



Winters Express

"Gateway to the Monticello Dam"

Thomas chosen as Citizen of the Year

By DAWN VAN DYKE
Express correspondent

Winters native and longtime volunteer Barbara Thomas is the 2011 Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year.

Thomas says she was shocked when she found out she'd won the award.

"I think there are a lot more people who are as deserving or more deserving than I am," she says. "It's quite an honor."

Thomas has strong ties to the Winters community — a member of the Graf family, she grew up in a house on Main Street and at-

tended Winters schools, graduating from Winters High School. After she married Jack Thomas, she raised six children, all of whom attended and graduated from Winters High School. Over a 10-year period, she had one or more children attending and/or graduating from the high school. All 16 of her grandchildren either have attended or are attending Winters High School; three will graduate with the class of 2012.

Her volunteer roots come from her mother: "She volunteered a lot. I probably got some of that from her."

They also grew out of her own dedication to her children.

"I started when the kids were in school and I worked on their activities," says Thomas.

All of her children participated in Winters Swim Team, either as swimmers or as team assistants. She acted as the Swim Team treasurer for a number of years, also working concessions and selling fireworks and sno-cones. She was 4-H leader for sewing and cooking, and helped out as a sheep leader "if they

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Photo by Dawn Van Dyke

Barbara Thomas is this year's Winters Citizen of the Year. She will be formally honored at the Chamber of Commerce's annual Year in Review celebration, planned for Saturday, Jan. 21, 6 p.m. at the Community Center. Tickets are \$35 per person, and must be purchased by Monday, Jan. 16. No tickets will be sold at the door. For tickets, call the Chamber office, 795-2329.



TYLER BARRY

Barry honored as hero

By DEBRA DeANGELO
Express editor

Tyler Barry, 11, of Winters was honored at the Red Cross Hero's Luncheon on Friday, Dec. 2, and named a Good Samaritan and Youth Hero on Dec. 2 at the Yolo County Red Cross' annual Heroes Luncheon, which honors those who have rescued others and acted as good Samaritans, either as citizens or in their capacity as veterans, law enforcement officers, medical professionals and animal rescuers. The luncheon took place at Freeborn Hall at UC Davis.

The program for the celebration notes that "Barry's 2-year-old cousin, Daniel, has a medical condition that causes him to stop breathing and turn blue if he gets too emotional. When Daniel's condition occurred before, it caused many adults to panic."

However, when Barry saw his

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All I want for Christmas



Photo by Debra DeAngelo

Amelia Doran was the first to sit on Santa's lap this year at the annual Community Christmas Tree lighting, held at Rotary Park on Saturday, Dec. 3. Santa arrived in Winters as he always does — on a shiny red Winters fire engine.

It's only natural

◆ New organic section sprouts at Lorenzo's Town & Country Market

By DEBRA DeANGELO
Express editor

John and Karen Lorenzo aren't merely ordering new items that local customers want. For the last several months, they've been on an adventure, traveling all over northern California to learn about organic grocery products, how they're displayed and who buys them. And although there's a brand-new organic section at Lorenzo's Town & Country Market, it's clearly more than that.

"It's been a lot of fun," says Karen with a smile.

The new section opened on Oct. 19, following travels far and wide to places like Fort Bragg, St. Helena and Sebastopol to see how other grocers went about the organic business. The Lorenzos also did surveys and interviews with Winters residents to find out what sort of organic items they're traveling to Davis and Vacaville to purchase, and spent time talking with Ana Kormos, who teaches nutrition classes with the Winters Healthcare Foundation.

Karen says Kormos'

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Photo by Debra DeAngelo

Karen and John Lorenzo stand in front of the new organic bulk bins at Lorenzo's Town & Country Market. The market now features organic goods, meat and produce.

Water use way down just before billing starts

By ELLIOT LANDES
Special to the Express

The city will start billing homeowners according to water consumption in just a few weeks, starting Jan. 1. Because of the change, the bill residents normally get at the end of December will come at the end of January this year, to bill for the actual amount of water used in January.

January bills will ar-

rive by Jan. 31, and payment will be due by Feb. 15.

With the new system, the water department can now evaluate water usage. Water use for November is the lowest the city has recorded since city-wide metering started in May this year. The average residential use was 18 ccf, a huge drop from 37 in August, when people

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Lorenzo's Market,
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(Supplements are sent to Winters, Woodland, Davis, Capay Valley, Dixon, Vacaville and Fairfield.)

WEATHER

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

Date	Rain	HI	Lo
Nov. 30	T	59	38
Dec. 1		65	40
Dec. 2		66	54
Dec. 3		74	48
Dec. 4		63	37
Dec. 5		63	40
Dec. 6		64	30

Rain for week: Trace
Season's total: 2.14
Last year to date: 4.83
Average to Dec. 6: 4.86

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OBITUARIES

Joseph Grant Gray

Joseph Grant Gray died suddenly on Dec. 1, 2011, in Sacramento after returning from a vacation in Hawaii. Born in Woodland on April 30, 1964, to Grantland William and Mary Louise Gray, he was raised in Winters and graduated from Winters High School in 1982.

He studied agricultural science and management at UC Davis where he graduated in 1988. He remained in Yolo County for several years selling real estate and working for the Yolo County Agricultural Commissioner's Office. He then moved to Fresno where he worked for the Fresno County Agricultural Commissioner's Office. In 1996, he accepted a position at the Sonoma County Agricultural Commissioner's Office and he moved to Cotati. In 2002, he was promoted to deputy agricultural commissioner.

He is survived by his mother, Mary Louise Gray of Winters, brother John Gray, sister-in-law Linda Gray, nephews Matthew and Michael Gray and niece Melissa Gray of Rohnert Park.

Graveside services are planned at 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9, at the Winters Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Joseph Grant Gray Scholarship, checks payable to AGR Phi Endowment Fund, c/o Andy Kennedy, 1500 Pembroke Way, Dixon, CA 95620.

Donald 'Ross' Morrison

Donald "Ross" Morrison died unexpectedly on Dec. 2, 2011, due to a heart attack in Davis. Ross was 61. He was born in Ketchikan, Alaska, on July 9, 1950.

Morrison grew up in a military family and traveled the world with the family as a child. In 1961, his family moved to Winters while his father worked for the Davis Army Installation, now known as D.Q.U. In 1964, when Morrison was 14, his father retired from the Army and the family moved to Hayward, where Ross spent the next 25 years. In 1989, he moved his family back to Winters. He considered Hayward and Winters to be his hometowns.

Morrison never met a stranger and never forgot a face. Known for his humor and wit, he loved to make people laugh. He loved spending time with the children in the family, from his nephews and niece to his grandchildren as he got older.

He is survived by his daughters, Casey Morrison, Vanessa Sale, Roseanna Morrison and Melisa Morrison; siblings, Linda Sullivan (William), Jayne Hall (William), Colleen Morrison and Jack Morrison; grandchildren, Brendan Morrison, Lindsay Morrison and Nicole Ramos; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

He is proceeded in death by his parents, Donald and Florence Morrison, and his brothers, Jeffery Morrison, Charles Morrison and Steven Morrison.

Services are planned at 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10 at New Life Family Church, 315 Edwards St., Winters.

Christopher Horsley

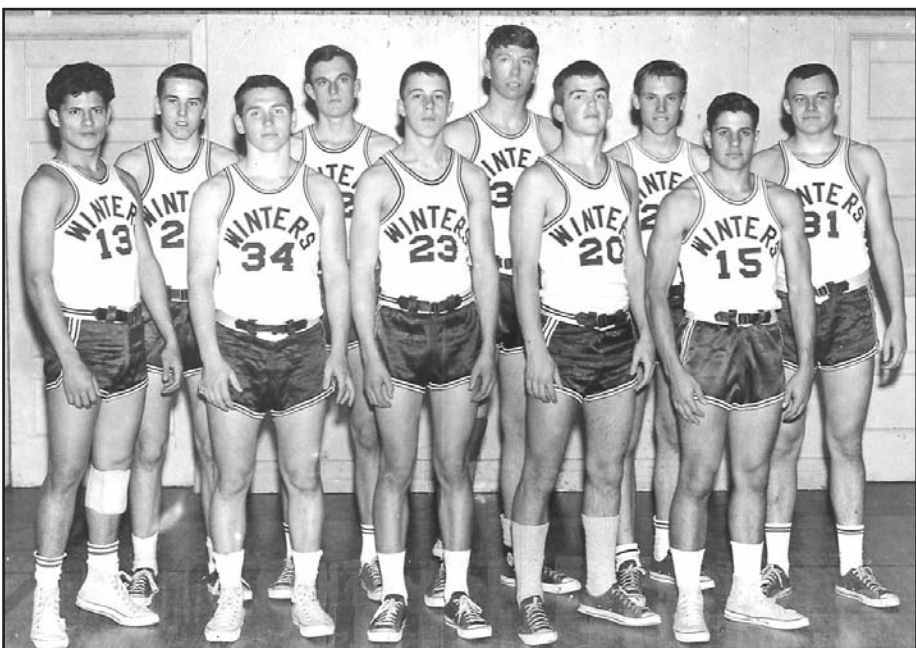
Christopher Paul Fanoë Horsley, husband of Suzanne Horsley, father of Joshua Horsley, died at home on Saturday, Nov. 26, 2011, after a long illness. He was born in Berkeley on May 3, 1947, and moved to Winters in the 1970s to farm with his father, Allen Horsley.

Chris was a passionate man who was brimming with love and energy. Much of his energy was harnessed and directed toward continual learning and involvement in the things he loved most. His love of learning was most often demonstrated through his hands; whether that meant tractor driving on the farm, wrenching on an old car, gripping the wheel of a speeding racecar, or thumbing through a classic novel. Total engagement was central to his life; he was

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YESTERYEAR



File photo

Pictured above is the Winters High School varsity basketball team of 1965. Players are, from left (back row), Wally Sellers, Dennis Mahoney, Steve Godden, Elmer Bussard and Ron Martinez; and (front row) Fred Rodriguez, Chuck Hahn, Tom Duncan, John Wallace and Ron Ramos.

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YEARS AGO

December 21, 1961
Voters of the Winters Elementary School District Tuesday voted overwhelmingly for the \$180,000 bond issue, and also approved the 80 cent override tax. The vote on the bond issue was 365 for and 123 against.

First place winners of the Christmas decorating contest, sponsored by the Fortnightly Club, the American Legion and the Chamber of Commerce, were as follows: Best decorated tree, Bob Young; best window, Clifton Perkins; best door display, J.D. Griffin; best decorated garage door, James Pitts; best outdoor display with a religious theme, James Marks; best outdoor display with a traditional theme, Orville D. Baker Jr.

A 49-year-old transient was arrested Tuesday for shoplifting at Greenwood's Department Store. L.N. Buckmaster followed him out of the store and caught him with the merchandise. Buckmaster and John Greenwood took him to the City Hall where he was booked for petty theft. He pleaded guilty to the charge in Judge R.E. Degener's court Wednesday and was sentenced to 15 days in the county jail.

Lt. Col. William Crum and Mrs. Crum arrived last night from Washington, D.C., and are guests here for a few days at the home of his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George Crum of the Wolfskill District.

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YEARS AGO

December 20, 1946
Miss Carmen Ramos, having passed her state board examination in cosmetology, is now employed at Marie's Beauty Salon here.

A Sea Scout Ship, under the leadership of Vernon Jeffery, has been organized. Scouts participating are Kenneth Campbell, Dudley Sparks, Donald Frisbee, Gale McClish, David Robbins, Robert Kiefer, Robert Ruggles, James DeWitt, Dwain Partain and Marvin Millsap.

Mr. and Mrs. E.R. Crum hosted an advanced Christmas dinner Sunday, the presence of their three sons: Major William Crum of Williams Field, Ariz; Mr. and Mrs. George Crum of Marysville and Robert Crum of Winters.

Mrs. Kathryn Roseberry took a trip to San Francisco Wednesday, returning Thursday.

Mrs. L.M. Mermod, who has spent the past two months with her sons, H.A. and H.E. Mermod, returned Saturday to Berkeley.

Mrs. Anna Guinby plans to spend the holidays with relatives and friends in Los Angeles.

Weekly police report

Sept. 2011 to present
~ Time unknown, 100 block of East Grant Avenue, suspect allegedly embezzled money from her workplace. The case is being forwarded to the District Attorney for complaint.

Nov. 28
~ 6:40 p.m., 100 block

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Berryessa down .25 of a foot

The level of Lake Berryessa fell by .25 of a foot during the past week, with a reduction in storage of 4,375 acre feet of water, according to Ken Emigh of the Solano Irrigation District.

He reported Tuesday morning that the lake was 425.15 feet above sea level, with storage computed at 1,281,778 acre feet of water.

The SID is diverting 50 second feet of water into the Putah South Canal and 34 second feet is flowing in Putah Creek at the Diversion Dam.

Evaporation on Lake Berryessa averaged 138 acre feet of water per day during the week.

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YEARS AGO

December 18, 1896
At a meeting held at the opera house last Friday night, W.H. Gregory was named chairman of the committee to seek incorporation of the town, and Frank H. Owen was named secretary. A committee was appointed, consisting of W.H. Gregory, M.O. Wyatt and F.W. Wilson to determine boundary lines for the town and report back at the Dec. 18 meeting.

W.P. Womack, voluntary observer, has received the U.S. signal flags for signaling weather changes, and they will be displayed on the flag pole in front of Eisner Dinklespiel's store.

C.J. Parmenter took some horses up to Capay to pasture this week. He says the roads are pretty bad in places.

Two runaways lived things up considerably. Chas. Scott's team started at Haine's store and made fast time to Citrona, when they were stopped. Will Bimmerly's team came into town without a driver and headed for Esparto when it was stopped. Fortunately no harm was done in either case.

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Opinion

LETTERS

We shine

Although Winters is one of the smallest jurisdictions in the Sacramento Region, it has become known for doing a lot of things right. From planning and financial management, to downtown renovation and environmental restoration, we have attained a reputation for being a leader and for attaining levels of "excellence" which surpass many of the larger cities that surround us.

In 2009, the City of Winters was awarded the Sacramento Area Council of Government's (SACOG) Blueprint Award for Excellence for our leadership in smart planning concepts. This is the highest award given each year amongst a five-county region for doing the right things as far as planning for the future. From the Downtown Master Plan to our Form Based Code, our municipal projects are viewed as being on the cutting edge of effectiveness in getting things done.

In November, the City was awarded, for the 10th year in a row, Awards for Excellence in budgeting and financial reporting from the Government Finance Officers of America. Small cities compete with big cities for these awards and it is very gratifying to see our staff receive this award 10 years in a row. While most cities and the state are collapsing under the burdens of unfunded pension liabilities, Winters is one of the few cities that could pay off its unfunded pension obligations if needed. As far as doing things right financially, we have been good stewards of the taxpayers' money.

The downtown renovation and renais-



sance speak for itself. The use of redevelopment funds, outside grants and City funds has made Winters the envy of the entire region for developing one of the most pleasant and coolest places to socialize and "hang out." Wherever I go in the county, I hear people say that they have just rediscovered Winters and comment on how nice they think our downtown is.

Our partnership with downtown merchants and the Chamber of Commerce has been very effective. In the use of redevelopment funds, we are known for doing some projects that are not only amazing, but exactly to the letter of the law and in keeping with the spirit of the purpose of the Redevelopment Agency. From capital projects to affordable housing, these projects have really benefitted our community.

Finally, we are now becoming known for our environmental awareness and the restoration of Putah Creek. Our goals have always been to help restore the creek from an ecological standpoint and to enhance the public's access to this important community asset. The problem was the initial divergence of opinion on how to restore a creek whose streambed has been denatured by re-

stricted flows after the dam was built.

Fortunately, Winters has many local stream experts who have volunteered much of their time toward solving this problem. The recent channel realignment and the upcoming infusion of plants will, I believe, make Putah Creek Park a great destination and an incredible example of what can be done to appropriately restore a streambed and wildlife habitat with post-dam, reduced flows.

As Mayor, I was recently provided a copy of the upcoming issue of Comstock's Magazine which contains an ad from BSK Associates, one of the top environmental services companies in the Sacramento Region. The ad features Putah Creek and a great picture of "scenic Downtown Winters" as examples of the excellence for which BSK Associates wants to be known. Out of dozens of projects BSK has done, it is choosing to showcase Winters in their ad as their flagship project. This is yet one more instance for Winters to shine in the spotlight.

Winters is not only pursuing the right things, but, I believe, we're doing them "right."

WOODY FRIDAE
Mayor
City of Winters

How much are they paid?

I see by the recent front page article that Winters has a new police chief. It appears he will make a good one. The Winters Express did not include his salary package. A small oversight, unless you don't want the citizens to know this public information. Close to a \$200,000 package give or take.

Can't Winters share with another city like the fire chief? Good idea!

Is Winters printing money to pay these types of salaries? I know of many people in Winters losing homes to foreclosure and short sales.

These financial obligations for present and future salaries — pensions can and will bankrupt a small town. Of course, the current city council and city manager will be long gone when the finger-pointing starts.

RICK PURVIS

(Editor's note: Anyone can view city staff salary information on the city's website, www.city-ofwinters.org, under department links, click on personnel, and then click on "Salary Schedules." Job descriptions and Memorandums of Understanding are also posted.)



CHARLES R. WALLACE

A QUICK OPINION

INTERESTING PHONECALL. I got a call from a Jenna Bartlett about her water bill this week. She thought it might make a good story. She told me that her bill went from \$70 to \$180 in one month. I told her that the city wasn't going to start charging for water usage until January and maybe they were charging her for her meter.

"I don't have a meter, and they have the street all torn up in front of my house. They have had the water turned off during business hours for the last 10 days," she told me.

I asked her where she lived and she said lived on Melwood, right by the hospital. I asked her what city did she live in and she told me Winters. I said we don't have a hospital in Winters and I've never heard of Melwood Street. I repeated, what city, and she exclaimed, "Winters, Winters, Texas." I tried not to laugh, but it was funny. A nice way to start your day. After a few pleasantries, I wished her luck with her water bill problem and hung up.

Speaking of water bills. Most of us know that in January the city will bill us on the water we used, not a flat rate. But did you know that we won't be getting a bill at the end of December? That's right, no bill if you haven't been getting billed by consumption, like businesses for example.

You have already paid for December when you paid the bill you received in November and the city is going to bill us for our January water usage on Jan. 25. The city may explain it differently, but the fact is we get a free month. We will only get 11 bills in 2012; that says to me that we got a free month of city services.

If I was John Donlevy, and trust me, I don't want his job, I would be taking credit for giving out a Christmas present (of one free month) to every residence in Winters. If you don't believe in Christmas, just send a check to the city for \$100. If you believe, just take someone out to dinner with your newfound fortune.

If you haven't fixed all of your water leaks in your house, do it now. Turn off your sprinkler system for the winter and learn to conserve water. It will lower your water and sewer bill for the rest of your life.

Have a good week.

New holiday tradition

Last year, due to a last-minute decrease in the wreath order for the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery, there was a surplus of about 400 wreaths coming from Teufel Holly Farm in Oregon. The wreaths were already on the truck so

the holly farm owner generously donated the extra wreaths, asking only that "we do something good with them."

We contacted the Winters Cemetery and the Boy Scouts, and the first wreath-laying in memory of our fallen took place on a rainy Sunday in December

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Republican candidates stuck on the Island of Misfit Toys for good

"We're on the Island of Misfit Toys, Here we don't want to stay."

We want to travel with Santa Claus in his magic sleigh....

A pack full of toys means a sack full of joys for millions of girls and for millions of boys,

when Christmas Day is here... The most wonderful day of the year!"

Ahhh, my favorite song from "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer." You always know that Christmas is near when "Rudolph" comes on TV. Well, you used to know that, back in the day, when Christmas didn't start until after Thanksgiving, and we took the time to celebrate each holiday as it came, enjoyed it, and then moved on to the next one. Nowadays, Christmas starts on Labor Day, and frankly, I'm already getting tired of it at about the same time I'm getting tired of finding new ways to prepare leftover turkey.

It takes a lot of discipline to ignore all the red and green trimmings when you go shopping for Hallloween decorations and Thanksgiving dinner, but I give it a

mighty effort. I actively avoid out-of-season sections. I don't like my holidays leaking all over each other any more than I like my food slopped overlapping on my plate. I like a nice neat scoop of mashed potatoes, next to the sweet potatoes, next to the stuffing, next to the turkey. They can touch, but they should never overlap.

Some call it OCD.

Eh, bite me, Some.

Sadly, either I missed "Rudolph" on TV this year, (oh yes, you better believe I will still watch it from end to end!) or they just don't air it anymore because it's just too sad and tired, now that there's a computer animated angle to the classic stop-motion story. The new, slick version is called "Rudolph and the Island of Misfit Toys," and it's blasphemy, I tell you, *blasphemy*.

There are three Christmas traditions that must never be altered or copied in any way: "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," "A Charlie Brown Christmas," and the stop-motion version of "The Little Drummer Boy." There is no animator, no com-



DEBRA DeANGELO BECAUSE I SAY SO

puter, that will ever capture their charm, and to attempt to do so is like dressing the Mona Lisa in Prada. It's just *wrong*. The imperfections of the originals are what make them special.

But, apparently I'm in a minority here, because it seems that all three of my childhood Christmas classics have, ironically, been tossed onto the Island of Misfit Toys. No children want them anymore. They only want those hypnotic computer generated stories nowadays.

Children are losers.

So, here I am, all brokenhearted and nostalgic because there's no more Rudolph on TV to herald the arrival of Christmas, and then I realize that life has stepped in and provided all the characters for my favorite scene: The Island of Misfit Toys. Oh, joy!!! They're all here! Just look at the Republican candidates, and they've sprung to life!

You have Charlie in

the Box, who is unloved because of his name. "No child wants to play with a Charlie in the Box," he laments. Ah... Rick Santorum, we feel your pain. (Go ahead, google "Santorum" if you don't get it.) Eww. I'm not touching that! No way, no how, will that ever be elected president!

It would be too sadly obvious for the goofy cowboy riding an ostrich to be Texas governor Rick Perry. No, Perry is actually the water pistol that squirts jelly. Every time he shoots his mouth off, all that comes out is ooey-goey, sticky slop. And the cowboy? Has to be Herman Cain, who apparently will mount anything on two legs.

Newt Gingrich, of course, is the fat, white, over-stuffed elephant, covered in red dots. Dots of adultery, dots of shady financial deals, dots of outrageously harsh and clueless statements about poor peo-

ple and Occupiers, dots of pomposity, and just like the dots of measles and chicken pox, they keep multiplying and multiplying, and eek... who wants to cuddle up to a diseased elephant? Not me.

The Choo Choo with square wheels on its caboose — clearly Mitt Romney. He looks really slick and great up front, but he just can't seem to pick up any speed. It's the square wheels, dude. More accurately, you *are* a square wheel. You're so square, you probably still say "square." You are the lame-o who keeps trying to look slick and sexy, and get our attention, and it's just not ever, ever, ever going to happen. We will never want to date you. Never. I've seen celery with more testosterone. Please stop calling us.

Then we have Dolly for Sue, who, to look at her, has no visible defects at all. She's Michelle Bachmann, adorable, simple and sweet. And then she speaks. Nothing but a fluffyhead. Ah, Michelle. If you'd just stop talking, you might, by default, get elected because by

comparison, you'd seem like the least bad choice.

Ron Paul, he's that bird that can't fly so he swims like a fish. Yup, a Libertarian can never fly in our constricted two-party system, so, you're trying your best to swim like a Republican. It's not working. We can still see what you are.

And then there's that little blue airplane that looks absolutely perfect, and keeps elbowing its way into the scenes but no one notices. Not a clue why it's even there, let alone on the Island. That's, ummm, what's that guy's name again... Jack, Jeff, Uh, John... John... Hunter? Oh yes! Huntsman! Yeah... we just really aren't interested. Go be a news anchor or Sears catalog model or something.

Yes, all the beloved "Rudolph" characters are here! And what makes this Christmas story even better than the original — Santa and Rudolph are not going to come along on Christmas Eve and get these misfits off the island. Misfits they are, and misfits they shall stay.

Better luck in 2016, Republicans.

Sweet on Santa



Photos by Debra DeAngelo

Greeting Santa with head-to-toe holiday cheer are, from left (above), Lily, Ava and Lauren Back, visiting with Santa at the annual Community Christmas tree lighting on Dec. 3. Below, Shelby Boykin gets a candy cane from Santa after sharing her Christmas wish list.



DA collects on bad checks throughout Yolo County

District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced that the Yolo County District Attorney Check Prosecution Program recovered \$46,436.29 for Yolo County merchants and residents during the month of November.

"Much of the money was paid to the victims by check writers before criminal pro-

ceedings were initiated. Once criminal complaints are filed and arrest warrants are issued, the court supervises the payments of restitution," said Reisig.

These "bounced" checks are written on checking accounts with non-sufficient funds (NSF) or on closed accounts. Busi-

nesses or individuals in Yolo County that have been unable to get cooperation from check writers can contact the DA Check Program. Stolen and forged checks must be reported to local law enforcement agencies. NSF and "closed account" checks can be submitted to the District Attorney

Check Program for investigation.

For more information about the DA Check Program, call 666-8200 or contact the program at 301 Second Street, Woodland CA, 95695. Check forms are available at local Chamber of Commerce offices, located in Winters at 11 Main Street.



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Open house planned to discuss gas line safety

In collaboration with the city of Winters, PG&E will host an open house on Monday, Dec. 12, 6:30-7:30 p.m., at the Winters Public Safety Facility, 700 Main Street. The purpose of the open house is to provide residents information about the community's natural gas system.

The Winters open house is an opportunity for community members to learn more about their gas service, speak with natural gas experts and learn about PG&E's natural gas safety program.

In addition to attending the Winters open house, information about PG&E's natural gas transmission system, pipeline locations and safety programs may be found online at www.pge.com/gassystem.

Food will be distributed

The Food Bank of Yolo County will distribute food to eligible Winters residents during on Thursday, Dec. 15, from 12-1 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 512 First Street, and from 3-4 p.m. at Yolo Housing, 62 Shams Way. Participants may receive food at only one site and are asked to bring a bag to carry their food home.

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



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Senior Citizens Club News

By MARGE SEBASTIAN
Special to the Express

Our November meeting/potluck was held on Wednesday, Nov. 9. We had a large turnout of members and also a couple of new members.

The tables were decorated in a Thanksgiving theme thanks to Ursula Navarro. Ursula and her husband donated the turkeys we ate, cooked by Marie Heilman. Thank you all for your donation.

We appreciate all of you who brought wonderful side dishes to share. Also thanks to those who brought drawing gifts.

In December, our meeting will be on Wednesday, Dec. 14. It is being catered by Tomat's. You will be receiving an invitation in the mail and you must bring it with you in order to be served. This luncheon is for paid-up members only and our potluck day kitchen help. It will be paid for by the club.

You do not need to bring food or drawing gifts. However, be prepared to buy drawing tickets as we are having a surprise drawing that I know you will like. We will also play bingo after lunch for some special Christmas prizes at no cost to you.

We are looking forward to seeing our members there.

Santa has promised to make his annual visit to us and you may have your picture taken with him.

St. Anthony Parish plans Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration

St. Anthony Parish will celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe over Dec. 9-12 with a variety of events. The entire community is invited.

The celebration begins on Dec. 9 and 10 with praying the rosary at St. Anthony Church at 7 p.m., with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

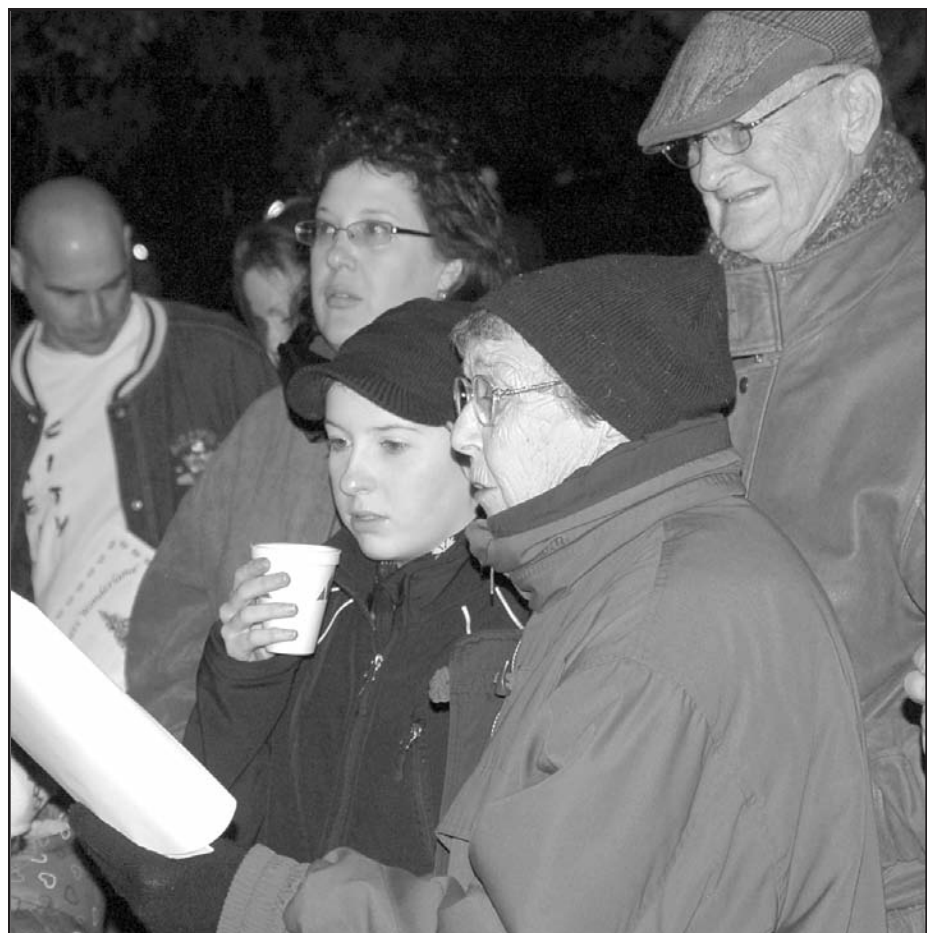
On Sunday, Dec. 11, at the 1:30 p.m. Mass, all are invited to the Parish Hall to pray the rosary. After the rosary there will be danzantes (Mexican dance group) performing, music, and food for sale.

On Monday, Dec. 12, the festivities will be at the Parish Hall beginning with Mariachi playing mañanitas at 5 a.m. followed by Mass. Everyone is invited to stay after the Mass for hot chocolate and pan dulce.

Chamber board meets

The Winters Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors will meet on Friday, Dec. 9, at 7 a.m. at the Winters Visitors Center, 11 Main Street. Anyone may attend.

Hark, the Hapworth angels sing!



Photos by
Debra DeAngelo

Amongst those gathered to sing Christmas carols at the Rotary Park gazebo on Saturday, Dec. 3, were (above, from left) Allison Hapworth-Eldridge, Ciara Hapworth-Eldridge, Maj Hapworth and Hap Hapworth. Carols were led by Winters music teacher Lynne Secrist and a choir of music students and local singers. At right, youngsters enjoy cookies provided by the Rotary Club of Winters while waiting for Santa to arrive. Festivities included the lighting of the Community Christmas Tree.



Rodriguez honored for advocacy efforts

Catalina Rodriguez of Winters was in high school when she lost her 18-month-old son to complications from cerebral palsy. Now a sophomore at Solano College, she has won several awards for her advocacy work with United Cerebral Palsy of Sacramento and Northern California to honor her son.

Rodriguez was named the 2011 Outstanding Youth in

Philanthropy by the Association of Fundraising Professionals California Capital Chapter at the National Philanthropy Day Luncheon in November. In September, she was named a Local Hero by Bank of America, and in the same month, was a top 10 finalist for Most Influential College Student at the national Stay Classy Awards.

Last spring, she received the Youth Volunteer Award at Community Services Planning Council's People Helping People Awards Luncheon and received the Youth Volunteer Spirit Award from the Volunteer Center of Sacramento.

"We are so proud of this incredible mom, whose love for her son

See EFFORTS, page A-7

Chamber Chili Cook-off Mixer Monday, Dec. 12

The Winters Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual Chili Cook-off on Monday, Dec. 12, at 5:30 p.m. at Realty World, 37 Main Street. Chili champions will compete for the title of People's Choice, Hottest Chili, Most Creative Chili, and more, and prizes will be given to the winners.

Everyone in the community is welcome. A suggested donation of \$5 at the door offers chili tasting and beverages, as well as one raffle ticket. Raffle tickets may be purchased for a variety of prizes, at a cost of six for \$5.

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Calendar

Friday, December 9

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

Saturday, December 10

Putah Creek Council tree planting, meet at 9:30 a.m., Rotary Park gazebo

Monday, December 12

Chamber Mixer/Chili Cookoff, 5:30 p.m., Realty World, 37 Main Street
PG&E Open House, 6:30-7:30, Public Safety Facility, 700 Main Street

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

Year in Review/Citizen of the Year Celebration, Saturday, Jan. 21, Community Center, no-host bar, 6 p.m., dinner 7 p.m., presentations 8 p.m.

Winters History Book Authors; Gloria Lopez, Monday, Jan. 23, 7-8:30 p.m., Winters Community Library, community room

Winters History Book Authors; Dorothy O'Neil, Monday, Feb. 13, 7-8:30 p.m., Winters Community Library, community room

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

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Volunteers help lay wreaths on veterans' graves at the Winters cemetery during last year's effort. Wreaths will again be placed on veterans' graves this year. Volunteers are needed. To help, come to the Winters Cemetery on Sunday, Dec. 11, at 1 p.m.

THOMAS

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needed it — since all of the kids had sheep in 4-H.”

Thomas is currently the treasurer for the Fortnightly Club and participates in the group's activities such as fund-raising at events like last weekend's Winters Friends of the Library Family Holiday Celebration and Winters Wonderland celebration. The Fortnightly Club provides support to local organizations such as 4-H and FFA, and they award a \$1,500 scholarship to a Winters High School senior girl every year.

She volunteers for family and community, and as importantly, because of her faith. She's been a member of the St. Anthony Catholic Church Altar Society for 25 years. She is currently serving as the treasurer for that organization, as well. The Altar Society does fundraising for the church, including participating in the annual Main Street Yard Sale, sponsoring a luncheon with the local Knights of Columbus, and organizing the annual spaghetti feed. They also decorate the Altar and just do “whatever is needed.” She also works in the church office every Monday.

For Thomas, one of the most rewarding aspects of the Altar Society is helping families who are dealing with

the loss of a loved one. The group helps set up for funerals, organizes and serves lunch in the Parish Hall, and decorates. While funerals are not happy occasions, Thomas is grateful for the opportunity to help families during difficult times, when they need it the most.

Some of her happiest memories are of working on floats for the Fortnightly Club to enter in the Youth Day Parade. She enjoyed working with “some very creative women.”

“We'd build it with scraps of stuff and it turned out pretty good,” she says with a laugh.

One particular year, she recalls getting together with fellow Fortnightly Club member Wendy Smith to enter their float in the Dixon May Fair to see if they could win a cash prize. The two of them, along with their young children, drove the float over to Dixon. Halfway between Winters and Dixon, the apricot tree that was the centerpiece of the float fell off. She, Wendy and the kids had pulled off the side of the road and were struggling to get it back on the truck when “a nice PG&E man” stopped to help them. They got the tree back on the float and made it to the parade, ending up winning the \$100 first prize.

“That was kind of fun,” says Thomas.

Although her chil-

dren are all grown, the family connection is still close. All six of them still live in Winters, and every Sunday any kids, grandkids and assorted friends who are in town have a standing invitation to come out to the Thomas Ranch north of Winters for Sunday breakfast. That Sunday breakfast is a family tradition that has been going on for nearly 30 years, and Thomas still has a houseful every weekend.

“I usually have around 20-25 people,” says Thomas. “We feel lucky that they still like to come on Sundays and bring their friends and share with us.”

Thomas says she has gotten a lot out of volunteering over the years, and encourages others to volunteer whenever they have the chance.

“It's very rewarding. I feel very good about it.”

She's also grateful that she had the good fortune to grow up in Winters, raise a family here and serve her community.

“It's been a wonderful place. I think we are very fortunate that we had the opportunity to grow up here and to raise all the children and grandchildren here.”

Barbara and her husband, Jack, have six children, Susie Stocking, Sally Ivory, Nancy McLaughlin, Debbie Geerts, Patty Cox and John Thomas, and 16 grandchildren.

HERO

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cousin in distress, he “calmly picked Daniel up and carried him to the nearest relatives who he knew would know how to help. His quick and calm reaction helped saved Daniel's life.”

The incident oc-

curred at a family barbecue on the Fourth of July. Barry was nominated for the award by the child's mother.

He is the son of Andrea and Phillip Barry of Winters, and is a student at St. James Catholic School in Davis. He has a brother, Jacob, 8. He is the grandson of Jessica and Dennis Kilkenny.

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King performs ‘Gratitude Concert’ in Davis

Vatrena King will give a concert entitled “The Gratitude Concert” with special guest Laura Sandage at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, at the Davis Odd Fellows Hall, 415 Second St. in Davis. King co-starred as an “Ikette” on the hit television series “Ally McBeal” and is accomplished in styles from jazz to pop.

In Los Angeles, King excelled as a studio session singer and performed onstage with everyone from Rod Stewart to Ray Charles. She also traveled extensively as a



KING

background singer for Melissa Manchester.

She now resides in Winters, raising her two boys in the slower

paced, quiet life of the country. The move allowed her to establish her musical place in Davis, Winters (having made several Note of Elegance and Earthquake Festival appearances) and Sacramento.

The “Gratitude Concert” promises to be a mix of holiday favorites and original songs from both King and Sandage, bringing light to this dark time of year.

Tickets are on sale at Armadillo Music, 205 F St., in Davis for \$20 and at the door if not sold out.

EFFORTS

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shines through everything she does,” said Doug Bergman, president and CEO, UCP of Sacramento and Northern California, who nominated her for the awards.

Rodriguez dedicated her high school senior project to raising funds for UCP of Sacramento and Northern California, which empowers people with all developmental disabilities to live life without limits.

Rodriguez's senior project began in early 2010 when she formed a partnership with First Northern Bank in Winters. Whenever customers made a donation, a paper heart was displayed. By the end of April 2010, the bank was covered in paper hearts.

Rodriguez also held car washes, garage sales, a hike-a-thon and sold a spa to raise funds. She dedicated

more than 300 hours and raised \$7,800 for UCP.

Each month, UCP of Sacramento and Northern California serves 2,600 children and adults with developmental disabilities and their families in the region including Butte, El Dorado, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, Shasta, Sutter and

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Planting help needed

Solano Resource Conservation District will be holding several volunteer planting days in December and January to plant native trees, shrubs, wildflowers, and grasses along two creeks in Solano County. These efforts will improve wildlife habitat and beautify along local creeks. Volunteers are needed.

The schedule includes:

~ Saturday, Dec. 17, 1-3:30 p.m., planting of native trees at Lake Solano Park. These trees will grow to replace the dead and dying non-native locust trees that currently shade the picnic areas.

~ Sunday, Jan. 15, 1-3:30 p.m., planting of native sedge and grass plugs along a steep bank of Old Alamo Creek where it runs through the town of Elmira.

~ Saturday, Jan. 28, 1-3:30 p.m., Lake Solano Park, planting native sedge plugs and a variety of native shrubs.

Volunteers need not be experts. Anyone with an interest in conservation or restoration is welcome. Families are also welcome. Participants should dress warmly and be prepared for rain. Solano RCD will provide hot drinks and all necessary tools.

To volunteer, send an email to Katherine.Holmes@solanorcd.org or by call (707) 678-1655, extension 118.

WATER

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were doing a lot of summer irrigation.

Despite this, there were still 11 homes with over 100 ccf consumption in November – enough water to fill the city swimming pool two feet deep. Fifty-two homes had consumption of over 50 ccf. On the low end, 809 homes used 13 ccf or less, and 201 homes used between 1 and 6 ccf.

Next year, all the homes using 13 ccf or less will see a drop in their water bills from what they pay this year with our flat rate.

Part of the bill is not variable, typically \$19.64 for a three-quarter inch meter. The actual water usage is added to that, at \$1.06 per ccf. The current flat rate is \$37.84 for a single-family residence.

The new system can detect water leaks. It looks for a situation where at least 1/10 of a cubic foot of water is running for 24 continuous hours. According to this month's report, 408 residential connections out of 1796 show leaks, or 24 percent. This shows the opportunity homeowners have to reduce use if they make the effort to stop leaks.

There are businesses that use a separate meter for landscaping, and they are not charged for sewer use based on the landscape meter.

In Winters, homeowners will save water the most by:

~ Fixing leaks.
~ Limiting lawn watering by using short cycles and watering during cooler hours of the day.

~ Converting to drip watering, wherever possible.

~ Switching to plants that need less watering.

Away in a manger

Photo by Debra DeAngelo

Young members of the First Baptist Church played the roles of the Nativity, honoring the birth of Jesus, at the annual Community Christmas Tree lighting festivities on Saturday, Dec. 3. From left are (front) Jessica Clute, Kasey Bell and Alaina Corliss; (middle) Marin Spalding, Wes Bryan, Danielle Ries, Skyler Williams (Baby Jesus), Steven Guerero, Riley Guerero and Roland Guerrero; (back) Taylor Rippee, Kayla Huest and Erick Navarrete.

Sherry Caskey serves as youth coordinator for the church and organized the live Nativity scene. The group will perform again on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 9 and 10, at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 512 First Street.



USDA designates Solano County a disaster area

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has designated Solano County as a natural disaster area due to losses caused by the combined effects of unseasonably cool spring weather, a freeze, hail, below normal summer temperatures and unseasonable rainfall that occurred from April 7 to Sept. 30.

“California producers can continue to count on USDA to provide emergency assistance during difficult times,” said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. “America’s farmers and rural communities are vitally important to our nation’s economy, producing the food, feed, fiber and fuel that continue to help us grow. President Obama and I are committed to using the resources at our disposal to reduce the impact of these disasters on

California producers and help to get those affected back on their feet.”

Farmers and ranchers in the contiguous counties of Napa, Sonoma, Contra Costa, Sacramento and Yolo also qualify for natural disaster assistance.

All counties listed above were designated natural disaster areas on Nov. 29, making all qualified farm operators in the designated areas eligible for low-interest emergency loans from USDA’s Farm Service Agency, provided eligibility requirements are met.

Farmers in eligible counties have eight months from the date of the declaration to apply for loans to help cover part of their actual losses. FSA will consider each loan application on its own merits, taking into account the

extent of losses, security available and repayment ability. FSA has a variety of programs, in addition to the EM loan program, to help eligible farmers recover from adversity.

USDA also has made other programs available to assist farmers and ranchers, including the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE), which was approved as part of the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008; the Emergency Conservation Program; Federal Crop Insurance; and the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program.

Interested farmers can contact their local USDA Service Centers for further information on eligibility requirements and application procedures for these and other programs. Addi-

tional information is available online at disaster.fsa.usda.gov.

Vilsack also reminds producers that the department’s authority to operate the five disaster assistance programs authorized by the 2008 Farm Bill expired on Sept. 30. This includes SURE; the Livestock Indemnity Program; the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bees, and Farm-Raised Fish (ELAP); the Livestock Forage Disaster Program; and the Tree Assistance Program.

Production losses in the counties listed above are covered because the event triggering the loss occurred prior to the expiration of these programs. Production losses due to disasters after Sept. 30, are not eligible for disaster program coverage.

Hazardous waste facility open Fridays, Saturdays

The Yolo County Department of Planning & Public Works, Division of Integrated Waste Management now holds weekly collection of household hazardous waste.

The HHW facility, at the Yolo County Central Landfill, 44090 County Road 28H, is open every Friday and Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The program can only accept HHW from Yolo County residents. Infectious medical waste will not be accepted. Business hazardous waste from small quantity generators is accepted by appointment only with a fee for business waste disposal. Call (866) 714-8470 to schedule an appointment.

Senior or disabled residents who cannot drive, and who have HHW in need of proper disposal, can schedule a free pickup of waste by calling (866) 714-8470. Residents 65 years and older qualify for this service which is open to all households in the unincorporated areas of Yolo County and the incorporated cities of Davis, West Sacramento, Winters and Woodland.

Materials that will be accepted include batteries, fluorescent bulbs or tubes, used motor oil and filters, cleaning supplies, lighter fluid, antifreeze, aerosols, garden pesticides and herbicides, latex or oil based paints, solvents, poisons, electrical switches/relays, pilot light sensors, mercury thermostats, old medicines (non-controlled substances) and containerized syringes.

Since the HHW drop-off area is now open weekly, the Reuse program is available weekly, as well. The Reuse program makes available to residents household cleaning supplies, lawn, garden and automotive products and household paint at no charge.

Often, products are dropped off at the HHW facility simply because they are no longer needed. These products have original labels and are nearly full, which make the products still very usable for the public.

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a doer and a talker, not an observer.

Discussions of life, philosophy, politics, economics and the surrounding world gave him great joy. Chris was the kind of person that you found yourself deep in conversation with at a party or during an accidental meeting on the street. One would suddenly find that time had sped by quickly, while the two of you were lost in a conversation, exploring the meaning of life or solutions to the world's problems.

Chris had a scrupulous code of behavior regarding how he lived his life. He believed that honor, ethics, morality, honesty and reputation were the most important measures of one's life. He often assessed someone on the basis of whether or not he would want that person charging onto the battlefield next to him. Would that person stand tall by his side and fight for what was right? This was a constant metaphor he used to evaluate those he encountered during his fights for farmers' water rights, battles for individuals against governmental regulation and his competitions on the racetrack. If one wants to honor Chris and his memory, act with honor in one's own life.

Chris' achievements include:

He was a preeminent husband and father. He managed to grow apricots without going bankrupt. The apricots were of such high caliber that famed restaurant, "The French Laun-

dry," used his apricots in their dishes. He created a successful wine that is being sold in some of San Francisco's finest restaurants.

He rallied fellow farmers and citizens to fight against injustice, most notably in the fight for water rights, as chairman of the Putah Creek Landowners Association. This particular fight brought him to Washington, D.C., to speak in front of a senate subcommittee, and to personally advise Sen. Bill Bradley.

He established and was involved in the Yolo County Landowners Association as a board member to address local issues of concern to farmers. He was an outstanding go-kart racer, competitive runner and hurdler, setting records on both tracks. He was an extremely learned man, who never stopped seeking knowledge. He obtained a B.S. from UC Davis in 1976 in agricultural science and management. He was exceptionally well-read, knowledgeable and conversant in a wide range of areas and pretty darn good at "Jeopardy." He lived an incredible, enviable life and passed away at 64 years of age, having accomplished more than most.

Chris, you have left behind many who will always love and miss you. Thank you for the time you spent with us, the good times we had, the love you shared, and the lessons you taught us.

A memorial honoring his life is planned at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, at the Winters Community Center, 201 Railroad Ave., with a reception following. All friends are invited to attend.

LETTERS

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2010. That tradition is continuing this year and the public is invited to help the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts distribute the wreaths on Sunday, Dec. 11, 1 p.m.

Thanks to the help of Sheila and Ed Carbahal, this year's project was made possible due to contributions from individuals, clubs and businesses: Vintage Paving Inc., Rotary Club of Winters, Four M Contracting Inc., First Northern Bank (Winters Branch), Carbahal & Company, Winters Community Theater Group, Terry and Wendy Smaystrla, Curtis and Susie Stocking, Winters Fortnightly Club, John and Karla Knabke, S.R. Lopez Orchards, Audie McGuire, Cecilia Aguiar-Curry, Frank and Ramona Martin, Marian Kammerer, Carmen Rubio and Mary Hemenway.

All ages are invited to join your neighbors for this wreath-laying event Sunday afternoon, rain or shine. Everyone is asked to gather near the office building at 1 p.m. for instructions and go from there. No sign-up necessary — just come help.

SUSIE STOCKING

What a beautiful event

Another Family Holiday Festival has come and gone. We would like to say thank you to all the volunteers and guests who made this year's Winters Friends of the Library (WFOl) Family Holiday Festival a delightful event. Beautiful music from our children, engaged families, kids making crafts, delicious homemade treats, many happy faces let us know this year's festival was an excellent gift to the Winters community.

For the first time this year, Lynn Secrist, music teacher at Shirley Rominger Intermediate and Winters Middle Schools and Carol Scianna of WFOl worked together to line up a full day of music. Thank you both.

What wonderful singing from Ms Escamilla's kinder class; The Winters High School Choir led by Ms. Mannion, Winters Middle School choir led by Lynne Secrist; Ms Enriquez' second graders; Ms Catalan's third grade; Ms Somers' 2-3 combo; The 4th

and 5th graders from Shirley Rominger led by Lynne Secrist; Ms Stewart and Ms Lester's 4-5th grade and Mr. Fridae's 5th grade. We hope to build on the WFOl/school partnership for Family Holiday Festivals in the coming years.

Also new this year was a book sale for adults right next to our annual Scholastic Book Fair for children. We had a table of lightly used books for adults from the Ida B. Wallace Book Sale Room at the Library. The table was virtually empty at the end of the first hour. We will definitely expand this offering for next year.

And there were T-shirts. For the first time this year, we had a WFOl T-shirt for sale. The design for our beautiful T-shirts was donated by renowned cartoonist, Bob Armstrong, who lives in Winters. Thank you Bob! If you have not yet purchased your WFOl T-shirt, it's not too late. T-shirts are on sale in the library and will soon be available at the Winters Visitor Center on Main Street.

All of the happy diners at Mrs. Claus' Cafe gave special thanks to Randy Oates of Oates Country Store, who donated and assembled the food and organized the kitchen. Thank you Randy. Those sandwiches are the best in town. And thanks to all the volunteer bakers who dropped off brownies, cookies, cupcakes, and more.

Fresh piney holiday wreaths created by WFOl members decorated the walls of the Community Center. Every year, they are offered for sale at the festival and now decorate the front doors of many homes in Winters.

Many areas of the Family Holiday Festival this year were staffed by an extraordinary group of teen volunteers from Winters High School. They volunteered their time to set up, clean up, decorate, and most of all, to help staff the children's craft making activities. They are an inspiring group of young people. They were full of patience, kindness, and focus as they guided young children through the creation of beeswax candles, gingerbread cookies, felt ornaments, handprint reindeer, tin trivets, button wreaths, orange pomanders and more.

Thanks to the Winters Middle and High School art classes, the high school Culinary

Arts class, and the Fortnightly Club for sharing our event and their talents with the community.

We would also like to thank the generous Buckhorn Catering for loaning us tablecloths, and Sonco Heating and Air and the Winters High School Shop classes for making the trivet craft.

Thank you to Mike Sebastian for making sure that Santa made it to our festival and stayed all day.

Finally, special thanks must go to all the WFOl members and volunteers who staffed the Holiday Festival, sold food, T-shirts or books; made crafts with children; set up and tidied up at the end. What a crew. What a beautiful community event we all created!

MARY LOU LINVILL and CAROL SCIANNA
Winters Friends of the Library
Family Holiday Festival

Letters policy

The deadline for Letters to the Editor is noon on Mondays for publication that week.

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Letters should not exceed 500 words. Do not use all capital letters. We reserve the right to edit or reject any letter.

Letters must be signed by the writer or if emailed, must indicate the writer's name. We may withhold writers' names from publication upon request if there is a legitimate reason, such as fear of reprisal or retribution. We reserve the right to determine legitimacy. Letters submitted anonymously will not be printed.

Beginning Jan. 1, we will no longer publish "thank you" letters for events.

Candle lighting honors deceased children

For families that have lost a child, the holidays serve as a reminder that another year has passed without a loved one beside them. Isolation, sense of dread and overwhelming grief often replace the festive spirit once felt.

To honor the children who have died The Compassionate Friends, an international support group for bereaved families, will light candles around the world at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 11, at International House, 10 College Park in Davis. All family members who have lost a loved one, no matter the age, reason, or amount of time that has passed, are invited to attend.

The evening will begin with a pot luck supper at 6:30 p.m., followed by the candle lighting at 7 p.m. Candles will burn for one hour and as the lights go out at 8 p.m., a new wave of candles will be lit in the next time zone, creating a 24-hour virtual circle of light around the world. During the hour of light there will be live, soothing music, an open mic reading, and a slide show of departed children. To be included in the slide show, send one or two pictures of your loved one to Pamela at pamfamily423@gmail.com. You may also bring a photo or memento to display at the event.

For more information about the candle lighting or monthly meetings, call 759-7865 or visit www.tcfyolo.org.

POLICE

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of Anderson Avenue, a bedroom window was broken by a thrown object. Damage: \$40.

Nov. 30

~ 12:20 p.m., 1000 block of McArthur Avenue, an officer assisted Yolo County Animal Control with locating two pit bulls that were attacking a smaller dog.

~ 12:45 p.m., first block of East Grant Avenue, a 7-year-old female was reported missing from her residence. It was determined the female was with her grandmother.

~ 3:51 p.m., Fredricks Drive, officers assisted the Yolo County Sheriff's Department with a stolen vehicle.

Dec. 1

~ 7:51 a.m., first block of Main Street, an officer responded to an audible business alarm that was activated accidentally.

~ 9:03 p.m., Phillip James Swink, 49, of Winters, was arrested for domestic battery. Swink was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to the Yolo County Jail for incarceration.

Dec. 2

~ 6:53 a.m., Juan Carlos Guzman Villalobos, 23, of Winters, was issued a notice to appear for being an unlicensed driver.

Dec. 3

~ 1 a.m., 1000 block of Kennedy Drive, a vehicle windshield was broken by a thrown brick. Damage: \$400.

~ 6:15 p.m., 400 block of Anderson Avenue, a window was broken by a thrown rock. Damage: \$1,000.

~ 8:10 p.m., 100 block of East Grant Avenue, parties were involved in a verbal domestic dispute.

Dec. 4

~ 1:46 a.m., 300 block of Baker Street, parties were involved in a verbal domestic dispute.

~ 7:20 p.m., Kimberlee Danielle Raymos, 34, of Vacaville, was issued a notice to appear for being an unlicensed driver, driving a vehicle with expired registration and failing to provide proof of insurance.



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Entertainment

Zoe Muth and the Lost High Rollers will perform at The Palms on Friday, Dec. 9, at 8:30 p.m.



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Muth and Lost High Rollers bring classic country to The Palms

Zoe Muth and the Lost High Rollers have been making big waves with their fresh and beguiling take on classic country and rootsy honky-tonk music in the past couple of years, and will be making their debut at The Palms, 13 Main St., in Winters, on Friday, Dec. 9, at 8:30 p.m.

Whether nailing an upbeat honky-tonk tune or a slow, sad story-song, Muth's music has the familiarity of old favorites combined with honesty that keeps the music fresh.

Her self-titled, self-released debut won attention not only from her hometown (Seattle Weekly dubbed her "our own Emmylou"; tastemaker blog Sound on the Sound called her "without doubt, one of the finest songwriters in Seattle") but also praise from the worldwide press. The record landed on No Depression's annual Reader's Poll as one of the Top 50 Albums of 2009, while Modern Acoustic magazine called her 2010's "New Artist of the Year."

Signature Sounds released Muth's second album Starlight Hotel earlier this year, earning her and the Lost High Rollers yet more accolades ("a truly inspired ensemble"—Amazon.com).

Tickets are \$15 and are available at Pacific Ace Hardware in Winters, Armadillo Music in Davis, Watermelon Music's Woodland branch, and at the door if not sold out.

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

Warm up with Chicken & Dumpling

RootStock invites the public to stop in from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9, at 22 Main St. for some down-home delta-style blues featuring acoustic duo "Chicken & Dumpling."

Taste wine from three local wineries all in one unique location offering more than 12 varietals.

Chicken & Dumpling features Charles "Chicken" Oriel on guitar and Julia

"Dumpling" Simon on bass. Their 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.

Charles has been playing guitar and singing for more

than 30 years in various bands in Washington, D.C., St. Louis, Pennsylvania and now the Sacramento area. Julia has been gigging in blues bands for the past nine years. Together, this duo plays traditional blues and sings together with unbeatable chemistry, and provides a warm and inviting ambiance.

For more information, visit rootstockgifts.com.



Chicken & Dumpling — Charles "Chicken" Oriel on guitar and Julia "Dumpling" Simon on bass — will perform at RootStock on Dec. 9.

Courtesy photo

New Year's bash to benefit Yolo County Fair Heritage Foundation

Members of the Yolo County Fair Heritage Foundation will host its first fundraiser on Dec. 31 — New Year's Eve — in Waite Hall at the fairgrounds from 7 p.m. to "whenever."

Tickets are \$20 per person. It is intended to be a fun, causal

party with poker, bingo, dancing, a silent auction, food, drinks and a great time to spend with family and friends.

The nonprofit organization was created in October 2009 to support the Yolo County Fair and its facilities.

The current location has been serving the county since 1948 and the group believes it is their turn to help maintain the site for future service.

The group's mission is to operate the foundation by receiving membership dues,

grants and charitable donations to preserve and enrich the heritage of the Yolo County Fair and showcase agricultural industries to the community.

The foundation will offer support to the 4-H and FFA

programs, create agricultural educational opportunities, promote public awareness and support for ongoing projects.

Anyone can get involved by joining the foundation, participating in projects, and/or attending the

fundraisers to help support this nonprofit's goals.

For more information about the New Year's Eve Bash and the Yolo County Fair Heritage Foundation, call the fair office at 402-2222.

UCD Nelson Gallery features 'Poking at Beehives'

What brings together the work of Peter Edlund, from Brooklyn via San Francisco, Fred Tomaselli, also from Brooklyn via Los Angeles, and Leslie Shows, from San Francisco via Alaska, all at one time in Davis?

An exhibit titled "Poking at Beehives" will feature their work at the UC Davis Nelson Gallery from Jan. 12 to March 18.

All three revel in the natural world and make art that seeks to find a way to understand the human relation to wilderness.

Tomaselli is internationally

acclaimed for his collage paintings depicting birds, nature and narratives in thick resin. Shows also creates collaged paintings based on man's impact on nature, and is considered to be one of the handful of most important artists to emerge from San Francisco in the past 10 years. Edlund, who makes representational monochromatic depictions of natural settings, has carved out a significant career since returning to the Northeast after many years in San Francisco and is a professor at the acclaimed School of

the Visual Arts in Manhattan.

"I believe that this will prove to be the most important painting show that I have organized in my seven years at the Nelson; these are three very special artists and it's a thrill to bring their work to the attention of this community for the first time," said Renny Pritikin, director of the Nelson. A catalogue will be published for the exhibition with an essay by Pritikin and color images of the artists' work.

For more information, contact Katrina Wong at kliwong@ucdavis.edu.

Christmas meets rock 'n' roll at Davis show Dec. 11 and 17

The joy of the holidays will raise the roof at Davis Musical Theatre this month in "Rock 'N' Roll Christmas."

The show represents a first-time collaboration between DMTC and Davis Rock and Opera Players and highlights local musicians and singers in a rocking holiday concert unlike anything

audiences have seen.

The Rock 'N' Roll Christmas concert's musical style features a harmonious amalgam of classical, orchestral, symphonic and progressive elements blended with hard rock and heavy metal. The concert has updated the popular music of many classical masters such as Mozart and

Beethoven to create an edgier and modern fare.

"This style revived the passion of holiday music in me, being able to belt and croon the music I was raised on, only in my own way; it's not the traditional holiday carols from my childhood, and yet they still are!" said featured vocalist Andrea Eve Thorpe. "I've heard it once said

that if Mozart were alive today, he'd be a rock and roll artist. I believe that!"

Remaining shows are at 6:15 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, and 8:15 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, at DMTC Performing Arts Center, 607 Pena Dr, Davis.

Tickets are available for \$15, online at www.dmtc.org or by calling 756-3682.

Church presents 'Christmas Spectacular'

The beautifully renovated Community Presbyterian Church, at 425 Hemlock St. in Vacaville, invites all to its lively Christmas musical, "Christmas Spectacular," at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11. Admission is free.

Choral Director Rob Johnson has put together a program of music that mixes secular and sacred favorites, some with a very contemporary flair. Both the adult and children's

choirs, along with many other volunteer players, will be involved to present a program complete with costumes, beautiful props and delightful choreography.

Everyone has been working since last summer to offer a program for the whole family that will help start the season with the true meaning of Christmas.

For more information, call (707) 448-5055.

Santa Claus is stopping by Pisani's service station to get his sleigh repaired from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10

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Coming up

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Sports

Geerts leads WHS team to 3-1 start

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

Senior Skyler Geerts averaged 25.5 points per game to help lead the Winters Warriors varsity boys basketball team to a 3-1 start in its first four games of the 2011-12 season.

Winters opened the season with a 56-51 victory over the visiting St. Helena Saints on Monday, Nov. 28.

Geerts led all scorers with 23 points and nine rebounds. Keli Callison scored eight points and had eight rebounds. Niko Doyle had seven points, five rebounds and four assists. Chris Mayes

scored six points and had three rebounds. Henry Nicholson scored six points, T.J. Anderson scored four points and Eli Layne scored two points.

On Wednesday, Nov. 30, the Warriors played their first game of the Pierce Tournament and beat Maxwell, 69-40. Geerts led all scorers, again scoring 30 points, and grabbed 11 rebounds. Doyle scored 15 points, and John Botro scored 12 points and had seven rebounds. Nicholson scored eight points and Callison scored four points and had six rebounds.

Winters suffered its first loss of the season on Thursday, Dec. 1, in the

team's second game of the tournament to Corning by a score of 53-42. Geerts put up 25 points and had six rebounds to lead the Warriors. Botro scored seven points, Mayes scored six, while Nicholson and Doyle each scored two points for the Warriors.

On Friday, Dec. 2, the Warriors were back on the floor playing the host team Pierce High School and picked up a 47-36 victory over the Bears.

Geerts scored 24 points to lead the team. Botro and Nicholson each scored seven points, Callison put up six, and Mayes scored three points.



Skyler Geerts goes up and under the basket for a layup during the Warriors game against Corning on Thursday, Dec. 1, at the Pierce Basketball Tournament.

Photo by Eric Lucero

Lady Warriors shut out Pierce in opener

◆ Boys lose first game of season

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The Winters Warriors girls soccer team started out its season with a 7-0 shutout over Pierce on the road on Tuesday, Nov. 28.

Winters scored five points in the first half and two in the second.

Allie Reynoso led the Lady Warriors scoring two goals. Tasha Panattoni, Isabel Angel, Angelica Arellano, Claudia Curincita and Mallory Dunn each scored one goal for the Warriors. Goalkeeper Amy Masem had seven saves to shutout the Bears.

On Friday, Dec. 2, the Warriors played the first of three games in the Central Valley Tournament. The Warriors played Orland in game one and

lost 2-1 to the Trojans. Sofia Evanoff scored the Lady Warriors' only goal in the second half. Masem had 10 saves for the Warriors.

Winters played a second game on Friday, against West Valley High School and lost, 3-2. Evanoff again had a big game, scoring both goals for Winters. Masem had 11 saves.

The Lady Warriors returned to the tournament on Saturday, Dec. 3,

and picked up a 3-0 victory over Yreka. Winters waited until the second half to score all three goals. Arellano, Olivia Orosco and Madison Nicholas each scored a goal and Reynoso had an assist. Sierra Hamerter had one save on the only shot at the Warriors' goal.

Winters played Gridley at home on Tuesday, Dec. 6, at Las Plumas on Dec. 8, and then will host Orland on Thursday, Dec. 15.

Boys team

The Winters Warriors boys soccer team lost its season opener on the road by a score of 3-1 to Pierce High School on Tuesday, Nov. 29. The Warriors' only score came from Brentley Weismann in the second half.

Winters played Gridley at home on Tuesday, Dec. 6, at Las Plumas on Dec. 8, and then will host Orland on Thursday, Dec. 15.

Girls win season opener in basketball

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The Winters Warriors varsity girls basketball team opened its season with an impressive 41-27 victory over the Corning Cardinals in the Live Oak Tournament on Thursday, December 2.

The Warriors started out slow, falling behind 11-4 in the first period but then outscored the Cardinals in the next three periods.

Baylee Opperman led the Warriors in scoring with 15 points and had nine rebounds. Sarah Kimes scored 10 points and had 10

rebounds. Ashlynn Neil scored eight points and grabbed nine rebounds. Maddy Cooper scored five points and had three rebounds and Ilene Reynoso scored three points and had one rebound.

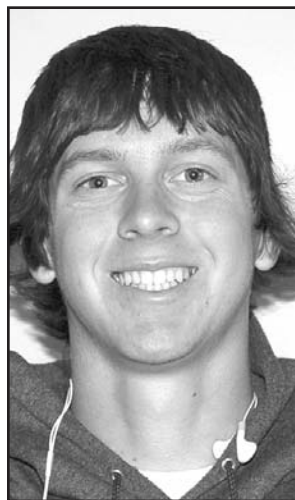
On Friday, Dec. 2, the Warriors played their second game of the tournament and lost a close game to Marysville by a score of 36-34. Neil had a big night for the Lady Warriors, scoring 23 points and pulled down 13 rebounds. Kimes scored five points and grabbed five rebounds. Opperman scored four

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PISANI'S ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Skyler Geerts

Skyler Geerts, a senior captain on the Winters Warriors varsity boys basketball team, is athlete of the week.

In the first four games of the season, Geerts is leading the northern section in scoring with 25.5 points per game average. Geerts scored 23 points in game one, 30 points in game two and then 25 and 24 points. Geerts is also averaging 6.5 rebounds and 1.8 steals per game.

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Schools

Digging in to learn about agriculture

By **DEBBIE HEMENWAY**
Staff writer

The newest orchard in the Winters area has just been planted and is centrally located within city limits, on the northwest side of the Wolfskill Continuation High School site.

Funded by a grant from the Sacramento Tree Foundation, the project was conceived and brought to fruition by Charlotte Kimball, who is the Regional Occupation Program landscape horticulture teacher at the school.

The focus of Kimball's class is landscape design rather than the art and science of gardening, but she thoroughly enjoys teaching her students the gardening skills to bring their design ideas to life and to maintain them. The class involves many hours of classroom work along with the hands-on in-the-dirt fun of planting and nurturing fruits, vegeta-

bles and ornamentals.

"I try to teach the kids environmental awareness," from Putah Creek to home and civic landscaping to local agriculture, Kimball says. "We also study current events, and the basic science of weather.

"I like to ask them 'Do you know where your food comes from?' Winters offers an abundance of learning experiences."

Coursework is related as much as possible to the seasons. The nature of the program at Wolfskill, where students move in and out of classes in as little as a month, depending on their individual needs for credits, means that Kimball needs to think in short units.

"It's a challenge," she says, "I just roll with it."

The students, up to 15 at a time, need to "roll with it" as well, as they are not always enrolled in the course long enough to see the results of their work in

their individual garden boxes, which has been where most of the site's gardening has taken place over the past three years.

"Some are here long enough to harvest" their winter or spring plantings. Others "lose them and they hate to give them up. They even will them to their classmates when they graduate."

The tree project came about when Kimball looked long and hard at the large portion of the site that was simply grass.

"I looked at it for two years and saw it as just a water waster," she explains, "so I went to the school board and asked for permission to kill it and use it more productively."

The board gave her the green light and from that permission came the impetus to apply to the Sacramento Tree Foundation for monies to plant and irrigate the plot, roughly 100 feet by 100 feet, that is now a fledgling



Photo by Debbie Hemenway
Wolfskill Continuation School students Josseline Fuentes and Cesar Ramirez spent a recent Saturday morning helping to plant trees at the school site. The trees and the irrigation system that will keep them watered were provided by a grant from the Sacramento Tree Foundation.

orchard and has space to spare for future vegetable gardening and water efficient ornamentals as well.

And so it was that, after the area had been

prepared, a group of students, Wolfskill staff and their families and Sacramento Tree Foundation volunteers spent the first Saturday in November planting.

Berries, kiwis, various citrus, stone fruits and persimmons are now taking root and, when they begin to bear, will provide fruits during the school year, from August through May.

Kimball plans to collaborate with Chri Novello, culinary arts instructor at Winters High School, to provide produce for his classes, as well as to have ready-made healthy snacks available to Wolfskill students. She also looks forward to sharing the garden experience with Winters Preschool students, who occupy the southwest corner of the property, adjacent to the garden and orchard space. She envisions her own charges working with the little ones as part of their community service requirement.

For the moment, the Wolfskill orchard is settling in for the winter ahead and should begin to show its true colors next spring.

School board meets Thursday

The Winters school board will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8, in the Walnut Room at the school district office, 909 W. Grant Ave. The agenda includes:

- ~ Recognition of Wolfskill students Cesar Ramirez, Josseline Fuentes and Kayla Baird
- ~ Recognition of Wolfskill volunteers Takeshi Ishitoya, Stephanie Meyer, Gary Douglas, Reid Bryson and Tom Neely
- ~ Public hearing regarding dedication of property for a public sidewalk along Grant Avenue at the back fence line of

- Waggoner Elementary School
- ~ Organizational meeting to elect board president, clerk and secretary, and to approve dates/times of regular board meetings
- ~ Board resolution regarding certification of signatures
- ~ Board representatives on district committees for 2012
- ~ Communication and reports
- ~ Consider acceptance of independent auditor's report for June 30, 2011
- ~ Report on third month ADA
- ~ Resolution approving and authorizing the dedication of

- property to improve sidewalk and pedestrian access
- ~ Superintendent search process and tentative timeline
- ~ Voters Rights Act: implications for the school district
- ~ Consent agenda (minutes, warrants, etc.)
- ~ Closed session to confer with District Negotiator, Superintendent Marilyn Corey, about negotiations with Winters Area Education Association
- ~ Reconvene to open session to report on action taken in closed session

Oates is named FFA member of the month

By **ANTHONY PANALEO**
Special to the Express

At our November FFA meeting, Jill Oates was named the member of the month.

Jill is a second year FFA member and has been very active in the chapter from planning events to raising livestock for the County Fair. She has been an outstanding member

in the agriculture leadership class this year and has helped plan various events from our Harvest Festival to the Halloween Party for Winters High School.

Jill was awarded FFA Member of the month for November for all of her hard work and making a difference in our chapter and our community.

Grad Nite meeting planned

Parents and supporters of Grad Nite 2012 are invited to the monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 19, at Winters Parent Nursery School, 208 Fourth St.

"Please come and get involved, to help

make this project a success, says Karen Benson Neil, Grad Nite co-chair.

For more information, call Karen or John Neil, 2012 Grad Nite co-chairs, at 795-1060

GIRLS

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points and had seven rebounds. Cooper scored two points and had three rebounds, while Emma Young grabbed four rebounds.

Winters returned to Live Oak on Saturday, Dec. 3, to take on the host team and once again lost a close game, 36-35. Opperman had a big scoring night with

19 points to lead the Warriors while grabbing eight rebounds and had four steals. Neil had seven points and six rebounds. Young scored four points and had seven rebounds. Cooper had two points and eight rebounds. Reynoso had two points and a rebound, Abbey Mariani scored one point, Jackie Plasencia had two rebounds and Kimes pulled down 10 rebounds for the Warriors.

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Lady Warriors volleyball future looks bright

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The Winters High School varsity girls volleyball team may not have had the season the Lady Warriors had hoped for, but they did improve from last year and their future looks bright.

The Winters team won three more games than it did last season and, with six players returning next year, the Lady Warriors should be very competitive in the 2012 season.

No end-of-season statistics were available for the team at press time.



Courtesy photo

The Winters Warriors varsity girls volleyball team includes, from left (front) Rachel Myers, Destiny Rogers and Alyssa Winslow; (middle) Nichole Martinez, Sarah Kimes, Jacqui Plasencia and Haley Tobler; and (back) Coach Stacie Velazquez, Olivia Orosco, Alex Balasek and Mallory Dunn.

Neil named All Tourney



Courtesy photo

Ashlynn Neil was named to the Live Oak girls Basketball Tournament All Tournament Team on Saturday, Dec. 3. She averaged 12.6 points and 9.3 points per game in the three-day tournament.

Wright wins gold at Doc Petersen Classic

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The Winters Warriors wrestling team under the direction of first-year head coach Will Hausler sent four wrestlers to the Doc Petersen Classic Tournament in Orland on Saturday, Dec. 2.

Despite sending just four athletes, the Warriors came home with a second place team trophy in the small schools division.

Senior Trevor Wright led the Warriors by winning the tournament in the 160-pound weight class by pinning all five opponents. Junior Tim Tweedt and freshman Chaz Mathews each went 2-2 and first-year senior Jared Allen wrestled hard, going 1-2.

Junior Paige Wright wrestled extremely well at the girls tournament in Stockton, according to coach Hausler, with an impressive 3-2 record.

“I am proud of all of our wrestlers today,” Hausler said. “Good job, Warriors.”

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Features

Gout vs. pseudogout: What's the difference?

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I have faux gout. At least that's what I've been told I have. It's in my left foot. I understand it's not caused by uric acid but by calcium. Can you tell me more about it and what can be done for it? — C.B.

ANSWER: Faux (French for "false") gout — or pseudogout, as it is more commonly called — is like gout in many respects, but the differences between the two are significant.

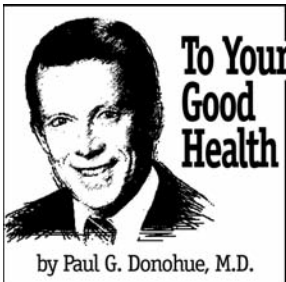
In gout, uric acid crystals infiltrate joints and inflame them. In pseudogout, the crystals making their way into and around joints are calcium pyrophosphate dehydrate, CPPD. Just as uric acid crystals do, CPPD crystals inflame the joint and cause great pain. That's not true of everyone who has these crystals. Some never experience a minute of pain. The joints most affected in pseudogout are the knees and the wrists. Shoulders, ankles, elbows and hands also might be targets.

Who told you that you have this condition? A doctor requires X-ray examination of the affected joint before declaring that a person has pseudogout. Stronger evidence of the diagnosis is obtained by drawing fluid from the joint and examining it microscopically. The distinctive crystals of CPPD can be seen — proof positive.

Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs — Aleve, Motrin, Advil and many others — usually can control this illness and the pain it causes. If they don't, an injection of cortisone into the joint will. For recurrent attacks, colchicine — the same drug used for gout — works for pseudogout, too.

The pamphlet on gout and pseudogout explains both illnesses and their treatments. To obtain a copy, write: Dr. Donohue — No. 302W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My wife of 41 years has



tremors. She is 62. The tremors started in her mid-50s. Her mother is 85 and shakes so bad she can't write or hardly help herself. They told her it is hereditary. Is there any medication or treatment available? My wife is getting very frustrated. She's not able to carry out simple tasks. — P.E.

ANSWER: Your wife and mother-in-law most likely have familial tremor, also called essential tremor. It does run in families. There is treatment. Propranolol (Inderal) and primidone (Mysoline) work very well for most. Both your wife and her mother should be getting treatment. A neurologist is the doctor who specializes in tremors and their treatment.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My husband and I wish to leave our bodies to science but do not know whom to contact. How do we go about this? — E. and C.D.

ANSWER: You and your husband deserve a round of applause. Most medical schools have a body-donation program. Contact the medical school nearest you and ask for the anatomical donation committee or the anatomy department. If you can't make contact with a medical school, three organizations can assist you in donating your bodies: MedCure (866-560-2525), BioGift (866-670-1799) and Science Care (800-417-3747).

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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Revolt is written into our Constitution

I turned on the TV the other day, just in time to see the news report about the protestors in Oakland and Sacramento. I thought that they did an excellent job of reporting on everything except what is really important — the reasoning behind the protest. Beating around the bush is another way of ignoring the issues.

The average American citizen is angry. They want change in the financial and military world. "Occupy Wall Street" is a child of this anger. Being ignored by the press has pissed off some of the protestors, so now they went and got all of their friends. The increasing number of protestors fortunately goes hand in hand with the amount of attention they get from the press. Sometimes this is good and sometimes it's bad. This time, I think it may be bad.

The mass media is owned and controlled by the high and mighty 1%. Five thousand protestors blocking streets, closing harbors and businesses has hit the high and mighty where it hurts: their wallets. Objective No. 1 has been reached. We have their attention.

I don't think that you can dispute the fact that there are people in high places who want to pull all the strings. They have most of the strings in their fists and the rest of the strings are just out of reach. The high and mighty have control of our government and mass media. This, I feel, is certainly true.

With the government and media in their control, it's a surety that they hold the high ground. You can bet your buddy's butt that the press will no longer ignore the protestors. We are about to see the mass media at its best, or worst, depending on which side you are on.

Misrepresentation and misinformation are the tools that they will use. The protest movement has only righteousness and truth. It is essential that the protest remain peaceful and centered on the truth. The protest must remain within the laws of the land. If this protest movement resorts to violence of any sort, it is no longer a protest. It is a violent revolt.

Not long ago, I made the statement that I thought there was violence just around the corner. I think this is highly probable, for the protest lacks leadership and the issues have not been clearly stated. A peaceful protest movement in this condition is sure to fail, resorting to violence in the end.

Those in power, the 1% as they are called,



have become a formidable enemy. Today, the mass media is grounded in "money and power." Its incredible influence can shape, distort and censor as they wish. As the protest gains momentum and those in power begin to feel threatened, we are sure to see the end of what we call "Free Press." Any appearance of objectivity will be gone. Mass media will go into attack mode. Journalism becomes propaganda that is enmeshed in discursive tactics, bent on control and profit.

In attack mode, some topics are certain to be avoided, suppressed, under-reported, or omitted by mass media. Minimal coverage is always devoted to protest, activism or civilian death tolls.

Let's take a look at how we are controlled by the media. Ninety-nine percent of everything we know about the outside world comes from the media, most of which we assume is true. It encourages fear and patriotism. Mass media flourishes there.

Mass media has taken us from conflict to conflict, over and over, all of my life. The protestors of "Occupy Wall Street" will be dehumanized just as the Vietnamese were in the '60s and the Muslims after 9/11. Mass media will frequent terms that it once reserved for blacks and Hispanics. i.e. Muslims are no longer Americans, they are, "home-born Muslims, or "American-born Muslims." They are no longer called citizens. Moderate Muslim voices are routinely omitted from news coverage and terms like Islam and Muslim are only used in the context of conflict, violence and bloodshed.

We are told that they are a culture bent on the total destruction of non-Muslim life. Americans will be forced to choose a side. That "you are either with us or against us" mentality carries a lot of weight when you have a home and family that will influence your behavior. At some point in this struggle to get our government back, the high and mighty will invoke the anti-terrorist laws that were so quickly passed by our elected officials. "Terrorist" is the label that a violent protester will wear.

The power of mass media can make the best of us voluntarily go to war and freely kill another human being

that has been called "the enemy." (Set aside the fact that they have done nothing to us that would qualify them as "enemy.") We are then left to justify our actions to ourselves. I read a report on this very day that states that a veteran suicide occurs every 80 minutes in the United States.

Mass media has the power to make our enemies become less than human beings that must be destroyed in their "lairs" and they have to be baited, smoked out or trapped like animals. They stay in lairs or nests, not camps or bunkers.

If you're thinking that you can get back our government by voting the goons out of Washington, think again. You can only vote for who they tell you to vote for, or who is on the ballot. The simple truth is that much of society has already succumbed to those in power. They're like puppets on a string. Another simple truth is that no one knows who's really pulling the strings in this nation or why they seek such power.

I do, however, admire those who think they can change things. I admire their thoughts and reasoning behind what they do. I'd really like to be more like them and help them do what they want to do, but they must know one very important thing: There are those among us, mostly people of color, who have never known the rights that we have so foolishly given away. Should we be fortunate enough to win this country back, it must be a different country altogether. Revolt is written into the Constitution but it must be a revolt by the majority. Success hinges upon the majority including the minority.

Pleased to meet you



Name: Carol Griffin
Occupation: Retired teacher
Hobby: Music and reading

Best thing about Winters: "The small community, the friendliness."
Fun fact: I worked with immigrant students for 30 years teaching ESL; started in Winters and worked for many years in the Grant District.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your curiosity might not be appreciated by everyone. Expect some resistance in getting answers to your questions. But stay with it. You need facts in order to make important decisions.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Some of the mystery surrounding your recent fiscal situation soon will be dispelled with a clear explanation. Use this new knowledge to help you chart a fresh financial course.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Start your Hanukkah and Christmas gift-buying now. This will help avoid problems caused by possible mid-December delays. A family member has important information.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Use a little more sense in how you plan to spend your end-of-the-year holiday dollars. Meanwhile, you continue to gain support for your stand on a workplace issue.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Wearing that big, loving Lion's heart of yours on your sleeve leaves it unprotected. Let things develop a little more before you allow your emotions to spill over.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to September 22) You might feel you're not ready to patch up an unraveled relationship. But the longer you wait, the more difficult it will be for all parties to take the first healing step.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your end-of-the-year holiday plans could be disrupted by something out of your control, but stay the course. Ultimately, things will settle back into a normal pace.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your honest approach to a workplace project earns you both respect and credit from those in charge. Meanwhile, that personal problem still needs to be dealt with.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Money could be a little tight this month. This means the usually bargain-oblivious Sagittarian should look for ways to save on end-of-the-year holidays.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Examine the facts, and you might find that it's a wiser move to shift gears and redirect some of your goals before the end of the year. Someone close to you offers good advice.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Be careful that your generosity is not abused. Find out more, both about the special favors you might be asked to grant and who is asking for them.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You've come through a recent rough time in great shape. Congratulations. Now go out and enjoy your well-earned rewards. More good news comes in mid-December.

BORN THIS WEEK: You aim for truth, and you usually find it. Your honesty earns you the friendship and respect of others.

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- 8 Sore
- 12 Microwave, for one
- 13 Praise in verse
- 14 Comrade of Mao
- 15 Clothing store section
- 16 Attendance check
- 18 Wolf in the henhouse?
- 20 "Yes" or "no" follower
- 21 Settled down
- 23 — generis
- 24 Com-mand to Fido
- 28 Being, to Brutus
- 31 Historic time
- 32 Elaine's surname on "Seinfeld"
- 34 Wire measure
- 35 Air outlet
- 37 Price reduction
- 39 Baseball hat
- 41 Actor Julia
- 42 Antarctic volcano
- 45 Now

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- 1 Grant's —
- 2 Eye layer
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- 4 Open
- 5 Let-bygones-
- 49 Race drivers' protectors
- 51 Lumber
- 52 Reed
- 53 Fish eggs
- 54 "Do —"
- 55 Collections others ..."
- 56 Do sums
- 57 Equal
- 6 be-bygones type
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- 7 Morays and congers
- 8 Accumulate
- 9 Special appeal
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- 30 Napiti
- 33 Insult
- 36 Restaurant furniture
- 38 Enlarge a photo
- 40 Saloon
- 42 Love god
- 43 Pajama cover-up
- 44 Poet
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- 46 Zilch
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- 48 Smell
- 50 Scepter

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Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Picture is different. 2. Window has curtains. 3. Shelf is different. 4. Tree is missing. 5. Ottoman has no skirt. 6. Lampshade is different.

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Nuestras Noticias

Fiestas de fin de año



Mentiras y promesas

Curiosamente Estados Unidos y México dos países que están relacionados entre sí por muchísimos motivos, van a tener elecciones para presidente de ambos países el año próximo, y considero que lo único que tienen en común los políticos de aquí y de allá, son las mentiras y promesas con las que siempre tratan de ganar el voto. ¿Alguien se puede imaginar una campaña política sin mentiras y sin promesas incumplibles?

Si analizamos los problemas de los dos países vemos que no tienen nada en común, por consiguiente deberán resolverse de diferente manera. Quien sea que gane aquí en Estados Unidos podrá solamente hacer pocos cambios, porque mientras el Congreso siga dividido, y la crisis económica y desempleo sigan, no podrá hacer mucho, y buscar las soluciones tendrán que ser prioridad en sus agenda.

En México tenemos millones de personas pobres con pocos ingresos, la mayoría de estos carecen de escolaridad, a ellos que ya son pobres no les afecta la crisis, porque siempre han vivido en ella, los afectados son las personas de la clase media y alta. Así que México tiene los que tienen todo, los ricos. Aquellos que tienen educación y quieren aprovecharla, y los millones que no tienen nada.

Aquí en Estados Unidos tenemos una clase media muy activa, pero que el desempleo y la crisis hipotecaria la está destruyendo en donde miles han perdido su casa, simplemente porque los políticos no quieren conciliar intereses, ellos solo están trabajando para ellos mismos y para quien los apoya económicamente, las diferencias entre los dos partidos el demócrata y republicano ha ido mas allá de sus plataformas políticas, que ahora ha sido llevada a niveles de odio y como consecuencia perjudicial para todos.

El problema de las drogas es problema de los dos países, en México el problema es el control de la droga por los diferentes carteles que han formado, y aquí el problema es el consumo de Las Drogas. Si en este país no se hace nada al respecto, seguiremos teniendo violencia en México y drogadictos aquí.

Pienso que México no puede continuar una guerra que ya le ha costado más de 40 mil vidas, miles de millones de dólares y ha destruido su industria turística, la más importante creadora de empleos en México. ¿Qué pasara si México para su guerra contra los narcos? y estos a su vez dejan de pelear entre sí, entonces el problema sería de Estados Unidos, y entonces si tendría que luchar aquí contra el consumo de drogas y los carteles locales, que también hay.

En los países tenemos políticos honestos, pero no creo que abunden, en México son mordidas, comisiones, negocios que son asalto en despoblado y lo hacen las “manos del poder.” Aquí no se habla de mordidas, sino de colusión con importantes intereses. Aquí la ejercen, entre otros, los legalmente constituidos cabilderos que abundan alrededor de los congresistas para “proteger” a los dueños del dinero que contribuyen a las campañas políticas. ¿Hay alguna ley que nos muestre que negocios “cooperan” con quienes y en qué cantidades y como fue creciendo la fortuna de esos favorecidos políticos? ¿Y cuántos políticos rinden cuentas, con comprobantes y justificantes, de los gastos que hicieron con el dinero de aportes que recibieron y cuantos se han quedado con el sobrante?

En México se tienen contemplado al PRI para regrese al poder, a pesar de que hace 12 años perdió por mayoría, El PAN que fue un gran partido de oposición, carece de posibilidad. Ellos que lucharon contra la corrupción, no han logrado extirpar la propia. Y aquí en Estados Unidos hasta ahorita solo están esperando al representante de los republicanos para empezar a formarse un juicio sobre lo que nos espera en la campaña presidencial del año próximo.

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

Santa Claus se creó originalmente basándose en San Nicolás quien fue un obispo Europeo muy conocido por su generosidad al dar regalos a los vecinos pobres durante los duros inviernos. En los

Estados Unidos, Santa Claus se presenta usualmente como un hombre alegre y gordo, con una gran barba blanca y vestido con un traje rojo. El conduce un trineo mágico que es jalado por ocho renos y vuela alrededor del mundo, la noche anterior a la Navidad, entregando juguetes y dulces a todos los niños.

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

que conmemoran el humilde nacimiento de Jesús.

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

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

Parroquia San Antonio

La parroquia de San Antonio los invita a celebrar la Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, los días 9, 10, 11 y 12 de Diciembre. Nuestra celebración comenzara con el triduo, los días 9

y 10 se tendrá el rosario con la exposición del santísimo en la iglesia a las 7 p.m. El día 11 de diciembre el rosario será en el centro San Antonio después de la misa de 12:30 p.m.

El domingo 11 de

noviembre, la misa será en la iglesia a las 12:30 pm y después la celebración continuara en el centro San Antonio, con danzantes, rosario, música y venta de comida.

El lunes 12 de diciembre comenzara con las tradicionales mañanitas con mariachi a las 5 de la mañana, la misa será a las 6 a.m. y después se servirá pan y chocolate.

Curiosidades

Se ha dado cuenta que:

Sólo en Estados Unidos ... un repartidor de pizza llega a su casa más rápido que la ambulancia. Sólo en Estados Unidos... ponen sitios para que se estacionen los discapacitados frente a una pista de patinaje.

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From the Ground Up: The Whole Duck

By ANN M. EVANS
and GEORGEANNE
BRENNAN
Special to the Express

In November, before the holidays, we trundled off to an all-day duck charcuterie class at the Fatted Calf in Napa. About 13 people from all over Northern California gathered there to learn how to cut up whole ducks and make various classic French charcuterie from them.

Our duck day began early, about 8 a.m., as we headed south on Interstate 80 from Winters, and west on Highway 12 winding our way through the hills with their fall-colored grape vines. Our destination was the acclaimed Fatted Calf Charcuterie at the Oxbow Public Market in downtown Napa. We arrived after only a short 45 minutes, even on that foggy, rainy day.

Owned by Taylor Boetticher and Tonia Miller, the Fatted Calf has locations in Napa, the Ferry Plaza Farmers Market and on Fell Street in San Francisco. Every product is handcrafted with the highest quality materials supplied by local farms; organic and hormone-free meats, natural salts and seasonings, and organic herbs and produce.

A quick wait in the retail area had us both spotting sausages and cuts we later took home at our 10 percent student discount, along with a book under Ann's arm, "Pork & Sons" by Stéphane Reynaud. We were ushered through the double swinging doors by one of Taylor's butchers and into the kitchen. It's always surprising how much food can be produced in such small commercial kitchens.

In twos, we selected a station in front of a cutting board, some very sharp knives and two whole, dressed ducks because the first order of business was to watch Aaron Gillian, one of the butchers who helped teach the class, butterfly or "spatchcock" a whole duck. This involved removing all its bones so the body would lay flat and could be stuffed with a fig and hazelnut sausage, rolled up, trussed and baked.

As we worked on our ducks, Taylor roamed the kitchen giving advice, answering questions, telling butcher tales. We met our fellow students — half men, half women, and mostly middle-aged. Some were hunters, others home cooks, and still others said they never missed a class of Taylors if they could get in. His classes fill up within days of opening.

The first part of the class was occupied

with the butchering and lots of knife work. Next we learned how to prepare and clean a duck gizzard and take off the silver skin. The gizzard is the muscle that digests grain, so it is meaty, rich and robust. Taylor fried these up for us while we learned how to use a large grinder to make sausage to fill the crepinettes.

French in origin, crepinettes are small, slightly flattened sausages. Using Taylor's recipe, we made ours with duck and pork, pork back fat, bay leaf, toasted coriander, allspice berries, white wine, fresh thyme and chopped picholine olives. Crépine is the French word for "pig's caul," in which a crépinette is wrapped instead of a casing. We held up the lacy white sheets of caul fat for all to admire, so fresh and beautiful, and after cutting it in squares, took turns wrapping the sausage mixture in the caul fat.

Taylor and his crew had about four different recipes going at once by now, including the duck liver mousse. That required several students to do the calculations on how much of what to add to quadruple the recipe — as Taylor said, "We're butchers, not mathematicians."

We made duck confit, and duck Rillettes — a refined French appetizer in which we used three quarts of duck fat (which gives you an idea of how good it was), six duck legs, some spices and cognac. Various processes are used over a day-long period, but in the end the meat is shredded by hand, working in the fat to create a creamy, very smooth texture.

The heavy use of knives behind us, Taylor broke out some wine to go with the snacks — a spread of samples of sausage and salami from the front of the house and fresh bread from the Model Bakery next door.

After the last crepinette was stuffed, it was time to stuff ourselves. Lunch awaited, a family-style occasion around a large table off to one side in the busy Oxbow Market. We feasted on boneless stuffed duck, kale salad, couscous salad and more wine. The class was a day of fun, food and learning — well worth the time and expense, and we were home by 4 p.m., each with a packet Taylor had assembled from the duck products we had made.

Duck Liver Mousse
Chicken liver, much more easily found, can be substituted here for chicken liver mousse. This recipe is adapted from Taylor Boetticher's recipe we made in class at the

Fatted Calf. Whole duck, duck legs, and breasts are available at Nugget Markets throughout the region, and at large Asian markets.

The Ingredients

2 ½ pounds duck livers, trimmed of any veins and discoloration
1 tablespoon duck fat, pork fat, or butter, for cooking the livers
1 tablespoon sea salt
1 teaspoon quatre epices (see separate recipe or purchase premade)
¼ teaspoon curing salt (optional — we don't use)
2 tablespoons Cognac (Armagnac or Calvados)
12 ounces softened butter (3–4 ounce cubes)

Putting It Together

Mix the livers with the salt, quatre epices and curing salt if using and refrigerate for at least two hours, preferable overnight. This mousse or pâté goes well on thin slices of sweet French baguette, crostini or crackers. Serve as an appetizer.

To cook the livers, place a heavy-bottomed sauté pan over a medium flame. When warm, add the duck fat or butter and add all the duck livers to the pan. Stir frequently until the livers firm up slightly but are no longer rare in the middle, about four to six minutes. Check one or two to make sure they are done but still pink inside. Don't cook too well done. Turn out the livers onto a paper-lined cookie sheet, let cool to room temperature and then refrigerate.

When cold, puree in a food processor for about two minutes, then add the butter and cognac. This can be done in batches if the machine is too small, but be sure to let the livers puree on their own until smooth before adding the butter.

Pass the mixture through a sieve, mix again and taste for seasoning. It is now ready to eat, or it can be refrigerated in a plastic-lined terrine and refrigerated to cut nice slices from. Makes about two pounds.

Quatre Epices

2 tablespoons ground black pepper, or a combination of 1/2 tablespoon white and 2-1/2 tablespoons black pepper
2 tablespoons ground cloves
2 tablespoons ground nutmeg
2 teaspoons ground cinnamon

Mix ingredients together. Store in a sealed container for up to one year. May add powdered ginger in place of cinnamon.



Ann Evans holds up caul fat, used to wrap sausage to make a duck crepinette.

Courtesy photo

Artisan Food Classes

~ Fatted Calf
www.fattedcalf.com; sign up for newsletter, classes typically sell out well in advance.

~ Cole Ogando, who operates the Preserve Public House in Winters with his wife Sara, is an accomplished charcuterie-maker in the Italian tradition, and will offer small classes by special arrangement. Contact him at www.preservedrinkery.com

~ Cheese: Sasha Lauren (sacha.laurin@gmail.com), a gifted cheesemaker, offers classes at various locations, but also private classes for small groups by special arrangement. Contact her directly.

~ Check cooking classes offered through Davis Food Co-op and Sacramento Natural Food Co-op for opportunities.

Ann M. Evans and



Courtesy photo

Ann Evans and Georgeanne Brennan (right) at the Fatted Calf's Duck Charcuterie Class in Napa.

Georgeanne Brennan have a food and market-
are coauthors of the ing consulting firm,
forthcoming "The Davis Evans & Brennan, LLC,
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Names of Registrant:
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7 E. Main St., Studio 7B, Winters, CA 95694
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Shannon M. Moore

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Trustee's Sale

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Notice of Application to Sell
Alcoholic BeveragesNotice of Application to
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Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control

2400 Del Paso Road
Suite 155
Sacramento, CA 95834
(916) 419-1319

Date of Filing Application: November 14, 2011

To Whom it may concern:

The name of the Applicant(s) is/are:

INN AT PARK WINTERS LLC

The applicants listed above are applying to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to sell alcoholic beverages at:
**27850 County RD 26
Winters CA, 95694**

Type of license(s) applied for:
80 - Special On-Sale General Bed And Breakfast Inn
I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the original document on file in this office. This certification is true as long as there are no alterations to the document, AND as long as the document is sealed with a red seal.

Published Nov. 24, Dec. 1, 8, 2011

Trustee's Sale

Trustee Sale No. 20825CA Loan No. 80524220/STEWART Title Order No. 5838114
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 4/9/1998. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 1/3/2012 at 12:45 PM, MERIDIAN FORECLOSURE SERVICE f/k/a MTDS, INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION DBA MERIDIAN TRUST DEED SERVICE as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded 04/21/1998, Book , Page , Instrument 98-0010764-00, and Re-recorded on 09-03-1999, Book, Page, Instrument 1999-0027833-00 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of YOLO County, California, executed by: CHERYL D. STEWART, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN as Trustor, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING THROUGH THE RURAL HOUSING SERVICE OR SUCCESSOR AGENCY, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, as Beneficiary, will sell at public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Sale will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to the Deed of Trust. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the notes (s) secured by the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Place of Sale: AT THE NORTH ENTRANCE TO THE WEST SACRAMENTO CITY HALL 1110 WEST CAPITOL AVENUE, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA Legal Description: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST AMOUNT OF unpaid balance and other charges: \$166,427.59 ***THE OPENING BID AT THE INITIAL SALE DATE WILL BE \$ 122,300.00 The street address and other common designation of the real property purported as: **245 RED BUD LANE, WINTERS, CA 95694** APN Number: 038-201-012 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". DATE: 11/28/2011 MERIDIAN FORECLOSURE SERVICE f/k/a MTDS, INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION DBA MERIDIAN TRUST DEED SERVICE, As Trustee 3 SAN JOAQUIN PLAZA SUITE 215 NEWPORT BEACH CA 92660 Sales Line: (714) 573-1965 (702) 586-4500 JESSE FERNANDEZ, PUBLICATION LEAD MERIDIAN FORECLOSURE SERVICE IS ASSISTING THE BENEFICIARY TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. P901916 12/8, 12/15, 12/22/2011

Trustee's Sale

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No: V531181 CA Unit Code: V Loan No: 16989 L39/VENDER AP #1: 003-441-009-000 T.D. SERVICE COMPANY, as duly appointed Trustee under the following described Deed of Trust WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (in the forms which are lawful tender in the United States) and/or the cashier's, certified or other checks specified in Civil Code Section 2924h (payable in full at the time of sale to T.D. Service Company) all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property hereinafter described:
Trustor: TERRY A. VENDER, KAREN M. VENDER Recorded February 27, 2004 as Instr. No. 2004-0007463-00 in Book --- Page --- of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of YOLO County; CALIFORNIA, pursuant to the Notice of Default and Election to Sell thereunder recorded August 30, 2011 as Instr. No. 2011-0023580 in Book --- Page --- of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of YOLO County CALIFORNIA. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED FEBRUARY 19, 2004. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. 1017 ADAMS LANE, WINTERS, CA 95694 ("If a street address or common designation of property is shown above, no warranty is given as to its completeness or correctness)." Said Sale of property will be made in "as is" condition without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest as in said note provided, advances, if any, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. Said sale will be held on: JANUARY 3, 2012, AT 9:00 A.M. "AT THE NORTH ENTRANCE TO THE WEST SACRAMENTO CITY HALL, 1110 WEST CAPITOL AVENUE, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA At the time of the initial publication of this notice, the total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the above described Deed of Trust and estimated costs, expenses, and advances is \$75,589.32. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. Regarding the property that is the subject of this notice of sale, the "mortgage loan servicer" as defined in Civil Code Section 2923.53(k)(3) declares that it has not obtained from the Commissioner a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to Civil Code section 2923.53 that is current and valid on the date this notice of sale is recorded. The time frame for giving a notice of sale specified in Civil Code Section 2923.52 subdivision (a) does not apply to this notice of sale pursuant to Civil Code Sections 2923.52 or 2923.55. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney. Date: 11/17/2011 SUMMIT MANAGEMENT COMPANY, LLC 16745 W. Bernardo Drive, Suite 300 San Diego, CA 92127 (866) 248-2679 (for NON SALE information only) Sale Line: (714) 730-2727 or Login to: www.lpsasap.com Re-instatement Line: (866) 248-2679 IDS User, Trustee Sale Officer If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holder's rights against the real property only. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. THIS NOTICE IS SENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING A DEBT. THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDER AND OWNER OF THE NOTE. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED BY OR PROVIDED TO THIS FIRM OR THE CREDITOR WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ASAP# 4137547 11/24/2011, 12/01/2011, 12/08/2011

Public Hearing Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE
THE CITY COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that an amendment to the previously approved Development Agreement for development of the property commonly known as the Creekside Property between the City of Winters and Donald Miller is being proposed, pursuant to Government Code sections 65864 through 65869.5 in order to make certain changes to the improvements required of the developer, to change the name of the developer to the Roman Catholic Diocese of Sacramento, and to extend the term of the Development Agreement for an additional eight years. The original Development Agreement will expire on December 22, 2011. The development consists of approximately forty single-family residential lots on 13.7 acres, with Yolo County Assessor's Parcel Numbers 003-430-12 and 003-120-04, and bound by Grant Avenue, Main Street, and Cody Street. The proposed amendment would remove the requirement to contribute funds towards the public safety facility and water well as these projects have already been built. The proposed amendment would also permit some flexibility in the Developer's payment of school fees if it can reach agreement with the School District and extend the term of the Development Agreement.

The First Amendment to the Development Agreement will be reviewed by the Planning Commission at the City Council Chambers, at 318 First Street, on December 14, 2011, at or after the hour of 6:30 p.m. Comments from the Planning Commission and input from the public on the First Amendment to the Development Agreement will be presented to the Winters City Council at the City Council Chambers, at 318 First Street, on December 20, 2011, at or after the hour of 6:30 p.m. Prior to the scheduled City Council hearing, copies of the staff report and the First Amendment to the Development Agreement will be available for review at City Hall. Any person having an interest in any property affected by the proposed First Amendment to the Development may appear at the above hearing either in person or by counsel or both and may be heard in support of his/her opinion. If you challenge the decision of this project in court, pursuant to Government Code section 65009, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Winters at or prior to the public hearing.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to give citizens an opportunity to make their comments known. If you are unable to attend the public hearing, you may direct written comments to the City of Winters, City Clerk, 318 First Street, Winters, CA 95694 or you may telephone (530) 795-4910, extension 101, before the meeting on December 14, 2011. In addition, a public information file is available for review at the above address between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on weekdays. If you plan on attending the public hearing and need a special accommodation because of a sensory or mobility impairment/disability, please contact Nanci Mills, City Clerk, (530) 795-4910, extension 101 to arrange for those accommodations to be made.

Dated: December 1, 2011
John C. Wallace, City Attorney,
City of Winters

Published Dec. 8, 2011

FORECLOSURE SALE

TS 20825CA FORECLOSURE SALE USDA- Rural Development will offer at public auction the property located at: **245 RED BUD LANE, WINTERS, CA 95694** on 1/3/2012 at 12:45 PM AT THE NORTH ENTRANCE TO THE WEST SACRAMENTO CITY HALL 1110 WEST CAPITOL AVENUE, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA Estimated anticipated opening bid \$166,427.59 Appraised Value: \$165,000.00 For more information call Meridian Foreclosure Service at (702) 586-4500 TS# 20825CA P901917 12/8, 12/15/2011

Trustee's Sale

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS # CA-11-1288-CS Order # 110416021-CA-GSI Loan # 9800911258 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 2/22/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 to the Financial code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor(s): MATTHEW W. THOMAS , A MARRIED MAN, AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY Recorded: 3/3/2005 as Instrument No. 2005-0009934-00 in book xxx, page xxx of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of YOLO County, California; Date of Sale: 12/14/2011 at 12:00 PM Place of Sale: At the rear (North) entrance to the City Hall Building, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA. 95691 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$344,430.64 The purported property address is: **630 FICUS WAY WINTERS, CA 95694** Assessors Parcel No. 003-515-012 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney. Date: 11/17/2011 SUMMIT MANAGEMENT COMPANY, LLC 16745 W. Bernardo Drive, Suite 300 San Diego, CA 92127 (866) 248-2679 (for NON SALE information only) Sale Line: (714) 730-2727 or Login to: www.lpsasap.com Re-instatement Line: (866) 248-2679 IDS User, Trustee Sale Officer If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holder's rights against the real property only. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. THIS NOTICE IS SENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING A DEBT. THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDER AND OWNER OF THE NOTE. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED BY OR PROVIDED TO THIS FIRM OR THE CREDITOR WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ASAP# 4137547 11/24/2011, 12/01/2011, 12/08/2011

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