



## Safety facility dedicated

By ELLIOT LANDES  
Staff writer

After a long two years of construction, the Winters fire and police departments are all moved in and working hard in their grand new building complex at North Main Street and Grant Avenue. The city dedicated the Public Safety Facility Thursday afternoon in the apparatus floor of the Fire Department portion of the elaborate 40,000 square foot facility, and a good crowd of over 100 people attended.

The apparatus floor is where the fire department keeps the trucks, though all were parked outside to make room for the event. It made one think of

events held in the equivalent space in the old building on Abbey Street, but what a difference.

The enormous new space features under-the-floor radiant heating, so all were comfortable on this rainy afternoon. For ventilation, the room features an enormous ceiling fan, made by a company known as Big Ass Fans.

After a rousing performance by the Winters Middle School choir of "God Bless America," talks were given by City Manager John Donlevy, Mayor Woody Fridae and Clay Schmidt of PG&E, who praised the energy efficiency of the building and presented the city with a check for \$28,840, an award from the

PG&E Savings By Design program.

"This building is actually 17 percent more efficient than a normal building of its type," said Schmidt.

"This facility was built not just for police and fire," said Donlevy, "but for the community — last night the 4H event, the football team will have their banquet, the wrestling, you name it."

This project was a final achievement for the police and fire chiefs, Police Chief Bruce Muramoto and Fire Chief Scott Dozier, who are both about to retire. They shared the podium for their comments.

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## Finally finished

◆ Police, fire chiefs announce completion of safety facility

By DEBRA DeANGELO  
Express editor

It's a little bit late but a lot under budget, and it's finally complete. Winters Police Chief Bruce Muramoto and Fire Chief Scott Dozier made the formal announcement to the city council at the Nov. 1 meeting that the notice of completion for the Public Safety Facility has been filed.

"The Public Safety Facility is the most significant building project in the history of Winters," declared City Manager Donlevy,

noting that the structure is more than 40,000 square feet and was a major Redevelopment project. He also commented that the project came in \$130,000 under budget, thanks to the project management performed by Muramoto and Dozier, who both stayed in their jobs beyond the dates they were hoping to retire in order to see the project through.

Dozier said there are still some minor bugs to work out in the building, like troubles with the air conditioning, but overall heaped praise upon architect Dennis Dong, who stayed on the job after his con-

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Photo by Debra DeAngelo

Winters Police Chief Bruce Muramoto stands in front of his shining accomplishment, the police department's wing of the Public Safety Facility. Muramoto is retiring. His last day on duty is Thursday, Nov. 10.

## OFF DUTY — FOR GOOD

By DEBRA DeANGELO  
Express editor

It took about a year longer than he'd hoped, but Winters Police Chief Bruce Muramoto finally gets to call it quits for good. Although his official retirement date is Nov. 14, his last day on the job will be Thursday, Nov. 10. Muramoto says it wasn't simple love for his job that kept him

on duty one more year, but the completion of the Public Safety Facility, for which he served as co-project manager with Fire Chief Scott Dozier, who also delayed his retirement for the same reason. Dozier also will retire this month.

Muramoto began his law enforcement career 38 years ago while still a student at UC Davis, spending his last year

as a reserve police officer with the City of Davis. It didn't take him long to make the step up from "reserve."

"I graduated on a Friday, and stated work on a Monday," he says.

He served as a full-time officer and also as a youth service officer with the Davis Police Department, then moved

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## Fatal car crash under investigation

California Highway Patrol officers in Solano County are investigating the cause of a solo vehicle crash that claimed the life of a Winters man Tuesday morning, Nov. 8.

Alfredo De Los Santos, 58, was pronounced dead at the scene of the collision, which occurred just before 7 a.m. on the 9200 block of Boyce Road, just south of Putah Creek Road in unincorporated

Solano County, CHP Officer Christopher Parker said.

A preliminary investigation indicated that De Los Santos was traveling southbound on Boyce Road when, for unknown reasons, his 1983 Toyota Celica ran off the road and struck a tree.

There were no passengers in the car, and neither alcohol nor drugs appeared to be a factor in the crash, Parker said.

## Disagreement on parcel tax

By DEBBIE HEMENWAY  
Staff writer

The Board of Trustees of the Winters schools is on record as supporting in principle the idea of putting a parcel tax measure before voters as a way to raise revenues for the increasingly money-starved district and has set aside funds for that purpose. It was, therefore, surprising to some both on the board and in the audience, when a proposed resolution to encourage lawmakers to lower the threshold for passage of such measures brought out sharp philosophical differences among board members at last week's meeting.

Interim Superintendent Marilyn Corey

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### FUTURE SUBSCRIBERS

\***KENDALL JANE PITTS** is the newborn daughter of Jeff and Lori Pitts of Chico. Born at 8:30 p.m. Nov. 2, 2011, at Enloe Hospital in Chico, she weighed 6 pounds, 13 ounces and was 20 inches long. She joins brother Logan, 2 ½. Maternal grandparents are Evert and Jean Ann Babb of Corning and the late Delphine Babb. Paternal grandparents are Richard and Debbie Pitts of Winters. Paternal great-grandparents are Marie Pitts of Winters and Patricia Munoz of Davis.

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### WEATHER

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

Date	Rain	HI	Lo
Nov. 2		74	56
Nov. 3		77	48
Nov. 4	.04	65	37
Nov. 5		61	38
Nov. 6	.45	60	44
Nov. 7	.04	59	38
Nov. 8		64	35

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## OBITUARY

### Ignacia Ramirez Aguirre

Ignacia Ramirez Aguirre, wife of the late Agapito Aguirre, died Thursday, Oct. 27, 2011. She was 79. Her sudden death was due to complications with her recent diagnosis of pancreatic cancer.

Born July 31, 1932, in Parrall, Chihuahua, Mexico, she moved to Winters after her marriage to Agapito. She lived in Winters for more than 54 years and was very much part of the community, involved in many events including St. Anthony Catholic Church. She enjoyed her social activities with friends and spent her most recent years visiting family and friends. She will be missed by many, but those that were privileged to meet her were blessed by her warm heart and laughter, family members said.

She is survived by her four children: son Gilberto Aguirre and three grandchildren, Estrella, Crystal and Gilbert Jr.; daughter Susana Atkinson and four granddaughters, Pialoha, Iwalani, Oilipua and Lilinoe; daughter Elsa Evans and two grandchildren, Daniel and Luis; and daughter Brunilda Aguirre and one grandchild, Vincent. She also is survived by six great-grandchildren.

A visitation and rosary was planned at 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 3, at St. Anthony Church, 301 Main St. in Winters, followed by a Mass and funeral at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 4, at St. Anthony Church. She was to be laid to rest in Winters Cemetery. An open invitation was extended to the community at the family home at 407 Baker St. preceding the burial. Any donations can be distributed between the Breast Cancer and Cancer societies.



## YESTERYEAR



File photo  
In February 1980, Bank of America President A.W. Clausen, left, congratulates William Nichols, manager of Bank of America's Winters branch for receiving the bank's 1979 Outstanding Management Award. Nichols, a 24-year veteran and manager of the Winters Bank of America since 1972, was one of 27 selected for the award out of 1,094 managers in the bank's statewide branch system. The selection was based on office profitability, leadership, awareness of social problems and community involvement.

**50**  
YEARS AGO

**65**  
YEARS AGO

**100**  
YEARS AGO

**115**  
YEARS AGO

### Weekly police report

**Oct. 30**

~ 10:05 p.m., 900 block of East Grant Avenue, a 30 pack of beer was stolen from a business. Loss: \$25.

**Oct. 31**

~ 12:20 p.m., Juan Manuel Martinez, 38, of Winters, was booked and released on a District Attorney letter charging him with being in possession of a controlled substance.

~ 7:11 p.m., Thomas Boswell, 19, of Vacaville, was arrested for being a minor in possession of an alcoholic beverage and having an inoperable vehicle tail lamp. Boswell was booked at the Winters Police Department and released on a notice to appear.

~ 9:15 p.m., Traci Leanne Caress, 38, of Vacaville, was arrested for being intoxicated in public and unable to care for her safety or the safety of others. Caress was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to the Yolo County Jail for incarceration.

**Nov. 1**

~ 3:18 a.m., first block of Main Street, officers responded to an audible alarm. The business was found secure.

~ 8:55 a.m., 400 block of Abbey Street, a vehicle was towed for being left on a city street for storage and for having expired registration in excess of six months.

~ 9 a.m., on El Camino Way, an unknown suspect scammed a victim into wiring money to a foreign country. Loss: \$4,400.

~ 10:07 a.m., Adriana Guzman Valadez, 24, of Davis, was issued a notice to appear driving at an unsafe speed and being an unlicensed driver.

~ 1:12 p.m., Ricardo Andres Carrasco, 37, of Winters, was issued a notice to appear for being an unlicensed driver, driving a vehicle with expired registration and failing to provide proof of insurance.

**Nov. 2**

~ 5:58 p.m., first block of Main Street, a vehicle was towed for being parked in a public parking area for excess of two weeks and having expired registration.

~ 8:52 p.m., Ashlei Nicole Russell, 23, of Winters, surrendered herself on two outstanding Winters Police Department bench warrants charging her with two counts of failure to appear on previous charges of driving with a suspended/revoked driver's license, driving a vehicle with expired registration and failing to provide proof of insurance; and two counts of failure to appear on previous charges of driving with a suspended/revoked driver's license and registration in excess of six months.

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**November 25, 1961**

The Winters City Council, at its regular meeting Tuesday evening, awarded the job of laying sewer lines in Major Vista to the firm of W.M. Lyles, on a bid of \$46,104.30.

Mr. and Mrs. George Laukkanen, Wilbur and Norman, will leave Wednesday evening for San Diego to spend the Thanksgiving weekend with the former's 82-year-old father.

Mr. and Mrs. Cameron Girton and son and daughter, Cameron Jr. and Susan, will drive up for holiday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Al Cattermole.

Mr. and Mrs. John Pinkston, with Mr. and Mrs. Voydell Pinkston and children, will be in Woodland for Thanksgiving day with Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Pinkston.

Dudley Mitchell and Jimmy Hirshberg will entertain at dinner for Judge and Mrs. R.E. Degener and Mrs. George Griffin.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Graf, Mrs. Johanna Ball and Miss Margaret Graf will enjoy Thanksgiving dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Graf, whose son and family, the Jack Grafs of Courtland, will drive to Colusa for the holiday with her parents, the Reverend and Mrs. S.C. Potter.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hiramatsu and two sons, Ronnie and Dennis, along with daughter Julie, will drive to Sacramento Thursday for dinner with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nishikawa.

**November 22, 1946**

A. Bianchi, who, up to two months ago, conducted a watch repairing business here for 26 years, has reestablished his business in Vasey Brothers' store. He was formerly located in the Moore building now being remodeled for a Western Dealer's Store. Mr. Bianchi, 91, came to California 75 years ago from Switzerland.

The Community Chest drive is underway, with a quota of \$2,500.

Born in Sacramento, November 18, 1946, to Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Martin, a daughter. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. O.C. Holmes and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Martin.

J.F. Vasey and C.E. Wyatt attended St. Mary's-Santa Clara football game in San Francisco Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Campbell will be in Stockton to witness their daughter, Mrs. Virginia Campbell Cummings, installed into the Order of the Eastern Star on Saturday evening, Nov. 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Overhouse of Salinas were visitors the last of the week with his father, W.D. Overhouse.

Rev. Lee Sadler, scoutmaster, entertained the Scout troops Monday night at a dinner party in the Christian church basement.

For all the latest local news, read the Winters Express

**November 24, 1911**

Born Tuesday, November 21, to the wife of A.L. Martin, a son.

R.L. Niemann, member of the firm of Stitt & Niemann of Guinda, has accepted the position of assistant manager of the Winters Dried Fruit Co.

A.G. Hamilton had his first railroad wreck experience Monday when he was on the Oakland Electric when the Berkeley Electric crashed into it on the trestle near the end of the Key Route pier.

Work on the Citizen's Bank building is nearing completion.

Dave Ritchie was severely hurt at Exeter Monday when a switch engine pumped into a car he was having loaded with oranges.

The Farmers Telephone Company will have a new home in the Cradwick building.

Clint West and Roy Moler presented an application to run billiard and soft drink parlors to the town board.

## Berryessa lake level down .13 of a foot

The level of Lake Berryessa fell by .13 of a foot during the past week, with a reduction in storage of 2,279 acre feet of water, according to Ken Emigh of the Solano Irrigation District.

He reported Tuesday morning that the lake was 425.50 feet above sea level, with storage computed at 1,287,905 acre feet of water.

The SID is diverting 20 second feet of water into the Putah South Canal and 30 second feet is flowing in Putah Creek at the Diversion Dam.

Evaporation on Lake Berryessa averaged 93 acre feet of water per day during the week.

**November 20, 1896**

Under the direction of Supervisor Buckingham, of Solano County, the Pleasant Valley Road, beginning about a mile and a half west of Winters, is being overhauled and widened.

Russell Pleasant's mule team working on the Pleasant Valley Road Saturday ran away and created quite an excitement. They came tearing down the grade where the men were at work and Sullivan, driver of the four-horse scraper, only saved his outfit from destruction by beating them off with a shovel. Then they ran into Boyd's wagon and broke the reach, afterwards running into the creek where they cooled off. James Pleasants, who was driving the runaways, went down and drove them back to work as though nothing had happened.

Messrs. Settle, Hall and Andrews, who have the contract for building Joseph Legler's new dwelling house on Russell Street, are pushing the work rapidly.

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# Opinion

## LETTERS

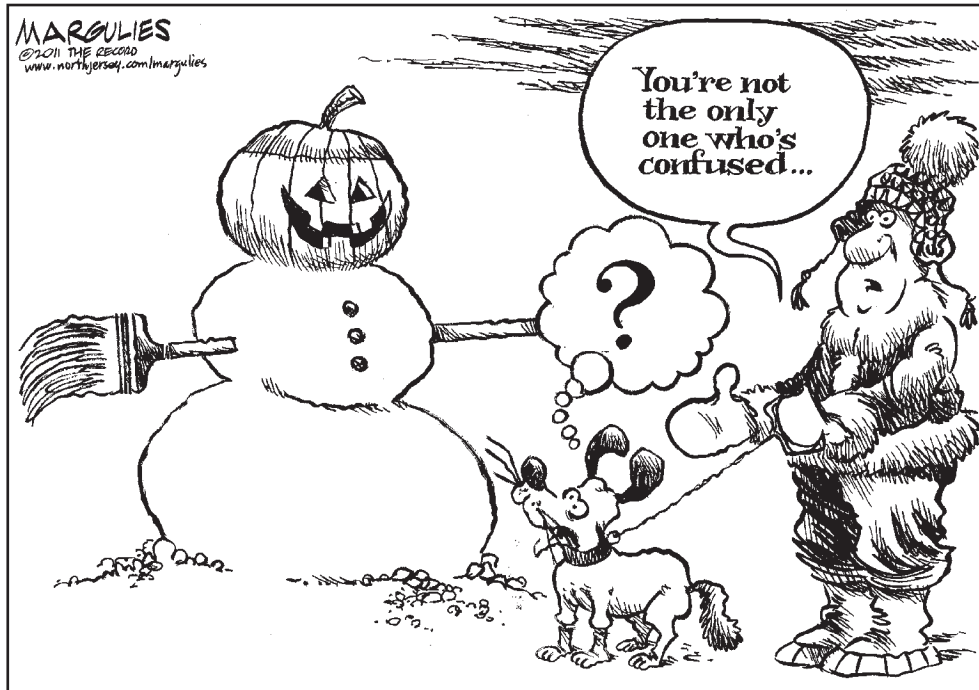
### Support Bob by donating to program

My brother, Bob Harris, was enrolled in Yolo Adult Day Care in Woodland. This was a place he called his "work." It gave him a purpose every day for over two years. He actually won a prize at the Yolo County Fair for his artwork. His colorful and whimsical collection of watercolors enriched his life and the lives of those around him.

The program kept him alive, mobile and vocal until he was no longer able to attend. Today, he languished in bed under hospice care at Palm Gardens in Woodland.

The foremost thought in his mind when I visit him is he wants to get up and go to "work," even though he can no longer lift himself out of bed. At "work," he was appreciated for what he brought to the group at Yolo Adult Day Care — a thing we all want for ourselves: What we can bring to others.

This group of unselfish social workers consistently carry on to honor each patient's current strengths and abilities. These workers and



patients and their families are facing crisis, as are many other social programs today. Governor Brown has vetoed Assembly Bill 96, brought forth by Assemblyman Bob Blumenfeld to help these life-changing programs.

The Friends of Adult Day Care are holding a fundraising drive to assist the program while they wait for the appeal to make its way through the court system to address the unjust act against this life-changing program.

It is a life-changing program, not only for the patients, but for the families who face the difficult situation of caring for their loved ones for emotionally and physically demanding 24-hour days. The programs are a respite for those

who must work to care for themselves in order to deal with their particular tragedy.

My wife and I are so grateful for the love and care the great people at Yolo County Adult Day Care gave to my brother even for some time to their detriment. We are showing our appreciation by sending this wonderful program a donation, and hope others will too.

I urge Bob's friends to donate a little something in his name. Those who choose to donate can do so by sending to: Friends of Adult Day Health Care, P.O. Box 1964, Woodland, CA 95776; or, Yolo Adult Day Health Center, 20 N. Cottonwood Street Woodland, CA 95695.

**RICHARD and SUE HARRIS**

### Whose red curb is it?

On Saturday, Oct. 5, the fire department was at Shirley Rominger School doing inspections. During that time they called police officers to ticket all cars parked in our pick up/drop off zone, which a previous administrator had painted red, so that visitors would not park there during arrival and dismissal times.

If I am not mistaken, all red curbs in the parking lot were done by the school. The fire department already has a fire zone along the street and on the south side of the school.

I am very disappointed.

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## We have the collective weaponry to fight the Big Bank dragon

Holy moly, the people stared into the eye of the dragon... and the dragon blinked.

Following Bank of America's recent announcement to start charging a \$5 fee when customers use their debit card, customers retaliated with the only weapon they have: their money.

In the wake of customer uproar as other large banks like Wells Fargo and JPMorgan Chase announced similar debit card fees, and then back-peddled over the weekend, Bank of America reluctantly (I'm sure) announced last Tuesday that it was abandoning the debit card fee scheme. Not out of any sense of decency, mind you, but because BofA customers were finally so furious and fed up that they yanked their money out of BofA and deposited it elsewhere.

That got BofA's attention. Wall Street Occupiers? BofA execs probably have a good chuckle over their morning coffee about those pathetic pee-ons gathered on the sidewalks down below, whining about money and unemployment and the unfairness of it all. Well, not all. Only 99 percent. But when enough pathetic pee-ons trotted their money out the door in protest, the BofA CEOs must've splurged their coffee all over their Wall Street Journals. That got their attention.

And, miracle of miracles, the behemoth backed down and cancelled its mini-extortion plan.

According to a Nov. 1 story on the New York Times website, David Darnell, co-chief operating officer at Bank of America, stated, "We have listened to our

customers very closely over the last few weeks and recognize their concern with our proposed debit usage fee. As a result, we are not currently charging the fee and will not be moving forward with any additional plans to do so."

The story notes, "The revenue the bank expected to raise from the debit fee was not worth the damage to its reputation." But, it's not really a consumer victory just yet. The story further notes that BofA plans to regroup and collect the profit it anticipated from the debit fees in less obvious ways: "Now that all the large banks have decided not to impose the debit fee, experts said, they will find other ways to fill the hole."

"Those revenues paid for a lot of things," said Joe Gillen, chief executive of Pinnacle Financial Strategies, a bank consultant in Houston. Now, he said, consumers can expect more fees over time. "It will be slow and gradual, but they will bring those revenues back."

Slow and gradual. Like putting a frog in a pot of water and turning up the heat slowly until the frog boils to death because it can't detect the rising temperature.

If you aren't mad yet, get a load of what comes next: "What (Gillen) said was most frustrating, however, was that the banks were penalized for their openness."

Really? That's the most frustrating thing, Mr. Gillen? That when the Big Banks were finally so bold as to just shove the gun in our faces rather than steal from us out the back door, that we objected? Unbelievable. But not quite as unbelievable as



**DEBRA DeANGELO**  
**BECAUSE I SAY SO**

able as what Gillen openly admits next: "The banks are going to have to hide the fees and the customers will still have to pay them."

Have to pay them. Have to. Why aren't you furious yet? Why aren't you marching down to close your Big Bank account right now? Because the war's not over yet. Consumers won this particular battle, but in the end, the Big Banks will have their chunk of financial hide from their customers. Unless they lose those customers entirely.

In case you missed it, Saturday was "Bank Transfer Day," an effort to motivate people to transfer their money out of big banks and into small neighborhood banks, where not only can you talk to a real live person, you won't be charged to do so.

Yes, the Big Banks are charging fees for that too. Unless you pay a monthly fee or sign up for a certain type of checking account that gives you the privilege of actual customer service.

I'll tell you what — the first time my bank charges me to talk to a teller, I'll make use of that fee to say, "I'd like to withdraw all my money and close my account."

You see how insidious it is? The banks charge you a fee to speak to a teller, and once you've been retrained to use your debit card exclusively, they attempt to collect a fee each time you do.

Bank Transfer Day isn't a unique idea. The "Move Your Money" campaign emerged months ago in response to the TARP bailouts and the "too big to fail" meme, all against the backdrop of an avalanche of home foreclosures on average Americans. The Move Your Money website (moveyourmoneyproject.org) says, among other things, "Invest in Main Street, not Wall Street" — very similar to "Occupy Main Street, not Wall Street." In other words, fight the Corporate Persons and Big Banks by spending your money at local shops and paying with cash — a one, two punch to the One Percent.

Still need motivation? Go to the Move Your Money website and watch the clip of "It's a Wonderful Life" interspersed with real life exploitation of average Americans and the TARP bailouts. If that doesn't make you burn with motivation, I don't know what will, unless it's the realization that that if enough of us act together, we can, and will, and moreover, *did* make the dragon blink.

Sure, you can get out on the streets with the Occupy protestors, but that only makes the dragon cranky. Move your money, and you'll smack the dragon across the snout and make it pay attention. We can, collectively, wield Excalibur. It's right there in our wallets.



**CHARLES R. WALLACE**  
**A QUICK OPINION**

**CAUSE OF THE WEEK?** You have to like a protest without leaders or borders. The Occupy Wall Street people can be seen on every news station and most newspapers. Not bad for a movement without specific goals or demands.

Anyone can scream and demand change, but real change comes with ideas on how to change what you don't like. Occupy Wall Street's idea of taking your money out of the big banks and putting it into smaller community banks or credit unions is something I can get behind. Most of us already bank with First Northern, Yolo or Travis Credit unions. One problem with that idea of moving money to smaller institutions is that bigger businesses, with offices in different parts of the country, find it hard to use local banks and credit unions, and they have a lot of money in the bank. Remember the government only guarantees \$250,000 per account. Would you risk your investor's or family's millions with a credit union or local bank?

One thing you can change without much trouble is stop buying from companies that buy most of their products overseas. If you want to get at the giant corporations, buy products made in the Americas. It might take a little effort on your part, but when you are buying something, think about where it is made and if there is an option to buy American, do it. I count Mexico and Canada in that part about buying American. If we support our neighbors we will have less problems with other economies affecting us.

You can also buy local. If you don't want to support the Wall Marts of the world, don't. Shop at local mom and pop shops or buy local groceries that buy from local farmers. It all starts with your wallet and your feet. You'll be surprised at what you can find that is still made in America. You might also be surprised at how little is made here. It is worth the effort.

I haven't noticed any tents at City Park, but maybe we don't have enough Occupy Wall Street types or homeless people around town. Maybe our local police department is enforcing our no camping in the park ordinance, if there is one. I noticed some frost this morning. It will be interesting to see how the Occupy Wall Street people do in Washington, D.C. come February.

The Occupy Wall Street folks keep mentioning the one percenters. I have a dream of becoming a one percenter some day, so I don't think I'll jump on their bandwagon. I am a 57 percenter, though. I'm one of the 57 percent that pay federal income tax. When I first learned that 43 percent of the people don't pay any federal income tax I thought it was just some Internet hoax, but it is true. It is also true that the top five percent pay over half of the income tax the federal government collects. Could/should they pay more? As a percentage of their income? Yes. Could/should people making over one million dollars pay the same rate as someone making \$250,000? Again, Yes.

The big question is how do we effect change in the tax codes? We have the best politicians that money can buy, and getting them to roll back the tax code to the Clinton era, when the richest Americans paid more in taxes than they do today, shouldn't be that hard. Expecting Congress to do anything is probably expecting too much. They can't decide on what color the sky is, let alone fix some of the country's problems. Compromise has become a dirty word in Washington, D.C. The time of just saying no should be retired and the time of compromise and getting something done should be now.

It is a long time until elections, but they will be here before you know it. It is a nice thought to vote out every congressman but unfortunately the candidates running against the incumbents aren't someone you can vote for without holding your nose. We can only hope that common sense takes hold, but I wouldn't hold your breath.

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.

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Beginning Jan. 1, 2012, the Express will no longer accept "thank you" letters. Those wishing to thank local businesses and individuals for donations and support to local events may do so by taking out paid display advertising at the non-profit rate.

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## Crash leaves path of destruction

**By DEBRA DeANGELO**  
Express editor

A teenaged driver lost control of his 2009 Dodge on Tuesday Nov. 2, with two other teenagers in the vehicle, leaving a path of destruction before the car came to rest in a pasture. The accident occurred at 8:20 p.m. when the driver, who was headed northbound on Pleasants Valley Road, ran through the stop sign at the T-shaped intersection with Highway 128.

According to California Highway Patrol Officer Ken Walter, everyone in the vehicle was between the ages of 16-17, and all were Vacaville residents. All were wearing seatbelts and there were no injuries, and neither alcohol nor drugs were suspected to have contributed to the accident. Walter noted that the 16 year old driver had a restricted

license, and was not to have been driving a vehicle without a licensed driver 25 years or older in the car. Because he violated the terms of his license, the CHP officer on the scene will file a complaint at the Yolo County courthouse against the driver.

Although no humans were injured, the owner of one of the horses that was in the pasture where the car came to a stop escaped, and ended up with injuries severe enough that it required the animal to be taken to the UC Davis veterinary hospital.

The horse's owner, Sarah Dickinson of Winters, reported that the horse ran through another fence in panic when the car crashed through the fences, escaped and ran down Highway 128 towards town.

"We recovered him in an orchard approximately two miles from the ranch. Along with

multiple superficial injuries, the horse suffered a cut to the front left knee, which is injured the joint. There's also a gash on the right hind leg to the bone.

Dickinson said the horse will remain at the UC Davis Veterinary Hospital for another week, and will then be transported to a "lay up" facility for further care.

"He's getting round the clock care, multiple procedures, and the cost at this time is estimated to be \$6,000. His chances for recovery at this time are fifty-fifty. It's like a nightmare."

Besides the horse, the driver crashed through two fences, a mailbox, a lean-to shed and a telephone utility pole, knocking out telephone services for several hours to homes in the Pleasants Valley Road area.

*In Ida's honor*

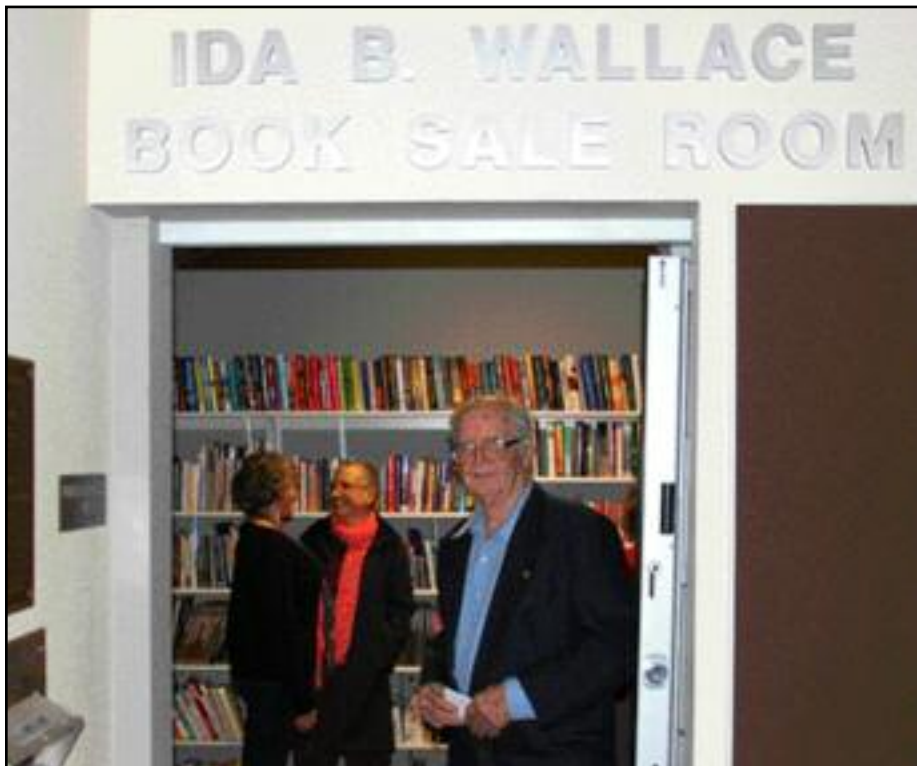


Photo by Charles Wallace

Newt Wallace stands at the doorway of the Ida B. Wallace Book Sale Room at the Winters Community Library. The room was formally dedicated to Wallace, Newt's wife, on Monday, Nov. 7. A longtime volunteer at the library, and a member of the Winters Friends of the Library. She passed away on Feb. 14, 2011.

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ed that tickets were given out and more so without warning. For years, residents have parked along that curb during soccer season, Back to School Night, Open House and wrestling, etc.

Does the fire department have a right to have police officers ticket residents when they are parked on private property, even if the curb wasn't painted red for their use? If I were amongst those people that got a ticket, I would contest it.

**NAME WITHHELD**

## Mixed it up right

I would like to thank the Winters Chamber of Commerce members for the great turnout and wonderful time at Monday's Member Appreciation Mixer, as well as those who donated raffle prizes: Markley Cove, Turkovich Family Wines, Winters Cheese Co., Berryessa Gap, RootStock, Winters Healthcare Foundation, Tomat's, the Buckhorn, Cloth Carousel, de Luna Jewelers, the Winters Theater Company, Pure Natural Honey from Bullfrog Farms, Pacific Ace Hardware, Tom Stone, Anytime Fitness, Kristin Lakoma, Theresa Foster, Tammy Clark, Close Quarters Hair Salon/Rebecca Rubio, Bee Happy Candles/Jan Schubert and Wildflower Naturals/Valerie Engleman. Thank you all very much for your generosity and support of the Chamber.

The Chamber appreciates all the support from the community and its members. Thank you all for coming to the Mixer and having a good time.

**AL ALDRETE**  
Executive Director  
Winters Chamber of  
Commerce

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Winters Parent Nursery School and all the children who paraded down Main Street on Halloween morning would like to extend a huge thank you to all the merchants who opened their doors and wel-

comed the trick-or-treaters: Pizza Factory, Custom Cleaners, La Mexicana, First Northern Bank, Ireland Agency, Buckhorn, Putah Creek Café, Winters Healthcare-Medical, Winters Healthcare-Dental, ACE, Realty World, El Pueblo, Eagle Drug, Buckhorn Catering, Anytime Fitness, and Vintage Paving. It was a great morning.

A special thank you to those businesses who would not otherwise have been open and were there for us, and the pirate handing out candy at the Buckhorn was great. We all really appreciate it.

## FAMILIES and STAFF of WPNS





# Community

## Water flowing in creek again

By ELLIOT LANDES  
Staff writer

The rehabilitation of Putah Creek in Winters is moving along quickly. Last week, the contractor, Maggiore & Ghilotti, set aside the two miles of plastic pipe that carried the creek's flow during construction and returned the creek's flow to the newly created narrow curving channel.

Most of the channel in the Winters stretch was cleared out of brush, and the contractor has been reshaping the contours of the channel to an approximation of what creeks normally create when humans do not intervene.

The wide basin is now completely open to view, offering a vista profoundly different from what was there before.

There are now broad flood plains on either side of the new narrow channel, at a grade level only a few feet above the water level. In heavy winter flows, the creek will overflow the channel banks and spread out on the flood plains, providing irrigation and seed planting for native plants.

The contractor has planted a form of sterile barley in the open areas that will become a temporary erosion control crop for this first winter. Marovich also hopes to plant up

to 100 trees from deep pole cuttings this year, weather permitting.

Streamkeeper Rich Marovich will begin a huge planting project next spring, bringing in native trees and grasses, including many plants his team has raised at the U.S. Dept. of Forestry site near Davis along I80. The program there has excellent shade cloth and glass greenhouse facilities, and Marovich has been developing plantings at the facility from Putah Creek native cuttings for years. Many of the trees he will be planting in Winters will be four to ten feet high, thanks to the nursery program. Plantings in riparian areas grow very quickly.

The project being finished now is phases II and III. The Phase II zone of work is from 300 yards west of the car bridge on private property, east to near the former percolation dam site on City of Winters property. The dam removal was Phase I, and Phase III is another stretch further downstream roughly aligning with Toyon Lane and east towards I505. The Winters Putah Creek Park will be on the city owned portion, from the car bridge to the east edge of town.

Human activity has affected the Winters portion of Putah Creek in many ways in the past 100 years, includ-

ing gravel mining, the now-removed percolation dam, plantings of hyperactive invasives like eucalyptus and arundo, and a variety of impacts caused by the construction of Monticello Dam.

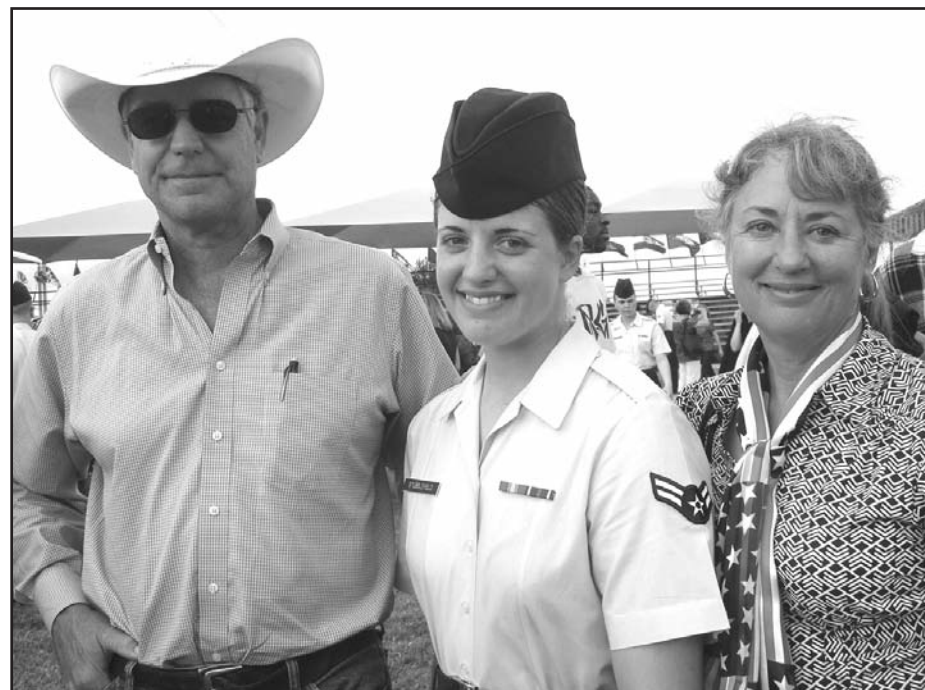
Much of the channel was straight instead of naturally meandering and very wide, particularly where the "perc" dam sat across the entire channel, enforcing a wide shallow contour that is the opposite of what streams naturally create.

Streams naturally form and meander in a narrow channel that sits in a broad shallow flood plain, bounded by higher ledges a distance from the creek.

"If you go a little ways higher than the car bridge," said Marovich, "the creek is typically about 30 feet wide. In the Winters stretch, (until recently) it was 60 to 90 feet, and 120 feet at the perc dam (site). Once the creek was dug out, it no longer had the ability to repair itself, except maybe over hundreds of years. There's not enough flow to move sediment around, and do what creeks do to be self-forming."

Residents can go down and take a walk at the newly formed site. It's an eye opener. And it's set to see more big changes when the planting project begins next spring.

## Serving her country



Courtesy photo

Katie Stubblefield graduated from Air force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas on Oct. 6, 7 and 8. Her parents Liann and Tom Stubblefield attended. Katie is a graduate of Vacaville Christian High School and Chico State University, earning her BA degree in Foreign Affairs. She is now enrolled in the Military Language Institute in Monterey.

## Change of Command Ceremony planned

The Winters Fire Department will host a Change of Command Ceremony on Friday, Nov. 18, at 5 p.m. in the EOC/Training room at the Winters Public Safety Facility, 700 Main Street.

The public is invited to stop by and wish Chief Scott Dozier well upon his upcoming retirement and welcome new Winters Fire Chief Aaron McAlister. Refreshments will be served.

For more information call Robbie Rubio, 795-4131, extension 231.

The Change of Command Ceremony for the police department was scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 9, at 6:30 p.m. at the Public Safety Facility. The public was welcomed to this event as well.

## Boy Scouts will collect food Nov. 19

During the week of Nov. 12, the youth of the Golden Empire Council Trailblazer District will be distributing fliers asking for donations of non-perishable food items.

These items should be left in a bag or box clearly visible from the street on the morning of Saturday, Nov. 19. Scouts will collect

the donations between 8:30 a.m. and noon. No glass or frozen items can be accepted. Peanut butter, baby formula, boxed foods, packaged soups, cereal, canned tuna, stew, meat, fruits and vegetables are needed.

All the food collected will be sent to local food banks.. Any dona-

tions that are missed during the pickup time may be taken to Pioneer Presbyterian Church, 205 Russell Street in Winters, or to Dixon Family Services, 155 North Second Street in Dixon

Scouting For Food teaches the ideals of Scouting to youngsters

## Fire report

**Oct. 24**

~ First block of Anderson Avenue, medical aid, victim of a fall

**Oct. 25**

~ 500 block of Niemann Street, medical aid, dirt bike accident  
~ County Road 31 and County Road 89, medical aid, vehicle accident

**Oct. 26**

~ First block of Main Street, some investigation

**Oct. 27**

~ 500 block of East Street, unknown medical aid  
~ 200 block of Mermod Road, unknown medical aid  
~ 200 block of Mermod Road, medical aid, finger laceration

**Oct. 28**

~ 2700 block of Timbercrest Road, med-

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## Calendar

**Friday, November 11**  
**Veterans Day**

**Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meeting**, 7 a.m., Winters Visitors Center, 11 Main Street

**Tuesday, November 15**

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

**Ongoing**

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

**Tuesdays: Alcoholics Anonymous meeting**, 7-8 a.m., 305 First Street

**Wednesdays: Soroptimist meeting**, 7 a.m., call 795-4631 or 795-2828 for location information; **Narcotics Anonymous meeting**, 7 p.m., 62 Shams Way

**Thursdays: Winters Rotary Club meeting**, noon, The Buckhorn; **Bilingual Storytime**, 6:30 p.m., Winters Community Library; **Alcoholics Anonymous meeting**, 8 p.m., 305 First Street.

**Upcoming events**

**WFOL Film Noir**, "The Big Sleep," Wednesday, Nov. 16, 7 p.m., Winters Community Library  
**Fire Department Change of Command Ceremony**, Friday, Nov. 18, 5 p.m., Public Safety Facility

**Winters Theatre Company's "FrUIT-CaKeS" gala opening**, Friday, Nov. 18, 7:30 p.m., Community Center

**Native American Heritage celebration**, Saturday, Nov. 19, 1:30-3 p.m., Winters Community Library

**Winters History Book Authors; Tom Crisp**, Monday, Nov. 28, 7-8:30 p.m., Winters Community Library, community room

**Christmas Tree Lighting**, Saturday, Dec. 3, 5 p.m., Rotary Park

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tract ran out without asking for further compensation.

Muramoto also praised Dong, and noted as he addressed the council, “This is the last time I will address the city council as your police chief.” Muramoto’s retirement begins on Nov. 14.

“It’s been an honor and a privilege to work for your community,” he said, complimenting “my buddy chief Dozier.” Over the course of constructing the Public Safety Facility, Muramoto said the two aimed at getting the needs of the fire and police departments together, and “sometimes we didn’t agree.”

Dozier noted that the Public Safety Facility project began on January 15, 2008 with the land acquisition, and that the completed facility “opens a new chapter in the fire department — probably the biggest thing to happen to the fire department since its inception.” Some of the big improvements include 24-7 coverage, and more space for both equipment and personnel. He also mentioned that the response time for fire crews has dropped from 12-15 minutes to 3-4 minutes.

The new communication tower is another important improvement he said, providing “a vital link to Winters and the county.”

“We always had problems with communications,” said Dozier, explaining that the tower ties Winters to towers in Woodland and West Sacramento by simulcast microwave. “A

computer picks which tower has best reception and communicates from there.”

Muramoto also mentioned many ways in which the new facility tops the old police station behind City Hall.

“We went from a booking bar with a handcuff to safer holding cells,” he said, also listing interview rooms, armory for weapons storage, and property and evidence rooms as important to the police department.

Overall, summarized Muramoto, the Public Safety Facility is “a jewel for the region,” with other departments throughout the county looking at it “with envy.”

Mayor Woody Fridae thanked Muramoto and Dozier for their commitment and service.

“Through your leadership, we were able to bring this in under budget,” said Fridae, noting that it made a difference to have “people with a vested interest in making sure it got done right.”

The city’s finance director, Shelly Gunby, presented the breakdown in costs for the building, noting that the overall starting budget for design, construction and furnishings was \$8,471,000. There were 135 change orders approved over the course of the construction, and even so, the final tally showed the facility to be completed \$136,000 under its budget, at a cost of \$170 per square foot; \$204.37 per square foot including equipment. Gunby said the facility was paid for completely by redevelopment funds until Aug. 1, and a few “odds and ends” were paid with impact fees.

One major glitch

still bedeviling the facility is power fluctuations, the source of which has not yet been identified. Dozier said PG&E is investigating the problem, and has determined that it isn’t a power supply problem, but more likely grounding problem inside the building.

Gunby said the first PG&E bill came to \$4,000 but it was for a period of longer than 30 days. Donlevy attempted to give that figure some context.

“That’s a little high, but less than when we were running the swimming pool,” he said.

Council member Cecilia Aguiar-Curry said she was “just flabbergasted” over the \$4,000 bill and requested a report on the utility bill. Gunby noted that the notice of completion was actually filed on Oct. 19.

The council unanimously approved affirmation of the issuance of the Notice of Completion for the project and the final budget

## Other items

~ Aguiar-Curry announced that the Yolo County Board of Supervisors nearly increased the speed limit in front of Yolo Housing from 45 to 55 miles per hour without notifying the city of Winters about the discussion, which was part of a larger topic of increasing speed limits on rural roads countywide. Aguiar-Curry just happened to be at the meeting, and objected with safety concerns, and the supervisors decided to leave the speed limit coming into Winters on Russell Boulevard alone for now. However, she noted, it appears that the “left hand doesn’t know

what the right hand is doing” when it comes to local decisions being made at the county level.

~ Community Development Director Nelia Dyer spoke to the council briefly from off the consent calendar, outlining a letter that will be sent from the city to the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) regarding Winters’ preference of methods for determining the percentage of affordable housing to be included in new construction. She noted that this is “a planning exercise only, not a production exercise. We don’t actually have to build them, we only have to plan for them.”

Dyer also clarified that low income housing that has already been built will not be considered when planning future developments. However, she said the letter will ask SACOG to consider the amount of low income housing Winters has built anyway.

“The apt complex we just completed — that didn’t count in these numbers, is that right?” asked council member Mike Martin.

“That is correct,” replied Dyer, explaining that for each new planning period, the percentage of affordable housing in new developments just “starts over.”

Martin commented that he hears citizen complaints that the city focuses too much on affordable housing to the exclusion of other levels of housing.

“It seems the only type of building we’re doing is that type of housing,” said Martin.

Dyer countered that maybe this is because with affordable housing being the only thing constructed in

Winters for the last few years that it is “more visible.” She also noted that low income housing is “easier to produce.” But, she reiterated, the city’s letter will request consideration for low income housing built thus far.

The SACOG letter was unanimously approved as part of overall approval of consent calendar.

~ Winters resident Greg Lanzaro, the newly appointed representative of the Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District Board, gave a presentation on the Board, which serves about 2,000 square miles in this area and has a \$10.5 million dollar budget. He said the Board deals mainly with vectors (blood-sucking insects like mosquitoes) and insect pests like yellow jackets. The Board’s main focus has been on mosquitoes, particularly due to West Nile Virus, he said.

Lanzaro briefed the council on how and where mosquitoes breed and ways to control them, and noted that abandoned swimming pools in foreclosed homes have become a breeding ground for mosquitoes. He noted that there were 122 human West Nile Virus cases in the state this year and five fatalities, none of which oc-

curred in Yolo County.

Martin asked why publicity about West Nile Virus seems to have diminished recently. Lanzaro said it is because West Nile Virus is “is here to stay” and considered to be just one more constant health issue.

“It’s a very, very difficult thing to try to eradicate because it’s a bird virus, and once these viruses get established in bird populations, it’s virtually impossible to control them,” said Lanzaro.

~ Donlevy reported that in closed session prior to the meeting, a discussion took place regarding the city property least at 318 Railroad Avenue, but no formal action was taken in closed session, so there was nothing to report.

~ Shirley Rominger Intermediate School Anthony Lebreque had the honor of saying the Pledge of Allegiance at the opening of the meeting. Fridae praised him for being a good student, helping out in the classroom, working collaboratively with peers and for being “a good citizen of his school, city and country.”

Council member Harold Anderson was also present at the meeting. Councilmember Tom McMasters-Stone was absent.

The council meets again on Tuesday, Nov. 15, at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

# FIRE

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ical aid, unconscious female

~ Pleasants Valley Road, medical aid, vehicle accident

## Oct. 29

~ Putah Creek Road and State Highway 128, medical aid, victim of assault

## Oct. 31

~ 31000 block of Russell Boulevard, controlled burn

## Nov. 1

~ County Roads 89

and 25, mutual aid to Esparto Fire, grass fire

~ Northbound Interstate 505, grass fire

~ 8000 block of Olive School Road, mutual aid grass fire

## Nov. 2

~ 200 block of E Baker Street, investigation smoke alarm sounding

~ County Road 27 and Interstate 505, harvester on fire

~ 400 Morgan Street, medical aid, life line alert, unknown medical

## Nov. 4

~ 600 block of First Street, medical aid, blood clot in leg

## Nov 5

~ 100 block of Quail Court, medical aid, seizures

~ 8000 block of Olive School Road, mutual aid, chimney fire

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## Christmas

## Tree Lighting

Saturday, Dec. 3

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Photo by Rudy Calpo/CHD Architects  
Winters Police Chief Bruce Muramoto and Fire Chief Scott Dozier address the audience at the dedication ceremony for the Public Safety Facility on Thursday, Nov. 3. The facility was officially declared finished at the Nov. 1 city council meeting. CHD Architects worked with the project architect and project manager of the facility, Dennis Dong.



Photo by Charles Wallace  
PG&E representative Clay Schmidt (above, left) presents a check for \$28,834 to Mayor Woody Fridae, awarded as part of PG&E's Savings By Design program. The presentation of the award took place at the dedication ceremony of the Public Safety Facility on Thursday, Nov. 3.

*Finally finished!*



Photo by Rudy Calpo/CHD Architects  
Signs and balloons welcomed the public to the dedication ceremony of the Public Safety Facility on Thursday, Nov. 3.

## Grief support offered during holidays

The holidays can make grieving for a loved one especially difficult. Support, knowledge and guidance can help you. Yolo Hospice is offering a workshop which will give you tools provided by experts in the

field as well as emotional support from others facing similar situations. Support groups will be offered on Monday, Nov. 14, 1-2:30 p.m., and 6:30-8 p.m. at Yolo Hospice, 1909 Galileo Court, Suite A, in Davis.

Groups are available at both times in English or Spanish. Pre-registration is required. To pre-register or for more information, call Yolo Hospice, Bereavement Services, 601-5756 or (800) 491-7711.

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# Entertainment

## Winters Theatre to offer 'Fruitcakes' for the holidays

By **GERMAINE HUPE**  
Special to the Express

The members of the Winters Theatre Company have selected the family comedy "Fruitcakes" as their holiday play. With a cast of more than 30 performers, ranging in age from elementary school students to senior citizens, "Fruitcakes" is genuine community theater.

The play will open its eight performance run at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18, with a gala evening presentation. Additional performances will be at 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, and the following two weekends. There will be matinee performances at 2 p.m. Sundays, Nov. 27 and Dec. 4. There will not be a Sunday matinee on Nov. 20 because of the community Thanksgiving celebration.

The plot of "Fruitcakes" concerns a small town that is famous for the holiday fruitcakes produced by two feuding sisters who share the secret recipe,

but nothing else. In addition to the cooking spinsters, the town must deal with a chickenpox epidemic, an estranged old man, a runaway child, plans for a Christmas nativity play and the usual holiday tensions which accompany a community celebration.

Although the play contains many comic situations, "Fruitcakes" also considers the very human problems of alienation, growing maturity, and eventual reconciliation as the play's characters come to an understanding of the true Christmas spirit.

Plan to join the members of WTC when they present "Fruitcakes," a wonderful start to the holiday season.

Tickets are \$15 for the gala opening on Nov. 18. All subsequent shows are \$10 general, \$6 seniors/students. For reservations or more information, email [winterstheatre@gmail.com](mailto:winterstheatre@gmail.com) or call 795-4014.



Courtesy photo

The cast of "Fruitcakes" includes, from left, (top) Dona Akers, John Siracusa, Liz Siracusa, Ann Rost, Alejandra Curro, Tom Rost, Allie Griffey and Jim Hewlett; (middle) Emilia Orosco, dressed as an angel; and (bottom) Angel Tunstall, Sam Petersen, Marc Velasquez, Atlas Martinez and Victoria White.

## RootStock welcomes Chicken & Dumpling

RootStock welcomes back Chicken & Dumpling on Friday, Nov. 11, from 6 to 8 p.m. at its shop at 22 Main St. in Winters.

Enjoy a glass of wine as you listen to the down-home delta style blues of Chicken & Dumpling, featuring Charles "Chicken" Oriel on the guitar and Julia "Dumpling" Simon on the bass.

The duo's music is inspired by Robert Johnson, Big Bill Broonzy and Muddy Waters, in addition to the classic women's blues of Bessie Smith and Sippie Wallace. Chicken & Dumpling also covers contemporary blues artists like Bonnie Raitt and Eric Clapton, as well as jazz standards.

For more information, visit [rootstock-gifts.com](http://rootstock-gifts.com).

## Red Meat brings honky-tonk to The Palms

San Francisco's Red Meat mixes country, western swing, bluegrass, and gospel harmonies, and will bring its honky-tonk twang to The Palms, 13 Main St. in Winters, on Saturday, Nov. 12, at 8:30 p.m.

After hundreds of gigs, four Dave Alvin-produced albums, national tours, European dates, sharing the stage with their idol Buck Owens and many other national acts, backing rockabilly legend Wanda Jackson on a tour of California, and movie and

television soundtracks, Red Meat has found its place as one of the pre-eminent honky-tonk bands in California. It's a lot of progress for five expatriate Midwesterners who found their muse in San Francisco so long ago.

Tickets are \$15 and are available at Pacific Ace Hardware in Winters, Armadillo Music in Davis, The Heidrick Ag History Center in Woodland, and at the door if not sold out. More: 795-1825, [palmsplayhouse.com](http://palmsplayhouse.com).



### Coming up

**Fri. Nov. 11 - The Heel Draggers & Miss Lonely Hearts**

**Sat. Nov. 12 - Red Meat**

**Fri. Nov. 18 - Joe Craven Trio**

See the rest of our schedule online at [palmsplayhouse.com](http://palmsplayhouse.com)

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# Sports

## Montgomery named Swimmer of the Year

◆ Boys team places second at Masters and breaks four more records

By ERIC LUCERO  
Express sports

Just another day in the pool for the Winters High School swim team. The Water Warriors traveled to Shasta College on Saturday, Oct. 29, to compete in the Masters Championships and made a huge statement: “We are for real.”

The Warriors are for real; in fact so real that sophomore sensation Colten Montgomery was named the Northern Section Swimmer of the Year. Montgomery broke two individual school records and was on two relay teams that broke school records — all four winning gold. Senior D.J. Tice, also on both relay teams, won gold in one of his individual events. The boys team placed second out of 17 teams behind Pleasant Valley High school. The 17 teams were from all divisions.

Montgomery won gold in the 100 backstroke in 55.95 and the 100 free in 47.98. Tice won gold in the 100 fly in 55.09. In the 200 IM, Tice took second in 2:05.25 and Justin Nitzkowski was sixth in 2:13.96. Holden Philbrook took silver in the 50 free in 23.14. Philbrook was also fourth in the 100 free in 51.33. Nitzkowski placed sixth in the 100 breaststroke in 1:08.92. In the 200 free, Kevin Lane was 10th in 2:01.80 and Austin Freed was 14th in 2:03.20. Freed placed eighth in the 500 free in 5:31.65. The 200 medley relay team of Montgomery, Tice, Nitzkowski and

Philbrook won gold with a record time of 1:43.81 and the foursome did it again in the 400 free relay with a record time of 3:22.99. In the 200 free relay, Mathew Wallace, Nick McKenna, Lane and Freed placed 10th in 1:46.48.

The girls team also did very well, placing sixth out of 17 teams. Vanessa Arellano placed fourth in the 50 free in 27.21 and Ashlynnne Neil was seventh in 27.94. Angelica Arellano was 15th in the 100 fly in 1:13.63, followed by Ashley Shaw in 16th with a time of 1:15.56. In the 100 free, Vanessa Arellano was 11th in 1:01.34, Neil was 13th in 1:02.61. In the 500 free, Angelica Arellano placed ninth in 6:07.47. Ellie Kreun was 14th in the 100 backstroke in 1:16.16. Shaw was 13th in the 200 free in 2:19.86. The 200 free relay team of Shaw, Neil, Kreun and Vanessa Arellano placed fifth in 1:54.17, while the 400 free relay team of Vanessa Arellano, Angelica Arellano, Neil and Shaw also placed fifth with a time of 4:12.90.

“After winning Division II Champs, I knew that we had a chance to be very competitive at this meet,” said coach Kevin Chester. “After the first event, the medley relay, where our boys took first over Pleasant Valley, I knew that we were off to a great start and we were going to have a great meet.

“At this meet, Pleasant Valley won two events as well as Foothill. We won five events, winning two out of the three relays. We broke four school records. Montgomery broke two of his own records in the 100 free and 100 back, then we broke both the 200 Medley and 400



Photo by Anietta Tice

The fearsome foursome relay team set two school records at the Masters Swim Championships at Shasta College on Saturday, Oct. 29. From left are Colten Montgomery, D.J. Tice, Justin Nitzkowski and Holden Philbrook, who set the mark in the 400 free relay and in the 200 medley relay.

Free Relay records.

“This was one exciting meet; Montgomery was one of two swimmers that won both his events which helped him earn 2011 Outstanding Male Swimmer of the Year. All in all, it was a tremendous season and I cannot say enough how proud of all the swimmers I am. We had a very successful season all the way through. I am looking forward to next season where we will have a new crop of young swimmers, all our returners will have another year of experience and we will be ready to defend our titles from this year.”

Throughout the season, the boys team set seven school records led by Montgomery. Montgomery set four individual marks in the 200 free in 1:53.31, the 50 free in 22.15, the 100 free in 47.98 and the 100 backstroke in 55.95. Tice set the school record in the 100 fly in 54.93. Montgomery, Tice, Philbrook and Nitzkowski set the record in the 200 medley relay in 1:43.81 and the 400 free relay in 3:22.99. If someone looks into it, they may find that they broke the record for breaking the most records.

## Chester named Coach of the Year



Photo by Anietta Tice

Kevin Chester, next to his wife Melissa, holds his Coach of the Year plaque.

Kevin Chester, the Winters High School swim coach, was just named the 2011 Northern Section Outstanding Boys Swimming Coach of the Year.

All of the section coaches voted and Chester was a clear choice after the successful season that he had this year. Chester led the boys team to a Northern Section Division II title, while the boys and girls teams won the Butte View League title.

## Fortin wins grid contest

Dan Fortin picked 21 out of 28 games correctly to win the \$30 first prize in the Winters Merchants Football Contest this week.

Charles Szekretar Sr. also had 21 correct, with Fortin winning the top prize on the basis of the tie-breaker score

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## Warriors play with pride in final game

◆ Lucero rushes for 164 yards, Moore totals 18 tackles, Callison records a safety

By ERIC LUCERO  
Express sports

Despite the 54-30 loss, the 39 degree weather, the hour and 40 minute drive and a game that meant nothing as far as league or playoffs go, the Winters Warriors varsity football team played

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## Lady Warriors let last game get away

By ERIC LUCERO  
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The Winters Warriors varsity volleyball team hosted the Orland Trojans on Tuesday, Nov. 1, in its final match of the

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## PISANI'S ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



### Colten Montgomery

Colten Montgomery, the sophomore sensation on the Winters High School swim team, is athlete of the week. Montgomery capped off an incredible season by being named the 2011 Northern Section Swimmer of the Year. At the Masters Championship meet on Saturday, Oct. 29, Montgomery won four golds and broke four school records. In total for the season, he has six school records, four individual and two relays.

He set four individual marks: the 200 free in 1:53.31; the 50 free, 22.15; the 100 free, 47.98; and the 100 backstroke, 55.95. He was also on the 200 medley relay team that set the mark at 1:43.81 and the 400 free relay that clocked a 3:22.99.

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# Schools

## How does our garden grow?



Photo by Debbie Hemenway

David Paratore's fourth-grade class learned about plant nutrients during a visit by the Agrium Seed Survivor mobile unit to Shirley Rominger Intermediate School last week. After learning about soils and nutrients, students each planted sunflowers to take home and grow. They also went inside the Seedmobile to play in an arcade of plant-related interactive multi-media and virtual reality video games. The California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom helps to sponsor the program to help teach elementary students about growing healthy plants and where their food comes from.

## JV team puts up a fight in final game

By ERIC LUCERO  
Express sports

The Winters Warriors JV football team played its final game of the season on Friday, Nov. 3, at Corning High School, and put on quite a show as it has all season long. Winters lost a hard-fought game, 28-21, to the Cardinals, but let the crowd know what they are in store for in the future.

The Warrior offense totaled 273 yards against a very good Corning defense thanks largely to some big plays from Trevor Ray and Jacob Lowrie. Ray had a 70-yard reception from Christian Corrales, Lowrie had a 52-yard run and scored on a 79-yard kickoff return.

Corrales led the Warriors as the signal caller and passed for 86 yards, completing five of 11 passes and a touchdown. Lowrie completed one of three passes for a 34-yard gain. Lowrie ran for 84 yards on 10

carries. Ray ran for 65 yards on 17 carries and a touchdown. Corrales ran for four yards on three carries. Ray caught four passes for 78 yards and a touchdown, while T.J. Anderson caught two passes for 42 yards. Luis Montes kicked a PAT and Lowrie caught a two-point conversion from Ray.

Defensively, the Warriors have struggled all season long on consistency, but they picked up their intensity against a much larger team and gave the Cardinals all they could handle. Niko Rojas and Chaz Mathews each recovered a fumble and Anderson intercepted a pass to highlight the defensive effort. Lowrie led the team with 13 tackles. Mathews had 11 tackles, Anderson had nine, Ray had seven, Ryan Soto and Jacob Ivory each had five, Alex Jimenez and Rojas each had four and Chris Kays had three tackles for the Warriors.

## First 5 Yolo offers \$40K for mini-grants

Attention community groups, nonprofits and government agencies looking for up to \$5,000 to fund projects benefiting kids up to age 5 and their families in Yolo County. First 5 Yolo recently announced the availability of \$40,000 for community mini-grants.

The deadline is Nov. 18 at 5 p.m. to apply for up to \$5,000 for each community grant.

Funds must be used for projects to be completed by June 2012.

All proposals must include at least one measurable outcome that is in line with First 5 Yolo's strategic plan. All recipients must submit a written evaluation report on the project within 30 days of completion.

Applications are online at [www.first5yolo.org](http://www.first5yolo.org) and at the First 5

Yolo office at 403 Court St., Woodland. Applicants are urged to call the First 5 Yolo office at 669-2475 to discuss their project prior to filling out the application. Proposals recommended for funding will be considered by the full commission at its Dec. 14 meeting.

For more, call Julie Gallelo, executive director, at 669-2475, or go to [www.first5yolo.org](http://www.first5yolo.org).

# Winters Middle School buys local

Students at Winters Middle School were recognized for their hard work and academic success at the school's annual fall Cardinal Compliment Raffle. Students entered the raffle with tickets earned for being kind, working hard and showing school spirit.

This time, the Associated Student Body only purchased prizes from local businesses.

"Local businesses do so much for our students that we wanted to do something to show our support," said Greg Moffitt, WMS student activities director.

Money to purchase prizes was raised in the school's annual magazine drive and cookie dough sale, and student leaders decided how to spend it.

WMS Student Body President, Ashley Drummond noted, "It was an easy decision. We were going to spend the money, why not spend it in Winters?"

More than \$1,000 was spent at local stores, which were selected by students in the Middle School Leadership Class.

WMS Principal Sandra Ayon added, "Our students recognize that we have great schools in Winters largely because of the support of this community, and they know how important it is to give back when we can."

Close to 100 students were recognized for their hard work with gift certificates from a total of 22 local businesses.

# County schools committee to consider redistricting

The Yolo County Committee on School District Organization is considering the rearrangement of the Yolo County Board of Education trustee areas based on the federal decennial census. The education code requires boards of education to adjust trustee boundaries every 10 years based on census figures if "each trustee is elected by the residents of the area he or she represents."

The county committee has established a sub-committee of two to propose appropriate configurations for county board trustee areas. Input will also be provided by all

county committee members. The approved map will be based on population data taking into consideration the four areas affected by county board boundaries described below.

Proposals will be discussed at the Nov. 15 and Dec. 13 meetings of the county committee. Public comment will be taken at these meetings and interested individuals and community groups are encouraged to participate in the process. The meetings will take place at the Yolo County Office of Education, at 1280 Santa Anita Court in Woodland, at 3:30 p.m.

The county board

is composed of five trustee areas. County board trustee maps will be adjusted for data from four areas affected by county board boundaries: (1) Pierce Joint Unified School District — Colusa County Office of Education; (2) River Delta Unified School District — Sacramento County Office of Education; (3) Solano County; and (4) Sutter County. In addition, the county committee will consider other issues appropriate for its consideration.

For more information, contact the Yolo County Superintendent of Schools Office at 668-3702 or [karen.fox@ycoc.org](mailto:karen.fox@ycoc.org).

## LADY

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season. The Lady Warriors started out the night by recognizing their seniors before the game.

Winters started out winning the first two games 25-20 and 25-23, putting the Trojans' backs against the wall. The Trojans didn't crumble

though as they fought back and won the next three games, 25-11, 25-9 and 16-14.

### JV team

The JV volleyball team put up a good fight against the visiting Orland Trojans last Tuesday, Nov. 1. Playing in their final game of the season, the Lady Warriors competed well against the Trojans but came out with a 2-0 loss.

## Final Notification of USDA Rural Development's Finding of No Practicable Alternative to a Floodplain

The USDA Rural Development has received an application for a guarantee loan from Heritage Bank of Commerce on behalf of Winters Gateway, Inc. The specific elements of the proposed project include the development and construction of a 5,000 sq ft multi-tenant building on 2.3 acres. The proposed project is located at the northwest quadrant of Interstate 505 and State Route 128 (E. Grant Avenue), Winters, California.

USDA Rural Development has assessed the potential environmental impact of this proposed action and determined that the location of the project would impact a flood plain. It has been determined that there is no practical alternative to avoiding this impact. The basis of this determination is summarized as follows:

The subject site of the project is designated for commercial use by the City of Winters and was chosen due to its location in relation to the probable customer base. Acquiring a different location would impose unacceptable financial strictures, with no guarantee that a more environmentally favorable site could be found. All mitigation measures required by the City of Winters have been approved and will be implemented by the borrower.

Any written comments regarding this determination should be provided within thirty days of this publication to Tammy O. Laizure, Area Specialist, at USDA Rural Development Office at 150-D Chuck Yeager Way, Oroville, CA 95965. USDA Rural Development will make no further decisions regarding the proposed action during this thirty day period. Requests to receive a copy of, or to review, the USDA Rural Development environmental assessment upon which this determination is based should be directed to the same USDA Rural Development official stated above.

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# Features

## Taking care of frostbite

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Many years ago, when I was still a teen, I went skiing with my older brother. He was a much better skier than I, so we went our separate ways. Later, I saw a group huddling around one skier who looked a lot like my brother. It was my brother. He lost one of his gloves, and he had two frostbitten fingers. His only permanent damage was the loss of a fingertip. Ever since, I have been careful about dressing warm, often with two pair of gloves in cold weather. I don't know what to do about frostbite. Will you run the basics by me? — S.S.

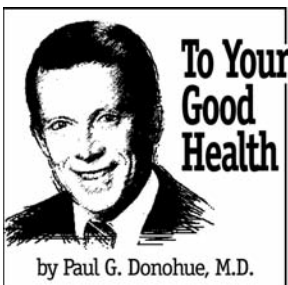
ANSWER: Frostbite happens when the temperature drops to 32 F (0 degrees C) or lower. Actually, the temperature has to be lower than 32, since the minerals in the fluids bathing the tissues lower their freezing point.

The places most susceptible are the fingers, toes, feet, nose and ears. The first sign of trouble is pain. Then the skin turns quite pale. After that, numbness sets in. People might think that nothing is wrong at this stage, but numbness is a sign that freezing is imminent. The skin and involved tissues become hard and firm.

Ice crystals form in the spaces between cells. They pull water out of the cells and dehydrate them. The dehydration, decreased blood flow and ice crystals all work together to cause tissue damage. One of the most destructive factors is the lack of oxygen that comes from artery constriction to prevent heat loss from the rest of the body.

Fast rewarming is the treatment. It should not begin if you are in a place where there's a chance of refreezing. Refreezing is a more destructive process than leaving things alone until you are in a place where the person can be kept warm.

The affected part should be immersed in a bath of hot water whose temperature is



around 104 F (40 C). The water has to be kept warm by adding more hot water as the bath begins to cool. At no point should you rub the frozen part. If the affected area cannot be warmed in a water bath, then use hot compresses.

Rewarming is painful. Tylenol or a stronger medicine should be given. In 12 to 24 hours, blisters form. Do not break them. At this point, have a doctor examine the patient for definitive care.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: What can I do to improve my chipping, splitting fingernails? I was getting a weekly manicure but stopped due to economic reasons. My nails had grown stronger. Now they've become a disaster again. Please help. I take vitamins and calcium. — M.H.

ANSWER: Aging makes nails brittle, thin and fragile for quite a few people. Dryness fosters brittleness. After every handwashing and before going to bed, coat your nails with a moisturizer. Petroleum jelly (the many Vaseline products) works well. When washing dishes or putting your hands in water, wear waterproof gloves. Don't use nail polish remover often.

The B vitamin biotin toughens nails for some. You'll need 2.5 mg daily.

Neither calcium nor gelatin strengthens nails.

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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## Remembering J. Michael Ryan — R.I.P.

Michael is dead and I want to say I don't care. So, is this a sad commentary on his life or mine? Obviously I have feelings about his death, but the reality is that for the last 20 years he might as well have been dead.

Truth be told, 20 years ago I had thoughts of killing him myself. That was just after he fired me from the job I had held with his family's business for over 11 years. I guess now with his passing, I will never get the closure that I would have liked.

I have often wondered if Michael ever felt any guilt, regret or remorse for what he did to me. From what I know of his life these last 20 years, I doubt if he gave me much of a second thought — unlike me who has thought often about how I could have done things differently. Even to this day I still have dreams about working with him, so I guess sub-consciously I'm still trying to work through it.

To quote my friend who emailed me about Michael's death, "It's weird to have pity on someone who was blessed with such good fortune." And that's the great contradiction of Michael's life. He was blessed with great promise and cursed with inner demons.

As I'm writing this and thinking back to the Michael I knew in high school and worked with for many years, the tears are starting to flow and the emotion is welling up in my chest, and I realize I'm sad and I do care. Even if we hadn't spoken in many years and had totally different lives, we still had a shared history and there were a lot of good times in that history.

Michael and I were part of a small close-knit group of friends in high school. Mark was our natural leader but Michael was always trying to one up him. I was always just a follower, so watching their rivalry was kind of fun.

Michael got his one up when he started dating Mark's ex-girl friend Lissa in high school and eventually married her. He asked



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me to give a toast as part of the ceremony (but like so many other things in his life the demons won out and they eventually divorced).

As a follower, I went along for the ride on many crazy adventures. With Michael, I was there when he got caught trying to steal an amplifier from a repair shop, I was riding shotgun when he hit over 100 mph in his mother's Electra 225 on a residential street, I was in the basket when he took us up to 10,000 feet in a hot air balloon, and I was there when he got access to 5,000 hits of "clear light window pane LSD." Now, I'm not promoting it, but there is a special and unique bond that is created when you take multiple psychedelic trips with friends.

Michael was one of the smartest people I have ever known. He had an almost photographic memory, so school work came easy. He never studied or wrote a paper until the last minute but always pulled it off and got good grades. After high school, Michael was breezing through college trying to figure out what to do with his life. When we would talk about the future, he said how he never wanted to work in the family business and was thinking about becoming a veterinarian. He also thought that the world should be fairer with less greed — some kind of hybrid between capitalism and socialism.

His life changed forever when halfway through college, his father unexpectedly died and Michael had to go into the family business. I guess the family could have sold the business, but instead Michael sacrificed his dreams to keep his father's alive. My life also changed, because soon after I also went to work for them. Over the next 11 years, my relationship with Michael had its ups and then downs. We started off sharing a

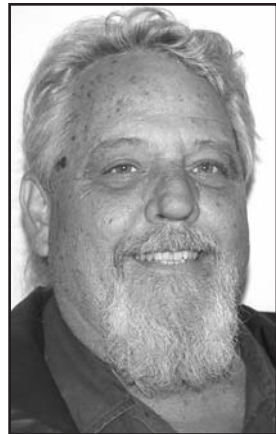
house and being good friends; we did a lot of fun things together, and our wives became best friends.

Sadly, Michael always thought that he was indestructible, from the crazy risk taking in high school to the never-ending substance abuse throughout his adulthood. It was the drug use that ultimately caused our friendship to end. I was able to conquer my addiction, but Michael always ended up going back. When I tried to intervene by talking to his mother (who was still the business owner), Michael never forgave me and eventually fired me.

Michael firing me was the most traumatic and then best thing that ever happened to me. If I hadn't been fired I would have stayed unhappily working, afraid to leave. I would have never started my first restaurant, would never have moved cross country, wouldn't have become "Steady Eddy." In short, if it wasn't for Michael, I wouldn't be who, what and where I am today. I guess if I'm really going to be honest, I have missed Michael these last 20 years and now that he's dead I will miss him even more because any spark of a hope for reconciliation is gone forever.

(For archives of Edmund's columns please visit [www.whats-thepoint-edmund.blogspot.com](http://www.whats-thepoint-edmund.blogspot.com))

## Pleased to meet you



**Name:** Dacey Havens  
**Occupation:** Owner of Winters Tow Service  
**Hobby:** I don't really have any hobbies — I work all the time.  
**Favorite thing about Winters:** "The growing pains Winters is going through. It's interesting to be here and watch this happen."  
**Fun fact:** Today (Tuesday) is my 36th wedding anniversary.



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**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) A work-related situation that started last month takes on increasing importance this week. The choice is still yours as to how it will evolve. Be careful not to make quick judgments.  
**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) "Careful" is the watchword for the prudent Bovine this week. Don't let your emotions overwhelm your logic. Try for balance as you maneuver through a touchy situation.  
**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Your energy levels rise to meet the challenges that will mark much of this month. New opportunities beckon. Look them over, but proceed cautiously before making any kind of decision.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Your private life can be a problem this week, as a partner becomes more difficult. Resist a reaction you might regret. Instead of walking away, try to talk things out.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) You should be your usual sunny self these days, as you bask in the admiration you adore. Enjoy it as you move into a new arena to confront an exciting upcoming challenge.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Your perseverance reserves will be tapped frequently this week as you deal with the problems involved in making a new situation work for you. But it'll all be worth it.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) You'll find fewer roadblocks turning up as you continue to move ahead with your plans. Expect some important news to come your way by mid-November.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Good news — you finally get to the bottom of that pesky mystery you've been trying to solve for weeks by using some gentle persuasion to get someone to break his or her silence.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) The best time to take on that important task is now. Move forward one step at a time so you can assess your progress and, if need be, change direction.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) The new opportunities you hoped to find this month are beginning to open up. Study them carefully to be sure you make the choice that's best for you.  
**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Turn a disappointment into a learning experience. Check out possible weaknesses in your approach and strengthen them. A loyal colleague offers good advice.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Your new situation offers opportunities to help you get the skills you'll need in order to stop swimming in circles and finally move straight toward your goals. Go for it.  
**BORN THIS WEEK:** You have a sharp, logical mind and a quick intellect. You would make an excellent mystery writer.

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19 Helps

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23 Fortune telling deck

25 Green soup variety

26 Egg

27 Obtain

29 Competent

31 Midmorning hour

33 Chopping spree?

34 Actor Robert from "Big"

36 Methods

37 Oxidation

38 Always

39 Kelly or Hackman

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43 Sphere

44 Chatroom chuckle

45 Inseparable

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Differences: 1. Plant is on table. 2. Woman's bow is missing. 3. Picture is hung on wall. 4. Box is different. 5. Shoes are black. 6. Cabinet has no doors.

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

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# Nuestras Noticias



**JUAN FERNANDEZ**

**EVENTOS Y  
COMENTARIOS  
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## Prioridades

El presidente Obama se la ha pasado el último mes pidiendo que el congreso apruebe su proyecto para la creación de empleos, pero sus propuestas las siguen derrotando en el Senado, ¿cuál es el problema que no las pueden aceptar los senadores? Bien sencilla, los republicanos se están encargando de derrotarlas una por una.

Parece que ese va a ser la manera que se va a ejercer la política de aquí a que tengamos un nuevo presidente, lo he dicho muchas veces, a los políticos no les interesamos más que en tiempo de elecciones, somos solo un escalón para que ellos lleguen al poder, y se pongan a las ordenes no de nosotros, sino de los que les ayudan con dinero para mantenerlos ahí arriba.

Las propuestas en la cámara alta fueron aceptadas, como en el caso de los 60 mil millones de dólares para inversión de infraestructura, pero el respaldo no llegó a los 60 votos, quedando bloqueada la medida. La Constitución no dice que se necesita una supermayoría para pasar leyes en el Senado, pero hay una norma que le permite a un senador prolongar un debate hasta que haya 60 senadores dispuestos a cortarlo y someter la propuesta a votación. Este tecnicismo fue creado para impedir que la mayoría arrase a la minoría y se usó cautelosamente por muchas décadas.

Hoy en día los republicanos están usando y abusando de esta maniobra, ya que su tarea principal no es la de buscar soluciones a los problemas del país, eso no les importa por ahora, ahora lo único que quieren es como lo dijo su líder de su bancada Mitch McConnell, quien dijo públicamente que su meta principal es evitar la reelección del Presidente Obama. La estrategia es no dejarlo gobernar bloqueando la mayoría de las iniciativas demócratas por más pequeñas que sean.

A mediados de octubre 43 senadores republicanos bloquearon la creación de una Comisión Nacional sobre Justicia Criminal para poner orden en el caos de los sistemas judiciales actuales. La medida tenía respaldo bipartidista, además de contar con el inusual apoyo de organizaciones policiales y de la Unión Americana de Derechos Civiles. No obstante, una minoría bloqueó la medida.

Ahora lo que vemos es que nadie hace nada en el congreso federal. Parece que los congresistas se fueron de vacaciones permanentes hasta que llegue el nuevo presidente, que vergüenza para el país y el mundo, por el mensaje que ellos están dando, Obama queriendo crear empleos, y los republicanos obstruyéndole los planes. ¿Que dirán las personas que están desempleadas?

Por otra parte no deja de asombrarme la estupideces y falta de tacto y entendimiento con el problema migratorio por parte de los candidatos republicanos, uno sugiriendo poner cercos eléctricos, otros cercar toda la frontera, y ahora otro republicano Jeff Duncan de Carolina del sur, comparando a los indocumentados con “vagabundos” y “animals.”

Durante un foro en la Universidad Furman la semana pasada, Duncan comparó el problema de la inmigración ilegal en EE.UU. con una casa sin puertas que permite la entrada de “cualquier clase de vagabundo o animal.” Sus palabras fueron “Es como tener una casa ... quitarle las puertas y permitir que entre cualquier vagabundo, o animal, o persona hambrienta. Y no se le pueda decir que no puede entrar o quedarse toda la noche,” dijo Duncan a los estudiantes en la universidad del sector de Greenville.

Duncan se quejó de que el Gobierno de EE.UU. está dando a indocumentados beneficios “que nosotros obtenemos como ciudadanos de esta nación, o ciudadanos legalizados.” No tendrán quien los asesore cuando van a hablar en público, es cierto el tema de la inmigración ilegal es una papa caliente, y los republicanos no han sabido cómo tratar el tema, y los que se aventuran a hablar, dicen puras estupideces.

Duncan no es el primer líder republicano que en los últimos años recurre a retórica incendiaria para exigir el recrudecimiento del combate contra los inmigrantes indocumentados en el país. Sus comentarios solo pueden interpretarse como una comparación de los trabajadores indocumentados con animales, algo que no tiene cabida en un diálogo cívico y debe condenarse.

## Nuevo jefe de policía

Sergio Gutiérrez será el nuevo jefe de la policía en Winters, reemplazando a Bruce Muramoto, quien se retirara el 14 de noviembre, después de haber trabajado siete años con la ciudad. El manager de la ciudad dice que Sergio es el mejor candidato para el puesto de jefe de policía por su liderazgo en el departamento

y en la comunidad, servirá bien a la comunidad.

Sergio Gutiérrez ha trabajado por 17 años en el departamento y ha escalado los rangos del departamento hasta llegar a jefe del mismo. Gutierrez empezó su carrera en 1994 como oficial de policía, y ha ido escalando los diferentes rangos en el departamento, ha sido

sargento y teniente. Dentro de sus responsabilidades en este periodo de tiempo se incluyen el patrullar la ciudad y como investigador en casos criminales.

En mayo 18 del 2010 fue promovido a teniente y ha supervisado las tareas del personal y las operaciones del departamento. En 2008, Sergio

fue el investigador principal en el caso de homicidio de Leticia Barrales, que resulto en la condena de Felipe Cruz por asesinato.

El dirigió la investigación junto a representantes del FBI, con otras agencias. Gutiérrez es graduado de California Command College. Enhorabuena.

## Cena de Acción de Gracias en Winters

Se está planeando la cena anual de Accion de Gracias en Winters, y sin duda este año debido a la situación económica por la que muchas familias están pasando, el alto costo de la comida, personas sin empleo, tenemos más necesidades que el año pasado. El año pasado se sirvieron más de 906 platos, cena y postre, además se repartieron platos de comida a personas de la tercera edad y también a personas discapacitadas que no pudieron ir al centro comunitario.

Este año no servirá la cena en el centro comunitario, todas las cenas van a arreglarse en el centro y se van a entregar a domicilio. Este año se está pidiendo más ayuda que nunca, por los dos últimos años se recibieron fondos para poder tener

esta cena, pero ahora esos fondos ya no los recibieron. Y se requiere de ayuda monetaria y de comida para poder llenar las necesidades de las familias. El trabajo de cocinar, servir, repartir y limpiar ha sido cubierto en forma voluntaria.

Se está pidiendo donaciones de pavos, puré de papa instantáneo, chicharos en lata, arándanos en lata, relleno, gray, pay de calabaza, mantequilla, leche, café, crema, azúcar, cucharas, tenedores, platos desechables. Además estamos necesitando voluntarios para arreglar cenas familiares, y entregarlas a domicilio para quienes no pueden asistir al centro. Les pedimos que consideren ayudarnos en la manera que este dentro de sus posibilidades, este año se planea

repartir aproximadamente a 600 personas.

Tendremos dos eventos diferentes: estaremos arreglando cenas familiares el domingo 20 a las 3 pm en el centro para su entrega ese día. Y el mismo día se arreglarán cenas personales para entregarse el día de Acción de Gracias. Se necesita de su ayuda para poder hacer de este evento un éxito. Si usted quiere hacer una donación con dinero en efectivo lo puede llevar al First Northern Bank, allí se tiene una cuenta abierta bajo el nombre de Winters Community Dinner. Las donaciones en latas las pueden llevar al City Hall, Anytime Fitness, Warrior Video, y Ace Hardware. Si quiere darse de voluntario puede hablar con Marie Rojo Heilman al tel. 795-4824.

## Programa paisano

¿Pensando en ir de vacaciones a México? La Secretaría de Gobernación, a través del Instituto Nacional de Migración (INM), informa que desde el pasado 1 de noviembre y hasta el 8 de enero de 2012 estará vigente el Operativo de Invierno del Programa Paisano con el propósito de orientar y proteger a los connacionales en su tránsito, salida e ingreso al país.

En este operativo se contará con la participación de 900 observadores de la sociedad civil, quienes estarán distribuidos en 120 módulos fijos y en 250 puntos de observación, ubicados en los Centros de Importación e Interacción Temporal de Vehículos (CIITEV), puentes y aeropuertos internacionales, garitas de abandono, centrales de autobuses, presidencias mu-

nicipales, carreteras y casetas de peaje, así como establecimientos comerciales de diversa índole, donde en muchas ocasiones, los paisanos se detienen durante su viaje por México.

Estos voluntarios de la sociedad civil proporcionarán información y orientación sobre los trámites, servicios, derechos, obligaciones y programas de asistencia del Gobierno Federal en 240 ciudades y municipios de nuestro país. A estos esfuerzos se suma la participación de gobiernos estatales y municipales, en el marco de coordinación interinstitucional y en los tres niveles de gobierno.

Como en cada temporada, las 21 dependencias que integran el Programa, refuerzan sus acciones en el ámbito de su competencia y otorgan facilidades ad-

ministrativas para la realización de este operativo, entre las cuales destacan: Se distribuirá a nivel nacional y a través de la red consular mexicana en el exterior un total de 1 millón de ejemplares de nuestra Guía Paisano edición invierno 2010, misma que contiene información sobre trámites y servicios de instituciones públicas de utilidad para su viaje.

Del 1 de noviembre al de enero de 2012, la Administración General de Aduanas del Servicio de Administración Tributaria (SAT), elevará la franquicia terrestre de 75 a 300 dólares para que los paisanos puedan ingresar con un mayor volumen de mercancías sin pagar impuestos.

El Programa Paisano, con apoyo de la Confederación de Asociaciones de Agentes Aduanales de la República Mexicana, pondrá a disposición de los usuarios un “Cotizado”

para que puedan calcular el pago de impuestos relativos a la importación definitiva de vehículos a México, de acuerdo a la normatividad vigente. Este servicio está disponible en el portal [www.paisano.gob.mx](http://www.paisano.gob.mx) desde el 1 de noviembre.

Los paisanos podrán acceder al programa “Traza tu ruta,” disponible en las direcciones electrónicas [www.sct.gob.mx](http://www.sct.gob.mx) y [www.paisano.gob.mx](http://www.paisano.gob.mx), donde podrán planear sus rutas carreteras, así como revisar las señales de tránsito y consultar otras orientaciones para un viaje más seguro por territorio nacional.

La Coordinación Nacional del Programa Paisano cuenta con números telefónicos gratuitos de orientación y ayuda los 365 días del año, las 24 horas del día en el 01 800 201 85 42 desde México y 1 877 210 94 69 desde Estados Unidos.



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# WARRIORS

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its final game of the season with more pride than they have had all season. Even after trailing 20-0, the Warriors fought back and gave the Corning Cardinals a good game.

"I was proud of the way we played," said coach Daniel Ward. "Even when we were down 20-0, we came back and played with

a lot of heart."

The Warriors got on the board in the second quarter when Keli Callison sacked the Cardinal quarterback in the end zone for a safety and two points. Winters put eight more on the board when Chris Mayes punched it in for a touchdown and then scored a two point conversion to make it a 20-10 game.

Momentum started to change in favor of the Warriors after another Mayes score to close the gap to 20-16. The Warrior defense picked up its intensity and

forced the Cardinals to go to their passing game. Kendrick Moore then intercepted a deep pass down field to give the possession back to Winters. But there was an apparent roughing the passer call that negated the play and gave the ball back to the Cardinals. From that point on, the momentum went in favor of Corning, but the Warriors continued to play with heart.

Mayes hit Moore on a 75-yard touchdown pass. Kyle Nichols scored from 20 yards out and Austin

Murphy hooked up with Ben Case for a 2-point conversion. The Warrior offense was led by Jacob Lucero who ran for 164 yards on 16 carries. Mayes rushed for 126 yards on 18 carries and two touchdowns. Nichols rushed for 46 yards on four carries.

Mayes completed four of 11 passes for 89 yards and a touchdown. Murphy completed one of one pass attempts for three yards and a two-point conversion. Moore caught one pass for a 75-yard touchdown.

Jason Roberts caught one pass for 10 yards, Case caught two passes for seven yards and Lucero caught one pass for zero yards.

Moore had a big night defensively with 18 tackles. Darby Borges totaled 11 tackles, Nick Stewart had eight, Callison, Javier Soria, Roberts and Trevor Wright each had six, Omar Herrera and Kyle Canela each had five, Murphy and Brentley Weismann each had four, while Eli Layne, Daniel Lopez and Austin Calvert each had three tackles.

# POLICE

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having an inoperable turn signal lamp. Russell was booked at the Winters Police Department and released on a notice to appear.

~ 9:29 p.m., Highway 128 and Pleasants Valley Road, an officer assisted the Yolo County Sheriff's Department with a traffic control due to a horse standing

in the roadway.

~ 9:45 p.m., 100 block of Main Street, officers responded to an audible ATM alarm. The ATM machine was found secure.

## Nov. 4

~ 5:53 p.m., 600 block of Snapdragon Court, officers responded to an audible residential alarm. It was determined to be a false alarm.

~ 10:50 p.m., Jose Luis Diaz Reyes, 30, of

Winters, was arrested for possessing methamphetamine, transporting methamphetamine, possessing drug paraphernalia and riding a bicycle on the wrong side of a roadway. Reyes was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to Yolo County Jail for incarceration.

## Nov. 4-5

~ 7:30 p.m. to 9:40 a.m., at Ivy Loop and Foxglove Circle, a

brick was thrown at a vehicle windshield causing it to break. Damage: \$200.

## Nov. 5

~ 2:20 a.m., Carlos Martinez, 44, of Winters, was arrested for two counts of failing to stop at a stop sign and resisting, delaying or obstructing a police officer. Martinez was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to the Yolo County Jail

for incarceration.

## Nov. 6

~ 1:31 a.m., 100 block of First Street, parties were involved in a verbal domestic altercation.

~ 2:26 a.m., Phillip James Swink, 49, of Winters, was arrested for being intoxicated in public and unable to care for his safety or the safety of others. Swink was booked at Winters Police Department and transported

to Yolo County Jail for incarceration.

~ 8:08 a.m., 500 block of Railroad Avenue, an officer responded to an audible alarm. It was determined the alarm was activated accidentally.

~ 9:53 p.m., Petra Arellano-Corona, 29, of Vallejo, was issued a notice to appear for being an unlicensed driver and failing to have a front license plate affixed to a vehicle.

# GRID

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of the Iowa State-Kansas game. There were 23 points scored in that game, with Fortin guessing 51

and Szekretar, 57. Szekretar receives the \$15 second prize.

All of the other contestants had 20 or fewer correct selections.

Another contest is in this week's Express.

# Input sought for Yolo County Values Survey

As part of Yolo County's ongoing strategic planning efforts, a committee of employees has taken on the charge of reviewing and refining the county's values in an

attempt to describe and define the character of the Yolo County organization.

This effort includes surveying Yolo County employees, community members, customers

and partners about what they value about Yolo County and how they perceive the county is currently achieving those values.

To participate in the

survey, go to [www.yolocounty.org](http://www.yolocounty.org) or <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BW5RY62>. The survey is intended to take less than 10 minutes and will be open until Nov. 14.

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by Linda Thistle

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