



Photo by Debra DeAngelo

John Pickerel busied himself perfecting horseshoe steak on the brick oven outside Putah Creek Cafe on the morning of Aug. 12, while wife Melanie politely asked customers to return after 12 p.m. while filming began for "Diners, Drive-ins and Dives."

## Putah Creek Café in national spotlight

By DEBRA DeANGELO  
Express editor

Everybody in these parts knows you can't beat a Putah Creek Burger, and now the whole country will know it too. Filming commenced for the Food Network's "Diners, Drive-ins and Dives" on Thursday, Aug. 12, featuring the preparation of café specialties such as biscuits and gravy, Belgian waffle with berries, cioppino, brick oven

chicken pizza and brick oven roast-chicken.

The café was closed to customers during the morning, and upon opening in the afternoon, filming resumed with a full dining room and the café went about business as usual. Some customers were filmed while eating and may be included in the final show. The lunchtime menu included ham-

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## Five to run for school board seats

By DEBBIE HEMENWAY  
Staff writer

When Winters voters go to the polls for the general election on Nov. 2, they will be selecting five members for the Winters School Board. Two of those members

will represent Trustee Area 2, which comprises the City of Winters, and 3 will represent Trustee Area 1, Yolo County.

Three candidates are competing for one four-year seat in Area 2. They are Dan Maguire, city

housing programs manager; Rudolph Muldong, educator; and incumbent Rodney Orosco, educator and parent.

A second Area 2 seat, which is a two-year term to finish the term of Tom

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## Planners to meet Tuesday

The Winters Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, Aug. 24, at 6:30 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall. The agenda includes:

~ Public hearing regarding a parcel map application for the dedication of a right-of-way for the Walnut Lane Re-

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## Planners approve Burger King project

By DEBRA DeANGELO  
Express editor

It was a whopper of a planning commission meeting on Aug. 10, with a packed house and seating area set up outside City Hall for the overflow crowd, complete with a cable broadcast of the meeting. After more than four hours of reports, questions, opinions and answers, the Winters Planning Commission gave six thumbs up and one thumb down to the proposed Burger King project on Grant Avenue. Commission Chairman Pierre Neu cast the sole "no" vote on the complex, which includes an AM/PM mini mart, ARCO gas station and truck refueling station.

The project is planned for a small pocket of land on the northeast corner of Grant Avenue and County Road 90. Besides offering five fueling pumps for cars at the mini-mart, on the north side of the property, there will be a two-pump diesel truck fueling station, with two underground storage tanks and one above-ground. There will be parking for 27 cars, four driveways, a detention pond and a retaining wall along the side facing Interstate 505. The Burger King will also have a drive-through window — Winters' first.

Developer Sunny Ghai of Singh's Foodservices, Inc. of Fremont, has developed multiple similar projects in

northern California, and was on hand to answer questions. Ghai submitted his business application to the city in December 2009. It was initially accepted in January, and a public hearing was held at the planning commission meeting that month, but city staff later deemed it incomplete until June. Community Development Director Nelia Dyer said the application is now complete, and the project is ready for the next step — approval from the planning commission.

Dyer began with a review of the project, and showed elevations indicating how the completed project is expected to look. The elevations presented to the commission in January were scorned by both the commission and the public for their generic, corporate appearance, and Ghai said he'd done his best to consider that feedback while redesigning the building's exterior but not straying too far from the requirements of the Burger King corporation.

The new elevations showed shade trees along the perimeter of the property, and reflected a rural, agricultural style, such as a silo-shaped tower. Ghai scaled down the size of the freeway sign, which bears the Burger King, AM/PM and ARCO logos, but not without complaining about its small size. He noted that the Burger King corporation spends a lot of time researching what makes its busi-

nesses successful, including signage.

Although the sign was clearly smaller than what Ghai wanted, he agreed to adhere to the city ordinance limiting highway signs to 200 total square feet total, but was granted a variance for the requirement of four businesses per highway sign, each of no more than 25 square feet. The variance allows the sign to feature only three businesses, with Burger King getting half the total square footage. Ghai added however, that at 65 feet high along a highway with cars traveling at up to 70 miles per hour, the relatively small sign was less than optimal.

City Manager John Donlevy gave a slideshow presentation with images of business signs currently in place around town, with images of the proposed Burger King sign imposed next to them, demonstrating that the sign is actually smaller than some already in place, including the sign at Lorenzo's Town & Country Market, Tomat's and Berryessa Gap Vineyards, all also located on Grant Avenue/State Highway 128. Donlevy noted that these and many other signs in town are in violation of the city's sign ordinance, including the Chevron sign right next to the proposed project.

Commissioner Corinne Martinez expressed a preference

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## It's all in their roots

Photo by Charles Wallace  
Linda Hinds (left) and Corinne Martinez are partners in RootStock, which had a "soft opening" on Friday, Aug. 13. Located at 22 Main Street, the business showcases local products including olive oil, nut oils and locally produced gift and food items.

The shop will eventually feature tastings with local and regional wineries. A grand opening will be held at a later date.

Also featured at the shop are items that honor the proprietors' roots — things from France, Spain and Italy.

The store hours are Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.



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## OBITUARIES

### Dorothy Thomas Rutler

Dorothy Thomas Rutler passed away on July 27, 2010, at her home in Winters. Born April 16, 1957, she was 53. Dorothy had a heart full of love and compassion for everyone she met. She had a beautiful smile and generous spirit. Dorothy never knew a stranger, and she was a friend to all.

She is survived by her longtime partner, Steve Collette, her son Tom and Donna Nelson and their four children, Destiny, Zachary, Emily and Carly; daughter Lacey and Joe Gomes and their four children, Mackayla, Arianna, Paisley and Shelby; her brothers James Thomas and Robin Thomas; sisters Barbara Swink and Donna Thomas; and many nephews and nieces and a huge extended family.

She was preceded in death by her parents James and Margree Thomas, her brother Wayne Thomas and her sister Deborah Howard.

Graveside services are planned at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 20, at the Winters Cemetery.

### Frank A. Ramos

Frank A. Ramos, 86, of Winters passed away Tuesday, Aug. 10, 2010 at Woodland Memorial Hospital.

He was born January 5, 1924 in Madison to Isabel Aguilar and Antonio Ramos. He served in the U.S. Marines during WWII in the 6th Division, serving in the Pacific. He farmed apricots, peaches, almonds and walnuts until 1977. He then went into real estate sales until he retired.

He was a member of the Lions Club and served as president "more times than can be remembered," say family members. He was also a member of Masonic Lodge, American Legion, and Elks. He was a dedicated supporter of Winters High School football team and went to every game. He also filmed all the games for the team, and initiated the football banquet for at least 50 years.

He is survived by his wife, Juanita Ramos of Winters; son, Ron (Diana) Ramos of Turlock; grandchildren Jennifer (Brad) Mitchell of Woodland, Ryan Ramos of Fresno and Michael Ramos of Turlock, Deborah (Anthony) Gomes of Los Banos; great-grandchildren, Sophie Mitchell of Woodland, Jacob and Tyler Gomes of Los Banos.

A time of visitation will be held Monday, Aug. 16, 2010 from 6-8 p.m. at Wiscombe Funeral Home, 34 Main Street in Winters. A graveside service will be held Tuesday, Aug. 17, at 11 a.m. at the Winters Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Winters High School in memory of Frank A. Ramos or to a favorite charity. An online guestbook may be signed at [www.wiscombefuneral.com](http://www.wiscombefuneral.com).

### Msgr. Andrew V. Coffey

Monsignor Andrew V. Coffey, a long-respected and beloved priest of the diocese who was pastor of St. Anthony Parish in Winters for eight years before serving at St. James Parish in Davis from 1963 to 1994, died Thursday, Aug. 12, at Sutter Hospital in Sacramento following a lengthy illness. He was 89.

Coffey was being treated for a kidney infection at Sutter Hospital in the last two weeks of his life. Coffey also had been undergoing chemotherapy for leukemia, with which he was diagnosed about a year ago.

Coffey had moved out of the church around July to live at Mercy McMahon Terrace, an elder-care facility in Sacramento.

Those who knew him said Coffey was a man of kindness and humility, a man of sincere spirituality and a powerful advocate for the sanctity of all human life and the dignity of all people.

In addition to his work with the parish, Coffey was dedicated to Sacramento Life Center, a non-profit resource that gives pregnant women the support and resources they need to have and care for their babies.



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## YESTERYEAR



Pictured above is the staff at the First Northern Bank in December 1970. They are, from left, Fina, Shirlee, Wayne, Alberta and Elizabeth.

File photo

**50**  
YEARS AGO

Sept. 1, 1960

As schools opened this week, Winters High School had 192 registered, compared with 220 last year. The grammar school had 545 students, or 32 more than at this time last year.

The accidental oil discovery of Texaco Inc., when a gas well turned into an oil producer at the southern edge of the Winters Gas Field has brought a rush of new leasing activity in Solano County.

Funeral services were held yesterday morning in Dixon for Samuel Stapp Silvey, 72, of Winters, who passed away Sunday.

Janet Johnston celebrated her 21st birthday anniversary last Thursday with a buffet dinner for 18 guests at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Johnston.

A large assemblage of young boys gathered at the city park on Tuesday afternoon to help celebrate the birthday anniversaries of Roddy Baker, 12, and David Young, 7.

Mike Ireland is leaving for Los Angeles on September 5 in order to enroll at Occidental College on September 7.

Leo Herrala, math and science teacher at the high school, has received a scholarship from the National Science Foundation to attend Sacramento State College for a six unit course in mathematics. Mrs. Herrala is working on his M.A. degree in mathematics.

**65**  
YEARS AGO

Aug. 31, 1945

Mr. and Mrs. G.W. Thompson are announcing the marriage of their daughter, Miss Juanita, to Staff Sergeant Carl F. Poppe, of the U.S. Army Air Forces, in Reno, Nevada, on Thursday, August 23, 1945.

The United States Navy's mighty 45,000 ton battleship, the USS Missouri, will end her World War II career in a blaze of glory September 2, 1945, in Tokyo Bay, when she will serve as the scene of the historic unconditional surrender of Japan to the United States.

Five high school faculty vacancies have been filled, according to Dr. A.M. Herron, principal, and Latin instructor, as follows: Mattie L. Brasher, home economics, English; Lottie R. Fletcher, English; Glenn L. Harper, biology, science, P.E.; Frances M. Hyames, commercial; and Genevieve Vehrs, social studies, girls P.E.

Cpl. Frederick Stowers arrived this week from Camp Bowie, Texas, for a brief visit with his mother, Mrs. Marie Stowers, and sister, Mrs. Tony Pulido, of Vacaville.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Adams and children, Gerald and Claire, spent a few days this week in San Francisco, combining business and pleasure.

Glenn Trimble, late manager at the Labor Camp, resigned last week and has gone to Boston to complete some schooling. Leo Brown, senior foreman, is acting manager. Trimble took charge last February.

**100**  
YEARS AGO

Sept. 2, 1910

High school began Monday with 64 pupils enrolled.

Miss Genevieve Hunter, the daughter of Professor Edgar Hunter, was married Wednesday to Sherman Brown.

A party, presumably dove hunters, broke a lock and invaded the premises of Mrs. Frances W. Wilson.

Welma Wyatt returned home from Santa Cruz last night.

Walter Snodgrass and children made a trip to Chico in the E.M.F.

Two new buildings are being erected at the University Farm, one for shop work and the other office and classrooms for Animal Industry.

Local merchants will close their houses of business Sundays and at 6 o'clock p.m. on week days except Saturday evenings.

The high school teachers, the Misses Clements, Body and Mayne, arrived in town Saturday evening.

Miss Maybell Sackett left on Wednesday for Gazelle, Siskiyou County, where she will teach during the coming year.

## Berryessa lake level drops .57 of a foot

The level of Lake Berryessa fell by .57 of a foot during the past week, with a reduction in storage of 9,415 acre feet of water, according to Ken Emigh of the Solano Irrigation District.

He reported Tuesday morning that the lake was 416.28 feet above sea level, with storage computed at 1,131,166 acre feet of water.

The SID is diverting 525 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.

**115**  
YEARS AGO

Aug. 31, 1895

Col. Sam Taylor advocates the formation of a joint stock company of home men, to raise capital sufficient to put a dam across Putah Creek and the putting in of an electric plant to furnish power for farmers, orchardists and gardeners along the creek to run pumping plants for raising water for irrigation.

John R. Briggs and family have spent the weekend in Woodland in attendance upon the fair.

The Campbell boys, Lee and Henry, purchased a bicycle of Morrison and Wilson last Saturday and are becoming quite expert in riding it.

G.W. Chapman shipped a carload of hogs to Mr. Swanson, the wholesale butcher of Sacramento, on Monday last.

Hon. H. H. North of San Francisco, son of George North of this place, has been appointed attorney for absent heirs of the Goldberg estate in Alameda County. The estate is worth about \$300,000, and Mr. North will likely get a handsome fee.

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# CAFE

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burgers, char-roasted sirloin sandwiches and heirloom tomato salad with bay shrimp, as well as other specially selected items.

The show's star, Guy Fieri, is expected at the café on Sunday, Aug. 29, when the café will be closed for filming. The finished show will air sometime in this year's season on the Food Network, which is available on cable.

The day of last week's taping, John and Melanie Pickerel could be found outside, intercepting regular customers while Chef Fred Reyes prepared dishes for the film crew, and explaining that the café would be closed until afternoon, much to the disappointment of those who come downtown to eat at the café.

John, meanwhile was busy at the brick oven just outside the door, sweating over a new café creation, the horseshoe steak.

Melanie praised Reyes' efforts, noting all the planning and organization that went into the shot, from scheduling staff to buying and preparing food. It took him about a week to get everything in line, and once the cameras were rolling, he had to keep his cool while preparing everything on the spot. Melanie said Reyes worked "day and night" to make sure everything was set to go.

It was the whole staff's first experience with television, including the Pickerels, and all in all, it was a positive one.

"I found the network team great to work with," says Melanie. "They explained in de-

tail each portion of filming throughout the day and evening. Our management team, servers, front and back of the house staff and Luca working the pizza oven did a great job. They worked so hard. It was so exciting for everyone. All of us felt honored to be picked to air on the Food Network."

She notes that the show is not just a spotlight for the café, but for the whole community.

"It was a fun experience for the little town of Winters," says Melanie. "We want to thank all the regular and new guests who showed up that day and patiently waited for us to open our doors. It was busy, fun and yummy."

She credits the creativity of the café staff for snagging the attention of national television.

"Chef Fred and his staff have been rocking it in the kitchen the past couple of years. John and I are thrilled they are being recognized."

She adds that many of these new creations have plenty of local flair, with locally grown produce featured in several café dishes.

"This year's local veggies from our friends and farmers have been over the top."

It sounds like a whole lot of fun, but Melanie says a lot of work goes into making that fun air on television, and everyone involved has to pull their own weight.

"The amount of teamwork that goes into a project like this is huge," says Melanie.

Exhausting, maybe, but she says the café team bounced right back.

"At the end of the day,

when all the cameras and lights are gone, you'll still find the café family hard at work with a smile on their faces, ready to greet and serve you.

Now that the nuts and bolts of preparing the food is in the can, the fun part will begin when host Fieri shows up. Although several other media reports indicated that everyone was welcome to be on site when Fieri is being filmed, in actuality, the set will be closed, as will the café on Aug. 29. Melanie says a reminder will be posted on the café door so no one is disappointed. A notice will also be posted on the door when the show is set to air, as well as notices in the Express and on the café Facebook page.

For more information about the show visit [www.foodnetwork.com](http://www.foodnetwork.com)

# AGENDA

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Alignment Project and splitting one lot into two new lots at 101 East Grant Avenue

~ Public hearing regarding a Conditional Use Permit application submitted by Shaunie and Mike Briggs to extend a non-conforming use in an existing building located at 820 Railroad Avenue

Anyone may attend Winters Planning Commission meetings, which are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at City Hall.

# SEATS

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Harding, will be filled by retired retail manager/parent David Reynoso, who is unopposed.

There are four contestants for three seats in Trustee Area 1: bus driver/instructor Patricia Havens; parent/coach Michael Olivas; journalist/farmer/parent and

incumbent Robyn Rominger; and farmer Robert Warren.

Also on the ballot will be two measures which, if passed, would restructure the Board of Trustees.

One measure would reduce the size of the board from seven members to five and the other would eliminate the distinction between city and county candidates.

Both must pass or neither will take effect. If they do pass, seven members will still be seated in December and the phase-out of the two extra seats would begin in 2012.

A Candidates Night is in the planning stages for late September or early October to give the community an opportunity to meet and ask questions of the board hopefuls.

# COFFEY

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Coffey grew up on a farm with three brothers and three sisters in Enfield, County Meath, Ireland. He attended the seminary and was ordained in 1947.

He moved to California to work in the Sacramento Diocese and was assigned to a parish in Chico for seven years, then one in Winters for eight years, before ending up in Davis in 1963.

At the time, the Newman Center Church at Fifth and C streets served as the Catholic church in Davis. Coffey was instructed to build a new parish separate from Newman, so he organized a parish council to help guide him.

The community was divided on whether it needed a new church or school, but plans even-

tually moved ahead with the construction of St. James School in 1965, as well as a new rectory. Two years later, a convent was built next to the school and the church was constructed at 14th and B streets.

Coffey was praised for facilitating discussion while keeping his values strong. He served at St. James for many years and continued to live at the church after his retirement in 1994.

Father Bong Rojas and Father Innocent

Subiza cared lovingly for the pastor emeritus in the last years of his life, said Father Martin Brusato, who knew Coffey for 20 years.

There will be a funeral Mass for Coffey on Friday, Aug. 20, at 11:30 a.m. in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament at 11th and K Streets in Sacramento. A vigil service will be held on Thursday, Aug. 19, at 7 p.m. at St. James Church, 1275 B St. in Davis, with a potluck reception afterwards.

# Opinion

## LETTERS

## Red, Blue... or Yellow

I find it ironic that the online timer being projected at the Planning Commission meeting went from Red to Blue (Burger King's colors) as it counted the three minute limit for speakers. Really, the comments of most people and some commissioners can best be represented by yellow, which is associated with slowing down and caution.

There is still data to review, reports, letters and comments to read, and details of the drawings to iron out. Beyond the signage and lighting issues, there are traffic, public safety, and environmental impact studies worth waiting for.

In addition, there should be a detailed financial analysis. This project will generate tax revenue, but this project will also negatively affect the other restaurants and gas stations owned by Winters families, so I question what the net financial impact will be.

Although many points were brought up at the meeting, I won't relist the specific arguments — not even the ones I couldn't fit into my three minutes at the podium. Ultimately, the decision to approve the project came down to finance.

I would strongly state that money does not equal community, but



now I hope it does. Let's hope this project does actually bring in the speculated increase in tax revenue and that this money is spent well to make our community safer, to invest in all the positive programs and services we do not want to lose, and to continue improving and expanding downtown for the benefit of the community and visitors; however, I hope this does not come at the expense of our community members who have businesses in town.

I would rather continue in the direction of Winters' other development investments concentrated on Main Street, Railroad Avenue, and Grant Avenue, ultimately to attract people and more revenue to the Historic Downtown.

This BK project contradicts the direction in which Winters has been going and the attractive image Winters has at-

tained, which is why this decision has even captured news outside of town. Still, this project does not preclude what has made Winters great: locally run music events and visual arts, pleasant family-owned restaurants, community street festivals and town celebrations, the nearby lake and creek, our agricultural community, the farmers market, local wineries and, of course, friendly people.

So, let's stay positive and hope people won't judge our town by its cover, because even if it is the same cover as every other freeway adjacent town, it's up to us to keep the content interesting.

**JAVIER GUTIERREZ**

## Care about education?

Are you worried about the recent deep cuts to funding for our schools?

Are there programs, classes, or resources that you want to see continued in our district? Do you have ideas or concerns for the Winters schools that you would like to share? If so, please plan to attend the Winters Education Foundation Town Hall Meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 18, at 7 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall.

The Winters Education Foundation Board of Directors will provide information about the non-profit organization, its fundraising activities to date and plans for the future, and request input from the community regarding short and long term goals for support of the Winters Schools.

Please join us.

**JOIE WATSON**  
President  
Winters Education Foundation

## They'll drive past Burger King on their way downtown

The burger wars rage on here in beautiful downtown Winters, and some folks in town didn't have it their way at the Winters Planning Commission meeting last week. Despite much outcry from the public, in the end, the planning commission had no legal reason to prevent the construction of a Burger King in Winters.

This just devastated some folks, who are sure Burger King will be the end of life as we know it, because it'll foul our city's entrance with ugly, plastic corporate clutter (unlike the Chevron station that's already there, or the Round Table and Subway just beyond it). Others are dismayed about the negative health impacts from all that junk food being allowed into town (because bacon double cheeseburgers and fries at Putah Creek Cafe are completely calorie-free).

Some folks just don't want our town's image to become synonymous with Burger King, ignoring my recent report on a McDonald's, KFC and a Taco Bell all at the gateway to Healdsburg, which is cute, classy and cozy, and what we wannabe. Visitors neither notice nor care about those establishments, nor do they associate Healdsburg with McDonalds, let alone travel there to visit Ronald and friends, but the angst-ridden were unconvinced.

For some, Burger King is the end of the world in Winters. Personally, I view the abrupt closure of the Irish Pub & Coffee-house as the end of the world in Winters, but there wasn't even a peep down at City Hall about that. Which illus-

trates that people prefer different businesses, and here in America we're allowed to spend our money based on those preferences, even if it disgusts others.

Some prefer to coat their arteries with sludge from a flame-broiled Whopper, others prefer to drink Guinness, belt out "Black Dog" on karaoke, dance until midnight and work the stripper pole in peace. At least the Whopper lovers will have a choice. Those of us who were one of the names everybody knows at the Irish Pub aren't so lucky. Sure, we've migrated to DeeDee's Bar & Grill, but nothing's ever like your first love.

Although there's no stripper pole, Kaycee (the Queen of Karaoke) has relocated to DeeDee's, taking the sting out of it for us former Pubsters. And, DeeDee's will soon have a full-fledged kitchen, complete with calorie-free burgers. Just think — some day, you won't have to choose between a burger or Guinness-fueled revelry. You'll be able to have it *all* your way at DeeDee's.

(Note to City Hall: DeeDee's is across Putah Creek and therefore outside city limits. It's bustling most of the time. Wonder how much sales tax floated across the creek into Solano County when the Pub closed. Ah, well, it's all water under the bridge now. Or, rather, sales tax revenue over the bridge. No wonder you need Burger King.)

But DeeDee's is well-hidden amongst the oak trees on the south bank of Putah Creek. You have to know about it to even find it. What about that big, ugly Burger King at the gateway to



Shangri-La? At last week's public hearing, several people commented, "We don't want to look like Woodland and Davis and Dixon." Ouch, Davis — lumped right in there with those other horribly average communities! I guess this is a good time to break it to you, Davis, because I know you think you're the prettiest girl in the room, but, well, some of us think your butt looks kinda fat. Must be all that junk food.

Yeah, down here on Far West Russell Boulevard, us Mean Girls really don't think you're all that. The KFCs and Taco Bells and McDonalds... totally fugly. It's all anyone notices. When people think of Davis, they're not thinking about the university or greenbelts or bicycles or ostentatious self-importance, they're thinking "junk food." Once there's junk food in town, everything else just disappears.

Ha!

Had you going there for a minute, didn't I, Davis! Relax — you're still cute and quirky as ever (not as cute and quirky as Winters, of course, but cute and quirky nonetheless). Trust me, nobody notices your cornucopia of junk food or heads to Davis for Chicken McNuggets. Don't worry, your butt still looks great in those jeans. I was just using you to make a point — nobody associates Davis with junk food and nobody will associate Winters

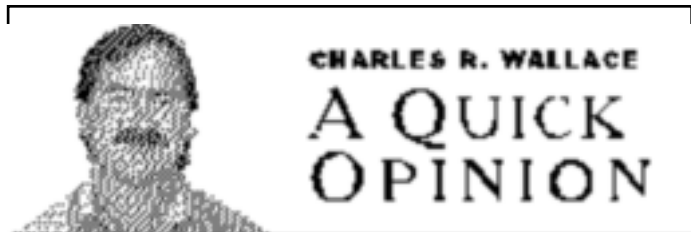
with it either. We've got more going on than that. Dixon and Woodland? Not so much.

In the end, Burger King will be nothing more than a colorful blip you pass on the way downtown. The only ones who'll notice it are I-505 drivers, swinging in for some tasty death on a bun, dropping a few dimes into our city coffers, and splitting.

Where will visitors be headed now? Step aside, Buckhorn — Putah Creek Café is the cutest chick in town now, and poised for national stardom on The Food Network's "Diners, Drive-ins and Dives." Filming began this week. Better call ahead if you want a luscious calorie-free Putah Creek Burger, because once that show airs, it'll be packed. But, no worries, you won't go hungry. Just down the sidewalk, Cody's has plenty of calorie-free burgers, and if they're full too, there's tapas at Ficelle, paninis at Steady Eddy's, char roast at the Buckhorn, pork carnitas at Chuy's, and, and, and.

My point being, nobody goes hungry in Winters. If downtown Winters had a slogan, it would be "This is where we eat." Not "Have it Your Way." Not ever. So, quitcher fretting about Burger King, folks. Putah Creek Café has saved Winters' reputation. That's THE place to be.

Now if they could just put in a stripper pole.



**CITY OF BELL, CITY OF WINTERS?** When the Los Angeles Times broke a story about the city manager of Bell, a city of 38,000 in Southern California, making over \$800,000 per year, it got some attention. Turns out four of the five city councilmen were paying themselves \$100,000 a year for the part time position. The other councilman was making \$7,000 per year and claims that he didn't know his seatmates were padding their salary.

To top it off, the police chief was making \$457,000 and the administrative officer was making \$787,000. This in a city where the average household makes \$39,394 per year and is 90 percent Hispanic. The average household income in Winters is \$71,641 and we are 44 percent Hispanic. After a little digging, the Los Angeles Times reported that the city manager's salary and benefit package was costing the city over \$1,500,000. Yes that is \$1.5 million. He also received 28 weeks of vacation each year. I'm sure that after he was forced to retire, there were piles of resumes for his job from city managers across the nation.

I don't get stopped on the street very often, maybe because I walk with my head down and don't notice people waving at me. Lately, I've been stopped a lot with people asking what our city manager makes. I debated about whether to make this a separate story, but I think I can cover it in this space.

I'll list City of Winters employees that make over \$90,000 per year. Our city manager, John Donlevy, makes \$124,776 per year. His benefit package is harder to figure, but it cost just about half his salary, which is true for most employees, public or private. Our police chief, Bruce Muramoto, makes \$115,152 per year, while Nancy Mills, director of administrative services makes \$95,232. Community Development Director Nelia Dyer, Director of Financial Management Shelly Gunby and Housing Manager Dan Maguire each make just over \$90,000 per year.

On the other end of the pay scale are public works employees who make between \$25,000 - \$49,000 per year, depending on job titles and longevity. Their boss makes just over \$70,000 per year. The building inspector makes \$78,120 for those who worry about those things.

We have eight police officers with the base pay of a beginning officer at just over \$50,000 and our lieutenant making \$71,628.

City employees enjoy 13½ paid holidays per year plus two floating days. Our city employees are members of CalPERS and receive two different retirement plans. Miscellaneous employees receive the two percent at 50 plan, which is two percent of their last year's salary multiplied by the number of years of service, at a minimum of 50 years of age. Safety employees receive a three percent at 55 plan.

Our city councilmembers receive \$150 per month. Councilman Tom McMaster-Stone has refused to take any pay during his terms in office. Our elected city treasurer, Mike Sebastian, is paid \$25 per month, while our city clerk is paid \$40 per meeting she is required to attend.

You might think that our city staff is well paid, but I don't think it is out of line. No one is getting rich working for the city. To compare salaries, we can look at the city managers from area cities. Davis' city manager makes \$158,600 while the city manager in Galt makes \$139,200. Dixon pays their manager \$150,158 per year. The only city paying less than Winters is Marysville which pays their manager \$105,766. I'm sure there is some fudge factor in benefits, but you get what you pay for.

Our city employees have deferred their deferred compensation funds, adding \$80,000 per year into our general fund. They have also worked for the last two years without a raise, which makes them part of the real world. Would they work for less? Probably, but for how long? We've had cheap employees in the past and they have cost us more money than when we pay higher wages and get better employees for longer periods of time.

These aren't the best of times, and if we can weather out this economic cycle, we should be in pretty good shape. Let's hope we are all around to see what happens.

Have a good week.

## Policy for Letters to the Editor

The deadline for Letters to the Editor is noon on Mondays for publication that week. When Monday is a holiday, as it will be on Labor Day, Sept. 6, the deadline is noon on the prior Friday, (Sept. 3).

Letters may be mailed or hand-delivered to The Winters Express, 312 Railroad Avenue, Winters, CA 95694, or emailed to [news@wintexpress.com](mailto:news@wintexpress.com).

Letters should not exceed 500 words. Do not use all capital letters.

We reserve the right to edit or reject any letter.

Letters must be legibly

signed by the writer, or if emailed, must indicate the writer's name. We may withhold writers' names from publication upon request if there is a legitimate reason, such as fear of reprisal or retribution. We reserve the right to determine legitimacy.

Letters submitted anonymously will not be printed.

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





Courtesy graphic

This is the west-facing elevation for the proposed Burger King and AM/PM mini-mart, planned for the pocket of land located at Grant Avenue and County Road 90, immediately west of the southbound exit from Interstate 505. The project also includes a truck fueling station. The developer is Sunny Ghai, of Singh's Foodservices, Inc., located in Fremont.

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that the highway sign be simplified by removing the decorative piece at the top and mounting it on a single pole rather than straddling the span between two poles. She also said she disliked the brick bases on both the highway and monument sign and asked for a cleaner, less decorative design.

"Keep it plain, simple and sweet," said Martinez, adding that the sign "makes us look like Woodland and Davis and every other town out there. You don't need to draw attention to the base of the sign."

She further noted that the issue wasn't that the Burger King project needed a variance for signage, but rather "inefficiency" on the city's part in enforcing its current sign ordinance. Dyer admitted that the sign ordinance is "a section that needs to be revised."

"Not to make excuses, but there's plenty to do," said Dyer.

Commissioner Neu balked at approving a variance for yet another non-conforming sign in town.

"Why can't we have signs according to our standards?" asked Neu. "'I don't know if we should keep going with signs that don't meet our ordinances.'"

Noting that the Burger King signs will cost \$175-200,000, Ghai said the signs will be "totally invisible" if each logo is restricted to 25 feet square. Seeming frustrated with the objections to signage, Ghai added that he's "putting \$5 million into this thing and the plan is to draw people to the facility and then the city gets the revenues." He said he couldn't optimize this plan with a small sign.

"I would feel that I'm not getting enough help to make this business successful," said Ghai. "A 25-foot sign would be a blip. Even at the pump, you couldn't tell that it's a Burger King logo. If you spend \$200,000 on something, we can't change that tomorrow."

Ghai declared that the 200 square foot sign on a 65-foot pole will "look terrible" and at that height, the sign will "serve no purpose at all" and would be "totally disproportionate to what we have here." He further noted that he'd already compromised on the height of the sign, but was unhappy about the size limitation and said it wouldn't be visible on the highway further away than 100 yards.

Dyer indicated caution about approving a larger sign because future developers in the area may request the same variance, adding that she's seen areas on freeways with many large signs and "it gets very cluttered."

Commissioner Bruce Guelden said he wanted to see "Winters" somewhere on the highway

sign, but requested the removal of the city logo.

"The logo means nothing to people going down the freeway," said Guelden.

He also noted that the retaining wall will be a graffiti magnet and requested that the developer do something to prevent this. Vegetation coveting the wall was eventually included in the project summary.

Ghai agreed to change the color of the iron railing on the building, following objections from Commissioner Wade Cowan, but was stubborn about one feature in particular — the glowing red line along the bottom edge of the roof. Ghai said the red stripe is a key feature of Burger King's brand that customers recognize.

Cowan and several audience members expressed dislike for the red line, but Ghai insisted it will look nice when finished and that the building would look "ugly" without it, which drew a ripple of chuckles from the audience.

Before the public hearing commenced, Dyer recommended that the commission approve the conditional use permit for the project, the site plan and design review, the sign permit for the freeway sign, a variance to the city's sign ordinance and clearance for the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The CEQA clearance was based on staff's conclusion that the proposed project is consistent with the city's General Plan, which includes an Environmental Impact Report based on development as outlined in the General Plan. Dyer noted that the 1.4 acres of the project are zoned "highway commercial," and .9 acres at the northernmost corner are zoned "light industrial." She stated that the property's dual zoning was consistent with the land use policies in the city's General Plan, and that zoning uses were not up for discussion.

## Public hearing

Twenty-two people came to the podium that evening, which Cowan later declared to be "a record for a planning commission meeting." Due to the large number wanting to speak, each was limited to three minutes.

Susan Hassett questioned how much sales tax revenue the city will actually get from the project. Kate Laddish noted the Burger King in Hercules does not have a red line and also has a small sign. Jan Schubert said the lack of pedestrian safety to and from the site "presented a serious threat to my children and grandchildren, and the rest of Winters youth as well," and said it shouldn't take injury and lawsuits to create safe planning.

Marcia Gibbs pled for improved bicycle and pedestrian access, as well as more attention to traffic circulation

and air quality. Dora Bermudez expressed concerns about the impact of Burger King's food on teenagers, saying, "we don't need this kind of food" in Winters. Lourdes Figueroa echoed Bermudez' sentiments and said Burger King's food will increase obesity and heart attacks.

Shaunie Briggs said the public didn't get enough time to study the project application, noted that along with Burger King comes illness and the use of genetically modified food, and said the construction of the Burger King complex at the entrance to town "will make us look like Anytown, USA." Dick Holdstock pointed out the danger for drivers making left turns from County Road 90, given the proximity to the southbound Interstate 505 off-ramp.

Michael McCoy objected to the requested CEQA clearances on the grounds of the "peculiarity" of the lot with its two zones. He also challenged whether the traffic studies in the 1992 General Plan are still valid, and said greenhouse gases were not addressed in the General Plan. He also recommended a road realignment before construction begins.

"I'm not opposed to this project, but I'm opposed to a lack of good planning," said McCoy.

Sue Stackhouse said the current CEQA review is inadequate, that the project is not an "urban infill project" because it is not surrounded by other urban uses and said the city has done "a piecemeal job" on planning this project.

"We need a specific project EIR (Environmental Impact Report), not an EIR that is 20 years old," said Stackhouse, expressing concern that a leak from the gas tanks could end up in Putah Creek because there is no containment structure in the project.

Javier Gutierrez also expressed concern about leakage into Putah Creek, noting, "We need a back-up plan so if it runs into Putah Creek we're not trying to figure it out then." He also said a right-turn only exit from County Road 90 "may be a way to get people into Winters if they have to go down town to get back on 505 — that might work."

Mark Wilson asked, "How will that 12 year old coming from Yolo Housing in January cross 128 on foot to go to Burger King" and labeled the process "blood and asphalt planning." He further questioned the earthquake safety of the gas tanks, and expressed concern about gas spills and graffiti covering the retaining walls.

Ana Kormos informed the council that she had a petition signed by 300 citizens opposed to the Burger King development specifically and against "developments in general of that na-

ture." She urged the commission not to rush into approving the project and "take time to consider options." Bill Haley expressed concerns about flooding in the area and claimed flooding issues around and on the property hadn't been addressed. He also objected to the drive-through lane planned for the project.

Sally Brown read a magazine description of Winters as a "refreshing destination," and said there is only one chance to develop the gateway to town in a way that won't destroy that. She noted that the Burger King project will become part of that gateway.

"What puzzles me is why this project is not considered to be part of the gateway plan. It's piecemeal," said Brown, urging the commission not to bend under the pressure to pass the project that night. "I urge you to make this a part of the gateway planning process."

Former planning commissioner Al Vallecillo said he didn't believe the CEQA process was followed completely, and agreed with Stackhouse that the project is



Courtesy graphic

The highway sign for the Burger King project is expected to look like this. Sitting atop a 65-foot pole, it will be 200 square feet in size. The project also features a second monument-style sign that additionally displays gas prices.

not an "infill" project. Jeff TenPas questioned why the revenue from the project is so crucial, now that Measure W was passed. He further noted \$160,000 of the Measure W funds ended up being earmarked for a police surveillance system, and urged temperance in moving forward.

"Don't be swayed too much by the dollars," said TenPas. "We're being rushed."

He further questioned whether the commission had enough time to read all the citizen input, particularly written commentary submitted only that night, stated a need for more parking space, and noted that the city no longer has an economic development commission in place to oversee new development in town.

Eric Doud also said the commission didn't have enough time to review the staff reports or public input for the project — only four days — and said that the design review "received little attention." He added that the city's municipal code states that development should "preserve and enhance the small-town quality of Winters," questioned whether the commission was certain about how the complex would look from I-505, and declared that if the commissioners approved the project that evening, they would be "persona non grata."

Although the majority spoke against Burger King, its supporters offered lively counterpoint.

Frank Martin, empha-

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# Community

## Number 91



Courtesy photo

Longtime Winters resident Jean Spain celebrated her 91st birthday in Folsom on Aug. 12, with a luncheon at Scott's Seafood and Grill, hosted by her daughter, Lynn (Gaddini) Kauffman and granddaughter, Brittne Smith, both of Woodland, and close friend, Janet J. Johnston of Winters. Also, in attendance was her great-grandchildren, Teigan and Briley Smith. After lunch, Jean toured the historical area of Folsom and enjoyed seeing where her great-grandfather, Samuel Hanak, had his hardware store during the Gold Rush era.

## Auditions planned for 'It's A Wonderful Life'

The Winters Theatre Company will hold auditions on Wednesday, Sept. 8 and Thursday, Sept. 9, at 7:30 p.m. at the Winters Community Center for its fall production, Frank Capra's "It's A Wonderful Life." Performance dates are weekends, Nov. 19 through Dec. 5. All ages are welcome to audition. Auditions will consist of selected

cold readings from the play. The play is inspired by the 1946 film starring Jimmy Stewart as George Bailey, who contemplates suicide on Christmas Eve until persuaded otherwise by his guardian angel, Clarence. For more information, call 795-4014 or email winterstheatre@gmail.com.

## Rotary Wine, Food Jubilee gets spirited

The Winters Rotary Club invites everyone over 21 to attend Halloween Spirits — The 2010 Winters Rotary Wine and Food Jubilee on Friday, Oct. 29, at the Winters Community Center. The night full of fun and wine begins at 6 p.m. with tasting and sampling of fine wines and food from wineries and eateries throughout the region. Added fun this year is a costume contest with prizes to be given in various categories. Following the wine and food portion of the evening, there will be an after-hours party from 9-11 p.m. with dancing, a no host bar, and judging of the costumes. This is a great way to have a Halloween party and support the work the Winters Rotary Club provides. Tickets are \$25. For more information call Chairman Chris Jones, 795-3279.

## Meals on Wheels needs volunteers

Meals on Wheels needs some help. Volunteers are needed one hour per week to deliver meals to homebound seniors in Winters. To volunteer, call Marie Heilman, 795-4824, or Sherry Del Toro, 795-4241.

You can 'friend' the Express on Facebook!

# Cooks, vendors sought for Festival de la Comunidad

Booth applications are available for the third annual Festival de la Comunidad, which will be held on Saturday, Sept 25, from 5-10 p.m. at Rotary Park. The festival features the third annual Carnitas Cook-off competition. The First Place team will receive a \$300 cash prize. The People's Choice winner will receive \$150. Cooking begins at approximately noon. Anyone interested in

putting together a team for the Cook-off may pick up an application at City Hall, the Winters Visitor Center, or on the City of Winters website. Community groups, non-profit groups and vendors may also submit applications to participate in the event. All food vendors must have a valid health department permit, which may be obtained at the Yolo County Health Department, 137 N. Cottonwood Street, Suite 2400

in Woodland, or by calling 666-8646. Booth applications are also available at City Hall, the Winters Visitor Center, or on the City of Winters website. All booths except Carnitas Cook-off booths are invited to provide a child-friendly activity such as fishing, a lollipop pull, crafts or musical chairs. All booths, including the Carnitas Cook-off booths are invited to decorate their booths in

a festive fashion. The most festive booth will win \$50. Booth applications must be returned to City Hall by Friday, Sept. 10. The event is sponsored by the City of Winters Hispanic Advisory Committee. For more information about the festival, contact Dawn Van Dyke, 795-4910, extension 108, Mary Jo Rodolfa 795-4910, extension 111, or visit the website at www.cityofwinters.org.

# Scholarship will honor Ramos

The Winters Lions Club has established a Frank Ramos Scholarship for a Winters High School student athlete and scholar. Any contributions sent to the Winters Lions Club in Ramos' name or in his memory of passing will go directly into the club's scholarship fund. Ramos was a Lion's member over 50 years and made the Lions

Club a special one for the Winters community. Send contributions for the scholarship fund to: Winters Lions Club, P.O. Box 492, Winters CA, 95694, Attn: scholarship committee. For more information about the scholarship fund, to join the club or to volunteer to serve the community with the Winters Lions Club, call John Neil, 681-5346.

## 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. For more information call 668-0690.

## Calendar

**Thursday, August 19**  
**Winters Rotary Club meeting**, noon, The Buckhorn  
**Free Food Distribution**, 12-1 p.m., Yolo Housing, 62 Shams Way, and 3-4 p.m., First Baptist Church, 512 First Street  
**Winters Farmers Market**, 5-8:30 p.m., Rotary Park  
**School board meeting**, 6:30 p.m., Walnut Room at the school district office, 909 W. Grant Avenue.  
**Bilingual Storytime**, 6:30 p.m., Winters Community Library  
**Alcoholics Anonymous meeting**, 8 p.m., 305 First Street

**Sunday, August 22**  
**Alcoholics Anonymous meeting**, 9 a.m., 305 First Street

**Tuesday, August 24**  
**Planning Commission meeting**, 6:30 p.m., council chambers at City Hall.

**Wednesday, August 25**  
**Soroptimist meeting**, 7 a.m., Chuy's Taqueria, 208 Railroad Avenue  
**Narcotics Anonymous meeting**, 7 p.m., 62 Shams Way

**Upcoming events**  
**Earthquake Street Festival**, Friday, Aug. 27, 5-11 p.m., downtown Main Street.  
**Annual Chamber Mixer Barbecue for Teachers**, Monday, Sept. 13, 5:30 p.m., Community Center.  
**Festival de la Comunidad**, Saturday, Sept. 25, 5-10 p.m., Rotary Park  
 (To list your non-profit local event on the Winters Express calendar, email information to news@wintersexpress.com or call 795-4551.)

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# Check out the Chamber

Photo by Chris Jones  
**Certified Massage Therapist Tammy Clark, is a new member of the Winters Chamber of Commerce. She offers a variety of therapeutic massage, including deep tissue, Swedish, Shiatsu, and myofascial. Gift certificates are available. Therapeutic Massage is located at #9F East Main Street. Hours are by appointment. The phone number is 200-5665.**



Photo by Chris Jones  
**True Value just joined the Winters Chamber of Commerce, receiving a plant and Chamber membership plaque. Owner Jagdev Singh Rai has been in business for 15 years in Winters. From left are Jose Sanchez, Jagdev Singh Rai, Esteban Moreno and Jonathan Jordon. True Value is located at 500 Railroad, next to the Winters Post Office, and is open daily from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., and offers a free cappuccino with purchase. The phone number is 795-4983.**

## Sunflower power is on

The search is on for the tallest Sunflower in Yolo County. The winner of NAMI-Yolo's 9th Annual Tallest Sunflower contest will win \$100.  
To enter, take a photograph of you, your family or friend beside your sunflower; measure and record its height in feet and inches; send the photo and measurement along with your name and phone number to friends@namiyolo.org or to NAMI-Yolo, P.O. Box 447, Davis, CA, 95617.  
For more information and tips on how to measure your sunflower, visit [www.namiflowers.org](http://www.namiflowers.org).  
The entry deadline is Sept. 30.

## Highway lane closures scheduled this week

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will conduct lane closures on Interstate 80 from west of the State Route 12 Interchange to east of the Air Base Parkway overcrossing in Fairfield this week to complete the paving and striping in this area.  
Westbound lane closures will take place through Saturday morning, 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. Work on the eastbound lanes will require lane closures from 9 p.m. to 7 a.m. On, off, and con-

ductor ramps will also be subject to lane closures.  
Signs will be posted to notify motorists of upcoming closures and detours. Construction is scheduled to be completed by the end of September, weather pending. Delays may result from lane closures.  
Motorists can stay informed about Interstate 80 projects in Solano County on both the web and twitter: [www.pave80.com](http://www.pave80.com) and on twitter @Pave80Stay informed.

## Winters Police Department report

**July 30**  
~ 10 a.m., 400 block of Village Circle, a bicycle was stolen from a locked garage. Loss: \$1,200.  
**July 31**  
~ Noon, 1800 block of Railroad Avenue, forcible entry was gained to a storage unit and electronic saws were stolen from a pruning tower machine. Loss: \$6,000.

**August 9**  
~ 1:58 a.m., a vehicle owned by Aurelio Barrera of Winters was legally parked facing northbound on Valley Oak Drive. An unknown driver of a vehicle turned right onto Roosevelt Avenue from Valley Oak Drive and struck Barrera's vehicle. The unknown driver left the scene.  
~ 7:32 a.m., 100 block of Orchard Lane, suspect contacts victim via the internet in violation of a restraining order. The case will be forwarded to the District Attorney.  
~ 12-4 p.m., near Lake Berryessa, a locked vehicle was entered and three wallets were stolen. Loss: \$86.  
~ 1 p.m. a found wallet was turned over to the police department.  
~ 11:27 p.m., Sean Kenneth Snow, 26, of Granada was arrested on an outstanding Siskiyou County Sheriff warrant of arrest charging him with driving under the influence of alcohol with a blood alcohol content of over .08% and driving with a suspended/revoked driver's license. Snow was booked at the Winters Police Department and released on a notice to appear.  
**August 10**  
~ 9 a.m., 800 block of Jefferson Street, a registration tab was stolen

from a vehicle license plate. Loss: \$350.  
**August 11**  
~ 2:44 p.m., 300 block of Hillview Lane, an officer responded to an audible residential alarm. It was determined the alarm was activated accidentally.  
~ 10:55 p.m., a 17-year-old Phoenix, Oregon juvenile was issued a notice to appear for being an unlicensed driver.

**August 12**  
~ 6:17 a.m., first block of Main Street, an officer responded to an audible business alarm that was activated accidentally.  
~ 4:36 p.m., 1000 block of Suffolk Court, an officer responded to an audible residential alarm that was activated accidentally.  
~ 6:38 p.m., Michael Lee Johnson, 48, of Winters surrendered himself on an outstanding Winters Police Department bench warrant charging him with violation of probation on previous charge of driving under the influence of alcohol. Johnson was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to the Yolo County Jail for incarceration.  
~ 9:37 p.m., Ricardo Murillo-Rodriguez, 20, of Winters was issued a notice to appear for being an unlicensed driver and failing to have a front license plate affixed to a vehicle.

**Aug. 13-14**  
~ 6 p.m. to 6:45 a.m., at an unknown location, a rear license plate was stolen from a vehicle. Loss: \$25.  
**Aug. 14**  
~ 7:40 a.m., 800 block of Jackson Street, a pit bull escaped from the backyard of a residence and aggressively ran toward an elderly neighbor

who was walking on the sidewalk in front of his residence. The victim used a stick to keep the pit bull from attacking him. The pit bull did not bite the victim. A Yolo County Animal Control officer issued a citation to the pit bull owner, Yolanda Hernandez Martinez, 50, of Winters, charging her with having a dog at large, failing to provide proof of vaccinations and failing to provide proof of licensing.  
~ 12:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., 200 block of Creekside Way, forcible entry was gained to a residence and U.S. currency was stolen. Loss: \$100.  
**Aug. 15**  
~ 1:54 a.m., Matthew Frank Guerrero, 18, of Winters was arrested on an outstanding Winters Police Department bench warrant charging him with failing to appear on a previous charge of possessing a controlled substance. Guerrero was also arrested on a fresh charge of possessing controlled substance paraphernalia. Guerrero was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to the Yolo County Jail for incarceration.  
~ 12:03 p.m., 700 block of Foxglove Circle, suspect and victim were involved in a verbal domestic dispute that turned physical. Suspect also vandalized victim's vehicle by scratching it with a key. The case is being forwarded to the District Attorney for complaint.  
**Aug. 16**  
~ 1:24 p.m., Jesse Leroy Pruet, 26, of Winters was issued a notice to appear for two counts of failing to obey the Yolo County Animal Control leash law code. Monday of each month at the Winters library.  
For more information, call VFW members Don, 795-1869; John, 795-0751; Roy, 681-7934; or Harold, 795-3124.

## Veterans of foreign wars invited to join group

All Winters area U.S. veterans of foreign wars are invited to join Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 11091.  
The group supports many nonprofit organi-

zations and activities in Winters such as placing flags around the city on holidays and participating in the Youth Day parade. The group meets at 7 p.m. on the third



## Water conversations continue

Due to overwhelming interest in the series of regional discussions on water policy issues in California, the Yolo County Library, along with meeting sponsor, University of California Cooperative Extension, will hold a second Water Conversations meeting on Aug. 18, 6-8 p.m., at the Arthur F. Turner Community Library located at 1212 Merkley Avenue in West Sacramento.

Participation is limited to 25 and advanced registration is required. For more information or to register, contact the Library Information Desk, (916) 375-6465 or [cheryl.chapel@yolocounty.org](mailto:cheryl.chapel@yolocounty.org).

"These conversations provide a valuable opportunity to discuss water-related issues and possibilities that will affect the future of our region," said Yolo County Supervisor Mike McGowan. "I am pleased there is so much interest in the discussion."

Segments of the discussion will be filmed and will become first-hand documentary footage to raise legislator and policy-maker awareness of constituent views on water conservation. The West Sacramento sessions are being held in conjunction with discussions in other Delta counties including Contra Costa, Sacramento, San Joaquin and Solano counties.

Well known facilitator and professor of theology Dr. Craig Paterson has been chosen to promote open and impartial discussion at the meeting. Paterson received a doctor of ministry degree from the Claremont School of Theology, has been extensively engaged in National Issues Forums on the local, state and national level, and has been a research partner with the Kettering Foundation in the study and practice of deliberative decision-making in public policy.

The Water Conversation Meeting is sponsored by the University of California, Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources; the Yolo County Library, Arthur F. Turner Community Library; and the California Center for the Book.

For more information on Yolo County Library programs visit [www.yolocountylibrary.org](http://www.yolocountylibrary.org) or call (916) 375-6465. For more information about the Water Conversations project online, visit <http://ucanr.org/sites/CAH20Conversations/>

## New member sought for committee

There is one seat open on the Winters Hispanic Advisory Committee. This seven-member committee meets once monthly — usually the last Monday of each month — at 6 p.m. in the conference room upstairs at City Hall.

The committee works as an advisory group to the city manager and focuses on outreach and communication with the Latino community.

Seats on the committee are open to anyone in the community and are not limited to Spanish speaking individuals.

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

# Ag art



Photo by Charles Wallace

Joi McNeil is finishing up the wall murals inspired by Yolo County agriculture at Root-Stock, which had a "soft opening" on Friday, Aug. 13. Located at 22 Main Street, the shop features locally grown and produced items. The shop, owned by Linda Hinds and Corinne Martinez, is open Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## 12-Step meetings offered locally in Winters

Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous 12-step meetings take place each week in Winters at two locations.

The "Kitchen Table" meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous takes place on Thursdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 9 a.m. at 305 First Street.

Narcotics Anonymous meets on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at 62 Shams Way (Yolo Housing).

Meetings are intended for adults only.



## Dance movement classes offered for cancer patients

◆ Series runs Aug. 26 through Nov. 11

Cancer patients and survivors are invited to dance movement therapy classes to be taught by Nandi Szabo, M.A., ADTR, registered dance movement therapist, at the Davis Holistic Health Center, 1405 Fifth St. in Davis.

“Dance movement therapy is based on the interrelationship of body, mind and emotion,” Szabo said.

“It facilitates healing and wellness through improved body image, energy level and sense of self. It uses movement to further the emotional, physical and spiritual integration of the individual.”

The classes are free and meet every Thursday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Aug. 26 through Nov. 11.

Limited body movement does not preclude participation, but consulting with a physician is required prior to class.

Space is limited to 10.

To participate, call Szabo at (916) 529-1079 or e-mail [zoefotoni@comcast.net](mailto:zoefotoni@comcast.net).

This program is sponsored by the Sutter Cancer Center, Sacramento through funding from the Sutter Medical Center Foundation.

## The brain-boosting power of eating healthy

### FIRST FIVE YOLO

It's the beginning of a new school year, and as young students head to preschool and kindergarten, parents can help their children shine in the classroom by preparing healthy meals for breakfast — and for their lunchboxes.

“Proper nutrition plays a key role in a child's ability to learn and do well in school,” said Julie Gallelo, executive director of First 5 Yolo.

“According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, kids who eat a balanced diet and start the day with a nutritious breakfast have more energy and concentrate better in

class.”

Parents, caregivers and early-learning educators play a valuable role in providing healthy food choices to children at an early age. To help kids develop lifelong healthy eating habits, First 5 Yolo offers the following tips:

~ Power up on breakfast: After a good night's sleep, breakfast provides important nutrients that give kids a great start to the day and get them ready to learn.

Prepare healthy breakfast choices for your child like oatmeal with low-fat milk, raisins and banana slices, or go berry wild with a low-fat yogurt smoothie made with strawber-

ries and served with scrambled eggs on whole wheat toast.

~ Make fruits and vegetables a priority: Help your child get the recommended five to nine servings of fruits and vegetables a day by adding lettuce and tomatoes to a sandwich or offering cut-up fruit like apples or oranges with every meal.

~ Indulge your creative side: Kids love healthy foods that look fun — and taste great. So, be creative with meals. Top a cheese quesadilla with a smiley face using green peas for eyes and carrots for a mouth, or cut sandwiches in triangles and other fun shapes.

~ Offer healthy

snacks: Toddlers and young children should eat frequent, small meals throughout the day. Pack nourishing snacks to provide an energy boost like bite-size fruits and vegetables. Low-salt crackers and cheese slices are also good choices.

~ Get kids involved: When children help prepare a meal, they're more likely to eat it and try foods they may not have liked before. Ask your child to pick fruits and vegetables with you at the grocery store or local farmers' markets. When preparing meals, let your child tear lettuce for a salad or add veggie toppings

to pizza slices.

To help you prepare nutritious meals, First 5 California offers a free mini cookbook “Yummy for Your Tummy,” that has healthy, low-cost recipes for the whole family. To order a copy, call (800) KIDS-025 or download the cookbook at [www.first5yolo.org](http://www.first5yolo.org) on the Resources for Parents page.

A nutritious breakfast helps children stay focused, have more energy and do their best in school.

For more information on healthy eating and First 5 Yolo programs, services and resources, visit [www.first5yolo.org](http://www.first5yolo.org).

## Volunteers sought for mushrooms study

The USDA, ARS Western Human Nutrition Research Center invites healthy men and women, ages 20 to 59, to participate in a 42-day study with daily study visits at lunchtime on the UC Davis campus.

The study aims to learn if mushrooms treated with ultraviolet light to increase their vitamin D2 content are a good source of vitamin D when consumed daily

with a meal (lunch).

Volunteers must not be regularly consuming vitamin D fortified foods (e.g. soy milk, UV treated mushrooms, or shiitake mushrooms) or taking dietary supplements containing vitamin D.

Volunteers must be willing and able to come to the research center (WHNRC) on the UC Davis campus for one screening and

three study visits that require blood draws, and be able to come to the WHNRC for lunch every week day for six consecutive weeks. Volunteers must be able to consume the study meals (lunches) at home on the weekends.

For more information, call 752-5177 and Press 1 or visit [www.ars.usda.gov/pwa/davis/whnrc/nutrition](http://www.ars.usda.gov/pwa/davis/whnrc/nutrition).

## Fibromyalgia group to meet in Vacaville

The Northern Cal Fibro Friends will have its monthly meeting from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21, in the conference room at VacaValley Hospital, 1000 Nut Tree Road in Vacaville.

There will be a small craft project for the members. Plans will be

discussed for the October yard sale. The latest medical information concerning fibromyalgia will be presented.

For more information, contact Cynthia at [cynamin.girl@yahoo.com](mailto:cynamin.girl@yahoo.com) or (707) 624-6585, or Valma at [Valmagrace@aol.com](mailto:Valmagrace@aol.com) or 756-9153.

# Entertainment

## Kiss ‘N Tell plans to rock Winters

By **JULIA McCANDLESS**  
Staff writer

Erica Davis has something special. With a distinctive voice covering a broad range of musical genres, she has the rare ability to get a 3-, 13- and 60-year-old to all rock out to the same song.

And she’s about to bring that special ability to Winters, as Davis and her newly formed band, Kiss ‘N Tell, will perform at this year’s Earthquake Street Festival on Friday, Aug. 27. Kiss ‘N Tell will perform a little bit of everything at the upcoming festival, from Lady Gaga to Led Zepelin, creating something for everyone to enjoy. Kiss ‘N Tell drummer and Davis’ husband, Bill, said that the band’s new variety is what makes it so great.

“We used to be just classic rock and never ever could play a modern song, and now we’re playing alternative, rock, classic rock,

all these pop songs, just everything,” he said.

The variation of genres has paid off for the band, as it has opened the door for more listeners of all ages.

“I want to be a band for every genre, every age group, that everybody will like,” Davis said. “It’s hard to please everybody, but we want to make sure we can.”

Performing at this year’s Earthquake Festival carries special meaning for Davis, as she began her singing career in Winters some years ago.

“I love Winters,” Davis said. “The first gig I had was in Winters, so it’s like everything kind of bookends for me in Winters. A lot of memories are here in terms of my singing career. Singing in this town was the best part of all that.”

While she has evolved as an artist over the years, Davis said she is excited to be able to perform with the band at the festival for all of their fans.

“We know a lot of people in Winters, so we have a ton of fans here that come right up to the stage and are right there, so we’re playing for our friends,” Bill Davis said.

Kiss ‘N Tell plans to “rock the street” well into the night, as the band will play until 1 a.m. at Dee Dee’s Bar & Grill following its festival performance. Davis said she’s excited to be a part of the festival, and hopes that people will come out to participate, as it is a unique community event.

“I think it just brings so many people together. Every single person comes and it’s such a great thing for the town,” Davis said.

“Music brings people together. I can’t say any other town has something like that.”

Kiss ‘N Tell is scheduled to perform at 7 p.m. at the Earthquake Street Festival, which runs from 5 to 11 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 27, on downtown Main Street.

For more information



Courtesy photo

**Members of the band Kiss ‘N Tell are ready to rock Winters at the Earthquake Street Festival on Friday, Aug. 27, on downtown Main Street. The band is scheduled to perform at 7 p.m., just before the Winters Has Talent competition. From left are Jeff Frazier, Kathy Purdy, Bill Davis, Erica Davis and Ritch Shefke. For more information about the festival, call the Winters Chamber of Commerce at 795-2329.**

about the band, visit [erickadavis.com](http://erickadavis.com).

For more information

about the festival, call the Winters Chamber of Commerce at 795-2329.

## Trailer Park Troubadours roll into Palms

**Antsy McClain and the Trailer Park Troubadours will perform at 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 19, at The Palms, 13 Main St., Winters. The band’s crowd-pleasers include “Living in Aluminum” and “It Ain’t Home ‘Til You Take the Wheels Off.” Tickets are \$25 at Pacific Ace Hardware, Armadillo Music in Davis, the Heidrick Ag History Center in Woodland, online at [tickets.com](http://tickets.com) and at the door if the show is not sold out. This is the last show at The Palms until Sept. 3.**

Courtesy photo

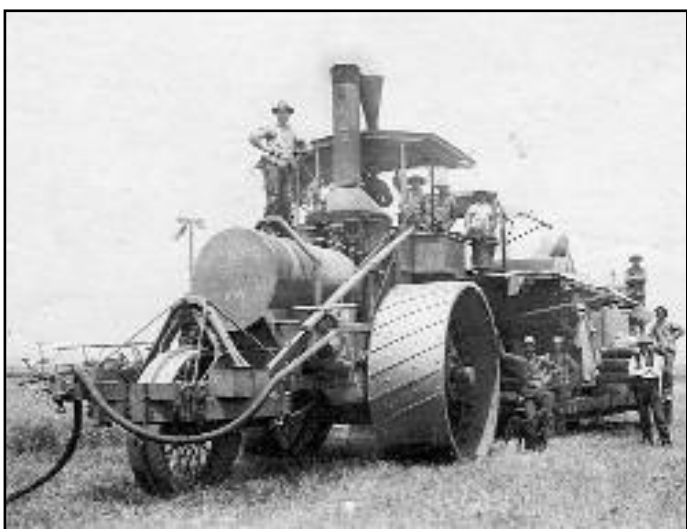


## ‘Wheels of History’ exhibit continues at Steady Eddy’s

Eighteen Winters photographs featuring historic wheeled vehicles can be viewed until Sept. 2 at Steady Eddy’s Coffee House, in an exhibit presented by the Winters History Project. The coffee house, at 5 E. Main St., is open weekdays, 6 a.m. to 3 p.m., and weekends, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Photos dating from 1890 to 1954 document historic bicycle rides, children’s wheeled vehicles, farm wagons and machinery, bicycles of different eras, trains, buggies “with the fringe on top” in a local hardware store, early automobiles and street scenes representing changing modes of transportation in Winters.

More photos from the “Wheels of History” collection can be seen at the Winters Visitors Center, 11 Main St., on Monday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sunday from



9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Additional images are being shown at the Berryessa Gap Vineyards, 15 Main St., on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 4:30 to 8:30 p.m.; VeloCity, 41 Main St., weekdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and weekends 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and the Winters Center for the Arts, 14 Main St., on

Friday and Sunday, 5 to 8 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

To offer historic photos for future Winters History Project exhibits or to comment on the current exhibit, contact Winters History Project Committee members Woody Friday, Evelyne Rominger, Joann Larkey, Jack Graf or Gloria Lopez.

**In 1906 massive wheels, propelled by a Holt 158 straw burning steam engine manufactured by the Best Company, pulled this combination reaper and thresher which harvested grain on the George M. Griffin ranch northeast of Winters. Courtesy of Shirlee Griffin, this is one of many photos on exhibit at Steady Eddy’s Coffee House and other venues in downtown Winters.**

Courtesy photo



# Sports

## WHS volleyball has big numbers to start season

By **ERIC LUCERO**  
Express sports

The Winters High School volleyball program isn't lacking in participants this season as 28 players hit the court on Monday, Aug. 9, for their first day of practice.

As of now, Teresa Perkins is coaching both teams as the school district is looking for another coach.

"We definitely have the

numbers this year," Perkins said. "Last year, I took over the JV team and we had five players. This year, we have 12 juniors and seniors and 16 sophomores and freshmen."

The varsity team has four returning players from last year's team that are showing great leadership in the first week of practice, Ashley Andersen, Anna Campos, Taylor Hofstrand and Jasmine Barrera.

"These four are really stepping up and helping me with the drills," Perkins said.

"We have a talented group of players on the JV team that will be very competitive. The freshman girls were very successful in eighth grade so hopefully they will continue that success here."

The Warriors will open their season with a home game against Oroville High School on Tuesday, Aug. 31.

## Aquatics programs continue

Adult lap swim, water aerobics and Masters programs continue at the Bobbie Greenwood Community Swim Center.

Although recreation swim and swim lessons ended Aug. 15, other aquatics programs are continuing, including noon lap swim. Fees are payable at the pool or City Hall.

Adult lap swim will continue on

weekdays through the end of August, from noon to 1:30 p.m.

The entry gate for noon lap swim has been moved to the southeast corner of the pool complex.

Lap swim also is offered on weekday evenings, from 7 to 8 p.m., and weekends, 10 a.m. to noon through Oct. 31. Monthly passes cost \$50, and daily drop-in passes are \$5.

Master's swimming continues through Oct. 31, weekdays from 6 to 7 a.m. and weekends, 10 a.m. to noon (shared with adult lap swim). The cost is \$65 per month (\$45 to Masters and \$20 to the city of Winters) or \$8 drop-in fee per workout. Membership in the U.S. and Pacific Masters is required.

More details about aquatics programs is

available at the pool, or call Tracy Jensen at City Hall at 795-4910, ext. 100. Updates about pool activities also are posted on the Bobbie Greenwood Community Swim Center Facebook page.

For more about the Masters program, call Dave Kelley at 795-2265 or visit <http://wintersaquaticclub.memberlodge.org>.

### *In step for the season*



Photos by Eric Lucero

**Blain Miller leads the Warriors through the speed hurdles drill during an early morning football practice at Winters High School.**

## Alumni football game is back

◆ Varsity red-white scrimmage will follow alumni flag football competition Aug. 28

By **ERIC LUCERO**  
Express sports

The Winters Warriors High School football program led by coach Daniel Ward is bringing back the annual alumni football game, but this time it will be flag football.

The first alumni flag football game will be played on Saturday, Aug. 28, at

Dr. Sellers Field. The odd-even (graduating years) alumni game will be followed by the varsity red-white scrimmage. The alumni game will be played first, starting at 6 p.m., followed by the varsity red-white game at 7 p.m.

This will be a fundraiser for the football program. The cost for the alumni game will be \$20 and the first 40 players to sign up will get a free shirt. Admission to the two events will be \$4 for adults and \$2 for all kids under 12 and students with an SBC.

To register for the game, call Daniel Ward at 400-6780.

## Physical exams are mandatory for all high school athletes

◆ Sutter West offers \$25 exams through Aug. 25 as fundraiser

By **Tom Crisp**  
Special to the Express

All Winters High School athletes must have verification of a current physical and

parent permission form in order to practice.

The proper forms are available in the school office.

Sutter West Medical Center at 111 E. Grant Ave. is offering \$25 physicals to Winters High School athletes until Wednesday, Aug. 25. This is a fundraiser for Winters High

School athletes, since the doctors are donating the entire cost of the physical back to the school.

Mandatory football, swimming and volleyball practices have already begun for fall season.

For more information, call the Sutter West office at 795-4591.

### PISANI'S ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



## Skyler Geerts

Skyler Geerts, a junior at Winters High School, is athlete of the week.

Geerts has had a busy summer as he worked out with the football team, played basketball and was on a bowling team.

He helped lead the summer league basketball team to a 6-2 record, traveled to Las Vegas for an AAU competitive basketball tournament and helped lead his team to the semi-finals of a 16 team tournament.

When he returned, he helped lead his bowling team, the "High Rollers," to a league championship in Woodland.

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### 2010-11 WHS football schedule

9-3 vs. Esparto  
9-10 @ Willows  
9-17 vs. Dixon  
9-24 @ Amador  
10-1 @ Anderson  
10-8 vs. Wheatland  
10-15 @ Sutter  
10-22 @ Orland  
10-29 vs. Gridley  
11-05 vs. Corning  
\*all games start at 7:30 p.m.

# Schools

## New direction outlined for school district

By DEBBIE HEMENWAY  
Staff writer

Call it what you will: a new direction, a new vision, new initiatives. Whatever its name, Winters Superintendent of Schools Dr. Becci Gillespie is enthusiastic and eager to describe to the Express and the community the "culture of collaboration" she hopes to help establish in the district.

It is the nature of an initiative to be a first step, a beginning. And, in keeping with that definition, the ideas Gillespie has laid out are more like directional signs along a highway than like a road map. They are "big ideas, which are being fleshed out collaboratively." The unifying theme of the vision is "increased

communication," between and among school sites and with the community at large.

One of the first initiatives is to implement the School Messenger notification system. School Messenger is Internet-based and allows sites or the district office to send instant notifications to parents via e-mail, text message or voice message.

The messages, which can be sent en masse or to individuals, and can be sent in English or Spanish, are intended to keep families alerted to everything from upcoming school events to emergency situations. The program, which is still in its infancy, is meant to "bypass the lost papers in the backpack phenomenon."

A related piece of the

plan is updating the district and campus websites, using a service called School Loop. In addition to website hosting, School Loop will allow students and teachers to store and share data in an online environment; each student will have a virtual "locker" in which to keep his or her work and teachers will have space in which to post assignments, to put up images and documents to enhance instruction, and to conduct online discussions in a blog format. Winters High School will be piloting some of these features this year and the district technology committee will be responsible for a staged rollout over time.

Gillespie is interested in pursuing more online

opportunities for students, but was not specific as to what they would be.

"This needs further discussion" among district leadership and staff, she said, although it seems that Advanced Placement courses for high school students are likely to be included, particularly as budget constraints limit what schools can provide. Part of the discussion about online courses for students will have to include ways to help families who might not be able to afford the computers and Internet access that would be necessary for their children's participation.

A connection between Winters High School and Solano Community College is in the preliminary

discussion stages as well. Last week, Gillespie and Winters High School Principal Gary Miller met with representatives of the college to discuss ways the schools might work together. Miller has been tasked with conducting further research on the logistics involved.

Gillespie wants the school district to go from "being a district of schools to being a school district," in which collaboration and cohesiveness are the norm and the culture. To accomplish this cohesiveness, she envisions "vertical districtwide teaching teams."

Beginning with math, for which the state of California is getting ready to introduce

common core standards, teams would look at the curriculum from preschool through 12th grade for commonalities in teaching and intervention strategies. The purpose would not be to interfere with the creativity of the individual teacher, but to make instruction comprehensible to students throughout their school years and to help with the achievement gap that exists.

Add to these emerging ideas the ongoing budget issues that the schools face, a school board election in which five of seven seats are open and the fact that the teachers' association will be renegotiating its contract, and 2010-11 promises to be an interesting year for the Winters district.

## Last days of summer wind down

By AUSTIN BRICKEY  
Chapter reporter  
Winters FFA

As the dog days of summer come to an end, Winters FFA members are already hard at work showing their animals at the Yolo County Fair.

All of their months of feeding, cleaning, grooming and training

are now paying off. Students are showing a variety of animals, from poultry to goats, lambs, market hogs and market beef. This week, FFA members will compete in a variety of showmanship competitions such as round robin, best of show and grand champion.

Animals aren't the only thing being shown this week at the

Yolo County Fair. The Winters FFA ag mechanics students also will be entering projects at the fair. Students submit welding projects such as trailers, barbeques and ornamental chairs.

If you are at the fair in Woodland this week, stop by and see one of the many FFA projects.

### School board meets Thursday

The Winters school board will meet on Thursday, Aug. 19, at 6:30 p.m. in the Walnut Room at the school district office, 909 W. Grant Ave. The agenda includes:

~ Communications and reports.

~ Public input on non-agenda items.

~ Report on Common Core State Standards

~ Technology update.

~ Facilities update.

~ Consent calendar (minutes, warrants, etc).

## First 5 Yolo offers tips for keeping kids' teeth healthy

According to the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, nearly 50 percent of children have tooth decay before age 5.

It is estimated American students miss more than 51 million school hours annually because of dental problems or related conditions. Germs originating in the mouth can cause diseases that infect other areas of a child's body.

"Because young children's teeth are very important for eating and speaking clearly and can impact overall health," said Julie Gallelo, executive director of First 5 Yolo, "helping a child maintain a proper dental care routine is key to his or her overall development."

First 5 Yolo encourages parents and caregivers to begin taking care of their children's teeth and gums early by following these helpful tips:

~ Gently wipe your baby's gums with a clean, wet cloth after each feeding.

~ As soon as your child's first tooth comes in, begin a brushing routine every day.

~ Brush your toddler's teeth for him or her until the age of 6 years old.

~ Look for toothbrushes with soft bristles that are gentle on gums.

~ To make brushing more fun, use a brightly colored toothbrush. Ask your child to roar like a tiger to ensure his or her mouth is wide open!

~ Ask a dentist or

doctor if it's OK to use a pea-sized amount of fluoride toothpaste once a child is 2 or 3 years old.

~ Supervise and teach your child to spit out toothpaste and rinse after brushing. Instruct children not to swallow the toothpaste.

~ Floss teeth as soon as they begin to touch each other — usually when a child is about 4 years old.

~ Monitor what your child eats, as it can affect his or her dental health. Avoid candy and sugary drinks like soda that can cause cavities.

~ Prevent tooth decay by limiting the amount of time your child sucks on a bottle or "sippy" cup filled with milk or juice. If he or she needs a bottle at bedtime, fill it with

water.

~ Visit the dentist for a check-up when the child's first tooth comes in and every year after that.

Fluoride is an important factor for developing stronger teeth and preventing decay. For children who don't drink fluoridated water, check with your dentist about possible fluoride treatments.

Dentists can apply a safe and protective fluoride varnish to the teeth of young children. A recent study found that 1-year-olds who had this treatment twice a year were four times less likely to get cavities in their baby teeth.

"By practicing good dental habits early in a child's life and visiting

the dentist regularly," Gallelo said, "parents can help keep children's teeth healthy and their smiles sparkling!"

For more information about healthy child development and information on First 5 Yolo's programs, services and resources, visit [www.first5yolo.org](http://www.first5yolo.org).

### About First 5 Yolo

Research shows a child's brain develops most dramatically in the first five years and what parents and caregivers do during these years to support their child's growth will have a meaningful impact throughout life. In November 1998, California voters passed a statewide ballot initiative to add a 50-cent-per-pack tax on

cigarettes. The funds

collected are utilized to

fund education, health

and childcare programs

like First 5 Yolo that pro-

mote early childhood

development through

age 5. For more informa-

tion about First 5 Yolo,

visit [www.First5Yolo.org](http://www.First5Yolo.org).

## NAMI education program helps families cope with mental illness

◆ Classes run Sept. 7 to Nov. 16 in Woodland

Serious brain disorders and mental illnesses occur worldwide. According to NAMI-Yolo, statistics show forms of schizophrenia affect one in 100 and bipolar disorder one in 50, while cases of major depression and severe anxiety disorders — including obsessive compulsive disorder — are even more prevalent.

Most people with these disorders exhibit bizarre behaviors, and because they are misunderstood, carry a stigma that fosters denial in

both the sufferer and their family.

NAMI-Yolo offers "Keys to Understanding" (NAMI's Family to Family education program) classes to help caregivers understand the biology of the disorders while learning coping skills for unusual behaviors through effective communication.

There are 12 weekly sessions on Tuesday evenings in Woodland from Sept. 7 to Nov. 16, from 6:15 to 9 p.m. The class size is limited and pre-registration is required.

To register, call NAMI-Yolo at 756-8181, and leave your name and contact number.

### Native American artifacts on exhibit

The Pena Adobe/Mowers Goheen Museum, a pre-Gold Rush era adobe, will be open from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 4, for free. Visitors may tour the museum,

see Native American artifacts and more.

The museum is on Pena Adobe Road in Vacaville. Call (707) 447-0518 or visit [www.penaadobe.org](http://www.penaadobe.org).



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sizing that he is a lifetime resident of Winters, said it bothered him to “see the rigmarole these poor people have to go through to put a business in Winters” and added, “I, for one, think the sign should be bigger.” He also scoffed at the objections to the nutritional quality of Burger King fare, pointed out that salads are available there as well, and said it is the parents’ responsibility to monitor what their children eat.

“This is just nuts,” said Martin.

Joe Castro, also noting his lifetime residency, concurred that Burger King’s developers were being presented with too many obstacles, and also said the sign should be larger sign.

“This community has to have tax-based revenue to survive,” said Castro. “I’m all in favor of the project and I hope it goes through.”

A third lifelong resident spoke, T. R. Martin, saying the city’s sign ordinance needs to be revised given that it clearly isn’t being enforced anyway, and commended city staff for their work on bringing Burger King to Winters. He added that “this project is long overdue.” Like Frank Martin, he pinned responsibility for childhood obesity on parents, not restaurants.

Paul Myer declared unequivocal support for the project, noting “this is not a corporate giant, these are individual people taking risks,” and pointed out that Burger King serves 11 million people per day, showing that “the public votes with their wallet.” He also objected to childhood obesity concerns, saying, “if cheeseburgers are a problem, that should be handled at home.” He also noted that Burger King offers “salads and veggies, and healthy meals for children.”

“That’s the reason Burger King is successful,” said Myer, adding that the developer is adhering to corporate guidance because “it has a business plan that works. It generates revenue, and the city needs revenue.”

Myer said Burger King has won conservation awards in Southern California, seeks to have energy efficient businesses and is “raising the bar for having a smaller carbon footprint.”

“Burger King has demonstrated that they’re a good citizen,” said Myer. “I think they’d be a great addition. I think we should do everything we can to make this process work easier than it’s been so far.”

Kathy Cowan quipped that following Wilson’s comments, “it makes you want to walk around with a bike helmet. She said had ‘no problem with drivers from Interstate 505 stopping to spend money at Burger King and nowhere else.’ As to that youngster Wilson speculated about, Cowan said, ‘If there’s a 12 year old walking on the highway — that’s just bad parenting.’ She added that it is up to parents to decide what their children eat.

“If you don’t want your kids to eat at Burger King, don’t allow it.”

## Developer responds

Following the public hearing, developer Ghai noted that he’s already a half-million into the Winters project

after six months, and clarified that the truck fueling station will not be a truckstop with showers, but just a place to fill tanks with diesel. As for the necessity of an above-ground tank, he noted that he can charge less for the gas because the state charges lower taxes on above-ground tanks. As to concerns about the safety of the tanks, Ghai said he has developed 10 gas stations with similar tanks, and declared them to be “foolproof.”

“They will shut down even if there is a hint of leaking,” said Ghai, noting that the underground tanks are double-walled, and the above ground tank is triple-walled.

Ghai noted that the Burger King complex is expected to create 30-40 jobs, many of which could be filled by teens.

“We’re going to do a lot of good when we come in,” declared Ghai.

Commissioner Cowan requested that trash pick up be clarified in the conditions of approval, and preferred it require trash to be picked up “daily” rather than “regularly” as it was written. Ghai responded that the Burger King corporation actually requires trash pickup every 30 minutes “or the manager would lose his job.”

Unhappy with the signature illuminated red stripe on the Burger King building, Cowan asked if Burger King has done projects without one, but conceded that it wasn’t a “deal-breaker for me.” Ghai objected that if the project lost the red stripe, it would have “no identity left” and noted the concessions he has already made, as well as architectural attempts to match the new library.

“You still have the signs,” responded Cowan, also querying what Burger King will contribute to the city. Ghai responded that Burger King has a foundation that provides money exclusively for high school scholarships in the community where its businesses are located.

“All the money comes back to the schools for scholarships,” said Ghai.

Cowan further objected to the flat roof on the ARCO gas station, and requested that it be sloped. Ghai said the flat roof is part of ARCO’s image, and that “it needs some semblance of an ARCO and AM/PM.” Ghai said Burger King needs the ARCO station there, with its gas pumps, and pointed out that the site is not only the gateway to Winters, but also “the gateway to Lake Berryessa in the summer.”

Commissioner Glen DeVries responded to claims that the commission was being pressured to pass the project.

“The pressure to pass it is nothing less than the pressure not to pass it,” said DeVries, labeling some of the comments as “off the hook.” He further stated his support for the project.

“This store is not going to kill our town. It will be a resource to our town, with people stopping to get gas and then hit the road.”

However, DeVries also questioned the necessity of the red stripe, to which a Burger King representative responded that the red stripe “does resonate with our customers,” and added “That’s what’s left of our brand identity.”

“It will be really nice once you see it lit up,” he said.

Chairman Neu was unconvinced and asked, “How do we know what it’s going to look like today?”

Ghai said the low-voltage LED light is not fluorescent, and is shielded, and said “it just gives a glow — that’s all.”

Commissioner Joe Tramontana said he was hoping that the monument sign would feature a wagon wheel as décor, and suggested moving the highway sign more to the rear of the property, moving it farther away from Grant Avenue.

“Get it away from 128 — the farther back the better,” said Tramontana. “It will satisfy a lot of anxiety if it’s farther away.”

Ghai expressed concerns about space at the back of the property, but said “We will look at it.” Director Dyer added, “Let’s look into it. Staff will chew on that.”

Commissioner Bruce Guelden asked for measures to prevent the retaining wall along the highway from becoming covered in graffiti.

“A blank wall is like a blank palate to a lot of people,” said Guelden, recommending plants and landscaping on the wall to prohibit tagging.

Commissioner Martinez noted that the project’s drive-through feature should be “easy off, easy on,” but expressed concern about traffic flow on Grant Avenue and said traffic issues are “still pending.” She further objected to the 65-foot height of the highway sign and called the decorative features “eyesores.” She also recommended a piece-by-piece approval of the project, and expressed some discomfort about proceeding in light of all the public commentary.

“I do have some concern about that and whether or not we can proceed with this without some further diligence,” said Martinez, noting that some serious issues were raised.

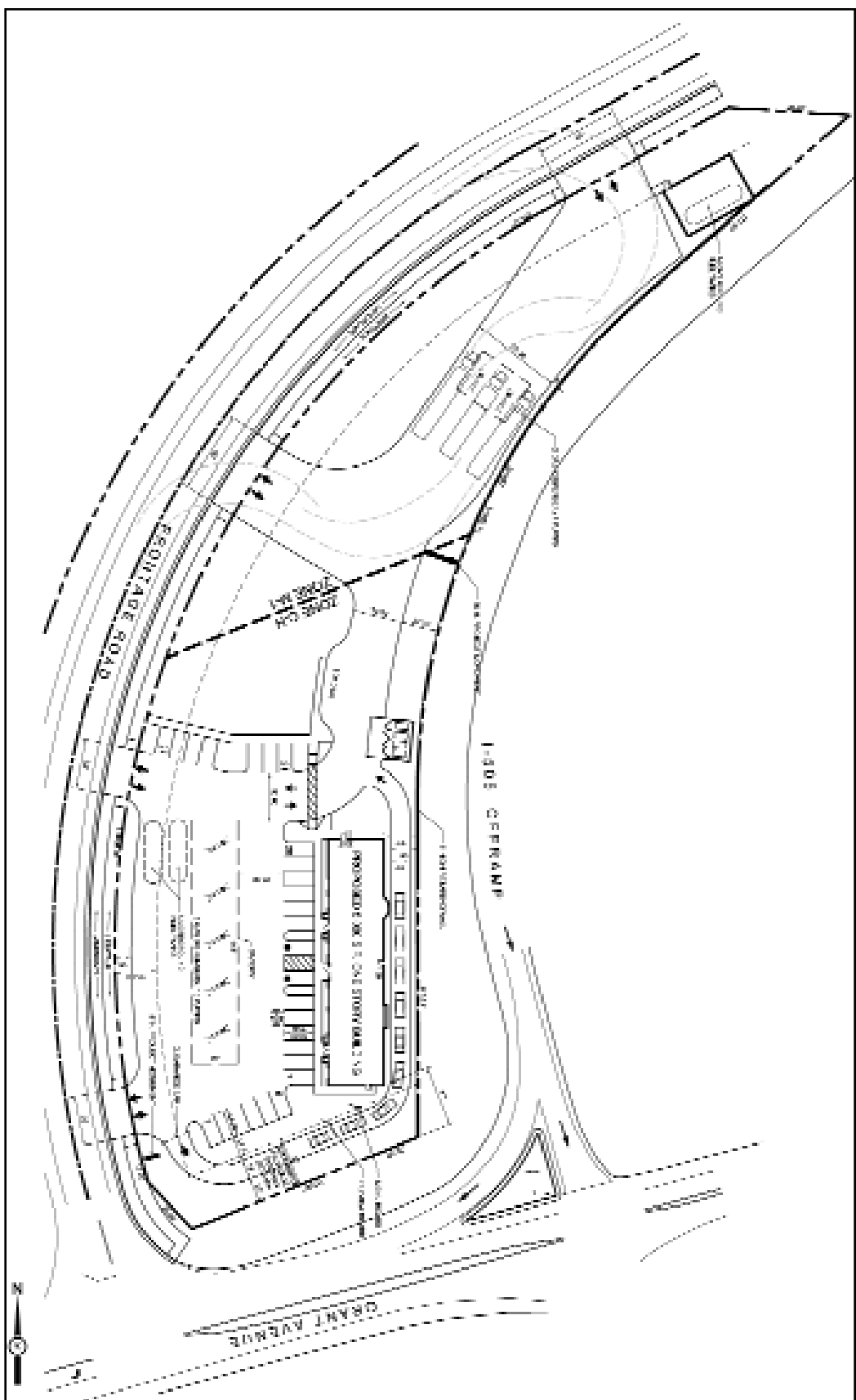
Neu commended the developer for the work done on the design since the first public hearing in January, and said he was “pretty much pleased” with the new design but still had reservations.

“I’m not opposed to the project and we need tax revenues, but I want this project to be the best project it can be,” said Neu, who eventually cast the lone “no” vote. He also expressed little sympathy for the amount of money Ghai has already spent on the project.

“I know you spent your budget. Spend more,” said Neu. “My hope is that you’ll want to work with the city of Winters and our striving to be a destination and not just a bump in the road.”

He added, “I think we’re rushing,” and noted that the traffic study for the current Grant Avenue reconstruction project is still underway, and wanted to know more about the environmental impacts.

The commission asked the city’s contract planner Heidi Tschudin to respond to CEQA concerns, which she effectively picked off one by one. She said CEQA’s “peculiarity” portions relate to environmental peculiarities, not zoning peculiarities, and explained that because the project was in line with the city’s General Plan, which was created for a population far exceeding the city’s current population, no ad-



Courtesy graphic

**This map shows how the Burger King, AM/PM mini-mart, ARCO gas station and truck refueling station are expected to be situated on the property at Grant Avenue and County Road 90.**

ditional CEQA study is necessary.

“In terms of CEQA impacts, you’re in line as far as I can tell. It is not a CEQA issue, it is an implementation issue.”

She noted that despite the fact that the General Plan is dated 1992, it is still valid, as is the original EIR.

“The EIR is meant to have full value for the build-out of the General Plan,” said Tschudin, noting that the fact that the term “global warming” wasn’t in use in 1992 was irrelevant because air quality and emissions were included in the original study.

In summary, said Tschudin, “You are covered appropriately for the plans that are in place.”

As for the CEQA exemptions requested by the project, Tschudin said, “We have shown based on substantial evidence that we need those exemptions. I’m confident in our analysis to show that it fits.”

“My cumulative analysis,” said Tschudin, “is that this development is less than what was planned for on the site. This project is one-quarter of the project that was designed for the EIR report.”

Following Tschudin’s report, Neu re-opened the public hearing, and members of the public were allowed yet another chance to ask the commission and Tschudin questions. TenPas disagreed with Tschudin’s definition of CEQA “peculiarities,” and again asked for more patience in studying the impacts of the project.

“We need more opportunity for public comment,” said TenPas, adding that he was “disappointed” with the process.

Commissioner Martinez acknowledged that she believed that “the public is feeling a little bit slighted here —

something I’d suggest that we avoid at all costs.”

Laddish recommended that the project align with the city’s “Complete Streets” project.

Lynette McClure requested a traffic study.

Briggs objected that the planning commission report was indecipherable to the public and said not enough time had been given to the public to study it, adding “It’s not fair to call this a ‘go’ tonight.” She asked city staff if any other fast food chains had applied to do projects in town. Dyer responded that there were no other projects in the works. McClure tried to pin this issue down further, asking City Manager John Donlevy if he was “aware” of any potential interest in fast food projects. Donlevy responded, “No.”

Vallecillo again ques-

tioned the validity of the CEQA clearances and asked for a definition on “in-fill” projects. Tschudin responded that in-fill projects do not have to fill in between projects that are already in place, they only had to fill in between properties already planned for “urban” uses.

“It satisfies the requirements for exemption for that particular item,” said Tschudin of the in-fill definition.

Castro expressed frustration in the whole process, and said the commission needs to “embrace” the project.

With everyone apparently saying all they could over the course of the evening, the vote was taken just after 11 p.m., approving the project by a 6-1 vote. The decision may be appealed to the Winters City Council within 10 days.

# Features

## Ear infection can cause dizziness

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I got a sudden attack of dizziness that landed me in bed. I couldn't stand. Finally, with the help of my husband, I got to the doctor, who said I had a viral infection called vestibular neuritis. I am taking medicine and am somewhat better, but the dizziness isn't completely gone. Will it go? When? — L.T.

ANSWER: I have to warn readers that the causes of dizziness are diverse, and vestibular neuritis, while common, is only one of many causes. The vestibule of the inner ear has three fluid-filled canals that work like a carpenter's level, that gadget whose center contains a fluid-containing tube with a bubble in it. The balance tells the carpenter if a piece of wood is aligned. The inner ear canals tell people if they are aligned. They send signals to the brain that keep us balanced. A viral infection of those canals or of the nerve that sends signals to the brain makes people feel like they've been put in the spin cycle of a washer. Not only are affected people dizzy, they become nauseated and often throw up.

Symptoms of vestibular neuritis lessen in two to three days, but full recovery can take up to six or more weeks. A cortisone drug taken within the first three days of illness can ease symptoms. And medicines like promethazine relieve dizziness and nausea, but they make some people so drowsy that they prefer the dizziness. The booklet on dizziness discusses vestibular neuritis as well as the other dizziness causes. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue — No. 801W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My 17-year-old son is a baseball pitcher. Last



week he came home with his pitching arm greatly swollen. I was alarmed, and I told my husband we needed to take the boy to the emergency room. My husband thought I was overreacting, but I insisted. I am glad I did. He had a blood clot in a vein that caused the swelling. They treated him with medicine to dissolve the clot and put him on a blood thinner. Will he ever pitch again? — R.C.

ANSWER: I'm sure the ER doctors checked your son for things that make a person prone to form clots. He must not have had any of those conditions. He had an "effort-induced" clot, a clot caused by repetitive physical exertion. Now that the clot has been dissolved, you son should be able to resume pitching after the rest period prescribed by his doctor.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I drink skim milk every day for its protein and calcium. I can't stand the taste, so I add chocolate syrup to it. Now I heard that chocolate blocks calcium absorption. Is this true? — J.D.

ANSWER: Oxalate in chocolate can interfere with calcium absorption, but the amount of oxalate added to a glass of milk doesn't significantly reduce calcium's entry into the body.

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## No one's listening anyway

Have you ever thought about suicide? Would you believe me if I told you that since the invasion of Afghanistan more of our soldiers died by their own hand than were killed in combat?

Combat deaths number 761 and there were 817 military suicides. Even more alarming are the statistics related to mental illness of thousands of veterans of the two Middle Eastern wars who have left the military and sought to reintegrate into civilian life.

The Pentagon says that the main factor for the high number of suicides seems to be caused by "a fractured relationship of some sort." Well I've got news for them. I know for a fact that when a stressed-out combat veteran returns home, all of his relationships are fractured. The old saying from WWII, "You can never go home again" seems to prove true.

Since the war in Vietnam up until today, soldiers are in a combat zone one day, and the very next day they're walking around in a daze at home or as it's called, "back on the block."

Reintegration back into civilian life is a bitch. I found that discussing what happened to me in the war was taboo. No one wants to hear that crap. I can't say that I blame them either. I found that the only people I could relate to were other veterans. That's very sad too, because what help is one screwed-up veteran to another screwed-up veteran?

When I was younger, I and my veteran friends were very clickish. Our main objective was to get as intoxicated as we possibly could. I can't remember anything of the 1980s and only part of the '90s. I know that I got married a couple of times. They lasted awhile and then I got a couple of divorces. It's a funny thing, but my veteran friends did exactly the same thing, almost to the letter.

Yep, no one wants to hear that crap, unless of course, they're getting paid to listen. Those are the people that go, "oh, Aw" "that's awful." "Here's a prescription or two for some pills that will help you not to think or dream."

Pills, pills, pills, I got lots of pills. I try not to take too many because I wouldn't want anyone to think that I committed suicide or something like that.

No one wants to hear



that crap either. I have cut myself so many times that I am a man of a thousand scars. I would be one rich SOB if I could sell each scar for a dollar or two.

I recently had another lesson in the "nobody wants to hear that crap" thingy. It's a short story, so I think I have enough words left in this column to tell it.

When I began therapy at the VA, I took notes. I didn't want to forget the things that popped out of my memory during therapy. Once the memories start coming out, it soon seems as if a river is flowing out of your mouth. That's how fast they come. I turned the notes into what I call a book, a book of my life. As exciting as that is, it's still true that no one wants to hear that crap. Anyway, back to the story.

I write a few things for iPinion web page. There are some very talented writers at iPinion, so I don't know what I'm doing there. One of the iPinion contributors said my writing was enjoyable and that she'd like to read more about my story. My head swelled up and I sent her a copy of the thing that I like to call a book. The person is very intelligent and talented and I really wanted her opinion of, you know, "the book."

Her review of "the book" was good at first but then, and I quote, "I would cut out a lot about being in Viet Nam. Most of the stories were too long and I found myself skimming over them because they were too repetitious."

You see, there it is in a nutshell. Nobody wants to hear that crap! Don't get me wrong, I love the fact that this person speaks from their heart, and they tell it like it is. I don't like the part about Vietnam either, but the fact of the matter is that it was a big influence on my inner being, on who I am. I told them, "OK I'll just leave that part out."

Now I'm at the heart of the matter. Some veterans need to talk about it. They need to talk about it with someone that cares about them. That one little talk just might enable him to live a normal life, unlike mine. I'm getting to the point where I don't even

want to leave my house.

Everywhere I look I see veterans among the homeless. I see veterans living in dumpsters. I see veterans in prison. I see veterans in the newspaper that have gone ballistic and killed their entire family along with their supposed peer group. Most of all, I see veterans who have found it necessary to end their own lives because no one wants to hear that crap.

Take it from me, I speak the truth, for I am the man of a thousand scars. In the end, no one wins a war. All wars are two-sided and even if you kill every one of your enemies, every man, woman and child, you better not miss even one baby. If you don't kill them all, then the war is not over and you did not win. That baby will grow up some day and he'll want some more of that war. He'll want some revenge.

It's like the Goo Goo Dolls song says: "They painted up your secrets And the lies they told to you And the least they ever gave you Was the most you ever knew And I wonder where these dreams go When the world gets in your way What's the point in all this screaming? No one's listening anyway."

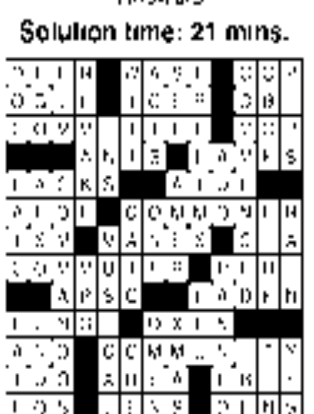
(Read more of Donald Sanders' columns at [www.ipinion.me](http://www.ipinion.me))

## Pleased to meet you



**Name:** Don Frisbee  
**Occupation:** Retired, former lieutenant colonel in the Air Force  
**Hobby:** Water skiing, but not anymore  
**What's best about living in Winters:** "I was born here."  
**Fun fact:** Spent 30 years in the Air Force and 15 with TRW (in Southern California) doing software for the B-2 bomber.

## King Crossword — Answers



## Wishing Well®

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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 or right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Antelope's playmate

2 String insect

3 Police officer

4 Leafy plant

5 Game hopper

6 Sapporo birth

7 Group with a job

8 Sweet for decks

9 Placid invaders

10 Hamming

11 Doesn't have

12 Staffer

13 Union additive

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15 Doctor's procedure

16 Lion's roars

17 Guy novel org.

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21 Rindless

22 Mold and slow

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26 Affirmation

27 Neighborhood

28 A Great Lake

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3 Shady tree

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A previous misunderstanding continues to taint the atmosphere to some extent in the early part of the week. But cooler heads prevail, and the situation eases by week's end.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) While the artistic aspect of the Divine Bovine is well-served this week, that practical side is also getting the sort of recognition that could lead to a new and well-deserved opportunity.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) With home-related matters taking on more importance this week, now could be the time to make some long-deferred purchases. But shop carefully for the best quality at the best price.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Congratulations. While that family problem might still rankle, it should be easing thanks to your efforts to calm the waters. Also, a workplace situation seems to be moving in your favor.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The Big Cat's energy levels should be rather high these days, and you might do well to tackle any tasks that still need doing. This will clear the way for those upcoming projects.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Someone's criticism might not be as negative as you perceive. Actually, it could be helpful. Discuss the matter with your critic, and you both could learn something valuable.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A business matter could cause some friction among your colleagues. But once again, that logical mind of yours comes to the rescue. And the sooner it does, the better!

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) There might still be some heated temper flare-ups out there. But your sensible self should advise you to stay out of these situations until things cool down and calm is restored.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Changing your mind could be the right thing to do if you can't resolve your doubts. You might want to discuss the matter with someone whose advice you trust.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) The Sea Goat's merrier side dominates this week, and this means that, despite your usual busy schedule, you'll be able to squeeze in parties and all sorts of fabulous fun times.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) An educational opportunity could lead to something other than what you had planned. But keep an open mind, and before you decide to turn it down, check it out.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) The Piscean wit and wisdom helps you work through a situation that might have been accidentally or even deliberately obscured. What you unravel could prove to be very revealing.

BORN THIS WEEK: Loyalty is important to you. You demand it, but you also give it generously and lovingly.

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# On vacation with the Express



Trish Jimenez, above left, just returned from a vacation in Norway, and remembered to bring her Winters Express to Bergen, for a photo with this troll. She says trolls are an important part of Norway history. Above right, the Winters Express went along for a recent hike up Mount Lassen with (from left) Kaplan Smith, Danielle Murphy, Meghan Murphy and Matt Murphy, all of Winters.



Courtesy photos

## Yolo Land Trust honors Thomson

The Yolo Land Trust announces Yolo County Supervisor Helen M. Thomson will be honored at its annual fundraiser, A Day in the Country, on Sunday, Sept. 12.

Thomson, along with local farmer Richard Rominger, helped found the Yolo Land Trust by bringing farmers and community leaders together in 1988 to form this nonprofit organization for the conservation of Yolo County land. Thomson has remained a tireless supporter of the efforts of the Yolo Land Trust.

"Helen Thomson has been an exemplary public servant for over 35 years," said Mary Kimball, president of the Yolo Land Trust. "We simply cannot thank her enough for her service to the preservation of agricultural land and our rural values."

Beginning in 2000, the Yolo Land Trust each year has given an award, known as the Thomson Rominger Award, to a community leader dedicated to agricultural conservation. Thomson fits this description as a long-time advocate for the preservation of agricultural lands both during her tenure in the California Legislature and on the Yolo County Board of Supervisors.

"It is high time the Thomson Rominger

Award is given to Helen Thomson," said Rominger, former state Secretary of Food and Agriculture and former Deputy Secretary of Agriculture under President Clinton. "She has been a champion for agricultural land preservation for many years and we owe her a deep debt of gratitude."

Thomson began her public service career in 1974 when she was elected as a member of the Davis Joint Unified School District Board where she served for three terms. She was elected to the Yolo County Board of Supervisors in 1986 and re-elected in 1990 and 1994. In 1996, she won the 8th California State Assembly District seat where she served three terms. She returned to the Board of Supervisors in 2002, was re-elected in 2006 and will be retiring at the end of 2010.

In recent years, a major goal of Thomson's was the update of the county's General Plan. Adopted in December 2009, the 2030 General Plan continues Yolo County's historic preservation of agricultural lands, natural resources and open space.

A Day in the Country, now in its 21st year, will take place under the shade of the walnut trees at the Elkhorn Basin Ranch on County



Yolo County Supervisor Helen Thomson and Richard Rominger, former Deputy Secretary of Agriculture, speak at A Day in the Country in a past year.

Courtesy photo

Road 117 along the Sacramento River on Sunday, Sept. 12, from 3 to 6 p.m. The event showcases Yolo County wines and foods prepared by top chefs throughout northern California. The Mike Justis Band will perform.

Admission is \$75 for adults (\$85 at the door) and \$20 for children (under 6 free). To purchase tickets or for more information about A Day in the Country, call the Yolo Land Trust at 662-1110 or visit [www.yololandtrust.org](http://www.yololandtrust.org).

### About the Yolo Land Trust

The Yolo Land Trust is a private, nonprofit corporation, founded in

1988 by farmers, community leaders and conservationists dedicated to protecting Yolo County's land resources. The Yolo Land Trust has helped landowners place conservation easements on almost 9,000 acres, permanently conserving their land for future generations. Easement property remains privately owned and on the County tax rolls.

For more information on the Yolo Land Trust, visit [www.yololandtrust.org](http://www.yololandtrust.org).

## Gardening tips offered at Yolo fair

By MERLE CLARKE and PATTY ROMINGER  
Yolo County Master Gardeners

It's fair time! Five days of pure fun for the entire family. The fair opened its gates on Wednesday, Aug. 18.

A favorite stop for many fairgoers is the House of Flowers, where the public can enjoy the beauty and fragrance of award-winning flower displays, plants and demonstration gardens. As in past years, the Yolo County Master Gardeners will welcome the public into the House of Flowers and answer any gardening questions people may have.

Master Gardeners will be involved in several activities in and around the House of Flowers, including the design and construction of a booth in the Flower House Courtyard.

This year's theme for the Master Gardener's booth is "Shade Gardening." Designed by several Yolo County Master Gardeners, the booth is a mini-landscape that includes several shade plants. The landscape will provide examples of container plantings that can survive in the shade of a covered entry. Handouts of resources and plant lists for shade-loving plants in Yolo County will be available for the public.

This year, the Master Gardeners also will bring back flower pounding, a favorite of both children and adults, on Saturday, from 1 to 3 p.m.

Flowers and leaves are placed in a design on the muslin, which is attached to a board. Waxed paper is placed on top. As the flowers and leaves are pounded, the pigments from the plants are transferred to the fabric, making a permanent design.

For more information, call 666-8143 or visit <http://ceyolo.ucdavis.edu>.

The Yolo County Fair runs from Aug. 18-22 at the fairgrounds at Gum Avenue and East Street in Woodland. Admission is free. For more, visit <http://www.yolocountyfair.com>.

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## La guerra económica

¿Sabe usted para donde se están llevando muchos trabajos fuera de Estados Unidos? Bueno pues para la India y China. ¿Cómo lo hacen? Muy fácil: Les están “enseñando” a los norteamericanos a ... ¡trabajar! Compañías en Bangalore y Shangai promueven sus servicios muy agresivamente entre empresas de Estados Unidos, para hacer el mismo trabajo que hacen éstas ... por menos dinero, claro. Es lo que se llama “outsourcing.” Algo así como “subcontratación exterior.”

Así pues, si una empresa americana le paga 10 dólares la hora a un empleado por apretar un botón en un teclado, llega una empresa china o india y le ofrece hacer el mismo trabajo por 5 dólares. O menos. Claro, estas empresas chinas e indias contratan empleados en sus países, y les pagan 2 dólares. Al día. El “outsourcing” son servicios, que pueden ir desde llamadas telefónicas hasta creación de software. Es economía post-industrial. Y quizá por ello mejor preparada para enfrentar las pataletas de la economía.

Los indios en particular están sacando mucha ventaja por ser el país “angloparlante” más poblado del mundo. Cada vez que usted quiera disputar el cobro de su teléfono, o preguntar algo sobre su computadora, lo conectan a una línea de servicio al cliente que está en Asia, no en América. Pero los asiáticos también están “asesorando” a los norteamericanos, dándoles cursos y capacitaciones en campos que ellos ya dominaban ... Y cobrándoles de paso.

¿Porqué ellos sí pudieron y nosotros no? Nosotros, me refiero a América Latina. Sé que ya hay empresas al sur del río Bravo que ya dan servicios de “outsourcing” a Estados Unidos, pero en su mayoría se enfocan en la comunidad hispana. Claro, los hispanos en EE.UU. somos una tajada grande y potencialmente enorme. ¿Pero porqué no lanzarnos por todo el pastel? Los indios lo lograron, aún con su extraño acento que no lo entienden ni siquiera los propios anglosajones nativos.

Y los chinos también, aún sin hablar inglés. ¿Es que nuestro nivel de inglés no está a la par que la de ellos? No lo creo. Los indios y los chinos pudieron, a pesar de tener igual o más desventajas culturales. Los latinoamericanos tenemos muchas ventajas, como la geográfica. Casi compartimos el mismo horario que Estados Unidos, algo muy útil cuando hay que hacer negocios internacionales. También compartimos muchas más similitudes culturales con los norteamericanos, salvo las obvias diferencias. No se puede decir que los indios o los chinos sean más “occidentals” que un mexicano o un colombiano.

Entonces, ¿qué podemos nosotros, mexicanos y latinoamericanos, ofrecer a la economía más grande del mundo? Si los chinos e indios les enseñan a trabajar, nosotros quizá podamos enseñarles ... ¡a no hacerlo! Hay “consultores” que cobran montones de dinero a empresas para “enseñar” a sus empleados cómo trabajar más y mejor. “Hacer más con menos.” El problema es que ya se está viendo que la llamada “productividad” excesiva está causando estragos en la salud del país. En Estados Unidos abundan los infartos, sobre todo entre los ejecutivos. Los norteamericanos tienen la mentalidad de “hacer muchas cosas,” de preocuparse por todo, de tratar de competir contra todos. Esto trae de plácemes a los ataques cardiacos.

Ahora, expertos y médicos están sonando la voz de alarma para pedirle a la gente que le baje a su ritmo. No sólo comer saludable, sino también trabajar saludable. Es la nueva “moda,” junto con salvar al planeta. Por eso, ahora están surgiendo “asesores” que ofrecen cursos de ... ¡relajación!

O sea, cobran buen dinero por “capacitar” a gerentes y empleados sobre cómo enfrentar crisis con optimismo, cómo relajarse, cómo superarse “personalmente.” Algunos de ellos cobran por “aconsejar” a empresas cosas que nosotros los latinoamericanos ya sabíamos desde generaciones: Que los horarios corridos no son buenos para la salud, que es mejor hacer una pausa a medio día para echarse un sueñito. ¡Están “inventando” la siesta!

No son pocos los norteamericanos que visitan o se retiran en México, y que alaban el ritmo de vida más pausado al sur de la frontera. Lo que nosotros consideramos lastres culturales que nos mantienen hundidos en el subdesarrollo para los norteamericanos es “mejor calidad de vida.” Mientras nosotros tratamos de erradicar esas actitudes, dizque porque no van con la mentalidad de la gente “desarrollada,” en cambio la gente “desarrollada” las está adoptando ... ¡por salud propia!

Los retirados o turistas norteamericanos se dan cuenta de que hay otras maneras de vivir, de disfrutar la vida. Que no todo debe estar anotado en una agenda, por horario. Y alegremente aconsejan a sus compatriotas que aún viven en ese ritmo brutal: “¡Relax!” ¿No podríamos los mexicanos impartir esos cursos de “slow pace of life” (“nivel más lento de vida”), al estilo mexicano?

¿Quién mejor que nosotros, maestros de ese arte? Pese a las críticas de los fanáticos de la “productividad,” los países latinoamericanos siempre han logrado salir adelante con ese sistema, a pesar de los problemas. Y según las encuestas que hacen una y otra vez a nivel mundial, los latinoamericanos siempre salimos entre los pueblos “más felices del mundo.” Quizá se puedan crear “paquetes” de relax, con “cursos,” “talleres” y “asesorías” para ejecutivos en sitios turísticos creados especialmente para ello, alejados de los tradicionales centros vacacionales.

¿Centros de “trabajo” para altos ejecutivos empresariales en la costa veracruzana o bajacaliforniana, donde puedan hacer negocios desde una computadora o videocámara, mientras se relajan? El internet lo hace posible. Quizá sea el inicio de una industria de “outsourcing” que los latinoamericanos podamos acaaparar. Las industrias nacen cuando alguien tiene un producto, que otra persona está dispuesta a comprar. Es el principio básico de la economía.

## Los hijos y la cultura

Vivimos en un mundo obsesionado con las celebridades, la fama y lo último en modas. Usualmente, los adolescentes están en el mismo centro de esta cultura popular y están más expuestos y vulnerables a su influencia. Además, hay industrias completas que se dedican a mercadear productos, música, películas y modas a los grupos más jóvenes. Por eso, en ocasiones los padres se sienten indefensos al tratar de competir por la atención de sus hijos y persuadirlos de que algunos de los valores que promueve la cultura popular no son aceptables ni modelos a seguir.

Usted no está sólo si a veces se siente frustrado al tratar de encaminar a sus hijos. Pero la realidad es que la cultura popular vino para quedarse y no hay manera de que los jóvenes la evadan. Así que no hay otra opción que conocerla, entenderla y ver cómo puede convivir en paz con sus influencias.

Primero, defina sus valores propios y aquellos que son esenciales para reforzarles a sus hijos. Piense mucho en ese concepto antes de conversar con su hijo. Sea claro y honesto consigo mismo. Todos sentimos la influencia de la cultura popular y hasta cierto punto usted debe comprenderla y formar una opinión

sobre qué le gusta y qué no tolera. Por ejemplo, piense en cómo la cultura popular ha afectado su forma de pensar, sus decisiones de compra o hasta su imagen personal.

Sus hijos adolescentes también están expuestos a los mensajes más sutiles de la cultura y estos pueden influenciarlos a adoptar comportamientos riesgosos. Muchas veces estos mensajes tan poderosos son implícitos. Los jóvenes pueden cantar las letras de canciones famosas y populares sin saber los mensajes codificados en ellas y cómo estos pueden influenciar su manera de pensar. Otro ejemplo es cómo las revistas

de moda y de las celebridades pueden promover el deseo de ser muy delgado o adoptar modas que no son sanas. A veces, estos valores negativos pueden ser destructivos y llevar a sus hijos a fumar cigarrillos, purgarse o a usar drogas.

Usted es el mejor y más importante ejemplo para sus hijos. Una vez decida cuáles son los valores de mayor importancia para usted, siente la pauta para que sus hijos los adopten. Hábleles sobre los valores que se ven a diario y alíentelos a que definan sus propios valores, a que sean independientes y a que tengan criterio propio.

## Programa después de la escuela

El programa después de la escuela, que es patrocinado por la ciudad de Winters, junto a las escuelas Shirley Rominger y Waggoner, ha empezado sus actividades desde el primer día de escuela. El cupo de estudiantes esta casi agotado, los estudiantes no pagan por este servicio, además, reciben descuentos en el almuerzo escolar. El horario es desde que termina la escuela hasta las 6 pm todos los días. Si está interesado que sus hijo/a participe en este programa puede inscribirse en la lista de espera. El programa se desarrolla en las escuelas, lo que lo hace seguro y conveniente para los estudiantes, ya que caminan de su salón de clases al salón asignado para este programa.

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

con los maestros de los estudiantes. Los ayudantes tienen la capacidad de ayudar a los estudiantes con sus tareas. Los ayudantes de colegio están listos para ayudar a los estudiantes sobre todo en el área de matemáticas. No es solo un salón de estudio, es un salón en donde en verdad se les ayuda a los estudiantes.

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

El programa los motiva a participar en la comunidad, es un programa redondo, no solo académico, pero también les

enseña a socializar, la experiencia que los estudiantes adquieren les va a ser de mucho beneficio. Este año los estudiantes van a participar en la ceremonia de apertura del Festival del Terremoto.

El programa hace el seguimiento del éxito que los estudiantes tienen al participar en el programa, y se ha encontrado que los estudiantes realmente mejoran en sus exámenes. Se hace una invitación a los padres para que inscriban a sus hijos en este programa, para que tomen el mayor beneficio del mismo, sobre todo a los estudiantes en donde en su casa el primer idioma no es el inglés. Existe también apoyo para los que están aprendiendo inglés.

Muchos estudiantes han estado en este programa, y la mayoría se ha beneficiado, ahora ellos tienen mayor confianza al ir a su salón de clases y participar en la clase. Si quiere anotar a su niño en la lista de espera, puede ir al City Hall, o llamar al 795-4910.

## Armas de fuego

Muchas personas no saben que si no son ciudadanos ni residentes legales de Estados Unidos, no pueden tener ningún tipo de arma de fuego, pues la ley federal de los Estados Unidos lo prohíbe.

Este es un delito por el que pueden enfrentar sentencia de varios años en una prisión federal. En las últimas semanas como parte de los operativos del ICE se sabe que los

agentes que buscan a una persona con una orden de deportación anterior que no asistió a sus audiencias de inmigración, al llegar a su casa de habitación preguntan de buena manera a las personas (aunque no sea la persona que buscan), si tienen algún arma de fuego y en algunas ocasiones las personas siendo honestas y según ellas para seguir las instrucciones de los agentes

de la ley, les entregan dichas armas a veces compradas legalmente y debidamente registradas pensando que no es un problema.

Desde ese momento los agentes suponen que el arma está en posesión de una persona que no es ciudadano ni residente legal, ya que entienden por posesión si se encuentra en su casa, su carro o su cuarto y pueden poner cargos criminales en su contra, y además de enfrentarse a una deportación estará en una situación ante las cortes

federales esperando ser juzgados por tener un arma de fuego, aunque nunca la hubieran utilizado para cometer algún delito (robar, asaltar, etc.)

Las leyes de los Estados Unidos son severas en este tipo de casos y muy poca la defensa a su favor. Por eso advierto a las personas que no son ciudadanos ni residentes legales que nunca deben tener armas de fuego ni siquiera rifles de cacería en su posesión, tampoco deben intentar ir de cacería con armas de fuego.

## Concilio de la Escuela

Necesitamos cuatro padres que participen en nuestro concilio; uno necesita ser un padre de ELAC. Si alguien desea participar en el concilio de la escuela Winters Middle debe entregar una solicitud antes del 20 de agosto para ser incluido en la papeleta para votar. Fechas importantes para la selección de nuevos miembros incluyen:

~ Aug. 20, Fecha tope para ser incluido en la papeleta de votar  
~ Aug. 23, Nombres de los candidatos serán puestos afuera de la oficina

~ Aug. 27, Fecha tope para entregar “una declaración del candidato” de 250 palabras o menos traducido en español para el candidato o la traductora en la escuela  
~ Sept. 3, Una papeleta de votar se mandara a cada familia  
~ Sept. 13, Fecha tope para regresar la papeleta de votar al

la oficina de WMS,  
~ Sept. 14, Todos los candidatos serán notificados de los resultados de la elección por un representante del concilio de la escuela

~ Sept. 27, La primera junta de 2010-11, nuevos miembros participaran

¿Que es el Concilio de la Escuela? Esperamos que consideren asistir o participar en el concilio de Winters Middle. Este grupo se junta una vez cada mes y tiene vigilancia del programa de la escuela y el dinero de los programas. También sirven para gobernar lo que pasa en la escuela. Las decisiones que hacen el concilio afectan nuestra escuela, padres y estudiantes. Si están interesados, favor de entregar su declaración explicando porque desean participar en el concilio.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. NO. 1270686-10 APN: 003-492-05-6 TRA: 002000 LOAN NO: Xxxxx1606 REF: Medina, Mauricio IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED March 22, 2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On September 14, 2010, at 9:00am, Cal-Western Reconveyance Corporation, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded March 30, 2005, as Inst. No. 2005-0014578-00 in book XX, page XX of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Yolo County, State of California, executed by Mauricio D. Medina, A Married Man With Sole and Separate property, will sell at public auction to highest bidder for cash, cashier's check 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 At the rear (north) entrance to the city hall building 1110 West Capitol Avenue West Sacramento, California, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: Completely described in said deed of trust The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: **102 Colby Lane Winters CA 95694** The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$243,983.97. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. Regarding the property that is the subject of this notice of sale, the "mortgage loan servicer" as defined in civil code § 2923.53(k)(3), declares that it has obtained from the commissioner a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to civil code section 2923.53 and that the exemption is current and valid on the date this notice of sale is recorded. The time frame for giving a notice of sale specified in civil code section 2923.52 subdivision (a) does not apply to this notice of sale pursuant to civil code sections 2923.52. California Declaration I, John Kennerty, of America's Servicing Company ("Mortgage Loan Servicer"), declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of California, that the following is true and correct: The Mortgage Loan Services has obtained from the Commissioner of Corporation a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to California Civil code Section 2923.53 that is current and valid on the date the accompanying Notice of Sale is filed. AND/OR The timeframe for giving Notice of Sale specified in subdivision (a) of Civil Code Section 2923.52 does not apply pursuant to Section 2923.52 or 2923.55. Date and Place: 7/03/09 Fort Mill, South Carolina Name of Signor: John Kennerty Title and/or Position VP Communication For sales information: Mon-Fri 9:00am to 4:00pm (619) 590-1221. Cal-Western Reconveyance Corporation, 525 East Main Street, P.O. Box 22004, El Cajon, CA 92022-9004 Dated: July 27, 2010. (R-332319 08/19/10, 08/26/10, 09/02/10)

## Trustee's Sale

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. NO. B509232 CA Unit Code: B Loan No: 0567003793/CASTELLI Investor No: 335157899 Min No: 1000153-0567003793-0 AP #1: 003-523-07 AP #2: 003-523-007-000 T.D. SERVICE COMPANY, as duly appointed Trustee under the following described Deed of Trust WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (in the forms which are lawful tender in the United States) and/or the cashier's, certified or other checks specified in Civil Code Section 2924h (payable in full at the time of sale to T.D. Service Company) all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property hereinafter described: Trustor: ANTHONY M. CASTELLI, TRACY Y. CASTELLI Recorded February 23, 2007 as Instr. No. 20077-0006990-00 in Book --- Page --- of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of YOLO County; CALIFORNIA, pursuant to the Notice of Default and Election to Sell thereunder recorded February 18, 2010 as Instr. No. 10-4205 in Book --- Page --- of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of YOLO County CALIFORNIA. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED FEBRUARY 13, 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. **712 IVY COURT, WINTERS, CA 95694** (If a street address or common designation of property is shown above, no warranty is given as to its completeness or correctness)." Said Sale of property will be made in "as is" condition without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest as in said note provided, advances, if any, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. Said sale will be held on: SEPTEMBER 14, 2010, AT 9:00 A.M. \*AT THE NORTH ENTRANCE TO THE WEST SACRAMENTO CITY HALL, 1110 WEST CAPITOL AVENUE, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA At the time of the initial publication of this notice, the total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the above described Deed of Trust and estimated costs, expenses, and advances is \$510,690.75. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. Regarding the property that is the subject of this notice of sale, the "mortgage loan servicer" as defined in Civil Code Section 2923.53(k)(3) declares that it has not obtained from the Commissioner a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to Civil Code section 2923.53 that is current and valid on the date this notice of sale is recorded. The time frame for giving a notice of sale specified in Civil Code Section 2923.52 subdivision (a) does apply to this notice of sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Date: August 17, 2010 T.D. SERVICE COMPANY as said Trustee, T.D. Service Company Agent for the Trustee and as Authorized Agent for the Beneficiary KIMBERLY COONRADT, ASSISTANT SECRETARY T.D. SERVICE COMPANY 1820 E. FIRST ST., SUITE 210, P.O. BOX 11988 SANTA ANA, CA 92711-1988 We are assisting the Beneficiary to collect a debt and any information we obtain will be used for that purpose whether received orally or in writing. If available, the expected opening bid and/or postponement information may be obtained by calling the following telephone number(s) on the day before the sale: (714) 480-5690 or you may access sales information at www.tacforeclosures.com. 909335 PUB: 08/19/10, 08/26/10, 09/02/10