



# Winters Express

## Axe poised over budget

### ◆ Trustees struggle over which school programs, staff to cut

By ELLIOT LANDES  
Staff writer

Following a week wherein a budget-cutting workshop was attended by five people, the Winters School Board played to a packed house of almost 70 on Feb. 5. The word is finally out that favorite programs may suffer cuts, and people came to have their say. Because this meeting was an information session and not a workshop, members of the public could make their case to the trustees, who could not engage in any dialogue.

The superintendent's report

proposed four different options, each containing 10-14 program changes designed to save the district approximately \$265,000, a third of the \$771,720 the board expects to lose based on Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's proposed cuts to education funding. His program has not been enacted by the state government, but the Winters School Board needs to act now in order to have layoff notices approved at the March 5 board meeting.

The two hours worth of presentations were generally heartfelt and polite, with speakers often acknowledging the board's challenge in making tough choices. The board heard from 32 speakers, including three principals, five parents, seven teachers and 17 students, including nine mem-

bers of a girls basketball team that showed up in their jerseys. The room applauded every comment.

The 40-student Wolfskill High School had a strong presence, with almost a third of the student body at the meeting, to object to a plan to combine the administration of the high school, Shirley Rominger Intermediate School (SRIS), Wolfskill and Independent Study, eliminating the "teacher on assignment" position, saving \$36,877.

Holding back tears, high school teacher Kari Mann said that despite cuts, she would do the best job she could with the resources she is given, but speaking as a parent she said, "The

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Photo by Debra Lo Guercio

Cole Jordling is the firstborn son of Cynthia and Kevin Jordling, and is the winner of the annual Winters Express First Baby of the Year Contest.

## Jordling is first baby of 2009

By DEBRA LO GUERCIO  
Express editor

Cole Thaddeus Jordling is the official winner of the annual Winters Express First Baby of the Year Contest.

Born on Jan. 8, 2009, at 6:32 a.m. at Sutter Davis Hospital, he weighed 10 pounds, six ounces, and was 22 inches long. He is the

firstborn child of Cynthia and Kevin Jordling of Winters.

His maternal grandparents are Donna and Gary Schneider of Winters, and his paternal grandparents are Edward and Deirdre Jordling of Ocala, Florida. His maternal great-grandparents

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## Solano Community College may lose its accreditation

By KATHLEEN L'ECLUSE  
McNaughton Newspapers

FAIRFIELD - Solano Community College is one step away from losing its accreditation because it got worse in the past year, the head of the accreditation commission said Friday. But there is a glimmer of hope, said Barbara A. Beno, president of the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges.

"I spoke with them this morning and they are making progress," she said. "The fire is lit."

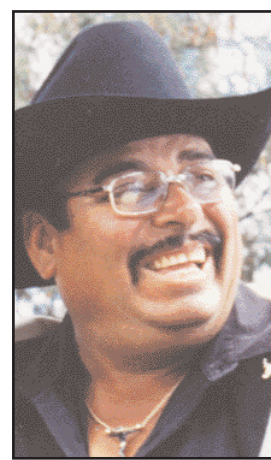
The commission placed SCC on "show cause" status last week, a sign of "serious deficiency, so serious the college shouldn't be allowed to operate unless they change real fast," Beno said.

"The level of sanction is like a grade, how far they are from passing,"

she added. "A warning (which SCC received in January 2008) is not very far. Show cause is really far from passing."

SCC operations have become worse, Beno said, in three significant areas: finances, governance and integrated planning. Those are the areas in which college officials must focus.

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ANDRES BERMUDEZ

## Cancer claims life of 'Tomato King'

By DEBRA LO GUERCIO  
Express editor

The man nicknamed "The Tomato King," Andres Bermudez, has passed away from stomach cancer on Feb. 5 in Houston, Texas at the age of 58. A Winters resident for more than 30 years, he had most recently been living in Mexico City, where he was serving in the Mexican congress. Bermudez was the first migrant living in the United States to win a Mexican mayoralship, and according to his son, also named Andres, he changed the face of Mexican political law, allowing those who have emigrated to another country to return to Mexico and run for office. His son says the law is named after him.

According to a

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## FUTURE SUBSCRIBER

SERVANDO YBARRA JR. is the first born son of Sara and Servando Ybarra of Madison. Born at 2:36 a.m. on Jan. 22, 2009, in Davis, he weighed 8 pounds and was 21.5 inches long. He joins sisters Giselle, 3, and Gracie, 1 1/2. Maternal grandparents are Carla and Jerry Labrecque of Madison, and great-grandmother is Jessie Mae McKinny. Paternal grandparents are Leticia Ybarra and the late Servando Ybarra.

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## WEATHER

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

Date	Rain	Hi	Lo
Feb. 4		71	38
Feb. 5	.11	68	44
Feb. 6	.23	58	47
Feb. 7	.55	53	39
Feb. 8	.01	68	38
Feb. 9	.05	58	37
Feb. 10		58	33

Rain for week: .95

Season's total: 7.37

Last year to date: 20.78

Average to Feb. 10: 14.40

## Would a cookie help?



Photo by Debra Lo Guercio

Local Girl Scouts getting the word out that it's Cookie Time include, from left Girl Scout Taylor Rippee, Brownie Corinne McKenna and Daisy Girl Kennedy Rivera. The three have made the top pre-sale cookie orders so far, with Rippee selling 380 boxes, McKenna selling 165 and Rivera selling 426. On-site cookie sales will take place in Winters from Feb. 19 through March 22 in front of Lorenzo's Town & Country Market and First Northern Bank. Cookie sales are a major fund-raiser for the Girls Scouts, and fund merit badges and camping events.

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## OBITUARIES

### Ronald Carrion

Ronald Anthony Carrion passed away on Feb. 2, 2009. Born in Woodland on May 8, 1945 to Ted and Mary Carrion, he was 63. He attended Woodland High School, where he played football, and graduated in 1963, joining the Navy. He became a Navy corpsman, serving a tour at Subic Bay, in the Philippines.

His love of the High Sierra brought him to Eureka, Nevada, where for the last 29 years he owned and operated the Owl Club Bar and Steakhouse. Family members say his love for life and family will always be imprinted in their memories.

He is survived by his parents, Ted and Mary Carrion of Woodland; children and their spouses, Robert and Barbara Carrion of Winters, Aaron and Lori Carrion of Zamora, Eleny Carrion of Gardnerville, Nevada, Eshel Carrion of Arlington, Washington, Evven Carrion of Reno, Nevada; grandchildren, Anthony, Daniel, Gianna and Peyton; brother and sister-in-law Marty and Karen Carrion, sister and brother-in-law Linda and Gary Easterly, sister Rita (Carrion) Easterly, and sister and brother-in-law JoAnn and Michael Fuerst; several nieces and nephews; and dear friend and companion for more than eight years, Gaye Tyndall.

A celebration of life will be held at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 22, at the Woodland Elk's Lodge, 500 Bush Street in Woodland. A second celebration will be held in Eureka, Nevada on Feb. 28.

### Andres Bermudez

Andres Bermudez Viramontes passed away from stomach cancer on Feb. 5, 2009 at the Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas. Born on June 11, 1950 in El Cargadero, Mexico, he was 58 years old. A Winters resident for 32 years, he most recently lived in Mexico City, where he was a member of the Mexican congress.



He arrived in Winters in 1970, working initially as a farm laborer at Tufts Ranch, working his way up to driver and foreman. He became a U.S. citizen in 1987, and he and his brother, Jose, went on to form their own farm labor contracting business, Bermudez Brothers, in Winters. He invented a tomato transplanting machine that earned him the nickname "The Tomato King," and was also a Yolo County tomato farmer.

A member of Mexican President Felipe Calderon's national Action Party, he made history in 2001 when he was elected mayor of his hometown of Jerez, in Zacatecas, Mexico. He was stripped of that victory by the Mexican Federal Electoral Institute because he did not meet Mexican residency requirements. The law was subsequently changed, allowing emigrants to return and hold Mexican office, and the new law was named after him. He was again elected mayor of Jerez in 2004, but still maintained his ranch home in Winters.

A lover of both playing and watching baseball, he is described by family members as "an early riser, ambitious and a hard worker, who was very charismatic and loved the limelight." In addition to Mexican politics and local agriculture and farm labor, Bermudez helped organize La Fiesta Mexicana at St. Anthony Church, raising money for the church. He also loved mariachi music, which will be played in his honor at his funeral services.

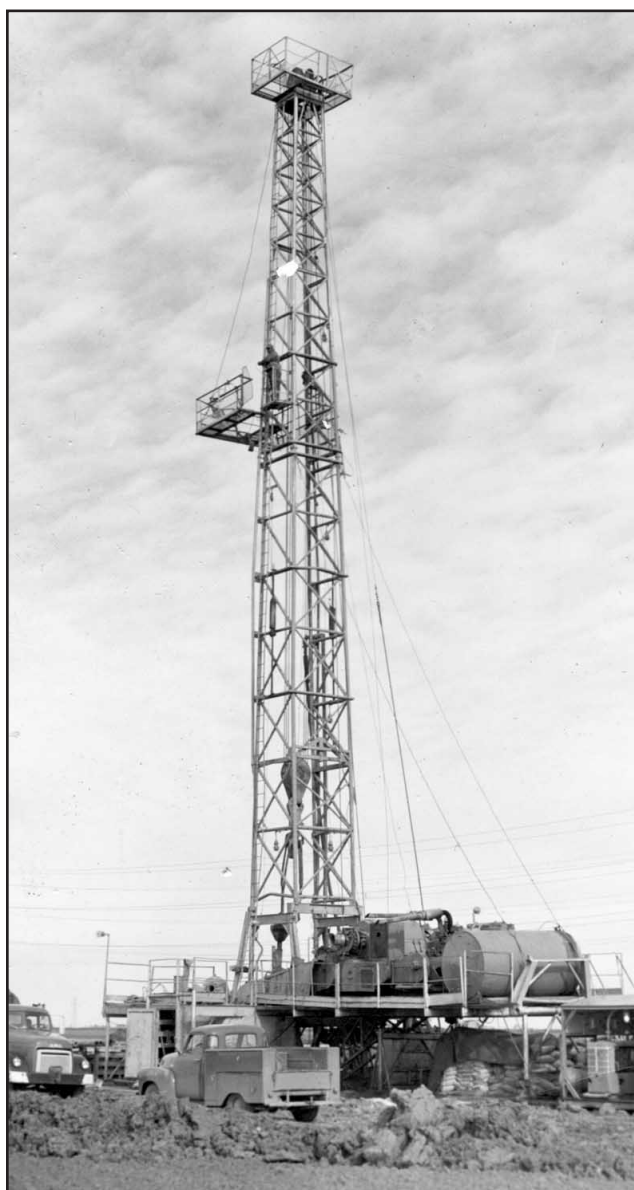
He is survived by his wife, Irma Bermudez, of Jerez, Mexico and Winters; son and daughter-in-law Andres Jr. and Xochil Bermudez of Winters, daughter and son-in-law Laura and Alexandro Ramos of Winters, son Ernesto Bermudez of Winters; grandchildren Andres Bermudez IV and Alexandro Adrian Ramos, both of Winters; siblings, Francisco Bermudez of El Cargadero, Mexico, Serafin Bermudez of Jerez, Mexico, Carmen Bermudez of Elk Grove, and Rafaela Bermudez, Isabel Vellegas and Gavina Torres, all of Winters; many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Jose, in 1992.

A Rosary will take place at his home on Thursday, Feb. 12, at 7 p.m., and in the Mexican tradition of the Rosary, an all-night vigil will be held. A funeral Mass is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 13, at 11 a.m. at St. Anthony Parish Hall, 511 Main Street. Graveside services will follow at the Winters Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made in Mr. Bermudez' name to the charity of choice. Wiscombe's Funeral Chapel in Davis is handling the arrangements.

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## YESTERYEAR



File photo  
Pictured here in January, 1955, is the newest of the good gas wells in the Winters gas field, brought in on the George Griffin ranch. This was a joint venture of the Bandini Corporation and the McBurney and Mead Company.

50  
YEARS AGO

March 5, 1959

One of the landmarks of the Winters area went up in flames Sunday evening when the two-story, ten room house on the Graf Ranch north of town burned to the ground.

A building permit was issued by the City of Winters Monday to Maywood and Lopez to build a three bedroom house for Mr. and Mrs. James Pitts, at 900 Hemenway Street. Cost of the home was estimated at \$10,150.

Officers were elected at the meeting of the Winters P.T.A. Tuesday evening as follows: Mrs. Bob Young, president; Mrs. Bill Duncan, first vice president; Mrs. Elwin Martin, second vice president; Mrs. Jay Clark, recording secretary; Mrs. Wayne Ireland, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. Cord Hailey, treasurer.

The high school board of trustees Wednesday evening awarded the contract for the swimming pool to Christianson and Foster, of Santa Rosa, for a bid of \$47,984.

Operation of Putah South Canal will be taken over officially May 1 by the Solano County Water Conservation and Flood Control District, it was reported last week.

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YEARS AGO

March 3, 1944

Fire broke out Friday a.m. in the cottage in the rear of the Mrs. Olga O'Leary property on Abbey Street, reportedly from defective wiring. The fire department worked valiantly in the face of a brisk north wind, but the house was gutted. Occupants, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Roberts, defense workers and three children, lost all their house furnishings and personal belongings.

Donald Stephens, youngest son of Ben Stephens of Esparto and Mrs. Alice Treanor of San Francisco, reported for Navy duty the first of the week and was sent to a Nebraska base for training.

Alan Furth was paying a farewell visit last Thursday to former friends in Davis and Winters. Alan is in the Marine Service and left Sunday, after graduation Saturday at U.C., for a training base in South Carolina.

D.H. "Chick" McCoy is reported as having resigned his job as road overseer under Supervisor Rich Cassel, and is out to elect John Rogers of Davis as supervisor in this district.

## Berryessa constant during the week

The level of Lake Berryessa remained constant during the past week, at the elevation of 413.31 feet above sea level, with storage at 1,122,510 acre feet of water, according to Ken Emigh of the Solano Irrigation District.

He reported Tuesday

morning that the SIDA was diverting 30 second feet of water into the Putah South Canal and 31 second feet is flowing in Putah Creek to the Diversion Dam. Evaporation on Lake Berryessa averaged 63 acre feet of water per day during the week.

## Weekly police report

Jan. 19

~ 6:30 p.m., on the 600 block of Creekside Way, several parked vehicles were hit with paintballs. The case is being forwarded to the District Attorney for complaint.

Jan. 23

~ 3:43 p.m., a vehicle owned by Justin Mariani of Winters was parked on Third Street just south of Main Street. An unknown driver made a left turn onto Third Street from Main Street and hit the back of Mariani's vehicle. The driver fled the scene.

Jan. 25-26

~ Time unknown, on the 800 block of Walnut Lane, a vehicle window was broken. Damage: \$400.

Jan. 26

~ 6:02 p.m., a 15-year-old Winters juvenile was

arrested for vandalism and possessing tobacco products. The juvenile was booked at the Winters Police Department and released to a parent on a notice to appear.

~ 11:18 p.m., a found bicycle was turned over to the police department.

Jan. 28

~ 5:09 p.m., at Interstate 505 and State Route 128, an officer assisted a Yolo County Sheriff deputy with a subject contact. The 25-year-old male was a missing person from San Mateo County.

Jan. 30

~ 4:30 p.m., on the 500 block of Niemann Street, electronic equipment was stolen from a classroom. Loss: \$200.

~ 4:30 p.m., a found wallet was turned over

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YEARS AGO

March 5, 1909

Ground was broken today at the University of California for the Boalt Memorial Hall of Law.

More walnut trees were planted out this week on Main Street east of the railroad to the end of the street.

Mrs. Minnie Herold was installed as past chief of Temple No. 70, Pythian Sisters, at ceremonies held Saturday night.

Monday was auto day in Winters. A carload of Reos was unloaded and assembled on the depot platform.

At this week's meeting of the town board R.L. Day was given a permit to conduct a drug store on the south side of Main Street.

The Ladies Improvement Club will meet at the home of Mrs. D.O. Judy Wednesday, when the committee for the Rose Carnival will be appointed.

Wm. Wolfskill has just finished planting about 4,200 fruit trees on the Taylor tract, and is now helping his brother, J.H., plant out 30 acres more.

John Griffin has been urged to run for Supervisor from this district, at the election this fall, and we are informed that he has consented. John will be sure to be elected, and we believe will make a good officer.

Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Briggs entertained the following young folks at their residence Wednesday evening in a whist party: Misses Mary and Sadie Briggs, Ada Hanson, Mary DeVilbiss, Lottie Wilson, Mattie Humphrey, Mabel Jeans, Messrs. Ed and Cary Baker, James and Ralls Briggs, Albert Morris and Leonard DeVilbiss.

The Express has made arrangements with Leonard DeVilbiss whereby he will be associated with the paper in the conduct of the local department. All courtesies shown Mr. DeVilbiss will be duly appreciated by the publisher.



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Courtesy photo  
**Winters resident Britta Langen, pictured with a child from Isithembiso Children's Home in South Africa, is coordinating a doll-making workshop to benefit the children who live there on Saturday, Feb. 14, at the Davis Waldorf School.**

## Doll workshop benefits South African children

Everyone is invited to open their hearts on Valentine's Day by making a baby doll for children at the Isithembiso children's home in Port Elizabeth, South Africa. The workshop takes place on Saturday, Feb. 14, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Davis Waldorf School, 3100 Sycamore Lane in Davis. Both the workshop and materials are free of charge. Those who wish to make a second doll for themselves will be charged a small materials fee.

The parent/child doll-making workshop was inspired by Winters resident and Winters High School graduate Britta Langen. Langen was a member of the Davis Waldorf School's first graduating class, and both her birthday and that of one of the Davis Waldorf School founders, Diane Simon, fall on Feb. 14. Langen chose their shared Valentine's Day birthday for the doll-making workshop.

Langen recently returned from a year of study as a San Francisco State University exchange student at the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University in Port Elizabeth, South Africa. While there, she volunteered one day per week at the Isithembiso Children's Home.

Isithembiso operates at over twice its licensed capacity, and depends largely on volunteer help. The combina-

tion of poverty and AIDS in South Africa is increasing the need for safe havens where abandoned and/or abused children can live.

Upon her return home, Langen wanted to initiate a doll-making workshop to make each child at the home a baby doll, a constant toy representing a human that each child could cherish and keep with them as they move through the foster system. Coincidentally, the Davis Waldorf School staff were looking for a way to honor founder Simon's birthday, and decided that reaching out with love to orphaned children seemed like a perfect way.

To participate, call the school office, 753-1651.

Participants should bring their own lunch. For more information about the workshop, call Jan Schubert, 795-9873, or Dahlia Haberman, 297-6886.

## Love is in the air at Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area

Start Valentines Day in the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area on a public tour led by Yolo Basin Foundation docents. The tour runs from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Feb. 14. Participants will meet just before 9 a.m. in Parking Lot A (the first parking

lot with the large notice board) in the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area, at the west end of the Yolo Causeway bridge. No reservations are required. For more information, call 757-4828, or visit the Yolo Basin Foundation website, [www.yolobasin.org](http://www.yolobasin.org).

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# Opinion



## DEBRA LO GUERCIO BECAUSE I SAY SO

**W**HILE WE'RE KICKING OUR paradigms around (see last week's column if you're already lost), let's give a good swift one to our educational system. We are applying yesterday's educational goals to today's job marketplace. Kids, here's the equation for choosing your career path: the ease with which your job can be outsourced is directly related to the likelihood that you'll be unemployed. If you want to make enough money to survive in these treacherous economic times, you need to choose a career that involves something that cannot be outsourced and is absolutely essential.

No, not just doctors, dentists and lawyers. I mean plumbers. Electricians. Auto mechanics. They don't get much respect. Until you desperately need one, and then they're golden. And you'll pay whatever it takes to get their help.

Once upon a time, back when I was in high school (which, I realize was sometime just after the Pleistocene era), we had this thing called vocational education. Some called it "shop." In shop classes, you could learn to fix a car or air conditioner, or run a jigsaw or blowtorch. You could pick up enough skills to get a job after high school in one trade or another, or maybe go on to a community college or trade school and become really proficient at welding or bricklaying or small engine repair. And here's the really weird part — back in the day, there was no dishonor in choosing such a path. What happened?

We've developed a very narrow view of what educational success means. It's all round holes that no longer accommodate square pegs, let alone triangular ones. The only educational skill that is valued anymore is the ability to pass standardized tests.

True, students who are great at passing tests will likely do great in college. But what about students who aren't so great at passing tests but can pick apart a motor, figure out why it doesn't work and fix it on the spot? Those with superior kinesthetic problem solving skills are shoved to the perimeter of the educational system. Why? Their inborn talents aren't valued. Until your car is making that funny noise again.

Why is "college bound" the only measure of educational success anymore? The disappearance of vocational education is one more nail in the coffin of our economy. Not only do some students not have the aptitude to go to college, some simply don't have the money. If they haven't learned any vocational skills in high school, they're forced to take the very jobs that are currently most likely to result in layoffs: food service, manufacturing and retail sales. Next stop: the unemployment office.

We seem to have lost sight of the purpose of high school. High school is not meant to prepare you for college. High school is meant to prepare you for the next step in life, whether that's college or the workforce. "Or." That's the key word. And by workforce, not just folding towels or flipping cheeseburgers. I mean an actual trade that provides a reliable income with which one can support oneself, and maybe a family too.

How 'bout we drive a stake through the heart of the No Child Left Behind Act, and stop worrying about whether or not Japanese kids score higher on math and science tests than American kids (note: they always will) and start worrying about how well our high school graduates' skills match the demands of the job marketplace?

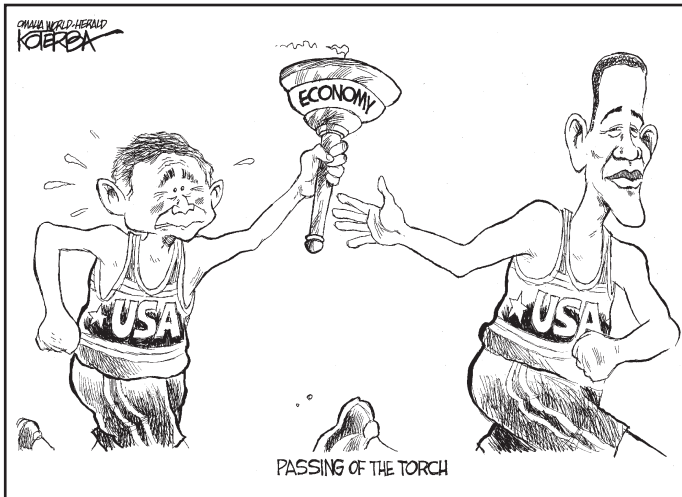
As for those who go on to college, once again, there needs to be a reality check on the job marketplace. Too many college students study, study, study for jobs that have a high chance of being outsourced, and end up folding towels, making chai lattes and collecting unemployment right along with the kids who never learned a single marketable skill in high school. They might as well have saved their parents all that money and never went to college at all.

We need to get the "or" back into our high schools. Bring back vocational training. And lest we become a nation of MBAs working at Starbucks, we need to make sure that college students are pursuing courses of study that aren't likely to lead to the unemployment line. Whether the workforce or higher education, your job security is literally in your own hands.

Moreover, your hands must be skilled. Any hand can push paper or answer a telephone or fold towels or pour coffee. Or assemble a computer in Singapore or do "technical support" over the telephone from India. Make sure your hands can do the things other people can't do themselves, the things they need right here in their own lives, whether it's replacing a fan belt or a heart valve. Or assisting the woman or man who does.

Your own two hands, and learning what you can do with them. There's your job security.

Develop interest in life as you see it; in people, things, literature, music - the world is so rich, simply throbbing with rich treasures, beautiful souls and interesting people. Forget yourself.  
~ Henry V. Miller



## LETTERS

### Wants to chat with heroes

Dear Editor,

Two hundred years ago to the day from the publication of this week's Express, two of my heroes were born: Abraham Lincoln and Charles Darwin — on the very same day, half a world apart, but both worlds and worlds away from where things stand now. I would give almost anything to get these two great men, who never met, in the same room—to talk about what has transpired since their deaths.

Mr. Lincoln would be amazed to see a man with African blood sitting in the White House, as he would, I am sure, to know there is also a bedroom there named after him. We can only guess how proud he would feel to see such a beautiful monument that honors him and anchors The Mall, and to learn of the esteem to which he is held around the world.

Mr. Darwin would likewise be amazed at the level to which his findings have been debated, distorted, lied about, and generally castigated by those whose very livelihood depends on his findings and theories being wrong. I am sure he would laugh, with typical British humour, at the term "Intelligent Design" — so very recently pulled out of the hat like Bullwinkle

searching for the rabbit, intended to explain the never-ending scientific contradictions to the Heavenly Books. I think he would find it particularly funny to have the annual Darwin Awards, honoring those who are most notably exceptions to his findings.

With both of these great men, I would love to explore the changes in words and technology that have taken place since their deaths. Think about it. What apple meant then, and what Apple means now. Mouse. Blackberry. Ford is not just a theater name anymore. Lincoln luxury vehicles. Speakers. Keyboard. Glass windows vs. Microsoft Windows. Hawaii. Alaska. Yahoo.

The difference between the aerial balloons used in the Civil War, and a pilot landing a jet in the Hudson River. Sending people to the moon. What a ram meant then, and what RAM means now. Cobwebs then, and now the World Wide Web. Octuplets. Telegraph then, cell phones and GPS now. The original trains vs. today's bullet trains and subways. Disneyland. The changes in the Smithsonian. The Queen Mary.

Goodness, what a series of conversations it would be.

**TOM McMASTERS  
STONE**

### Missed Andersen's column

Dear Editor:

I'm an ardent fan of Jamie Andersen's column, "What's up at WHS?" Each week, I open the paper and refresh myself with a long cool draught of enthusiasm, humor and infectious delight. Rarely can I resist reading a few lines aloud to my husband, who often responds with the suggestion that I write a letter to tell Miss Andersen how much I enjoy her writing. Oh yes, I agree, browsing through the rest of the paper, I must do that sometime.

Well, last week, I rummaged through the paper several times before putting it down in dismay. No column from WHS! Oh no! I had to pull the previous week's issue out of the kindling pile and remind myself of the importance of

learning Spanish to avoid being "a little surprised by the lengua tacos at the taco truck," as Miss Anderson cheerfully wrote, "when everyone knows that carnitas is the way to go!"

I'm ashamed that I had to miss a week to finally write my thank you note to Miss Anderson — and to the Winters Express editor — for publishing this gem of a column. I hope that this week — and for many weeks to come — I'll continue to find Miss Andersen's forthright, charming column in my favorite hometown paper.

**JO CRESCENT**

*(Editor's note: We just ran out of room! Andersen's column is in this week's edition, on page B-2.)*

### Policy for Letters to the Editor

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We will accept letters of thanks naming individuals and local Winters businesses. Non-local individuals and businesses listed in letters of thanks will be edited out.



## CHARLES R. WALLACE A QUICK OPINION

**W**HERE IS MY WATER METER? If you can read between the lines, the city is planning on having water meters, citywide, in the not to distant future. They've come up with a great plan to get meters installed in the business community. They doubled our rates, overnight.

We've been reporting on the city's plan to raise our water rates for a couple of months now, but who would have expected a 97 percent rate increase. To round up a few points, that is double. Last month I paid \$61.60 for water, the new bill is for \$121.28, and that is just for the water. The total bill for our two buildings for water, sewer and municipal services tax is now \$198.74. I thought only gasoline went up that fast. We have about 3,600 sq. ft. under roof. About the size of two medium sized houses. We have two bathrooms, one shower and a garden, but no lawn area, swimming pool or backyard orchard.

Does the Winters Express, along with Close Quarters, really use \$121.28 worth of water each month? I can't imagine what the Buckhorn's or Mariani's bill must be like. I don't want to be the one to tell the guy that is supposed to be on Page 2 that he can't water his garden this summer, but something has to give. Maybe he can try dry farming like they do in Oklahoma.

When I was reading the new rate charts that were distributed a few months ago, I thought our rates were going up around 10 percent for the next five years. That would be a 50 percent increase, but over five years, not double in the first year. I guess the city needs the money, but what's a city without successful businesses. I might add that we pay a flat rate for services, just like homeowners do in Winters. If you look at your bill, it should have gone up about \$10 per month.

I had an email exchange a while ago with our city manager John Donlevy and here are a few of his comments.

"We are very lean compared to all cities in our area. While others are projecting shortfalls, we have done a pretty good job of anticipating the reductions in our budget projections, thus avoiding the panic and "fiscal emergencies" which are being felt elsewhere."

He went on, "We have established a concise plan for the review of our fees (water, sewer, building) to keep pace with inflation and maintenance needs which keeps the water and sewer enterprises running pretty smoothly. In 2005 when we reviewed our rates, we said we would be back in 2008 to do the same. The water and sewer rate reviews are actually required by the mandate of the voters (Proposition 218) and the rates set accordingly. Prop 218 specifically requires that you charge customers equitably and based on utilization. If you notice, the recommended flat rates include both increases and decreases to reflect analyzed utilization. It is unfair to characterize the proposed increases as anything except keeping our service fees consistent with costs and expenses."

He does have a point about Winters looking pretty good compared to other cities in our area. I mentioned last week that I thought small towns would weather this recession better than big cities because we never had the sales tax or big business jobs to lose.

We have always had relative high taxes, and John Donlevy would argue that water and sewer fees aren't taxes but just the cost of doing business. (That is almost funny). I would argue that high fees are just like taxes, part of our service fees are siphoned off to pay for city staff and other related cost. Not that that is a bad thing, but something we should admit.

The problem with a flat rate for services is that if you are an older couple you are probably subsidizing families who use more water than you do. If you think about water all the time and watch your neighbor water his sidewalk, day after day, you will probably benefit from having a meter.

If I install a couple of meters, my water bill should go down. I've been for water meters for years and now I'll have to put my money where my mouth is. If everything goes right, I should save money over the long haul, or at \$121.28, it shouldn't take that long at all.

Have a good week.

### Be a winner, walk kids to school

Dear Editor,

Here's a win-win idea: don't drive children to school. If students walk, they'll be healthier; the environment will be healthier; our cars will

be healthier (short trips reduce engine life), and we'll reduce our dependency on oil. Kids can be part of the solution.

**LINDA EASTMAN**

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# BUDGET

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reason I'm so emotional, is, it's hard to explain that place in your heart that touches your kids. I'm really concerned that my kids won't get the education they should from a district that is so committed to the students."

Most speakers at this kind of meeting object to cuts that impact them, speaking to board members that are asking themselves, "Who shall we cut instead?" Many are too polite to identify alternate targets. At this meeting, there were exceptions to this rule.

SRIS Teacher Theresa Borchelt identified one item to cut.

"The cuts that are happening at elementary and intermediate levels will be teacher cuts, reading specialist cuts, intervention cuts," said Borchelt. "And a big huge thing that I see at the high school, that I really don't see offers the bang for the buck that it should, is the senior project. I know it's kind of a sacred cow in this town. I don't see how the district can justify any more cuts down there, when that thing looms at the high school."

SRIS principal Kate Helfrich echoed the theme.

"When I look at the proposals for reduced staffing," said Helfrich, "I am frightened by how little attention is put towards programs that support kids, and how obsessed we are in the district with saving sacred cows."

"I have heard board members say it is critical that student achievement is put first. I don't see that in this round of proposed cuts. It is also clear that we are not using the district's goals and directions to drive this process."

Wolfskill principal Emilie Simmons wears a number of hats for the district, including overseeing the district's curriculum and instruction. She spoke against the plans to cut supervisor staffing at Wolfskill, as well as cuts to clerical staff and the data analyst. She recommended using part of the reserves to save \$140,000 from the need to cut. She also supported negotiating to reduce salaries by one percent across the board. She asked that criteria be established for further cuts, and that the board should make the remaining reductions considering the board's stated goals and values.

"I believe I am in a unique position to see and understand the district's needs," said Simmons. "Let me say that I am irate, that the governor and the state legislature put you in this position. Cuts to special education and intervention staff will tear gaping holes in the safety net we have worked so hard to put in place, which will likely result in the over-identification of special education students."

The proposed cuts tend to focus on areas that appeared to be overstuffed. High school teacher Evan Barnes responded to the comments on the senior project, which he co-directs.

"Senior project costs

our district about \$4,800," said Barnes. "So we have another \$260,000 to go? Doesn't sound like a good idea to me."

He also disputed the claim that the high school is overstaffed.

"The rumor gets out there," said Barnes, "that at the high school, the teachers have a lot of time on their hands, that we are overstaffed, because we teach six out of eight periods in a block schedule. In reality, if you look at the middle school, the number of minutes spent with students, it is virtually identical to the high school. We need to look at what the real numbers are."

He added that the number of actual minutes for high school was the same as Woodland and 20 minutes more than in Dixon.

Many students spoke against the idea of cutting after-school sports at the middle school, an idea that came out about because of overlap between after-school sports and city programs that served the same population. Later, trustees Matt Brickey, David Hyde and Rob Nickelson said they would not support cutting the program.

Some comments suggested making use of the fund known as "reserve for economic uncertainty." The governor's proposal allows districts to reduce their minimum reserve from three percent of the budget to one and a half, and Winters' reserve stands at four and a half. This kind of cut is a one-time benefit, and has appeal to many school boards because it impacts no one immediately. Trustee Jay Shepherd pointed out that this puts off the need to cut by two years, but eventually the funding will have to be found.

Trustee David Hyde asked that Superintendent Pat Lewis report on the impacts of such an approach. Lewis spoke against taping the reserve, reading from comments by Chief Business Officer Gloria Hahn. Hahn cautioned schools that three percent should be the bare minimum.

"The reduction allowed by the governor would be in effect for two years, and then would have to be restored," said Lewis. "Just think when it ends, (about) finding that money out of the blue to restore it. The current standards should be the bare minimum. Everyone is telling us this, especially if you're small. We have survived this year because of reserves in the past."

Speaking against using the reserve, trustee Matt Brickey said, "Four years from now, we may not have enough money to operate. The formula we have in place has been a successful one. We need to be a viable district."

The board members decided to hold a second workshop on the subject on Thursday, Feb. 12, to slow down the decision making process and allow for more dialogue. It will be held at the Walnut Room of the district office, 909 West Grant Avenue, at 6:30 p.m. Anyone who is interested may attend.

## Workshop focuses on proposed school district budget cuts

The Winters School Board will hold a special meeting on Thursday, Feb. 12, to address proposed budget reductions for the 2009/10 school year. The meeting will include a workshop aimed to continue discussions from the Feb. 5 regular school board meeting, following public concern expressed regarding proposed budget reductions necessitated by the California state budget shortfall.

The special meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Walnut Room at the school district office, 909 West Grant Avenue. All interested citizens may attend.

The agenda includes:

- ~ Fiscal Crisis and Management Assis-

tance Team (FCMAT) and school services information.

- ~ Proposed mid-year cuts; Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's proposed 2009/10 budget.

- ~ Enrollment history by site.

- ~ 2009/10 expenditure reductions

- ~ Board workshop; members of the public may address the trustees.

- ~ Board workshop; proposed budget reductions for 2009/10 school year.

- ~ Short recess before continuing discussion of expenditure reductions.

- ~ Additional comments/input from members of the public.

- ~ Continued discussion of proposed budget reductions for the 2009/10 school year.

## Academic Decathlon team brings home silver

By DEBRA LO GUERCIO  
Express editor

Last year's Academic Decathlon defending champions from Winters High School had to settle for second place this year, as the team from Davis High School came roaring back to claim their accustomed Number One spot, but the victory wasn't just handed to them. The Winters team chased them to the wire, and actually won more medals than Davis. But when the points were counted, Davis took top honors at this year's competition, held in Woodland on Feb. 7.

Coach Matt Biers-Ariel heaped praise on his team.

"The Winters team was very strong this year," said Biers-Ariel. "Although we took second place, our score was very close to the score we had last year when we won the gold medal. We won more medals than the combined count of Woodland and Esparto, and came very close to the total score from last year. Davis, however,

did not want a repeat and brought out an incredible team. We scored a total of 32 medals, led by Rachel Mattingly with seven, including three golds.

Biers-Ariel adds that Davis High School, which outmatches Winters in both student body size and both educational and financial resources, is a tough team to beat.

"There is no shame to lose to Davis, which has three times the number of students. The community should be quite proud of these Decathletes for all the hard work they put into this competition."

All in all, says Biers-Ariel, "our kids did great."

The team includes Thomas Sears, Jules Damey, Max Van Dyke, Alfaro Fernandez, B. Andreina Prado, Zoe Adams, Samantha Navarrete, Rachel Mattingly and Emma Pfanner. Marcella Heredia co-coached this year's team.

A complete list of medals won by the Winters team will be available next week.

## City council meets Tuesday

The Winters City Council will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 17, at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall. The following items are on the agenda:

- ~ Swearing in of Winters Police Officer Matthew Martin.

- ~ Winters historical photo collection exhibit; donation

- ~ Water conservation program.

- ~ Introduction and waiving of first reading of a proposed ordinance regarding sidewalk cafes.

- ~ Approve revised Project Budget Sheet (PBS)

for construction of West Main Water Well #7; authorize city manager to execute a \$79,995 contract with Luhdorff and Scalmanini for completion of design and construction assistance services for bidding and construction of West Main Water Well #7; authorize expenditures up to \$92,000.

Acting as the Community Development Agency, the council will discuss the proposed Downtown Visitors Center. The city has rented the space at 11 Main Street for this purpose.

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# Community

## Clayground moves into new digs

By **MOLLY DAVIS**  
Staff writer

Judging by the wide array of faces, both young and old, human and, well, canine, The Clayground is an apt name for the business. It provides fun for all ages, said the owners, Shannon Moore-Jervis and Rebecca Bresnick Holmes.

Indeed, with the music in the background and clay and paints everywhere, The Clayground gives off a pleasant vibe and is the sort of place where you want to linger awhile. Of course, Moore-Jervis and Bresnick Holmes are part of the reason, as they tend to talk to everyone as though they've known them their whole lives.

Last Saturday, The Clayground celebrated its two year anniversary, and its relocation, by hosting an open house and a free painting event. The women made heart ornaments out of clay and let guests paint them. Afterwards, the hearts would be fired and ready to display.

While other businesses are folding, The Clay-

ground has expanded. They had outgrown their previous facility at 9 East Main Street, and have moved into 7 East Main Street, which is right next door to Steady Eddy's.

The Clayground opened its doors in February, 2007, just a few months after Moore-Jervis and Bresnick Holmes met. They both saw the need for art, particularly pottery, to be accessible to all. They offer classes, planned events (like birthday parties, showers, date nights and friends' nights out), drop-in hours to work on pre-made pottery or to make your own out of wet clay, and even team-building exercises for companies. Plus, the women are mobile and can bring their supplies to homes, offices and classrooms.

The team-building exercise was something new for The Clayground. But, as Bresnick Holmes says, the women weren't daunted.

"Even if we hadn't done that before, we said, 'hey, we could make this happen,'"



Photo by Molly Davis

**Rebecca Bresnick Holmes (left) and Shannon Moore-Jervis, owners of The Clayground, celebrated their relocation to 7 East Main Street on Feb. 7.**

said Bresnick Holmes.

The Clayground aims to foster that creative outlet, in any way, shape or form. And now that they're in a new studio, with more space, that is more possible than ever before. The owners look forward to what this new opportunity and new exposure has to offer them, and the com-

munity. They are very encouraging about their medium, and above all else, want their patrons to have fun. Additionally, they encourage imagination, between themselves and their customers.

"If you can think it up, we will try and make it happen," promises Bresnick Holmes.

## Free food available for needy residents

The Food Bank of Yolo County will distribute food to eligible Winters residents on Monday, Feb. 23, 3-5 p.m. at Yolo Housing, 62 Shams Way, and on Friday, Feb. 27, 12-1:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 512 First Street.

Applesauce, green

beans, beef stew, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce and orange juice will be distributed. Participants may receive food at only one site, and are asked to bring a bag to carry their food home.

For more information call 668-0690.

## Workshop features wills, estate planning, trusts

The City of Winters Hispanic Advisory Committee is sponsoring a public service workshop to provide information on estate planning and related topics to community members. Everyone is invited to attend.

"Estate Planning" will be presented in Spanish and English on Monday, Feb. 23, at 7 p.m. in the city council chambers at City Hall, 318 First Street.

"It's an issue that everyone will have to face and proper planning can be a tremendous help to you and your family members," says Dawn Van Dyke, city grant writer.

Topics of discussion will include answers to the following questions:

What is a will? What is estate planning? What is probate? What are powers of attorney?

Estate planning can help determine how assets will be managed for your benefit during your lifetime, how they will be distributed after your lifetime, how custody of minor children will be determined, and how and how your personal care and health decisions will be made.

"Estate planning is not just for the wealthy; information from this workshop will be useful to those in all walks of life," says Van Dyke.

For more information, contact Mary Jo Rodolfa, 795-4910, extension 111, or Dawn Van Dyke, 795-4910, extension 108.

## Pancake breakfast benefits West Plainfield firefighters

The West Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department is holding its 31st Annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 1, 6:30-11 a.m. at the fire station, located on County Road 95. The proceeds from this all-you-can-eat breakfast will help purchase

needed equipment.

Advance tickets are \$7 for adults and \$6.50 for children ages 6-12. The price at the door will be \$8 for adults. Children under the age of 6 may eat for free.

For more information or tickets, call the station, 756-0212.

## Rodolfa photo on Cover of Time

Photos of stem cells taken by former Winters resident Kit Rodolfa are on the cover of the Feb. 9 issue of Time magazine.

Rodolfa is a key researcher at the Harvard Stem Cell Institute, where stem cell research is hoped to lead to breakthroughs to cure currently incurable diseases, such as ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) and Parkinson's

Disease, and paralysis from spinal cord injuries.

Rodolfa's research involves creating "pluripotent" stem cells, which can reproduce into various cells of the body from adult skin cells.

A Winters High School Class of 2000 valedictorian, Rodolfa is the son of Emil and Mary Jo Rodolfa of Winters.

# OBITUARIES

## Mark Munoz

Mark Manuel Munoz, of Farmington, New Mexico, passed away suddenly from a heart attack at his home on Feb. 6, 2009. Born on June 28, 1958 in Woodland, California to Mariano and Patricia Munoz, he was 50 years old.



He was the former owner of Warrior Video, and is a former Winters resident. He graduated from Winters High School in 1976. He served in the U.S. Air Force after graduating from high school. His family remembers him as very private person but a loving and giving husband and father. He enjoyed collecting movies and comic books.

He is survived by his wife Peggy of Farmington; children Melissa and Mary Munoz of California, and Justin Ulibarri of Farmington, New Mexico; mother Patricia of Winters; sister Debbie and brother-in-law Richard Pitts of Winters; nephew Jeff Pitts and his wife, and niece Amber Pitts.

He was preceded in death by his father.

A memorial service was held at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Farmington, New Mexico, on Tuesday, Feb. 10. Condolences may be sent to the family at [obits@danielsfuneral.com](mailto:obits@danielsfuneral.com).

# POLICE

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and returned to its owner.

### Feb. 1

~ 12:49 a.m., at Interstate 505 and Allendale Road, an officer assisted the California Highway Patrol with a traffic collision.

~ 5:37 p.m., Donald Ross Morrison, 58, of Winters was issued a notice to appear for driving with a suspended/revoked driver's license.

### Feb. 1-2

~ Time unknown, on the first block of East Abbey Street, food was stolen from the front porch of a residence. Loss: \$40.

### Feb. 2

~ 10:54 a.m., on the first block of Main Street, an officer responded to an audible alarm. The alarm was activated accidentally.

~ 11:16 p.m. – On the 300 block of Railroad Avenue, an officer responded to an audible alarm. The business was secure.

### Feb. 3

~ 11:45 found vehicle keys with a car alarm remote were turned over to the police department.

~ 4:51 p.m., Jade Rose Bertagnolli, 18, of Winters was issued a notice to appear for possessing less than an ounce of marijuana and having unlawful tinted vehicle windows.

### Feb. 4

~ 5:43 p.m., Roberto Marquez Martinez, 27, of Winters was issued a notice to appear for being an unlicensed driver and having unlawful

tinted vehicle windows.

### Feb. 6

~ 2:08 a.m., on the 100 block of Wolfskill Street, a vehicle window was broken to gain access inside a vehicle and a cellular telephone was stolen. Loss and damage: \$600.

### Feb. 7

~ 9:20 p.m., on the 100 block of East Grant Avenue, checks written on a closed account were cashed at a business. Loss: \$1,445.

~ 10:19 p.m., Alberto Gutierrez, 36, of Pittsburg was issued a notice to appear for being an unlicensed driver, driving at an unsafe speed and failing to provide proof of insurance.

### Feb. 8

~ 12:10 a.m., a 16-year-old Winters juvenile was arrested for taking a vehicle without the owner's consent, driving under the influence of alcohol, resisting arrest and being an unlicensed

driver. The juvenile was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to the Yolo County Juvenile Hall for incarceration.

~ 1:25 a.m., at Railroad Avenue and Main Street, a 34-year-old San Jose man was found passed out inside his locked vehicle. The man was vomiting, gagging and appeared to have difficulty breathing. Officers gained entry to the vehicle and had medical aid respond to transport the man to the hospital.

~ 2:58 a.m., on the 100 block of East Baker Street, parties were involved in a verbal domestic dispute.

~ 4:38 p.m., Elmer Todd Goodman, 42, of Winters was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol with a blood alcohol content of over .08% and hit and run. Goodman was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to the Yolo County Jail for incarceration.

*Still  
a babe!*



*Happy 40th  
Birthday,  
Becky!  
From family  
and friends*

# BABY

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are Betty Allan of Walnut Creek and Tom Allan of Diamond Bar. His paternal great-grandparents are Paul and Mimi Giddings of Green Castle, Indiana.

As the winner of the First Baby of the Year Contest, Cole and his parents will enjoy the following gifts from area merchants: \$20 gift certificate from Pacific Ace Hardware, \$15 gift certificate from Putah Creek Café, \$25 gift certificate from The Buckhorn, \$50 savings account from First North-

ern Bank, \$20 gift certificate from Bella Boutique, \$25 gift certificate from Velo City, \$20 gift certificate from Piz-za Factory, Sunday brunch for two at Tomat's, baby's first prescription from Eagle Drug, a wine gift box from Berryessa Gap, a baby jacket pattern and material from Cloth Carousel, a hand-crafted baby gift from Briggs & Co., 10 free rentals from Warrior Video, a dozen donuts from Lester Farms Bakery, a one-year subscription to the Winters Express and a lube, oil and filter from Ron Dupratt Ford.

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# Entertainment

## ‘Spokesmerchants’ offering Amgen race day specials

By **DEBRA LO GUERCIO**  
Express editor

While the crowd waits for world class cyclists — including seven-time Tour de France champion Lance Armstrong — to come flashing through town on Sunday, Feb. 15, Winters merchants are doing everything they can to add to the festive event by offering special race day deals.

To help cheer on the cyclists, Velo City will have free cowbells at 41 Main Street and real estate agent Nancy Meyer will be giving away 500 American flags at 411 Abbey Street (next to City Park) beginning at 10 a.m. Cow bells and flags will be available on a first-come, first-served basis while they last.

Commemorative Winters leg Amgen Tour T-shirts, specially designed by Linton’s Screen Printing, will be available for \$10 apiece at Cody’s Deli, Steady Eddy’s, Velo City, Pizza Factory, Eagle Drug ARC Guitar, Putah Creek Cafe and the Winters Participation Gallery.

No one will go hungry waiting for the cyclists to come into town. Steady Eddy’s will be selling specially-priced “wrap” sandwiches out on the sidewalk in front of the coffee house, The Buckhorn will offer charcoal sandwiches and drinks at the bulb-out in front of the restaurant, Cody’s Deli, will be selling a lunch deal

of barbecued chicken quarters, homemade potato salad and small drinks, and Tomat’s is making a “Finish First Burger” and fries for race day.

Lester Farms Bakery is giving away a free cup of coffee with every three donuts you purchase while the Putah Creek Café will have a free cup of coffee for anyone wearing any type of cycling gear, and the Winters Participation Gallery will have a “ReCycle” sale of videos and soft drinks, as well as a do-cent appreciation party.

Also on race day, The Clayground, at 7-E East Main Street, will offer 10 percent off a purchase of two items, a “Draft a Friend” special: bring a friend and you both get 15 percent off, and a “Pedal Power” special: 15 percent off your purchases if you biked to the race and/or The Clayground.

Over at City Park, the Winters Jr. Warriors will sell water and Gatorade. City Park is also the location of the free bike rodeo for children, sponsored by Velo City and the Winters Chamber of Commerce. Sign-ups begin at 10 a.m. and activities begin at 10:30 a.m. Inexperienced riders or those who need a refresher on bike safety rules and bike traffic laws are welcome. Kids need a bicycle and helmet to participate.

The main event, the Amgen Tour cyclists, are expected to arrive in Winters around



Photo by Debra Lo Guercio  
**Commemorative tour t-shirts, as modelled by Theresa Linton, left, and Myke Berna, right, are available from Linton’s Screen Printing.**

12:30 p.m. Seventeen teams of eight world-class cyclists each come up Putah Creek Road, turn north over the car bridge, and take an immediate tight left turn onto Main Street. They will continue past City Park, which is where the Winters sprint finish line will be, and from there will head out Main Street to Grant Avenue, turn west and head on toward Lake Berryessa.

The 108-mile race ends in Santa Rosa, and features various mini-competitions along the way, such as a winning jersey for the cyclist who won the most sprints, the one who made the most points in the mountain and the one who raced most aggressively. The grand prize is the yellow jersey

at the end, signifying the overall winner.

For more information about the Amgen Bike tour, as well as specifics about the race and the riders, visit [www.amgentourofcalifornia.com](http://www.amgentourofcalifornia.com), or call Myke Berna at Velo City, 795-3454.

Those who live or work along the bike route should note that curbside parking will not be allowed on Railroad Avenue from the car bridge to Main Street or on Main Street from Railroad Avenue to Grant Avenue on Sunday, Feb. 15, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information about curbside parking, call Dan Maguire at City Hall, 795-4910.

## Event supports Winters Participation Gallery

The Winters Participation Gallery will present “Revel in the Arts,” featuring well known Irish Balladeer Patrick Ball. The event includes a tour of the Buck Mansion, wine tasting, both live and silent auctions, dinner by Tomat’s, and entertainment by Irish balladeer Patrick Ball. The event will take place at the Buck Mansion in Vacaville, 225 Buck Avenue, on Sunday, March 22, at 2 p.m.

Proceeds from this event will go to support art education and a

scholarship program for the public schools, as well as the gallery and a future on-site classroom.

The Winters Participation Gallery seeks to provide a creative and supportive venue for established and emerging artists to display their art.

Tickets are \$100 per person or \$150 per couple. For tickets contact the Winters Participation Gallery, 18 Main Street, 795-0608, or call Jackie, 574-8474.

## Artists’ reception planned at The Artery in Davis

Elizabeth Solomon and Carol Abbe mix it up with diverse subjects and styles.

Their artwork will be on display at The Artery, 207 G Street in Davis, from Feb. 13 through March 10.

An artists’ reception is planned on Friday, Feb. 13, 7:30-10:30 p.m.,

which coincides with the Davis Second Friday ArtAbout.

The Artery is open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sundays, 12-5 p.m.

For more information, call 758-8330 or email [artery@att.net](mailto:artery@att.net).

## Davis Kiwanis Club plans annual crab, pasta feed

The Kiwanis Club of Greater Davis will hold its 29th Annual Crab and Pasta Feed on Friday, Feb. 13, at the Veterans Memorial Center in Davis. The social hour begins at 6 p.m., and dinner will be served at 7 p.m.

The dinner includes all-you-can-eat crab, pasta, salad and bread. There will

be a no-host bar available, as well as raffle prizes and a silent auction.

Tickets are \$40 per person. For tickets, call: George Barden, 756-1332. To donate raffle prizes, call Adrian Bowen, 753-8866.

Proceeds from the event will benefit various Kiwanis charities.

## Punch Brothers to play Center

The Punch Brothers will perform Saturday, Feb. 14, at 8 p.m. in Jackson Hall of the Robert and Margrit Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts, UC Davis. The group features five of the most innovative young pickers in modern bluegrass, including mandolin virtuoso Chris Thile of Nickel Creek. A pre-performance lecture with local favorite Joe Craven takes place at 7 p.m. in the AGR Room of the Buehler Alumni and Visitors Center, adjacent to the Mondavi Center on the UC Davis campus.

Widely regarded as one of the most interesting and inventive musicians of his generation, composer/performer

Chris Thile has changed the mandolin forever, elevating it from its origins as a relatively simple folk and bluegrass instrument to the sophistication and brilliance of the finest jazz improvisation and classical performance.

Thile’s newest venture, Punch Brothers, already is playing to sold-out crowds around the world. The band is comprised of five young and fiercely talented musicians — Chris Thile (mandolin), Gabe Witcher (fiddle), Chris Eldridge (guitar), Noam Pikelnny (banjo), Paul Kowert (bass).

Purchase tickets online at [MondaviArts.org](http://MondaviArts.org), box office, 754-2787 or at the door.

## Citizens Who Care present a salute to Frank Sinatra

Citizens Who Care presents its 17th annual benefit concert “May we be Frank?” A Salute to Sinatra at the Veterans’ Memorial Center Theatre, 203 E-14th St., Davis on Saturday, Feb. 21, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 22, at 2 pm.

Frank Sinatra is acclaimed as the world’s greatest performer of popular music. Sinatra transformed popular singing by infusing lyrics with a personal

and intimate style that revived vocalized swing music and took it to a new level of sophistication.

For tickets and information, call 758-3704 or go to [www.citizenswhocare.us](http://www.citizenswhocare.us). Tickets, \$25/general and \$15/students, are also available at the Citizens Who Care office, 1260 Lake Boulevard, Suite 208, in Davis (Westlake Plaza, Stonegate executive offices, second floor).



## BERMUDEZ

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press release issued by the Associated Press, Bermudez had been battling stomach cancer since March, and was receiving treatment for the disease since December, according to the daily newspaper El Sol de Zacatecas. Described as a “flamboyant” lawmaker for President Felipe Calderon’s National Action Party, or PAN, Bermudez entered the United States illegally in 1973, hiding in a car trunk with his pregnant wife. He then worked his way from field hand to labor contractor, and invented a tomato-planting machine called a “tomato sled” that earned him the nickname “Tomato King.”

The AP story notes

that Bermudez made history in 2001 when he was elected mayor of his hometown of Jerez, in the northern state of Zacatecas. He was stripped of that victory by the Federal Electoral Institute because he had not met residency requirements, but won the mayorship again in 2004 after Zacatecas legislators changed state laws to let part-time residents seek public office.

In 2006, Bermudez, who shuttled between his Winters ranch and Jerez, won a seat in the lower house of Congress for the PAN.

According to a 1984 Winters Express story about Andres and his brother Jose, Bermudez worked illegally in the U.S. between 1969 and 1982, and was caught by the Border Patrol three times and was sent back

to Mexico, twice with his wife and children. He and his wife once walked for an entire night through the mountains on the American side of the border on his quest to return to the Winters area, where his brother (who had his “green card”) worked at Tufts Ranch.

Bermudez also worked for Tufts Ranch, and was a driver and then a foreman. The Tufts family provided him with housing and helped Bermudez get his green card in 1982. He was eligible for U.S. citizenship five years later.

The two brothers went on to become farm labor contractors in the Winters Area, starting the local company known as Bermudez Brothers.

Jose Bermudez was killed in a car accident in Kla-

math Falls, Oregon in November 1992. In addition to the labor contracting business, Andres Bermudez was also a Yolo County tomato farmer.

Bermudez’ son expresses great pride in his father’s accomplishments and notoriety, and says stories about his rags-to-riches life and his rise to political power in Mexico were covered by a variety of news media, including the Los Angeles Times and CNN.

“He was an early riser; he was ambitious and a hard worker,” says his son, adding, “He liked the limelight. He was very charismatic.”

A funeral Mass is planned for Bermudez on Friday, Feb. 13, at 11 a.m. at St. Anthony Parish Hall. A graveside service follows at the Winters Cemetery.

## COLLEGE

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“The college must take immediate and necessary action to address its inability to timely and accurately generate financial and apportionment reports,” the commission stated in its letter announcing the show cause status. “The team has serious concerns regarding the college’s ability to generate (such reports).”

The commission in particular singled out the SCC Governing Board.

“The board disagrees on how the mission of the college is being carried out and is divided on most major issues brought to it,” the commission letter stated.

“The board’s dysfunctions are contributing to the dramatic fiscal and administrative instability of the college.”

Colleges officials have said much of the problem stems from the commission’s change in the level of enforcing rules by which colleges must abide. Although the commission and SCC regularly evaluate operations and make recommendations for improvements, it has only been in the past year the commission has stringently enforced the rule to resolve such problems within two years.

“In January 2008, we sent a letter to every (college) and informed them of this,” Beno said. “SCC had until 2010 to fix these problems, well, that is be-

fore the show cause letter.”

Now SCC has until June to prove it’s making enough progress to continue operating. It has until April 1 to write a report outlining actions taken for improvements, followed by a site visit by commission inspectors and then a commission meeting in June.

SCC does have some positives going for it, Beno said, chief among them is the selection of Thomas Henry as special trustee. That was good for two reasons. First, SCC picked a trustee early in the process. Most colleges wait until their accreditation is terminated to hire a trustee, Beno said.

Second, Henry last worked as a special

trustee at Lassen Community College. Lassen is the only California community college to be in as dire a situation as SCC, and come out intact and operating.

“Accreditation is designed to assure quality is there for the public,” Beno said. “We are willing to work with colleges to make sure that happens, but they have a limited time to make that effort.”

### For more information

Solano College has set up a new web page, “Progress Reports”, on their website, [www.solano.edu](http://www.solano.edu), and established a blog linked off of their main website, SCC-Progress Blog, to take questions and post information.



# Sports

## Tobler signs letter of intent

By ERIC LUCERO  
Express sports

Kyle Tobler, a senior at Winters High School, has just signed a letter of intent to play football for the Eagles of Carson Newman, a NCAA Division II team from Jefferson City, Tennessee. Tobler was recently named to the division III all state football first team, the all northern section first team, the all northern section division II first team and the all area team, and now has reached the biggest of them all. Signing a letter of intent to play athletics for a university anywhere is the biggest day a high school athlete will have.

Carson Newman has won 20 South Atlantic Conference titles under Coach Ken Sparks. Sparks will begin his 30th season in the fall. The Eagles were 7-4 in 2008 and reached the NCAA playoffs.

"I am really excited," said Tobler. "I can't wait to go back and be with my dad." Tobler's dad not only



Photo by Eric Lucero

**Winters High School varsity head football coach Daniel Ward (left) watches senior Kyle Tobler (center) along with Tobler's mother Beth (right) sign a letter of intent to play football for Carson Newman in Jefferson City, Tennessee.**

lives near the campus, he went to Carson Newman as well and played for the same coach, Sparks, that just signed Kyle. "I went back to visit my dad during Christmas break and visited the campus. I really liked what I saw and decided right then that I wanted to go there."

Tobler was recruited to punt and kick and plans to see what he can

do as quarterback as well. Tobler played all three positions for coach Daniel Ward this last season along with some defense.

"This is a great opportunity for Kyle," said Ward. "He will go back there to kick and punt, but there will be an opening in two years at the quarterback spot. I know he is more than capable of playing at that level, and I wish

him the best."

Tobler's mother Beth was even more excited about this than he was. "I am really excited for the opportunity for Kyle to not only play football, but to play in Tennessee," said Beth. "I will miss him and miss being able to watch him, but I am very happy that he will be able to play for Carson Newman."

## Warriors struggle against Las Plumas

By ERIC LUCERO  
Express sports

The Winters Warriors varsity boys' basketball team played just one game last week as they started the second half of league play. The Warriors hosted Las Plumas on Friday, February 6, and lost 52-34 to the Thunderbirds. In the first period, Winters was down by one point, but let the lead increase and were unable to recover.

Maurice Ackridge led the Warriors with 11 points, seven rebounds and three steals. Aaron Geerts had 9 points, three assists and two steals. Ed Latimer scored 5 points, had seven rebounds, four steals and four assists. Riki Lucero scored 4 points and had three steals. Jules Damey scored 3 points, had six rebounds and three steals and Jeronimo Aguilar had 2.

## Doyle leads JV boys past Thunderbirds

By ERIC LUCERO  
Express sports

The Winters Warriors JV boys' basketball team defeated the visiting Las Plumas Thunderbirds last Friday, February 6, in a Butte View League game by a score of 38-28. The Warriors started slow, trailing 18-21 at the half, but poured on the defensive pressure in the second half allowing the Thunderbirds to score just 2 points in the third and five in the fourth. Winters also did a great job of controlling the tempo.

Freshman point guard Niko Doyle helped the Warriors as he scored 19 points and made 5 three point shots.

"I figured we might be in for a long night when we missed four lay-ups in the first three minutes of the game," said coach Tom Crisp. "Fortunately, Niko was on from the outside."

Crisp added, "the difference in the second half was changing our defense to a 'Box and One' to stop their top scorer. Not only did it slow him down, but it also threw their whole team out of rhythm. It also helped that we were 4 for 5 from the free throw line and they were 1 for 8."

Geerts also had a big night with 12 points. Kevin Hyde scored 4 points, John Botro scored 2 and Jesus Quirarte scored 1.

## Mayes, Tweedt, Tuner are first in league

The Winters Middle School Wrestling Club did very well in the league meet held at Douglas Middle School

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## PISANI'S ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



## Murphy pulls hat trick

◆ Lady Warriors down Oroville 5-1

By ERIC LUCERO  
Express sports

The Winters Warriors girls' soccer team beat the visiting Oroville Tigers 5-1 on Tuesday, February 3, in a Butte View League game. Winters led 3-0 at the half before letting the Tigers get on the board in the second. Danielle Murphy led the Warriors as she pulled off the hat trick, scoring three of the Warriors goals. Jessica Sharp scored a goal

and had two assists, while Sydney Stewart scored the Warriors other goal.

On Thursday, February 5, the Warriors lost to Las Plumas 0-2 on the road, but finished the season with a 7-5-2 overall record and a 6-4-2 league record for a third place finish in the Butte View League. The Warriors are ranked third in the northern section division II rankings and are ready for the first round of the playoffs. The brackets were not posted at press time, but should be available on CIFNS.org now.

## Fierros scores five for Warriors boys' soccer

By ERIC LUCERO  
Express sports

good job for the Warriors as goal keeper with five saves.

The Winters Warriors boys' soccer team shutout the visiting Oroville Tigers 5-0 on Tuesday, February 3, at Shirley Rominger School in a Butte View League game with the help of freshman Dagoberto Fierros. Fierros scored all five goals for the Warriors with the help of his teammates. Fierros had two assists from Omar Herrera, two from Fernando Cervantes and one from Orlando Rodriguez. Jesus Manuel Loza also did a

On Thursday, February 5, the Warriors traveled to Oroville to take on the other high school there and defeated Las Plumas in a 1-0 shutout. Cervantes scored the Warriors only goal off Herrera's assist. Winters had a solid team effort.

The Warriors ended their regular season with a 7-3-4 overall record, a 7-3-2 league record and a second place finish in the Butte View League behind Orlando, who had an 8-1-2 record.

## Now Offering Wheel Alignment



# Schools

## JAMIE ANDERSEN WHAT'S UP AT WHS?



**FACEBOOK AND MYSPACE.** These two social networking sites have caused quite the splash in the past two years, in both good and bad ways. It's undeniable that these sites are popular with teens, especially with those in high school, and those teens spend way too much time on their pages.

I am a proud owner of a Facebook, although my journey to earning a Facebook was difficult. It seems that adults just don't understand why a Facebook is so necessary, especially when the media has portrayed these sites as feeding frenzies for predators. To teens however, the answer is quite obvious. I hope I can shed some light on the situation so that maybe the gap of understanding can be bridged.

Both MySpace and Facebook, can seem a little complex if you've never experienced them. These sites both offer opportunities for users yet another way to stay in contact with their friends. The can stay in contact by leaving messages on each other's pages, instant messaging, and sending their friends photos, videos, and other fun applications.

Though these sites might seem very similar through this description, hey are in fact very different. One of the main concerns about these sites seems to be their lack of safety and all of the horror stories based on these sites. While they can be dangerous if used improperly, both sites offer safety features to protect your privacy. The range of safety features, however, is where Facebook and MySpace differ.

MySpace is the more used site in Winters, but in my research, it has turned out to be the lesser of the two when it comes to safety features. This is not to be said that it cannot be used safely though. There are safety features that allow you to make your page private, which means that only the people that you approve can look at your page.

This safety feature seems to be foolproof, unless the user befriends a person who they don't really know. Here lies the danger in MySpace. If the user goes onto the site anticipating meeting new people, then they run into the danger of meeting someone who is dangerous. This is where all of the media horror stories come into play. However, if you join MySpace with the intention of staying in touch with friends you already have, and then there should be no safety concerns.

MySpace gives its users more freedom to individualize their pages by letting them design their layout and backgrounds and all of the information that is posted. You can also protect yourself from predators online by not posting information about yourself. This seems pretty obvious, but you would be surprised how many public MySpace users post their age, town and high school they attend. With that information and the pictures posted on your site, it is only too easy for someone to find you!

Facebook was originally created to be the more mature version of MySpace. It was originally used by college students, but is expanding in popularity rapidly. Because there is a smaller group of people using Facebook, that eliminates some of the predators from the pool.

Facebook also has more comprehensive safety features than MySpace. When you sign up for Facebook, your page is automatically private. You have to approve all of your friends and when you do, a window pops up to ask you to confirm that you know the person already. In addition, you have more control over what information is posted, and although they do require a real first and last name, you can hide everything else. Facebook also protects your pictures, videos and anything else that you choose to post. Facebook doesn't have as many options to personalize your page, but it offers applications and games that you can add onto your page.

When you boil it all down, anytime you go onto the Internet, there is a risk. We can take certain precautions to protect ourselves, and I think that instead of parents banning their kids from these sites altogether, it is more important to teach kids about using the Internet safely for themselves.

There have been many tragedies that have happened through these sites, but that is not a reason to get rid of these sites, only to use them more safely. Both Facebook and MySpace offer more information about their safety features on their websites, and if you're still not sure, I recommend that you check them out yourselves. Because while there is a small risk, sites like MySpace and Facebook are a great way to keep in touch with cousins, friends in other towns, and even your friends from school.

## Kids bike rodeo to ring in tour

A children's bike rodeo will be held at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Feb. 15, at City Park, to introduce kids to the joys of cycling. Come on down and learn the rules of the road for bicycles.

Kids can sign up for the free event at 10 a.m. at the park, and activities will begin at 10:30 a.m. Kids need only a bicycle and helmet to participate.

The Bike Rodeo will have three stations. First, there will be a bicycle safety check to make sure the bikes are sound and helmets fit correctly.

Next, Winters Community Service Officer Gail Jimenez will give a short presentation on road safety, street signs and the rules of the road.

The third station will be a chalk street course. Those who complete the Bike Rodeo will get a race cowbell from the City of Winters, to help ring in the world class cyclists that will be racing down Main Street at



Photo by Woody Fridae

**Young cycling enthusiasts are looking forward to the bike rodeo planned on Sunday, Feb. 15, at 10 a.m. at City Park. A variety of skills and bike safety rules will be reviewed. There is no charge to attend. The bike rodeo takes place just before the Amgen Tour comes to town. From left are Myke Berna, owner of Velo City, Baylee Rippee, Luke Vice, Juan Carlos Delgado, Jacob Miller and Winters Chamber of Commerce member Howard Hupe.**

12:30 p.m. that day.

The Bicycle Rodeo is a free event brought to you by the Chamber of Commerce and VeloCity. VeloCity owner Myke Berna says the Bike

Rodeo is a great learning opportunity for inexperienced riders or those who need a refresher on bike safety rules and bike traffic laws.

## Waggoner to award students for reading goals

The Waggoner School library is recognizing students for achieving their reading goals. Several students in second and third grade are becoming stars in reading by earning 100 percent on their Accelerated Reader quizzes. Once students pass four quizzes with a score of 100 percent on each quiz, they become a STAR of reading.

Students in grades K-3 can earn a one-day pass to Six Flags by turning in their reading logs to

their classroom teachers by Friday, Feb. 20. Six Flags Theme Park is awarding students who are participating in its' six-hour Reading Challenge. Teachers are using various reading logs in their classroom for this program.

Part of each teacher's homework packet is for students to read every night. The library will be mailing each classroom teacher's reading club list to Six Flags on Friday, Feb. 27. No late reading logs will be ac-

cepted for this award.

All reading logs proving students have read six hours must be signed by parents and turned into their child's classroom teacher by Friday, Feb. 20. Six Flags will mail passes to Waggoner sometime in May. Students will receive their one-day pass to be used this coming summer with their report card. Please look closely at the dates the one-day pass is valid. Six Flags will not replace any lost or stolen passes.

## Jimenez to be honored at awards dinner

The Association of California School Administrators, region III, has notified Emilie Simmons, principal of Wolfskill High School, that Wolfskill student Jose Jimenez has been selected for an award. The Every Student Succeeding Award goes to a student who has overcome difficult situations and turned their life around.

Jimenez was nominated by Simmons and counselor, Kathy Blankenship. He has overcome many obstacles and has worked hard to steer his life in the right direction. He plans to graduate in May, go to work and attend a community college.

Jimenez will be honored at a dinner on Feb. 18, in Sacramento, and will receive a scholarship to continue his education.

Students who are turning in their reading logs weekly to their classroom teacher are also awarded at the library. The Winters P.T.A., along with Waggoner Library, are awarding students with a "Treasure Chest"

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## Bereavement services available for children, teens

Children grieve losses of those they love differently than the adults around them. Yolo Hospice has had children's bereavement services available to the community for some time. Rising need prompted Yolo Hospice to request donations to create a space devoted to the Stepping Stone program.

program group room and the Yolo Hospice main office will be open to the public Thursday, Feb. 12, from 3-6 p.m. for an open house. The public is invited to tour the newly designed group room, meet Yolo Hospice staff, learn about the services and enjoy great food and music.

For more information, call 758-5566.



# Wrestlers ready for Senior Night

◆ Warriors host Gridley in dual meet

By ERIC LUCERO  
Express sports

The Winters Warriors wrestling team planned their Senior Night on Wednesday, February 11, at the Shirley Rominger School, when they host the Gridley Bulldogs in a dual match. Coach Tim Hausler wants to show his appreciation for his seniors and for their parents.

“Our program is doing very well,” said Hausler. “A lot of that has to do with support of the parents, and we just want to show our appreciation to them. We also want to recognize our seniors. So we are hoping for a big turnout on Wednesday. We will have all 14 of our wrestlers competing.”

The Warriors wrestling program is doing very well, and that was evident on Saturday, February 7, as the team traveled to Oakland to compete in a tournament with 35 other schools.

Billy Rotenkolber put on a show, as he not only came home with a first place finish, but defeated his last opponent 12-3 in the finals.

Jesse Hellinger went undefeated in the tour-

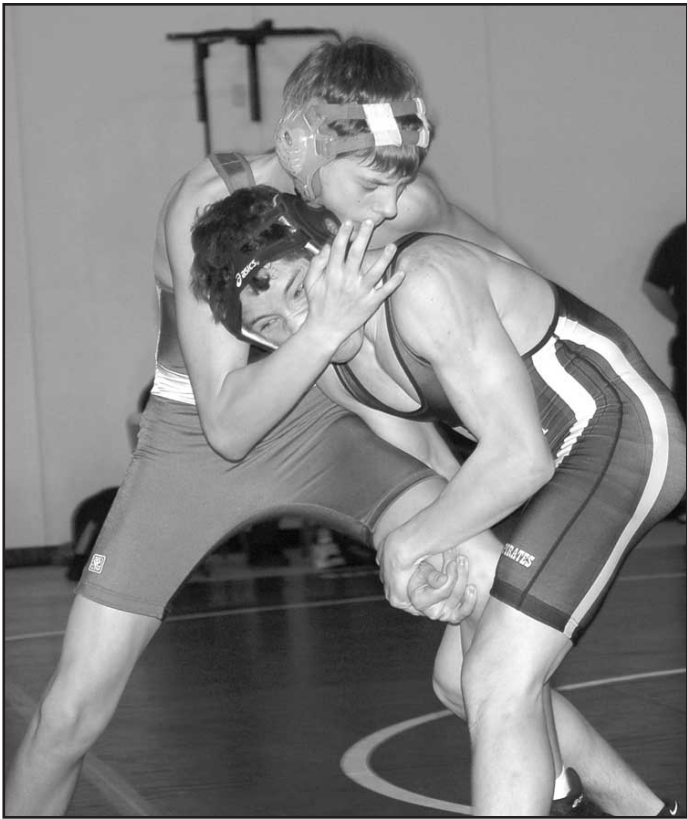


Photo by Eric Lucero

**Nick Stewart makes a move on his opponent during a recent dual match at Shirley Rominger School.**

namment, but had to settle for a second place finish due to a technicality. Wrestlers are only allowed to wrestle 40 matches in a season, and in order to be eligible for Wednesday’s match on Senior Night, Hellinger had to sit out of the finals on Saturday. Hellinger is currently 38-1.

Taylor Brickey went 4-1 in the tournament for a fifth place finish. Brickey lost his second match, and because it

was only a one day tournament, was unable to get any higher.

Kendrick Moore and Burt Masem tied for fifth place in their division. Moore finished 3-1 and Masem went 4-1 on the day. Jackson Waldron was in the same position as Brickey was as he went 4-1 for a fifth place finish.

Nick Stewart, Catherine Hasbrook, Austin Brickey and Destiny Rodgers all went 1-2 for the Warriors.

## Battle of the Books



Photo by Debbie Nicholson

**Winters Middle School students (from left) Justice Brewer, Yesenia Zarate, Lupita Pantoja, and Cory Todd are diligently spending their spare time reading books for the first annual “Battle of the Books” competition to be held in the middle school gym on Tuesday, Feb. 24, at 6:30 p.m. There are 16 teams competing in a game-show style format for prizes and bragging rights. The entire community is invited to attend and cheer on the contestants. Cookies and coffee will be served.**

## PTA meets monthly

The Winters PTA meets on the second Wednesday of each month from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Shirley Rominger Intermediate School staff room. All parents of kindergarten and elementary school aged children are invited to attend. Childcare is provided.

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of reading awards. Students are eligible to visit the treasure chest every three weeks during their library visit to choose an award for reaching their reading goal. Students who also pass four Accelerated Reader Quizzes with a score of 70 percent or higher are awarded a visit to the treasure chest.

The Winters Parent Teacher Association began a Reading Incentive Program at Waggoner twenty-one years ago. This vital program encourages and motivates students to read. It develops a love for reading and a life-long love for books.

Waggoner will be hosting an early Spring Book Fair during parent conference week, March 10-13. The Book Fair will be open daily from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Volunteers receive a free book of their choice for helping. We need volunteers to help set up, take down and help run the cash register during the book fair. Volunteers may contact Rita Holder at 795-6121, extension 217, (707) 678-9665, or email at rholder@wintersjusd.org.

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in Woodland. Winters only had nine wrestlers enter, due to illness and 6th grade camp, but came up strong with seven medals.

Taking first in league were Chris (Bubba) Mayes, Tim Tweedt and Devon Turner. Morgan Nicholas and Zachary Linton both were second in league. Placing third in league were Nathen Du Charme, Mary Mann Pierce, and Christian Cushman.

The Winters Middle School Wrestling Team finished in fourth place, only 7 points behind first place Lee Middle School.

“We might have won league if we had all our kids,” said Coach Fred Turner. “Our kids did very well tonight.”

## Solano College searching for a new interim leader

By SUSAN WINLOW  
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Newspapers

FAIRFIELD — The countdown has begun for Solano Community College, which is clinging to its accreditation at the same time it is searching for a new interim superintendent/president.

“The next president needs to both tear down and build up,” SCC Trustee Stephen Murphy said Wednesday. “We need someone skilled at creative destruction.”

The decision to replace Dr. Lisa Waits, the current interim, was made in January after SCC hired Special Trustee Tom Henry in an effort to hang on to its accreditation. SCC was on warning status then but now the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges

has put the school on “show cause” status — one step away from losing its accreditation.

Finding an educator experienced in dealing with accreditation issues is a primary focus, and Henry has compiled a short list of three candidates.

“I’ve done this before for institutions and I typically develop a short list,” Henry said. “Depending on how well each interview goes depends on how deep I go into the list.”

That short list might have gotten shorter Wednesday night, when the SCC Governing Board interviewed the first of Henry’s candidates in closed session. When the public meeting resumed, the board took no action to hire the candidate.

Henry declined to

identify the candidate other than to say the man has been a chancellor at numerous California colleges.

The move not to hire despite a structured timeline — SCC could lose its accreditation in June if significant steps aren’t taken — wasn’t unexpected, Henry said, even though “we had an opportunity on the agenda for a decision to be made.”

Once a new interim is chosen, Waits will return to her regular position as vice president of student services.

“She didn’t have the experience as college president but she’s done a bang-up job,” said Student Trustee David Brannen in an earlier interview. “She’s really opened the lines of communication.”



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## Muere Andrés Bermúdez

Por **JUAN CASTRO**

Andrés Bermúdez Viramontes, “El Rey del Tomate”, residente de Winters, por muchos años, perdió la batalla contra el cáncer, por lo que el día jueves 5 de febrero a las 12:07 p.m. del medio día, falleció en el hospital de M.D. Anderson Cáncer Center, de Houston, Texas, a la edad de 58 años.

El cáncer que padecía Andrés Bermúdez fue diagnosticado el pasado 25 de marzo del 2008, y desde entonces comenzó la lucha por tratar de erradicarlo, recibiendo trece quimioterapias, nueve en el Hospital Ángeles del Pedregal y cuatro en el M.D. Anderson Cáncer Center de Houston, en donde fue ingresado el pasado tres de noviembre del 2008. El hígado, posteriormente el estómago y a últimas fechas los pulmones, se encontraban invadidos por el cáncer, pero fue finalmente una insuficiencia respiratoria y una baja de presión lo que arrancó la vida al Diputado Federal y ex alcalde municipal de Jerez.

Su secretario dijo que hasta la noche del pasado miércoles 4 de febrero, entre las 23 y 24 horas, Andrés Bermúdez Viramontes estaba consciente aunque con falta de visibilidad en el ojo derecho a decir de él mismo, sin embargo alrededor de las dos de madrugada, sufrió problemas respiratorios y presión arterial baja, lo que estuvo a punto de provocarle un paro cardíaco, pero los médicos lograron estabilizarlo, aunque debido a esta situación el cerebro dejó de recibir el oxígeno suficiente lo que lo mantuvo inconsciente hasta la hora de su deceso.

Hasta el momento se desconoce si los restos de Andrés Bermúdez serán trasladados a Jerez o descansarán en Winters, en donde residen sus tres hijos, aunque también se esta buscando la posibilidad que al menos se efectúe una misa de cuerpo presente en este municipio. Polémico y controversial, así fue catalogado Andrés Bermúdez “El Rey del Tomate,” en el ámbito político y social, su ingreso a la política aunque atropellado logro consolidarlo como un fenómeno por la incidencia que en el electorado provocó.

Andrés Bermúdez nació en el Cargadero en el año de 1950, los siete años de edad, dejó Zacatecas para irse a vivir con su familia a la ciudad de Tijuana, en donde según relataba, ganaba unos cuantos pesos vendiendo gelatinas, paletas heladas y cantando en los camiones. Contrajo nupcias con la señora Irma García Medina oriunda de la comunidad Encino Mochó, apenas se casaron emigraron al vecino país del norte, cruzando la frontera de ilegales dentro de una cajuela de carro, en aquel país nacieron sus tres hijos, dos hombres y una mujer.

Mucho se dijo que Andrés Bermúdez desarrolló un par de inventos agrícolas que incrementaron sustancialmente la producción de tomate y redujo en forma considerable el precio de venta a los empresarios. Posteriormente impulsado por ex gobernador de Zacatecas Ricardo Monreal, Andrés Bermúdez inició su carrera en la política apoyada en ese momento por el PRD, logrando el triunfo de las elecciones municipales del 2001, derrotando al PRI que durante 72 años se había mantenido en la presidencia municipal.

No obstante por no cumplir con el tiempo mínimo de residencia en Jerez, el Tribunal Federal Electoral retiró la constancia de mayoría a Andrés Bermúdez, otorgándosela a su suplente Ismael Solís. Ismael Solís concluyó el mandato apoyando por colaboradores que en algún momento también formaron parte del equipo del Rey del Tomate, sin embargo como gente de plena confianza de Bermúdez Viramontes, sólo Raymundo Carrillo y Jaime Viramontes, lograron, producto de negociaciones ubicarse como funcionarios de áreas municipales.

Principalmente durante el primer año de mandato Ismael Solís tuvo que sortear diversas dificultades originadas por el grupo bermudista, que posteriormente se constituyó como asociación, A.C. En el 2004 Andrés Bermúdez decide volver a contender por la presidencia municipal, tras ser descalificada su candidatura a la Presidencia Municipal de Jerez, renunciando a su militancia en el Sol Azteca debido a que no se le permitió participar como candidato, de esta manera se unió al

Andrés Bermúdez volvió a ganar las elecciones con una aplastante mayoría, esta vez cumpliendo con los requisitos de residencia y sin obstáculo alguno la Gobernadora del Estado le tomo protesta el 15 de septiembre del 2001. No obstante el mandato de Andrés Bermúdez se vio inmerso en diversos escándalos, manifestaciones constantes y tomas de presidencia, pero ello no evitó que impulsado por el PAN pero principalmente por el grupo bermudista, se lanzara en busca de la diputación federal por el distrito 02, logrando el triunfo y dejando en la presidencia municipal a su suplente, su hermano Serafín Bermúdez.

“¡¡Tiempo!!”, frase que distinguió a Andrés Bermúdez, “El Rey del Tomate,” como legislador panista en la Cámara de Diputados fue gritada en coro por la fracción perredista el viernes pasado como señal de respeto por la muerte de su compañero diputado federal. Descanse en paz Andrés Bermúdez.

## Taller sobre Testamentos y fideicomisos

Antes de morir, es importante saber quién se quedará con su dinero, su propiedad, sus perlas favoritas o el reloj de bolsillo. Pero a la mayoría de nosotros no nos gusta pensar en eso. ¿La evidencia? Pocos hispanos tienen los documentos que se utilizan para distribuir los bienes después del fallecimiento: sólo uno de cada cuatro tiene un testamento, y uno de cada cinco, un fideicomiso testamentario.

Si usted no decide, el gobierno lo hará, y eso puede ocasionar muchos dolores de cabeza. La mayoría de las personas considera el testamento como la mejor herramienta para hacer conocer sus deseos a sus familiares y para que estos se cumplan. Eso es verdad en muchos casos. Pero hacer un fideicomiso testamentario, solo o en combinación con un testamento, a veces es mejor, opinan los especialistas en el tema.

Por lo general, los testamentos son más fáciles y menos costosos para confeccionar y cambiar que los fideicomisos testamentarios. Un testamento tam-

bién le permite nombrar a un tutor que se haga cargo de sus hijos menores después de su fallecimiento, algo que no es posible con un fideicomiso testamentario (a menos que se agregue un documento complementario).

Si tiene deudas, los acreedores se enfrentan con una fecha límite para hacer reclamos contra su patrimonio. Los acreedores no pueden reclamar bienes de los beneficiarios si ya se les ha transferido la posesión. En el caso de que surgieran conflictos entre beneficiarios y acreedores, los tribunales los resolverían.

Un testamento habla por usted sólo después de su fallecimiento. Un fideicomiso testamentario lo puede ayudar en vida. Se crea para conservar y administrar los bienes, y usted puede actuar como fideicomisario y nombrar a un sucesor para que lo reemplace al fallecer. Si queda incapacitado, un consejero de confianza designado puede hacerse cargo, algo que ahorrará a sus beneficiarios el problema, tiempo y gastos de ir a

los tribunales para designar a un tutor o custodio.

Existen otras advertencias a tener en cuenta con respecto a los testamentos y a los fideicomisos testamentarios. Ninguno cambiará la manera de distribuir los bienes que posea con otra persona, al momento de su fallecimiento. Ninguno afectará los bienes con un beneficiario designado, tales como cuentas de retiro individual o seguro de vida. Aún puede necesitar otros documentos, como poderes legales, que le permitan designar a una persona para tomar decisiones por usted si queda incapacitado. Todos estos factores y algunos otros necesitan ser considerados al momento de decidir. Por eso, los expertos recomiendan que revise su situación y las opciones disponibles, con sus consejeros legales y fiscales. Los expertos coinciden en que los miembros de la familia siempre cargan con los mayores costos cuando sus seres queridos no planifican.

Por eso el comité consejero hispano de la ciudad de Winters es-

tará presentando talleres de servicio público para ofrecer información sobre testamentos, cartas poder, y todo lo relacionado con la administración de bienes. Se les invita atentamente para que participen. El taller será presentado en inglés y en español el lunes 23 de febrero a las 7 p.m. en el salón donde se celebran las reuniones del concilio de la ciudad, en el 318 First Street.

Es un tema que todos tendremos que enfrentar y si aprendemos a planificar, será de mucho beneficio para nuestras familias. Los temas de discusión serán sobre: Testamentos, cartas poder y administración de bienes. La administración de bienes, incluye se van a manejar tus bienes mientras vivas, quien se quedará con la custodia de los hijos, y como y quien podrá tomar decisiones por ti con respecto a tu cuidado y salud cuando tu no puedas hacerlo por ti mismo. Para mas información sobre estos talleres puedes hablar con Mary Jo Rodolfa tel. 795-4910, ext. 111, o con Dawn Van Dyke, 795-4910, ext. 108.

## Repartición de bonos

La presente crisis económica la estamos padeciendo por las malas decisiones que tomaron los directivos de las grandes corporaciones, malas para el público y muy buenas para el beneficio de todo esa bola de sinvergüenzas. Con el afán de presentar ganancias a sus accionistas, falsificaron informes aun cuando sabían que las compañías que estaban a su cuidado estaban yéndose a pique. Y con ellos nos fuimos todos. Con el pretexto de salvarlos de la quiebra nuestro muy estimado ex presidente, decidió usar el dinero de los contribuyentes y realizar el ahora ya famoso rescate financiero, por más de 700 billones de dólares, y los bandidos se salieron con la suya, consiguieron que Bush les diera un cheque en blanco, sin ningún tipo de restricciones.

Con la mayor desfachatez, los que robaron al país, los que causaron el secuestro económico, los que han causado el desastre financiero, se premiaron con la entrega de bonos millonarios, mientras miles de personas pierden sus empleos, sus casas, por las decisiones de estos sinvergüenzas.

La noticia causo malestar porque no puede ser posible que las compañías e instituciones financieras que recibieron dinero público para su supuesto rescate, se dieran la gran vida repartiéndose bonos. Por otro lado, también era incompre-

sible que una institución financiera conceda bonos cuando sus operaciones no habían resultado fructíferas. Los bonos se pagan para premiar buenos resultados. Aquí se hicieron para premiar lo contrario. Claro, por eso estamos donde estamos.

Sin ir mas lejos, el Banco de América, una de las instituciones que pidió auxilio a Washington para salir de sus problemas, reportó la entrega de 4 a 5 billones en bonos a pesar de cuantiosas pérdidas. También, la administración del Presidente Obama forzó al Citigroup, otro de los monstruos financieros que solicitó dinero del “bailout,” para que abandonara la idea de comprar un jet para uso de la corporación por la cuantiosa suma de 50 millones de dólares.

Todo esto se hace cuando en una sola semana 65,000 norteamericanos perdieron sus empleos. Lamentablemente estos ejecutivos siguen haciendo de las suyas, son ejecutivos que no les importa en lo más mínimo el país, lo único que les importa es su bolsillo. Estos son los mismos a los que los Republicanos quieren proteger cuando quieren forzar a la administración Obama a que proceda a recortar los impuestos, en vez de conceder dinero a las clases bajas en el nuevo plan de estímulo económico. Que Dios nos libre de estos ladrones y de los políticos que los siguen protegiendo.

## Cuidado con las armas de fuego

Si usted es una persona indocumentada, debe tener mucho cuidado si tiene armas de fuego, porque aun que sean armas para cacería, están enfrentando cargos federales criminales. Muchas personas no saben que si no son ciudadanos ni residentes legales de Estados Unidos, no pueden tener ningún tipo de arma de fuego, pues la ley federal de los Estados Unidos lo prohíbe. Este es un delito por el que pueden enfrentar sentencia de varios años en una prisión federal.

Porque como sabemos las redadas siguen llevándose a cabo a lo largo y ancho del país, pues ahora en los operativos los agentes cuando buscan a personas que no se presentan a su audiencia de inmigración, las buscan en sus casa y preguntan a las personas (aunque no sea la persona que buscan), si tienen algún arma de fuego y en algunas ocasiones las personas siendo honestas y según ellas para seguir las instrucciones de los agentes de la ley, les entregan dichas armas a veces con pradas legalmente y debidamente registradas pensando que no es un problema.

Desde ese momento los agentes suponen que el arma esta en posesión de una persona que no es ciudadano ni residente legal, ya que entienden por posesión si se encuentra en su casa, su carro o su cuarto y pueden poner cargos criminales en su contra, y además de enfrentarse a una deportación estará en una situación ante las cortes federales esperando ser juzgados por tener un arma de fuego, aunque nunca la hubieran utilizado para cometer algún delito (robar, asaltar, etc.)

Como muchos saben en los Estados Unidos el hecho de tener documentos falsos es un delito, se entiende la necesidad que muchas personas tienen de trabajar y lo difícil que es encontrar un trabajo para los indocumentados ya que con el sistema actual de la ley de inmigración muchas personas no tienen posibilidades de obtener un permiso de trabajo y están obligados a utilizar documentos falsos, ya sea bajo su propio nombre o ajeno.

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Isabel Becerra, Deputy  
FBN NUMBER 2009-108  
Canyon Creek Resort, Vista Resorts  
22074 State Hwy 128, Winters, CA95694  
P.O. Box 685, Winters, CA95694  
Names of Registrant: FX Four LLC  
P.O. Box 442/3211 Palomero Wy,  
Pebble Beach, CA93953  
This business classification is:  
Limited Liability Company  
s/Kraig McLeod, President  
Beginning Date of Business, 3/1/2000.  
I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the original document on file in this office. This certification is true as long as there are no alterations to the document, AND as long as the document is sealed with a red seal.  
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FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK  
Linda Smith, Deputy  
FBN NUMBER 2009-061  
Peekaboo Hills Winery  
304 Railroad Avenue, Winters, CA95694  
24901 Buckeye Rd., Winters, CA95694  
Names of Registrant: Turkovich Family Wines LLC  
24901 Buckeye Rd., Winters, CA95694  
This business classification is: Limited Liability Company  
s/Joan turkovich, Antone J. Turkovich  
Beginning Date of Business, 1/1/2009.  
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February 4, 2009  
FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK  
Kimberly Johnson, Deputy  
FBN NUMBER 2009-113  
SEE Business Management and Consulting  
9 Russell St., Winters, CA95694  
Names of Registrant: Edmund Lis  
9 Russell St., Winters, CA95694  
This business classification is: Individual  
Beginning Date of Business, 2/4/09.  
s/Edmund Lis  
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February 9, 2009  
FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK  
Liz Mahovich, Deputy  
FBN NUMBER 2009-129  
Business is located in Solano County  
Davis Sign Company  
129 East F Street, Dixon, CA95620  
Business Mailing Address  
P.O. Box 4157, Davis, CA95616  
Name of Registrant:  
Jed's Enterprises, 129 East F Street, Dixon, CA95620  
This business classification is: Corporation  
Beginning Date of Business, 01/01/09.  
s/Justin Dubach  
Corporation Name: Jed's Enterprises Inc.  
Secretary  
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FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK  
Liz Mahovich, Deputy  
FBN NUMBER 2009-127  
Business is located in Solano County  
Jed's Towing  
129 East F Street, Dixon, CA95620  
Business Mailing Address  
P.O. Box 4157, Davis, CA95616  
Name of Registrant:  
Jed's Enterprises, 129 East F Street, Dixon, CA95620  
This business classification is: Corporation  
Beginning Date of Business, 01/01/09.  
s/Justin Dubach  
Corporation Name: Jed's Enterprises Inc.  
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January 15, 2009  
FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK  
Kristina A. Hunt, Deputy  
FBN NUMBER 2009-049  
Street Address  
Elite HR Logistics, Inc.  
921 Jefferson Blvd., West Sacramento, CA95691  
Full Name and address  
Elite HR Logistics, Inc.  
921 Jefferson Blvd., West Sacramento, CA95691  
This business classification is: Corporation  
s/Desiree Caldwell  
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Ava Woodard, Deputy  
FBN NUMBER 2009-063  
American Pacific Mortgage  
3790 Berryessa Place, West Sacramento, Ca 95691  
American Pacific Mortgage  
3000 Lava Ridge Ct. #200, Roseville, CA95661  
This business classification is: Corporation  
s/David Mack  
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FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK  
Linda Smith, Deputy  
FBN NUMBER 2009-097  
Nor Cal Glass and Aluminum  
1819 Blowers Dr., Woodland, CA95776  
Full names of Registrants  
Flavio Garcia,  
1819 Blowers Dr., Woodland, CA95776  
John Brimmer, 585 Steward Wy, Rio Vista, CA94571  
This business classification is: Co-Partners  
s/Flavio Garcia/John Brimmer  
Beginning Date of Business, 1/6/2009.  
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FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK  
Linda Smith, Deputy  
FBN NUMBER 2009-106  
Tacos Mondragon  
16814 Fremont St., Esparato CA95627  
Mailing Address, P.O. Box 138, Esparato, CA95627  
Names of Registrant: Eulalio Mondragon  
2055 Russell St., Napa, CA94559  
This business classification is: Individual  
Beginning Date of Business, 2/3/09.  
s/Eulalio Mondragon  
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Liz Mahovich, Deputy  
FBN NUMBER 2009-128  
Business is located in Solano County  
Aggie Towing  
129 East F Street, Dixon, CA95620  
Business Mailing Address  
P.O. Box 4157, Davis, CA95616  
Name of Registrant:  
Jed's Enterprises, 129 East F Street, Dixon, CA95620  
This business classification is: Corporation  
Beginning Date of Business, 01/01/09.  
s/Justin Dubach  
Corporation Name: Jed's Enterprises Inc.  
Secretary  
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January 6, 2009  
FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK  
Linda Smith, Deputy  
FBN NUMBER 2009-011  
Zippydooda  
2038 Renoir Ave., Davis, CA95618  
Names of Registrant: Susan Eastman  
2038 Renoir Ave., Davis, CA95618  
This business classification is: Individual  
s/Susan Eastman  
Beginning Date of Business, 1/6/2009.  
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**Notice of Public Hearing**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WINTERS ON THE SITE PLAN/DESIGN REVIEW OF THE CITY OF WINTERS WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT SOLAR ARRAY PROJECT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of Winters ("Planning Commission") will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, February 24, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located at the City Hall, 318 First Street, Winters, California, to consider and act upon a design review of a proposed solar panel arrays on a 2-acre site immediately north of the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant facility. The owner/applicant is proposing to install two adjacent 40-foot by 800-foot solar panel arrays on a 2-acre site immediately north of the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant facility. The solar array would provide solar-generated electricity to power the Wastewater Treatment Plant facility. Design Review by the Planning Commission is required for the construction of nonresidential structures of five hundred (500) square feet or more according to Chapter 17.36 of the Winters Municipal Code. Interested persons may inspect and, upon the payment of the costs of reproduction, obtain copies of the staff report, and any other information pertaining thereto at the Community Development Department at the City of Winters, City Hall, 318 First Street, Winters, California, or at the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 318 First Street, Winters, California, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, exclusive of holidays. Copies of the Staff Report will be available on the City's website at [www.cityofwinters.org](http://www.cityofwinters.org). Interested persons may submit written comments addressed to Nellie Dyer, City of Winters, 318 First Street, Winters, California, 95694 prior to the hour of 5:00 p.m. on February 24, 2009. In compliance with the American with Disabilities Act, if you are a disabled person and you need a disability-related modification or accommodation to participate in these hearings, please contact Nellie Dyer at (530) 795-4910 ext 114. Please make your request as early as possible and at least one-full business day before the start of the hearing. The City does not transcribe its hearings. If you wish to obtain a verbatim record of the proceedings, you must arrange for attendance by a court reporter or for some other means of recordation. Such arrangements will be at your sole expense. If you wish to challenge the action taken on this matter in court, the challenge may be limited to raising only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission prior to the public hearing. For more information regarding this project, please contact Nellie Dyer at (530) 795-4910 ext. 114. At the time and place noted above, all persons interested in the above matters may appear and be heard. DATED: February 10, 2009.

CITY OF WINTERS PLANNING COMMISSION  
Secretary  
Published Feb. 12, 2009

**Notice of Trustee Sale**

TSG No.: 3842316 TS No.: 20089134003749  
FHA/VA/PMI No.: Notice Of Trustee's Sale YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 4/15/2005 UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 2/18/2009 at 12:45 PM First American Loanstar Trustee Services, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 04/26/2005, as Instrument No. 2005-0018891-00, in book , page , of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Yolo County, State of California. Executed by: TRAVIS HERMAN, will sell at public auction to highest bidder for cash, cashier's check/cash equivalent or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) At the north entrance to the West Sacramento City Hall located at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: As more fully described in the above mentioned Deed of Trust APN# 003-401-04-1 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 469 MAIN ST, WINTERS, CA95694 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$342,882.74 The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to sell to be recorded in the County where the real property is located. Requirements of SB1137 have been met pursuant to the Notice of Sale Declaration of record. Date: 1/16/2009 First American LoanStar Trustee Services 3 First American Way Santa Ana, CA 92707 First American Loanstar Trustee Services may be acting as a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Original document signed by Authorized Agent For Trustee's Sale Information Please Call (714) 573-1965 P522938 1/29, 2/5, 02/12/2009

**Notice of Public Workshop**

**YOLO-SOLANO AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT PUBLIC WORKSHOP NOTICE**

Proposed Rule Adoption:  
Rule 2.44, Central Furnaces

The Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District (District) staff will hold a public workshop to discuss the proposed adoption of District Rule 2.44, Central Furnaces. The proposed rule adoption will limit the emissions of oxides of nitrogen for natural gas-fired fan-type central furnaces. These types of units are generally used in residences, offices, and commercial buildings. The draft rule and draft staff report are available on the District's website ([www.ysaqmd.org](http://www.ysaqmd.org)) or may be obtained by contacting Matt Jones at (530) 757-3668.

The public workshop will be held at the following time and location:  
Wednesday, March 11th, 2009 1:00 p.m.  
Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District  
1947 Galileo Court, Suite 103  
Davis, California 95618  
(530) 757-3650

The District invites written public comments to be submitted to Matt Jones at the above address. Comments are to be received by the District by March 18th, 2009 (1 week after the workshop).

Published Feb. 12, 2009.

**Notice of Public Hearing**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

PURPOSE: The Yolo County SELPA/ Superintendents' Council will conduct a public hearing to receive comment by members of the community on the Yolo County SELPA Annual Service Plans and Annual Budget Plans for 2008-2009.  
DATE: February 27, 2009  
TIME: 9:30 a.m.  
LOCATION: Yolo County Office of Education  
Superintendents/Board Room  
1280 Santa Anita Court, Suite 100  
Woodland, CA 95776-6127  
Posted this 10th day of February 2009.  
/s/ Camille Giometti-May  
Assistant Superintendent Yolo County SELPA  
Published Feb. 12, 2009.

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January 29, 2009  
FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK  
Ava Woodard, Deputy  
FBN NUMBER 2009-094  
Nebulous Enterprises, LLC  
1033 Main Street, Woodland, CA95695  
This business classification is:  
Limited Liability Company  
s/David Gillette  
If previously filed, indicate previous fictitious business name number: 2004-160.  
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Attn: Human Resources  
2600 Estates Drive, Fairfield, CA 94533  
Fax: 707-426-0996  
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