

Chamber honors Quirarte



Photo by Dawn Van Dyke
Leticia Quirarte is the recipient of the 2012 Theodore Winters Award, given by the Winters Chamber of Commerce to an individual who recently has made an outstanding contribution to the community.

By DAWN VAN DYKE
Express correspondent

As a volunteer, promotora, and a vital member of the Winters Healthcare Foundation team, Leticia Quirarte gets her greatest joy from serving her community. Quirarte is this year’s Chamber of Commerce Theodore Winters Award winner.

Quirarte is a full-time Certified Application Assistant with the Winters Healthcare Foundation. As such, she helps clients fill out applications and apply for health insurance, navigating the complex healthcare and social service programs including Medi-Cal, Healthy Families, and Kaiser. As a certified promotora, she helps provide a wide variety of health and social service information and promotes community events including health fairs, citizenship classes and visits to Winters by the Mexican Mobile Consulate.

“Any information that I have, I can share with the community,” says Quirarte.

Quirarte is a founding member of the Winters promotora

group. She became a certified promotora through Vision y Compromiso Promotoras/Community Health Workers Network. She volunteered six weekends in 2007 to attend the trainings in order to achieve that certification. Now, she is able to provide information about EDD, healthcare and English classes.

The original focus of the promotora group was diabetes and disease management; the group held classes where they offered help with diet and exercise, “but after a while we saw there were different necessities in the community.” So the group has made adjustments in order to meet those different needs.

As a volunteer, Quirarte helped coordinate the Winters Health Forum, where community members were invited to provide input on their healthcare concerns. She was also one of the original community members who put together data in support of the grant application that now funds the City of Winters After School

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Foxy Miss



Courtesy photo

Kelsey Fox, 21, will compete for the title of Miss California USA 2012 over the weekend of Sunday, Jan. 6-8, in Palm Desert. For more information about the pageant, visit www.misscaliforniausa.com, or visit the pageant’s Facebook page. Kelsy is the daughter of Kevin and Beth Fox of Winters, and a 2007 graduate of Winters High School.

County releases inmates to cities

By DEBRA DeANGELO
Express editor

The job description for Winters police officers got a little longer last week, as the city council unanimously approved an operational agreement with Yolo County Probation and funding to keep track of inmates released from the county jail into the Winters community.

Winters Police Chief Sergio Gutierrez gave some background on the arrangement at the Dec. 6 council meeting, explaining that the Public Safety Realignment Act, signed into law in 2011, was designed to address overcrowding in prison and ease the state’s financial crisis. The plan involves releasing low-risk inmates back to the communities they came from, requiring local

police departments to monitor their status. Gutierrez said the cities of Davis and Woodland have already adopted the same plan.

Those released under the PSRA are “Non non nons,” said Gutierrez: “Non violent, non sex offender, non serious offender.” He said Winters officers “will be tasked to do compliance checks, field contacts and home visits, and will operate in teams rather than send just one officer.”

He explained that each contact with the former inmates will be documented and forwarded to the county probation department, and if there are violations, the probation department will deal with the arrests. The penalty for violations may include “flash incarceration,”

which is an automatic 10 days in county jail or the revocation of probation, which means a return to jail for 180 days.

Communities will receive a 30-day notice prior to an inmate’s release. As part of the arrangement, the Winters Police Department will receive \$7,500 for the remainder of this fiscal year, which ends on June 30, and \$10,000 per year thereafter to compensate the officers’ overtime to perform these duties.

To date, there have already been two inmates released back into Winters since Oct. 1, but Gutierrez added, “The impact hasn’t hit us yet”

“We’re being asked to sign this agreement between city and Yolo County probation department — we don’t really have a choice on

this do we?” asked Mayor Woody Fridae.

“Unfortunately, no,” said Gutierrez, “It was signed into law.”

Gutierrez noted that the county has hired additional probation officers and sheriff’s deputies to help deal with released inmates, also known as “Post-Released Community Supervision Subjects” or “PRCS.”

Hazard Plan

City Manager John Donlevy gave a presentation on the city’s Emergency Operations Center (EOC), a feature of the Yolo County Multi Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Center, housed at the Public Safety Facility, is set up for city staff to step in and form a command center in the event of a variety of natural and man-

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School district trustee areas must be reconsidered

By DEBBIE HEMENWAY
Staff writer

Anyone who has ever played Monopoly remembers the little yellow “Chance” card, “Bank error in your favor,” and the joy with which it was drawn.

The Winters School Board is feeling relief right now at having drawn a “Legal error in your favor” card in regard to proposed restructuring of trustee areas which failed to reach the voters last year only as the result of a missed deadline by the District’s then-representative from

their legal team at Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud and Romo.

The previous board, in an effort to solve the ongoing problem of too few candidates for board seats, had drawn up a ballot proposal to eliminate the distinction between city and rural areas and to have all trustees elected at large.

The attorney who was tasked with researching, writing and submitting to Yolo County the language for the measure, and

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WEATHER

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

Date	Rain	HI	Lo
Dec. 7		61	31
Dec. 8		62	32
Dec. 9		63	31
Dec. 10		63	32
Dec. 11		61	31
Dec. 12		56	37
Dec. 13		58	31

Rain for week: 0
Season's total: 2.14
Last year to date: 5.64
Average to Dec. 13: 5.64

Sworn in

Photo by Debra DeAngelo
Winters City Clerk Nanci Mills swears in Corporal Jose Ramirez to the rank of Sergeant at the Dec. 6 city council meeting, with a full house of friends, family and peers in attendance. Ramirez has been with the Winters Police Department for 17 years. He has been honored by Mothers Against Drunk Driving, and was voted Officer of the Year four times.



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EVENTOS Y COMENTARIOS HISPANOS

Barbara Thomas ciudadana del año

La cámara de comercio de la ciudad de Winters año con año entrega el premio al ciudadano, o ciudadana del año a aquella persona que por su trabajo y dedicación ayuda a que nuestra comunidad sea una mejor comunidad, ya sea participando en actividades o ayudando a personas en la comunidad. Aquí en Winters, nuestra comunidad tiene la suerte de contar con numerosas personas que son parte activa de esta comunidad, y que siempre están allí en donde se ocupa ayudar. Una de esas personas es la señora Barbara Thomas.

La cámara de comercio de la ciudad de Winters ha nombrado a Barbara Thomas como la ciudadana del año. A pesar de todo lo que hace ella dijo que en la comunidad hay más gente que se merece ese honor, pero este año el honor es para usted señora Barbara Thomas.

Ella tiene es miembro de la familia Graf, ella vivió y creció en una casa de Main St. Asistió a las escuelas de Winters, ella es graduada de la Winters High School. Se caso con Jack Thomas, tienen seis hijos, todos los hijos asistieron y se graduaron de la Winters High School, en un periodo de 10 años tuvo uno o más hijos asistiendo y, o graduándose de la High School. Todos sus 16 nietos han asistido o están asistiendo a la High School, tres de ellos se graduaron en este año.

Su madre era una persona que daba su tiempo como voluntaria, y Barbara dice que de ahí viene su motivación para ayudar. Cuando sus niños estaban pequeños ella trabajaba con ellos en sus actividades. Todos sus hijos han participado en el equipo de natación de la escuela, ya sea como nadadores o como asistentes de equipo. Inclusive ella fue la tesorera del equipo de natación por algunos años, trabajo también en los puestos de la comida, vendiendo fuegos pirotécnicos y conos de nieve. Ella también fue líder del 4-H en tejer y cocinar. Actualmente ella es tesorera del club Fortynightly y participa en las actividades del grupo tales como recaudación de fondos y eventos como la celebración de la familia que se tuvo recientemente en el centro de la comunidad y que fue patrocinada por los Amigos de la Biblioteca de Winters. El Club Fortynightly apoya organizaciones locales tales como 4-H y FFA, además ellos entregan una beca de \$1,500 a una joven graduada de la High School.

Ella es voluntaria en la familia y en la comunidad, y es importante por su fe. Barbara ha sido parte de la sociedad del altar de la iglesia San Antonio por 25 años. Actualmente ella es la tesorera de la organización. La sociedad del altar realiza recaudación de fondos para la iglesia, incluyendo la participación en la venta anual que se tiene en la calle Main. Y organizan el evento anual comida spaghetti feed. Ellos decoran el altar de la iglesia y hacen todo lo que se tiene que hacer, además ella ayuda en la oficina de la iglesia los lunes.

Su familia se mantiene muy unida, sus seis hijos viven en Winters, y cada domingo en su casa tiene la visita de hijos, nietos y amigos que se reúnen para el desayuno continuando con una tradición de casi 30 años. Usualmente tiene de 20 a 25 personas en su casa.

Barbara ha dado su tiempo como voluntaria por muchos años, y les invita a ser voluntarios cuando puedan, porque ella siente que es muy gratificante. Además expresa que tiene mucha suerte de vivir en Winters, de ver crecer a sus hijos aquí y además servir a la comunidad. La familia de Barbara la componen Jack su esposo, y sus hijos Susie Stocking, Sally Ivory, Nancy McLaughling, Debbie Geerts, Patty Cox and John Thomas y 16 nietos.

Recordatorio sobre el gasto de agua

Recuerden que el nuevo cobro del agua por parte de la ciudad tendrá un cambio a partir del primero de enero, ahora vamos a pagar por el agua que usamos y no una tarifa fija como lo hemos venido haciendo. Debido al cambio el recibo que recibimos al final de diciembre, ahora la ciudad lo mandará al final de enero, en donde ya se reflejara el consumo de agua que hicimos en enero.

En el cobro del agua la ciudad ha puesto cuánta agua gastamos por mes, esto lo ha hecho desde hace siete meses, y lo ha hecho para que nos demos cuenta de cuánta agua gastamos en nuestra casa, ya que a partir de enero, vamos a comenzar a pagar por el agua que

usamos, ya no va a ser un cobro igual para todos. La ciudad ha puesto medidores en las casas, y estos tienen un transmisor que mandan la lectura al personal de la ciudad cuando ellos manejan en nuestro vecindario con una computadora y una antena una vez al mes.

Con este sistema el departamento del agua puede evaluar el gasto mensual de agua, ellos miden el, gasto de agua en pies cúbicos donde 100 ccf son igual a 748 galones de agua. El uso promedio en noviembre para Winters fue de 18 ccf, muy por debajo a los 37 ccf de agosto. Podemos ver lo que usamos cada mes y hacer la comparación de cuanto pagamos, y va a ser una buena razón para si no queremos

pagar más, tratemos de arreglar las goteras que tengamos en la tubería afuera, en el baño, en la cocina, etc.

Aun así en el mes de noviembre se tuvieron 11 casas usando más de 100 ccf, agua suficiente para llenar la alberca del pueblo hasta dos pies de agua, 52 casas consumieron arriba de 50 ccf, 809 casas usaron 13 ccf o menos y 201 casas usaron entre 1 y 6 ccf. El próximo año las casas que usen 13 ccf o menos verán reducido su pago de agua comparando con el pago general que se tienen ahora. El nuevo sistema puede detectar goteras de agua, de acuerdo al reporte de noviembre, se reportaron fugas de agua en 408 casas de las 1 796 que se tienen en el sistema, esto da la

oportunidad de reducir el uso de agua si arreglamos las goteras. El 20 por ciento de las casas que tuvieron un alto consumo de agua, mostraron un cuarenta por ciento de fugas de agua.

¿Y el pago del drenaje? La ciudad no tiene un medidor para saber que se va por el drenaje, pero cobra por el uso de agua. ¿Y cuando regamos el pasto? El agua que ponemos en el pasto no acaba precisamente en el drenaje. Podemos ahorrar agua si arreglamos las fugas de agua, si regamos el pasto por periodos cortos de tiempo y durante los periodos más frescos del día, además si es posible cambie el sistema de irrigación y por ultimo poner plantas que usen menos agua.

Voluntarios para el programa después de la escuela

El programa después de la escuela de Waggoner está solicitando adultos voluntarios para que ayuden una o dos veces por semana. El horario del programa es desde que termina la escuela hasta las 6 pm todos los días. El programa se desarrolla en las escuelas, lo que lo hace seguro y conveniente para los estudiantes, ya que caminan de su salón de clases al salón asignado para este programa.

El programa está estructurado para que los estudiantes reciban ayuda con la tarea, así como un delicioso y nutritivo bocadillo. El programa tiene un encargado en el lugar, así como ayudantes los cuales trabajan a la par con los maestros de los estudiantes. Los ayudantes tienen la capacidad de ayudar a los estudiantes con sus tareas. Los

ayudantes de colegio están listos para ayudar a los estudiantes sobre todo en el área de matemáticas. No es solo un salón de estudio, es un salón en donde en verdad se les ayuda a los estudiantes.

El programa también se enfoca en la actividad física, en donde se tienen 60 minutos de ejercicio por día para promover una buena salud y prevenir la obesidad infantil. Los estudiantes trabajan en equipo, lo que les ayuda a desarrollar habilidades de liderazgo. El programa además se envuelve participando en la comunidad. Los estudiantes han participado en el día de la juventud, han tenido rodeos de bicicletas, realizan visitas a los bomberos, y a parques naturales.

El programa los motiva a participar en la comunidad, es un

programa redondo, no solo académico, pero también les enseña a socializar, la experiencia que los estudiantes adquieren les va a ser de mucho beneficio.

El programa hace el seguimiento del éxito que los estudiantes tienen al participar en el programa, y se ha encontrado que los estudiantes realmente mejoran en sus exámenes. Se hace una invitación a los padres para que inscriban a sus hijos en este programa, para que tomen el mayor beneficio del mismo, sobre todo a los estudiantes en donde en su casa el primer idioma no es el inglés. Existe también apoyo para los que están aprendiendo inglés. Si quiere ser voluntario y ocupa más información puede llamar a Nicole al tel. 530-681-5537.

Navidad del inmigrante

Cada Diciembre que llega la navidad, los inmigrantes que estamos aquí desde hace muchos años, o recién llegados no podemos evitar la nostalgia, la ausencia de nuestra otra familia, familia que dejamos cuando nos venimos a buscar una vida mejor a este país, y a pesar de que muchos de nosotros tenemos nuestra familia aquí con nosotros, siempre esta ese sentimiento a flor de piel o a veces escondido de regresar por lo menos a pasar estos días en nuestro país.

Cada diciembre se siente la ausencia de nuestros seres queridos, y para muchos que están aquí sin su familia, el frío, las noches cortas y los días largos hacen que la soledad se manifi-

este con más fuerza. Un gran número tenemos a nuestros hijos, padres, familiares y amigos muy lejos. Otros, aunque los tengan cruzando la frontera, igual no pueden ir a abrazarlos. La situación ilegal de muchos ha convertido a este país en una gran cárcel. Una, donde las rejas no se ven, pero se sienten en el corazón.

Diciembre es el mes que llama a la reflexión de los que están lejos de su país, inconscientemente, se hace un balance de los resultados de tanto esfuerzo físico y emocional. La gran mayoría se puede preguntar si tantas lágrimas, añoranza, tristeza vale la pena por un puñado de dólares. Para muchos padres que están aquí solo,

sus hijos crecieron, se hicieron hombres y mujeres compartiendo la ausencia forzosa por necesidad. Muchos lazos, quíer-ase o no, en alguna medida se van rompiendo. El amor de familia está ahí, pero el calor y el compartir permanente se van perdiendo en el tiempo.

Los que podemos salir y retornar sentimos aun en forma más profunda la angustia del desarraigo. El retorno obligado duele por doble partida. Diciembre es sinónimo de luces, colores, fiestas, reuniones, regalos y mucha comida para los que están en familia. Diciembre para los inmigrantes, especialmente para aquellos que están sin ir a sus países por muchos años, significa añoranza, inquietud, soledad,

lagrimas que corren sin poder detenerlas. Ansiedad de estar pegados al teléfono o a la computadora.

Mas todos, sin excepción a medida que se acerca a la media noche, sentimos el corazón latir más fuerte. A manera de auxilio emocional dejamos volar la imaginación. Silenciosamente, muchos nos dejamos llevar y pensamos; "Si estuviera en mi país, estaría en estos momentos brindando con los míos, abrazados, riendo y cantando frente al pesebre."

En este país somos muchos rostros, cientos de naciones juntas. Culturas diferentes. Extraños, distintos, pero viviendo la misma sensación ... inmigrantes en tierras lejanas en una noche de Navidad. Esta es la Navidad del inmigrante.

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Features

Wine — good or bad?

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I am thoroughly confused. Several months ago, I read of the benefit of wine for women. The conclusion was that it reduced a woman's chances of heart attack and stroke by 30 percent. My husband and I have started to drink one glass of wine a day. Now comes a new report that says just one glass of wine a day increases the chances for breast cancer. Should I be concerned? — M.T.

ANSWER: Welcome to the army of nutrition confusion. What's good one day might be life-threatening the next. I don't rely on one report. I stick to what the majority says. If the majority changes its mind, then I change.

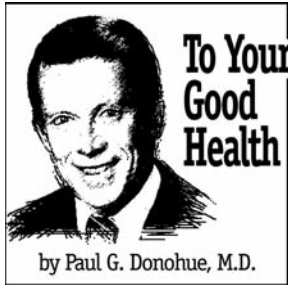
Wine and other alcoholic drinks lower the incidence of heart disease and, apparently, strokes. That's the current majority thinking. Moderate drinkers of alcohol — wine in particular — have a lower overall mortality rate than do alcohol abstainers and heavy drinkers. "Moderate" drinking is one glass of wine, one 12-ounce can of beer or 1.5 ounces of whiskey for women; it's two for men.

The role of wine (or alcohol) in promoting breast cancer is less clear. Analysis of 40 studies shows an increase in breast cancer for women drinking three or more drinks a day. The same studies suggest that even one or two daily drinks might pose a slight danger.

Other studies show an increase in lobular breast cancer with one drink a day, but no increase in ductal breast cancer. Ductal cancer is the most common kind of breast cancer.

I am positive that equally confusing information will be forthcoming.

The best advice I have read is this: If a woman truly savors drinking wine, one glass a day is relatively safe in regard to breast cancer. The benefits of heart health and prevention of stroke are not so great that they should induce anyone to change from being



a nondrinker to a drinker.

The booklet on breast cancer explains this illness in detail. To obtain a copy, write to: Dr. Donohue — No. 1101W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Can. with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery. ***

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: How much stress does sex put on the heart? I don't have a heart problem. I know two fellow workers, who, according to scuttlebutt, died while having sex. They were about my age. — R.L.

ANSWER: Scuttlebutt isn't a reliable source of information.

Blood pressure and heart rate rise during sexual relations, but not so much as to be a source of concern for most men and women, even those who have had a heart attack. The energy expenditure is approximately the same as climbing two flights of stairs. That is, walking, not running, up those flights.

Most people who have had a heart attack can resume an active sex life within three to six weeks of having the attack. The exact amount of time has to be determined by the person's physician, who takes into account the magnitude of the heart attack and how well the heart is currently performing. ***

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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Elated about my pals' retirement

My friend Steve retired in October. I don't think he knows exactly how he feels about this, but I am simply elated. I think that we're like two peas from the same pod.

For over half of his life (at this point in time) Steve worked one of those high stress jobs that would drive a normal man to the depths of despair. That's where I come in.

Steve and I are Buds. When we do something or go somewhere we do it for one reason. We want to relax and have fun. Well, I guess that's two reasons but who's counting.

I write about Steve and our exploits all the time. So much in fact that some people have asked me if I'm gay for him. Well I can tell you that this is not the case, at least I don't think I am. Na, I'm not. I can tell you that, for sure.

Anyway, if you would happen to see the two of us together you would probably think. "Man, that Don Sanders guy is really, really, good looking." Also, it might not be readily apparent what we have in common.

No, we're not off in the bushes playing "kissy face" as you might suspect. What we have in common is mental. I know that if you know Steve, you would find this hard to believe. Steve is not very mental.

The fact of the matter is that we are able to talk to each other about things that we would not normally discuss with others. You see, both of us, in our life experiences, have had to deal with human behavior in its worst form.

I'm sure that this is true of most people. We all have seen bad things and I'm sure that we all would describe this experience as evil. I know this is true.

When it comes to Steve and I, well, my bad experience was of the worst nature in the form of warfare and Steve's was slightly different but his experience was stretched out on a daily basis for over half of his life.

Yep, that's it. What we have in common is brutal and unrelenting inside of our little noggins. Bad thoughts about what we have

DONALD K. SANDERS THE WAY I SEE THINGS



seen or experienced are just banging and bouncing around inside our heads.

Steve would tell me things about what happened at work that he might not tell other people. When I say he had a high-stress job, I mean high stress. It is really unbelievable, the things that some people have to do and see while working. All to make a comfortable life for your family and loved ones.

I know that you are all wondering what Steve's job was but for that answer you will have to ask Steve. I wouldn't go there though because you will open up a can of worms that you can't put a stopper in. On and on and on, the story will go. It never ends. I call Steve "Motor Mouth" behind his back.

Yeah, when Steve wants to relax or talk about something he comes to see me. One time his wife Kellie told him that he had to stop bringing "junk" home because they were running out of room.

He came over to see me so maybe we could figure out why Kellie would consider all of this good stuff to be "junk." Well this went on for some time and, I don't know how, but before I knew it my wife Therese says, "Tell Steve not to bring any more junk over."

So as it turns out, when Kellie calls something "junk" it is not without merit. I was amazed when I looked around my yard to see plows, harnesses, grinding wheels, and old metal five gallon milk jugs. I thought, "When did he bring all of that junk over here?"

It's like magic! Junk is attracted to Steve like metal to a magnet. I hadn't noticed, but every time Steve came over to "talk," he was bringing over a piece of junk that Kellie wouldn't let him keep. Now my wife was all up in arms wanting me to move this junk around the yard.

She says, "Can't you stack it all behind the

shed?" Well, I could do that, but then my neighbor, Jose, would take a stick and push the pile back over into my yard. What would that gain?


Another reason Steve and I hang out is "rock hunting." We are like the primo rock hunters of Winters. Now we've been asked not to bring any more rocks home. Will the agony never end?

To make matters worse, there's a new rock hunter in town that everyone says is a better rock hunter than we are. This cannot be true, but I worry about it all the time. He doesn't rock hunt to have fun, like us, he does it for a job.

Steve and I don't get paid like he does, and people don't call us "professor" or "archeologist" either. So Steve comes up with this idea to get even. He tells me that we have to make up a diploma on Photoshop that says we are professors too.

Well it didn't take long, because I know how to draw pictures on a computer, until we had a nice looking diploma. It said: University of Tennessee, Greetings, Professors of Archeology, Donald Sanders and Steven Shafer, Rock Hunters Extraordinaire. (Sounds French)

I emailed this to rock hunter Andy Tremayne. He was probably pretty impressed and showed it to his friends at his lab at UC Davis.



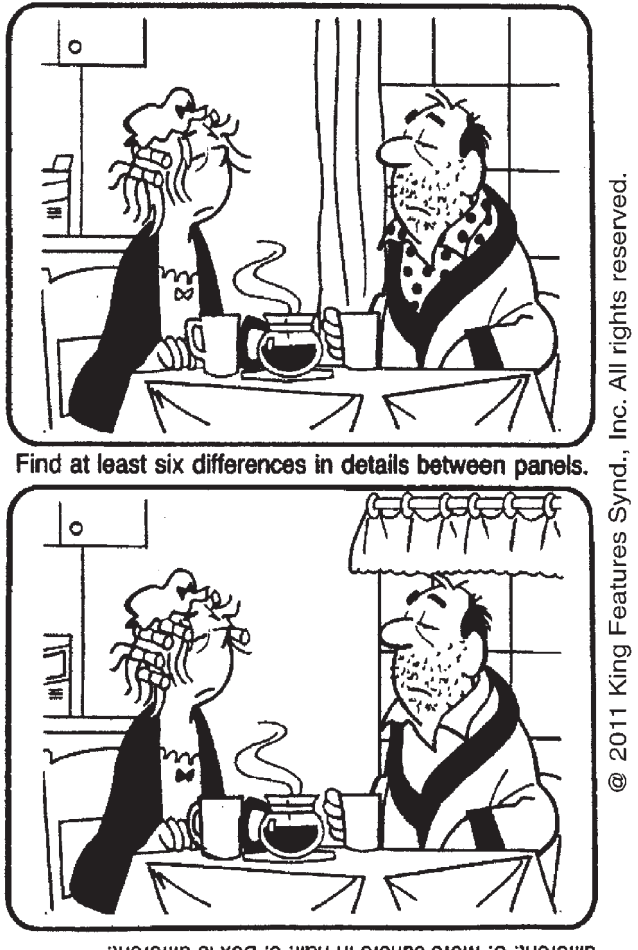
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Window curtains have changed. 2. Palamas have no polka dots. 3. Nightgown has black bow. 4. Mug is different. 5. More cutters in hair. 6. Box is different.



King Crossword

Solution time: 25 mins.

Answers

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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Make your holiday preparations one step at a time in order to avoid being overwhelmed and leaving things undone. That confusing family situation continues to work itself out.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Ease this year's holiday money pressures by letting your thrifty side guide you as you look for those perfect gifts that typically reflect your good taste and love of beauty.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You'll have a good handle on potential holiday problems if you delegate tasks to family members, friends or co-workers — most of whom will be more than happy to help out.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Right now you are especially vulnerable to holiday scams that seek to take advantage of your generosity. Best advice: Check them out before you send out your checks.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The upcoming holiday season gives the Big Cat much to purr about. Relationships grow stronger, and new opportunities loom on the horizon, just waiting to be pounced on.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A changing situation brings conflicting advice about how to go forward with your holiday plans. Your best bet: Make the decision you feel most comfortable with.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Holiday plans get back on track after some confusion about the direction you expected to take. A potentially troublesome money matter needs your immediate attention.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your holiday preparations are on track. But you need to confront a personal situation while you can still keep it from overwhelming everything else.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Tight financial matters ease a bit during this holiday season. But the sagacious Sagittarian is well-advised to keep a tight hold on the reins while shopping for gifts.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Don't put off making decisions about this year's holiday celebrations, despite the negative comments you've been getting from several quarters. Do it NOW!

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) The holidays will bring new friends and new opportunities. Meanwhile, be careful to use your energy wisely as you go about making holiday preparations.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) There's good news coming from a most unlikely source. And it could turn out to be one of the best holiday gifts you have had in years. Remember to stay positive.

BORN THIS WEEK: You are respected for your honesty and loyalty. You make friends slowly — but with rare exceptions, they're in your life forever.

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12 Rickey flavor
13 Mardi Gras VIP
14 Shake in the grass?
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Karate kids



Courtesy photo
The newest Javier Martial Arts belt promotions include, from left (front) Hanna Flores, Yellow Belt; Liliana Gonzales, Yellow Belt; Ariana Herrera, Blue Belt; Isaiah Gains, Orange Belt; Luis Uribe, Yellow Belt; (back) Emilia Larson, Orange Belt and Instructor Louie Javier.

Wrestling Club goes into Wolves' den, emerges with medals

By PAMELA CORE
 Special to the Express

On Sunday, Dec. 4, the Winters Wrestling Club Kids Club brought 13 wrestlers to the Lee Middle School/Woodland Wolves Middle School & Kids Wrestling Tournament. This was not a USA tournament, so the bracketing was not done by year of birth, but by age, then weight. There were three participants in the 5- to 6-year-old groups, seven in the 7- to 8-year-old groups, and three in the 9- to 10-year-old groups.

All three of the 5- to 6-year-old wrestlers medaled, with veterans Isaac Lopez bringing home a gold and Buck Boykin taking a bronze. This was the first tournament for Anthony Duran after taking a break from wrestling and he brought home a silver medal. It is exceptionally inspiring to see the youngest wrestlers have success because

they are the future of the program.

The largest group, 7- to 8-year-olds, included six veteran wrestlers and one new wrestler. Connor Ray is a first-year wrestler who has learned very quickly and he brought home a bronze medal. Erick Gomez brought home a gold medal and Valeria Ceja earned a silver. J.T. Core had to wrestle up with the 9- to 10-year-olds due to there not being any 7- to 8-year-olds in his weight class, and he placed fourth. Other fourth-place finishes included Shelby Boykin and Marcus Lopez, while Jason Lichwa took fifth.

Probably the most exciting group to watch is the 9- to 10-year-old group. Brandon Gomez is the most experienced of the team and he earned a silver medal. Stewart McCracken is just a second-year wrestler and is having great success in the sport. Turning 9 within days of the

tournament, he wrestled with the 9- to 10-year-olds and earned silver in his bracket.

First-year wrestler, Dylan Montgomery has actually been working out with the middle school and showing a great aptitude for the sport. This was his first tournament and he brought home a silver medal.

Veteran wrestlers Grayson Roberts and Marlin Spalding did not attend this tournament. The remaining wrestlers on the team are still training and are expected to hit tournament mats after the first of the year or next season. These medalists in training are: Gavin Adam, Mason Domler, Craig Hensley, Harley Miliken, Brayden Orrock, Jacob Roberts and Christian Villanueva.

A few of the new wrestlers are signed up to practice only. This is an excellent option as it gives kids a season of practice and learning so they are

More than 300 Scouts attend fifth Merit Badge Saturday

By TOM ANGUAY
 Committee Chair
 Troop 998

A Merit Badge Saturday was held for the Boy Scouts of America on Dec. 3, sponsored by the Winters LDS Church with assistance from LDS Troop 998 Scouts and the LDS Young Women.

This was the fifth Merit Badge Saturday held for the Boy Scouts. All proceeds go toward the boys and girls camp held every summer.

Merit Badge Saturday is the idea of Dawn Stewart. Years ago, she realized the need for such an event. Being the young mother of boys who were in the scouting program, she needed some way for the boys to earn

merit badges that were not that readily available. She sought out merit badge counselors who were willing to give up their Saturday to teach a merit badge class.

On this Saturday, all required Eagle merit badges were offered, as well as golf, public speaking, fishing and many others. Thirty-one classes were offered.

Stewart has organized five Merit Badge Saturdays and each year it has grown. All the rooms at the LDS Church were used, as well as the gym and several classrooms at Winters Middle School. All fire-related classes were at the new Winters fire station.

Lunch was provided by the LDS Young Women with the help of Jeff Hofstrand and his barbecue. This year, 319 scouts registered for classes; 289 scouts completed their blue cards and 146 got partial blue cards. One troop drove four hours to get here. Troop 59 from the Sacramento area sent 47 scouts. The farthest a Merit Badge counselor had to drive was from the Yosemite area and he offered the landscaping merit badge.

Merit Badge Saturday was a great success for the Boy Scouts because of Stewart and all those who helped in this event, and the merit badge counselors, who offered their time and skills.

Winters Express RAINFALL CONTEST

Guess the total rainfall for the 2011-2012 season and the Express will give you \$100. \$25 bonus if you are a subscriber to the Express. Submit your entries by Friday, January 13, 2012, to:

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 or bring it to the office

Only one guess per person. Rainfall total will be from measurements at the National Weather Service Station in Winters. Annual rainfall ends on June 30. Watch the Express for weekly and yearly totals.

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Schools

Trost gets rolling to help others

By **DEBRA DeANGELO**
Express editor

Winters High School senior Beau Trost has a new set of wheels. But not the kind most teenagers dream about. Trost spent two days navigating his school and community in a wheelchair, learning firsthand how difficult it can be.

"I have blisters on my hands," he says, just from pushing on the wheels to get going.

And, once he's going, there are still challenges. Just moving forward in a straight line is tricky, he says, because the sidewalks have a subtle grade to allow rain to flow into the gutters. And the gutters themselves — even worse.

"It's very exhausting," he says. "I broke a sweat just coming to the Express office from school."

More surprising than the blisters, sore muscles and frustration, he says, was the discovery that when he needs help, no one stops to give him a hand — not even here in Winters.

He says while traveling down the road last week, one of his wheels got stuck in a crack and no one stopped to help him. Eventually, he worked his way out of the situation, but learning that people will look the other way rather than help was a

"You get a chance to help someone else in need and actually be able to make a difference in their lives ..."

Beau Trost
Winters High senior

more difficult lesson than dislodging a wheelchair from a crack in the sidewalk.

Trost is determined not to be one of those types of folks, and is dedicating his senior project to raising funds to purchase wheelchairs for those who can't afford them. He says the wheelchairs will go to anyone who needs one, whether they were born with a disability, became disabled later in life, or suffered a paralyzing injury from an accident or war.

He says he was inspired by his older sister, who did a similar fundraiser, and says he "started reading about it and got into it." Mostly he says, he decided he wanted to devote his senior project to helping others.

"You get a chance to help someone else in need and actually be able to make a difference in their lives, and give them hope and independence. I'd rather do that than benefit myself. I chose to benefit others."

Besides helping those in need of a wheelchair, Trost says traversing Winters in a wheelchair has revealed to him that many places in town aren't wheelchair accessible, and it's frustrating.

"Getting over a curb is difficult."

But he's persisting, and says the only time he cheated was getting in and out of his own house, which has stairs. Other than that, he says he's "getting the full experience." And a bit more, too.

"To do a project like this — it's really inspiring. It makes you feel good inside. It's good for your self-esteem, trying to help others, learning what it's like for other people."

And, he's also learned to be thankful he isn't forced to get around in a wheelchair all the time.

"If I had to do this every day, it would be a lot different."

Trost traveled to the town of Blackhawk over the weekend to raise funds for his project, and sold Christmas ornaments he made himself.

As his project progresses, he plans to do fundraisers here in Winters too.

Anyone wishing to help him out can donate by calling 312-1818.



Photo by Debra DeAngelo

Beau Trost, a senior at Winters High School, visited the Express office during his two days learning firsthand what it would be like to navigate the community in a wheelchair.

School board meets Thursday to discuss calendar, choose law firm

The Winters School Board will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 15, in the council chambers at City Hall, 318 First St. The agenda includes:

- ~ Recognition of Winters Middle School student Kevin Rotenkolber
- ~ Recognition of Winters Middle School parents Tracey Matheson,

Angela Stone and Susan Dela'o

- ~ Public comment regarding the 2012-13 and 2013-14 school year calendars

- ~ Communication and reports
- ~ First interim report and standards; criteria report, 2011/12
- ~ School district calendar for development of the 2012/13 budget

- with a July 1, 2012, adoption date
- ~ Selection of legal firm for general counsel representation
- ~ Consent agenda (minutes, warrants, etc.)
- ~ Informal review of Governance Team's performance
- ~ Closed session to conference with district negotiator, Superintendent Marilyn Corey, regarding negotiations with Winters Area Education Association, Classified School Employees Association Chapter 694 and Winters Area Pupil Personnel Unit

- ~ Reconvene to open session to report any action taken in closed session

Congratulations!



Courtesy photo

Winters High School seniors Ilene Reynoso and David Daniel Sandoval, shown here with WHS counselor Marcella Heredia (far right), were honored in October in Woodland by the Yolo County Concilio. The youngsters, along with representatives of other Yolo County Schools, each received \$500 scholarships in recognition of their outstanding academic achievement. The mission of the Concilio is to "provide support and assistance to low income people of Yolo County, and, to provide college scholarships and other assistance to promising low- and moderate-income students, specifically to students with Latino heritage."

Walker to receive bachelor's degree

Craig, Debra and Mathew Walker would like to announce that Tiffany Nicole Walker, of the Winters High School Class of 2007, will receive her bachelor of science degree this month.

She has earned a degree in criminal justice with a minor in psychology from California State University, Sacramento.

The commencement ceremony will take place on Dec. 17 at Power Balance Pavilion in Sacramento.

An open house celebration will be held at her parents' house following the ceremony.

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Sports

Warriors lose one, win one in Pepsi Classic

◆ Geerts scores 33, makes 15 of 15 from foul line in Pepsi Classic

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

Skyler Geerts scored a season-high 33 points to lead the Warriors varsity boys basketball team to a 57-45 victory over the Wheatland Pirates.

The Warriors competed in the Marysville Pepsi Classic on Thursday, Dec. 8, and won their first of two games.

Winters led from start to finish and had a strong fourth period to finish off the Pirates.

Geerts scored 33 points and

was perfect from the foul line, making 15 of 15 shots. John Botro scored 12 points, Henry Nicholson scored four, while Eli Layne, T.J. Anderson, Chris Mayes and Keli Callison each scored two points for the Warriors.

On Saturday, Dec. 10, the Warriors returned to Marysville to take on the host team and lost a close game, 56-54. Winters kept it close, leading 31-30 at the half but was edged out at the end.

Once again, Geerts was the leading scorer with 22 points, this time going 7 of 8 from the line. Niko Doyle scored 10 points. Nicholson scored eight points and went 4 of 5 from the foul line. Mayes scored seven points, Botro had five and Layne scored two points.



Niko Doyle drives past a defender during the Warriors' game against Corning on Thursday, Dec. 1, at the Pierce Basketball Tournament.

Photo by Eric Lucero

Lady Warriors shut out Bulldogs, fall to Las Plumas

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The Winters Lady Warriors soccer team hosted Gridley on Tuesday, Dec. 6, and picked up a Butte View League victory with a 7-0 shutout over the Bulldogs.

Sofia Evanoff led the Lady Warriors with two goals and one assist. Tasha Panattoni and Angelica Arellano each scored two goals and Madison Nicholas scored one. Allie Reynoso dished out three assists, while Marlen Guzman, Vanessa Arellano and

Olivia Orosco each had one assist. Goalie Amy Masem had five saves, Sierra Thomas had two and Sierra Hamerter had one.

On Thursday, Dec. 8, the Warriors traveled to Oroville to take on Las Plumas and let a 1-0 halftime lead slip away. Reynoso scored

the first goal of the game off an assist from Evanoff but that would be the only score for the Warriors as the Thunderbirds came back and scored two goals of their own for the 2-1 win. Thomas had six saves and Hamerter had four.

"This was not quite

the runaway game the players were hoping for," said coach Lee Holt. "It took the team 22 minutes to put one on the board."

Winters outshot its opponent 35-9 but the Warriors were unable to put it in the goal. Reynoso led the team with nine shots.

Evanoff had seven shots, Panattoni and Angelica Arellano each had four, Nicholas had three, Masem and Morgan Brace each had two, while Vanessa Arellano, Jocelyn Sanchez, Orosco and Adriana Banuelos all had one.

Boys soccer team defeated twice

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The Winters Warriors boys soccer team lost two league games last week starting with a 3-0 loss to Gridley on Tuesday, Dec. 6, at Shirley Rominger School.

The Warriors were unable to put the ball in the net, but did have their fair share of shots at goal.

Fernando Cervantes had five shots and Raul Lopez had four, while Omar Herrera, Ricardo Rodriguez and Alberto Castino each had two. Tim Davey had

eight saves at goalkeeper and Jose Valadez had six.

On Thursday, Dec. 8, the Warriors traveled to Oroville to take on Las Plumas and once again lost 3-0.

Winters continued to stay aggressive with 19 shots at goal but were not successful in putting it in the net.

Cervantes had six shots at goal. Herrera, Nieves Serratos and Rodriguez each had three shots, Lopez had two shots, while Fabio Mendoza and Castino each had one. At goalie, Davey had eight saves and Jose Santana had two.



Matt Wallace (11) plays solid defense against a Woodland Poly ball handler during the JV Warriors' basketball game last Thursday, Dec. 8, at Young Gymnasium.

Photo by Eric Lucero

JV boys off to winning start at 3-2

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The Winters High School JV boys basketball team is off to a winning start as it posted an early season 3-2 record.

Winters suffered a 46-18 loss in its season opener on Monday, Nov. 28, against visiting St. Helena, but then turned things around and won its next two games.

See JV on page B-3

WINTERS LITTLE LEAGUE Registration for 2012 Season

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PISANI'S ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Angelica Arellano

Angelica Arellano, a sophomore on the Winters Warriors girls soccer team, is athlete of the week.

"Angelica is a returning player who has really stepped up her game this year," said coach Lee Holt.

"She has really developed as a player and matured on the field. Academically Angelica is a standout as well. She is a 4.0 student and is an all-around great student athlete."

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Bessie Hamlet's young daughter, Sabella, was afraid of Santa when she saw him in the department stores, but when he sat outside Pisani's Service last Saturday, she decided he was okay after all. A letter from Sabella's mother is on page A-4.

LETTERS

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great Christmas Gifts. Again, thank you all for making the Winters Wonderland Celebration a festive way to start the holiday season.

MIKE SEBASTIAN
Executive Director
Winters Chamber of Commerce

Thanks, one and all for support

As one of the many teachers in our Winters Unified School District who strive to better our school academics, it is heartwarming to see the amount of support the community has for our academic programs. I just completed our second annual AVID Holiday Dinner and was able to raise funds with the help of so many individuals and businesses.

These programs are designed to assist students in their educational pursuits and give them opportunities to challenge themselves as they continue on in their education. Thus I would like to thank the people who made this dinner a success.

Thank you to Jessica Williams, Mary Kay Callaway, Sandy Martinez Freeland, Andrea Hurst, Liz Coman, Matt Biers-Ariel, DiAnne Grimard, Teresa Perkins, Elrose Caruso, Constance Coman, Raena Ernst-Lavelle, Susan Hamilton, Debbie Nicholson, Lisa Brown, Matt and Laura Mariani, John and Jean Rodriguez, my fabulous mother-in-law Linda Rodriguez (who put in just as much time as I did!), Chris and Shannon Rodriguez, and Marcella Heredia.

I would like to thank Chris Novello and his culinary students for making our scrumptious desserts. Wow, I was impressed! I would also like to thank the following businesses for their contribution to our silent auction and raf-

fle: Cody's, Putah Creek Café, Buckhorn Steakhouse, Round Table Pizza, Pizza Factory, Turkovich Winery, Berryessa Gap, Spin-a-Yarn, Ace Hardware, Olivia Barbosa Photography, Wild Wings Golf, Yolo Fliers Club, and Lester Farms Bakery. When I asked each of these businesses for a donation, all of them gave me an enthusiastic "yes!" even though I know that they are

asked to donate weekly by our many community and school organizations.

It is moments like these that I feel lucky to live in this little town and I am so thankful to everyone who volunteered, donated, and attended this event. We hope to see even more of you next year.

OLIVIA RODRIGUEZ
COURTNEY CARUSO
Winters High School

Council may request investigation into Markley Cove Resort bid process

The Winters City Council will meet on Tuesday, Dec. 20, at 6:30 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall. The agenda includes:

- ~ Proclamation Honoring Eagle Scout Nickolas Andrew Stewart

- ~ Public hearing regarding Creekside Property development; changes to improvements required; change of developer's name to the Roman Catholic Diocese of Sacramento; extend development agreement for eight years.

- ~ Authorization to send correspondence to Congressmen Mike Thompson and John Garamendi requesting a

Congressional investigation into the bid process and plans involving Markley Cove Resort.

- ~ Review and adopt the following resolutions:

- a. Memorandum of Understanding for the City of Winters Police Officers Association, effective Jan. 1, 2012

- b. Memorandum of Understanding for the City of Winters Sergeant's Association, effective Jan. 1, 2012

- c. Memorandum of Understanding for the City of Winters Miscellaneous Employees Association, effective Jan. 1, 2012

- d. Memorandum of Understanding for the City of Winters Confidential Employees Association, effective Jan. 1, 2012

- e. Memorandum of Understanding for the City of Winters Mid-Management Employees, effective Jan. 1, 2012

- f. Memorandum of Understanding for the City of Winters Manager's Series Employees, effective Jan. 1, 2012

- g. Memorandum of Understanding for the City of department head employees, effective Jan. 1, 2012

- h. Salary ranges for the City of Winters, effective Jan. 1, 2012.

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Entertainment

Jug Band to bring zany holiday fun to The Palms

By KATE LADDISH
Entertainment correspondent

The Christmas Jug Band — “the kings of 100 percent acoustic folk-skiffle-swing holiday highjinks” — bring their off-beat holiday cheer to The Palms at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, for its annual dose of holiday laughs.

The band — featuring an all-star lineup of Nor-Cal musicians including Paul Rogers (of Those Darn Accordions), Austin de Lone (Elvis Costello, Nick Lowe, Bill Kirchen) and Tim Eschilman (Commander Cody Band) — perform original holiday numbers, parodies of unlikely classics (“SANTA!” to the tune of “Gloria”), and raucous jugbandizations of seasonal favorites.

Together for more than 20 years, The Christmas Jug Band’s material

ranges from holiday pop and jazz classics such as “Winter Wonderland” and “Merry Christmas, Baby” to more off-beat tunes such as “Santa Lost a Ho,” and “Santa Don’t Do It,” a song campaigning that Santa not shave off his beard even though Mrs. Claus wants him to.

An evening with the Christmas Jug Band is big-time fun in the form of woozy vocals accompanied by harmonicas, rub-boards, washtub basses, jugs, kazoos, accordions, and scuffed-up guitars.

Tickets are \$20 and are available at Pacific Ace Hardware in Winters, Armadillo Music in Davis, and Watermelon Music’s Woodland store. For more, call 795-1825 or visit palmsplayhouse.com or christmasjugband.com. The Palms is at 13 Main St., Winters.



Courtesy photo

The Christmas Jug Band will perform at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, at The Palms.

RootStock welcomes local musician Bob Adams

All are invited stop in at RootStock, 22 Main St. in Winters, on Friday, Dec. 16, from 6 to 8 p.m., to enjoy the musical talent of Bob Adams.

Since 1976, Adams has been a performing musician and composer of many guises. He has worked variously as a jazz pianist, acoustic bassist and

organist; has played electric bass and guitar in rock, funk and afro-pop bands; and has performed at times through the years as a singer-songwriter accompanying himself on acoustic guitar. He has performed and recorded with such artists as Stan Getz, Joe Pass, Freddie Hubbard,

Michael Brook, Flea, Little Jimmy Scott, Oxbow, Tim Volpicella, Hafez Modirzadeh and many others.

Since 1994, Adams has farmed 80 acres in Yolo. In the intervening years, he has written many songs about farming in the Sacramento Valley, about people he has met, and about the agricultural

landscape in California and other places he has travelled around the world.

He comes to RootStock to perform a selection of these songs, and tell the stories that inspired them, in an intimate solo setting.

For more information visit rootstockgifts.com.

Auditions set Jan. 11-12 for ‘Leading Ladies’ play

The Winters Theatre Company will hold auditions for Ken Ludwig’s “Leading Ladies” at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 11 and 12, at the Winters Community Center. Auditions will consist of cold readings from the script. Available roles are for several adult women and men. Production dates will be the weekends of March 9 and 16.

For more information, email winters theatre@gmail.com or call 795-4014.

Tickets on sale for Feb. 18 Gershwin concert benefiting Citizens Who Care

Tickets are now available for the 20th annual Citizens Who Care benefit concert, “Wonderful: The Great Lyrics of Ira Gershwin.”

Gershwin is best known for his work with his younger brother George,

producing one of the most successful and prolific collaborations in popular music history. Gershwin also worked with other great composers including Kurt Weill, Jerome Kern and Harold Arlen.

The 2012 concert will be presented at the Veterans’ Memorial Center Theater, 203 E. 14th St. in Davis, on Saturday, Feb. 18, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 19, at 2 p.m. All seats are \$30.

For tickets and more

information call 758-3704 or go to www.citizenswho care.us. Tickets are also available at the Citizens Who Care office in the United Way Building at 1017 Main St., Woodland.

All proceeds will benefit

Citizens Who Care, a non-profit agency in Yolo County dedicated to improving the quality of life for the frail elderly and their family caregivers through social support programs.

Chamber celebrates outstanding citizens

The Winters Chamber of Commerce’s annual Year in Review celebration is planned for Saturday, Jan. 21, at the Community Center.

The event features the honoring of this year’s Citizen of the Year, Chamber Business of the Year, Senior Citizen of the Year and recipient of the Theodore Winters award.

The 2012 Chamber Board of Directors will be sworn in as well.

Dinner will be catered by Cody’s Catering.

An open bar begins at 6 p.m., dinner is at 7 p.m., and the program at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$35 per person, and must be purchased in advance. The last day to purchase tickets is Monday, Jan. 16.

For tickets, call the Chamber office at 795-2329, or stop by the Winters Visitors Center, 11 Main St.

Vacaville guild offers trip to Asian Art Museum

The Vacaville Museum Guild is hosting a day of exploration and fun on Feb. 1 at the Asian Art Museum in San Francisco, featuring the current exhibit, “Maharaja: The Splendor Of India’s Royal Courts.”

Participants will get their choice of docent tours “Jade, Beauty, Wealth, and Power” or “Architecture of the

Asian Museum,” and will view 170 treasures, spanning three centuries, from the royal courts of India.

Among the treasures are Cartier’s largest single commission necklace and a silver horse-drawn carriage.

The cost is \$40, which includes round-trip bus transportation and entry into the exhibits. Follow-

ing the tours, the group will go to the San Francisco Ferry Building for shopping and a no-host lunch. The bus will depart from Alamo Plaza Shopping Center, 868 Alamo Drive in Vacaville at 8:30 a.m., and return at approximately 5 p.m.

To attend, contact The Vacaville Museum at (707) 447-4513.

Bunko Bash planned to raise funds for museum

The Vacaville Museum Guild’s Bunko Bash No. 21 is planned Wednesday, Jan. 25, at McBride Senior Center, 91 Town Square Center in downtown Vacaville.

Food, wine and fellowship begins at 6 p.m. Bunko begins at 7 p.m. As always, there will be many prizes, donated by the Museum

Guild members, and all proceeds go to the Vacaville Museum, a center for Solano County history.

Tickets are \$25 and are available at the Vacaville Museum, 213 Buck Ave., from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday.

For more information, call (707) 447-4513.

Learn about redwood grove on free tour

A free guided tour under the redwood canopy will be offered at the UC Davis Arboretum on Saturday, Dec. 17.

To participate, meet at 2 p.m. at the Wyatt Deck on Old Davis Road on campus.

Enjoy the peace and silence of the

redwood grove on a misty winter day and learn about the complex and fascinating ecosystem of the redwood forest during the tour.

This walk will provide a brief introduction to the ecology and history of the coast redwood and the plants that grow

under the redwood canopy.

There is no charge for the tour and free parking is available in Visitor Lot 5, at Old Davis Road and A Street. For more information, call (530) 752-4880 or visit arboretum.ucdavis.edu.

Madeline’s Christmas show starts Friday

Join Miss Clavel, the ever-resilient Madeline, and 11 adorable girls as they experience a series of adventures that reaffirm that Christmas is the time for miracles.

The show is directed by Jeni Price, with musical direction by Jenny Reuter and choreography by Jocelyn Price.

Performance dates/times are 7:15 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16, 6:15 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17; 2:15 p.m. Thursday,

Dec. 22, 2:15 and 7:15 p.m. Friday, Dec. 23, and 11:15 a.m. and 2:15 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 24. Sign language interpretation for the deaf and hard of hearing will be provided on Friday, Dec. 23, at the 7:15 p.m. performance.

Tickets are \$10 per person, which includes refreshments and holiday activities in the lobby immediately following the performance. To reserve seats, call 756-3682, or visit www.dmtc.org.

Bohart Museum open for weekend programs

The Bohart Museum of Entomology at UC Davis is launching a series of special weekend programs through Sunday, June 3.

Located at 1124 Academic Surge on California Drive, the Bohart Museum houses a global collection of more than 7 million insect specimens and also maintains a live “petting zoo” with

such residents as Madagascar hissing cockroaches and walking sticks.

All the weekend openings will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. They are especially designed for families and other visitors who cannot view the insect collection during the weekdays, but are open to all, said Lynn Kimsey, director of the

Bohart Museum of Entomology and professor of entomology at UCD. Admission is free.

Visitors will have an opportunity to access the Bohart computers to see the video clips on “How to Make an Insect Collection,” the work of UC Davis professor James Carey’s entomology class last spring.

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made disasters, including floods, fires, earthquakes, volcanic activity, severe storms, environmental, epidemic and public health hazards, hazardous materials, transportation, dam failure, civil disorder, terrorism, enemy attack and war.

Donlevy noted that disasters are handled in a progressive order, passing from city, county, state to federal offices, depending on the size and scope of the disaster. Local and regional emergency response comes from city staff, the city council, citizens, Yolo County, the state Office of Emergency Services, FEMA, the American Red Cross, the SPCA, Yolo County Transportation and Public Health, and public safety coordinators. He said the plan is "based on the idea, that you don't know what's going to happen" and added that drills for dam failures and chemical spills, for example, are included in the process.

At the Public Safety Facility, said Donlevy, trained staff can find an "office in a box" kept in locked cabinets, which contain office supplies, job descriptions and contact lists for any emergency, allowing most anyone to step into place and respond.

"If we had to activate our emergency operations center, we could do it in a blink," said Donlevy. "Staff have been trained in federal and state requirements, and all have gone through EOC training. They could lead you down there tonight and set up the EOC and start on an actual response."

Fridae noted that coordination with the five Winters school sites did not appear to be included, and recommended that this be amended.

"There is a huge concentration of children and adults at five sites any day during the week," said Fridae, who is also a teacher at Shirley Rominger Intermediate School. "We need to coordinate with the schools so we're all on the same page about evacuation plans and shelter plans. As a teacher, I can tell you, I don't know what those plans are. We need to initiate contact with the school district, and share information and plan for training."

He added that school sites practice evacuations up to four times per year, "so students and teachers know exactly what to do without wasting a lot of time."

Council member Cecilia Aguiar-Curry noted that PG&E didn't seem to be represented in the plan, and outages can affect everything from businesses to cell phone communication.

"PG&E rolls out an entire emergency operations center of their own," said Donlevy. "If we activate our EOC, we're in charge. PG&E is in charge of theirs. We become a feeder of information into their system. When something happens with PG&E, there are certain lines of communication that are given priority over everything else."

Donlevy suggested

an EOC training for council and community members who are interested, most likely after the first of the year.

Fridae mentioned the big fear in some peoples' minds — a break in Monticello Dam — and noted that there are only about 15 minutes to respond in a worst-case scenario involving the total failure of the dam.

"We don't know what we're exactly supposed to do, immediately, without waiting for a command center to set up and start issuing orders," he said, adding that although schools have had training on fires, earthquakes and predators on campus, there has not been any training on a dam failure.

"The evacuation of students would be the responsibility of the school district," responded Donlevy.

Council member Harold Anderson asked what exactly the plan was in the event of a dam break. Donlevy did not offer an exact answer, but said the dam "probably wouldn't just pop open," and noted that the most probable risk for the dam is heavy rain that goes over the top. This scenario could last a minimum of hours and up to several days, he said, but also noted that there would likely be hours and even days notice that the dam was about to overflow.

Donlevy described an "inundation map," explaining that Putah Creek is in a canyon below the dam and it releases to the south once it's beyond the canyon.

"That's why you hear people say 'go north.' The water will go into Solano County before it goes to the Yolo Side."

He noted that if the dam failed entirely, there are only about 12 minutes to evacuate, and said that much of the emergency planning focuses on earthquakes, which are a more likely threat.

Traffic analysis

The issue of authorizing a traffic analysis for the Interstate 505 Grant Avenue planning project caused some angst for Fridae, who expressed hesitation about whether approving the analysis would trigger development in the area of Interstate 505 and Grant Avenue. When the vote came, Aguiar-Curry, Anderson and Martin voted to approve the analysis, while Fridae voted "no."

Donlevy introduced the item, noting five key elements for development in that area: rezoning, removal of the Planned Commercial (PC) designation, cumulative traffic review, California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) clearance and streamlining of the development process.

"Most of project entails planning review and CEQA analysis. This proposal is the last of the analyses needed for traffic."

Noting that the city has already paid 16,000 for reviews, this traffic analysis would be "the cumulative analysis for the entire area." He also noted that the analysis includes land use assumptions on surrounding areas, such as the Burger King/Arco project, a hotel and an additional service station. The analysis "will establish banks of traffic counts from each of the properties in the area," said Donlevy.

The proposed cost of the analysis is \$20,110, but Donlevy said he is "asking for \$22,000 just in case." The funds will be paid with street impact fees.

"Will there be any more of these things coming to us asking us for more funds," asked Martin. "I know you don't have a crystal ball, but they're kind of nickel and diming us."

"This is the last thing they say they need, but there's potential for more," responded Donlevy.

"I think we need to just address this and move forward," commented Aguiar-Curry. Anderson concurred, adding, "I think we should move ahead with this, and deliver infrastructure to this area. If we don't have infrastructure out there, nothing's going to happen. This is a spinoff of that."

Fridae, however, countered that "the challenge here is to allow and facilitate some strategic growth out on the highway, and the thing that sold me on the Burger King and the possibility of a hotel is that we want to capture highway-serving money from people who need services on the highway, and it would not interfere with the downtown." He noted that the analysis apparently presumes five fast food businesses and five gas stations.

"It's beginning to look a lot like Dixon. From the time I got on the council, that has been the opposite bellweather of what we want to set up here. We don't want to attract business out to the freeway, and make it the new exciting place to be. That's what happened in Dixon. It took people away from downtown."

Recounting the impact freeway development had on downtown Dixon, Fridae said, "I got a lot of heartburn with this." Noting the possible end of redevelopment funds, he said development like this "is really going to leave us hurting more than we're already hurting. Explain to me that this is not a danger."

Donlevy responded that these land uses "are already in exis-

tence out there" and that the proposal that evening was only for a traffic analysis.

"Doing the traffic analysis facilitates it," said Fridae.

Donlevy responded that it would also identify capitol improvements in the area, and added that the projects are relatively small.

"I can assure you that much more would have to happen," before actual development took place, he said. "In order for development to happen out there that would challenge the downtown, you'd have to have some very large projects come in. The plan is not to hurt downtown. It is quite the opposite."

"I have more of a concern that we need to move forward," reiterated Aguiar-Curry, noting that the local farming community offered all sorts of agriculture-related businesses, such as packaging and refrigeration. — "Things affiliated with farming and our community that could go there if we had this infrastructure." Martin voiced support of her position.

"The fact of the matter is, if we continue down the course we're going on, we're not going to be able to provide services to the community," added Martin, pointing out the need for development to pay for city services.

Fridae said he wished the proposal "mentioned a way to keep the quality up," and talked about the commitment and effort the city has made to the downtown area.

"We're working really hard to make downtown Winters the best it can be," said Fridae. "We need to be careful to take these steps in a strategic way so we don't lose the control that we want to have. I'm afraid that we're opening a Pandora's box here, and I don't see the way to put a lid on it if we want to later."

Planning commission chairman Wade Cowan commented from the audience that the Economic Development Advisory Committee had already worked on development issues in the "Gateway" area, but Fridae said the pacing of development wasn't addressed by the committee.

Donlevy said the design guidelines for the

area, as well as the Complete Streets plan are 100 percent in play on this," and the suggestions for development merely "show you what we're loading into the traffic assumptions."

Fridae still balked.

"People want to see the big, overall, cumulative impact. It's a little bit of a conundrum. Even though it's on the books, the very fact that we're doing this study is facilitating growth."

"This is going to identify when we have to realign county road 90, or Mastsumoto Lane," said Donlevy. "It identifies when this has to happen. The pacing of things will occur based on when other things happen. Money will pace this, and so will demand."

"I believe this," responded Fridae, "Yet 15 miles away, development was done that destroyed the downtown, and I can't ignore that. I'm having a hard time with this."

Aguiar-Curry said she "would like to think we're responsible" about development, and Fridae agreed, but also noted, "We may not be on the council in five years."

Other items

~ Corporal Jose Ramirez was sworn in as sergeant. Winters Police Chief Sergio Gutierrez noted that he was looking for someone with "a strong sense of leadership and who would represent the police department in a professional manner," and that he "didn't have to look too far. Gutierrez said Ramirez has been with the Winters Police Department for 17 years, first as a reserve officer and then a narcotics agent. He has received an award from Mothers Against Drunk Driving, and was voted Officer of the Year four times. He has also served as a field training instructor. Gutierrez said he has "worked hard, persevered, and deserves it."

~ Donlevy noted that discussion of the temporary car bridge over Putah Creek will take place at the Jan. 17 council meeting. Anderson asked, "How long are we going to drag this thing out?" Donlevy responded that the bridge replacement project isn't being dragged out.

"The train is leaving the station on the

bridge. The temporary bridge is secondary," said Donlevy. "We are already starting to spend money. We won't allow anything to throw it off schedule or it could take another 10 years. We are on the list, and are in for funding. If we deviate from that, we could go to the bottom of the list."

"The bridge won't last 10 years," noted Anderson.

~ Second reading and possible adoption of four city ordinances amending and adding chapters to the Winters Municipal Code pertaining to single room occupancy units, emergency shelters, manufactured and factory-built homes, and second residential units were approved unanimously with no discussion.

~ Aguiar-Curry was appointed to the board of commissioners for the Yolo County Housing Authority. Fridae said, "If you want to get something done, go to the busiest person you know, so I nominate Cecilia." She was approved unanimously.

~ PG&E representative Alisa Okelo Odango announced an open house on Monday, Dec. 12, at the Public Safety Facility to discuss natural gas line safety.

~ Capay Valley resident Sandra Montero, representing Citizens Preserving Yolo County, expressed concerns about a proposal for wind turbines in rural Yolo County, claiming large scale wind turbines "can cause significant harm to people, wildlife and the environment and are not an efficient energy source."

~ Martin announced that an Introduction to Criminal Justice class will be offered at Winters High School on Mondays, 5-8:30 p.m. The class is open to the entire community as well as high school students.

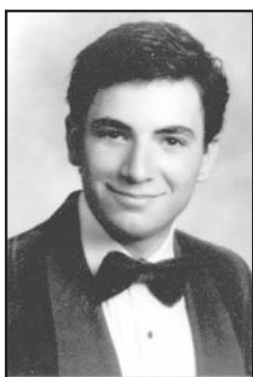
The meeting was adjourned in memory of Bob Harris, who served on the council for 8 years, and passed away on Nov. 26. Council member Tom McMasters-Stone was absent.

The council meets next on Tuesday, Dec. 20, at 6:30 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall. Anyone may attend.

Complete council meeting agendas are posted on the city website no later than 24 hours before the meeting.

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December 13 will always be the day we remember our lives stood still and as this year comes around it is almost impossible to believe it has been 20 short years you left us to be with the Lord. Our thoughts and memories are overwhelming at times when I think back on the fateful day, but the wonderful memories of our lives together quickly make me forget those sad days. You're 42 now and we know you would be spending Christmas with your family and then heading over to our place to be with your sister Kris and her family, but we were robbed that day of any future with you or your family that would have been. We speak of you daily and remember happier times when we went on those great trips to Oregon, and Glamis Dunes with the quads and camping and just enjoying each other. We miss you everyday but know in God's time we will see you again and at that point in time we'll be able to hug you once again and this time never let go. Our lives have changed forever that day and now, 20 years later, we're a little more gray and a few pounds heavier but the one thing that will never change is our love for you. Until we meet again we'll continue our memories of you and look forward to when we do see you face to face. We love you Kevin.

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who was relieved of his position when he did not meet the deadlines, did not inform the board that the reduction in districts would almost certainly have drawn lawsuits and potentially large fines. In 2001, the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA) was passed and specifically prohibited at-large elections, which can “impair the ability of a protected class to elect candidates of its choice or to influence the outcome of an election as a result of the dilution or abridgment of the rights of voters who are members of a protected class.”

Board president Dan Maguire pointed out to the Express in a conversation following the meeting that in fairness, it is necessary to note that the Yolo County Board of Education, which gave WJUSD the green light to pursue the ballot initiative, also appeared to be unaware of the potential legal jeopardy to which the district would have been exposed.

According to information presented to the trustees by Interim Superintendent Marilyn Corey at their meeting on Dec. 8, civil rights groups have been threatening legal action throughout the state and that “only districts that elect by trustee areas are immune from claim.”

Compliance with CVRA means that rather than having fewer trustee areas, the district in fact needs to have more: one demographically determined section per trustee seat. Each seat would need to be filled by a resident of its area, whether by election or by appointment should no-one apply to run, and voters would only vote for one trustee. Further, those areas must be

updated every ten years, following the federal census.

To change its election method and to alter existing trustee area boundaries, the district can apply to Yolo and Solano Counties with a proposal for a ballot initiative for November 2012 or can apply to the California State Board of Education for a waiver of the election requirement. The waiver option requires a public hearing prior to a mid-February deadline for submission.

Working within the short timeline that the latter option requires, the Trustees voted unanimously to rescind the original resolution, which supported elimination of trustee areas. They also authorized Corey to utilize the services of Tom Stanionis, a demographer with the Yolo County Recorder's office and appointed an ad hoc committee of Trustees Mike Olivas, Rob Warren and David Reynoso to work with Corey and Stanionis to study census data and suggest new trustee areas. The results of their efforts will come back to the board in the form of whatever resolutions and waiver requests are deemed necessary to bring the district into compliance with CVRA requirements.

Board officers

The first board meeting of December is designated by law as an annual organizational meeting, at which meeting dates are approved and officers are chosen for the upcoming year.

Board Clerk Warren nominated President Maguire to serve a second term, saying simply that “he's done a really good job.”

In seconding the nomination, Trustee Olivas concurred with Warren and added that he was “looking forward to a year when we don't have to

look at the past,” referring to the expenditure of board time and energy this year in responding to the investigation of the district by the Yolo County Grand Jury and in making the personnel and procedural changes that grew from the report.

Trustee Robyn Rominger supported the nomination “for the sake of continuity,” and she, along with Olivas, Warren, David Hyde and David Reynoso all voted in the affirmative.

The only dissent came from Trustee Matt Brickey, who said that “with all due respect, because I appreciate what you've done,” referring to Maguire, “in the spirit of rotation I think we need to elect new people every year.”

Also re-elected with dissent only from Brickey was Warren, who will serve a second year as Clerk of the Board.

The trustees will finalize committee appointments at the next meeting.

Presentations

Before attending to the regular agenda, the trustees honored those who were involved in the Wolfskill Continuation School garden project tree-planting in November. Wolfskill students Cesar Ramirez and Joseline Fuentes received certificates, as did community volunteers Takeshi Ishitoya, Stephanie Meyer, Gary Douglas, Reid Bryson and Tom Neely.

Wolfskill and Winters High School assistant principal Tecera Philbrook also used the opportunity to introduce Wolfskill student Kayla Baird, who has “made a really big turnaround since beginning at Wolfskill” and who is now “really serious about her education.”

The Wolfskill staff, represented by teachers Tracy Houk-Ishitoya and Matt Moran,

gave the trustees an overview of their program. This year the site will be the subject of a mid-term review by WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges) which three years ago gave the school its first accreditation. Accreditation means that a school offers its students adequate preparation to satisfy many colleges and universities in the admissions process.

The teachers described their writing instruction and talked about strategies to help all students in all curricular areas using a program called SIOP (Structured Instructional Observation Protocol.) SIOP was initially developed to help non-native speakers succeed in English-language schools, but in fact offers approaches that are useful to all students in making instruction comprehensible and accessible.

Moran pointed out that the peer observation component of the program, in which teachers watch one another teach and then discuss what they have seen, is helpful to both parties. The observed teacher receives useful feedback and the observing teacher often gets ideas for his or her own classroom.

Board members reported on their own activities in the past few weeks. Trustees Olivas, Warren, Reynoso and Maguire all attended the annual conference of the California School Boards Association in San Diego early in December. All reported that they felt the conference was extremely valuable, with Maguire saying that “the district got its money's worth. The knowledge base of the board has expanded

dramatically.”

Interim Superintendent Corey took advantage of her report to commend the business office and staff for the work they do, and a presentation by James Marta, the independent auditor who oversees WJUSD's financial workings, concurred completely.

The district has “responded well to funding reductions,” Marta said, “and the financial condition of the district is good. You made tough decisions early on and show sound financial management.”

Mary Kay Callaway brought the third month ADA numbers to the board. Enrollment was eight students above that of the first month and attendance was 96.5 percent, which is slightly higher than the state average.

Nonetheless, absences cost \$36,500 in the third month, bringing the year-to-date losses to over \$100,000. Callaway also reminded the Trustees to expect a drop in attendance over the next few months as the usual winter decline due to travel and illness unfolds.

Other business

Unanimous approval was given to a resolution approving and authorizing dedication to the City of Winters of property along Grant Avenue to

improve sidewalk and pedestrian access. The approval included the addition of language to the process to address possible liability issues during the construction phase.

A discussion of a tentative timeline for the search for a permanent Superintendent followed. The timeline includes opportunities for public and staff input to help the trustees determine the qualities they want to see in their new leader.

Those conversations will take place in early January and it is hoped that a recruitment brochure will be developed and approved at the Jan. 19 regularly scheduled meeting.

Active recruitment is expected to begin early in February after the board has created interview questions and decided on a salary that they will be able to offer. Corey pointed out that “you must be competitive to attract good candidates.”

It is anticipated that interviews will begin in early May.

The board adjourned to closed session to discuss upcoming contract negotiations and returned to open session with no reportable action having been taken.

The next board meeting is at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 15, at the district office.



Emotional support offered during holidays

A Blue Christmas service sponsored by Yolo Hospice and several Davis churches is planned on Dec. 18, 3 p.m., at the Davis Community Church Fire-side Room, 412 C Street in Davis.

The holidays are not

always easy or joyous for those who have suffered losses in life. This service will offer a quiet time for prayer and meditation.

Representatives of the faith communities will be available for conversations follow-

ing the service.

Punch and cookies will be served following the service. No reservations are necessary.

For more information, contact Davis Community Church, 753-2894.

Community

Helping to feed the hungry



Photo by Debra DeAngelo
Anita Ahuja adds a check for \$868 from the Winters Theatre Company to one of the many food baskets to be distributed on Saturday morning, Dec. 17, at the Community Center. More than 200 recipients have signed up for a Christmas food basket, each containing up to 70 pounds of food. Besides the theater group, local Boy Scouts collected food in November. Further fundraising was done by the Winters Christian Ministerial Association, which sponsors the Christmas food basket effort. At left is Howard Hupe of the Winters Theatre Company and at right is Rev. Bob Badgley of the Winters Christian Ministerial Association.



Courtesy photo
Yolo Community Foundation Board President Rosalinda Martinez (left), honors Winters resident Bobbie Moriel (center), along with Literacy Coordinator Sue Bigelow.

Moriel among honored local philanthropists

By MARY JO BRYAN
Special to the Express

Yolo Community Foundation hosted the fifth annual Yolo County Philanthropy Day Awards on Tuesday, Nov. 8, at the Erwin Meier Administration Building in Woodland. Nine Yolo County nonprofits participated in the celebration.

The Yolo County Philanthropy Day Awards recognize the impact philanthropy has on Yolo County and the role individuals and businesses, which donate their money and time, play in enriching their community.

The Woodland Literacy Council and Woodland Public Library

honored Winters resident Bobbie Moriel, who is not only a long-time volunteer tutor but has served as the Literacy Council's treasurer for over seven years. The literacy service provides adult learners with both one-on-one and small group instruction by trained volunteer tutors.

Among the honorees was Don LaPlante of the Reveille Lion's Club for his fundraising at Lion's Clubs throughout Yolo County to expand testing of preschool children for hearing loss in Esparto, Madison and Winters.

For more information about YCF, visit www.yolocf.org or call 312-0593.

County holds meeting for rewrite of hazard plan

By ELLIOT LANDES
Staff writer

Yolo County Office of Emergency Services (OES) held a public outreach information meeting in City Hall in Winters on Dec. 7, to discuss county planning for a variety of potential catastrophes. The county is revising its multi-hazard action plan, and is holding similar meetings around Yolo County to inform and get public comment. Only a few citizens attended the meeting.

Plans are considered good for five years, and the current plan is due for a rewrite, according to Bill Martin, Coordinator for Yolo County Hazard Mitigation Planning, who spoke at the meeting.

All county communities are at risk from some kind of hazards. The county does considerable data collection and analysis as a basis for planning for various hazards.

"We wanted to plan for something we could mitigate," said Martin. We can't mitigate for an asteroid impact.

"How do we deal with the threat? We can either prevent the threat, or minimize the risk or impact. The third choice is avoidance, for example, the moving of the entire community away from

12-Step meetings offered every week

Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous 12-step meetings take place each week in Winters at 305 First St. The "Kitchen Table" meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous takes place Thursdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 9 a.m. and Tuesdays at 7 a.m. Narcotics Anonymous meets on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at 62 Shams Way (Yolo Housing).

Love Canal in New York. The biggest effect is to minimize the risk to the public."

The OES establishes a system for mitigation, identifies known hazards and assesses known hazards, and evaluates the community's resiliency. The data collection process is time-consuming.

The next step is to consider various strategies for the variety of hazards, which leads to developing strategies. The staff then involves the community to promote understanding of the process.

The process is federally mandated and is required to conform to federal mitigation planning standards.

The process started

in 2010, because of the end of the current five-year plan in January 2011.

"They look favorably at really collaborative plans," said Martin, because stand-alone plans are not that valuable. "There's reason for having this plan."

Having a plan provides access to federal grant funding. It can help reduce flood insurance premium. The plan helps identify risks and capabilities, while helping local governments establish mitigation policies.

"Once you identify a risk," said Martin, "you own that risk," explaining why many communities do not choose to do the plan. "It can lead to some problems. You need to know what you're get-

ting into."

Asked about new hazards, Martin said such plans now require a climate change component. The risk factor for levees has been reduced. Plans now consider violent encounters, such as school site shootings.

The finished document will be around 400 pages when done.

"People are busy with life," said Martin of the low turnout at many of these events.

For more info, contact Dan Maguire at City Hall, or, for the county, contact the Office of Emergency Services in Woodland.

Calendar

Thursday, December 15

School Board meeting, 6:30 p.m., school district office, 909 W. Grant Avenue

Tuesday, December 20

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

Ongoing

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

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

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

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

Upcoming events

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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Opinion

LETTERS

Santa made their day

Just a little something about your town I would like to share for the holidays. I could not get my daughter Sabella to sit on Santa's lap at the stores. I took my car to get worked on, and there was Santa in front of my mechanic's with a bag full of goodies and I swear it was Santa! I myself felt like a kid. He was such a gentle soul, Sabella would not stop talking to him and next thing she was in his lap. It was the best experience ever.

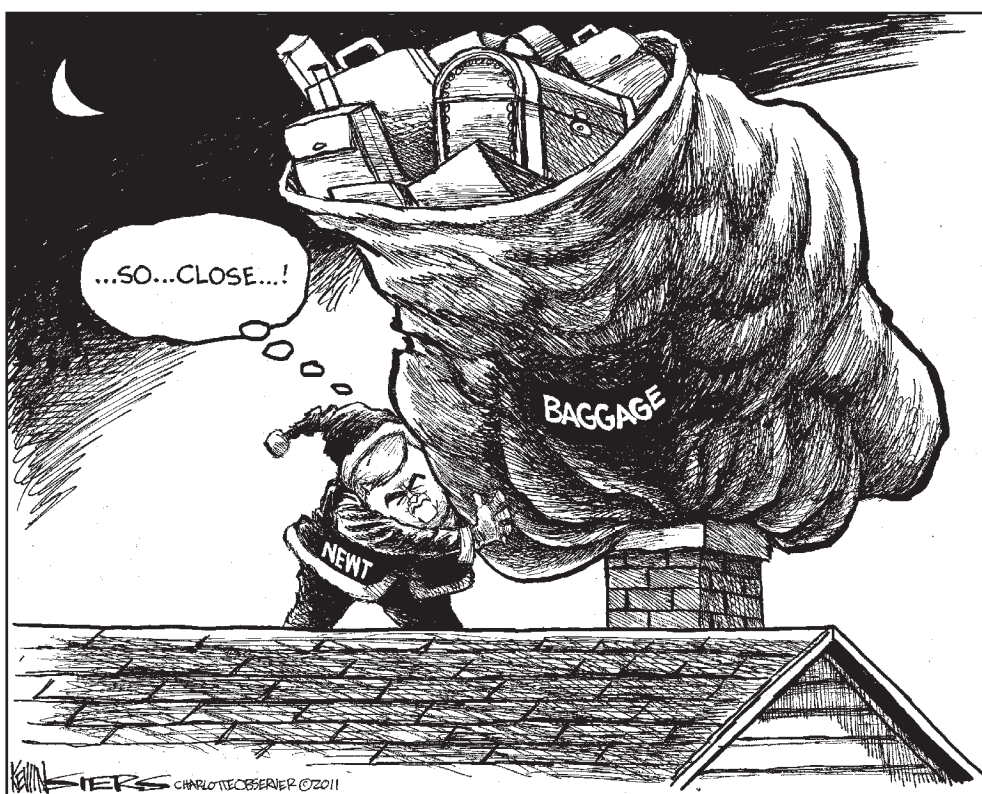
My car was meant to break down just so Sabella and I could meet Santa. Wherever you came from Santa on the corner in Winters, you are the best. You made our day and Christmas.

BESSIE HAMLET

(Editor's note: A photo of Sabella on Santa's lap at Pisani's Service is on page A-12.)

Lighting things up

I would like to pass on a jolly "thank you" to everyone that made the annual Winters Wonderland Celebration a big success. The day and night was filled with fun and festivities, from the Win-



ters Friends of the Library Holiday Festival, to the Rotary Club Craft Bazaar to the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony.

On behalf of the Winters Chamber of Commerce we would like to thank Wade and Kathy Cowan, Matt Cowan, Mason Stoops and Mariani Nut Company for the use of the lift to decorate the city tree, the Winters Rotary Club for providing refreshments at the tree lighting, the City of Winters for their support and maintenance of the tree and the Turkovich Family for the use of Santa's Chair.

Thank you to our great musical talents, Lynne Secrist and the Middle School Choir and Debi Bowen on the keyboard. Nancy Mey-

er and crew decorated our gazebo, and Dave Fleming and Dan Maguire provided our sound for the evening. The Winters Express is always good to us, providing the Holiday Guide for everyone. Thanks to our all around volunteers Paul and Linn Myer, Shawnee Briggs, Chris Jones, Socorro Garcia and Lucy Martinez, and thank you to the Winters Merchants for supporting the songbook.

I can't forget the Winters Fire Department and Captain Brad Lopez for bringing Santa Claus to our city. When the lights flashed and the siren blew, the kids lit up with excitement in anticipation of Santa. The wonderful live nativity scene was pro-

vided by the First Baptist Church of Winters and done in great detail. Our Tree Lighting Committee chairpersons Kristin Pantle and Kathy Cowan deserve a big pat on the back for their hard work.

As you pass through town this holiday season, please take note of the fine holiday decorations painted on the business windows throughout Winters. A big thank you to Kate Humphrey and the Winters High art department for the wonderful artwork. Also remember to stop by the Winters Visitor's Center, 11 Main Street, for all your Christmas basket needs. Many fine local products and merchandise make

See **LETTERS**, page A-12

They gave their lives, and they deserved better

I want to know how this can happen in our country. More than that, I want to know who is responsible, and I want him or her put behind bars.

According to an Associated Press story on Dec. 7 (how disgustingly ironic — on the 70th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor), the cremated remains of 274 soldiers were uncereemoniously dumped at the King George County Landfill in Virginia. The report was based on database information from the Dover Air Base mortuary, where the remains of most war dead return.

Can the story get any more appalling? Oh yes it can.

It further reports that "the families of the dead authorized the military to dispose of the remains respectfully and with dignity. They were unaware of the landfill dumping, and Air Force officials told the (Washington) Post they have no plans now to alert the families." Apparently there's a disconnect on what some people regard as "respectfully and with dignity." If you ask me, a dead serviceman should get a little more respect and dignity than coffee grounds and banana peels. And... no plans to inform the families that the remains of their loved ones who died serving our country were treated with no more respect than used kitty litter?

What. The. Hell. The story notes that the Dover Air Base mortuary has handled the remains of 6,300 "troops" since 2001. One has to wonder if the number tossed into the garbage really

stops at 274. And here we thought those somber photos of soldiers' cemeteries with their matching white crosses were the final resting spots of those whose remains were handled by the U.S. government. I guess those are only for convenient photo opps.

Another point of interest in this story: these remains were all collected since 2001. And they're war dead, not WWII veterans who've passed on from old age. This means that most of these soldiers fought in Iraq and Afghanistan. Talk about adding insult to injury, particularly for those who died in Iraq. Not only did they fight in an unprovoked war that had nothing to do with the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks and give their lives for this sham, their bodies are tossed out like trash.

And, consider this travesty in context. According to a story on the Washington Post website, the remains of these particular 274 soldiers were dumped between 2004-2008. Who was in charge then? Oh yes. The same folks who got us into those wars and then barred the media from photographing or filming the stacks of coffins coming back. A security risk, they said. Propaganda at its finest, if you ask me. Bush & Co. didn't want citizens thinking about the ramifications of war. They wanted us to keep slapping "I support the troops" yellow ribbon decals on our SUVs and obsessing over which politicians are wearing their American flag lapel pins and which aren't.

"Don't pay any attention to that man be-



DEBRA DeANGELO
BECAUSE I SAY SO

hind the curtain, Dorothy!"

And we didn't. Shame on us.

If our soldiers are brave enough to risk death to serve our country, we should be brave enough to face their remains when they're shipped home. And we most certainly should have enough integrity to treat those remains with the utmost respect. And if we don't know how, ask a veteran. If you've ever attended a military funeral or veteran's funeral, or a Memorial Day ceremony at a cemetery where veterans' graves are adorned with tiny American flags fluttering in the breeze, you know that veterans and those who care about them know how to treat their dead.

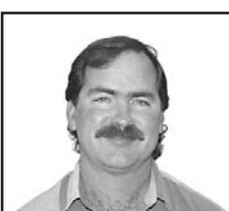
I was deeply touched by the loyalty shown by local veterans to my father, a World War II veteran who fought at Normandy. My father passed away decades after his service and after nearly 30 years of complete disability, and didn't personally know any of the Veterans of Foreign Wars members here in Winters. But when a member of that group discovered that my father was a veteran, he approached me and said the local veterans group would conduct a military service for him.

I was provided an American flag to drape his coffin at the church before proceeding to the ceme-

tery. The veterans were waiting for him at graveside in uniform — some of them upwards of 80 years old and too frail to even fire the rifles efficiently. But those gnarled hands held up those rifles nonetheless and gave my father a rifle salute, and then the quartermaster solemnly folded the flag into a tight triangle and presented it to me. The lump in my throat was almost as big as the flag.

It meant so much to know that there were people who appreciated what my father had endured and what he sacrificed. Moreover, it was a bittersweet epiphany: veterans share a common bond, no matter when or where they served. They're connected in a way the rest of us can't possibly appreciate. And they deserve better treatment than to be tossed into a landfill like so much waste.

Here in Yolo County, homeless and transient people with no friends or family are given a decent memorial service and their ashes interred respectfully. Shouldn't our fallen soldiers get the same? At the very least, couldn't the ashes have been buried at sea, with the flag flying and "Taps" playing, while their fellow soldiers saluted them? They gave their lives. Don't they at least deserve much this much in return?



CHARLES R. WALLACE
A QUICK OPINION

RAINFALL CONTEST. I'm a little late getting my annual rainfall contest started, but there is an entry form on page B-4 of this week's Express. Just fill it out, one guess per person, and drop/mail it to our office. The winner will receive a check for \$100, or if you are a subscriber, \$125. So far, all but one winner was a subscriber, so my strategy for getting people to subscribe before they enter must we working.

I had great hopes for a real wet winter, but then they started working on the creek and jinxed everything. Why would we get a lot of rain when the creek is now built to handle it? We have about half of the rainfall we normally get for this time of the year. It is cold enough to snow, but that is a different contest.

The creek is starting to green up and I'll give the weeds, or "native grasses" about three years to completely fill up the banks to restrict access. The planned trail along the creek is having problems with the federal handicap laws. Our building inspector wants to put a four-foot fence along the pathway so wheelchair and other handicapped individuals don't fall down the banks. This isn't going to be some post and cable fence, no, but a fancy, full fence, that will limit public access. Sounds wrong to me, but that's what we get for voting for incumbents in Sacramento and Washington City.

A few people have talked to me about an interesting aspect of the creek restoration, Mount Elderberry. You may not know there is a mountain in the creek, but I'm not sure what else to call it. If you walk just east of the train bridge, about a half-mile, you will see what is left of the old sewer plant. The creek bed was build up over the years and when they remodeled the creek bed they left a mountain in the middle.

Years ago, someone who will remain nameless, planted some elderberry bushes in the creek, then Congress decided that the elderberry beetle was an endangered species and you can't touch, remove or move an elderberry bush, even if you planted it. Those bushes are now on top of the dirt column that was left in the middle of the creek. I'm not sure how long it will be until the elderberry bushes get off the endangered list, or the government lets us move them, but we might have quite the tourist attraction if we manage the site properly. I can just see the kids turning it into a climbing spot, or a place to drink beer and watch the world go by.

It looks like there is a natural pond around Mt. Elderberry. There is seepage from the creek and groundwater that is keeping it semi full. What it needs is to be dug out and made into a fishing/swimming hole. I'm not sure what it would take to make that happen, but it would bring back a swimming hole that has been used for over a hundred years. Having a fishing hole, with planted fish for kids, wouldn't be a bad idea either.

Does anyone know who makes the final decisions for our creek? Does anyone else like this idea?

Talk to your friends and have a good week.

Tell them what you think

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Hit-and-run driver gets three years

By **LAUREN KEENE**
McNaughton Newspapers

WOODLAND — Saying the defendant had shown “not one iota” of remorse for her actions, a Yolo Superior Court judge sentenced a Dixon woman to three years in prison Wednesday for her role in a 2007 hit-and-run crash that injured two Davis men.

Noelle Marie Warren had no prior criminal record, Judge Timothy Fall noted before handing down the state prison term. But it was her failure to take responsibility for the crime, he said, that made a more lenient sentence unsuitable.

“There is not one iota of evidence in support of (remorse),” Fall said, rejecting defense attorney Steven Sabbadini’s request for probation and community service. “She is sorry for what everyone has gone through, including herself, but ... there is not one shred of evidence that she is remorseful.”

Warren, 27, won’t be sent to prison right away. Fall ordered that she remain in Yolo County Jail custody pending the outcome of a restitution

hearing, scheduled for Feb. 3.

“I believe justice was served today,” prosecuting attorney Clinton Parish said after the sentencing.

A Yolo County jury ruled in August that Warren was the driver of a sport-utility vehicle that struck Davis resident Jonathan Pinkerton from behind as he and two friends rode their motorcycles on Russell Boulevard west of Davis on the evening of Aug. 27, 2007. The motorist dragged Pinkerton’s motorcycle for nearly a mile while fleeing the scene.

The impact caused major injuries to Pinkerton, who lost his spleen and part of a lung while spending 17 days in a hospital trauma unit. His friend Kyle Daubert also was injured in the crash.

Authorities connected Warren to the collision after receiving a tip that her father, Lorin Warren, allegedly had taken the damaged SUV to be repaired by an unlicensed mechanic in Winters.

“It hurts to know that the person who caused this didn’t care enough to stop at the scene,” Pinkerton, 28,

read in a victim-impact statement prior to the sentencing. “Doing the right thing matters. She had four years to do the right thing.”

Sabbadini countered that Noelle Warren has been remorseful, but is now being “punished” for exercising her rights to remain silent and to take her case to trial.

“There’s not a moment that goes by that she doesn’t think about the victims,” Sabbadini said. He added that the 2007 crash “is not as serious as some of those that involve death or ... have lasting injuries.”

But Fall saw things differently.

“Part of this crime included the cover-up, and there was one,” Fall said. “Whether she was the instigator or merely allowed her family to influence her, it speaks volumes about her ability to comply with probation.”

As a bailiff led a handcuffed Warren from the courtroom, her mother verbally lashed out at the Pinkerton and Daubert families, who were seated two rows in front of her.

“She’s innocent, and you just sent her to

prison — I hope you’re happy,” Warren’s mother said, leaning over a court bench. “She didn’t do it. She never did it.” The woman could be heard sobbing loudly in the court hallway afterward.

Later Wednesday, the Pinkerton family issued a statement saying they took “no pleasure” in seeing Warren sent to prison.

“Though there is a need for consequences, it was not in our hands to mete out justice. It was Judge Fall’s decision, not ours,” the family said. “The hearing today was a grim occasion. We were certainly not celebrating.”

Lorin Warren was tried alongside his daughter on charges of being an accessory in the case. Authorities said he tried to shield his daughter from arrest by having her damaged vehicle repaired, though the elder Warren denied knowledge of the hit-and-run collision.

The same jury that convicted Noelle Warren voted 10-2 in favor of acquittal for her father, resulting in a hung jury. The case is scheduled to be retried in early February.

Youth Regional Treatment Center at D-Q University to be discussed

There will be a community meeting on Monday, Dec. 19, 6-8 p.m. about the Indian Health Service’s proposed Youth Regional Treatment Center in Yolo County. The meeting will be held at the Community Hall within the West Plainfield Fire Station (24901 County Road 95 in Davis). This is an open public meeting. The center is proposed for the D-Q University site, located about 4-5 miles east of Winters on County Road 31.

For more information, visit the Indian Health Service website at <http://www.ihs.gov/California/> and click “California YRTC Project,” email caoYRTCupd@ihs.gov, or call Gary Ball, (916) 930-3927, extension 342.

Dogs up for adoption Saturday near Winters

Wagner, a sweet and gentle, 2 year old neutered male cocker spaniel mix, and Kopper, 1 year old spayed female purebred Rottweiler, are hoping to find good homes this weekend when Rotts of Friends Animal Rescue holds their Winters’ Dog Adoption Event.

“Both dogs will make perfect family dogs as they love children and play well with other dogs!” says adoption spokesperson Barbara McNaughton.

Wagner and Kopper are two of over 45 dogs available for adoption through Rotts of Friends Animal Rescue on Saturday, Dec. 17, from 7:30-11 a.m. at 29 Palms Pet Resort, 34505 County Road 29, located between County Road 94 and 95, a half-mile west of the Yolo County Airport.

All dogs available for adoption are spayed or neutered, healthy, microchipped and current on their shots. They all come with free lifetime obedience training classes.

For more information, call Renee Lan-



WAGNER



KOPPER

caster, 681-1326, or leave a message at 661-0213. If Saturday doesn’t work, appointments are available for other days and times.

Rotts of Friends Animal Rescue is a local nonprofit, established to rescue and place Rottweilers and other breeds of dogs in need of a loving permanent home.

Planners hold special meeting, cancel regular Dec. meeting

The Winters Planning Commission was scheduled to hold a special meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 14, at 6:30 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall. The only agenda item was an extension of the development agreement for Creekside Estates. Don Miller is the project

manager. A public hearing regarding this item is expected to appear on the Dec. 20 city council agenda.

The planning commission will not meet again in December. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, Jan. 24. Anyone may attend.

QUIRARTE

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Program. In addition, she has either helped coordinate, or coordinated, citizenship classes for four different groups of Winters residents who wanted to become United States citizens.

Organizing those classes required locating a teacher, locating a space to hold the classes, and finding a lawyer to help fill out applications for citizenship. During the most recent session, she received support from both Winters Healthcare Foundation and the City of Winters, for which she expresses gratitude.

As a founding member of the Winters Hispanic Advisory Committee, a group that works with the City of Winters to promote outreach, understanding and education between the City and Winters’ Hispanic community, she has played a major role in providing input into how the City can offer better services. She has provided input on

affordable housing policies, public transportation, recreation and after school activities and better accessibility at City Hall. She has also been a key volunteer for the annual Festival de la Comunidad - Community Festival and Carnitas Cook-off. This year, she took on the task of coordinating and scheduling the entertainment for the event.

According to members of the Hispanic Advisory Committee, “Leticia is always ready to jump in with a big smile and a positive attitude and volunteer her time to the Winters Community.”

“She has been known to save the day offering her services as a translator in a pinch at various meetings.”

Improving her English remains one of Quirarte’s primary goals. When she began to train for her job at the Healthcare Foundation and promotora group, she was taking English classes at Woodland Community College. As work and other demands grew,

she had to give up those classes. But her desire to keep learning hasn’t stopped.

“I don’t want to stop learning English,” she says.

With that goal firmly in mind, she is participating in the Yolo Literacy Program where she practices reading English with a tutor each week.

Asked why she spends so much time volunteering and serving her community, Quirarte says “I really enjoy doing things for my family, my people, my community.”

“Because I believe if you have good people, you have a good community.”

She believes that foundation starts with youth, especially teenagers. She’d love to find a way to serve teenagers in Winters, to provide job training, activities, a place to hang out, “of course, with supervision,” she says with a smile.

As she talks about the work she’s done over the years, Quirarte says she is encouraged.

“I like that I can see the changes.”

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Lopez next author to be featured

The public is invited to meet the authors of Winters history books in a series of illustrated talks to be held from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Winters Community Library community room.

On Monday, Jan. 23, the featured speaker will be educator, historian and author Gloria Lopez who will talk about the writing and publishing of “An American Paella, Becoming American While Staying Spanish: A Century of Memories in Winters, California,” which she and her husband Michael Autry published in 2007.

For more information, call the Winters Community Library, 795-4955.

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OBITUARY

William Charles Harker

William Charles Harker died suddenly on Thursday, Dec. 8, 2011, at Sutter Hospital in Davis. He was 61.

He had a passion for the outdoors, Bill loved camping and fishing. He was a skilled carpenter, and worked for 30 years in residential construction and remodeling.

He is survived by his daughter Melissa Harker and grandchildren Devon, Isaiah and Malachi, all of Florida; sister Sandra Meyers of Indianapolis, Ind.; brothers David and his wife Janet Harker of Dixon, Richard and his wife Joyce Harker of Columbus, Ind., Mike Harker of Columbus, and Steven and his wife Debbie Harker of Indianapolis; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A committal service was held at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13, at Sacramento Valley National Cemetery in Dixon. Condolences can be left for the family at www.bryanbraker.com.



YESTERYEAR



File photo
Four Winters men, who in 1966 decided to lose weight, wagered a few dollars and set a 60-day deadline in which to shed pounds. Shown above on the Carl Holmes scales are, left to right, (front row) Voydell Pinkston and Vern Erickson; (back row) Frank Ramos, Sam Fernandez and Carl Holmes manipulating the scales. Pinkston and Erickson dropped over 30 pounds each, while Ramos and Fernandez dropped 12 pounds each.

Lake level drops by .07 of a foot

The level of Lake Berryessa fell by .07 of a foot during the past week, with a reduction in storage of 1,223 acre feet of water, according to Ken Emigh of the Solano Irrigation District.

He reported Tuesday morning that the lake was 425.08 feet above sea level, with storage computed at 1,280,555 acre feet of water.

The SID is diverting 70 second feet of water into the Putah South Canal and 29 second feet is flowing in Putah Creek at the Diversion Dam.

Evaporation on Lake Berryessa averaged 47 acre feet of water per day during the week.

Free food to be given out at Winters church

The Food Bank of Yolo County will distribute food to eligible Winters residents during on Thursday, Dec. 15, from noon to 1 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 512 First St., and from 3 to 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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YEARS AGO

December 28, 1961
J.R. Chapman, newly appointed acting Winters postmaster, will be sworn in Tuesday morning at 10:30 at the post office in a ceremony to which the public is invited to attend.

Dr. and Mrs. A.C. Goheen, of Winters, are the parents of a son, born Monday, December 18, 1961, in the Permanente Hospital, Vallejo.

The Rotarians entertained their ladies last Thursday evening at a Christmas dinner party at John's Club. Mr. and Mrs. Relfe Ehret presented the program, showing their prize-winning slides and scenes of the Grand Canyon and Death Valley.

On January 1, 1962, the new social security rate will be 3 1/8 percent for employed people, and 4.7 percent for self-employed.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Cattermole spent Christmas weekend in Oakland, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cameron Gorton.

Mrs. George Overhouse, Mrs. Nina Mahoney, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Overhouse and son, David, drove to Loomis Christmas day and took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Pat Mahoney.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Warren entertained relatives for Christmas in their Esparto home, including Mr. and Mrs. W. Bishop, of Winters, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cuellar and children, of Dixon, and Mr. and Mrs. Gay Sorenson of Napa.

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YEARS AGO

December 27, 1946
Miss Helen Salaverria, language teacher of Delano high school has been spending the Christmas recess with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Salaverria.

Mr. and Mrs. R.A. Young and family, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Graesser and daughters were holiday dinner guests with Mr. and Mrs. W.B. Young in Apricot district.

Glenn Zimmerman, in Navy service at Treasure Island, spent Sunday at the home of his parents, Rev. and Mrs. E.E. Zimmerman.

Newton Wallace of Upland, Southern California, made a business trip to Winters Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Cattermole spent the holiday Wednesday with their son, Cameron Gorton and family in Sacramento.

Coach and Mrs. Glenn Harper and son, Denny, left the first of the week to spend the holiday with Mrs. Harper's relatives in Turlock.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Heinz entertained as dinner guests Christmas the latter's grandfather, W.H. Mitchell of Woodland, and her father, C.H. Mitchell, Winters.

Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Perry of Perry's Home Furnishings, took a business trip to Sacramento Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Gray of the local bank force attended the annual banquet of the Bank of Auburn.

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YEARS AGO

December 29, 1911
Miss Mary Vasey became the bride of Dolores Walters this week.

Victor G. Guthrie and Miss May Stephani were married in Colusa last week.

Elmer Stark and Lurlene Steppe were married Wednesday.

George N. Edwards and Miss Beatrice Needham were married in Sacramento Wednesday at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Charles Merling.

Jacob Wittner, who died at the Woodland Sanitarium Sunday, was buried in Monticello Tuesday following.

Children of St. Anthony's parish were entertained by their Sunday school teachers Friday at the home of Mrs. C.D. Popes.

Miss Anita Anderson was an arrival on Saturday night's train from Centerville. She will spend the holiday vacation with relatives here.

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YEARS AGO

December 25, 1896
A petition requesting a vote of incorporation of the town of Winters will be presented to the Yolo County Board of Supervisors on January 5, 1897, signed by 64 Winters residents.

Buckeye Lodge No. 195 F. & A.M. elected the following officers last Saturday night: E.J. Englehart, W.M.; W.H. Gregory, S.W.; O.M. Wyatt, J.W.; A. Rumelsburg, treasurer; Wm. Sims, secretary.

Miss Maude Culton, who is attending Mills College, is spending the holiday vacation with her parents.

J. Jeans went to the city Tuesday to dispose of a car load of hogs. He returned last night.

Peter Johnson expects to set out about fifteen acres of prunes this spring.

Mrs. Fassett accompanied by her daughter, Nellie, went to Oakland Wednesday to spend Christmas with her son, James Fassett.

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