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Spay, neuter law considered

By DEBRA DeANGELO
Express editor

The Winters City Council considered putting some teeth into local laws pertaining to vicious dogs at the Aug. 3 meeting, discussing a possible mandatory spay and neuter law for dogs, but in the end didn't actually decide to do much more than attempt to educate the public and encourage the police department to enforce the leash laws already on the books.

The topic began with a report from the Winters Police Lieutenant Sergio Gutierrez, following a pit bull attack on a 6 year old Winters child in June, causing a severe facial injury. Gutierrez said that current state laws only pertain to “dangerous and vicious dogs” and are not breed-specific. He added that laws can be made requiring spaying and neutering of dogs not used for breeding or showing, but again, could not be applied to specific breeds.

Gutierrez noted that the city of Auburn and Santa Cruz County have both instituted a spay/neuter law, and the latter discovered both a reduction in dog bites as well as reduced animal shelter costs. He added that animal con-

trol laws fall under county jurisdiction, and noted that Yolo County Animal Control provides services six days per week from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., which represents a cutback in services due to budgetary shortfalls.

Gutierrez summarized that the city could choose to create a spay or neutering law, but cautioned that it would be an additional cost to the city, and suggested a public education approach on leash and licensing laws.

Council member Cecilia Aguiar Curry asked Gutierrez why a spay/neuter law would cost the city money. Gutierrez responded that enforcing the law would create extra work for city and police personnel.

Mayor Woody Fridae asked Gutierrez why the police department's report did not include several recommendations the city had previously agreed upon with the police department, specifically, distribute information on leash laws and responsible pet ownership via the city utility bills and outreach to local veterinarians, and enforcing existing leash laws. Gutierrez acknowledged these recommendations as important

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Realignment project begins on Walnut Lane

The project to realign Walnut Lane at Grant Avenue began on Wednesday, Aug. 4, and will continue for approximately two months.. It includes the construction of a right-angle “T” intersection, as well as pavement widening, overlay, a storm drainpipe, pavement striping and sidewalk. An AT&T pole has already been relocated.

The project will tie-in with the improvements constructed with the Grant Avenue Widening and Safety Improvements project. All improvements will improve safety to the traveling public.

The project is funded by local TDA funds. The city of Winters contracted with Vintage Paving of Winters to do the work.



Fairy dreamy evening

Photo by Julia McCandless
Fairy King Oberon (Trent Beeby, top left) schemes with Puck (Janette Dahn) in “A Midsummer Night’s Dream.”

Photo by Elliot Landes
At right, Larry Justus plays Flute. (Story on page A-11)



Putah Creek improvement project brings dirt to Winters

By ELLIOT LANDES,
Staff writer

Streamkeeper Rich Marovich is working on the design and engineering for the next phase of the restoration of Putah Creek Park, which will go out to bid next spring. In this segment, Marovich's team will use close to a million dollars in grant funds from Phase III of the California Proposition 50 River Parkways program (RPIII) to significantly alter the shape of the river channel from the car bridge

east to the site of former sewer aeration ponds near East Street.

In a lucky happenstance, the project is receiving twenty thousand cubic yards of soil free of charge from the Solano County Water Agency (SCWA). SCWA is delivering the dirt from a site near Canal Lane and Putah Creek Road, where the agency will be building new headquarters. The soil was first produced in excavation of the Putah South Canal. The dirt delivery, originally expected to take a month,

is wrapping up this week after only ten days of work.

The restoration will require massive amounts of dirt, because the history of the site is mostly one of removal. While streams typically bring gravel downstream, Putah Creek is the site of extensive gravel mining in the past, and that mining continued even after the construction of dams upstream cut off sources of replenishing gravel, according to Marovich.

“Once you dig a hole

in the channel, it tends to stay that way,” said Marovich. “In a natural channel, prior to the dams, there would have been gravel constantly coming downstream. So, we ended up with a reservoir in the stream channel. It's nothing like the healthier portions of the creek upstream. The amount of material coming now from Dry Creek would take maybe a thousand years to restore the creek naturally.”

The new dirt is being

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Multiple car pileup on Interstate 505 kills two, injures nine

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NEWSPAPERS STAFF

An arrest warrant was issued for a Newark man who caused a multi-vehicle accident near Winters that resulted in the deaths of a motorcyclist and a 4-month-old boy, the California Highway Patrol report-

ed today. Besides the fatalities, nine others were injured in the four-vehicle collision on Aug. 3.

Emergency personnel from Yolo and Solano counties responded to the 10:12 p.m. crash, which occurred on southbound Interstate 505 near Highway 128,

just north of the Yolo County line, California Highway Patrol officer Phil Gruidl said.

Thomas Max Roberts Jr., 50, allegedly was driving drunk when he drifted off Interstate 505, Sgt. John Shugart said. Roberts lost control of his vehicle, veering across the roadway

and causing a collision involving two other cars.

A motorcyclist, 48-year-old Oscar Enrique Alfaro of Antioch, died trying to avoid the collision. Roberts' infant grandson, Daniel Roberts, suffered criti-

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THE TWO DOLLAR BILL: Some folks consider Friday the Thirteenth as unlucky, and some consider a two dollar bill unlucky, and a combination of both would be double unlucky.

On Friday, August 13, 1943, Ida and I went to the Tama County Courthouse in Toledo, Iowa, obtained a marriage license and I paid for it with a two dollar bill.

I had been in Bermuda for almost a year, and in returning to the States I went to the bank to close out my account. The banker in St. George, anxious to get rid of those pesky American two dollar bills, paid off my account in the unlucky currency.

The wedding was a couple of weeks later. It was held in the bride's home, guests were gathered in the living room. The bride-to-be was upstairs with her father, who was to escort her down the steps while a college classmate was to sing "Because."

I was in the parlor with my father, a Presbyterian minister who was to officiate, when Ida's mother came and remarked: "Ida is mule-headed, but she's a hard worker."

Mule-headed? Now she tells me. Mule-headed! Who wants a mule-headed wife?

The hard worker bit sounded pretty good, the license was paid for and the preacher was free, so what the heck.

It was the best two dollars I ever spent.

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File photo

Norm Todd, center, acting manager of the Winters branch of the First National Bank of Dixon, presents a check for \$230,000 to Yolo County Treasurer John Dahler in October 1976. The Dixon bank was low interest bidder on a Tax Anticipation Note issued by Winters School District. John Onsum, cashier of the bank, is at right.

Berryessa down .60 of a foot in past week

The level of Lake Berryessa fell by .60 of a foot during the past week, with a reduction in storage of 9,949 acre feet of water, according to Mickey Faulkner of the Solano Irrigation District.

He reported Tuesday morning that the lake was 416.85 feet above sea level, with storage computed at 1,140,581 acre feet of water.

The SID is diverting 555 second feet of water into the Putah South Canal and 34 second feet is flowing in Putah Creek at the Diversion Dam.

Evaporation on Lake Berryessa averaged 307 acre feet of water per day during the week.

OBITUARY

John Leroy "Roy" Hull

John Leroy "Roy" Hull, 82, passed away peacefully at home on Aug. 4, 2010. He was born September 5, 1927 in Eureka to William Shinn Hull and Lurena Margaret Medcalf, making him a third generation Californian. He grew up on a dairy in Hydesville.

Following his graduation from Willows High School in Willows, he entered UC Davis in 1945. After one semester he asked to be drafted into the army and joined the military on March 22, 1946. He served one year and five days in military intelligence.

After being honorably discharged from the army, he met his future wife, Patsy Box, and then finished at UC Davis with a bachelor of science degree in animal husbandry in January 1951. He went to work for the university as a field foreman, managing the Sierra Field Station cattle herd in Brown's Valley near Marysville, as well as the feed mill and livestock on campus. He married Patsy on Oct. 7, 1951.

During his time working for the university, he was involved in grazing management research and went on to earn his masters degree in 1962. He taught animal science classes to non-majors for 10 years and was published over 50 times in various agriculture journals. He retired from UC Davis in October 1991. He was proud to be a part of the university staff and even more proud that all five of his children graduated from UC Davis.

While raising his children, he was a Little League coach and a Boy Scouts leader. Along with his wife, he was also very involved in the 4-H program for 30 years as both a sheep and beef project leader and a community leader for the Westfield 4-H Club. During retirement, Roy and Pat traveled all over the world, square-danced and played cards with friends. He also spent many hours collecting and carving carousel horses, gardening and raising animals. He also enjoyed volunteering as a docent at the Hedrick Ag History Center in Woodland.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Patsy; children and their spouses Nancy and Rick Barnes of Callahan, John and Claudia Hull of Discovery Bay, Sharon and Rod Anstead of Winters, Julie and Ed Garcia of Chula Vista, and Bonnie and Chris Simas of Capay; grandchildren, Nicole and Brian Barnes, Shelley and Ryan Hull, Rick, Chelsea and Kate Anstead, Sam and Brittani Garcia, and Mason, John, Matthew and Thomas Simas; sisters, Lola Lawson and Lois Nitchman; numerous nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by three brothers, Edward, Joe and Albert Hull.

The family would like to thank his caregivers, Eremasi, Ana, Selita, Yvonne and Bill as well as Sutter Home Health and Sutter Hospice for their care and compassion.

A celebration of Roy's life will be held on Sept. 5, 2010 from 2-4 p.m. at the Hull home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Roy's name to a favorite charity.

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YEARS AGO

Aug. 25, 1960

For the second year in a row, the Winters District Chamber of Commerce won first place in the Yolo County Fair with its display booth. R.A. Frisbee was chairman of the booth committee.

The new Associated Service station at the junction of the Davis Highway and the new Dunnigan cutoff opened for business this week. The station is being operated by Bud Gordon and his son, Charley Gordon, while Mrs. Mary Bishop will operate the A&W Root Beer Drive-in.

Miss Edle Stang, of Mo-i-Rana, Nordland, Norway, arrived on Monday morning at the San Francisco Airport, as the first foreign exchange student under the American Field Service. She was met at the airport by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Frisbee and daughter, Barbara, and will stay at their home during the school year.

Glenn Cahill, owner of the Food 'n Freeze in Winters, has leased the Winters Fountain, closed two weeks ago, and will reopen the firm about September 1. The Fountain is located at the corner of Railroad Avenue and Main Street.

John Gray, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Gray, celebrated his first birthday anniversary on August 17 with a garden party at the home of his parents.

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YEARS AGO

Aug. 24, 1945

All members of the city council were present Tuesday evening in mid-monthly session. A Klimas, W.D. Skinner and C.P. Culton, Winters Service Club committee, reported that the softball ground at the city park will be leveled and rolled when equipment is available for the project.

Charles Pearse purchased the Ray Bourland property, residence and almond orchard on the creek bank at the south end of Third Street.

J.M. Goodyear and Everett Adams spent Sunday at Samuel Springs.

Mrs. D.B. Walters bought the Pearse residence at the corner of Abbey and First streets.

Jacquelyn Raper was honored Saturday night in the Raper home on Russell Street, on her birthday. Guests were Misses Marilyn Vasey, Geraldine Bishop, Betty Hansel, and Messrs. Charles Cordier, Jack Graf, Junior Islip, Winters, and Billie Bryce, Santa Cruz.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Neel, Captain and Mrs. Edgar Yarberry vacationed last week at Butte Meadows.

Arthur Greathead, of San Jose, was a visitor Tuesday with the H.A. Youngs, and in the A. Buell Ish home in Apricot area. He was enroute to Oroville.

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YEARS AGO

Aug. 26, 1910

Public school opens September 5.

The price of dried peaches took a decided brace the end of last week.

The Republican and Democratic county conventions will meet in Woodland tomorrow.

There is a town ordinance which requires that Main Street be swept each Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Rummelsburg returned from their European trip Saturday night.

Mrs. Snively visited her mother, Mrs. Lorene Gibson this week.

Are the business houses of Winters going to keep open 16 hours each day while those of our neighboring cities are open only 12?

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YEARS AGO

Aug. 24, 1895

R.L. Stephens has moved his family into his new cottage on his place adjoining William Baker's and is now a resident among us. We bid Mr. Stephens and his estimable wife welcome.

Miss Myrtle Cooper will leave today for Elmira where she will begin her duties as assistant teacher in the public school next Monday.

T.J. Crane, principal of the Winters Grammar School, returned last Saturday from his summer vacation, much refreshed physically by his outing. He says he is now prepared to grapple with the problems of school life with renewed interest and vigor.

Weekly police report

July 10

~ On an unknown date or time in July on the 800 block of West Grant Avenue, a 20-year-old suspect was orally copulated by a 15-year-old victim. The case is being forwarded to the District Attorney

for complaint.

July 25

~ 2 p.m., 100 block of East Baker Street, suspect had contact with victim in violation of court order. The case is

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and said they were discussed with the police chief, but offered no further explanation.

Fridae commented next on the benefits of spaying and neutering, in Winters and beyond.

“It’s heartbreaking to go to the Animal Control center and see hundreds of good, nice pets being euthanized every day,” said Fridae, adding that whatever local costs were incurred to institute a spay/neuter law could likely be recouped if similar laws were adopted countywide, and suggested the city could advocate this.

City Manager John Donlevy embraced the public information campaign, as well as directing patrol officers to enforce local leash laws and continuing to work with Animal Control. However, he said the responsibility for dealing with pets belongs to their owners.

“The root of the problem is pet ownership,” said Donlevy, reiterating that laws can’t be breed specific. “We need to do a good job of informing people of the ramifications.”

Council member Mike Martin asked what exactly enforcing the local leash and licensing laws means. Gutierrez said enforcing the law is “at the discretion of the officer,” but officers could issue citations similar to “fix-it tickets.”

Council member Tom McMasters-Stone expressed interest in pursuing the idea of a local spay/neuter law, describing it as “a work in progress.”

Following the discussion of options for dealing with vicious dogs, the public was invited to offer commentary. Although the council and city staff were reluctant to label pit bulls as the actual concern, the public was not.

Karen Benson Neil spoke first, giving tearful testimony about seeing her small dog torn to pieces by pit bulls and her larger dog maimed for life.

“My dog was killed in front of my eyes,” said Neil, choking up as she spoke.

She added that she has had encounters with pit bulls on both a personal and professional level. Neil, the director of the Winters Parent Nursery School, said the same pit bull that got loose and attacked a man, sending him to the hospital by

ambulance, had gotten loose on a different day and ran right through the nursery school grounds.

“It was very scary,” said Neil.

She also challenged the unwillingness to single out pit bulls as the issue.

“What breed of animal are we having problems with?” she asked rhetorically. “There are different levels of problems with dogs, and a serious level with a certain breed.”

Other audience members disagreed. Pit bull owner Jessica Barbosa extolled the virtues of her dogs, insisting that not all pit bulls are vicious. She suggested an aggression test for dogs, administered by veterinarians, to determine which dogs are aggressive and which aren’t. Kathleen Callison, another pit bull owner, also defended of pit bulls, passing out a flyer with information about the noble character of the breed, commenting that some days she loves her dog more than she loves her children.

Emily Back declared vicious dogs of all breeds to be “a real big problem” and pointed out that only responsible pet owners will actually follow the rules. Kathy Cowan concurred.

“All dogs bite,” said Cowan. “If it has teeth, it’s gonna bite.” She said she preferred enforcing existing leash laws as an approach to the issue.

Following lengthy commentary and discussion, Fridae said it was “a bigger issue than a one-night issue.” Added McMasters-Stone, “It’s not going to be as simple as we all hoped.” Fridae challenged the notion that breed-specific laws can’t be made, noting that the city of San Francisco has done just that. He further endorsed a local campaign to raise awareness about responsible pet ownership.

“I would like to suggest an education campaign in the monthly (utility) bill, a handout to vets for dog owners, and to post information online,” said Fridae, noting that information on reporting dog problems needs to be made clear. He additionally suggested increasing the penalties for dog bites.

Council member Harold Anderson said he disagreed with pursuing a spay/neuter law unless someone could show him the benefit.

Fridae reemphasized the number of animals being destroyed every day at the animal shelter, and City Attorney John Wallace said that statistics show fewer incidents of aggression in neutered male dogs.

“Are there studies that show who’s going to follow the law?” asked Anderson.

Fridae responded that pet ownership is like gun ownership — there are people who act responsibly, take classes and follow the rules, and people who don’t.

“All we can do is make responsible rules and punish those who aren’t following them,” said Fridae.

Aguiar-Curry expressed skepticism about a public outreach campaign, noting that not everyone in town has access to a website, receives a city utility bill or reads the Express. McMasters-Stone suggested a greater financial incentive for licensing spayed or neutered dogs. The council decided to hold a two-by-two meeting with Yolo County supervisors as a next step in addressing the various dog problems in town.

Budget resolution

A discussion on a budget resolution rescinding a July 6 resolution and adopting a new one for fiscal years 2010/11 and 2011/12 was moved from the consent calendar to the main agenda, after Donlevy noted that it was placed there in error, and then gave a brief update on the budget situation.

In the span of time between the first resolution and this one, said Donlevy, the city was hit with a decline in property tax revenue due to the decline in local property values, offsetting the \$400,000 gain from Measure W funds by about 25 percent (\$100,000). And, noted Donlevy, the budget isn’t stable yet.

“We are in such a dynamic fiscal mode right now,” said Donlvey. “This isn’t the last time the city will be dealing with the budget.”

He recapped the proposed resolution designating \$95,000 for funding a police technology camera surveillance program, \$85,000 to hire a new police officer in 2010/11, \$70,000 to initiate the fire department’s “sleep-over” program to allow 24-hour fire protection, \$46,000 to supplement the Citywide Maintenance Assessment District to avoid turning off street lights, and

\$104,000 in unspecified General Fund expenditures to offset the property tax revenue losses.

The resolution includes for 2011/12 \$170,000 to continue funding the officer hired the prior year and hiring a second new officer. In that year, \$100,000 is designated for the fire department’s sleeper program, \$46,000 for the Citywide Maintenance Assessment District, and \$20,000 for additional police technology program support and \$64,000 to compensate for the loss in property taxes.

Donlevy said that waiting until 2011/12 to hire a second police officer would not force additional cuts to the city budget or services in 2010/11, including recreation program, the pool and the Community Center. He is waiting for final numbers on this year’s swimming season to see how much of a budgetary loss the pool and Community Center will represent.

City Finance Director Shelly Gunby confirmed that the proposed Aug. 3 resolution doesn’t change the main four recommendations agreed upon at the July 6 meeting, and explained that the money allocated for the police technology project didn’t mean it would actually be spent there, but only served as a budgetary place-holder. She explained that undesignated money in the budget is problematic for accounting purposes because “it will show our budget as if we have no intent to spend the money.” She suggested that the money could be allocated in a more general way, but it had to be allocated for something, or else it would appear that the city’s deficit is only about \$2,000, when it is actually much larger.

Gunby echoed Donlevy’s sentiments regarding the impact of diminished property tax revenue.

“We’re starting from a much, much lower point that we originally projected,” said Gunby. She also assured the council that staff “won’t introduce any new programs without going to the city council for permission and guidance.”

Martin asked for clarification about what exactly the police technology program will entail, and McMasters-Stone expressed concern that the council and city staff weren’t in sync regarding which direction to take on budgetary expenses, particularly the

street lighting. Aguiar-Curry said she wanted a line item budget showing how funds would be spent, including recreation funding. She also asked for clarification on recreation budget reductions.

Donlevy reiterated that the final numbers on pool and Community Center expenses are unknown, noting that increased pool fees may have decreased usage. He predicted that the pool budget would again be in the negative.

Martin questioned the wisdom in designating money for anything when recreation revenues and expenses are unknown.

“Why do we have to decide where the money is going until we get the funds in?” asked Martin, adding he’d prefer to wait until the figures are finalized. “Then we can decide how much money we have.”

Gunby again resisted leaving the money unallocated in the budget. However, Fridae was skeptical that allocating money might slide into an actual expenditure.

“Calling it technology takes it one step closer to a done deal. Can we call it a community services fund?” asked Fridae.

Gunby responded that they could, emphasizing that the public needs to be able to look at the

budget and see where the money is going.

Aguiar-Curry expressed frustration about how the budget allocations played out.

“I didn’t feel like I was listened to, and we did specifically address it,” said Aguiar-Curry, again noting that allocations for recreation that were not reflected in the resolution.

Several residents expressed concern about the resolution, particularly allocations for recreation or apparent lack thereof, as well as the necessity for a police technology program involving surveillance cameras.

From a prepared statement, Al Vallecillo queried whether city staff had considered the cost of maintaining a camera surveillance system for the police technology program, noting it would take someone with technological experience both to operate it and to repair it if it malfunctioned. He objected to the expenditure on the technology program during tight economic times, noting the “Big Brother” feel of it. He further noted that since the cameras are intended for use on school campuses, that the school district should bear some responsibility for the purchase and maintenance of the

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Opinion

LETTERS

Trustees not cooperative with citizens

Debra won't have to be writing herself any more letters to the editor now that the school board meetings have started up. I attended this past week's meeting (after they took the month of July off) and I have a few comments to make.

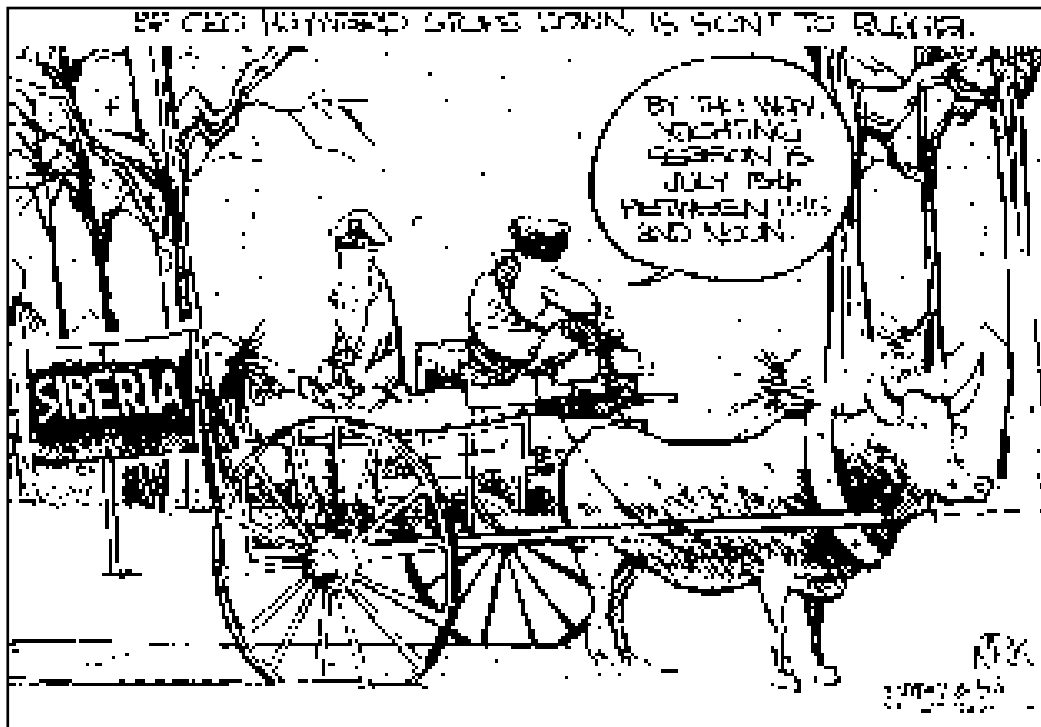
When the board was asked directly what the "new vision" for the high school is, there was complete silence. Then (trustee) Rob Nickelson in reply to a comment from someone from the audience replied that anyone who wanted to know what the "new vision" is came to him directly and they now know what the "new vision" is.

So, before the board went into closed session I went up to him and asked him what the "new vision" for the high school is and he retorted, "The vision is to get a new principal and a new vision." I asked him if that was the vision for the entire school board or just his vision and he never replied.

Therefore, from that answer, I am taking it that the board did have "cause" to release George Griffin but did not tell the rest of the community or George himself that they had "cause." I am sure this will all come out some day and the truth shall prevail.

The other comment I want to make is the way that the school board president, Rodney Orosoco, responds to questions from the audience at open discussion time on the agenda.

On Thursday evening, he was asked by someone how an item can be put on the agenda for future meetings. His response was "Go to the district office to find out." Then after the meeting was over, he came up to me (I did not ask the question) and told me that in order to get something on the agenda a person would



have to present it in writing to the superintendent, and the superintendent and the president of board would then decide if it will be agendaized.

Now, why in the world didn't he give this response when the question was asked directly to him during the open discussion? Why did he wait until after the meeting to give his response? This seems to be the way he operates and it is so darn frustrating to those who have asked questions.

My last comment has to do with the attendance of the parents and community members at the board meetings. Sometime in June, I had asked a parent to attend the meetings to see in person what actually happens at these meetings and was told "too busy this week, maybe I'll make it to the next one." Well, guess what? This past week must have been a busy one too, for that parent didn't show up. So, once again, I am urging parents and community members to get involved in their children's education and attend these board meetings where important decision are made.

Finally, I want to say thank you to all the people who have decided to run for the open positions on the school board. I now urge the citizens of the school district to get out and vote.

BETTY ANN BIASI

Add a dollar for education

The Winters Education Foundation (WEF) is in need of the community's help. WEF and the local businesses are partnering up for the 2nd Annual "Add-A-Dollar" Campaign from the last week in August until the first week in October. A dollar may not seem like much or it may be very dear if you have very little, but hundreds — hopefully thousands — of dollars will help our schools.

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So, if the clerk at your favorite business says, "Would you like to Add-A-Dollar?" just do it! If you see a box on the counter asking for you to donate to our "Add-A-

Dollar" Campaign, be kind and donate what you can.

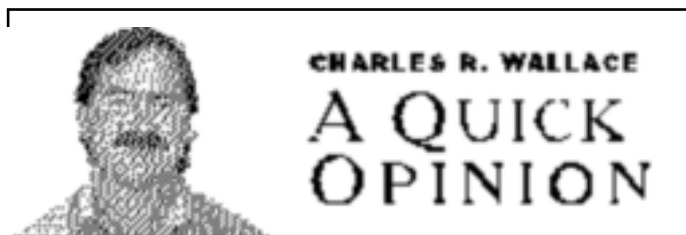
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WEF Board Member

Support FFA at the auction

Founded in 1928, the Future Farmers of America brought together students, teachers and agri-business to solidify support for agriculture. Today, the FFA continues to do the same and remains committed to the individual student, providing a path of achievement through premier leadership, personal growth and career success.

Starting the week of Aug. 16, our Winters FFA members will display their talents by showing their animals. They would like to extend you an invitation to come out and see all they have learned. They are also looking for potential buyers for their animals. If you are interested in purchasing an animal, you may do so by attending the Yolo County Livestock Auction that will take place on Saturday, Aug. 21, at 1 p.m. at the Yolo County Fairgrounds in Woodland. If you are not interested in purchasing an animal, but you would like to make a donation to the FFA, you may do so by sending it to Winters High School, c/o the Ag. Dept., 101 Grant Ave., Winters, CA 95694, or contacting Kent Benson or Donnie Whitworth at 795-6146. Any and all do-

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CHARLES R. WALLACE
A QUICK
OPINION

PEACHES AND PRUNES. When we had a farm-based economy, everyone knew when each crop was harvested. Schools got out early so the kids could help with the apricot harvest. There was a week or two break and then everyone went to work in the peaches. Toward the end of summer it was time to harvest the prune crop. It was a full summer and a chance to make some money.

Don't quote me, but I think you had to be 12 to get a work permit back then, same as now. If you were a big kid, and I wasn't, you could bluff your way into a work permit from the guy inside the round travel trailer parked next to the D.O. Judy tree.

After watching my older brother Jim, who was 12 get his permit, I stood in line and answered the questions the best I could. Jim told him I was small for my age and the man handed me a permit. We walked down Main Street until it dead-ended into Mr. Caselli's apricot orchard and applied for jobs. My older brother John was already working at the cutting shed and I think the fix was in. Jim and I started cutting apricots the next day. It seemed like a long walk to the packing shed from our house on Main Street, but today it is only about 10 blocks or so, and the Caselli's home is almost in the middle of town.

Working in the fields was hard work and it seemed like everyone that wanted a job had one. There was a mix of Okies, Spaniards, Mexicans and those we called the home crew (hobos) in the fields, packing sheds and cutting sheds. Everyone working together to make sure the crop was picked, processed and delivered before the fruit got too ripe to harvest.

There were years when the weather didn't cooperate and the apricots cooked on the trees, or it rained and everything rotted on the trees. I remember looking at grown men who looked like they were going to cry or who were so worried that they just stared out into space.

I was pretty young, but after the cannery paid \$90 per ton for apricots, Mr. Carrion walked through his orchard with a chain saw and cut down every tree on the property. He was quoted as saying that the cannery would never get another apricot from his land. He planted walnuts and a few are still growing among the houses that are now planted on his land. The streets carry on the family name: Carrion Circle, Betty Court and Priscilla Court. I wonder what ever happened to Robert Drive. His son must not have rated very high when it came to naming the streets.

When it comes to summer jobs today, they don't exist. You can't work around machinery until you are 18 years old, which might have been a good idea for protecting kids but the effect of child labor laws is there aren't any jobs for kids. There aren't many jobs for adults lately, but maybe when we turn the almond trees into vineyards, they will need more hand laborers. Kids should be able to apply.

Maybe the only jobs left for young people are working for local businesses and fast food restaurants. Even my paper carriers are getting older with some of the parents now doing the routes.

Have a good week, and for those who care this Friday is Friday the 13th.

Overturning of Prop H8 a victory for more than just the gay community

Seriously, how can you expect me to comment on anything else when Prop H8 has gone down in flames. By the time this column sees ink, however, the commentary from both sides will be in abundance, and is there truly anything I could possibly add to the mix? Do you think that'll stop me from trying?

For starters, let me reassure all those folks out there who are sure this is the end of marriage as we know it that I raced home to check my marriage certificate upon hearing Prop H8 was overturned, and lo, the ink hadn't magically disappeared. Still as married as ever, and I'm certain that all the Jacks & Johns and Lucys & Lauras saying "I do" won't do any more damage to my marriage than I'm capable of doing myself. Same for everyone else. If your marriage crumbles and you want someone to blame, look no further than the mirror.

Although on the surface, it doesn't appear that I have any stake in

Prop H8's fate one way or the other, not being gay and happily married to a man, I'm concerned about the larger ramifications of the proposition had it been allowed to stand. Beyond banning same sex marriage, Prop H8 would have set a precedent for the mainstream majority to start curtailing the rights of other people whose lifestyles and choices don't meet with their approval.

If gay people could've been legally defined as "less than" and not deserving of the same equal rights under the law, what next? Buddhists? Vegans? Skaters? Where would we draw the line between those who are worthy of our Constitutional civil rights and those who aren't? Allowing the civil rights of some Americans to be stripped, simply because the majority doesn't approve of them, contradicts everything our country stands for. If we don't protect the rights of the minorities, then we don't really have any rights at all.



DEBRA DeANGELO
BECAUSE
I SAY SO

The Constitution becomes meaningless.

Last week's victory for the gay community was a victory for every group of Americans who fall outside the category of Mainstream White Conservative Christian. If you happen to belong to one of those groups, you should be celebrating right alongside Jack & John and Lucy & Laura. And if you are happily swimming in the mainstream, may the defeat of Prop H8 be a lesson to you: You don't own this country or the Constitution. They belong to all of us, whether you like it or not, and whether you like the rest of us or not.

Me, I happen to cherish my Constitutionally protected freedom to live my life as I choose as long as I'm not harming anyone, and I'm so glad all my gay friends and acquaintances can

now finally say the same. Freedom feels so much better when you aren't the only one in the room who has it. Now we can all enjoy it together.

All that said, while celebrating our collective victory, we must remember that the Prop H8ers are regrouping as we speak, already planning their next assault on that segment of society they fear most. In fact, the check from the Mormon Church is probably already in the mail, funding the whole appeals shebang, from cheesy lawn signs to a team of lawyers. So, no matter how good this all feels to those of us who cherish our Constitutional rights, we must keep an watchful eye on the Anti-American shenanigans of the Prop H8ers.

So much energy

poured into something that has no effect on them whatsoever. Imagine how things could be if the Radical Religious Right focused on the things Jesus actually told them to do rather than channeling all their time, energy and money into controlling the behavior of others. Oh, to have a ringside seat when Jesus returns and watch the self-righteousness of the RRR dissolve into dismay and panic as they discover that Jesus' agenda and theirs don't exactly line up.

Imagine their anxiety when He asks how many poor people they clothed and fed, or sick people they cared for, or kindness they extended toward strangers; how many times they turned the other cheek when attacked, or loved their enemies or resisted judging others until they'd examined their own hearts.

"What say you?" He may ask.

"Umm, err, well, Lord,... we have these really nifty lawn signs! And we persecuted all

those sinners just like You, err, ummm... Damn. We're going to Hell."

And even then, as they struggle and flail to demonstrate that they've ever grasped anything Jesus ever said and are sure of their imminent eternal doom, He'll surely forgive and embrace them anyway, because that is His nature and that is exactly what the Radical Religious Right has such a difficult time comprehending, let alone displaying: Love.

It's easy to love only the people you like. The challenge is to love the people you don't. And it's what Jesus commanded — love one another, unconditionally; love thy neighbor — even thy gay neighbor.

So, although we once again failed to follow Jesus' instructions on our own, at least the court stepped in and made it happen. Hallelujah for the defeat of Prop H8! Despite our best attempts to thwart it, in the end, love prevailed.

TRUSTEES

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A request to show board meetings on public access cable television is being researched. Trustee Rob Nickelson noted that those who live outside of the city do not have cable hookups and would be unable to benefit from the broadcast.

Gillespie also reported on the monies that have been set aside for outside consultants and which have been the object of public questions at multiple meetings. Communications Resources for Schools, a Rocklin public relations firm, was paid \$505 for a March 29 training session. There have been no payments made to the firm retained to do consultation on mathematics instruction. Their contract is open until the end of the upcoming school year and, according to Gillespie, they will be brought in to work on “core standards implementation.” Their total contract allows payment of up to \$20,000 for services rendered.

Addressing the ongoing concerns with vandalism, Gillespie reported that the district has begun to install cameras and that in those places where the cameras are up, the incidence of mischief has decreased. Cost is a limiting factor in how many monitoring devices can be installed at this time and, later in the meeting during public comments, Traci Calvert noted that Winters Police Chief Bruce Mu-

ramoto has said that there is not lighting to allow the cameras to record night-time activity. It is, said Gillespie, “a work in progress.”

After introducing new Winters High School principal Gary Miller, Gillespie presented an outline of “new initiatives” on which he and she will be working, along with the rest of the district staff. They are: increasing communication with the community; forging a connection between the High School and Solano College; creating a “cohesive district wide vertical team K-12 for teachers and administration”; increased online educational opportunities; increasing attendance district-wide; and upgrading the district website to facilitate better communication among staff, parents and students, with the WHS component being the first to go online.

Following the presentations, Board President Rodney Orosco opened the floor to public input for items not on the agenda and, as has often been the case over the past six months, the meeting heated up a bit.

Dianne Beaton, who has been forceful in her criticisms of board operations and of Gillespie, presented two scenarios for what she believes is significant exposure to litigation created by the district’s responses to correspondence from an attorney representing former Winters High School principal George Griffin in the wake of his non-renewal of contract last March.

Beaton contended that either Gillespie had not informed board members adequately of the seriousness of the threat of potentially costly litigation, in which case she was negligent in her duties, or that she had informed them and that they had reached a decision about their response to the attorney without a properly noticed closed session, in which case the members had violated the Brown Act and could be held personally liable.

In either scenario, according to Beaton, Gillespie ought to be released from her duties and, if the second case were true, Trustees Hyde, Brickey, Orosco, Atherton and Nickelson needed to relinquish their positions immediately.

Nickelson then asked, with obvious irritation, “Do you have a legal background?” Beaton replied that she did not, but that she had consulted a lawyer while formulating her argument, to which Nickelson responded, “I don’t have a legal background either, but I’m not concerned.”

Joe Castro addressed the board, Gillespie for presenting a new vision for the district, but noted “you’re about six months too late.” He also pointed out the presence of a new sign on Castro’s property just west of the school district office, which shows a large light-house, “because we want to shed some light on what is happening in our district.”

Traci Calvert, a familiar face at these meet-

ings, also thanked Gillespie for answering some of the questions which have been asked many times over the spring and summer months.

Beaton asked for clarification of the new direction for Winters High School. As Orosco attempted to cut off the conversation, calling it “a can of worms,” Nickelson continued, “Everybody knows the new direction that’s ever talked to me.”

As the public input was ending, Rob Warren rose to ask for clarification on the process of getting items on the agenda. Orosco refused to answer at that time, which prompted a lively exchange ensued between both gentlemen and community member Betty Ann Biasi regarding what the board is willing to discuss in open session, ending with Orosco gaveling for the end of the conversation and the beginning of the regular agenda.

Personnel changes

The Trustees approved a number of personnel changes at the Aug. 5 meeting, accepting the resignations of Waggoner dual-immersion teachers Laurie Garibay, Fiorella Mendoza and Angela Velasquez. Hires include Deloris Collins (district-wide school nurse,.675), Robert Wales (special education, Winters High School), Paul Fawcett (increase to 1.17 as Winters High School computer and journalism instructor), Barbara Hernandez (increase to fulltime counselor Winters Middle School), and George Griffin (full-

time kindergarten teacher at Waggoner Elementary School). JoAnn May was granted a teacher-in-charge stipend at Shirley Rominger School.

Classified employees Roberta Riise, Pamela Sackett and Tracey Murin resigned their previous positions and were rehired as Winters Middle School special education aide (.75), Winters Middle School student supervision aide (.09) Winters Middle School library technician (.75), respectively. A new food services kitchen manager, Stacie Velasquez, was also hired.

Susan Caron has been employed as a PreK-5 occupational therapist assistant, Amber Fitzgerald as district-wide behavior specialist and Karen Rodriguez as an occupational therapist, 6-12.

The resignation of John Barsotti, assistant principal at Winters High School was accepted, effective July 16. Interviews for a replacement have been completed.

Measure G

The board heard a presentation from Jonathon Edwards of Government Financial Strategies. Edwards gave a history of Winters’ Measure G school bonds, approved by voters in 1997. Edwards has found that if the bonds were refinanced, the net savings would be approximately \$372,000

for the taxpayers, about \$2.61 per \$100 thousand. A refinance would require the issuance of a new bond to replace the old one.

In response to a question from Nickelson, who was concerned that interest rates might rise before the process was completed, Edwards said the process can be terminated while it is in progress. With those assurances, Nickelson moved and Rominger seconded, and the trustees voted unanimously to give the Superintendent the authority to proceed.

After regular session, Edwards, who is an attorney, met with the board in closed session to discuss unspecified exposure to litigation. When they returned to open session, they reported that no action had been taken.

Other items

In other action, the trustees adopted nutrition guidelines for foods available at school, which state that food and beverages available to students should be selected “with the objectives of promoting student health and reducing childhood obesity,” and approved the final budget revision of the 2009-10 school year.

The next school board meeting will be held at the district office at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 19.

PILEUP

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cal injuries in the collision and died on Aug. 5 at the UC Davis Medical Center.

Gruidl said the chain of events began when 50-year-old Thomas Max Roberts Jr. of Newark, driving a Ford Taurus, drifted off the right side of the freeway and overcorrected, which caused him to lose control of his vehicle, veer across the roadway and strike a guardrail. The infant was a passenger in Roberts’ car.

Roberts’ car then bounced back onto the freeway and hit a southbound Toyota Corolla, Gruidl said. A third vehicle, a Lexus, then struck the two collided vehicles.

Gruidl said Alfaro was on his motorcycle and approaching the wreckage, then drove onto the right shoulder in an attempt to avoid a collision, but the motorcycle hit a bridge abutment, throwing Alfaro into Putah Creek, Gruidl said. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Roberts now faces manslaughter and drunk driving charges, Shugart said. Nine others were injured in the collision.

Officers had arrested Roberts on suspicion of DUI after the crash and released him to the Med Center pending his recovery, but he left the hospital on Aug. 4, according to Shugart.

City Hispanic group to meet

The city of Winters Hispanic Advisory Committee meets on Monday, Aug. 16, at 6 p.m. at City Hall. The agenda includes discussions on the Earthquake Street Festival booth, Festival de la Comunidad and the Carnitas Cook-off.

The Earthquake Street Festival shakes up downtown Main Street on Friday, Aug. 27, 5-11 p.m.
Call the Winters Chamber of Commerce for more information: 795-2329

Community

Celebrating 40 years in Winters

◆ First Northern Bank marks four decades serving Winters

By JANE CHRISTOPHERSON
First Northern Bank

The Winters Branch of First Northern Bank opened for business 40 years ago, on Aug. 7, 1970. Only 34 California banks have been around longer than the Winters Branch. To celebrate four decades of serving the Winters area, the Branch offered complimentary birthday cake to customers on Friday, Aug. 6.

This is the centennial year for First Northern Bank, which opened its doors in a Dixon ice cream parlor on Feb. 1, 1910. When the bank decided to expand 60 years later, it chose 48 Main Street in downtown Winters as the location for its first branch location beyond Dixon.

This striking Classical Revival building — a historic landmark — was designed in 1912 for the Citizens Bank of Winters. The building underwent a series of ownership changes starting in 1928 that included the Bank of Italy and Bank of America. Except for iron grillwork removed from the windows, the structure remains largely unchanged from its original days, including impressive mahogany woodwork and marble floors inside.

In 2009, this historic building went solar, when photovoltaic solar



The first customer at the Winters Branch of First Northern Bank was Mrs. Van Phillips of Winters, being served by Olin Timm (left), then president of the bank, and Wayne Sawyer, branch manager. Timm was the son of the bank's founder, Henry Timm.

panels were installed on the roof to generate electricity. To date, the system has generated enough electricity to operate 271 computers for one year.

Employee turnover in the Winters Branch is extremely low; on average, the employees have been with the bank for nearly 13 years. Jessica Kilkenny, vice president/commercial loan manager, has been at the bank for 34 years, and has worked in Winters for 25 years. She is passionate about serving her community.

Because Winters is a small town, employees are recognized wherever they go. Kilkenny is no exception. She routinely has deposits handed to her in the grocery store or while she's dining out with her hus-

band, Dennis.

"My number's in the phone book, so I'm always accessible on evenings and weekends, when the bank is closed. Just this weekend, a customer called while I was scrubbing the floor — his ATM card had been eaten by a machine. I was happy to find a solution for him."

She also makes house calls. She'll pick up deposits or notarize a document for her elderly and infirm customers.

"We just try to make our customers' lives easier, when it comes to banking," she says.

Kilkenny and the other Winters branch employees take pride in giving back to the community. The branch is a long-time supporter of Youth Day, FFA, Communicare Health Cen-

ters, and Winters schools and sports teams.

"Winters is a great town with lots of character," Kilkenny says. "The people who live here are the best!"

About First Northern Bank
First Northern Bank, an independent community bank headquartered in Solano County since 1910, serves Solano, Yolo, Sacramento, Placer and the west slope of El Dorado County. First Northern has 11 branches located in Dixon, Davis, West Sacramento, Fairfield, Vacaville (two), Winters,



Courtesy photos

This is how the historic First Northern Bank building at 48 Main Street looks today.

The local manger is Vice President/Commercial Loan Manager Jessica Kilkenny (left). Kilkenny is a 34-year employee of First Northern Bank, and is active with the Rotary Club of Winters, and is a former Chamber of Commerce president and Citizen of the Year. Under her guidance, First Northern Bank supports numerous community events and groups.



Woodland, Downtown Sacramento, Roseville, and Auburn, and has a full service Trust Department in Sacramento.

First Northern Bank also offers 24/7 real estate mortgage loans, SBA Loans, and non-FDIC insured Investment and Brokerage Services at each branch location. Real Estate Mortgage Loan offices are located in Davis, Roseville and Folsom, and

real estate loan representatives are available to meet customers at any of the bank's branches by appointment.

The bank specializes in relationship banking and employs experts in the area of small business, commercial, agribusiness, and real estate lending, as well as wealth management. The bank can be found on the Web at www.thatsmybank.com.

CreekSpeak talk about exotic plants

CreekSpeak continues Thursday, Aug. 12, at 7 p.m. at the Winters Community Library with a free talk entitled, "Exotic Invaders — how non-native plants and animals have and can impact Putah Creek watershed and Lake Berryessa." The talk will be given by Winters resident Mike McGraw from the US Bureau of Reclamation. This month's talk has an interactive twist — an opportunity to win a prize by playing bingo during the presentation.

McGraw's talk will discuss those plant and animal species that pose the greatest threat to both land-based and aquatic ecosystems in the Putah Creek watershed. The talk will include a natural history of the invaders, their impacts on ecosystems, and what the public can do to either treat or prevent infestations.

While the presentation is underway, the audience will play invasive species bingo. Everyone will have a card with images of invasive species. Each time an invasive species appears in the power point and also appears on the card, the image is blotted-out with a dry erase marker. Once a person has their horizontal, vertical, or diagonal line, they'll yell Bingo and win a prize.

CreekSpeak is a six-month series of community talks about the nature, culture, and history of our region.

For more information, contact Libby Earthman, 795-3006.

Calendar

Thursday, August 12

Winters Rotary Club meeting, noon, The Buckhorn

Winters Farmers Market, 5-8:30 p.m., Rotary Park

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

CreekSpeak talk, 7 p.m., Winters Community Library

A.A. meeting, 8 p.m., 305 First Street

Friday, August 13

Chamber of Commerce Board of Director's Meeting, 7 a.m., Winters Visitors Center, 11 Main Street

Winters Theatre Company's "Midsummer Night's Dream, 8 p.m., Community Center amphitheater

Saturday, August 14

Winters Theatre Company's "Midsummer Night's Dream, 8 p.m., Community Center amphitheater

Sunday, August 15

A.A. meeting, 9 a.m., 305 First Street

Monday, August 16

Hispanic Advisory Committee meeting, 6 p.m., City Hall.

Tuesday, August 17

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

Wednesday, August 18

Soroptimist meeting, 7 a.m., Chuy's Taqueria, 208 Railroad Avenue

N.A. meeting, 7 p.m., 62 Shams Way

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August is Family Fun Month at Winters Farmers Market

The Winters Farmers Market happens on Thursdays, 5-8:30 p.m. at Rotary Park, featuring local, farm-fresh produce, free-range meat, fresh flowers, baked goods, desserts, snow cones and locally prepared foods.

Dinner is offered at the Market Kitchen (everything on the menu comes from the Market). Free concerts include Aug. 12, Wyatt Hessemeyer; Aug. 19, Laura Ortiz and Friends; and Aug. 26, The Undulations. Bouncehouses and arts/crafts will be available for children.

For more information, visit www.winters-farmersmarket.com.

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stored on a staging area at the site of the former ponds, on the Solano County side of the creek. The dirt is dumped and then spread with a dozer to make room for the next loads. Ideally, dirt would come in during the construction, so it need not be handled twice, but that is offset by the fact that this lot is free. This may end up being half of the dirt needed, and future material will be purchased, but the second part will come in a timely fashion to be fed into the restoration construction without the need to store it.

The work in this phase will apply to the area from the car bridge to below the site of the former percolation dam. The dam was removed earlier this year with \$450,000 of RP Phase I funding. The RP III funding will pay for filling and shaping the contours of the stream bed to match natural forms, undoing decades of human alterations, as well as the cost of revegetation.

In the process, the community looks forward to creation of an accessible stream-side park, with paths along lower banks of the creek that flood in winter, and trails along the higher sides that are available year round.

Two more rounds of RP grants will take place, with more opportunities for funding to pay for work further east and the stretch along the staging area.

Marovich's work tends to focus on the goal of improving the health of the fish and wildlife habitat. The Winters Putah Creek Park Master Plan, developed by the city's Winters Putah Creek Park Committee, has a broader scope, considering the needs of the community and the design of a full access city park for recreation and education.

With the RPIII grant, Marovich will be able to hire a contractor to do a large earth moving operation, building a natural streambed contour.

The goal is a narrower meandering stream channel that moves through a wider flood plain, with wide beaches leading to higher banks further from the stream.

"If you go a little ways higher than the car bridge," said Marovich, "the creek is typically about 30 feet wide. In the Winters stretch it is 60 to 90 feet, and 120 feet at the (former) percolation dam. Once the creek was dug out, it no longer had the ability to repair itself, except maybe over hundreds of years. There's not enough flow to move sediment around and do what creeks do to be self-forming. We're going to divert the channel, fill it in, and create a new 30 foot channel, so the creek can create its own channel and meanders."

When streams are able to form themselves, the resulting ecosystem is healthier and encourages native vegetation, according to Marovich. The vegetation in turn supports flourishing wildlife. Marovich supports the theory with wildlife data on Putah Creek that shows extensive diversity up and downstream of the Winters area, and very little in the much-altered stretch in Winters.

Marovich did a similar restoration at the confluence of Dry Creek and Putah Creek in 2005, and two weeks after completion it was massively tested by huge rains and flows in January, 2006.

"No sooner did we finish our operations," said Marovich, "than we got 12,500 cubic feet per second coming down on the project, before our native grasses could even sprout. The project survived because it had flood plains to dissipate the energy of those huge flows. It worked. It did tend to scour out pools on the flood plains, but over subsequent years gravel coming from Dry Creek filled those pools up again."

Marovich looks forward to beginning the restoration construction next summer.

Family gathers for golf tournament, reunion

Saturday, Aug. 31, was the date of the 30th Annual MBS Golf Tournament and Family Reunion.

Golfers gathered for a pregame breakfast at the home of Joan Martinez. Then, seven foursomes gathered at Wild Wings Golf Course for an 18 hole Best Ball tournament. The festivities continued at the home of Tim and Elaine Snow at Wild Wings. Those in attendance were Phil and Isabel Snow; Joan, Corinne, Shannon and Adam Martinez; Dan and Dawn, Isabela, Ivan and Atlas Martinez; Bob and Charlotte, Bobbie and Ryan Martinez; Robert and Barbara, Anthony, Daniel and Gianna Carrion; Carmina Serrano; and Beatrice, Jonathon and Jennifer Jordan, all of Winters.

Also in attendance were Guy and Debbie Pedroia; Tim and Elaine, Alex and Zachary Snow; Robin Stiles; David and Candis, Andy and John Snow; Holly Wulff; Virginia Neese; Nancy Rivard; Manuel, Danielle and Xavier Altamirano; Raul Corrales and Raul Jr.; Carlos and Amanda Flores and Gabi; Marissa Corrales; Rudy Gonzales; Rachael and Marco Martinez; and Cesar Gonzales, all of Woodland. Other guests included Eric and Wendy, McKenzie and Trevor Neese; Joe and Christina, Austin, Caitlin and Ethan Serrano, all of Folsom. John and Robin Martinez of Lincoln; Jennifer Martinez and Mandi Culligan of Concord; and Yvonne Martinez of Santa Rosa and fiance Dan Maloney of Carson City, Nev., also were in attendance.

The family enjoyed great food, fun and company. Ping-pong tournaments were played throughout the event with Andy Snow taking the singles championship and the team of Andy and Zachary Snow taking the doubles title.

The awards ceremony revealed the foursome of Tim Snow, Yvonne Martinez, Raul Corrales and Daniel Carrion as the winners of the golf tournament with a score of 11 under par.

Corinne Martinez, last year's Green Jacket recipient, awarded the coveted Green Jacket to Isabel Snow for her unparalleled dedication to the ideal of A Family United Together.

Free food will be distributed

The Food Bank of Yolo County will distribute food to eligible Winters residents during on Thursday, Aug. 19, at First Baptist Church, 512 First Street, 12-1 p.m., and at Yolo Housing, 62 Shams Way,

from 3-4 p.m.

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

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

City council to meet

The Winters City Council will meet on Tuesday, Aug. 17, at 6:30 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall.

The agenda includes:

- ~ Presentation by pool manager Justin Hyer.
- ~ Public hearing to introduce a Municipal Code ordinance regulating alcoholic beverage establishments.
- ~ Medical marijuana dispensary moratorium extension.
- ~ Liaison assignments.
- ~ Update on Putah Creek Bridge replacement project.
- ~ Agreement for professional consulting services with AK & Company for preparation of the SB90 state mandated cost reimbursement claim.

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

- ~ Almondwood Apartments Housing and Loan Agreement and Community Development Agency consideration of Chase and California Tax Credit Advisory Committee ("TCAC") subordination agreements related to the Almondwood Apartments Housing and Loan Agreement.

The city council meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month. All Winters residents are welcome to attend.

For more information, call City Hall, 795-4910.

Active 20-30 Club meets in Winters

The Active 20-30 Club of Vaca Valley #295 meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Chuy's Taqueria. The group is a local service club for young adults in the Winters, Dixon, Vacaville and surrounding areas, and focuses on helping children.

For more information, email vaca-valley2030@gmail.com or call Karlie, (916) 220-9433.

LETTERS

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nations are truly appreciated. We hope to see you at the fair.

JENNY RAMOS

Pedestrian access closed

Parents and school children are reminded that the south boundary of the Orchard Village Apartment Project (east of Anderson Avenue) is closed to pedestrians during construction of the project.

Although this has been a direct path for students going to and

from school in the past, this use must be halted until it is safe for pedestrians to access the site. This is an active construction site and heavy equipment is constantly present and around the roadway.

Until construction of the permanent walkway and Dutton Street improvements are complete later in the fall, students and parents should develop other routes to get to and from school. The project managers want the project to proceed safely and appreciate everyone's cooperation during construction.

PACIFIC WEST BUILDERS

Home winemakers asked to help curtail destructive pest

Due to infestations of European Grapevine Moth (EGVM) in some areas of California, all Yolo County vintners (commercial and home wine makers) and receivers of bulk grapes should contact the Yolo County Agriculture Department, 666-8140, for information and instructions should they anticipate receiving

grapes for crush from outside Yolo County. Native to Mediterranean Europe, the EGVM is particularly fond of grapes but also enjoys olives, another increasingly important local crop in Yolo County. EGVM was reported for the first time in the United States in Napa Valley in September 2009. At that time, 23

properties were found to be infested. The pest caused extensive damage to the vineyards, with 100 percent crop loss and over \$2 million in damage. Since last fall, specific insect trapping programs launched by the California Department of Food & Agriculture (CDFA) have found the pest in Sonoma, Solano,

Fresno, Mendocino, Lake and Merced Counties. The movement of bulk grapes (unprocessed) is suspected to be the pathway of movement of EGVM. Direct quesconcerning EGVM to the Yolo County Agriculture Department, 666-8140, Mondays through Thursdays, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.).

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Schools

Popular after school program at capacity

By JULIA McCANDLESS
Staff writer

There's a time of day, between the end of school and when parents get home from work, when kids in Winters can learn new things, build social skills, and get one-on-one academic support outside of the classroom.

The Winters After School Program, a grant-funded city program, runs in coordination with the Shirley Rominger and Waggoner Elementary School calendars, offering after-school care from the end of school until 6 p.m. every day.

Filled on a first come, first served basis, and offered at no-cost to students receiving reduced lunch, the program is already at its 105 student capacity. However, a waiting list is available for those still interested in participating. The program takes place on the school campuses, making it safe and convenient for kids to walk directly from class to the after school program rooms.

Program Coordinator Nancy Gonella explained that the program is very structured, with a built-in time for "homework help," as well as enrichment, recreation and a nutritious snack. Each after school program is staffed with instructional aides and a site coordinator, who works closely with students' teachers.

"We want to be sure that the kids really benefit from the homework help so we have people that are there and able to help them with the homework," Gonella said.

"We have college students (as aides) that are really up and up with the arithmetic and those kinds of things so that they can really get the help that they need. It's not just like a study hall. If they need help they get help and they sit down and do their work."

In addition to academic support, the program also focuses on physical activity, implementing 60 minutes of exercise per day to promote good health and prevent childhood obesity.

"We want to get them out there and interacting, not only for physical needs, but also it's good skill building," Gonella said. "If they're on teams, they build leadership skills, and all these things we really strive to implement."

The after school program also encourages community involvement, as kids in previous years have participated in Youth Day, held "Bike Rodeos" in collaboration with the Winters Police Department, and ventured on field trips to the Fire Department and nature parks.

"We try to teach the kids community involvement. It's a well-rounded program, it's not just academics, but it's also so that they can learn socially and benefit," Gonella said. "Everything we do, we try to make it a learning experience. That is our goal, that whatever it is they are going to learn from it and it's going to benefit them."

This year, the after school program will participate in the opening ceremonies of the Earthquake Festival, featuring the program clown "Mr. Freckles," as well as trivia and games.

To monitor student needs, the program tracks the success of students who have participated in the after school program, revealing that participants have dramatically increased their test scores.

Gonella said she encourages families to participate in the after school program, as it's extremely beneficial to the development of students, especially those coming from a non-English speaking household.

"There's support for English learners, someone who can help them with their homework and be a support to help them advance," Gonella said.

"We've experienced so many kids who have gone through the program and they've learned and they're so excited that they can learn, so school to them is more fun now. They can go into the classroom and they can participate because they understand. We see that as helping them move on as a young child and an adult, giving them that 'can-do' attitude."

The Winters After School Program begins on Monday, Aug. 16, which is the first day of school. The enrollment waiting list is available at City Hall. For more information, call 795-4910.

Senior raises funds in son's memory

By JULIA McCANDLESS
Staff writer

Philanthropy is noble in itself, but to be philanthropic when you're only 18 is truly admirable.

Eighteen-year-old Caty Rodriguez was honored on Aug. 4 for her work on her high school senior project, in which she earned \$7,800 for United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Sacramento.

But Rodriguez's generosity extends beyond the money she earned, as her project was inspired by her own personal tragedy. Rodriguez's 1-year-old son, Isaac, died approximately one year ago, due to complications of cerebral palsy.

In honor of her son, Rodriguez went above and beyond her senior project assignment, organizing car washes and hike-a-thons, and establishing a donation partnership with First Northern Bank to raise money and spread community awareness about cerebral palsy.

Steve Horton, director of development and marketing for UCP of Greater Sacramento, worked closely with Rodriguez, and was astonished at her final accomplishment. To express his appreciation on behalf of UCP, Horton presented Rodriguez with a plaque thanking her for her efforts.

"It was really neat to sit in on



Photo by Julia McCandless

Steve Horton, director of development and marketing for United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Sacramento, presents a plaque to Caty Rodriguez for her high school senior project which raised \$7,800 for the organization.

her senior project, and to hear that she was given one of the top three scores," Horton said.

Proudly standing by Rodriguez's side was her mother, Maria, who gushed about how inspiring it has been to see her daughter work so hard for others.

"I'm really proud. She went through a lot and she pushed it and came out really good, so I'm

really, really proud of her," Maria Rodriguez said. "It's very inspiring. It helps me to realize that we can do so much with a little bit of work, or a lot of work, but it's worth it in the end."

Rodriguez plans to attend Solano Community College and hopes to become a registered nurse for people with special needs.

Fishing camp hooks kids

◆ Event serves special needs, underprivileged children

Special to the Express

Twenty special needs and underprivileged children experienced fun and success at the Second Annual Kids Camp at Lake Solano Park on July 24 and 25.

Local nonprofit Kids Day of Fishing Inc. sponsors the two-day, one-night event with contributions from many businesses and organizations.

Children spent Saturday afternoon learning about fish ecology from educators with the WaterWays program. Viewing live fish at the Nature Center and netting "creek critters" to learn about food chains, participants got to know more about the fish they would encounter while recreating at the lake.

Soapstone carving, basket weaving, rope-making and tent camping with a marshmallow roast rounded out an active day.

Sunday dawned with made-to-order breakfast burritos courtesy of the Fairfield-Suisun Twilight Rotary, which provided all the food

service for the event, followed by interactive presentations on the history of fishing by Kids Day of Fishing President Mike Johns and the abilities of police dogs by the Solano Sheriffs K-9 Unit.

With individualized instruction on how to use their brand new fishing rods, children spent the rest of the morning hooking and reeling in plump large-mouth bass planted by Lazy Q Fish Ranch.

The piers and bridges built over the pond allowed even youths in wheelchairs to participate.

The event wrapped up with an old-fashioned fish fry lunch and a ceremony acknowledging each participant with a medal, a fully-stocked tackle box to go with their new fishing rods, and a big round of applause for the enthusiastic volunteers who made the Kids Fishing Camp a rousing success.

Those interested in learning more about this and similar events, or in becoming a volunteer or supporter, can visit www.kidsdayoffishing.org or contact Johns at captmike@kidsdayoffishing.org.

Committee has vacancies

The Winters Joint Unified School District announces vacancies on its Curriculum Steering Committee, which monitors the curriculum adoption process, reviews instructional materials recommended for adoption and makes recommendations to the school board related to improving student achievement.

Committee members include teachers, students, principals, parents and community members.

There are two openings for parent/community members for the 2010-11 school year. Each member serves a term of two years.

The committee meets from 3:30 to 5 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month from October to May.

For more information, call Emilie Simmons, director of educational services, at 795-6154, or Tom Locker, educational services assistant, at 795-6157.

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POLICE

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being sent to the District Attorney for complaint.

July 27

~ 1:30 p.m., 400 block of Village Circle, a boat trailer and boat were towed for violation of Winters Municipal Code 10.16.050 — use of streets for storage of vehicles prohibited.

July 28

~ 6:29 p.m., Taylor Street and Kennedy Drive, parties were involved in a verbal argument.

July 29

~ 3:51 p.m., 200 block of Railroad Avenue, a vehicle was towed for violation of Winters Municipal Code 10.16.110 — no parking Thursdays from 3 to 9 p.m.

~ 3:58 p.m., 200 block of Railroad Avenue, a vehicle was towed for violation of Winters Municipal Code 10.16.110 — no parking Thursdays from 3 to 9 p.m.

~ 5:10 p.m., Matthew Adam Neal, 21, of Winters was driving northbound on Railroad Avenue north of Abbey Street. Neal lost consciousness, drove over the painted double yellow roadway lines and hit a tree on the west side of Railroad Avenue.

July 30

~ 9 a.m., a found pair of prescription glasses were turned over to the police department.

July 30-31

~ 10 a.m. to 12:17 p.m., 100 block of Anderson Avenue, a key was used to scratch a vehicle. Damage: \$2,000.

August 2

~ 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., a courtesy report was prepared for a Winters resident who had a rear vehicle license plate stolen while in the city of Stockton. Loss: \$25.

~ 1 p.m., 100 block of East Baker Street, money was stolen from an apartment. Loss: \$250.

August 3

~ 12:56 p.m., County Roads 89 and 31, an officer assisted a Yolo County Sheriff's deputy with a rollover traffic collision.

~ 4:59 p.m., Fourth and Main streets, officers contacted a male who was sleeping near the bathroom at the City

Park. An all systems check on the male revealed he was a missing person out of Solano County. The male was released to his caretaker.

~ 10:02 p.m., southbound I-505 at Putah Creek Road, an officer assisted the California Highway Patrol with a multiple vehicle collision.

August 3-4

~ 8:30 p.m. to 10 a.m., first block of Main Street, a business was entered and money and cellular telephones were stolen. There were no signs of forced entry. Loss: \$4,015. Further investigation revealed one cellular telephone was activated by a suspect who said she bought the telephone from a person she worked with at the California State Fair. The telephone was recovered and the case is being forwarded to the Yolo County District Attorney for complaint.

August 4

~ 8:30 a.m., a victim reported a lost driver's license.

~ 3:38 p.m., 1000 block of Eisenhower Way, a vehicle was towed for violation of Winters Municipal Code 10.16.050 — use of streets for storage of vehicles prohibited — and for having expired vehicle registration in excess of six months.

August 5

~ 5:01 p.m., Vicki Tufts Jacobs, 62, of Winters was traveling westbound on East Grant Avenue approaching the stoplight controlled intersection at Railroad Avenue. Melissa Nathali Garcia, 22, of Winters was stopped at the light facing westbound on East Grant Avenue directly behind a vehicle driven by Siew Mei Janice Lim, 24, of Vacaville. Jacobs did not notice the vehicles in front of her stopped facing a red signal light on East Grant Avenue at Railroad Avenue. Jacobs was unable to stop and collided into the rear of Garcia's vehicle. This collision caused Garcia's vehicle to roll forward from a stopped position and collide into the rear of Lim's vehicle.

~ 10 p.m., 1000 block of Roosevelt Avenue,

officers assisted detectives from the Fairfield Police Department with a search warrant. Christopher Wayne Silva, 25, of Winters was arrested for possessing stolen property, possessing a throwing star and brass knuckles. David Wayne Silva, 45, of Winters was arrested for possessing a narcotic controlled substance. Both were transported to the Yolo County Jail for incarceration.

August 5-6

~ 5 p.m. to 8 a.m., 400 block of Railroad Avenue, super glue was used to fill in the key hole to vandalize a business door. Damage: \$400.

August 6

~ 11:50 p.m., 700 block of Ivy Loop, parties were involved in a verbal domestic dispute.

August 7

~ 10:26 p.m., Jose Maria Duran Olivares, 19, of Winters was arrested for being a minor in possession of alcohol. Olivares was booked at the Winters Police Department and released on a notice to appear.

August 8

~ 9 a.m., a 16-year-old Winters resident was arrested for numerous graffiti vandalisms in the city of Winters. The juvenile was booked at the Winters Police Department and released to a parent on a notice to appear.

~ 10:29 p.m., a 15-year-old Winters resident was arrested for being intoxicated in public and unable to care for his safety or the safety of others and violating curfew. The juvenile was booked at the Winters Police Department and released to a guardian on a notice to appear.

~ 10:29 p.m., Alfonso Quezada, 18, of Winters was arrested for being intoxicated in public and unable to care for his safety or the safety of others. Quezada was booked at the Winters Police Department and released to a sober adult on a notice to appear.

August 9

~ 1:10 p.m., Daniel Andrew Collins, Jr., 68, of Winters was arrested for battery. Collins was booked at the Winters Police Department and released on a notice to appear.

Warriors hit the pool, field and court

By ERIC LUCERO

Express sports

The Winters High School 2010-11 fall sports programs are off and running, or swimming, depending on which the sport. The Warriors were in the pool, on the football field and on the volleyball court as of Monday, Aug. 9.

The swim team, coached by Kevin Chester, will practice from 8:30 to 11 a.m. this week and will practice after school starting next week for the rest of the season. Chester plans on having an experienced team this year and says his freshman class will be strong as well.

"We have a very experienced team," Chester said. With the addition of a strong freshman class we should have about 25 swimmers. We should do well this year."

On the football field, coach Daniel Ward is still at the helm of the varsity team with Tyson Allen in charge of the JV team. The varsity will have a

strong team with a lot of experience. They are strong up front and have a lot of talent in the skills position. The Warriors have been practicing since last May, and are ready to get the season started.

"I am very excited about the season," Ward said. "We have been doing a lot of work in the summer to get ready for the season and I am really looking forward to it."

Allen doesn't have the experience that he has had in the past two years but what he does have is a young group of athletes that are ready to learn and work hard.

"We only have a handful of returning players," Allen said. "But from what I have seen all summer this group of players have a great attitude."

"From where we started on the first day of camp at Pioneer High School to the last day of camp at Gold Beach it was like night and day. If they continue to improve like that we will have a great season."

Missing teen found OK in Vacaville

Missing Winters teen Alanna Alarico, 13, was found alive and well in Vacaville on Monday, Aug. 9.

She had been reported missing on Sunday, Aug. 8, by her parents, Renea and Mike Holliday.

Winters police had no further information about what happened or why she was in Vacaville.

GOLF

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which features a shotgun start and scramble format, will begin at 8 a.m. There is space for 72 players on this nine hole course. Since there are three Par 3 holes, and each hole will be played twice, the Closest to the Pin competition should be hotly contested.

Habitat for Humanity of Yolo County is a local nonprofit housing organization that was established in 1993 as an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International. HFHYC partners with people from all walks of life to build decent, affordable homes for families in need with the ultimate goal of

eliminating poverty housing worldwide. HFHYC has built homes in Davis and Woodland and is not a give-away program; homeowners invest hundreds of hours of their own labor to help build their Habitat home. HFHYC recently broke ground on its latest project, a duplex in the Heidrick Ranch area of Woodland.

The fee is \$95.23 which includes 18 holes, golf cart, lunch and entry for golf prizes. The fee amount reflects the cost to build one square foot of the duplex.

To register for the tournament or make a donation, visit www.habitatyolo.org. For more details, or to donate a prize valued at \$50 or more, call Mark Restrepo at (916) 425-7994.

Weekly fire department report

July 26

~ First block of Baker Street, unknown medical

July 27

~ 100 block of Baker Street, medical aid
~ Northbound I-505, medical aid

July 28

~ 30000 block of County Road 31, grass fire
~ 900 block of Suffolk Place, difficulty breathing

July 29

~ 400 block of Railroad Avenue, vehicle into a tree

July 30

~ 8000 block of Holmes Lane, mutual aid grass fire
~ 20000 block of SR128, unknown medical aid
~ 200 block of Toyon Lane, strong odor reported

July 31

~ County Road 93A and Russell Boulevard, vehicle accident

August 1

~ 20000 Block of Walnut Bayou Lane, medical aid

August 3

~ 20000 block of County Road 89, smoke investigation

~ County Road 89 and County Road 31, overturned vehicle

~ Interstate 505 at Putah Creek Road, multi-vehicle accident

August 4

~ 400 block of Russell Street, victim of a fall

~ 400 block of Morgan Street, victim of a fall

~ Northbound Interstate 505 at Putah Creek, car fire

~ 400 block of Edwards Street, medical aid

August 5

~ 800 block of Walnut Lane, difficulty breathing

~ Monticello Dam, vehicle into a tree

~ 400 block of Russell Street, medical aid

August 7

~ 100 block of Owings Drive, unknown medical

~ 400 block of Russell Street, difficulty breathing

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Features

Fungus causes sunspots

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: What causes sunspots? They appear even when we have not been exposed to the sun. — Anon.

ANSWER: The sun has nothing to do with sunspots. A fungus is their cause. The fungus depigments patches of skin so they are lighter than the surrounding skin. The sun comes into play only because it darkens the surrounding skin and the spots stand out like a sore thumb. Selenium sulfide and fungal medicines like Lotrimin, Naftin and Tinactin can usually dislodge the fungus. The depigmented skin stays light for quite some time, and people believe the medicines have not worked. In time, pigmentation returns.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I am 76. I am the fifth of eight boys. Three had the shingles. Our parents are gone. I want to get the shingles vaccine, but was told by friends that you cannot get the shot if you did not have chickenpox. I don't remember whether I had chickenpox. — P.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I recovered from shingles a few years ago. After hearing many horror stories about shingles, I wonder if I should consider getting the vaccine to prevent another outbreak. — J.V.

ANSWER: Almost every older American has been infected with the chickenpox virus, whether or not they can remember having had the illness. That indicates that almost all older Americans still harbor the chickenpox virus in their nerve cells. In later years, the virus escapes from nerve cells and travels down the nerve to the skin, where it brings about an outbreak of shingles. Therefore, all older people qualify for the shingles vaccine, regardless of their ability to remember having had chickenpox. Authorities recommend that those who have had a shingles outbreak get the vaccine. It is true that a shingles outbreak affords some protection against a second outbreak, but



return visits from the shingles virus do occur, so, J.V., you qualify for the vaccine. Shingles is a painful experience, and the pain can last long after the rash has gone. The shingles booklet explains this common problem and how it's treated. To obtain a copy, write: Dr. Donohue — No. 1201W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I am sick and tired about all this exercise talk. What proof exists that it is such a health boon? I am not into exercise, have never been into it and probably will never be into it. Can you say with a straight face that proof really exists that exercise extends life? — R.R.

ANSWER: Yes, I can. And I can do so with a straight face. The studies that show exercise improves health are too numerous to cite. A recent study showed that men (although no women were included in the study, I am sure it applies equally to them) who increased the intensity and frequency of physical exercise had their mortality cut in half from a control group that did not exercise. Consistent exercise bestows the same health benefits that come from not smoking.

Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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Is it an autobiography or the truth?

I love to read autobiographies. I always think I'll find out some secret of how to live the good life or a way of looking at the world that is different. In preparation for a trip to the Los Angeles area museums, I read the biographies of J. Paul Getty, Norton Simon and Henry Huntington, all private museum founders.

Three characteristics were common to the stories of these unbelievably wealthy men. One, they each came from well-established middle class families who had business interests. They were trained early by their environment, whether they realized it or not. Two, they each worked incredibly hard and long — constantly, really. Business was their passion. Three, they took risks, calculated risks, but, nevertheless, they stuck their heads and fortunes out more than once.

Biographies or autobiographies make a pattern of a life — but only in hindsight. When I reread the columns I've written about my career in science, it sounds a little bit like a fairy story as all biographies do. Selective attention and the human need to make sense of our lives turns autobiography into story telling. And perhaps the need for coherence and congruity overrides the actual way things happened.

My recent columns present this story: Grade-schooler in small town finds chemistry, gets a good education, has an interesting and successful career and ends up writing poetry and columns for the Winters Express. Well, that is easy to say now. But the trauma and anxiety are missing — the huge stress of those transition points when you don't know how the story is going to



turn out. Here are some of the missing parts:

I met and married my first husband during my second year of graduate school. I had two images in my head — the consummate career woman and the good wife. These images did not merge — this was before the Women's Liberation Movement had kicked in. One night in the middle of a vicious migraine headache caused by the conflict between career and marriage and while trying to finish a take-home exam in Intermediary Metabolism, I vomited. I decided if it was going to make me sick, I'd quit graduate school. Which I did. I was going to be a good little helpmeet.

Which I was for the three years the marriage lasted.

I worked at Clairol, Inc. for two more years and was starting to get a little bored. Each laboratory leader had weekly conferences with the Vice President for Research. One day in October he said heartily to me, "That's wonderful progress on this project. We're so lucky to have you do doctorate level work and only have to pay you for a master's degree."

The next day I reapplied to graduate school.

And I went out with The Main Man for the first time the next month — November. The rest is history.

Roy and I started working together and got our first joint grant in 1973. I mentioned in an earlier column that we got federal grants from the National Institutes of Health to fund our research.

What I didn't emphasize was that two-thirds of our total income was from grants that had to be renewed every three to five years. On one occasion my grant was not funded. Roy's grant was up for renewal six months later. The prospect of no food on the table was not pleasing.

It took a couple of months to write a grant, a huge effort — planning five years of experiments takes a lot of thought and work. The waiting period until you found out whether you would get the money took about four months. Every day was filled with some level of anxiety. Every three to five years I would think about going into another line of work. I actually took the postal workers' qualification exam one time.

When Roy had an opportunity to come to UC Davis as a tenured faculty member with a guaranteed salary, he took it. It's a good thing because I spent two years without grants when we first moved to California.

Stress? Once in California I started smoking again after 10 years. And stopped. And started three times before (I hope) finally quitting 18 years ago.

Thank heavens for the Childbirth Syndrome — you can forget about the pain when you have that adorable little bundle in your arms. I can forget the overwhelming anxiety now that I know how this part of my story turned out.

What happens in the next part?

Pleased to meet you



Name: Yvonne Lopez
Occupation: Full-time mother of three
Hobby: Running
What's best about living in Winters: "Knowing everybody, pretty much."
Fun fact: I enjoy fishing with my kids, Darian, Marcus and Isaac.

King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

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"If you have made mistakes ... there is always another chance for you ... you may have a fresh start any moment you choose, for this thing we call 'failure' is not the falling down, but the staying down."

— Mary Pickford (1893-1979)
American actress

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HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.

King Crossword

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Avoid adding to the tension around you. Even a well-meant reaction against something you perceive as unfair could be misunderstood. Let things calm down, and then talk about it.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) It's a good time for romance for unattached Bovines, and a good time for reinforcing the bonds between partners. Children's needs are important during the latter part of the week.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A compliment from a surprising source sends you wafting way up into the clouds, where—sorry to say—your view of what's going on is obscured. Come on down and face some reality.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Even a family-loving person like you sometimes can feel you're at the end of the line with contentious kinfolk. But things can work out. Remember that it's better to talk than walk.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A job-related move might hold more positive surprises than you'd expected. Go into it with confidence, and look for all the advantages it offers. Then decide what you'll do with what you find.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Driving yourself too hard to get something done on a deadline you set up can backfire. Ease into a more realistic finish date, and add more breaks to your work schedule.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your sense of humor can brighten any dark period, and your laughter can dispel those gray clouds swirling around you. The weekend presents a surprising but welcome change.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Be careful about the words you use, especially in touchy situations. The old Chinese saying that the spoken word is silver, but the unspoken gold could well apply here.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Some facts could emerge to shed light on unresolved past problems. What you learn also might help explain why a once-warm relationship suddenly cooled down.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Don't let your pride get in the way of checking into what could be a great new opportunity. Get the facts first, and worry about procedure and protocol later.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A health problem in the family might have other relatives assuming that, as before, you'll take over the health-care duties. Surprise them and insist they share in the caretaking.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A series of changes can be unsettling, but in the long run, it can pay off with new perspectives on what you plan to do. Keep your mind open to the possibilities that might well lie ahead.

BORN THIS WEEK: You might be under a "royal" sign, but you have a wonderful way of embracing everyone as an equal.

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Nuestras Noticias



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Misma situación

A pesar de que la ley SB1070 en Arizona fue parcialmente bloqueada, la situación en ese estado no ha cambiado, se siguen persiguiendo indocumentados, al igual que en el resto del país, y por la manera en que el gobierno federal ha tratado el tema de inmigración, la situación de los indocumentados no va a cambiar en un futuro próximo.

Quizá sin temor a equivocarme, la situación en Arizona estuviera peor, si la juez Sisan Bolton, no hubiera bloqueado las partes más controversiales de la ley SB 1070 de Arizona. Por ahora y solo por ahora, usted todavía puede ir a Arizona y por lo pronto debido a la parte que la juez bloqueó, la policía no puede detenerlo solo por parecerle sospechoso de ser indocumentado, o por su acento al hablar, no tiene el derecho de pararlo y pedirle documentos para ver si está legalmente en el país.

La pelea por la ley SB 1070 se va a una Corte de Apelaciones y, seguramente, terminará en la Corte Suprema de Justicia. Pero es una lástima que así sea. Esto debería terminar en el Congreso en Washington, no en la Corte Suprema. Arizona ha querido tomar la situación migratoria en sus propias manos por la falta de liderazgo y el vacío político en Washington. El presidente Barack Obama rompió su promesa de presentar una propuesta migratoria en su primer año de gobierno. Los demócratas no se atreven a votar sobre el tema antes de las elecciones congresionales de noviembre por temor a perder el control de la Cámara de Representantes. Y los republicanos están perdidos; nadie sabe dónde se han escondido los 11 senadores republicanos (incluyendo a John McCain) que hace tres años votaron por una reforma migratoria.

El gobierno de México también brilla por su ausencia. Están muy bien las declaraciones de repudio de la cancillería mexicana en contra de la ley antiinmigrante de Arizona. Pero no tienen ninguna efectividad. Son irrelevantes. Si quiere influir en la legalización de 11 millones de indocumentados, el gobierno de Felipe Calderón debe contratar a las mejores compañías de relaciones públicas y cabildeo en Washington para conseguir el apoyo de 218 congresistas y 60 senadores norteamericanos. Eso es lo que hizo Carlos Salinas de Gortari para conseguir la aprobación del Tratado de Libre Comercio. Salinas hizo muchas cosas malas y reprobables durante su sexenio (1988-1994). Pero es sí lo hizo bien.

La ley que el gobierno implemento parcialmente surgió como una respuesta del estado al gobierno federal, y también por la creencia de que los indocumentados son los culpables de la situación actual del país. A pesar de la violencia en la frontera, la criminalidad ha caído en todo Estados Unidos en los últimos años, de acuerdo con estadísticas del Departamento de Justicia. No podemos culpar a todos los inmigrantes por los crímenes que cometen unos pocos.

Los inmigrantes tampoco le quitan los trabajos a la mayoría de los norteamericanos. Por el contrario. Crean empleos, pagan impuestos y realizan las labores que nadie más quieren hacer. Yo no he visto a millones de estadounidenses buscando empleo para levantar las cosechas de tomate y naranjas en California o la Florida. Y tampoco es cierto que los inmigrantes abusan de los servicios sociales del país. Un reporte de la Comisión Kaiser concluyó que mientras un 20 por ciento de los norteamericanos utiliza las salas de emergencia en promedio durante el año, solo un 13 por ciento de los extranjeros hace lo mismo.

Es decir, los tres argumentos que utilizan los enemigos de los indocumentados — que aumentan el crimen, que les quitan trabajo a los estadounidenses y que abusan del sistema — son falsos.

En Arizona y en el resto de Estados Unidos solo se está poniendo parches y curitas a una situación insostenible. No se está buscando una solución a largo plazo al problema migratorio.

Este año ya no habrá reforma migratoria. Si las cosas siguen así, el gobierno de Barack Obama deportará aproximadamente a 400 mil inmigrantes este 2010, separando a muchas familias. El país más poderoso del mundo, yendo en contra de su gran tradición de generosidad hacia los inmigrantes, está persiguiendo a los más vulnerables. Eso es en contra de los valores que caracterizan a este gran país.

Aprende a ser flexible

Para mejorar tu vida no hay nada como saber adaptarse a cualquier situación, sin dejar de ser uno mismo. Los científicos están de acuerdo: sobreviven aquellas especies cuya capacidad de adaptarse es sobresaliente. Y esto se aplica a tu vida también: la carrera, la familia, la amistad. Ser cuadrado e intransigente es un terrible obstáculo para cualquier persona. La flexibilidad es la capacidad de adaptarse rápidamente a las circunstancias, los tiempos y las personas, rectificando oportunamente nuestras actitudes y puntos de vista para lograr una mejor convivencia y entendimiento con los demás.

En ocasiones se ha entendido a la flexibilidad como “ceder” siempre para evitar conflictos, pero ser flexibles no significa dejarse llevar y ser condescendientes con todo y con todos. Aprender a escuchar y a

observar con atención todo lo que ocurre a nuestro alrededor, constituye el punto de partida para tomar lo mejor de cada circunstancia y hacer a un lado todo aquello que objetivamente no es conveniente. Es decir, la flexibilidad mejora nuestra disposición para no andarse peleando por cualquier cosa y conseguir llegar a acuerdos. Seguro conoces al típico cuate que no hace más que decir que “tal cosa no se puede,” “que tal otra no es así, sino así.” Con el tiempo, las personas así, poco flexibles, se van quedando solas.

Algunas veces nuestra capacidad de adaptación se somete a pruebas severas: cambiar de ciudad, de casa; de escuela o un giro completamente distinto al que desarrollábamos. En todos estos cambios debemos tratar con personas diferentes, con sus costumbres y

factores distintos a los que estábamos acostumbrados. La rapidez con que nos identifiquemos al nuevo ambiente, marcará desde el primer momento el éxito o fracaso en nuestro desempeño y las relaciones con los demás.

Para que tus propósitos de mejora tengan fruto, es necesario identificar y corregir algunas de las actitudes que nos impiden vivir cabalmente este valor: Calma. Procura que tu primer impulso no sea dar un sí o un no como respuesta. Aprende que aceptar o negar tiene su momento. Escucha, observa, medita y actúa.

Habla cuando sea necesario, o calla si las circunstancias lo exigen. Las conversaciones forzadas no llevan a ninguna parte, cuantas veces nos empeñamos en hablar de un tema que a nadie interesa.

Busca el mejor momento para opinar algo. Aprende a dejar una

conversación en el momento oportuno, evitando discusiones que no llegarán a algo sensato. Nada ganas con aferrarte para tratar de convencer a una persona que no quiere escuchar.

Trata a cada persona según su peculiar forma de ser; lo cual se traduce en respeto.

Rectifica cada que sean precisas tus opiniones o actitudes. Corregir los errores, pedir perdón o aclarar la equivocación en nuestro juicio, demuestra sencillez y rectitud de intención.

Respetar las reglas o normas que imperan en los distintos lugares a los que asistes, a menos que afecten la integridad y la seguridad de cualquier persona. Si aprendes a ser flexible, nunca tendrás obstáculos en la comunicación o tus relaciones sociales, tu adaptación será tan natural que nunca parecerás extraño.

Barrera de comunicación

Con el aumento de la población hispana en las escuelas, muchos padres hispanos tienen problemas para ayudar a sus hijos con las tareas o para comunicarse con los maestros estadounidenses conforme las clases de inmersión al idioma inglés proliferan en las escuelas de Estados Unidos. La barrera del idioma, el no poder tener una comunicación en inglés acrecienta los obstáculos culturales y lingüístico para los hispanos en Estados Unidos, la minoría más grande y de más rápido crecimiento, pero que se ve rezagada respecto de otras en el número de graduados de escuela secundaria.

Un estudio realizado muestra si acaso la inmersión en inglés de los estudiantes en realidad los aísla en lugar de facilitarles la integración, un debate que ha dividido a estados, académicos e incluso a la Corte Suprema de Estados Unidos. Arizona recientemente ordenó a sus escuelas retirar a los maestros con notorio acento extranjero de las clases de inglés, mientras que el gobierno federal busca impulsar una

enseñanza multilingüística en los salones de clases.

La barrera del lenguaje es todavía un grave factor de riesgo para los hispanos. Aun cuando muchas escuelas reemplazan al español con el inglés en las aulas, para un estudiante evaluado como aprendiz del inglés, las probabilidades de terminar la preparatoria, y en particular la universidad, cae significativamente. Un estudio descubrió que 78% de los hispanos tenían hijos inscritos en clases de inglés desde el jardín de niños a la secundaria y sólo 3% tenían clases en español.

Apenas 20% de los padres, hispanohablantes en su mayoría, dijeron que podían comunicarse “extremadamente bien” con la escuela de sus hijos, comparados con 35% entre los hispanos que hablan inglés de manera fluida. Un 42% de los que hablan sólo español dijo que les parecía fácil ayudar a sus niños con las tareas, mientras que esa cifra fue de 59% entre los que hablan inglés. Aunque la principal dificultad es el idioma, los padres

hispanos también enfrentan algunas barreras culturales, ya que, por ejemplo, algunos no están acostumbrados a presionar a los maestros para que asignen a sus hijos a una clase para alumnos aventajados.

Bajo la ley federal, si los padres tienen un dominio limitado del inglés, las escuelas deben darles avisos e información sobre las actividades de sus hijos en un idioma que aquéllos entiendan. La oficina de Derechos Civiles del Departamento de Educación está evaluando algunos distritos educativos para ver si les niegan una educación justa a algunos alumnos.

Enfrentar los desequilibrios es importante porque alrededor de una cada cinco personas en Estados Unidos habla en su casa un idioma que no es inglés. La mayor proporción son hispanos, según datos del censo. Los hispanos son una cuarta parte de los niños de jardín en el país, donde se pronostica que las minorías se convertirán en la nueva mayoría a mediados de siglo.

Polémica

Una vez más los republicanos en su afán de echarle más tierra al fuego los republicanos han salido con la controversial petición de negarles la ciudadanía a los hijos de inmigrantes indocumentados nacidos aquí en el país. La idea de negar la ciudadanía automática a los nacidos en Estados Unidos de inmigrantes indocumentados ha vuelto a reabrir el polémico debate sobre la reforma de la Constitución, algo que los expertos consideran muy difícil.

Están hablando de este tema para desviar el asunto de la reforma migratoria. Quitar la

nacionalidad a los hijos de los inmigrantes no sólo afecta a éstos sino a los niños de los americanos, la enmienda número 14 de la Constitución vigente desde 1868. Garantiza la ciudadanía a “todas las personas nacidas o naturalizadas en los Estados Unidos.” Los expertos en el tema dicen que para realizar una enmienda constitucional, se requiere la aprobación de las dos terceras partes de ambas cámaras en el Congreso además del consentimiento de al menos 38 estados. En el pasado, las propuestas para reformar el derecho de ciudadanía por nacimiento en territorio estadounidense

en la Cámara Baja se han estancado.

El senador Lindsey Graham de Carolina del Sur, que en el pasado fue el único republicano que apoyó una reforma migratoria, fue el primero que propuso cambiar la decimocuarta enmienda redactada al final de la Guerra de Secesión, para que los hijos de los antiguos esclavos pudieran acceder a la nacionalidad. Graham argumenta que la “ciudadanía por nacimiento es un error” y empuja a que “más ilegales lleguen al país” con el sólo propósito de “tener hijos con nacionalidad estadounidense.”

Los inmigrantes vienen al país para trabajar y sólo pensar

que utilizarán a los hijos para arreglar su situación migratoria no es cierto. Este proceso tarda años. Otros líderes del Partido Republicano se han pronunciado a favor de la medida como el senador Mitch McConnell (Kentucky), quien pidió llevar a cabo audiencias sobre el tema en el Congreso, y Jon Kyl (Arizona), que catalogó de “carga pública” a los hijos de los inmigrantes sin papeles. También el excandidato presidencial, el senador John McCain (Arizona), que a pesar de reconocer que reformar la Constitución es un “asunto serio,” declaró el martes que apoya la revisión de los derechos de la ciudadanía.

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equipment.

Sally Brown expressed frustration that although city staff had previously agreed to \$20,000 in the budget for recreation programs, the current resolution didn't have any funding directly earmarked for the pool or Community Center. She also pointed out that the community fundraiser for the pool and Community Center wasn't intended to be an annual event, but merely a financial band-aid for the current fiscal year.

"Measure W — that was our fundraiser for 2011 and 2012," said Brown. "We raised the funds by passing Measure W. If you can put a placeholder in for technology, you can put in a placeholder for recreation and community services. The citizens voted to keep them open."

Jeff Ten Pas further noted that funding recreation and community services was passed "in good faith" by the voters, and the council needs to support those services. As for including the police technology program in the allocations, Ten Pas said, "I can't fathom why we're looking at that as an option."

Once again, Donlevy asserted that the recreation programs as they stand, with the budget cuts that have already been made, such as the elimination of the recreation coordinator position, summer youth programs, and youth basketball and volleyball, would not change in 2010/11. Donlevy said his main concern with the budget resolution at hand was to ensure that at least one more police officer would be hired.

"If we walk out of here with anything tonight, I'm pleading: we need to hire a police officer," said Donlevy, describing the danger police officers face when working alone, even in Winters.

Martin supported funding more officers and the fire department's "sleep in" program, and moved to hire one police officer in 2010/11 and the second in 2011/12, to fund the fire department program, to wait on allocating money in for street lights pending further clarification, and to designate all the money originally allocated for

the police technology program (\$115,000 total for both years) for a contingency account to be used at the council's discretion for technology or other unspecified items. The resolution passed unanimously.

Other items

~ Winters resident John Hagelis suggested a community based group to help fight vandalism in town. He suggested a walkie-talkie system for volunteers to communicate with police officers, and enlisting area law enforcement cadets to work with the community.

~ An urgency ordinance adopting an interim flood area storm drainage fee pertaining to all construction in the Flood Overlay Zone as identified in the General Plan was approved unanimously. City Engineer Nick Ponticello said the fees needed to be set as a "placeholder" in advance of the proposed Burger King project on Grant Avenue, which sits inside the Flood Overlay Zone.

~ Although Russell Street residents petitioned for a stop sign or other traffic calming measure at Russell Street and Railroad Avenue, the council declined to do so because the intersection is scheduled to be reconstructed in 2011 when the new car bridge goes in, and money spent on the stop signs would ultimately be wasted.

~ A consolidation agreement between the city of Winters and the Winters Fire District was approved, establishing a fire department for the city of Winters, but also creating a Public Employees Retirement Fund expense for the city, the financial impact of which is not yet clear, which led McMasters-Stone to cast the sole "no" vote.

~ Acting as the Community Development Agency, the council approved \$7,000 for its annual contribution to the Yolo County Visitors Bureau, despite several comments from council members about whether or not the city is getting its money's worth. Also acting as the CDA, the budget resolution previously approved by the council was additionally approved by the CDA.

The council will meet again on Tuesday, Aug. 17, at 6:30 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall.

Fair offers fundraising booth

The Yolo County Fair has an opportunity for a nonprofit organization to raise funds by operating a concession (food) booth. The booth, a permanent facility, has a large serving window,

cooking equipment, refrigerator, sink and water/electricity. The food booths open at noon and close at midnight.

If interested, call Carolyn at the fair office, at 402-2222.

Crime prevention ideas discussed

By JULIA McCANDLESS
Staff writer

The mood was serious as a small group of community members gathered for a crime prevention meeting in the City Council chambers on Aug. 4 at 6:30 p.m. Offering advice and information on programs like Neighborhood Watch and rewards programs for sharing crime tips with the police was police Chief Bruce Muramoto, Lieutenant Sergio Guttierrez, and Community Services Officer Gail Jimenez.

In light of recent crime, such as vandalism at the high school site, the new housing development and several residential homes, community members expressed growing concern over the increased rate of vandalism in Winters, as Muramoto reported the city has suffered an estimated \$10,000 in damages this year alone.

High School teacher, Chris Novello said he has noticed the crime increase, especially at the school site.

"This is my 19th year coming up, and this past year was worse than all the previous years combined, as far as the vandalism," Novello said.

While it was made clear that programs such as Neighborhood

Watch and rewards programs like Crime Alert are completely community driven and are not operated through the police department, Jimenez confirmed that the Winters police are willing to help in any way possible.

"If you want to get together and want more information on things like tagging, or drugs, you can come to us and we'd be more than happy to provide that for you," Jimenez said.

All money for potential rewards programs must be earned by community members, through donations and fundraising, and would not be the police department's responsibility.

Jimenez also pointed out that there is a Winters Neighborhood Watch Facebook Group, which currently has 79 members and allows for online discussions and sharing about neighborhood activity.

Participants at the meeting expressed great interest in gathering more support from the community to begin a Neighborhood Watch program, and plan to work with the police department to spread awareness about crime prevention throughout the city.

Muramoto advised residents to protect



Photo by Julia McCandless

Winters Community Services Officer Gail Jimenez discusses Neighborhood Watch with residents at an Aug. 4 crime prevention meeting.

themselves from crime by taking basic precautions, such as always locking doors, windows and garages when not at home, liberally lighting streets at night, and installing alarm systems. Muramoto also underlined the importance of calling the police when witnessing unusual activity in your neighborhood.

"The police department always needs extra eyes and ears out there," Chief Muramoto said. "It takes people to get people involved. If

you want to get involved and get things going, that's a huge big step. It takes effort and work, but if you're willing to do that, I applaud you because we need more of those who are going to step up to the plate and get active."

To learn more about joining a Neighborhood Watch program, call the Winters Police Department, 795-2261. Suspicious activities or crimes should be reported to 24-hour police dispatch, 795-4561.

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Days are this week

This month's Household Hazardous Waste drop-off days at the Yolo County Central Landfill, 44090 County Road 28H, are from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 13 and 14.

HHW will be accepted from Yolo County residents only. Infectious medical waste won't be accepted. Business hazardous waste from small quantity generators is accepted for a fee, by appointment only. Call (866) 714-8470 to schedule an appointment.

Senior or disabled residents, who cannot drive, may call 666-8729 for a free pickup of hazardous waste materials.

Accepted materials: batteries, fluorescent bulbs or tubes, used motor oil and filters, cleaning supplies, lighter fluid, antifreeze, aerosols, garden pesticides and herbicides, latex or oil based paints, solvents, poisons, electrical switches/relays, pilot light sensors, mercury thermostats and containerized syringes.

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Order to Show Cause for Change of Name

FILED Yolo Superior Court
July 19, 2010
By S. Jensen
Case Number: PT10-1719
Superior Court of California, County of Yolo
725 Court Street
Woodland, CA 95695

Petition of
Ana Bertha Moreno
for change of name

Order to show cause for change of name

To all interested persons:
Petitioner: Ana Bertha Moreno filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name Esteban Cuevas Moreno, to proposed name Esteban Moreno.

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: October 6, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. Dept. 15.
The address of the court is
1100 Main Street, Woodland, CA 95695

Date: July 19, 2010
David W. Reed
Judge of the Superior Court

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Notice of Public Hearing

PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY SHAUNIE AND MIKE BRIGGS FOR THE EXTENSION OF A NONCONFORMING USE AT THE BUILDING LOCATED AT 820 RAILROAD AVENUE (APN 003-410-016)

Applicant: Shaunie and Mike Briggs

Description of the Project: The applicants have applied for a conditional use permit for the extension of a nonconforming use at the building located at 820 Railroad Avenue as per Section 17.104.010(C) of the Winters Municipal Code.

Project Location: The project site is located in the north-central portion of town, along the west side of Railroad Avenue, between Carrion Circle and Martinez Way. The project site totals .287 acres (APN 003-410-016)

Environmental Determination: The City of Winters Community Development Department has determined that the application is exempt from CEQA review under the provisions of Section 15301 "Exempting Facilities."

Public Hearing: A public hearing will be held to consider action on the project on Tuesday, August 24, 2010 before the City of Winters Planning Commission. This meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. at the City Council Chambers located on the first floor of City Hall at 318 First Street, Winters, California.

In compliance with the Americans 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 City Clerk Nanci Mills at (530) 795-4910, ext. 101. 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.

Availability of Documents: Copies of the Staff Report will be available on the City's website at http://www.cityofwinters.org/administrative/admin_boards.htm on August 20, 2010.

For more information regarding this project, please contact Nelia Dyer, Community Development Director, at (530) 795-4910 x114.

Published August 12, 2010

Trustee's Sale

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 09-0025952 Title Order No. 4034872 Investor/Insurer No. 1698207036 APN No. 003-272-15-1 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 03/26/2005. 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. Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by CHRISTOPHER BACON, A SINGLE MAN, dated 03/26/2005 and recorded 04/01/05, as Instrument No. 2005-0014923-00, in Book -, Page -, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Yolo County, State of California, will sell on 08/26/2010 at 12:00PM, At the rear (North) entrance to the City Hall Building, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA. 95691 at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash or check as described below, payable in full at time of sale, all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust, in the property situated in said County and State and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: **904 APRICOT AVENUE, WINTERS, CA, 956941614**. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance with interest thereon of the obligation secured by the property to be sold plus reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$331,133.04. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept cashier's checks drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Said sale will be made, in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, advances thereunder, with interest as provided, and the unpaid principal of the Note secured by said Deed of Trust with interest thereon as provided in said Note, plus fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. DATED: 06/05/2009 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA-6914-01-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 93063 Phone: (800) 281 8219, Sale Information (626) 927-4399 By: Trustee's Sale Officer RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. ASAP# 3657806 07/29/2010, 08/05/2010, 08/12/2010

Notice of Public Hearing

The Winters Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on the project application as described below, beginning at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, August 24, 2010, or as soon as possible thereafter, in the City Council Chambers located on the first floor of City Hall at 318 First Street, Winters, California 95694.

Project Location: 101 East Grant Avenue, Winters, CA (APN 003-350-06)

Application Type: The Planning Commission is conducting a public hearing to solicit comments regarding a proposed Parcel Map.

Project Description: The proposed project dedicates right-of-way for the Walnut Lane Re-Alignment Project and proposed to split one lot into two new lots.

Environmental Determination: This project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per Guideline Section 15315, Minor Land Divisions.

Public Hearing Information: The purpose of the public hearing will be to give citizens an opportunity to comment on the project. If you are unable to attend the public hearing, you may direct written comments to the City of Winters, Community Development Department, 318 First Street, Winters, CA 95694 or via e-mail at nelia.dyer@cityofwinters.org.

In compliance with the Americans 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 City Clerk Nanci Mills at (530) 795-4910, ext. 101. 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. Pursuant to Section 65009 (B)(2) of the State Government Code, 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 at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Availability of Documents: Copies of the Staff Report can be viewed at the office of the Community Development Department, 318 First Street, City Hall and will also be available on the City's website at http://www.cityofwinters.org/administrative/admin_boards.htm on August 19, 2010. For more information regarding this project, please contact Nelia Dyer, Community Development Director, at (530) 795-4910 x114.

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Trustee's Sale

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 09-0023592 Title Order No. 4031278 Investor/Insurer No. 17303889528 APN No. 003-241-27-1 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 05/11/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by GARY PATRICK and ELIZABETH PATRICK, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS, dated 05/11/2007 and recorded 05/17/07, as Instrument No. 2007-0018124-00, in Book -, Page -, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Yolo County, State of California, will sell on 08/26/2010 at 12:00PM, At the rear (North) entrance to the City Hall Building, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA. 95691 at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash or check as described below, payable in full at time of sale, all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust, in the property situated in said County and State and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: **110 2ND STREET, WINTERS, CA, 95694**. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance with interest thereon of the obligation secured by the property to be sold plus reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$435,904.33. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept cashier's checks drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Said sale will be made, in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, advances thereunder, with interest as provided, and the unpaid principal of the Note secured by said Deed of Trust with interest thereon as provided in said Note, plus fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. DATED: 06/05/2009 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA-6914-01-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 93063 Phone: (800) 281 8219, Sale Information (626) 927-4399 By: Trustee's Sale Officer RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. ASAP# 3662870 07/29/2010, 08/05/2010, 08/12/2010

Fictitious Business Name

FILED YOLO COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER

July 9, 2010

FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK

Lupe Ramirez, Deputy

FBN NUMBER 2010-604

Fictitious Business Name

Smoke 4 Less

1392 E Main St. Woodland, CA 95776

Name of Registrant:

Sukhwinder Singh Kullar

2548 Greg Jarvis Ave. Sacramento, CA 95834

Business Classification: Individual

Beginning Date of Business: The Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name of names listed above on 07-09-10.

s/Sukhwinder Singh Kullar

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the original document on file in this office. This certification is true as long as there are no alterations to the document, AND as long as the document is sealed with a red seal.

State of California, County of Yolo

FREDDIE OAKLEY County Clerk/Recorder

Lupe Ramirez, Deputy Clerk

Published July , 29, Aug. 5, 12, 19, 2010

Trustee's Sale

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 09-0076167 Title Order No. 4157152 Investor/Insurer No. 1699890214 APN No. 003-130-25-1 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 10/25/2005. 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. Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by NATHAN A PAGANO, AND CHANELLE N PAGANO, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS, dated 10/25/2005 and recorded 10/31/05, as Instrument No. 2005-0054513-00, in Book -, Page -, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Yolo County, State of California, will sell on 08/26/2010 at 12:00PM, At the rear (North) entrance to the City Hall Building, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA. 95691 at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash or check as described below, payable in full at time of sale, all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust, in the property situated in said County and State and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: **414 BAKER STREET, WINTERS, CA, 95694**. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance with interest thereon of the obligation secured by the property to be sold plus reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$356,093.07. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept cashier's checks drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Said sale will be made, in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, advances thereunder, with interest as provided, and the unpaid principal of the Note secured by said Deed of Trust with interest thereon as provided in said Note, plus fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. DATED: 09/10/2009 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA-6914-01-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 93063 Phone: (800) 281 8219, Sale Information (626) 927-4399 By: Trustee's Sale Officer RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. ASAP# 3664761 07/29/2010, 08/05/2010, 08/12/2010

PARADISE VALLEY ESTATES
Come Join our Team!
DRIVER - FULL TIME
Paradise Valley Estates, a premier retirement community located in Fairfield, is seeking an experienced Driver. A Class B License with a 25 passenger endorsement is required. A clean driving record for the past 10 years is necessary. Experience working with elderly is a plus. This position will require you to drive residents to medical appointments and group outings, as well as set-up/take-down for events. This is a Full-Time benefited position with working hours from 12:00 PM to 8:30 PM.
Paradise Valley Estates offers a great benefit package along with competitive wages, a beautiful facility, professional environment, and wonderful staff!
Please submit resume to: Paradise Valley Estates
Attn: Human Resources
2600 Estates Drive, Fairfield, CA 94533
Fax: 707-426-0996
EOE/M/F/V/H/D

Attend the church of your choice

MAIN STREET CHURCH of Winters
Phone 795-4562
Steve Rutledge, Pastor
2nd & Main Streets
Child care for all ages.
Sun. Worship/teaching: 10 a.m.
Thursday Bible Study: 7 p.m.
Friday night Youth-U-Turn 7 p.m.
Child care provided for all services.

First Baptist Church
First & Baker Streets, 795-2821
Rev. James Allen
Open Assembly: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship: 10:50 a.m.
Children's Church: 11 a.m.
Puppet Ministry: 6:7 p.m.
Evening Service: 6 p.m. Sunday
Youth ministry: 3:50 p.m. on Sunday
12 Step Program: Tues. 7-9
Prayer Meeting: Wed., 7-8 p.m.
Youth: Wed. 7-8 p.m.
Child care provided for all services
Everyone Welcome

Discovery Worship Center
(formerly New Life Family Church)
315 Edwards Street
(530) 795-2687
Al Calderone, Pastor
www.discoveryworshipcenter.org

Worship Opportunities:
Sunday
Christian Education 10:00 AM
Morning Worship 11:00 AM
All Stars Kid's Church 11:30 AM
Wednesday
Discovery Bible Study 7:00 PM
Discovery Kidz Zone 7:00 PM
Thursday
"Eleven" Youth Service 7:00 PM
Quality child care provided for all services

The Ministry Center of Jesus Christ
418 Haven Street
Phone 795-4580
for more information
Come all you who are burdened
Jesus will give you rest.
Cast your cares on Him for
He cares for you

First Church of Christ Scientist - DAVIS
Corner of 6th & D Sts., Davis
CHURCH SERVICES:
Sunday: 10 a.m.
Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.
Sunday School: 10 a.m. A nursery is provided for infants.
Reading Room: 616 3rd St., Davis.
Hours: Daily 11-4; Sat., 11-3.
Closed Sunday.

Church of Christ Bible Fellowship
318 Main Street
Sunday: 10:00 a.m. to noon
Fellowship, Bible Study, Worship

Pioneer Presbyterian Church
205 Russell Street
Phone 795-2263
Rev. Robert Badgley, Minister
Sunday services:
Class at 9 a.m.
Worship Service: 10 a.m.
Fellowship time: 11 a.m.
Family night: Wed. 5:30 p.m.

Countryside Community Church
Graffon, Esparto
26479 Graffon, Esparto
787-3586
Rev. Pamela Anderson
Pastor
Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School: 9 a.m.
Coffee Hour: 11:30 a.m.

Winters Community Church
A non-denominational
Christian Church
113 Main Street
530-795-5530
Ted Selby, Pastor
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Worship Service 11 a.m.
Tuesday 6:30 p.m. Family Night
All Ages (Bible Study, Youth Group-
Puppet Ministry)
Everyone Welcome
Come and Grow with us

Davis Church of Christ
39960 Barry Road
753-5350 or 758-7706
Sunday Service
Bible Study: 9 a.m.
Worship & Communion: 10 a.m.
Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Midweek Bible Study
Thursdays at 7 p.m.

Guinda Community Methodist Church
Lay Minister, Ed Coker
Forest & Weber St.,
Guinda
795-2188
Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 9 a.m.
Wednesday evening service: 7 p.m.

ASAMBLEAS DE DIOS
Templo Jesucristo
es la Respuesta
Ministrando al Pueblo Hispano
Domingos: 5 p.m. Escuela Dominical
6 p.m. Servicio Evangelico
Viernes: 7:30 p.m. Servicio Evangelico
Rev. Jorge A. Chavez, Pastor
205 Russell Street, Winters
795-1700

Unitarian Church of Davis
Phone 753-2581
27074 Patwin Road,
(off Russell Blvd., 1 1/2 mi. W. of
Hwy. 113)
9 and 11 a.m. - Adult Worship

St. Anthony Catholic Church
Third & Main Sts.
795-2230
Father Chuck Kelley
MASS SCHEDULE:
Mon., Tues., Wed.: 9 a.m. Bilingual
Thurs.: 7 a.m. Bilingual
Friday: 5:30 p.m., Bilingual
Saturday: 5:00 p.m., Bilingual
Sunday: 10:45 a.m., English
Sunday: 12:30 p.m., Spanish
Confession: 30 min. before all masses
Saturday: 4-5 p.m.
Abbey House Information:
Contact Dawn at 795-2230

New Life Christian Center
28958 Hurlbut
Madison - 661-7129
Pastor Rev. Harrell L. Wiley III
Worship Service: 11 a.m.
Classes for all ages:
10 a.m. (Sunday)
Weekly Bible Study & Youth
Services to be announced

St. Martin Catholic Church
E. Grifton, Esparto
787-3750 or 795-2230
Father Chuck Kelley
Mass, Friday & Saturdays:
9 a.m., English; 7 p.m., Spanish;
Sunday, 8:45 a.m., English

Discover the Treasures of God's Word
Winters Bible Study
421 Main St., Gonnella Home
every Wednesday at 7 p.m.
Come join us!
August Gonnella, 795-1352

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
435 Anderson Ave., Winters
Matthew Baker, Bishop
Phone 795-4256
1st Counselor, Thomas Rysel, 787-3414
2nd Counselor, David Cliché, 795-1401
Ward Mission Leader,
Gerald Taylor, 795-1302
Sacrament Service 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School & Primary: 10:50 a.m.
Relief Society, Young Women and
Priesthood Meetings 11:40 a.m.
Mutual Wednesday: 7:00 p.m.

Victory Outreach Woodland
invites you to our Winters Bible Study
every Wednesday night at 7 p.m.,
Wesley Hall, 205 Russell Street
Bro. Doug and Libby Cortez. For more
information call 530-662-6422

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