



Winters Express



Will you be mine?



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Alexis Bermudez (front) won't have to look very far to find a valentine — they'll be at the St. Anthony Youth Group Sweetheart Dance on Saturday, Feb. 12. From top are Emily Loredo, Emily Ferreira, Hannah Long and Seidi Long. The dance takes place from 7-10 p.m. at the parish hall, located at 511 Main Street. There will be activities for children and everyone is welcome. Desserts will be available, and drinks will be sold separately. Advance tickets are available at the parish office: 13 and under, \$3; 14 and up, \$5. Tickets at the door will be 13 and under, \$5; 14 and up, \$7. For more information, call 795-2230.

Schools budget facing the ax again

By **DEBBIE HEMENWAY**
Staff writer

Brother, can you spare a dime? Or maybe half a million dollars? Another Winters School Board meeting, held on Jan. 20 at the district office, has produced the possibility of another grim scenario for next year's district budget.

Per-student funding, which has dropped by \$1,200 over the past few years, could be reduced as much as another \$350, which would take \$550,000 out of the already shrinking Winters School District coffers, if Governor Jerry Brown's proposals for other spending cuts and an extension of current temporary tax hikes is not enacted. This would amount to

over \$1.5 million in a two-year period that has disappeared from local schools.

Ten years of declining enrollment, which Chief Business Officer Gloria Hahn says is a situation facing half of the state's school districts, further reduces the monies available.

Complicating the task of budget creation even further is the disparity between the local and state timelines. The district must complete its discussions and adoption before the Governor's proposed special election. Brown has said that tax cut extensions up for approval at that election would restore the minimum funding guarantees agreed to by voters in 2008 with the passage of Proposition 98.

The disparity between the timeframes puts the district in the position of having to "plan for the worst and hope for the best," in the words of Board President Dan Maguire.

Superintendent Rebecca Gillespie presented the board with a list of 57 reduction options. The list is the same as the one presented last year, with "updated numbers" according to Gillespie. It is essentially an unprioritized brainstorm list, with scattershot coverage of nearly every site, program, employee group and department in district. Only the district office appears to be relatively untouched by the suggested cuts.

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Plan for Grant Avenue clears planning commission

By **DEBRA DeANGELO**
Express editor

In the end, the Complete Streets plan for Grant Avenue may prove to be nothing more than a lovely wish list, but should funding become available to implement it, Winters will be ready to go.

The plan was presented at the Jan. 24 planning commission meeting by Lou Hexter, Senior Project Manager with MIG, Inc., the consultant

firm hired by Caltrans to pull the community-based plan together. The presentation was a repeat of that given at a joint city council and planning commission meeting in July, and there were no notable changes since that time.

Community Development Director Nellie Dyer recommended that the commission adopt a resolution approving the Complete Streets Concept Plan for Grant Avenue/State Route

128/Russell Boulevard, clearing the plan to move onward for final approval by the city council.

Hexter's PowerPoint presentation showed how Grant Avenue might look with roundabouts at various intersections, and with improved bicycle and pedestrian lanes. He explained that in addition to two public workshops held in 2010, at which detailed input was gathered

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Early deadlines for holiday

All non-advertising submissions for the Feb. 24 Express must be turned in by noon on Friday, Feb. 18. The Express office will be closed on Monday, Feb. 21, for the President's Day holiday. Email press releases, photos and letters to news@wintersexpress.com, or deliver or mail to the Express office, 312 Railroad Avenue.

Budget restructuring workshop planned at school board meeting

A workshop to explore options for expenditure reductions and restructuring of the Winters School District is planned for the school board meeting on Thursday, Feb. 3. The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Walnut Room at the school district office, 909 West Grant Avenue.

The trustees are faced with trimming \$550,000 from the 2011/12 budget, and will be considering several options which may include increased class sizes, teacher layoffs, elimination of the stipends for athletics staff, elimination of athletics and art programs, restructuring of the instructional day at the high school, furlough days for all employees, closing of Shirley Rominger Intermediate School and/or Wolfskill Continuation School, and closing the high school ag site.

The agenda also includes:

~ Recognition of Wolfskill student Alexis Digue and Wolfskill community supporter Jason Roecker

~ Communication and reports.

~ One-hour workshop regarding restructuring and expenditure reductions for the 2011/12 school year. Discussion will include the impact of Governor Jerry Brown's proposal on district finances and a board/community workshop regarding budget reductions and restructuring

~ Mid-year progress report on goals and directions

~ Televising of board meetings

~ Update on Memorandum of Understanding between the Yolo County Department of Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health and the school district, which is served by the Yolo Special Education Local Planning Area

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Economic committee will meet

The Economic Development Advisory Committee will have its first meeting on Monday, Feb. 7, at 6:30 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall. The agenda includes:

~ Appointment of chairperson.

~ Meeting schedule

~ City of Winters economic development strategy

~ Planning and design issues: PCBP and zoning, design Guidelines for I-505 and the Grant Avenue Corridor, and Complete Streets corridor plan.

The new committee includes Lisa Baker, William Biasi, Joe Castro, Wade Cowan, Bill Hailey and Sandy Vickrey.

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WEATHER

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

Date	Rain	HI	Lo
January 26	T	70	39
January 27	T	62	33
January 28	.01	61	35
January 29	.01	47	39
January 30	.41	49	41
January 31	.05	51	36
February 1	T	68	37

Rain for week: .48

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Last year to date: 16.45

Average to Feb. 1: 12.92

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IT'S BIRTHDAY TIME: Founded Feb. 1, 1884, with this issue the Express begins its 128th year. An earlier newspaper, the Winters Advocate, began publishing on Nov. 5, 1875, shortly after the town was founded, and lasted a little more than 3 ½ years. The last issue was printed June 7, 1879.

Edwin C. Rust came to Winters in 1884 and started the Express, named after his father's paper in Marysville.

The oldest copies of the Express in our files are 1887, with the first three years missing. A background of the first issue of the Express is found in the Express of Feb. 1, 1896, when Rust wrote:

"Twelve years ago today, or on the first day of February, 1884, the first number of the Express was issued.

"The office was then located in a small building on the south side of Main Street, between where the French Laundry building stands and the Rosge building. Winters then contained less than 600 inhabitants, and was indeed, as a gentleman expressed himself at the dedication of the Masonic Temple later, 'a collection of red-wood shanties under the banks of Putah Creek.' There were then but two brick buildings in town — what is now the Opera House, and the building opposite, now occupied as a barber shop. In 1884, it was occupied by J.S.B. Crawford, as a drug store.

"The Express is not satisfied to rest at what has been accomplished, but has an ambition to see the town grow to a city of 2,500 inhabitants, to have it incorporated and have the streets and sidewalks still further improved, water brought in for irrigating the yards, and streets and avenues lined with orange, olive and walnut trees."

We could have a birthday cake with 127 candles on it, but it might start a fire.

Theft suspect in custody

By LAUREN KEENE
McNaughton
Newspapers

A Winters man wanted in connection with a 2009 robbery in Davis turned himself in to police Monday after a relative recognized him on the Police Department's "most wanted" list. Lt. Paul Doroshov said Cristobol Nicolas Sanchez, 22, was one of two people who allegedly stole alcohol from the Safeway store on Cowell Boulevard on the night of Aug. 24, 2009.

When a clerk tried to stop them, one of the men hit him on the side of the head — an act of violence that escalated the incident from shoplifting to a robbery, police said. The clerk was not

seriously injured.

Investigators later identified Sanchez as a suspect in the case and obtained a warrant for his arrest. He eluded police for months, but a relative recently saw his picture on the Davis Police Department's website and convinced him to surrender, Doroshov said.

Sanchez turned himself in Monday at the police station and was lodged at the Yolo County Jail on charges of robbery, conspiracy and burglary. The second suspect is still at large, and Doroshov said the case remains under investigation.

For information about Davis' other "most wanted" suspects, visit <http://www.cityofdavis.org/police>.

Man arrested for alleged DUI

A 21-year-old Winters man was arrested on drunken-driving charges Monday night after rolling his car on rural Russell Boulevard, according to the California Highway Patrol.

Mathew L. Friend was driving eastbound on Russell near Kinsella Lane, between Davis and Winters, at about 11:45 p.m. when he tried to pass another car, "but due to his intoxication, he made an unsafe turning movement and lost control of his car," CHP Officer Cindy Leal said.

Friend's 2004 Honda Civic rolled and came to rest on its side. Friend and his dog were able to climb out of the vehicle, which Friend pushed back onto its wheels with the help of a passerby.

Leal said Friend was changing a flat tire on the car when officers happened by the scene and discovered the wreck. Friend was transported for precautionary reasons to the UC Davis Medical Center, where he was arrested on suspicion of DUI and driving without a valid license.

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This building was the home of the Winters Express during the 1930s until 1946, when the Express was moved to its present location on Railroad Avenue and the old frame building was torn down. This building was located at the southwest corner of First and Main streets. Fred W. Smith was the publisher of the Express at the time the newspaper plant was moved.

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YEARS AGO

February 16, 1961
A total of 33 applications have been received for the position of superintendent of the schools for the Winters High School and Winters Elementary schools, according to Richard Rominger, clerk of the high school board. The two school boards agreed to hire a joint administrator for the two districts.

The annual Boy Scout finance drive will start Tuesday morning in Winters, with Jack Lindeman as chairman of the drive. Last year the drive raised about \$1,000.

All the present incumbents on the grammar school board of trustees, whose terms expire this year, have filed for reelection. They are Warren Tufts, James Barker and James Marks.

Dale Brewer, who is stationed at Fort Ord, was home on leave over the weekend. Dale entered the service January 3.

Mrs. Louis Invernon and her daughter, Debbie, who is seven months old, left by German jet airliner last Sunday morning from the San Francisco airport to join her husband stationed in Germany with the 61st Army Band.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Franke have purchased the Grant Avenue home of the late Dudley M. Sparks from the Sparks estate. Revenue stamps affixed to the deed indicate the sale price at \$13,000.

Weekly police report

Jan. 19
~ 7:30 to 11:30 p.m., 900 block of Apricot Avenue, someone broke into a vehicle and an iPod was

65
YEARS AGO

February 15, 1946
Tommy Pearce was ten years old February 7, and was feted at his birthday party at the home of his parents, Mrs. and Mrs. Charles Pearce. Present were Jimmy Carpenter, Dickie Pugh, John Brinck, Bobby Islip, Gary Mayer, Delbert Mayer, Charles Moody, W. Amrine, Billy Long, Norman Hansen and Johnnie Mayhew.

Karlstad Supply Co. announces the opening of its new supply store at Madison, directly north of the Karlstad Iron Works.

More than 40 veterans of World War II will be initiated into Winters Post 242, American Legion, on Tuesday night, February 26.

Richard Rominger, S 1-c U.S.N., of Camp Shoemaker, spent last weekend at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A.H. Rominger.

For the next four or five weeks we will engage in remodeling the new home of the Winters Express and moving equipment to the new location. We therefore ask you to be patient and not expect too much during this period.

Winters High School A team scored a 43 to 23 victory over Dixon at the basketball contest held in the neighboring town Friday night. Delman Hague was high point man for the local cagers with 22 points to his credit.

Jan. 24
~ 11:46 p.m., Russell
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Berryessa lake level up .06 of a foot in past week

The level of Lake Berryessa rose by .06 of a foot during the past week, with an increase in storage of 999 acre feet of water, according to Ken Emigh of the Solano Irrigation District.

He reported Tuesday morning that the lake was 417.85 feet above sea level, with storage computed at 1,157,185 acre feet of water.

The SID is diverting 60 second feet of water into the Putah South Canal and 27 second feet is flowing in Putah Creek at the Diversion Dam.

100
YEARS AGO

February 17, 1911
The Winters basketball team will meet the Dixon team in Dixon Saturday night.

Mrs. E.H. Edwards gave an at home to a few neighbors Saturday afternoon.

An eastern man, Rev. Guy D. Emery, has been secured as pastor by the Christian Church.

Mrs. R. Morrison entertained the Ladies Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church Tuesday afternoon.

The choir of the Presbyterian Church surprised Mrs. H.C. Culton on the occasion of her 60th birthday with a visit at the manse.

Miss Bernice Edwards gave a Valentine party Monday night, before departing Wednesday for San Francisco where she will train for a nurse at Lane's hospital.

Participating in the Lincoln day program at high school were Anna Reasoner, Harry Day, Marian Stiltz, Ida Stephani, Victor Humphrey, Margaret Lepley and Marguerite Cole.

Mrs. Kate Sweitzer was over from Woodland yesterday.

115
YEARS AGO

February 15, 1896
Miss Florence Rumbelsburg reached her fifteenth birthday anniversary on Wednesday of last week, and on Saturday afternoon celebrated the event by giving a party to a number of her girl friends. Those present were Misses Grace Griffin, Addie and Birdie Cooper, Grace Jacks, Mamie Hill, May Baker, Carrie Womack, Pearl Wyatt, Estella Duprey, Maude Paul, Lula Clark, Claudia McFall, Blanche McNeal and Madge Rust.

Henry Craner shipped a carload of prunes to Philadelphia on Saturday last. They were dried by W.B. Sutliff.

Napoleon Vieu, from his Putah Canyon farm, brought us some oranges on Wednesday that compare favorably in size and flavor with those grown elsewhere.

The Chinamen request all who will have teams on the streets next Tuesday from 3:15 to 4 o'clock, to care for them while they have their jubilee with fire-crackers.

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Among the items on the list are increased class sizes, which means reduction in teaching staff; elimination of the stipends which pay academic and athletic staff for extra-hours duties; elimination of athletics and arts programs; restructuring of the Winters High School instructional day; furlough days for all employees; the closing of Shirley Rominger School; the closing of Wolfskill Continuation School; and closing the WHS Ag Site.

Negotiation with employee bargaining units would be necessary for those items that deal with contractual agreements already in place. Eighty-six percent of budget expenditure is “comprised of costs associated with people, as we are in a people business,” Gillespie noted.

Gillespie will facilitate a community workshop for public input on Feb. 3 and another with district staff before Feb. 17. She will bring a recommendation to the Board on March 3, which precedes the March 15 deadline by which teachers and administrators must be informed if they will not be rehired. That proposal would be for the worst-case scenario, with the hope that it would ultimately not have to be implemented.

Gillespie was asked if she had brought back further information about putting the parcel tax proposal on the as-yet unconfirmed June ballot, as she had been requested to do. She replied that she had not done so. Trustee Rob War-

ren reminded her that there is a tight timeline for getting ballot measures approved. Trustee David Hyde expressed his belief that “if the public sees the dilemma we’re in they might be more interested” in the local measure than they have been in the past.

Prior to the budget discussion, Mary Kay Callaway of the business office presented the fifth month ADA report. In that time, the district lost \$42,275, for a year-to-date total of \$186,830.

Callaway put those numbers into a more concrete context to show what is being lost: \$186,000 represents the salaries of three teachers for a full year or six classified employees for a full year or 3.5 furlough days district wide.

Some of the monies may be recouped when students who took out independent study contracts over the winter break return their completed contract work. Independent study is available for students who will miss five or more consecutive days of instruction.

Wolfskill teacher Tecera Philbrook expressed a concern that parents do not understand that even excused absences no longer generate ADA, as they did in the past. This misunderstanding may contribute to parents keeping children home for minor complaints.

The issue of declining enrollment was raised in the discussion. Maguire, who works in the city’s housing department, explained that there has been no real housing growth for the past five or six years.

Cathleen Olsen, director of food service, informed the board that the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act has been signed into law and will bring in an additional six cents per meal. She also informed them that actual meal costs have risen by 45 cents for breakfasts and 15 cents for lunches.

Olsen gave the trustees brochures for the Winters Farm to School Connection, an organization that is working to bring fresh, local foods into the public schools and to provide education to students about agriculture and healthful eating habits. There will be a benefit for the organization at the Buckhorn on Thursday, Feb. 3, from 6:30-9 p.m. All proceeds will be used to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables for student meals.

The WJUSD Food Service Department has received a three-year, \$30,000 grant to purchase and prepare local specialty crops for the breakfast and lunch programs. The board accepted the grant unanimously.

Olsen’s last business with the board was to request the reinstatement of the breakfast program at Shirley Rominger School. The program was eliminated two years ago because of low participation. There are now enough qualified students that Olsen believes the program can be cost-effective once again. The board voted unanimously to restart the service, with Olsen saying that she would report back in six months on the status of the meal service.

Other items

~ The board approved the district’s

Consolidated Application, which brings together documents for a number of state and federal categorical aid programs into one application. Categorical programs are supplemental programs that target specific student populations and must be expended only on those students and only for the specified purposes of that program.

~ After a short public hearing with no comment, the board approved the Joint Sunshine between WJUSD and CSEA, the California School Employees Association, which represents non-teaching staff. The agreement specifies areas for the upcoming contract negotiations.

~ In anticipation of contract negotiations, Trustees Mike Olivas, Matt Brickey, Warren, Maguire and David Reynoso all attended a one-day training in Interest-Based Bargaining (IBB). IBB is a collaborative rather than adversarial negotiation process and has been in place in district since the 1980s.

~ Gillespie has identified Feb. 26 as a possible date for an all-day governance workshop, as requested by Maguire. She told the board that she would work to confirm that date.

~ Warren asked Gillespie if she had pursued the possibility of putting the restructuring of the school board on the as-yet unconfirmed June ballot, as he had asked her to do at the last meeting. She replied that she had not yet done so.

The next school board meeting takes place on Thursday, Feb. 3, at 6:30 p.m. at the district office.

MEETING

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(SELPA)

~ Initial staff and enrollment projections for 2011/12

~ First period attendance.

~ Closed session regarding public employee performance evaluation; district superintendent.

~ Reconvene to open session to report action taken, if any, during closed session

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Jan. 25

~ 100 block of Caselli Court, medical aid stomach pains

~ 800 block of Valley Oak Drive, medical aid chest pains

Jan. 26

~ 200 block of Red Bud Lane, medical aid difficulty breathing

~ Highway 128 at Pleasant View Road, medical aid, motorcycle down

~ 300 block of Railroad, investigation of arching wires

Jan. 27

~ 300 block of Edwards Street, medical aid, diabetic problems

~ 800 block of Jackson Street, medical aid, high blood pressure

~ 400 block of Main Street, lift assist

~ Putah Creek Road and Winters Road, trailer fire

~ CR31 and 93A, vehicle accident

Jan. 28

~ First block of Baker Street, unknown medical aid

The February Chamber Mixer takes place on Monday, Feb. 7, 5:30 p.m. at RootStock 22 Main Street Everyone welcome

Opinion

BE OUR GUEST

Yes, no, maybe — aged wisdom

By ED DAWKINS
Guest columnist

In my mid-70s I guess I qualify as aged. And if diverse, productive experience and adventure qualify one for wisdom, then I have a shot at it.

After the following introduction, I will pose various questions and answers with a “Yes, No or Maybe.” The answers will be short with a minimal explanation, although one could write volumes on many of the posed questions. I look on the Question and Answer dialogue as a caretaker’s hopeful gift of insights and wisdom to his local community.

To follow up on my ‘wisdom’ statements, I would like to say that I have had a great, diverse and fun life, richer than any other that I’ve known. As a boy in high school and a young man in college, I hitchhiked all over the US, having a different job and location each summer.

I worked as a busboy at the Ahwahnee Hotel in Yosemite; a nature lecturer in two different resorts in the Black Hills; for Weyerhaeuser, in the woods of Oregon, felling trees



and dynamiting stumps; at a resort in Park City, Kentucky; at a refinery in Delaware.

As a man, I became an orthopedic and hand surgeon and opened a private practice in Davis for many years (also teaching as Assistant Clinical Professor at UC Davis). I arranged my schedule so that I could study history and philosophy and became a writer and worldwide caretaker, teacher and traveler (with my adventurous wife and family, reaching well over 100 countries).

I spent from one month to one year as a lecturer and consultant surgeon at universities and hospitals in places as diverse as Panama, Nigeria, South Africa and New Zealand. In sports, I was able to break 80 from the back tees of some of the best golf courses in the world. I

was a two-time world wrestling champion. I was able to scuba and skin dive around the world, finally becoming the first person ever with a combination of being bitten by a gila monster (as a youth) and having my head in a shark’s mouth (see Life Magazine July 1960 — “Reckless but Lucky”).

I was drafted during the Vietnam War as a Lt. Commander, running the hand surgery unit for all of the armed forces in New England, and years later, became a Lt. Col. in the US Army.

For years I studied philosophy and the relationship between truth and beauty, finally coming to an answer that satisfied me: through poetic imagery.

Community activities included presidency of the Davis Springboard Diving

Club, organizer of the first Yolo County Disaster Committee and first Yolo County Medical Society Ethics Committee. Also serving on the founding boards of the Sacramento Medical Care Foundation (the state and physician co-effort in creating Medi-Cal for the indigent), the first Yolo County Library Committee and the Winters Health Care Foundation.

There’s more, but it’s time to quit on my so-called experiential wisdom background. What follows will be much simplified.

Q. Have you seen God?
A. Yes, and I didn’t blink

Q. Is there a higher religion that has nothing to do with control, dogma and ritual?
A. Yes

See GUEST, page A-8

Loving your community means loving your local businesses

No, you aren’t hallucinating. Yes, my fellow Chamber board members really did elect me board president. Time will tell whether this was an honor or merely a way of selecting someone to walk the plank.

Seeing the photo in last week’s Express, someone commented that she didn’t view me as a “pro-business, check-passing” kind of person, and in that narrower sense, I’m not. But the comment made me think about how people paint “business” with one broad brush much as they do “government.” And the color they paint it is a bright shade of “All Bad.” Until they drive on government-funded highways or pick up their mail that was processed and delivered by a government-funded postal service.

Same with business. All business isn’t the evil Monsanto empire with its cancerous tentacles stretching into every corner of our food supply and commerce. All business is not corporate. All business is not manipulating Washington like a bunch of grinning marionettes on strings.

On the local level, business is your friends and neighbors trying to support themselves and be an active part of the community. Local businesses are intertwined with nearly everything, and when they fail, we all fail. Being pro-business on the local level is synonymous with being pro-community.

As I said after being sworn in at our Year in Review event, to love your community is to love your local busi-

ness community — because without your local business community, there is no community.

In Joann Larkey’s speech as she accepted her Citizen of the Year award at the “Review,” she said she gathered a lot of the historical information for her books and exhibits from the Express archives, which date all the way back to 1884. Newt Wallace has carefully preserved them, and he gave her free access.

Joann emphasized that without a local newspaper, all that local history would’ve been lost. Joann expressed appreciation to the Express, but the appreciation must be extended to our business community, past and present, because without its advertising, the Express wouldn’t still exist.

Besides preserving the local newspaper (and thereby, our historical record), businesses donate money and goods for everything from Little League teams to swimming pool fundraisers, and they do it over and over and over. Sales taxes from local businesses plump up the city’s General Fund, which pays for things like police and fire coverage, parks, recreation programs, pools and community centers, as well as a friendly human voice to answer the phone and help you when you call City Hall. It’s all connected. We’re all connected.

When you spend money out of town, you’re helping to fund those things for someone else’s community, not your own. True, it’s not reasonable — or



possible — to do all your shopping here in town. But we could all strive to do better. Take gas, for example. Gas stations generate the lion’s share of sales tax for Winters. True, you might save a buck or two going to an AM/PM somewhere else. But you saved it at your own community’s expense. Multiply that loss over many times and many people, and it adds up.

Purchase what you can here in town, gas up here, and then go to the next town for the other things. If we don’t support our local businesses, we’ll lose our local businesses, and that opens the door for Walmarts and Applebees and Costcos to line our highways and make us look like every other cookie-cutter bump along the way. If you want to keep Big Business out, supporting local business is your best defense.

So, that’s why I agreed to walk the Chamber plank this year — I want to see our local business community succeed, because I want our community to succeed, and you can be part of the solution or part of the problem. I choose the former.

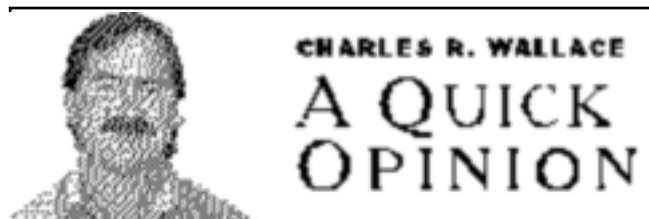
One thing I’ll be doing this year is to represent the Chamber on the city’s newly formed Economic Development Advisory Committee. I’m not serving as the editor or columnist or con-

cerned community member, I’m representing our Chamber members and the local business community at large. To do that, I need input. The Chamber really doesn’t magically know what people want. You have to speak up.

Chamber members, please fill out and return the brief questionnaire just emailed to you from the Chamber and if you haven’t received one, call or email the Chamber and one will be sent. Also, please attend the working breakfast meeting we’re planning soon, where business owners and Chamber members can express their opinions and concerns.

Beyond that, any Chamber member or business owner has an open invitation to express her or his concerns to any Chamber board member or our executive director, Al Aldrete, at any time. And if you aren’t a Chamber member, Al can easily correct that. Membership is open to one and all.

So, What do you want the Chamber to be doing? Let us know. Come to a board meeting (second Friday of each month, 7 a.m., Winters Visitors Center), come to the Chamber mixer on this Monday, Feb. 7, at Root Stock at 5:30 p.m., or send an email or pick up the phone. We’d like to hear more than just crickets.



THE SUN IS OUT, LIFE IS GOOD. There is something about sunshine that revives the soul. Nothing against rain, but it is the fog that gets to me. You can play golf in the rain, but it is almost impossible to play in thick fog. It seems to be easier to keep warm when it is raining, but fog seems to eat right through your clothes.

I haven’t talked to the farmers, yet, about our rainfall, but it seems like we had plenty in December, yet January could be one of the driest Januaries on record. If the farmers start to complain, I’ll know they are in for a bumper crop with new pickups on their Christmas lists.

It is too bad that the football season is coming to a close. I enjoy watching the Rose Bowl and seeing people back east shoveling snow at half time. If you ever want to know why California will always be a destination, just watch the Rose Bowl, and then look at the weather channel.

We were in Boise on Christmas and the weather was very mild, in the mid 30s. College kids were running around in short pants, but maybe that is why they are still in school. I had on a heavy jacket and wool hat. There is something to see fountains turn into ice sculptures, but I would rather complain about the fog and not being able to see where my golf ball lands. I’ve even tried a golf ball that blinks a yellow light when you hit it. You still have a hard time finding it in the tall grass, in the fog. It must be made for people who hit it down the middle of the fairway.

Whenever the weather starts to turn, I’m reminded to prune everything that grows at my house. I also try and spray my peach tree around the time the Super Bowl is played. The problem is that the game is now being played in February and not the middle of January. In this sue happy society, I should be able to claim damages from the National Football League if my peach tree gets curly leaf and drops all of its fruit.

I know that there is plenty of winter left on the calendar, but for some reason, after the Super Bowl it seems like spring is just around the corner. Trees are already starting to bud out and it looks like my lawn needs mowing. If it doesn’t rain pretty soon, I might be tempted to turn on the sprinklers for an hour or two. I don’t think the city is reading water meters, not yet, anyway.

The crews installing water meters have been working in the alley behind the Express this week, and I can’t wait for them to install the meters so my water bill will plummet. That is my plan anyway. The guy on Page 2 will have to start growing water tolerant plants in his garden and I’ll have to make sure every faucet is drip free. Commercial property will pay for metered water as soon as the meters are installed. Homes will pay in a year or so.

My home has green grass and I plan on keeping it green, so it will be interesting to see the water bill when they start reading the new meter, and charging for the water I use. I may change my mind if the water bill is larger than my house payment.

Enjoy the sunshine while you can. I’m sure we are in for a few more months of winter, whether it looks like it or not.

Have a good week.

Tell them what you think

CITY of WINTERS

Winters City Council, Mayor Woody Fridae, council members, Harold Anderson, Cecilia Curry, Mike Martin and Tom McMasters-Stone; City Manager, John Donlevy; City Hall, 318 First Street, Winters, CA 95694; 795-4910.

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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, the deadline is noon on the prior Friday.

Letters may be mailed or hand-delivered to The Winters Express, 312 Railroad Avenue, Winters, CA 95694, or emailed to news@wintertextpress.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 writer’s 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.

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from community members, the drew from interviews with affected property owners, residents and stakeholders, and built upon previous studies pertaining to that area including the General Plan (1992), the Bike-way System Master Plan (2002), the Grant Avenue Access Study (2006), the Plan to Improve Transportation Connections and Safety in Winters, Walkable Communities (2007), the Downtown Master Plan (2006), and the Caltrans Transportation Corridor Concept Report (2010).

The portion of Grant Avenue targeted in the Complete Streets plan extends from Railroad Avenue on the west to El Rio Villa (Yolo Housing) on the east. The goals of the plan include improving the overall safety of this corridor for pedestrians and cyclists in particular, enhancing connectivity to the rest of the town, calming automobile traffic, and preserving and enhancing Winters' small town character and identity.

Hexter said the workshops and interviews "helped us to understand what people value in the corridor, what to protect and preserve." Directing traffic flow to the downtown and designing Grant Avenue as a gateway to the downtown were also priorities, and noted that it isn't clear to Interstate 505 drivers as to what they might find on the Grant Avenue exit.

"Unless you know where you are, it's hard to know you're right next to an important historical district," said Hexter. "On the interstate, it can come up on you pretty quickly."

The "overarching community vision" for the concept plan, he summarized, is "a safe and inviting gateway; a walkable and bikeable corridor for families and children." With the improvements, Hexter foresaw improved safety, better health and air, and a street owned and utilized by the community. Although Grant Av-

enue is "a thoroughfare," he said the improvements would "reclaim it a bit for the community and make it a Winters type of street."

Hexter flipped through several artist's conceptions of the streets, both from eye level and aerial views, and noted that roundabouts are being considered at Dutton, Walnut and Morgan Streets to calm traffic by reducing speed and to provide safer pedestrian crossing. A signal light is planned at East Main Street.

Currently, Grant Avenue in that area does not have a dedicated bike or pedestrian lane. If improved, the road will have dedicated bike and pedestrian lanes in both directions, as well as a median strip and turn lane in the middle, and landscaping and trees alongside the bike lanes and down the median strip. Hexter noted that reconstruction will occur as funding becomes available.

Commissioner Bruce Guelden questioned the necessity of having bike and pedestrian lanes on both sides of the street, rather than just one side,

"We have the right of way, and important neighborhoods to the north and the south, and we want to provide access on both sides," replied Hexter.

Guelden asked if the plan would leave the roadway "squeezed for room." Hexter noted that Caltrans has "a pretty substantial right of way."

Commissioner Corinne Martinez asked about the plan to have Grant Avenue go from four lanes to two as it approaches Railroad Avenue, and why several roundabouts were planned.

City Engineer Nick Ponticello explained that the city council directed that the plan include ways to reduce the number of lanes going through Winters along the state highway, but noted that the General Plan allows for four lanes from Railroad Avenue to Interstate 505. Noting that the section from the free way to East Main Street is "the entrance

to the city," Ponticello said the roadway in that area has the capacity to handle four lanes of traffic.

Noting that the intersection at East Main Street will one day disperse traffic to the north and south, Ponticello said a traffic light at that intersection would not allow engineers to reduce traffic to two lanes beyond there, but roundabouts would.

"From East Main Street on, the roundabout allows us to do the proposed goals," said Ponticello.

He noted that in the General Plan, the intersection was marked with a signal light, however, and explained that upgrading the intersection would be triggered by development to the north of Grant Avenue.

Dyer elaborated on that point, noting that the proposed plan isn't something that will happen right away. It won't.

"This is all dependent on funding and more traffic analysis," said Dyer. "This hasn't been engineered — it is a plan."

She added, "I highly encourage everyone to read it. There are short term and long term considerations," and clarified that moving the plan forward is dependent on further traffic analysis. She noted that planning for transportation is a slow process.

"It's not like building a house," she said. "It takes time."

She emphasized that the Complete Streets plan means that Caltrans is offering Winters the opportunity to participate in the development of the state's highway as it runs into and through town, rather than devising its own plan and forcing it on the town.

"This is part of a study done on all of (Highway) 128, it is community based, and we went through a process to get public input," said Dyer. "This is important to Caltrans. They own it, they maintain it, and at the same time they're saying, 'Hey Winters, what do you want to do with it?'"

Dyer noted that with this plan, the community has had an oppor-

tunity to answer that question.

"What is the value of moving forward," asked Martinez. "What if 10 years from now, nothing has happened?"

Dyer explained that when funding becomes available on short notice, it's easier for the city to snag that funding if a plan is already in place. She gave the recent Walnut Lane realignment as an example. She further noted that having a plan already in place is attractive to people who might want to bring a business to Winters.

"Is this a massive wish list?" asked Guelden. "If money is not an issue, this is what we'd like to see, or is cost a factor?"

He noted that getting the funding in order could take years, and asked if the plan is approved by the council, could it be fine-tuned later. Commissioner Joe Tramontana also asked earlier on if changes could be made after the plan was approved. Dyer said this was possible.

Commission Chair- man Pierre Neu then opened the public hearing on Complete Streets. Sally Brown was the first to speak, and thanked Caltrans for the community process involved in shaping the plan. Kate Laddish offered similar thanks, and extended it to MIG and the city as well. Laddish said the plan "very much reflected the community input from the meetings," and added that she is "delighted about the emphasis on roundabouts."

"I'm glad we won't end up with a thicket of stoplights," said Laddish. "I'm particularly delighted that the intersection at Morgan and Grant has been flagged as one of interest. There's such a dense population of both kids, seniors and disabled people right on that block, and for everybody in town on this side of Grant, it will actually make it so there's a way to get to the one and only grocery store in town on

foot, and with kids in strollers. I would so much rather use a roundabout than a stoplight."

The question of how the plan would be funded was raised during the public hearing, and Ponticello said funding is covered in the city's major projects financing plan. Following the meeting, Ponticello explained that this financing plan relies heavily on Development Roadway Impact Fees, private developer funding and Transportation Grant Funds.

Ponticello reiterated what Dyer said earlier, that having the plan in place "gives us an opportunity to apply for grant funds and discretionary funds."

"We can be ready and say, 'Hey, we've got a plan,'" said Ponticello. He did not have an estimate for the total cost of the plan, however, but said having the plan in place "clears one step in the grant process for funds when they become available."

Following the public hearing, Guelden commented, "I'm not a big fan of roundabouts, but others are." However, he added that he drove the area of Grant Avenue in question, and estimated that the three proposed roundabouts at Dutton, Street, Walnut Lane and Morgan are all within a 1,200 foot distance.

"A fifth of a mile, and you run into three roundabouts," said Guelden. "We've got roundabouts where

there's no crossing street, like Dutton and Morgan. To have three roundabouts — I don't see the purpose. There's an option to turn, but nowhere to turn into."

"I highly question the one at Dutton street, other than it's a cross street and it's a place to stick one."

Commissioner Glenn DeVries agreed.

"In my opinion, that's an excessive amount of roundabouts to slow traffic down," said DeVries. "Three of them — I have never seen that anywhere."

Guelden in particular objected to roundabouts at both Dutton Street and Walnut Lane as too close together, noting that from the stoplight at Railroad Avenue, it's 800 feet to Dutton Street, 300 more feet to Walnut Lane and 800 feet from there to Morgan Street.

"People may take East Main to avoid all that, or come into town from County Road 29 and 89," said Guelden. "Is one theory of roundabout so that people won't use them and they'll take the sidestreets?"

"No," replied Ponticello, "it's to move traffic through calmly and with traffic continuity."

He clarified that the roundabouts won't go in all at once. The community will have a chance to get used to them first, one at a time, and if changes are needed, they will be made at that time.

"This is a planning

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Community

Ask the City Manager

Q: What would the end of redevelopment mean to Winters?

A: Over the past ten years, redevelopment has brought a significant amount of renovation and important capital projects to the Winters community. Without redevelopment, none of them would have occurred and the future will hold that the ability to do similar projects may be extremely difficult if not impossible.

Redevelopment in Winters has focused on the Historic Downtown and revitalization of the business sector. Our programs have provided for parking, street lighting, additions to the Community Center, water and sewer upgrades, streetscape improvements and historic renovation. The trestle bridge renovation, Winters Community Library, the public safety center and the parking lot expansion are key examples. The redevelopment program also helped in the renovation of 27 storefronts with our façade improvement grants.

Truthfully, few, if any of these projects would have occurred absent our redevelopment agency.

Redevelopment uses the property taxes from the project area to finance the sale of bonds to provide the funding. It is the ability to leverage these property tax dollars that enables the projects to happen.

The leveraging of the redevelopment funds has created huge returns for the community. The Agency has spent approximately \$8 million redevelopment dollars downtown and has seen over \$56 million in projects materialize. That is a seven fold return — pretty good!

Quality affordable housing has also been developed. Examples are the renovation of the Winters and Almondwood Apartments and the construction of both the Winters Village and Orchard Village Apartments. The redevelopment agency has invested almost \$6 million housing dollars and has seen projects totaling nearly \$35 million.

People are often amazed at the “rebirth” of Winters and the amount of attention we receive from the region. The reality is that things just don’t miraculously happen. They need basic forms of stimulus and for Winters, that has been redevelopment.

No stimulus means fewer if any projects.

JOHN W. DONLEVY, JR.
Winters City Manager

(To ask the City Manager a question, send an email to news@wintersexpress.com.)

Defending themselves



Photo by Louie Javier

Winters women learning to defend themselves with instructors from Javier Martial Arts include Sue Stackhouse, Kristen Deguerre, Amber Hamilton, Joanie Bryant, Leticia Quirarte, Adela Avalos, Monica Lopez, Pat Thompson, Pinky Dahn, Jo Crescent, Mindy Johnson, Lucy Arellano, Theresa Mariani, Helene Millon and Kathy Millon (Some names are missing.) The free class takes place on Monday evenings at 7 p.m. at the Community Center.

Exhibition honors loved ones who have passed

“Remember the Loved: An Exhibition in Remembrance of Loved Ones That Have Passed” is planned on April 22, 5:30- 8 p.m. in the Margaret Parsons Room at the Winters Community Library, 208 Railroad Avenue.

As her senior project, Winters High School student Maci Lloyd is doing an art exhibition, remembering someone who has passed, whether a good friend, family member, or just an idol, as an outlet for people to deal with grief in a creative way.

The whole community is invited to submit artwork. It will not be judged but simply appreciated and will be accepted as long as it is school appropriate. All forms of media will be accepted, but no bigger than four feet square.

There is no entry fee

for this exhibition. However, there will be an optional donation fee of \$10, which will go to Stacy Lloyd Memorial Fund, a scholarship fund created by Charlotte and Howard Lloyd in memory of their daughter, Stacy Lloyd, to assist single mothers attending college. Donations are tax deductible and donors will receive a receipt upon payment.

The artwork submission deadline is April 1. A name, address and number is needed with each piece. The artwork will be accepted at the Winters Library; deliver to Liz Coman, and sign a waiver, which can be obtained by calling or emailing Maci Lloyd, 574-2925, maci.lloyd@yahoo.com

For more information about the exhibit, call Maci Lloyd, 574-2925.

Many Yolo County advisory boards have vacancies

The Yolo County Board of Supervisors seeks candidates to fill vacancies on the following county advisory bodies. Board of Supervisors Advisory Committees: Area 4 Agency on Aging, Aviation Advisory Committee, Childcare & Development Planning Council, Commission on Aging & Adult Services, Community Services Action Board, Health Council, Historical Museum Committee, In-Home Supportive Services Advisory Committee, Library Advisory Board, Local Mental Health Board, Maternal, Child & Adolescent Health Advisory

Board, North Davis Meadows County Service Area, Parks, Recreation & Wildlife Advisory Committee, Salud Clinic Advisory Board, Transportation Advisory Committee, Waste Advisory Committee, Esparto Community Service District, Knights Landing Fire District and the Snowball Levee Maintenance Advisory Committee.

For more information on advisory bodies and specific vacancies, and to submit an application, visit: www.yolocounty.org, call the board clerk’s office, 666-8195, or contact your Yolo County Supervisor.

Senior Citizens Club news

By MARGE SEBASTIAN
Senior Citizens Club

Our first meeting/potluck of the new year was held on Wednesday, Jan. 12, at the Community Center.

Despite the gloomy and cold day, we had a good number of members present.

Nomination of officers was held and officers for the new year are President Fred Ransdell, Vice President Ursula Navarro, Secretary Marge Sebastian and Treasurer Louise Torres.

We want to thank everyone who brought dishes to share or a gift for the drawing.

Don’t forget if you won a gift last month, please bring one this month.

Thanks to Ursula Navarro for bringing most of our drawing gifts.

After lunch, we played bingo for our brown bag prizes and everyone who won re-

ally liked the surprise gifts.

Our next meeting/potluck will be on Wednesday, Feb. 9, and our speaker will be Dr. Ed Andersen, our eye doctor here in town who will speak to us about how important it is for us to take care of our eyes — especially seniors.

Please be present by 11:30 a.m. We will have a short meeting and then Dr. Andersen will speak to us around noon.

After lunch, we will play bingo for our brown bag prizes at no cost to you.

Remember, dues are now payable. Come and bring a friend or neighbor to join our club. We are the only club in town that only charges \$5 a year. That’s just pennies a month. We always have a great potluck and either have a speaker or just enjoy each other’s company and, of course, bingo after lunch.

Library open almost daily

The Winters Community Library, located at 708 Railroad Avenue, is open Monday through Saturday.

The hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays; 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Fridays; and 1-5 p.m. on Saturdays.

For more information about services and programs, call the library, 795-4955.

Calendar

Thursday, February 3

Winters Rotary Club meeting, noon, The Buckhorn

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

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

“Food Justice” fundraiser, 7 p.m., The Buckhorn

Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, 8 p.m., 305 First Street

Saturday, February 5

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

Monday, February 7

Chamber Mixer, 5:30 p.m., RootStock, 22 Main Street

Economic Development Advisory Committee, 6:30 p.m., council chambers at City Hall

Tuesday, February 8

Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, 6-7 a.m., 305 First Street

Wednesday, February 9

Soroptimist meeting, 7 a.m., call 795-4631 or 795-2828 for location information.

Narcotics Anonymous meeting, 7 p.m., 62 Shams Way

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document. In all planning documents, there's opportunity for change," said Ponticello.

He noted that drivers heading south on Dutton Street from property north of that street have trouble getting out and making left-hand turns onto Grant.

"A roundabout would help this. Roundabouts help move traffic off side streets," said Ponticello. "Having said that, there are three roundabouts here. The question has come up before — why so many? The purpose is to move traffic and maintain a level of surface on a two lane highway. If the community doesn't embrace it down the road, we can change it."

He noted that the Dutton Street roundabout would not be the first one to be constructed. Walnut Lane will be the first.

Ponticello noted that the left-hand turn issues could also be solved with signal lights, and Tramon-tana noted that lights force drivers to stop.

"I'm for the roundabouts—I think they're great," commented Tramon-tana. "With roundabouts you have a nice flow. People don't have to stop. It's a great thing."

"I too will add my support for roundabouts," said Neu. "Every time I drive down Covell Boulevard in Davis and stop at all the stoplights there, I'm reminded how much I hate stoplights."

Neu added that roundabouts "look aesthetically better than a big square of asphalt in the area you're trying to intersect. They're much more pleasing than seeing four stoplights at an intersection."

Alyssa Begley, senior planner with Caltrans, then told the commission that Cal-

trans is "very pleased with the collaboration that occurred," and noted that the public is "seriously invested" in how the project turns out.

Rebecca Mowry, senior transportation engineer with Caltrans, said the Complete Streets plan for Winters "is feasible from a conceptual standpoint." She noted that the next steps will be to work on encroachment permits when the city moves forward with particular segments of the road.

"Caltrans does support this conceptual plan," said Mowry.

Martinez asked if roundabouts will work with four lanes of traffic. Ponticello responded that would, but are "very expensive" and cost more than signal lights. He again cautioned that none of the plan would be set in motion imminently.

"We will not be building a four lane highway in there until it's necessary to be triggered," said Ponticello, adding that neither the city nor Caltrans has ordered widening of the roadway yet. He said the only improvements made would be those necessary to accommodate the project and its improvements."

"Don't anticipate four lanes being triggered until growth to the north occurs," said Ponticello, adding that Winters "probably won't see it within my lifetime." For now, he said, the two-lane character of the community will be maintained along Grant Avenue.

With no further discussion, the motion to approve the plan passed unanimously.

Building code update

City Building Official Gene Ashdown brought the commission up to date on changes in the California building codes, which are updated every three years. The last update occurred

in January 2008, and the codes that went into effect in January 2011 have "significant new additions to codes," said Dyer before turning the meeting over to Ashdown.

The update was informational only, and Ashdown noted that new codes were now in place for a variety of uses, including building, electrical, mechanical, plumbing, energy, fees, fire and standards. New "green" codes have also been created.

"All new buildings are required to comply with new building codes except those who have submitted applications prior to December 31, 2010," said Ashdown. "The code is the minimum standards for the state of California. Local municipalities can't change them."

He noted major changes in structural provisions, electrical, plumbing and mechanical codes, but noted, "they allow more flexibility in how we're allowed to build." He gave the example that it's now possible to use gray (used) water in planning.

Ashdown discussed California's first mandatory green building code, dubbed CalGreen, which aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 33 percent by 2020. The California Residential Code is a new addition to the California building standards code.

Ashdown said he has attended code hearing and trainings, and waved to a table lined with one fat binder after another, full of California building codes. He admitted that is a lot to absorb.

Regarding the new codes, Ashdown said, "We're going to make mistakes on how we interpret them and how we adopt them," noting that 15 of the binders on display were "nothing but requirements by the California Energy commission."

"You can see what

we've got to look forward to," said Ashdown, but expressed home that in six months or so, "I think we'll say this is fantastic."

Other items

~ Dyer congratulated Joe Montana on winning this year's Theodore Winters Award, noting that it was "well-deserved."

~ Dyer reported that the city has received information from Yolo County seeking approval for a solar farm that interconnects with the PG&E utility grid. It is proposed for an unincorporated area of County Road 87D and State Route 128. She said property owners within 300 feet were sent information on the plan as a courtesy, and that as the project progresses, residents within 300 feet will be notified of upcoming public hearings.

~ Dyer reported that the multi-business sign on Grant Avenue in front of Food Mart was red-tagged by the city last fall because it didn't have a permit. The permit has since been issued but not finalized.

~ Martinez asked about the progress of the mosaic planned for the restroom at Rotary Park, and Dyer said she has seen the work in progress and described it as "pretty cool." The artists, who own The Clayground, invited the commissioners to come by and check it out.

Also present at the meeting was Commissioner Philip Meisch. The planning commission meets again on Tuesday, Feb. 22, at 6:30 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall.

New Al-Anon group meets in Esparto

A new weekly Al-Anon group has started meeting from 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays at Countryside Community Church, at Grafton and Fremont streets in Esparto. Use the back door to enter.

Al-Anon Family Group meetings are for friends and family members of alcoholics. Al-Anon is different than Alcoholics Anonymous.

AA is for people who have a desire to stop drinking. Al-Anon is for those who have been affected by the alcoholism or the drinking of another.

For more information, call the Al-Anon Information Service office in Sacramento at (916) 334-2970 or visit www.al-anon.alateen.org.

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Immunization clinic open Wednesdays

The Yolo County Health Department's immunization clinic, held at the Health Department located at 137 N. Cottonwood Street in Suite 1400 in Woodland, will now be held on Wednesdays from 2-5 p.m.

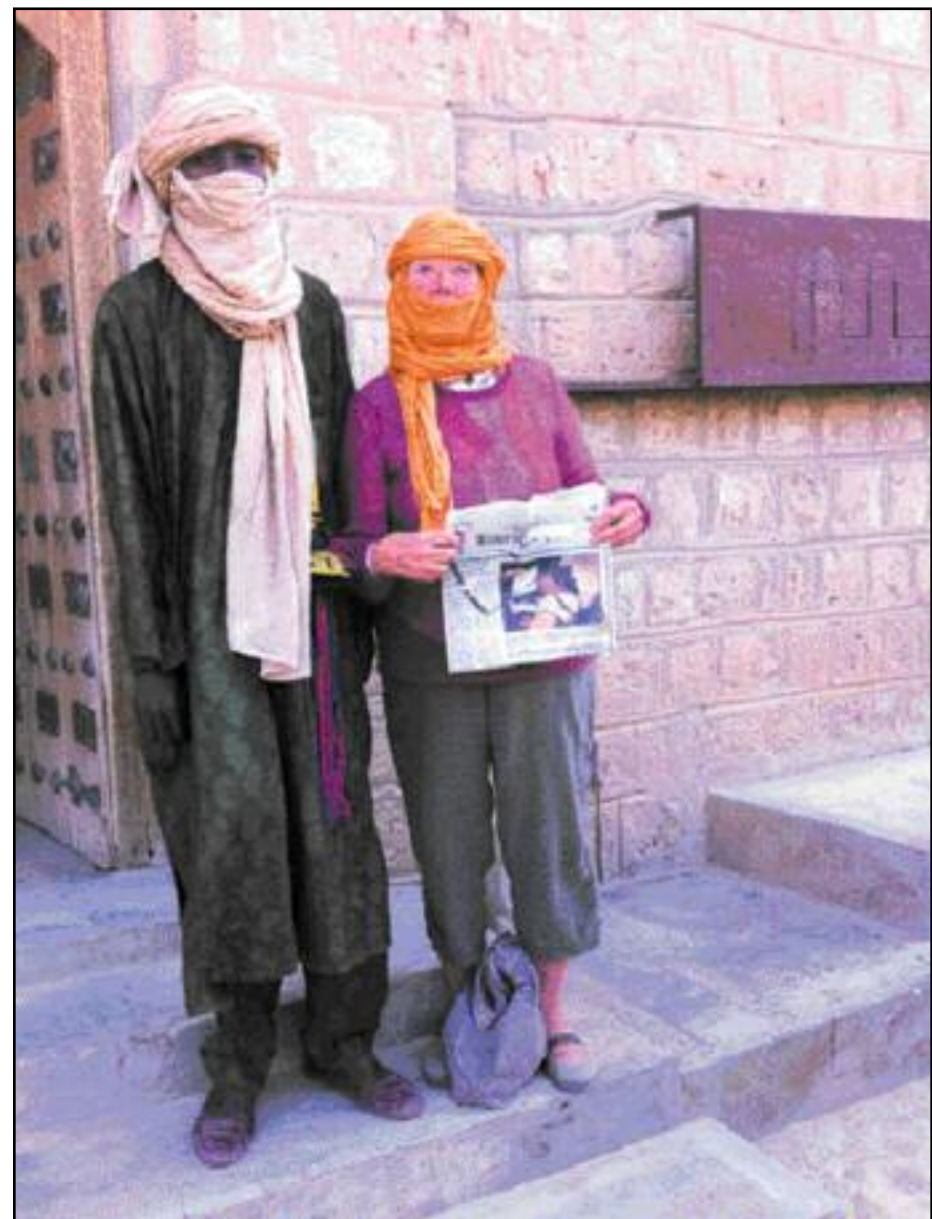
The clinic provides all childhood vaccines for infants through teens, including the meningitis vaccine and the vaccine to prevent human papilloma virus, the main cause of cervical cancer. The clinic also provides the Tdap vaccine, which vaccinates for pertussis (whooping cough), diphtheria and tetanus along with seasonal flu vaccine. The first vaccine costs \$10 with additional vaccines costing \$3 each, per visit. Clients unable to pay for vaccines will not be turned away.

The clinic has also moved to Suite 1400 in the Herbert Bauer Health and Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health Building, located at 137 North Cottonwood in Woodland.

For more information concerning the Yolo County Health Department's immunization program, visit www.yolocounty.org or call 666-8645.

Youth Day is Saturday, April 30

Timbuktook her Express



Courtesy photo
Extra extra! Read all about it! Marion Hamilton reads the Winters Express in Timbuktu while preparing for the caravan to the Tuareg encampment in January.



Photo by Lewis Kemper
Photographer Lewis Kemper will share tips for taking nature photos like this one at an all-day workshop on Feb. 5, sponsored by the Yolo Basin Foundation

Photography workshop offered

World-renowned nature photographer Lewis Kemper will offer a nature photography workshop, "Composition and Light," as a fundraising activity for the Yolo Basin Foundation in Davis.

On Saturday, Feb. 5, participants will explore the essentials of composition and light in a classroom setting. As the sun sets, the group will be at the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area for a field session to practice what was taught in class. After a light dinner at the Wildlife Area Headquarters, everyone will review their work and present photographs for group critique and discussion.

Kemper has been photographing nature in America for 30 years, including spending 11 years in Yosemite National Park. He is one of Canon USA's Explorers of Light, an elite group of photographers, and he leads photography workshops around the country. His work has been published in magazines, books and calendars worldwide.

The workshop is part of the Yolo Basin Foundation's fundraising series, a "Gaggle of Gatherings," which consists of a variety of field trips, parties and workshops offered throughout the year.

The nature photography workshop costs \$100 per person, runs from 1:30-9 p.m. and includes dinner. All funds raised will go to the Yolo Basin Foundation's wetland education programs.

To reserve a spot on the tour, go to the website at www.yolobasin.org and click on "Gaggle of Gatherings" or call the Yolo Basin Foundation, 758-0530.

Yolo Basin is a non-profit organization dedicated to the appreciation and stewardship of wetlands and wildlife through education and innovative partnerships.

Mosquitoes are already out and ready to bite

It might only be February, but the warmer than usual temperatures and dry weather have created the ideal conditions for mosquitoes.

"We're starting to see many mosquitoes now," said David Brown, District Manager. "Mosquitoes that had been resting for the past few months are already out and aggressively biting."

The above average rainfall total for December left many potential water sources in and around the home, requiring regular management to prevent mosquitoes from developing later in the season.

"We urge all residents to check for mosquito breeding sources around their home," said Brown. "It is important to empty

containers that may collect water such as buckets, flower pots, bird baths, cans and old tires. This will go a long way in ensuring that mosquitoes are not breeding on your property."

With the high number of foreclosed homes in the area, neglected swimming pools are of special concern. Pools can be a significant threat be-

cause if left unattended, they can produce thousands of mosquitoes infecting an entire neighborhood. The District works closely with residents and city and county agencies to identify homes with neglected pools.

To report a neglected swimming pool or other mosquito breeding problems, call (800) 429-1022.

Assessor closed Fridays

The Yolo County Assessor's office will be closed on Fridays through April 1, due to staff furloughs from funding shortfalls and general cost increases. The hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

GUEST

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Q. Is happiness and optimism a choice one makes?
A. Yes

Q. Is it true that all governments (past and present) lie, cheat and steal?
A. Yes

Q. Are most truths half-truths?
A. Yes

Q. Is it good to be skeptical?
A. Yes

Q. Is enthusiasm always good?
A. It's essential for a good life but "always" is a very big word

Q. Is "change" a good word?
A. Yes. Change is not just a word, it's the word. Think. If you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change

Q. Will the US undergo an unprecedented upheaval in the next 2-5 years?
A. Yes

Q. Do we see more sturdy common sense in the community than the county, state and fed?
A. Yes

Q. Now that our Winters Express editor, Debra DeAngelo, is "out of politics," is she a socialist?
A. No. She was just a little mixed up on our "gimmie" rights vs. "stay out of my hair" rights.

Q. Is it good to be an idealist?

A. Maybe. Usually idealists are too unbalanced and often do more harm than good. Many have zeal without understanding

Q. Are the people, the animals and the earth all part of one family?
A. Yes

Q. Does capitalism sometimes fail us?
A. Yes. Capitalism without failure is like religion without sin.

Q. Shouldn't we all embrace caretaking?
A. Maybe. I'm reminded of George Carlin's humorous remark, "If it's true that we're here to help others, then what exactly are the others here for?"

Q. Is science good?
A. Yes, but without feeling, without beauty, it can lead to cold inhumanity (as can religion)

Q. A final question. Should science battle religion?
A. Yes, but it should also be able to embrace it

Footnotes:

1. In "Zorba the Greek," an almond tree was asked, "Show me the face of God". The almond tree blossomed.

2. Truth and Beauty: We are blessed that All Nature, which surrounds us, has such a grand design. The hard, straight lines of truth — softened by beauty, sublime.

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Entertainment



Courtesy photo

A dinner fundraiser is planned for the Winters Uprising U14 girls AYSO soccer team on Saturday, Feb. 26, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Winters firehouse. The team won the Area 2D tournament in Antelope, then advanced to the Northern California Section 2 Tournament in Foster City in December and won all four games, and moves on to the California Qualifying Cup Tournament in Garden Grove on March 11-13. The team includes, from left (back) Heidi Masem, Vanessa Arellano, coach Jerry Evanoff, Viviana Vasquez, Christina Chavez, Morgan Anderson, Sofia Evanoff, Megan Murphy, Madison Nicholas and Coach Ralph Anderson; (front) Emily Donlevy, Tania Ramirez, Ashley Drummond, Hannah Kimes, Britney Rivas and Yazenia Jara.

Dinner fundraiser will help fund tournament for soccer champs

The Winters Uprising U14 girls AYSO soccer team will hold a dinner fundraiser on Saturday, Feb. 26, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Winters firehouse to cover the cost of travel to Southern California to participate in the AYSO California Cup on March 11-13. The team won the area tournament and the section tournament in San Francisco,

making them eligible to advance and represent Winters in Southern California.

Dinner will be catered by the Anderson family, and will include marinated tri-tip, lemon sage chicken, grilled vegetables, roasted red potatoes, salad and desserts. The evening will feature a raffle, with prizes including two Raiders tickets,

two Kings tickets, an iPod, a \$100 Visa gift card and more. Raffle tickets will \$5 each and winners need not be present to win.

Tickets are \$15 for ages 11 and up, and \$10 for ages 10 and under. For tickets or more information, call Kathy Donlevy at 632-1344 or Tammy Anderson at 795-4936.

Chambers, Rogers make mini blues fest at The Palms

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Winters Express

KATE LADDISH
Entertainment
correspondent

Who needs the hassle of traveling to a festival when you can just head to The Palms right here in downtown Winters to enjoy two acts that regularly headline big blues festivals?

This weekend's one-two punch of Lester Chambers (of the ground-breaking Chambers Brothers) on Friday and Roy Rogers and the Delta Rhythm Kings on Saturday is custom-made for longtime blues fans and those who want to sample some of the best blues being played on the circuit today.

Friday night brings the Lester Chambers Blues Revue — and an opportunity to experience first-hand the ground-breaking fusion of authentic Southern blues, psychedelic rock, gospel and soul that Chambers and his brothers created starting in the 1960s and has remained a major influence on genre-bending American music.

Lester Chambers was born and raised in Mississippi, where he and his brothers grew up singing together in their family's Baptist

church. In the 1960s, Lester and his brothers moved to Los Angeles, billed themselves as The Chambers Brothers, and became a vital force in the fertile California music scene, rubbing shoulders with — and influencing — the likes of Janis Joplin and Jimi Hendrix.

The Chambers Brothers brought together seemingly disparate threads of music, ranging from the Southern blues and gospel of their Mississippi upbringing to the burgeoning psychedelic rock of the 1960s, and wove them together into a seamless whole that transcended time, genre, race and background. Their chart-topping “Time Has Come Today” is remarkable for its blend of musical styles, visceral power, and becoming a radio hit in spite of being 11 minutes long.

The Lester Chambers Blues Revue will be at The Palms on Friday, Feb. 4, at 8:30 p.m.; tickets are \$20.

Saturday evening sees the return of slide guitar powerhouse Roy Rogers and his band The Delta Rhythm Kings. Roy Rogers (yes, that's his real name; no, it's not a reference to

the singing cowboy) cut his teeth as guitarist in John Lee Hooker's legendary band more than 20 years ago, and rapidly caught the attention of the blues world for being a player with tremendous power, technical prowess and ability to remain true to the roots of Delta blues without being a mere carbon copy of those who came before him.

Unquestionably one of the top blues slide guitarists in the world, Rogers is renowned for both his electrifying renditions of classic Mississippi blues, especially Robert Johnson songs such as “32-20 Blues” and “Terra-plane Blues”, and crafting original songs.

Roy Rogers and The Delta Rhythm Kings will be at The Palms on Saturday, Feb. 5, at 8:30 p.m.; tickets are \$20.

The Palms Playhouse is at 13 Main St. Tickets are available at Pacific Ace Hardware in Winters, Armadillo Music in Davis, Watermelon Music in Woodland, online at tickets.com, and at the door if not sold out.

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

RootStock introduces house wine on Feb. 3

RootStock introduces RootStock Red, a limited edition, locally produced red wine blend. It will be available for tasting and purchase at RootStock beginning Thursday, Feb. 3, and live music from 6 to 8 p.m. will help celebrate the new wine's release.

RootStock Speciality Gifts and Wine Tasting is at 22 Main St. The store carries gifts for all occasions, many locally made, and is also the tasting room home of Julie LePla Winery.

RootStock is Winters' third winery tasting room venue, joining

Berryessa Gap Vineyards, across the street at 15 Main St., and Turkovich Family Wines around the corner at 304 Railroad Ave.

Store hours are Wednesday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

RootStock will also host the February Winters Chamber of Commerce Mixer at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 7, at the shop. Everyone is invited to come and see what RootStock has to offer.

For more, call RootStock at 794-6008.

POLICE

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Boulevard, an officer assisted the Woodland California Highway Patrol with single vehicle traffic collision.

Jan. 27

~ 10:06 p.m., County Roads 31 and 93A, officers assisted the Woodland California Highway Patrol with a single vehicle traffic collision involving a pregnant female trapped in the overturned vehicle.

Jan. 28

~ 11:37 a.m., a lost firearm was reported.

Jan. 29

~ 2:12 a.m., Brittan Don Thomas, 24, of Winters was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol with a blood alcohol content of more than .08 percent and failing to stop at a stop sign. Thomas was booked at the Winters Police Department and released

to a sober adult on a notice to appear.

~ 2:45 a.m., 700 block of Ivy Loop, a brick was thrown at a vehicle windshield causing it to break. Unknown amount of damage.

Jan. 30

~ 1:17 p.m., first block of Anderson Avenue, an officer responded to an audible alarm. The residence was found secure.

~ 3:02 p.m., 100 block of Main Street, an officer responded to an audible alarm. The

business was open and it could not be determined why the alarm activated.

Jan. 31

~ 5:13 a.m., 800 block of Jackson Street, parties were involved in a verbal domestic dispute.



Sports

Warriors take it to the mat

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The Winters Warriors wrestling team hosted its only home meet last Wednesday, Jan. 26, against visiting Sutter and Gridley.

The best thing about the meet, for the fans anyway, was the fact that the three-way match was held in the Winters High School gym.

The bleachers were packed and the competition was tough. Winters started the match against

Sutter and picked up some impressive performances from all of their wrestlers. All the stats were not available at press time, but Trevor Wright beat his Sutter opponent with a pin.

Chris Calderone did the same in his match. Mateo Berrera also won his match by pin, Holden Philbrook won his first match by forfeit. And despite losing their first match, Tim Dav-ey, Timothy Tweedt and Destiny Rogers all wrestled very well and gave their opponents a tough match.



Chris Calderone pins a Sutter wrestler on Wednesday, Jan. 26, at Winters High School.

Photo by Eric Lucero

Lady Warriors back to winning ways

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

Allie Reynoso scored two goals in the first half to give the Winters girls soccer team a 2-0 lead over Las Plumas that led to a 3-1 Warrior victory.

The Warriors traveled to Oroville on Tuesday, Jan. 25, for a Butte View League game and ended their two-game losing streak.

Reynoso scored her first goal off an assist from Sarah Sisco and then scored her second goal off an assist from Molly Heines. Reynoso then suffered

an injury and was unable to play the rest of the game. But the damage was done as the Warriors led 2-1 at the half.

Winters dominated the second half and picked up their third goal from Emma Hesz who scored a solo shot to make it 3-1. Angelica Arellano led the Warriors with nine shots and Alex Panatonni had seven shots, while Hesz, Sydney Stewart and Tasha Panatonni each had three. Yvette Valadez, and Reynoso each had two, while Sisco, Jocelyn Sanchez and Olivia Orosco each

had one shot for the Warriors.

Ellie Kreun led the defense with nine saves. Goalie Sierra Hamerter had six saves. Coach Lee Holt was also pleased with the defensive play from Orosco and Ashley Shaw and liked the input from Anelle Concepcion and Daniela Salas.

“The girls have been focused on trying to make the playoffs,” Holt said. “Tuesday, we face off at home against Orland and they are licking at our heels. This will be a key game for the playoff standings.”



Photos by Eric Lucero

Sarah Kimes, Rachel Myers, Alyssa Winslow, Anna Campos and Ashley Anderson hold the awards they received at the Warriors' annual banquet.

Anderson receives top honors

Ashley Anderson received top honors during the Winters Warriors' volleyball awards ceremony in December.

For the varsity team, Anderson was named to the Butte

View All League Team, was named the team MVP and earned the Block W Senior Scholar Athlete Award.

Anna Campos received the Block W Coaches Award and

Rachel Myers was given the Most Improved Award.

For the JV team, Sarah Kimes was named the team MVP and Alyssa Winslow received the Block W Coaches Award.

Warriors lose two on the road

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

A hard-fought game against the Orland Trojans ended in a 63-55 loss for the Winters Warriors varsity boys basketball team on Tuesday, Jan. 25, in Orland.

The Warriors' 3-0 league record was tarnished but there are still plenty of games left and the Warriors will have a shot at revenge on Feb. 11, when they host the Trojans in their last regular season game.

Skyler Geerts led the Warriors with 16 points and had six rebounds. Juan Tovar scored 14

points. Sam Newman scored nine points and had five assists. Tim Miller and Kevin Hyde each scored five points and John Botro scored four, while Chris Mayes scored two points.

Winters lost to the Corning Cardinals on Friday, Jan. 28, in Corning by a score of 53-40. It was the Warriors' last non-league game and the second time this season they fell to the Cardinals.

Geerts had a big night, putting 21 points on the board. Newman scored 12, Tovar scored four and Miller had three points for the Warriors.

Fierros pulls a hat trick

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

Two in the first and one more in the second — that's how the scoring went for the Winters Warriors boys soccer victory over Las Plumas on Tuesday, Jan. 25, in Oroville.

Winters figured out that all they had to do against the Thunderbirds was pass the

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Dagoberto Fierros



Dagoberto Fierros, a senior on the Winters Warriors boys soccer team, is Athlete of the Week.

Last week, in the Warriors' only game, Fierros pulled a hat trick and scored three goals in a 3-1 victory over Las Plumas.

Fierros is the Warriors' and the league's second leading scorer with nine goals, five assists and 23 points.

“Dago is always in the right place at the right time,” said coach Alfredo Rodriguez. “He moves very well without the ball.”

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Schools

Applications for youth awards available

Guidelines and applications for the 2011 Yolo Youth Service Awards (YoYoSA), sponsored by the Yolo Community Foundation, are available online at www.yolocf.org.

Applications are due by March 18, and awards will be announced by April 29.

The YoYoSA program is designed to promote and reward Yolo County youth volunteering with local nonprofit organizations, and encourages Yolo County nonprofits to engage

with youth volunteers.

YCF seeks applications from high school seniors who have volunteered with a recognized Yolo County nonprofit at least 60 hours during their junior and/or senior years of high school.

YoYoSA student awardees will receive a \$1,000 scholarship to support post-high school education, which may include college, vocational or technical school.

A \$500 grant will be awarded to the nonprofit agency spon-

soring each YoYoSA student scholarship winner.

Yolo Community Foundation strives to boost local philanthropy by serving donors, nonprofits, and youth in the Yolo County area, and is proud to recognize tomorrow's leaders in local philanthropy through the YoYoSA program.

To learn more about YCF and Yolo Youth Service Awards, visit the YCF website at www.yolocf.org, send an e-mail to info@yolocf.org or call 312-0593.

'Farewell to Music' ticket sales benefit schools

Tickets are on sale now for the Feb. 13 performance of "O'Carolan's Farewell to Music" by Patrick Ball and Peter Glazer at The Palms.

Show tickets are being sold as a fundraiser for Winters High School, Wolfskill and Women Returning to School through Soroptimist of Winters Scholarships.

Presale tickets are \$20 for

adults, \$10 for children age 12 and under, or \$35 for a family of two adults and one child (each additional child in a family is \$5). At the door, tickets are \$5 extra.

To purchase tickets, or make a tax-free donation toward sending high school students to the performance, call Barbara Cody at 795-2828, Valerie Whitworth at 795-2009 or Fran Philbrook at 795-4498.

Peregrine School to host informational meeting

The Peregrine School will host an informational meeting on Monday, Feb. 7, at 6:30 p.m. in the Blanchard Room of Mary L. Stephens Library, 315 East 14th St. in Davis.

Academic Director Lorie Hammond will give a presentation on Peregrine's unique philosophy and curriculum as well as plans for the school's expansion taking place this fall.

The Peregrine School offers programs in preschool through second grade and will be expanding to include grades 3-6

in September 2011. Admission to the meeting is free.

The Peregrine School is a nonprofit private school that strives to integrate the rigorous academics of a classical liberal arts education with child-centered, project-based learning. Arts and sciences, as well as Spanish, are taught daily through projects. Weekly enrichment classes include yoga, dance, music and drama taught by specialists.

Health and nutrition are equally important aspects of the school,

which includes daily physical education activities as well as gardens and a nutritious lunch and snack program.

The school is committed to small size classes and very low student-teacher ratios. Co-directors, Lorie Hammond, PhD, and Elena Whitcombe, MD, a mother-daughter team, founded the school in 2007.

For more information, call 758-8845, send an e-mail to info@theperegrineproject.net, or visit www.theperegrineproject.net.

Winters wrestlers getting noticed

By PAMELA CORE
Winters Wrestling Club

The Winters Wrestling Club-Kids Club made another solid showing at a tournament on Sunday, Jan. 30.

The Natomas-hosted tournament is a state qualifier and draws many highly decorated athletes who are competing for placement in the state competitions.

Sixteen WWC wrestlers held their own and continued to get people talking about Winters: "Wow! Winters has a lot of kids here!" and "That Winters has a pretty good up-and-coming kids club" are a few of the comments heard this weekend.

Winters' recently increased presence at tournaments and the wrestlers' performance is

opening doors for the program to not only grow but potentially host and participate in dual tournaments.

This weekend, more than half of the kids received medals and the results were as follows: first place, Vanessa Ceja; second place, Valeria Ceja, Erick Gomez, Marcus Lopez, Angel Vital; third place, Buck Boykin, J.T. Core, Stewart McCracken, Adrian Soto; fourth place, Brandon Gomez, Jason Lichwa, Darian Lopez, Grayson Roberts, Sebastian Valdivia Arelano; fifth place, Madison Lopez; and sixth place, Shelby Boykin.

The next scheduled tournaments for WWC Kids Club are Sunday, Feb. 6, at Casa Robles High School in Orangevale and Sunday, Feb. 13, at Vacaville High School (St. Valentine's Day Massacre).

Kudos to these karate kids



Photo by Louie Javier

Two of the students at Javier Martial Arts competed in Vallejo on Saturday, Jan. 22, on the Bay Area karate sports circuit. Ariana Herrera was awarded first place in girls 8- to 9-year forms division competition. Kendall Maynard took second place in boys 10- to 11-year sparring division. Both train hard and are very dedicated to their arts.

Do you have schools and youth news to report?

Send details to
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Lady Warriors suffer low-scoring week

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

Twenty-three points in one game and 18 in the other tells the story of how the Winters Warriors varsity girls basketball games went last week.

The Warriors fell to Orland 51-23 on Tuesday, Jan. 25, at home in a Butte View League game.

Tess Hyer who averages just under 14 points a game led the Warriors with nine points.

Ashlynnne Neil who averages 13 points a game scored six. Sarah Kimes scored four, while Maddy Cooper and Ilene Reynoso each scored two points.

Things didn't get any better for the Warriors on Friday, Jan. 28, as they hosted the Corning Cardinals and suffered a 27-18 loss in a non-league game. The Warrior defense did its job, but struggled once again putting the ball in the basket.

The Lady Warriors were shutout, 9-0, in the first period, scored six points in the second period, four in the third and eight in the fourth. Individual stats were unavailable.

Winters still has a hold on second place in league with a 3-1 record. With four league games remaining, the Warriors should definitely make the playoffs. The Warriors will host Wheatland and Gridley this week and travel to Sutter and Orland next week.

Winter tour of wetlands planned Feb. 5

February is an ideal time to view migrating winter waterfowl at the city of Davis wetlands on a free guided public tour from 3 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 5.

This unique wastewater treatment plant includes hundreds of acres of wetland and grassland habitat for thousands of wintering waterfowl. Trained volunteers will explain the relationship between the city's wastewater treatment process and wildlife as they lead visitors to key

viewing sites.

The Davis wetlands hosts a wide range of waterfowl, shorebird, songbird and raptor species in the winter months. American white pelican, snow goose, northern pintail, gadwall, bufflehead, yellow-rumped warbler, white-crowned sparrow and white-tailed kite are just a sampling of the species sighted recently.

All those wishing to join the tour should meet a few minutes before 3 p.m. at the gate in front of the city's wastewater

treatment plant, east of the Yolo County landfill on Road 28H.

Participants should bring their own binoculars, water (no potable water on site), and field guide. Docents will have spotting scopes to enhance wildlife viewing. Most of the tour is by car on firm gravel roads, with a couple of optional short walks in the wetlands. A portable toilet is available on the route.

To reach the waste water treatment station heading north

from Davis on Poleline Road (going toward Woodland), turn right on Road 28H and go three miles east, just past County Road 105. If traveling west on Interstate 80, take the Mace Boulevard exit and turn right (north). Take the first right (32A) and proceed to Road 105 and take a left. Travel to Road 28H and turn right. The group meets at the gate east of the intersection.

This is a free tour. No reservations are required. Tours run rain or shine.

FIERROS

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ball to Dagoberto Fierros, who scored all three times, and that's what they did for at least two of the goals. Fierros

scored the other all on his own.

Felipe Hernandez assisted on the two goals to help lead the Warriors to victory. Jose Santana was protecting the net for the Warriors and had 13 saves of his own.

The Warriors have an 8-1-0

record and will play Orland this week for a shot at the league title. Orland is 14-0-0 and gave the Warriors their only loss of the season by a 1-0 score earlier in the year.

Winters will play its last regular season home game against Wheatland on Feb. 8.

Nuestras Noticias



Apoyo a la comunidad

La era del gobernador Arnold Schwarzenegger ha finalizado, pero ello no significa que la larga lista de problemas que dejó su fallida administración se resolverá con la sola llegada de un nuevo gobierno. Jerry Brown lo sabe de sobra y por ello no ha hecho promesas falsas. Por el contrario, nos ha dicho con un realismo inusual en los políticos que a California le esperan días de más penurias y sacrificios.

Es claro que para enderezar el rumbo del llamado Estado Dorado y reducir el déficit presupuestal de más de 20 mil millones de dólares se requerirán más recortes e impuestos. Es una receta amarga que a nadie le gusta, pero que, como ha reconocido Brown, debe aplicarse cuando no hay otro remedio. Además de tomar el toro por los cuernos en el terreno económico, Brown tendrá que demostrar que es un político de palabra en lo que se refiere a un tema crucial para el estado: el de la inmigración indocumentada.

Durante su campaña, el nuevo gobernador dijo en repetidas ocasiones que era partidario de una reforma migratoria y que apoyaba sin reservas el Dream Act, que permitiría la legalización de unos 800 mil estudiantes indocumentados en el país y les abriría las puertas de la educación superior.

El día de su toma de posesión, varios grupos de defensores de los inmigrantes, le entregaron una carta al gobernador para recordarle el compromiso que adquirió con la comunidad inmigrante, especialmente con los latinos, que votaron por él de manera abrumadora. Además de pedirle su respaldo para el Dream Act, se le solicitó que apoye una ley para darle la licencia de manejo a los conductores indocumentados en el estado, que se estima ascienden a unos dos millones.

Si, tal como lo prometió, Brown decide apoyar al menos el Dream Act, su gobierno empezará con el pie derecho. No sólo demostrará que tiene palabra sino sentido común y visión. Solamente los miopes no pueden ver que el hecho de ayudar a los jóvenes indocumentados a que continúen sus estudios universitarios va más allá de ser un acto piadoso, de buenos samaritanos. El Acta de los Sueños es, desde cualquier ángulo que se le mire, una medida que resultará benéfica para todos, pues para prosperar y competir en el mundo globalizado, el estado necesita de mano de obra preparada y altamente calificada.

El apoyo de Brown al Dream Act, por otra parte, distinguiría a California del resto del país. California podría demostrar que está a la vanguardia con soluciones más prácticas, justas y viables. El ejemplo no sería sólo para otros estados sino incluso para el Congreso federal y el gobierno de Obama que, pese a lo que predica, se ha caracterizado por su tibieza para actuar y resolver de una vez por todas el problema de la inmigración indocumentada, Brown tiene, en ese sentido, una oportunidad de oro. Ojalá no la desperdicie.

Una nueva temporada de ayuda gratis — ‘Tax Aide’

AARP Tax-Aide es un servicio gratis de preparar y ayudar con los impuestos llevado por voluntarios y es el más grande del país. Empezará la nueva temporada de impuestos el 15 de febrero. AARP Tax-Aide proporciona ayuda y preparación de impuestos gratis para gente de medio y bajo ingresos, con atención

especial a los que tengan 60 años de edad y más, aunque no es necesario ser miembro de AARP o tener más de 60 años para recibir ayuda.

Reuniones de preparación de impuestos serán en el Winters Community Center los viernes de 9 de la mañana a 1 de la tarde. Llame al 530-795-4241.

Políticos

Suelen ser fotogénicos, sobre todo cuando están en campaña. Su imagen vuela de un medio a otro según la necesidad de su presencia. Sus discursos adquieren un tono de benevolencia con las causas que dicen representar a nombre de la “salvación de la patria.” Señalan los errores del contrincante anteponiendo sus propias virtudes mesiánicas, como si éstas resolvieran automáticamente los conflictos que ahogan a la nación. Y cuando tienen seguro el poder, la brecha del distanciamiento con la sociedad se convierte en el más profundo de los abismos.

Esto lo han La rendición de

concebido como “su trabajo,” tanto senadores como diputados, gobernadores o cualquier autoridad que tenga algún coto de poder. Y mantenerse en esa misma situación es su objetivo, no importa que la violencia se incremente, que la educación decaiga, que los jóvenes no tengan opciones, que las mujeres sigan siendo maltratadas, que los defensores de los derechos humanos sean perseguidos, que los periodistas sean acallados o asesinados, que la ciencia sea ignorada, que los campesinos sigan abandonando sus tierras por falta de apoyo, y que oleadas de desposeídos vean en la migración su única salida de escape.

Delito no tener identificación

En Estados Unidos, no llevar consigo una identificación oficial, es delito. Si un oficial de Policía te detiene en la calle, y te pide que te identifiques, debes hacerlo. Porque, ¿cómo sabe el oficial que no eres un criminal que huye? Por supuesto, hay inmigrantes que no tienen licencia de manejo. Pero, para identificarse, igual sirve un pasaporte, o una matrícula consular.

Si a usted lo detienen sin licencia, pero se identifica con cualquier otro documento, lo podrán multar solamente por manejar sin licencia. Pero si no trae ninguna identificación, pueden arrestarlo y decomisarle el auto. Usted puede invocar todos los derechos humanos y las leyes civiles habidas y por haber ante un oficial de policía. Pero, en la calle, él es la ley.

Irónicamente, los norteamericanos son históricamente alérgicos a cualquier tipo de control policiaco o gubernamental. Quizá sean ellos uno de los pueblos más rebeldes y desconfiados del gobierno que existen. Simplemente basta con echar un vistazo

rápido a su historia como país: el aumento del control de Inglaterra sobre sus colonias fue lo que detonó la guerra de independencia de 1776. Los ciudadanos de todos los demás países del mundo ven como normal tener un documento nacional de identidad.

Por ejemplo, en México existe la credencial de elector, o la Cédula Única de Registro de Población (CURP). Es rutina que le soliciten a uno cualquiera de estos documentos (o ambos) cuando quiera hacer cualquier trámite. Vaya, en México hasta existen retenes militares en algunas carreteras, donde los soldados les exigen identificación a todos los viajeros que cruzan por allí. En Europa y América Latina están los Documentos Nacionales de Identidad (DNI), o los “carnés,” como le dicen los españoles. O sea, para la gran mayoría de la humanidad, esto es cosa de todos los días.

El problema, es que los norteamericanos siempre han estado en contra de esas prácticas. Para el norteamericano típico, si un oficial de policía le pide “papeles,” trae

recuerdos de regímenes totalitarios, como la Alemania nazi, o la Rusia estalinista. Estados Unidos, en cambio, es el país “de la libertad,” y de “la democracia.” El país donde todo mundo puede transitar libremente, sin controles policiacos a cada esquina.

Por supuesto, esto sólo se aplica a los ciudadanos norteamericanos. Los extranjeros son otra cosa. No son “americanos.” Por lo tanto, deben presentar documentos de identificación, como el pasaporte. O, si son residentes permanentes, la famosa “green card,” o “tarjeta verde.” No existe una identificación si usted es ciudadano americano.

¿Porqué? Precisamente porque son ciudadanos americanos. Y como tales, uno de sus derechos es ... no recibir la imposición de identificarse dentro de su propio país. El gobierno de Estados Unidos no tiene el derecho (arguyen los ciudadanos) de exigirles que se identifiquen. Es contra la ley, es anticonstitucional. Lo gracioso es que ya existen documentos de identificación de hecho, que

todo ciudadano americano debe presentar ante las autoridades: la licencia de manejo y la tarjeta de Seguro Social.

Todo ciudadano de Estados Unidos debe tener estos dos documentos. Si no, no pueden identificarse ni conducir, ni obtener empleo o recibir servicios, o hacer trámites oficiales. Y nadie se queja. ¿Entonces? ¿No es esto una incongruencia? Por supuesto. Pero psicológicamente hay una enorme distancia entre esto, y crear una identificación nacional para todos los norteamericanos. Esto les huele a los ciudadanos de Estados Unidos a control excesivo del de por sí ya todopoderoso gobierno federal. Las familias de muchos de ellos han vivido en el territorio actual de Estados Unidos mucho antes de que llegaran los anglosajones. Por ello, consideran racista el que un oficial de policía los detenga y les pida identificación por parecer “indocumentados” a ellos sólo por no ser “güeritos,” o hablar español, o tener apellido hispano.

Los latinos en los Estados Unidos

Los latinos somos un grupo indefinible de habitantes, inmigrantes los más, imposibles de volvernos totalmente “americanos,” en el sentido que aquí se le da, aunque tengamos la residencia legal o seamos ciudadanos. Podemos ser nacionales de los Estados Unidos, en el sentido jurídico, ya sea por nacimiento o por ciudadanía adquirida y aunque estemos totalmente integrados a la vida estadounidense, nunca, dejamos de ser latinos.

¿Es distinción (en el sentido que nos separa del resto de los estadounidenses) o es una especie de discriminación? ¿Somos distintos, nos ven distintos, nos consideran distintos o nuestra actitud es distinta? Los latinos no formamos una comunidad compacta. Todos tenemos algo en común y muchas diferencias, pero todos, pese a que no somos iguales, somos y seremos “latinos,” como nos llaman; éramos hispanos antes. Lo único que tenemos en común es que somos del sur de la frontera o del Caribe.

Somos multirraciales resultado de una mezcla de razas, diversos europeos, muchas y diferentes indígenas, asiáticas y africanas, que varía de país a

país. Hay además una enorme diferencia en el nivel educativo de los latinos que vivimos aquí. Los hay intelectuales, grandes médicos e industriales, pero también miles de iletrados.

Y como somos de muchos países, todos ellos en el continente americano al sur de la frontera y en el Caribe, somos multinacionales. Cada uno trae consigo las características individuales de cada país de donde viene. Además, cada uno de ese conjunto de países, tiene una historia distinta y millones de habitantes con culturas diferentes.

El censo de la población clasifica a los habitantes de este país por razas y a nosotros, por latinos, pero aclara: “Los Latinos pueden ser de cualquier raza.” Somos los únicos que podemos ser de cualquier raza. Curioso ¿no? Los españoles trajeron a esa parte de América el cristianismo, pero nunca lograron extirpar del todo las antiguas religiones y, al paso de los siglos se produjo una mezcla de cristianismo y paganismo diferente en cada uno de nuestros países.

Aquí hay inmigrantes de todo el mundo y, tras la generación que llegó, rara vez se

hace referencia a su origen. Un ejemplo: Andrew Cuomo, Gobernador de Nueva York, es de origen italiano lo que jamás se menciona y a nadie importa; es americano y punto ... Si fuera “latino” eso se mencionaría siempre. Del desequilibrado mental que balaceó a la congresista Gabrielle Gifforts en Arizona nadie menciona su origen. ... Si fuera latino la nota informativa sería distinta: El latino XYZ balaceó a la diputada Gifforts en Arizona.

Si un degenerado asesina a su mujer, es terrible. Si quien lo hace es latino, es doblemente reprochable. ... ¡Por latino! En esto no vale ser republicano o demócrata. Se puede ser de un partido u otro, se puede ser conservador o liberal, se puede ser todo eso o independiente, pero siempre como “latino”, no como simple ciudadano.

Schwarzenegger, ex gobernador de California, es inmigrante austriaco, jamás se mencionó, excepto en esta columna. Antonio Villaraigosa, alcalde de Los Ángeles, es latino y jamás, al referirse a él, deja de mencionarse. ¿Por qué? ¿Qué hay tras esa forma curiosa de actuar? ¿Algún viejo complejo frente a lo español?

encuesta en la que, para mayor exhibición, se les hace competir con los delincuentes: el 45.8% de los mexicanos consultados responsabiliza a los políticos, y en general a las autoridades, de la violencia que sufre su país, frente a sólo el 36% que señala a

Y así, tal parece que van siempre en un camino paralelo a la realidad: los políticos —las los delincuentes. Tomar el pulso a una sociedad y no hacer caso de los graves males que padece es ignorar las salidas que en algún momento encuentra cuando todas las opciones están agotadas. La historia de México está plagada de esos ejemplos.

cuentas, claro está, no forma parte de su catatónico concepto de la ética. Incluso, con una sonrisa de suficiencia, consideran las expresiones populares de repudio hacia ellos y su función como una desventurada ocurrencia del hartazgo social, tal como la serie de mensajes que proliferan en las redes sociales, de boca en boca o en los muros de alguna colonia con carencias elementales como agua, energía eléctrica o transporte.

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837 Princeton Ct., Woodland, CA 95695
Business Classification: Individual
Beginning Date of Business: The Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A.
s/Carol A. Gray
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FREDDIE OAKLEY County Clerk/Recorder
Kimberli Quam, Deputy Clerk
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Fictitious Business Name

FILED YOLO COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER Jan. 7, 2011

FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK
Ava Woodard, Deputy
FBN NUMBER 2011-029
Fictitious Business Name
Winters Acupuncture Clinic
101 E. Grant Ave., Ste B, Winters, CA 95694
Name of Registrant:
Kristin Ann Lakoma
101 E. Grant Ave., Ste B, Winters, CA 95694
Business Classification: Individual
Beginning Date of Business: The Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A.
s/Kristin Ann Lakoma
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Fictitious Business Name

FILED YOLO COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER Jan. 19, 2011

FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK
Kristina A. Hunt, Deputy
FBN NUMBER 2011-055
Fictitious Business Name
All Points Home Inspection & Repair
18 Hildebrand Ct., Woodland, CA 95776
Name of Registrant:
Roger Warner
18 Hildebrand Ct., Woodland, CA 95776
Business Classification: Individual
Beginning Date of Business: The Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 2000.
s/Roger Warner
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Kristina A. Hunt, Deputy Clerk
Published Jan, 27, Feb. 3, 10, 17, 2011

Fictitious Business Name

FILED YOLO COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER Jan. 4, 2011

FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK
Kimberli Quam, Deputy
FBN NUMBER 2011-008
Fictitious Business Name
A & A Tax Service and Notary
10 N. East Street Suite 209, Woodland, CA 95776
Business Mailing Address
718 Fourth St., Woodland, CA 95695
Name of Registrant:
Mosa Bautista-Arias
718 Fourth St., Woodland, CA 95695
Business Classification: Individual
Beginning Date of Business: The Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 12/11/2010.
s/Mosa Bautista-Arias
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Fictitious Business Name

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FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK
Ava Woodard, Deputy
FBN NUMBER 2011-005
Fictitious Business Name
Amerika Tax Services
10 N. East Street, Suite 209, Woodland, CA 95695
Business Mailing Address:
3151 Lassik Street, West Sacramento, CA 95691
Name of Registrant:
Erika L Ceja
3151 Lassik Street, West Sacramento, CA 95691
Business Classification: Individual
Beginning Date of Business: The Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 12/11/2010.
s/Erika Lucy Ceja
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Fictitious Business Name

FILED YOLO COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER Jan. 18, 2011

FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK
Elleigh Fagel, Deputy
FBN NUMBER 2011-051
Fictitious Business Name
Virtual Market Enterprises; VME Inc; Davis Virtual Market; Woodland Virtual Market;
Fresno Virtual Market; Sacramento Virtual Maraket
2044 Alta Loma St., Davis, CA 95616
Business Mailing Address
P.O. Box 1944, Davis, CA 95617
Name of Registrant:
Virtual Market Enterprises, Inc.
2044 Alta Loma St., Davis, CA 95616
Business Classification: Corporation.
Starting Date of Business: Dec. 1996.
s/George Richard Yemagatr
s/John F Laugenour, CEO/President
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State of California, County of Yolo
FREDDIE OAKLEY County Clerk/Recorder
Elleigh Fagel, Deputy Clerk
Published Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2011

Fictitious Business Name

FILED YOLO COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER Jan. 14, 2011

FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK
Kimberli Quam, Deputy
FBN NUMBER 2011-044
Fictitious Business Name
Sun Builders
17090 YoloAve., Esparto, CA 95627
Business Mailing Address
16982 N. Grafton St., Esparto, CA 95627
Name of Registrant:
Dana Sucevich
16970 Bonyange St., Esparto, CA 95627
Kodi Tatham
16982 N. Grafton St., Esparto, CA 95627
Tom Martin
1334 Fremont St., Woodland, CA 95695
Business Classification: General Partnership.
Beginning Date of Business: The Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 1-14-2011.
s/Dana Sucevich
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Fictitious Business Name

FILED YOLO COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER Jan. 11, 2011

FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK
Lupe Ramirez, Deputy
FBN NUMBER 2011-034
Fictitious Business Name
Close Quarters Salon
310 Railroad Ave., Winters, CA 95694
Name of Registrant:
Rebecca Dye
402 Pear Pl., Winters, CA 95694
Nicole Alvera
433 Main St., Winters, CA 95694
Business Classification: Co-Partners.
Beginning Date of Business: The Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 1-3-2011.
s/Rebecca Dye - s/ Nicole Alvera
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FREDDIE OAKLEY County Clerk/Recorder
Lupe Ramirez, Deputy Clerk
Published Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2011

Fictitious Business Name

FILED YOLO COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER Jan. 10, 2011

FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK
Ava Woodard, Deputy
FBN NUMBER 2011-032
Fictitious Business Name
Liberty Glass
1716 Midway Dr., Woodland, CA 95695
Name of Registrant:
William John Trucker
1716 Midway Dr., Woodland, CA 95695
Business Classification: Individual
Beginning Date of Business: The Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A.
s/William J. Trucker
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Order to Show Cause for Change of Name

FILED Yolo Superior Court Dec. 29, 2010

By C. Dunkel, Duputy
Case Number: PT10-3180
Superior Court of California, County of Yolo
725 Court Street
Woodland, CA 95695

Petition of
Cougevan
for change of name

Order to show cause for change of name
To all interested persons:
Petitioner: Katie Cougevan and David Cougevan filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name Dylan Robert Cougevan, to proposed name Dylan KaiRobert Cougevan.
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: March 17, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. Dept. 15.
The address of the court is
1100 Main Street, Woodland, CA 95695

Date: Dec. 29, 2010
Daniel P. Maguire
Judge of the Superior Court

Published Jan. 27, Feb. 3, 10, 17, 2011

Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Zoning Administrator

(The County of Solano, in compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, will provide accommodations for persons with disabilities who attend public meetings and or participate in county sponsored programs, services, and activities. If you have the need for an accommodation, such as, interpreters or materials in alternative format, please contact Kristine Letterman, Department of Resource Management at the address and phone number listed above.)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Solano County Zoning Administrator will hold a public hearing to consider Use Permit Application No. U-10-11 of Dee Dee Linderer (Walter Neil) to add a Neighborhood Commercial use to a Service Commercial Zoning District by adding food service to an existing bar business. The project is located at 4513 Putah Creek Road, .5 miles south of the City of Winters in a "C-S" Service Commercial Zoning District, APN: 0103-160-010. This project is determined to be categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act. (Project Planner: Karen Avery)

If you challenge the proposed consideration in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Zoning Administrator at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Any person wishing to comment on the project and/or review the information contained within the project file may do so at the Solano County Department of Resource Management, Planning Division, County Administration Center, 675 Texas Street, Suite 5500, Fairfield.

The hearing will be held in the Department of Resource Management Conference Room, 675 Texas Street, Suite 5500, Fairfield at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 17, 2011. Interested persons may appear and be heard.

Published Feb. 3, 2011

Fictitious Business Name

FILED YOLO COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER Jan. 10, 2011

FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK
Ava Woodard, Deputy
FBN NUMBER 2011-032
Fictitious Business Name
Liberty Glass
1716 Midway Dr., Woodland, CA 95695
Name of Registrant:
William John Trucker
1716 Midway Dr., Woodland, CA 95695
Business Classification: Individual
Beginning Date of Business: The Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A.
s/William J. Trucker
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Fictitious Business Name

FILED YOLO COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER Dec. 21, 2010

FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK
Lupe Ramirez, Deputy
FBN NUMBER 2010-1067
Fictitious Business Name
I & D Cattle Co.
25969 Duncan Dr., Esparto, CA 95627
Name of Registrant:
Isaias Chavez
25969 Duncan Dr., Esparto, CA 95627
Daneil Chavez
25969 Duncan Dr., Esparto, CA 95627
Business Classification: Co-Partners
Beginning Date of Business: The Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 12/20/2010.
s/Isaias Chavez
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Fictitious Business Name

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FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK
Lupe Ramirez, Deputy
FBN NUMBER 2011-009
Fictitious Business Name
Sew Many Things!
5246 Glide Dr., Davis, CA 95618
Name of Registrant:
John D. Busch
5246 Glide Dr., Davis, CA 95618
Business Classification: Individual
Beginning Date of Business: The Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 1/4/2011.
s/John D. Busch
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Fictitious Business Name

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FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK
Kristina A. Hunt, Deputy
FBN NUMBER 2011-006
Fictitious Business Name
Simply Nails
100 Main Street, Winters, CA 95694
Name of Registrant:
Julie Lopez-Rojas
436 Main Street, Winters, CA 95694
Business Classification: Individual
Beginning Date of Business: The Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 1-4-11.
s/Julie Lopez-Rojas
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State of California, County of Yolo
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Kristina A. Hunt, Deputy Clerk
Published Jan. 13, 20, 27, Feb. 3, 2011

Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Winters will conduct a public hearing by the Winters City Council on Tuesday, February 15, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at the City Hall, City Council Chambers, 318 First Street, Winters, California, to consider the adoption of the Grant Avenue/SR 128/Russell Boulevard Complete Streets Concept Plan.

During the winter and spring of 2010, Caltrans District 3, the City of Winters, and Yolo County, with assistance from consultants at MIG, Inc., developed a community-based Complete Streets Concept Plan for Grant Avenue/State Route 128/Russell Boulevard. The study area runs from Railroad Avenue east across I-505 to the El Rio Villa housing development.

The Grant Avenue/State Route 128/Russell Boulevard Complete Streets Concept Plan built upon previous planning efforts to improve safety, character, access and mobility along the corridor for all modes of travel. The overall goal of the project was to engage the community in a discussion about potential design improvements for the corridor and develop one community-supported conceptual plan for the corridor.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to provide citizens an opportunity to make their comments on the plan known. If you are unable to attend the public hearing, you may direct written comments to the City of Winters, Community Development Department, 318 First Street, Winters, CA 95694 or nelia.dyer@cityofwinters.org by 5 p.m. of the scheduled date of the public hearing described in this notice. In addition, the staff report will be available on the City's website by Thursday, February 10, 2011. The website address is: http://cityofwinters.org/administrative/admin_council.htm.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you are a disabled person and you need a disability-related modification or accommodation to participate in these hearings, please contact City Clerk Nanci Mills at (530) 795-4910, ext. 101. Please make your request as early as possible and at least one-full business day before the start of the hearing.

The City does not transcribe its hearings. If you wish to obtain a verbatim record of the proceedings, you must arrange for attendance by a court reporter or for some other means of recordation. Such arrangements will be at your sole expense.

If you wish to challenge the action taken on this matter in court, the challenge may be limited to raising only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Community Development Director.

For more information regarding this agenda item, please contact Nelia Dyer, Community Development Director at (530) 795-4910, ext. 114.

Feb. 3, 2011

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Trustee's Sale

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 10-0134115 Title Order No. 100617942 Investor/Insurer No. 870864690 APN No. 003-442-004 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 01/04/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER." Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by ANICETO PADILLA AND ERIKA L PADILLA, dated 01/04/2007 and recorded 01/10/07, as Instrument No. 2007-0001144-00, in Book , Page), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Yolo County, State of California, will sell on 02/24/2011 at 12:00PM, At the rear (North) entrance to the City Hall Building, 1110 West Capital Avenue, West Sacramento, CA. 95691 at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash or check as described below, payable in full at time of sale, all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust, in the property situated in said County and State and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1006 ADAMS 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. The total amount of the unpaid balance with interest thereon of the obligation secured by the property to be sold plus reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$245,995.79. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept cashier's checks drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Said sale will be made, in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, advances thereunder, with interest as provided, and the unpaid principal of the Note secured by said Deed of Trust with interest thereon as provided in said Note, plus fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. DATED: 01/26/2011 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA-914-01-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 93063 Phone: (800) 281 8219, Sale Information (626) 927-4399 By Trustee's Sale Officer RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. ASAP# 3867501 01/27/2011, 02/03/2011, 02/10/2011

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