 216 votos a favor y 198 en contra.

Dicen que el objetivo de este voto de procedimiento es abrirle espacio al proyecto que aprobó la Cámara, y dar oportunidad a que los senadores recaben un mayor apoyo al "Dream Act." De hecho, el voto no significa que el Senado esté abandonando el Dream Act, sino que los demócratas quieren ganar tiempo para conseguir los 60 votos que permitan el debate y votación de la medida sin obstrucciones de la oposición.

El líder de la mayoría del Senado, el demócrata Harry Reid, prometió durante su campaña de reelección en Nevada que sometería la medida a votación antes de fin de año. No está claro si el Senado votará la versión de la Cámara de Representantes esta semana o la próxima, cuando quedan pocos días para el receso legislativo de diciembre, en la antesala de la 112 sesión legislativa.

Este voto de procedimiento, según observadores, reflejó el hecho de que, por ahora, los partidarios del Dream Act no cuentan con los 60 votos necesarios para impedir las tácticas obstruccionistas de quienes se oponen a la medida. También está la amenaza de los republicanos de frenar cualquier proyecto de ley hasta que el Senado someta a votación un controvertido paquete de recortes tributarios y subsidios de desempleo, otro de los asuntos que mantiene divididos a demócratas y republicanos.

El Dream Act autoriza la legalización de estudiantes indocumentados que llegaron a EE.UU antes de los 16 años, tengan cinco años de estancia en el país, cumplan dos años de universidad o se inscriban en las Fuerzas Armadas, entre otros requisitos. En general, los republicanos consideran que el Dream Act es una "amnistía" inmerecida para quienes entran ilegalmente al país, pese a que la medida en cuestión establece una serie de requisitos y multas que los beneficiarios tendrán que cumplir para lograr la residencia permanente en EE.UU.

CALDERONE

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went 4-0 for a first place finish and was named the light weight Most Outstanding Wrestler.

Cody Linton and Trever Wright also went 4-0 for the gold. Mateo Berrera went 2-2. Blaine Miller and Timothy Tweedt both went 1-2. Tim Davey and Holden Philbrook both went 0-2.

In a different tournament, Destiny Rogers was successful as well as she went 4-0 for the gold and Claire Hasbrook was 3-2 for a third place finish.

Bereavement group offered

Yolo Hospice has a free, drop-in bereavement group for adults, which is available to the Winters community. In this small group, participants can explore and work through their grief with discussion and education. Registration is not necessary.

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.

TOURNEY

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had four steals. Sam Newman scored nine points and had nine assists and four steals. Kevin Hyde scored three points and had three rebounds. Juan Tovar scored two points and Tim Miller had one point.

On Friday, Dec. 10, the Warriors played Forest Lake Christian and won their second straight game with a 39-32 victory in overtime. After a back-and-forth game, the Warriors controlled the overtime period and out-scored Forest Lake Christian, 9-2.

Geerts led the team with 10 points, followed by Botro with nine. Miller scored seven, Hyde scored six, Newman scored six and Tovar had three points.

In game three, the Warriors played host team Marysville and lost 59-28. A rough third period sealed the Warriors' fate as they were out-scored 19-1. Newman led the Warriors with 10 points. Botro scored seven points, Tovar had four, and Jesus Quirarte scored three, while Miller and Jesse Carabez each scored two points for the Warriors.

GIRLS

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second period.

Ashlynne Neil led the Warriors in scoring with a 17-point performance along with six rebounds. Tess Hyer scored 13 points and had four rebounds, three assists and three steals. Sarah Kimes score nine points and grabbed 11 rebounds. Emma Young had three points and Ilene Reynoso scored two points, while Jackie Plasencia had four rebounds.

In Saturday's game the Warriors played Corning and lost another tough one by a score of 54-49. Winters had a three-point lead going into the fourth period, but were out-scored 14-6 in the final 10 minutes of play.

Neil had 16 points and eight rebounds. Hyer also had 16 points and five assists. Plasencia scored 10 points and had six steals. Kimes scored four points and had six rebounds, and Young scored three points and had six rebounds.

On Thursday, Dec. 9, the Warriors competed in the River City Tournament and stepped up the level of competition. Winters started off with a game against Ponderosa High School and lost 79-42. Neil scored 14 points to lead the Warriors and had five rebounds. Hyer scored 11 points. Reynoso had seven points and four rebounds. Young had five points, four rebounds. Plasencia scored four points, four rebounds, three assists and three steals, while Sarah Selby had one point and two rebounds for the Warriors.

On Friday, Dec. 10, the Warriors played in their second game of the tournament and suffered a 63-46 loss to Folsom. Neil scored 13 points and had five rebounds. Hyer scored 12 points, had four rebounds and four assists. Plasencia had nine points and pulled down 12 rebounds. Kimes scored eight points and grabbed 13 rebounds. Young had two points and three rebounds. Selby scored two points and Reynoso grabbed 11 rebounds.

No stats were available for their final game of the tournament.

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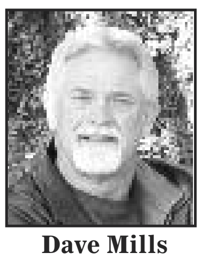

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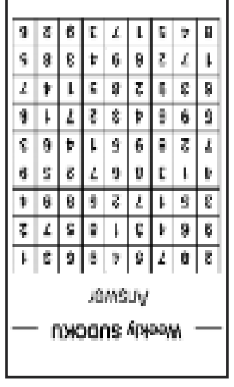

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MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

• On Jan. 1, 45 B.C., New Year's Day is celebrated on January 1 for the first time as the Julian calendar takes effect. In designing his new calendar, Roman ruler Julius Caesar enlisted the aid of Sosigenes, an Alexandrian astronomer, who calculated a year to be 365 and 1/4 days.

• On Dec. 29, 1890, the U.S. Cavalry kills 146 Sioux at Wounded Knee in South Dakota. The cavalry surrounded a band of Ghost Dancers and demanded they surrender their weapons. A brutal massacre followed, with nearly half those killed being women and children.

• On Dec. 30, 1936, in one of the first sit-down strikes in the United States, autoworkers occupy the General Motors Fisher Body Plant in Flint, Mich. The strike lasted 44 days. GM's output went from a robust 50,000 cars in December to just 125 in February.

• On Dec. 27, 1941, the federal Office of Price Administration first begins to ration automobile tires. Only those who demonstrated need were allowed to purchase cars, metal typewriters, bicycles, stoves and rubber shoes. Butter, coffee, sugar, cooking fat, gasoline and non-rubber shoes also were rationed.

• On Jan. 2, 1962, The Weavers, who sparked the folk music revival of the 1950s and '60s, are banned from appearing on NBC when they refuse to sign an oath of political loyalty. The group saw their careers nearly destroyed during the Red Scare of the early 1950s, and they lost their recording contract over their leftist politics.

• On Dec. 28, 1973, Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn's "literary investigation" of the police-state system in the Soviet Union, "The Gulag Archipelago, 1918-1956", is published in the original Russian in Paris. On Feb. 12, 1974, Solzhenitsyn was arrested, stripped of his citizenship and deported.

• On Dec. 31, 1984, Bernhard Goetz, a white man dubbed the "subway vigilante" after he shot four young black men on a New York City subway train, turns himself in at a police station. Goetz was viewed by some people as a hero, fighting back against his attackers. In 1987, a Manhattan jury acquitted Goetz of criminal assault and attempted murder.

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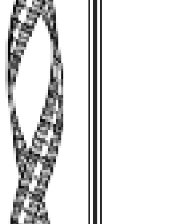

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and this 16th day of December, 2010
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BOND # 00104533207
s/CASEY STONE
Published December 9, 16, 2010

Trustee's Sale

Trustee Sale No. 234192CA Loan No. 0693586729 Title Order No. 602127322 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 06/20/2005. 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 PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 1/6/2011 at 12:45 PM, CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded 06/29/2005, Book , Page , Instrument 2005-0030942-00, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Yolo County, California, executed by: Misael Bautista and Luz Maria Rios Bautista, 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: $266,796.45 (estimated) Street address and other common designation of the real property: **205 Anderson Avenue Winters, CA 95694** APN Number: 003-276-11-1 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: 12/6/2010 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.fidelityasap.com (714) 573-1965 or www.prioritypposting.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 P778164 12/16, 12/23, 12/30/2010

Trustee's Sale

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 10-0109402 Title Order No. 4530572 Investor/Insurer No. 1702442973 APN No. 003-410-017-000 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 10/16/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER." Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by DENISE M PRITCHARD, AND SEAN M PRITCHARD, HER HUSBAND, AS JOINT TENANTS, dated 10/16/2006 and recorded 11/07/06, as Instrument No. 2006-0043795-00, in Book , Page), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Yolo County, State of California, will sell on 01/06/2011 at 12:00PM, At the rear (North) entrance to the City Hall Building, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA. 95691 at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash or check as described below, payable in full at time of sale, all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust, in the property situated in said County and State and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: **823 CARRION CIR, WINTERS, CA, 956941665**. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance with interest thereon of the obligation secured by the property to be sold plus reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is $410,128.93. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept cashier's checks drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Said sale will be made, in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, advances thereunder, with interest as provided, and the unpaid principal of the Note secured by said Deed of Trust with interest thereon as provided in said Note, plus fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. DATED: 12/08/2010 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA6-914-01-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 93063 Phone: (800) 281 8219, Sale Information (626) 927-4399 By: - Trustee's Sale Officer RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. ASAP# FNMA3821428 12/09/2010, 12/16/2010, 12/23/2010

Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Winters will conduct a public hearing on December 21, 2010, at 6:30 p.m.. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 318 First Street, Winters, California. Purpose of the public hearing is to consider adoption of City of Winters Ordinance No. 2010-12, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINTERS AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WINTERS AND THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM. The Ordinance is summarized, pursuant to California law, as follows:
The City of Winters has a contract with the California Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS), which provides retirement benefits to City employees. Because of the financial downturn, the City of Winters entered into negotiations with its employee groups to change the contribution rates and benefits payable through PERS.
The City worked collaboratively with the Winters Police Officers Association (WPOA) recognizing the City's current budget reflecting the difficult economic conditions and the City's need for sustainable reform, while recognizing the crucial public safety service the WPOA members provide to the citizens. Current employees receive a retirement of 3 percent of compensation per year, with the ability to retire at 55 years of age. The new formula will be 2 percent of compensation, with the ability to retire at 50 years of age. The new formula is applicable to local police members entering membership for the first time in the police classification after the effective date of the change.

A Resolution of Intention, with documentation, will initiate the process of amendment, and this Ordinance authorizes adoption of the Resolution of Intention and other documents to complete the amendment.
The purpose of the public hearing will be to give citizens an opportunity to make their comments known. If you are unable to attend the public hearing, you may direct written comments to the City of Winters, City Clerk, 318 First Street, Winters, CA 95694 or you may telephone (530) 795-4910, extension 101, before 5 p.m. on Monday, December 20, 2010. In addition, a public information file is available for review at the above address between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on weekdays. If you plan on attending the public hearing and need a special accommodation because of a sensory or mobility impairment/disability, please contact Dawn Van Dyke, (530) 795-4910, extension 108 to arrange for those accommodations to be made.

Dated: December 14, 2010
John C. Wallace, City Attorney, City of Winters

Published December 16, 2010

Legal Notices. Your Right to Know

Trustee's Sale

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS # CA-10-367648-AB Order # 100368575-CA-BFI YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 5/30/2006. 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. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 to the Financial code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. 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, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, 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. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor(s): MICHAEL J. BOOKS AND AMALIA E. BOOKS , HUSBAND AND WIFE AS COMMUNITY PROPERTY Recorded: 6/6/2006 as Instrument No. 2006-0022037-00 in book xxx, page xxx of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of YOLO County, California; Date of Sale: 1/10/2011 at 12:00 PM Place of Sale: At the rear (North) entrance to the City Hall Building, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA. 95691 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: $952,042.90 The purported property address is: **26090 COUNTY ROAD #34 WINTERS, CA 95694** Assessor's Parcel No. 030-330-013-000 030-330-013 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, please refer to the referenced legal description for property location. In the event no common address or common designation of the property is provided herein directions to the location of the property may be obtained within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale by sending a written request to Dovenmuehle Mortgage, Inc. 1 Corporate Drive, Suite 360 Lake Zurich IL 60047-8924. Pursuant to California Civil Code 2923.54 the undersigned, on behalf of the beneficiary, loan servicer or authorized agent, declares as follows: [1] The mortgage loan servicer has not obtained from the commissioner a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to Section 2923.53 that is current and valid on the date the notice of sale is filed; [2] The timeframe for giving notice of sale specified in subdivision (a) of Section 2923.52 does apply to this notice of sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney. Date: Quality Loan Service Corp. 2141 5th Avenue San Diego, CA 92101 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 714-730-2727 or Login to: www.fidelityasap.com Reinstatement Line: 619-645-7711 Quality Loan Service, Corp. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. THIS NOTICE IS SENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING A DEBT. THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDER AND OWNER OF THE NOTE. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED BY OR PROVIDED TO THIS FIRM OR THE CREDITOR WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. ASAP# 3832216 12/16/2010, 12/23/2010, 12/30/2010

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

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.fidelityasap.com (714) 573-1965 or www.prioritypposting.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

Trustee's Sale

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. GM-221600-C Investor No. 9827979 Loan No. 7401065891 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 2/28/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by the duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. TRUSTOR:JOSEPH N. OTTO, AN UNMARRIED MAN Recorded 4/8/2005 as Instrument No. 2005-0016033-00 in Book , page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Yolo County, California, Date of Sale:1/3/2011 at 12:00 PM Place of Sale: At the rear (North) entrance to the City Hall Building, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, California Property Address is purported to be: **805 SUFFOLK PLACE WINTERS, California 95694** APN #: 030-371-008 The total amount secured by said instrument as of the time of initial publication of this notice is $214,131.00, which includes the total amount of the unpaid balance (including accrued and unpaid interest) and reasonable estimated costs, expenses, and advances at the time of initial publication of this notice. Pursuant to California Civil Code 2923.54 the undersigned, on behalf of the beneficiary, loan servicer or authorized agent, declares as follows: [1] The mortgage loan servicer has obtained from the commissioner a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to Section 2923.53 that is current and valid on the date the notice of sale is filed; [2] The timeframe for giving notice of sale specified in subdivision (a) of Section 2923.52 does not apply pursuant to Section 2923.52 or 2923.55. Date: 12/2/2010 ETS Services, LLC 2255 North Ontario Street, Suite 400 Burbank, California 91504-3120 Sale Line: 714-730-2727 Christine Gomez-Schwab, TRUSTEE SALE OFFICER ASAP# 3827578 12/09/2010, 12/16/2010, 12/23/2010

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Fictitious Business Name

FILED YOLO COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER
Nov. 22, 2010
FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK
Kimberli Quam, Deputy
FBN NUMBER 2010-986
Fictitious Business Name
MPS
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 Registant 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.
State of California, County of Yolo
FREDDIE OAKLEY County Clerk/Recorder
Kimberli Quam, Deputy Clerk
Published Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, 2010

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)