



Council paves way for Grant Avenue plan

By DEBRA DeANGELO
Express editor

After more than a year of studies, research and collection of public input, the Complete Streets plan for Grant Avenue got the stamp of approval from the Winters City Council at the Feb. 15 meeting.

Lou Hexter, project manager with MIG, Inc., which conducted the compilation of the research and input, provided an identical Power Point presentation to the city council that was shown to the planning commission in January. He reviewed the goal of the plan for Grant Avenue, which extends from El Rio Villa (Yolo Housing) to Railroad Avenue, and thanked the community for its participation in the final plan, as well as City Manager John Donlevy, city staff mem-

bers Nellie Dyer and Dawn Van Dyke, city engineer Nick Ponticello, and the Caltrans staff, all of whom played key roles in developing the plan.

“More than anything this plan represents a concerted effort and a coordinated effort between the community, city staff and Caltrans, and we hope you appreciate the effort that went into this,” said Hexter.

The goals of the Complete Streets plan include directing the flow of traffic to the downtown area, improving connections to Putah Creek, designing Grant Avenue as a gateway to the downtown, and providing continuity with downtown. He noted that at present, there's very little indication when coming into town from the freeway that there

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Farmers Market will not return

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After two summers of bringing fresh local produce straight from farms to the Winters community, the Winters City Council got the unhappy verdict on the return of this year's Winters Farmers Market: There won't be one.

Dan Maguire, the city's housing programs manager who has worked closely with market coordinator Ana Kormos, delivered the recommendation at the Feb. 15 city council meeting that the market be discon-

tinued. He noted that sales were not sufficient to keep attracting vendors, and that tough economic times didn't help to encourage sales. Bottom line, said Maguire, was that the Winters Farmers Market simply wasn't sustainable.

“I'm extremely sad, and it hurts to make that recommendation, but it's probably the best recommendation we can make,” added Kormos.

Davis Farmers Market coordinator Randii MacNear, who helped guide the new

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Who will it be?



Photo by Debra DeAngelo

Only one of these Warriors will wear the Mr. Warrior headdress at the annual event, planned for Wednesday, March 2, at 7 p.m., at St. Anthony Parish Hall. From left are (back) Austin Brickey, Jay Santana, Tyler Tufts and Lorenzo Pacheco; (front) Elliot Herrera, Michael Sanchez and Tyrone Johnson. (Not pictured, Kelly Callison and Jared Ney.) Admission is \$7 at the door.

Budget clock ticking on schools

By DEBBIE HEMENWAY
Staff writer

Anyone who has watched “60 Minutes” is familiar with the ticking clock that appears between program segments. Anyone who has been attending Winters School Board meetings, either as trustee or interested onlooker, is by now familiar with the invisible but equally insistent “budget clock” that is relentlessly marking the days until the board must approve the income and spending plan for the 2011-12 school year.

The final approval must be made by June 30 for the fiscal

year beginning July 1, but the requirement for staff notifications of non-renewal of contracts — “pink slips” — is that anyone whom the district does not intend to rehire be notified by March 15, with final notification in May. This deadline was probably not what Shakespeare had in mind when his soothsayer warned Julius Caesar to “beware the Ides of March,” but it is a date that teachers and administrators view with a certain degree of concern, particularly in tight economic times.

Because March 15 is looming, the trustees must give the Superintendent clear direction

at their March 3 meeting as to where they would like to see district money spent and where cuts can be made. As Superintendent Becci Gillespie reminded the board and the public, the district is facing a possible loss of \$550,000 in revenues and, regardless of the outcome of the tentative special election in June to ask voters to extend tax increases, will lose at minimum \$19 per student.

With this information as background, the board held a public workshop and, later in the evening, an agendaized dis-

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New officer, new codes, new committee

By DEBRA DeANGELO
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The Winters Police Department expanded by one, as Winters Police Chief Bruce Muramoto introduced Officer Joshua Hearn to the Winters City Council at the Feb. 15 meeting. Hearn was sworn in at the meeting by City Attorney John Wallace, and welcomed with a reception and cake following the ceremony, with friends and family in attendance.

Muramoto provided some background on Hearn, noting that he grew up in Solano County, and went into construction after high school, working as a journeyman electrician. However, he decided he wanted to be a police officer, and put himself through the police academy, following in the footsteps of his father, a re-

tired police sergeant with the San Pablo police department. Hearn and his wife have one child and another on the way.

Hearn graduated from the Napa Valley Police Academy in September 2010, and was a reserve police officer with the San Pablo Police Department before joining the Winters Police Department on Feb. 8. He is currently in field training with Corporal Jose Ramirez, and enjoys family activities, the outdoors, camping, hunting and fishing. Hearn's father, Doug Hearn, was present to officially pin Hearn's badge to his chest.

New codes

Following the reception for Hearn, Winters Building Official Gene Ashdown gave a presentation on the changes in California Building Codes that



Photo by Debra DeAngelo

Winters Police Officer Joshua Hearn has his badge pinned on by his father, Doug Hearn, a retired San Pablo Police Department sergeant. Hearn was sworn in at the Feb. 15 city council meeting.

went into effect on Jan. 1. The changes apply to a variety of areas, including construction, plumbing, electrical, mechanical, energy and fire standards. New codes

have been developed for residential construction and “green” building codes, and Ashdown noted that he is “expecting to

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WEATHER

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

Date	Rain	HI	Lo
Feb. 16	.51	61	43
Feb. 17	.42	56	41
Feb. 18	.91	47	34
Feb. 19	.88	44	35
Feb. 20	.02	49	31
Feb. 21	.02	59	35
Feb. 22	trace	57	33

Rain for week: 2.76
Season's total: 15.60
Last year to date: 18.59
Average to Feb. 22: 16.37

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Weekly police report

Feb. 14
 ~ 2:40 p.m., a found bicycle was turned over to the police department.
 ~ 9 p.m., 900 block of East Grant Avenue, a suspect entered a business, took three packs of cigars and left without paying. Loss: \$18.
 ~ 10:33 p.m., 800 block of West Grant Avenue, parties were involved in a mutual physical altercation.

Feb. 16
 ~ 5 a.m., 200 block of Russell Street, a car stereo was stolen from a locked vehicle. Loss: \$150.

Feb. 17
 ~ 2:29 p.m., 800 block of West Grant Avenue, parties were involved in a verbal domestic dispute.

Feb. 18
 ~ 10:50 a.m., 600 block of Foxglove Circle, an officer responded to an audible residential alarm that was activated by an animal.
 ~ 3:50 p.m., two 11-year-old Winters juveniles were arrested for possessing less than an ounce of marijuana on school grounds. The juveniles were booked at the Winters Police Department and released on notices to appear to an adult.
 ~ 4:30 p.m., a 12-year-old Winters juvenile was arrested for possessing less than an ounce of marijuana on school grounds and possessing a pocket knife with a blade over two and a half inches on school grounds. The juvenile was booked at the Winters Police Department and released on a notice to appear to an adult.

Berryessa level rises 3.36 feet in past week

The level of Lake Berryessa rose by 3.36 feet during the past week, adding 56,602 acre feet of water to storage, according to Ken Enigh of the Solano Irrigation District.

He reported Tuesday morning that the lake was 421.21 feet above sea level, with storage computed at 1,213,787 acre feet of water.

The SID is diverting 65 second feet of water into the Putah South Canal and 26 second feet is flowing in Putah Creek at the Diversion Dam.

Evaporation on Lake Berryessa averaged 12 acre feet of water per day during the week.

~ 9:59 p.m., 100 block of Abbey Street, empty beer cans were located in a bedroom of a 17-year-old juvenile who is on probation. The case is being forwarded to Yolo County Probation for review.

Feb. 19-20
 ~ Time unknown, 600 block of Foxglove Circle, a concrete block was thrown at a parked vehicle. Damage: \$600.

Feb. 20
 ~ 12:30 a.m., Melissa Ann Granger, 25, of Winters, was arrested on three outstanding Solano County Sheriff bench warrants charging her with failure to appear on previous charge of being a minor in possession of an alcoholic beverage; failure to appear on a previous charge of petty theft; and failure to appear on a previous charge of possessing less than an ounce of marijuana. Granger was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to the Yolo County Jail for incarceration.

Feb. 21
 ~ 6:26 p.m., Axl A. Valadez Hernandez, 18, of Winters, was issued a notice to appear for being an unlicensed driver and failing to provide proof of insurance.

Feb. 22
 ~ 10:17 a.m., Kanara Ashak, 23, of Winters, was booked and released on a District Attorney letter charging her with hit and run causing property damage, being an unlicensed driver and making unsafe turning movements.

Woodland Healthcare offers cancer support group

Woodland Healthcare offers a Living with Cancer support group, free of charge, for people who have or have had cancer and are receiving treatment or not. The group meets on the first, third and fifth Tuesday of every month from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the cafeteria at Woodland Memorial Hospital, 1325 Cottonwood St., Woodland. Spouses, caregivers, family members and friends are welcome.

Studies on support groups have found that regular attendance can boost quality of life, calm anxiety and make patients more active and in control of their care.

The goals of Woodland Healthcare's group are to reach people as soon as possible after diagnosis; to provide support, understanding and referrals to community resources; to share feelings in a safe and

confidential atmosphere; provide education about cancer and its myths; and provide speakers, including physicians and other healthcare professionals, on cancer and related topics.

The support group is funded by the Woodland Healthcare Foundation. For more information, call support group facilitator and registered nurse Sheila Murray at 669-5305.



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Pictured above is the Winters High School "C" basketball team in the spring of 1953 when schools had "A," "B" and "C" teams. Players are, back row (from left), Dale Forbis and Byron Snow, principal and coach; middle row (from left), Mike Carbahal, Delbert Mayer, Mack Cody, Dick Rojo, Dick Snow, Bill Pugh and Lorin Warren; front row (from left), Eugene Bryan, Sam Lopez, Ken Donaldson, Frank Martinez, Dee Harper, John Lopez and Dale Corbett.

50 YEARS AGO

March 9, 1961
 George Crum, Winters rancher, was reelected president of the California Freestone peach Association at the annual business meeting of the organization held Tuesday in Modesto.

The Rev. George Wood has resigned his pastorate at the First Baptist Church, effective Easter Sunday night, April 2, and has accepted a job as pastor in Lancaster.

Mrs. Russell Davis will head the combined P. T. A. for the coming year, having been elected at the meeting on Tuesday night at the grammar school auditorium.

Warren G. Tufts said members of the local Farm Bureau last Thursday night that the growers in the Winters area are planning to set up their own employment office here, to be opened about April 1 for the apricot thinning season.

Baseball practice started at Winters High School Monday with a large number of boys reporting for practice. Hugh Randolph is again varsity coach, and John Kammerer is J. V. coach.

Mr. and Mrs. James R. Boyce of Santa Barbara spent the weekend as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Lewis.

65 YEARS AGO

March 8, 1946
 The City Council requests all clubs and organizations interested in building a community hall to send representatives to the next council meeting scheduled for April 2.

In the final basketball game of the season, the Winters town team defeated the high school varsity Wednesday night by a score of 63 to 60. J. R. Chapman coached the town team. Delman Hague scored 40 points for the varsity. Proceeds are to be used for the Youth Day celebration.

At the city council meeting Tuesday night, permission was granted to use a portion of the city dump for a landing strip.

The terms of the following trustees in the Winters Joint Union High School District will expire on June 30 this year: L. H. Wilson, Olive District; Ira Nichols, Pleasants Valley and Lucian Richey, Wolfskill.

Herbert Smith, proprietor of Smith Electrical shop, this week moved his equipment to the Masonic building next to W. I. Baker's office.

A meeting of the Youth Day Council was held Tuesday night with Walter D. Skinner, chairman, presiding.

100 YEARS AGO

March 10, 1911
 The rainfall to date as recorded at the depot is 24.07 inches.

Wild pigeons are reportedly plentiful in the hills these days.

The Unity Club billiard and pool tournament started Thursday afternoon.

The Bank of Winters has purchased a fine new modern Man-ganese coin safe.

Mrs. T. F. Brattin will have a showing of spring millinery Friday and Saturday, March 17 and 18.

The floods, caused by the heavy rains the first of the week, have caused considerable damage.

Miss Olga Hemenway left on Thursday morning for Alameda for a month's vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. W.P. Womack tendered their daughter, Mrs. J. J. Fischer, a birthday surprise party Sunday.

At the game with the Davis State Farm team last Friday evening, our hitherto victorious basketball team met its Waterloo.

115 YEARS AGO

March 7, 1896
 Col. Taylor had a large force of men burning brush on his place on Tuesday night to prevent the frost from killing the fruit.

Miss Bertha Pearse visited her parents in Woodland on Saturday and Sunday last.

Mr. Hughes, of San Francisco, proprietor of the Hotel De Vilbiss came up on Tuesday morning's train and returned Wednesday.

Mrs. Kiniman late from the East has taken rooms 21 and 22 in the Cradwick building. She will do cutting and fitting. Hat trimming and bonnet making will be done with her dressmaking.

On Friday afternoon of last week, the blacksmith shop on W. J. Reynolds' ranch together with all his tools, a four horse wagon and other farming implements, were destroyed by fire.



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Sending the ‘invitation to your party’

It has been a long time since the Great Recession hit. Are there signs of improvement? Some, but for most of the “Main Street” businesses out there, it’s not real yet. So why then would a business want to increase its marketing now? I spent an hour in a room at the KUIC studio last week listening to a guy who could answer that question. I had my own answer, but I actually liked his better. “Running a business is like planning a big party, say a wedding. You wouldn’t spend all the money planning and ordering the food, and reserving the space, without sending out the invitations would you?” Like I said, I had my own answer for the question, but this made much more sense. So the question becomes how are you going to get the best return on your money, or what type of invitation are you going to send and what are you going to say that will bring people to your party?

Now obviously, KUIC had its



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spotlight on the radio media — that is a great media format, and you should be on the lookout for an opportunity to do some cooperative marketing if you’re a Chamber member. What other media formats are there? Well, you’re holding one right now. Putting an advertisement in the Winters Express is a great way to get your message out to the public (Charley didn’t even have to pay me for this). Other ways are using Facebook, MySpace, Twitter or other social media. These are all great ways to get your business name out in the world, and they don’t cost very much when you break it down to dollars per person reached. There is one way, though, that oftentimes gets overlooked, and that is the network referral. Once you get that new customer into your place of business and they see what you have to offer, and then they actually buy from you, your best marketing tool is

them. Getting a happy customer to tell someone else is one of the hardest things to do. Getting a mad customer not to tell someone else is even harder. So remember that if you want your marketing dollars to go even further, you need to make your business referable. Don’t know how to do that? Send me an e-mail at aaldrete@winterschamber.com. Another way to market your business is by networking with other businesses. There is something called B2B networking. This is where the Chamber can be a huge resource for you. B2B networking is getting to know the business owners of a business that you use and that might, at sometime, need your services. For example, a construction company is working on a project that includes a homeowner wanting to put solar panels on his or her home. The construction company may want to work with a business that

specializes in solar panel installation. This helps the customer get what he or she wants, the contractor becomes a hero because he has now helped the customer by getting solar panels installed professionally, and the solar panel company has a new customer. The contractor has also made himself referable to both the homeowner and the other business. Why? Because even though the contractor could handle installing the solar panels, it may not be where his expertise lies. So he got someone who does have the expertise and took good care of the customer. These two businesses have now worked in a professional capacity and can now be comfortable with each other’s business process.

The bottom line is this: in good times and in bad, marketing is important to every business. The businesses that survive this kind of long, deep recession are the ones that keep sending out invitations to their private parties. The ones that thrive in the recovery are the ones that focus on their marketing and make themselves referable.



Courtesy photo

Gwen Pisani, a staff member of Anytime Fitness, stands in front of a chalkboard filled with inspirational messages. Anytime Fitness, at 113 Main St., will host the Chamber Mixer on Monday, March 14, at 5:30 p.m.

Chamber calendar

March 1

7:30 a.m. Chamber breakfast meeting, Cody’s Restaurant, guest speaker John Donlevy to speak on Winters Economic Development Advisory Committee. Open to public. \$10 donation at the door to offset expenses.

March 11

7 a.m. Chamber Board meeting at the Winters Visitor Center, 11 Main St. Open to public.

March 14

5:30 p.m. Chamber Mixer, Anytime Fitness, 113 Main Street. Open to the public. \$5 donation at the door.

March 19

4 p.m. Youth Art Stroll. Reception 4:30 p.m. at Winters Visitor Center, 11 Main Street. Event is free, families are encouraged to attend.

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LETTERS

Concerned about cuts to curriculum

I am writing out of concern over the possibility of having the art program at Winters High School removed from the curriculum offered at the school.

As a WHS alumni from the Class of 2000, I was one of the many students that over the years benefited from having the opportunity to be involved in an enriching art program that not only provided a safe environment in which to creatively grow, but also played a major role in establishing meaningful connections between students that otherwise would have been difficult to establish without its presence in our curriculum.

Some of the most memorable moments of my high school career that I still hold dear to my heart largely include those that I experienced through innovative elective classes such as art.

As I progressed through the several levels of art classes offered at the time, I soon became aware of how much of an impact such classes were having on my fellow peers and myself. Noticing the manner in which students who had a limited English language capacity interacted with others whom they could not verbally understand, the artistic expressions that transcended language barriers became a connecting thread that encouraged these interactions that, as mentioned previously, would be difficult to strategically arrange in other class settings.

Being a current graduate student in the field of school counseling, I am more aware than I ever have been of the importance of maintaining academic



engagement for students who have little to no motivation to succeed. I strongly believe that the several art classes I took as a WHS student aided in my personal, social, and academic development, as I too once fell victim to the wrath of academic disengagement that many students today fall prey to.

Regardless of the underlying issues surrounding student circumstances that influence this phenomenon, it is our duty as educators and stakeholders in our community to make decisions that are in the best interest of the students we serve, and it is for that reason that I am motivated to strongly urge the Winters Joint Unified School District Board of Trustees to seriously consider keeping art as a part of the Winters High School curriculum.

CARLOS LEON

Found Rice's relatives

Thanks to the generosity of Winters citizens, I have been able to find the names of eight generations of the Rice Family. In some cases, I have also found documents on individuals.

Using search engines like FindAgrave.com, Ancestry.com and Archives.com, I have searched through birth notifications, death notifications, census records, marriage notification, military records, obituaries, and other documents. I have also visited the Yolo County archives and have located other documents pertaining to the Rice Family including a coroner's report and the original article describing the death of Marshal Rice.

War I vet. Buel was Marshal Rice's great nephew (by marriage) and used to look after his Aunt Alice after Marshal Rice died.

Tom Crisp also did a fantastic job in tracking Marshal Rice's family through Ancestry.com. He was able to locate Kathy, who is a great grandchild of Mary Ottie "Molly" Rice. Mary Rice is Marshal Rice's sister.

For those of you who can't make it to Washington DC, I am also working on getting Marshal Rice's name on the Law Enforcement Memorial in Sacramento.

In addition to gathering this information for the Law Enforcement Memorials, I also hope to create a display for the new public safety building. If anyone is interested in more information or has something they would like to contribute, please email me at gail.jimenez@winterspolice.org.

GAIL JIMENEZ
Community Service Officer
Winters Police Department

Thanks for the support

Thank you for all the love and kindness brought to us at Ida Wallace's wake. As an infrequent visitor to Winters, it's a mixed



oval buttons that just say "Forgot."

The next row of buttons down reads, "Lose Sound," "Tidal Wave Starter," and "Lose Picture." Below that, the row reads, "No Clue," "Never Saw This One Before," and "Utter Mystery." Then we have the big round point and shoot button in the middle, which of course will cause Grandma to "Launch Rocketship."

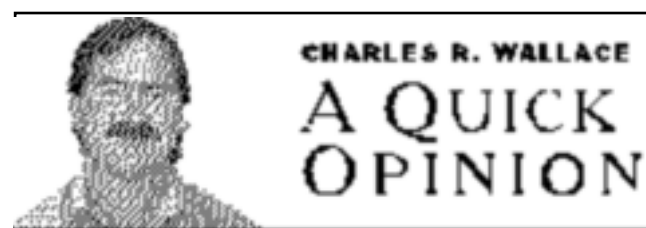
As we work our way down the remote, where we find many clusters of question-marked buttons, a row of buttons says "Emit Sparks," "House Blows Up" and "Ominous Smell." (It's hard to type when you're chuckling... your ribs jiggle your elbows!)

At the very bottom, are buttons numbered zero through nine, and of course they lead to another big square button that says, "Drop the Big One."

The reason this literally made me laugh out loud and still giggle every time I look at it is not simply that the buttons are funny but because I actually understand the level of anxiety that comes with pushing the buttons on the remote. I dread pushing any button I don't thoroughly understand (read: more complicated than on, off, forward and rewind), particularly if I'm alone in the house without anyone to undo whatever disaster I caused. Seriously. I know that anxiety. I'm certain that before my son explained the "input" button to me, that it used to say "TV Explodes."

Certain.

And of course, I realize that when you reach the point in life where your learning curve flattens and magnified, irrational fear and mistrust of anything unfamiliar



THANK YOU. The whole Wallace clan was impressed with the turnout and good wishes we received after Ida Wallace passed away. I'm not sure what I was expecting, but the outpouring of support was overwhelming. I see thank you notes in the Express from time to time and my brother Polk wrote one this week. I'm not sure how to thank everyone who brought food, gave a hug or sent a sympathy card, but your thoughts and prayers were appreciated.

I have never been hugged so much in my life, and I want to say that my friends that have lost their mothers gave me the biggest hugs. Everyone got a little teary-eyed when they talked about losing their parents, and some of their parents have been gone for decades. I guess you never really get over the loss of a loved one.

It was a whirlwind of activity with all five kids hanging around the house at the same time. That hasn't happened since 1963. Now it is back to the grind, and having a job and someplace to go is a good thing. The guy that is on Page 2, from time to time, has been putting in his regular hours at the office. Having to read the weather everyday at 9 a.m. will make him come downtown at least once a day. I don't know what people who are retired do when a spouse dies, but sitting around the house all day can't be good for the mind or body.

Again, thank yous all around, and have a good week.

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escalates, it means (how do I say this nicely so as not to crush my self-esteem) that you've, errr.... "crested" on life's timeline.

Crested. That's a nice, gentle word and it reminds me of peacocks, and peacocks are lovely, colorful and exotic. I'd much rather view myself as lovely, colorful and exotic at this stage in life than slowing sinking into stagnation and senility.

OK, I know I'm supposed to be aging gracefully, but frankly, I've never done anything gracefully in my life, so why change my shtick now.

But in the midst of digging in my heels whilst life drags me over the crest against my will, Judy T.'s card showed me something — it takes the sting out of packing on the years when you can laugh at yourself.

Judy already understands this, because inside the card, she wrote, "After reading your column today, I felt that you might benefit from knowing that you are not alone!"

I do, Judy. More than you could possibly know. I mean, I'm aware that other people are getting older too, but it's very easy to feel like sometimes you're the only one.

So, as I navigate my way down the other side of the hill, and life presents new and improved challenges at every turn, I suspect it'll be a lot more pleasant if I laugh, rather than cry, over each little bump and bobble in the road.

I think I'll keep Judy's card on my desk forever to remind me of that. I already have a little quote from Sophie Tucker on the wall that says, "Keep breathing." But I think I can do better. Judy's card will be a reminder that the difference between merely surviving and really living is to "Keep laughing." I think that'll be my new goal. And if I master it, I'll have a new skill too: typing while my elbows jiggle.

(Debra writes for www.ipinion.us, an online syndicate of writers, poets and photographers.)

For my next trick, I will learn to type while my elbows jiggle

Oh, Judy T. from Far East Grant Avenue, you made my day, week, month, and possibly my whole year last week, and it's only February. That means everything else that happens in 2011 is just a bonus.

Judy read my column two weeks ago about my multi-remote woes, and sent me a card. Not one of those e-cards that nobody reads anymore because they might be filthy with computer viruses. No, this was a real paper card that she went out and bought, and wrote inside with real handwriting (how I miss seeing handwriting) and mailed it to me in a good old-fashioned mailbox.

By today's standards, that's a lot of effort to go through for someone you only know through newsprint. And while I always appreciate the handwritten notes and cards I receive (don't get me wrong, I like emails too) this card was simply outstanding. And it needed to be shared.

You'll have to en-

gage the right side of your brain and picture this: The card says "How Grandma Sees the Remote" at the top, and underneath in the top left-hand corner, a little bubble with a terrified-looking grandma. In the bottom right hand corner is another bubble with an evil television, with the DVD player resting on top, and it's emitting little electrical waves that make a sound: "dzzt... dzzt... dzzt."

Diagonally across the middle is a typical TV remote, with the seven gazillion buttons I mentioned, and each little button is labeled how Grandma reads them. All of the little ones simply have question marks. But the big meaty ones down the middle, where all the serious business happens — those are priceless.

Right at the very top, a big square button says "TV Explodes." (Honest to God, I'm chuckling while I'm typing this). Below it, a big oval button that reads, "Cause Nationwide Blackout," flanked by two smaller

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hear squeals from citizens and contractors.” However, he expressed optimism that once contractors and the public are familiar with the new codes that they will like them better.

“I think after studying them, they give our contractors, architects and engineers more latitude,” said Ashdown.

He highlighted some major changes in the new codes, such as a mandatory green building code and laws requiring a 30 percent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2020. He noted that the new codes do not apply to any building application packages that were submitted prior to Dec. 31, 2010.

Ashdown said some of the new green code restrictions include restrictions on water flow in toilets, showerheads and landscaping, moisture sensors in landscape designs, and a ban on incandescent light bulbs beginning next year. There will also be a requirement for bike lockers in new commercial buildings.

Council member Cecilia Aguiar-Curry asked if classes could be offered to help people understand the new codes and get more information, and Ashdown said some local contractors have already been offered these types of classes, but said more could be made available.

“Any education they want, we can typically get for them,” said Ashdown.

Mayor Woody Fridae asked if people would have to read through all the volumes of manuals to find the changes. Ashdown explained that the changes in the manuals have been highlighted. However, there are lots of highlighted sections.

“There were 6,500 changes in the building code. Sometimes you open up a page and it’s all highlighted,” said Ashdown.

EDAC

Chris Turkovich was approved as the eighth member of the Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC), taking the seat that was originally offered to former Winters Mayor Dan Martinez, who declined it. This rounds out the committee, which began meeting on Monday, Feb. 7, and includes Lisa Baker, William Biasi, Joseph Castro, Wade Cowan (chairman), Debra DeAngelo, Bill Hailey and Sandy Vickrey.

Donlevy reported that the committee has settled on a meeting schedule, and is planning a community workshop on Monday, March 7. He further reported that he had negotiated a lower consultant fee with facilitator Terry Bottomley, who agreed to drop his fee from \$6,000 to \$3,400, with a smaller scope of work, which includes the facilitation of two public workshops.

Aguiar-Curry asked for clarification on whether Bottomley’s fees would be paid with city funds or with a donation offered by a group calling itself the Winters Community Planning Association, consisting mainly of the individuals who filed an appeal of the planning commis-

sion’s approval of the Burger King project. The group had offered to donate funds for Bottomley’s fees at the Jan. 18 meeting, and the offer generated resistance from council members Aguiar-Curry, Tom McMasters Stone and Mike Martin at the Feb. 1 meeting.

Donlevy replied that the expenditure of funds for Bottomley’s participation is justifiable as a planning expense, and said “\$3,400 is a figure we could absorb through internal funds.” He added that he felt the fee was reasonable, and praised Bottomley’s skills and experience as a facilitator.

Council member Harold Anderson expressed discomfort with refusing donations from community groups.

“Are we, as a community, refusing to accept donations which have been offered?” asked Anderson. “We were told we had a tight budget, but now — it’s okay, we can spend the money? I don’t like idea of telling people we don’t want to spend their money.”

“There are other ways they can contribute to the community,” countered Martin. “This project should be transparent. I don’t think there was a motive behind the donation. But this thing is going to define the community of Winters. \$3,400 to me is reasonable. In this specific case, I feel transparency is very important, especially at this time.”

“Are we going to scrutinize every time there is a donation to the city?” asked Fridae.

Aguiar-Curry said she wanted clarification about whether it is legal for local governments to accept donations from federally recognized private non-profit organizations, and felt there were regulations prohibiting such donations.

“Is this fact? I was told this, but don’t have documentation,” said Aguiar-Curry. “I would prefer to look into it further.”

Noting that investigating the issue would take time and thereby stall the community workshop facilitation process, she added, “We really need this process to move along sooner than later. There will be other points in time when we could use donations. It is something I would question and it would delay the process.” Anderson agreed that the point was worthy of further discussion.

The council then approved Turkovich’s appointment and the EDAC membership, as well as the expenditure of \$3,400 in city funds for Bottomley’s fee for workshop facilitation. Fridae directed Donlevy to look into regulations regarding donations from private non-profit groups. Donlevy replied that he was already researching that issue, but did not yet have an answer.

Following the vote, community member Lynette McClure requested to speak to the council on the issue, and said she was under the impression that there would be three public meetings, not two.

“It is the gateway to our city, and it is really going to determine what happens to our city and the quality of life here,” noted McClure, expressing that even three meetings at one and a half hours each weren’t sufficient to provide enough public input.

Fridae noted that everyone in the community is welcome at both the public meetings and the EDAC meetings.

“I suggest everybody come be a part of it,” said Fridae, to which Donlevy added that the committee has 13 meetings scheduled, and the public can attend all of them.

Other items

~ The council unanimously approved the first reading of a resolution authorizing informal bidding procedures as allowed by the state of California for cities with populations of \$7,500 or less. The resolution allows city staff to negotiate with contractors for lower bids on projects and removes the requirement that bidding be listed in public notices in local newspapers, saving the city money on legal advertising. The resolution allows city staff to deal with minor changes in projects, and City Manager John Donlevy told the council that any purchase over \$5,000 would first be presented to the council for approval.

“This gives us the autonomy of negotiation to try and strike the best deal,” said Donlevy.

~ A resolution approving a claim for Transportation Development Act Funding was approved unanimously.

~ City Finance Officer Shelly Gunby reported that PG&E will now begin charging the correct rate for the Utility Users Tax,

which it has not done since the tax was approved by voters in June. Gunby said PG&E has agreed to remit the shortfall that began accruing from Sept. 1 through Jan. 31 and will not back-charge citizens for its error. Gunby said she has prepared a letter “gratefully accepting” the remittance of \$108,000 from PG&E.

“They are willing to provide the funding we should have been receiving since September 1,” said Gunby, noting that PG&E claimed the city had sent information on the tax to the wrong address, however, Gunby had documented all of the correspondence proving that PG&E had made the mistake.

City Attorney John Wallace praised Gunby for holding PG&E accountable for the shortfall.

“I can’t say enough for Shelley’s work,” said Wallace.

~ The city council approved repayment schedules, and then also approved them while acting as the Community Development Agency (CDA), for several loans made by the city to the CDA. The repayment schedules were approved to protect the city in the face of changes anticipated in how the state of California collects redevelopment funds and the possibility that the state may eliminate redevelopment programs altogether. The repayment loans apply to the Supplemental Revenue Augmentation Fund (SERAF), repayment of the 1992 General Plan Amendment, and water distribution facility improvements within the redevelopment area.

Gunby advised a five-year repayment play for the loans, that go back as far as 1995, and noted that all of the paperwork on the loans has been fully documented with the county from the date of inception, and all the contracts are in place. She expressed concern that the state may attempt to have “successor agencies” repay the debt, which rightly should be paid from redevelopment funds.

“Everything is done correctly and we can find (the documents),” said Gunby. “What we never put in place was a repayment schedule because it wasn’t required. Now we’re going to tell them what our repayment plan is. When they have a successor agency make the payments, we will tell them what the pay-

ments need to be.”

“We are on solid ground, but this puts us on more solid ground,” summarized Fridae.

The council unanimously approved resolutions for repayment plans in all three areas, followed by unanimous approval of all three by the CDA.

~ A resolution authorizing the city manager to sign an agreement with Richards, Watson and Gershon for special legal counsel services was approved unanimously by the CDA. The legal counsel will work on issues related to the threat of the elimination of redevelopment funding. Gunby gave an example of the necessity of having a city housing authority to distribute \$1.2 million in funds for low income housing. Anderson said he had “trepidation about creating a housing agency.” Gunby said she is still looking into the details of such an agency.

“We’re just going to get some information and have legal documents prepared so that if we need to pull the trigger on this, that’s what we’ll do. We may need to move very rapidly,” explained Donlevy. “A successor agency could pull all our housing money right out from under us.

“One of concerns is

that we have our signature on millions of dollars of bonds. We want that money spent here. It is a covenant and contract that our money will be spent here. This contract (with legal counsel) is keeping us strategically placed.”

~ Student McKay Baker led the Pledge of Allegiance at the opening of the meeting. Fridae noted that he has read more than three million words so far this year, setting a new record at Shirley Rominger Intermediate School. Fridae, a teacher at SRIS, also noted that he taught Baker’s father years ago.

~ The Feb. 15 meeting was adjourned in honor of Winters residents Andy Anderson and Ida Wallace, who both passed away in February.

The city council will meet again on Tuesday, March 1, at 6:30 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall. All council members were present at the Feb. 15 meeting.

(Correction to last week’s story: The student who led the Pledge of Allegiance was incorrectly identified as Christian Sturgeon. His correct name is Tristan Sturgeon. We apologize for any inconvenience this error may have caused.)

Community

City council to meet Tuesday

The Winters City Council will meet on Tuesday, March 1, at 6:30 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall. The agenda includes:

- ~ Presentation by Charles W. Anderson, Regional Public Affairs Manager, League of California Cities, Sacramento Valley

- ~ Public hearing, ordinance adding chapter to the Winters Municipal Code establishing informal bidding procedures pursuant to the Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act

- ~ Purchase of screen equipment to be installed at East Street Wastewater Headworks in the amount of \$87,944.81.

Like father, like son



Photo by Debra DeAngelo

Winters Police Officer Joshua Hearn (center) was sworn into duty at the Feb. 15 city council meeting. His father, retired San Pablo Police Sergeant David Hearn (left) pinned his WPD badge on, and Winters Police Chief Bruce Muramoto (right) introduced Hearn to the council.

Workshop to focus on Grant Avenue design guidelines

The community is invited to attend a workshop focusing on design guidelines for the Grant Avenue corridor on Monday, March 7. Elements that will be considered at the workshop include architectural design, site planning, landscape design, connectivity and pedestrian/bicycle access. Workshop participants will be asked to provide feedback on each of the design elements.

Terry Bottomley of Bottomley Associates, Urban Design & City

Planning will facilitate the workshop. Input gathered at the workshop will be considered by the City of Winters Economic Development Advisory Committee, which was appointed by the City Council to develop recommendations on economic development and design for the Grant Avenue corridor. This will be the first of two workshops.

The workshop will be held from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Winters Community Center.

For more information, call 795-4910.

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MARKET

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Winters Farmers Market along, added that Winters residents have so much access to fresh produce, from backyard gardens to local fruit stands, that the market could not compete successfully.

"People have to need to shop at a farmers market more than they enjoy going to a farmers market," said MacNear. "The sales just continued week after week to go down, and the vendors continued to drop out."

She described the market's debut in 2009 as "stellar" but said that as time went on, some vendors were only making \$80 per day and it wasn't enough.

City council member Mike Martin asked if MacNear foresaw a return of the farmers market in the future. MacNear said a more likely scenario would be to develop the local Farm to School program, which might in turn offer a local fruit stand or market.

"There are innovative collaborations that could happen," said MacNear. "My belief about this community is that we need an institution that already exists."

She recommended a creative collaboration with an already existing organization such as FFA for developing a market.

Council member Cecilia Aguiar-Curry offered praise for the market and thanked Maguire, Kormos and MacNear for their efforts, as did Mayor Woody Fridae.

"It is very sad that it didn't survive," said Fridae. "I hope it will come back in some

kind of reincarnation at some point."

Maguire in turn praised the council members for supporting the market, and for regularly attending and supporting the vendors. He then gave an update on the community garden, reporting that it is "fully subscribed" but there are a few raised beds available. Kormos reported that the waiting list for the available plots is short, and everyone on it should be able to have a plot this year.

"We will put it out to the community again," said Kormos, adding that she is looking at other potential sites in the community for developing an additional garden and that she has funding for a second garden from the same group that funded the first one.

Martin suggested a second garden near the Orchard Village apartments that are nearing completion, noting that the city has property near there that could be used for such a space. Council member Harold Anderson suggested the Valley Oak area, making it closer to those who live in the trailer park.

Old flags can be retired

The Yolo County Veterans Coalition has scheduled a flag retirement ceremony at West Plainfield Fire Department on Saturday, March 12, at 9 a.m. The ceremony will include inspection, retirement and burning

of worn flags. The fire department is located on County Road 95 adjacent to the county airport.

Anyone with flags that are worn out can call John Sexton, 795-0751, to arrange to have them picked up.

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Calendar

Saturday, February 26

Winters Uprising Soccer Team dinner fundraiser, 6-9 p.m., Winters firehouse, 10 Abbey Street

Monday, February 28

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

Tuesday, March 1

Winters Chamber of Commerce Breakfast meeting, 7:30 a.m., Cody's Restaurant
City Council meeting, 6:30 p.m., council chambers at City Hall

Wednesday, March 2

Mr. Warrior Competition, 7 p.m., St. Anthony Parish Hall

Ongoing

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

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

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

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

Upcoming events

Sunday, March 6

23rd Annual Freeze your #& Off Motorcycle Rally, lunchtime, Winters Community Center (707) 486-6454 - ask for Mike

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Garden plots available

The Winters Community Garden is entering its second year, and there are a limited number of 10x20 foot plots available. The annual cost is \$40.

The plots will be assigned on a first come, first served basis. The garden is located a short walking distance from the Community Center, along the walking path on the north side of Putah Creek.

To sign up for a plot or for more information, contact Ana Kormos, 212-1040.

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is much to offer beyond the Chevron gas station.

“Other than the Winters sign, there’s no indication that there’s a connection to an important community,” said Hexter.

Graphics of what a finished street might look like show bike lanes, pedestrian walkways, landscaped median strips and roundabouts that extend the length of the study area. In addition to providing a visual connection to the downtown, these improvements also aim to improve safety for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers alike by “calming” traffic with roundabouts and creating safer paths dedicated to pedestrians and cyclists.

The over-arching vision for the plan is to create a “safe and inviting gateway to town; a walkable and bikeable corridor for families and children; and a clean and attractive corridor that reflects the rural character of the area.” Hexter also pointed out that the General Plan allows for four lanes of traffic in each direction for this segment of Grant Avenue, but it doesn’t neces-

sarily dictate that four lanes must be constructed.

“The General Plan proposes four lanes, two in each direction, and signals at Morgan, County Road 90 and East Main,” said Hexter, explaining that the study examined whether there is ‘any way we could apply Complete Streets process to refine or adapt to General Plan?’”

While the graphics were attractive, and a comprehensive plan for a safe, inviting “gateway” to town were imagined, Hexter clarified that the Complete Streets plan is only a concept plan. In other words, it won’t happen until there is development that triggers the need — and the funding — for the construction. Hexter said he didn’t think the plan would be implemented in “one year or five years or even 10 years.”

One of the first improvements that will be made, when they begin, will be to provide safer pedestrian crossing at Grant Avenue and Morgan Street, likely in the form of a roundabout. Council member Mike Martin expressed agreement with marking this intersection as one of the first for improvement, noting

the hazards for seniors trying to cross Grant Avenue while walking to and from Lorenzo’s Town & Country Market.

“I see it daily. It’s a dangerous area,” said Martin. “It’s an accident waiting to happen.”

Council member Cecilia Aguiar-Curry questioned the need for three roundabouts at Dutton Street, Walnut Lane and Morgan Street in addition to a traffic signal at East Main Street. She said a roundabout at Dutton Street would be “just a few too many” and that “coming into town is one thing, but leaving town sometimes you want to get to work on time, and three in a row can be tough.”

City Engineer Nick Ponticello emphasized that all three roundabouts will not go in at once, and local drivers will have a chance to get used to them one at a time.

“We’ll start with one roundabout, probably one that is associated with a particular project,” said Ponticello. “They will all work individually. We don’t need three to make it work.”

He indicated that Walnut Lane might actually be the first intersection to get a roundabout, serving

as a “pilot project” to see how the community responds. He said development to the north of town on the Main Street loop will likely trigger construction of the other roundabouts, and noted that all the construction needed to be done in concert.

“You can’t build out the north area without putting in the rest of your circulation system,” said Ponticello. “The rest of the system has to come into play to maintain a two-lane route all the way through town to the west end of city limits.”

City council member Harold Anderson expressed support for the plan and as for those who are in a hurry to get out of town (like Aguiar-Curry), “that’s what we’re trying to control.”

“I’m just trying to be realistic,” said Aguiar-Curry with a grin.

Council member Tom McMasters Stone emphasized that the possibility for a roundabout at East Main Street rather than a traffic signal still hasn’t been taken out of play.

“Roundabouts allow us to stay with the two lanes that we hold near and dear longer than traffic lights. That really got my at-

tention,” said Stone. Of the plan itself, he added, “I think it’s very well done, a very good process, and you have shepherded it through quite nicely.”

Martin questioned whether the Interstate 505 overpass could be made safer for pedestrians, calling the guard rail a “safety issue.” He asked the Caltrans representatives in attendance if something could be done about the low railing. Caltrans representative Alyssa Begley responded that “the guard rail still serves its purpose” and if changes were made, they would be linked to local development “requiring change.”

“Isn’t there anything you can do to make it safe now, things that don’t cost a lot of money?” asked Martin. “It seems to me it wasn’t designed properly to begin with.”

Begley replied that maybe funding could be found through local assistance funds.

“Just raise the guard rail a little, and put something between pedestrians and traffic,” said Mayor Woody Fridae. “It looks like it’s just high enough to trip over as you fall over it.”

Overall, however, Fridae then expressed praise for the

Complete Streets process, and Begley stated Caltrans’ support of the plan, as well as expressed appreciation for the community’s involvement.

“If you choose to adopt the plan, we will fold it into our system planning document, our basis of understanding what Highway 128 and Grant Avenue will look like,” said Begley, noting that further technical studies needed to be done before improvements could be pursued. She added that Caltrans would be willing to work with the city and contribute a traffic operations studies to help the Morgan Street improvements get underway.

At the public hearing on the Complete Streets plan, the only one to speak was community member Sally Brown.

“I just want to say this was a fabulous community process,” said Brown, thanking the MIG consultants and city staff.

Following the public hearing, the motion to approve the Complete Streets plan was approved unanimously, and welcomed with applause from the audience.

BUDGET

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cussion of possible reductions when they met last week.

The tone of the public workshop shifted from the previous such evening, at which many voices were raised to advocate for programs and to suggest specific areas of expenditure reduction. This time, the attendees focused more on longer-term planning for future budgets and on possible sources of revenue for WJUSD. Suggestions ranged from asking for sliding-scale donations for athletic participation to seeking paid advertising in parent newsletters to pursuing the possibility of leasing district land at the old Wolfskill site on Bowman Road as a cell phone tower site.

Later in the evening, during the part of the agenda set aside for the presentation of the Superintendent’s recommendation, the more immediate need for the upcoming year was discussed.

Gillespie presented two possible scenarios that would meet the \$550,000 target.

“We are not looking at structural changes at this point,” Gillespie said.

The shortened time frame of this year’s budgeting process does not give ade-

quate time to develop a restructuring plan.

The first of the two possible approaches comprised non-negotiable items only and saw its largest saving realized from a one-student per grade level class size increase. This change would lead to the loss of four full-time job equivalents (FTE) and would save an estimated \$171,560. Elimination of summer school for anything other than mandated instruction, the reduction of an elementary school counselor and of custodial time and the combining of administration at Winters High School and Wolfskill Continuation High School as well as the elimination of general fund contribution to high school athletics were part of the list. In a reversal of an earlier position, Gillespie also eliminated the 5 percent contracted increase in her salary for the upcoming year.

The second plan would require negotiated concessions from employee groups. It would realize \$151,815 in savings if staff agrees to adding three furlough days to the two already on the calendar. Other items include a 50 percent reduction in stipends, one-time monies from reserves, the elimination of summer school, reductions in nursing services, and the foregoing of the superin-

tendent’s increase. This option also assumes a community boosters contribution of 40 percent to the cost of athletics, which would be \$49,000.

The second plan drew questions and comments, particularly regarding the athletic program component. Traci Calvert, who is involved with the All-Sports Boosters, informed the board that the organization typically has something closer to \$3,000 to contribute — far short of the projected need. Trustee Rob Warren voiced his understanding that if this plan were adopted and the money could not be raised, sports would be eliminated from WJUSD.

Warren also asked, “Are we required to maintain Wolfskill?” He was emphatic in his contention that the continuation school “lets kids be lazy” and not meet the requirements of Winters High School, and that the site was much more expensive to maintain per-pupil than other schools. Gillespie replied that Wolfskill existed for students whose learning styles were not compatible with the traditional structure at WHS, but she noted that it would be possible to take another look at housing the school.

Dave Paratore, teacher at Shirley

Rominger Intermediate School, was sharply critical of both plans, as he felt that the cuts in nursing, counseling, summer school and the length of the instructional year, should furloughs be extended, all fall disproportionately on elementary school students.

In two related actions, one symbolic and one more substantive, the board voted to pass a resolution in support of the placement of a revenue extension measure on a June ballot and another which authorizes participation in the California School Cash Reserve Program. The program allows the district to issue a tax and revenue anticipation note (TRAN). TRANs “create an additional reserve to the general fund” and “act as a cushion for temporary cash flow needs,” according to Chief Business Officer Gloria

Hahn.

The other issue in which the board was immersed was the Two-Way Immersion program (TWI). Schools are mandated to provide instruction to English learners and, since 1996, has used TWI as the model at Waggoner School.

TWI places native English speakers, bilingual students, and English language learners in the same classroom and instruction is given in specified proportions in Spanish and English, with the English portion growing over time. Ideally, TWI

should continue through middle school, as the youngsters lose their fluency in whichever is their second language if they do not have continued immersion until high school. However, the staffing is not available at this time for TWI to go beyond grade 4.

A subcommittee of Curriculum Steering Committee members, including administrators, English only (EO) teachers, TWI teachers and parents conducted a self-study on the feasibility of the

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FFA members receive degrees

By ANDREW GONZALEZ

This year, Winters FFA had three California State FFA Degree recipients. The members are Elliot Herrera, Corbin Young and Jared Ramos.

This is the highest honor an FFA member can receive in the FFA state association. In order for these members to receive their state degree, they have to have the following criteria.

They need to have completed more than 360 hours of agriculture education, have earned and productively invested at least \$1,000 or have worked 300 hours, and been involved in leadership activities above the chapter level.

Elliot Herrera has done several FFA projects. He has raised market lambs and goats as well as a market steer. He also

has completed many horticulture projects such as planting a pumpkin patch and watermelon patch, as well as growing vegetables for the Winters High School culinary class.

Corbin Young works at the Napa Auto Parts store in Winters. He does many tasks such as being a cashier, working the stock room, helping customers and cleaning up the store. Corbin has worked there for about two years.

Jared Ramos has raised market hogs since his freshman year for Winters FFA. He is also an active member of the program, competing in job interviews and being on the fourth highest overall team in the state for grape vine pruning.

We are proud to have these members representing Winters FFA.

FFA leaders in training



Courtesy photo

The Winters FFA 2010-2011 officer team recently attended the COLC Leadership Conference at Denair High School. From left to right are Austin Calvert, treasurer; Andrew Gonzales, vice president; Cale Castro, sentinel; Victoria Burke, secretary; Elliot Herrera, president; and Austin Brickey, reporter.

The coop that Matteo built



Courtesy photo

FFA member Matteo Barrera works on constructing a chicken coop.

Floriculture classes learn about flowers

Mr. Benson's sixth-period floriculture class learns about the anatomy of a flower and what arrangements they can be put into.

Most activities that are done

in class are based on which holidays are coming up.

Students learn skills such as color identification, bow-making, and bouquets. These topics are discussed and

students do related projects regularly. When there is an upcoming FFA event, they provide the proper arrangements or decorations that are needed.

For more about FFA, visit the organization's national website, www.ffa.org
For more about the local FFA chapter, visit www.wintersffa.com

Pancake breakfast planned Feb. 25 to benefit FFA

By VICTORIA BURKE

Show your FFA spirit on Friday, Feb. 25, by coming to the FFA pancake breakfast.

Winters FFA is putting on a pancake breakfast from 6:30 to 8 a.m. Friday morning.

The breakfast is open to all community members and all

are welcome to attend.

The cost is \$3 per person to enjoy pancakes, sausage and eggs. The breakfast will take place at the Ag Site.

Our chapter would be thankful for the community's support and invites everyone to be a part of celebrating National FFA week.

FFA students grow onions to sell

By ALYSSA WINSLOW

Like onions? Well we've got them!

Winters FFA students Adan Gallo, Brandon Emery and Gabe Gonzales have been working hard on tilling the ground to plant the onions since Dec. 17.

These three students are planning to

sell the onions. They are estimating them to be ready to sell around April.

FFA member Brandon Emery commented, "It's nice to do something other than melons."

These students are eager to see the effort of their hard work and dedication pay off.

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BUDGET

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program and reported to the trustees on their findings. Emilie Simmons, curriculum director, described the “honest, difficult conversations” involved in the process and told the board that it had been “difficult to tease out the data.”

The recommendation of the group was that the program continue and be phased in until there is one class at each elementary grade level. Simmons acknowledged that “TWI is not the solution for everyone” and that “we’re still not where we need to be with English learners,” but that by law “we have to offer something” and “if it turns out that we can’t do it (TWI), we won’t do it.”

Paratore, who was part of the committee, told the trustees that he had voted to continue with the program, but with great reluctance. He is concerned that “there is theory and there is practice, and in practice we’re not getting better.” He also spoke to the personnel issues that are created by the need to maintain TWI classrooms, noting a situation last year in which three “much-requested”

English-only teachers were moved from their long-time assignments, three others left the district entirely and one was “forced to retire” in order to keep TWI staffed.

The item was informational only; action will be taken at an upcoming meeting.

The entire meeting was not made up of heavy lifting. At the opening of the evening, the trustees were able to recognize employees who had been nominated by their colleagues and coworkers for recognition for their service and dedication. Those employees included Jackie Backer and Sylvia Rosales, of the custodial staff; aides Rosa Chavez and Laurie Lane; and teachers Kate Humphrey (WHS), Kathy Lester, Kristie Oates and Robin Rotenkolber (SRIS) and Matt Moran (Wolfskill.) The Superintendent spoke about each of the recipients and about their individual contributions to their sites and students.

Also recognized were Winters Middle School parents Bertha Munoz, Maricela Ochoa and Teresa Gonzales. WMS Principal Sandra Ayon spoke of the work the women have done as members of the English Language Learn-

ers Advisory Committee (ELAC), including putting on a dance that netted \$600 for the Outdoor School fund.

Ayon also invited two of her students to the meeting. Colwyn Martin and Connor McGrath are Ayon’s go-to “tech gurus” on campus. Both young men are “wonderful role models”, “kind” boys with “strong senses of right and wrong.” Martin did much of the tech work for the recent Battle of the Books at WMS and McGrath proudly announced that his game videos on You Tube are approaching 10,000 views.

The site presentation for the meeting was done by Ayon and teachers Greg Moffitt, Robert Hoppin and Rebecca Fridae presented a slideshow of the recent 6th grade Outdoor School visit to Camp Loma Mar. Loma Mar is an annual event; the week’s program is aligned with 6th grade science standards and puts the abstract concepts of textbook learning into a living context.

Students and parents raise money for the program and WJUSD contributes from lottery funds. Scholarships are given, so that any child who wishes to go may do so. This year, ac-

cording to Ayon, WMS parents spent nearly 375 hours conducting bake sales, car washes, rummage sales, and dances to make sure that there would be funds for Loma Mar.

“We’ve never had so much parent involvement before,” she said.

Also highlighted was last week’s Battle of the Books. Coordinated by language arts teacher Meghan Maguire, BOB, as the program is known, pits students at all grade levels and all levels of reading proficiency against one another in a three-round competition. This year’s nine books presented each child with 424,000 words to read.

BOB is fun, but it also has a serious academic purpose. There is a strong correlation between how much independent reading a youngster does and how well he or she scores on reading assessments. To this point, 25 WMS students, grades 6 through 8, have read a million words. Their reading levels average grade 10 and all of them are proficient or advanced in their California Standards testing scores.

The board was also given information about the 2009-10 School Accountability

Report Cards. The SARC’s are mandated by law and contain a variety of demographic, program and testing information about the district as a whole and about each site. The public can view them through the district website at <http://www.wintersjUSD.org>

It is also the announced intention of the superintendent that all school board packet information will be available to the public on the website beginning with the March 3 meeting. At that meeting, the possible televising or podcasting of meetings will again be on the agenda. It has been moved once more due to the ongoing

unavailability of district Information Technology personnel.

At the conclusion of regular business, the board adjourned to a closed session to discuss “public employee(s) discipline/dismissal/release.” After the brief session, the trustees returned and Board President Dan Maguire announced that no action had been taken. The meeting was then adjourned, nearly five hours after the opening of the public workshop.

The next school board meeting will be on Thursday, March 3, at 6:30 p.m. at the school district office, 909 W. Grant Avenue.

Economic development focus of breakfast meeting

The Winters Chamber of Commerce will host its first breakfast meeting on Tuesday, March 1, at 7:30 a.m. at Cody’s Restaurant. The meeting includes time for attendees to network, and a presentation from City Manager John Donlevy regarding the newly formed Economic Development

Advisory Committee. There will also be a question and answer period.

The Chamber’s goal at the breakfast will be to gather input from the business community and Chamber members regarding future development on the Grant Avenue corridor between Interstate 505

and Railroad Avenue. Attendees will have a chance to offer opinions and ideas to bring forth to the city’s Economic Development Advisory Committee, which is working on design guidelines and economic development for the Grant Avenue corridor.

The March 1 breakfast is open to both

Chamber members and non-members alike, and memberships will be available at the door. The suggested donation of \$10 at the door will help the Chamber offset the cost of the breakfast.

Call the Chamber office, 795-2329, for more information or to reserve a seat.

Patwin people to be featured

The General Membership meeting of the Yolo County Historical Society will be held on Sunday, Feb. 27, 2-4 p.m., at the West Sacramento Community Center located at 1075 West Capitol Avenue in West Sacramento.

April Farnham, local historian and former collections curator of the Maidu Indian Museum, will discuss her research on the history of the Native Patwin (Wintun) people who lived along the western edge of the Sacramento River. The presentation will touch on the prehistory of Yolo County as well as Native history up through the Gold Rush period.

Discussion will also touch on early Native encounters/experiences with non-Indian explorers, settlers, and missionaries. Presentation will be accompanied by a slideshow that includes images of rare artifacts, historic photographs, and cultural material.

All Yolo County Historical Society General Membership meetings are open to the public. Or more information, call Jeannette, 666-7103.

Locally made and produced gifts are on sale at the Winters Visitors Center, 11 Main Street

Schools

I pledge allegiance ...



Photo by Debra DeAngelo

Student McKay Baker leads the Pledge of Allegiance at the opening of the City Council meeting on Feb. 15. Mayor Woody Fridae noted that he has read more than three million words so far this year, setting a new record at Shirley Rominger Intermediate School. Fridae, a teacher at SRIS, also noted that he taught Baker's father years ago.

Texas A&M honors students for academics

Texas A&M University has named its honor students for the summer semester, recognizing them for outstanding academic performance.

The Dean's Honor Roll recognizes students taking at least 15 semester hours during the fall semester who have maintained a 3.75 or higher grade point (GPR) out of a possible 4.0.

Among those recognized were senior John Avellar, of Winters.

Diplomas were awarded to approximately 3,500 Texas A&M University graduates during fall commencement ceremonies.

Among those receiving degrees were Jessie Beckett of Winters, who received a bachelor of science degree in agribusiness.

Dinner fundraiser will help fund tournament for soccer champs

The Winters Uprising U14 girls AYSO soccer team will host 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 be \$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.

Poetry Jam planned at high school

The Winters PTA and Winters High School are sponsoring a Poetry Jam, featuring K-12 student recitations.

A Poetry Jam is an informal performance where students, either individually or in teams, choose one of their favorite poems to recite.

Through recitations, students express themselves and deepen their understanding and appreciation of poems written by others.

To enter, students can sign up at their school site by March 1. The event takes place at the Winters Community Library on Tuesday, March 8, at 6 p.m. Admission is free and refreshments will be served.

Questions can be directed to Liz Coman at Winters High School, 795-6140, ext. 110, or Jenell Novello, at jnovello@wavecable.com.

Child Development Conference planned

Parents, teachers, child care professionals and others who are interested in child development are invited to attend a day long child development conference on Saturday, March 26.

The event will run from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Veterans' Memorial Center, at 203 E. 14th St. in Davis.

The conference will offer many exciting and fun workshops as well as exhibitors. Some of the workshop topics this year are: "Raising Cultural Awareness in Children," "Environmental Education for Children," "Let's Talk: Emotional Literacy and Social Skills through Puppetry," among others. This year, the keynote presenter will be children's author and recording artist José-Luis Orozco.

The cost for attending the conference is \$40 for pre-registration or \$50 for registration at the door. Child Care Services must receive all pre-registrations by March 4.

A limited number of spaces will be available at the door, pre-registration is strongly recommended.

For more information or to register, contact the Resource and Referral at Child Care Services by calling 757-5695 or visit the website to download the registration form at www.cityofdavis.org/cs/chilcare/conference.cfm.

Partial funding for the conference has been provided by the California Department of Education.

Applications for youth awards available

Guidelines and applications for the 2011 Yolo Youth Service Awards, 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 awards 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 for at least 60 hours during their junior and/or senior years of high school. 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 sponsoring each 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.

For more details, go to www.yolocf.org, e-mail info@yolocf.org, or call 312-0593.

Ready, set, wrestle!



Photo by Eric Lucero

Destiny Rogers gets ready to take down her opponent during a recent wrestling match at Winters High School. She was the only Warrior on the mat on Feb. 4 and 5, wrestling in the Sectional Tournament at McNair High School, going 1-2 in the tournament despite still recovering from a rib injury.

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Entertainment

Award-winning blues powerhouse Magness at Palms

By KATE LADDISH
Entertainment
correspondent

Janiva Magness — indisputably one of the premier blues and R&B singers in the world today — will bring powerful voice and charismatic stage presence to The Palms on Saturday, Feb. 26.

Magness' voice is by turns rawly honest, heart-achingly nuanced, sultry, richly mature, caressingly gentle and indignantly outraged. While performing, Magness throws her entire being into the show, bringing each song into full living, breathing life; Magness doesn't merely sing the songs, she lives each song as she gives them voice. The result is an electrifying and

dynamic show of the highest caliber.

Magness is a blues performer with life experience to draw from that brings authority and authenticity to her music. A childhood spent in the foster care system of Detroit brought more than its share of heart-break, and Magness credits music and a few advocates within the system for her beating the sad statistical odds that faced her as a foster child at risk. Magness' experiences forged a strength that she now channels into her music — and into her advocacy work for foster care. Not one to use the past to ask for pity for herself, Magness instead has used her success with

music to bring attention to the foster care system; she takes her position as Ambassador for Foster Care Alumni seriously. Go to Magness' website, and among the usual tabs — Music, News, Store, Tour — is one that stands out: Foster Care.

Prestigious awards have been showered on Magness over the last several years. The Memphis-based Blues Foundation recently announced its 2011 nominations, including four plum ones for Magness: BB King Entertainer Of The Year, Album Of The Year, Contemporary Blues Female Artist Of The Year, and Contemporary Blues Album Of The Year. In 2009, Magness won the

coveted BB King Entertainer Of The Year award (only the second woman to win it, Koko Taylor being the first); Magness was crowned Contemporary Blues Female Artist Of The Year in 2006, 2007 and 2009. Living Blues Magazine's year-end charts have Magness' most recent album, "The Devil Is An Angel, Too," as the top blues album of 2010.

Janiva Magness will appear at The Palms Playhouse, 13 Main St. in Winters, on Saturday, Feb. 26, at 8:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 and are available at Pacific Ace Hardware in Winters, Armadillo Music in Davis, Watermelon Music's new branch in Woodland,



Courtesy photo

Janiva Magness will perform at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, at The Palms. The soulful singer has garnered many awards and serves as an advocate for foster care.

online at tickets.com, and at the door if not sold out. For more information, call 795-1825 or visit palmsplayhouse.com or www.janivamagness.com.

Student artwork on display in March for Youth Art Month

By KATE HUMPHREY
Special to the Express

In conjunction with Youth Art Month, Winters businesses will be decked out with art during the month of March.

Participating merchants will display the work of Winters High School art students from March 1-31, with

a celebratory evening Art Stroll on Saturday, March 19. The Art Stroll begins at 4 p.m. with a reception for young artists and their families at the Winters Visitors Center, 11 Main S. The reception is open to the public at 4:30 p.m.

On March 19, students, friends, family and visitors will be able to wander

through town and admire the artwork on display in the windows of Winters merchants. The display will feature works in a variety of media including watercolor, pen and ink, graphite and printmaking. So far, nine businesses have confirmed that they will participate and the list continues to grow.

Youth Art Month has been celebrated around the country every March since 1961 to raise awareness of the importance of art in schools. This downtown display comes at a time when the Winters School Board must again make cuts to balance the district budget, and is meant to celebrate and remind viewers of the value

of the arts in the community.

Most importantly, it will give the community a chance to honor the skilled artists at Winters High School, organizers said.

This event is co-sponsored by the Winters Chamber of Commerce. For more information, call the Winters Chamber of Commerce at 795-2329.

Monthly art walk downtown features Spring Fling theme

Spring Fling is the theme of this month's art walk in downtown Winters.

New decorative garden ceramics by Rebecca Bresnick Holmes are on display at the Clayground. Colorful spring colors are found in Amy Teutemacher's abstract paintings opening at Steady Eddy's. Lamoreux Gallery presents lively hand-dyed floral art quilts by Marjan Kluepfel. Visit Winters and enjoy the scenery of orchard blossoms and the creative spirit of local artisans. Venues include:

The Clayground

Location: 7 East Main St., Studio 7B, 902-0863, www.clayground.biz

On display: Functional and decorative

ceramics by Rebecca Bresnick Holmes and Shannon Moore. Also, Judi Smith, ceramics; Jan Plotkin, silver jewelry; and Jan Schubert, beeswax candles.

Open: March 5, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Dates: Ongoing

Hours: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. daily, closed Mondays, call ahead

Deborah Lamoreux Gallery/Studio

Location: 9 East Main St., 400-6747, lamoreuxgallery@yahoo.com

On display: New Flower Paintings by Deborah Lamoreux and Floral Art Quilts by Marjan Kluepfel.

Open: March 5, noon-4 p.m.

Dates: March Lamoreux Gallery specializes in photographs

and paintings by Deborah Lamoreux, and Marjan Kluepfel art quilts.

Gallery Hours: By appointment or by chance

Steady Eddy's Coffee House & Juice Bar

Location: 5 East Main St., 795-3588

On display: Amy Teutemacher, Abstract Paintings

Open: March 5, 7 a.m.-3 p.m.

Dates: March

Hours: Monday-Friday 6 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 7 a.m.-3 p.m.

Cloth Carousel

Location: 9 Main St., 795-2580

On display: "Art Quilts" by Cloth Carousel instructors

Open: March 5, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Dates: Ongoing Specializing in fabrics and quilt eclectica.

Hours: Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Winters Visitor Center

Location: 11 Main St., 795-2329

On display: local artisans work and products

Open: March 5, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Dates: Ongoing

Hours: Monday and Wednesday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Thursday 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Sunday 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Closed Tuesday.

Berryessa Gap Vineyards

Location: 15 Main St.,

795-3201, www.berryessagap.com

On display: Landscape Paintings by local artisans.

Open: March 5, Wine Tasting noon-8:30 p.m.

Dates: Ongoing

Hours: Friday 4:30-8:30 p.m., Saturday noon-8:30 p.m., Sunday noon-4 p.m. or by appointment

Turkovich Family Wines

Location: 304 Railroad Ave., 383-6250

On display: "Soaked in the Warm California Sun," Rosanne Seitz, Watercolor Landscapes

Open: March 5 noon-8 p.m.

Dates: Ongoing

Hours: Thursday, noon-8 p.m., Friday, Saturday noon-9 p.m.,

Sunday noon-5 p.m.

Bella Boutique

Location: 310 ½ Railroad Ave., 795-3149

On display: Antiques and Collectables

Open: March 5, noon-6 p.m.

Hours: Thursday, noon-4 p.m., Friday, Saturday noon-6 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Cody's

Location: 314 Railroad Ave., 795-2283

On display: landscapes by local artists

Open: March 5, 8 a.m.-9 p.m.

Dates: Ongoing

Deli Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 11 a.m.-8:30 p.m., Friday 11 a.m.-9 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m.-9 p.m., Sunday 8 a.m.-8 p.m., closed Tuesdays

Chicken and Dumpling perform at Root Stock

Root Stock Speciality Gifts & Tasting Room is proud to host the down home blues of Chicken and Dumpling on Thursday, Feb. 24, from 6 to 8 p.m. at 22 Main St. in

Historic Downtown Winters. Chicken and Dumpling will play the music of Robert Johnson, Muddy Waters, Big Bill Broonzy, Bonnie Raitt and Bessie Smith.

'Guys and Dolls' show opens Feb. 25 in Davis

Davis Musical Theatre Company presents Frank Loesser's musical, "Guys and Dolls," at 8:15 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2:15 p.m. Sundays, Feb. 25 to March 20, at the DMTC Performing Arts Center, 607 Pena Drive in Davis.

This show, based on the characters of Damon Runyon, revolves

around Nathan Detroit and his floating crap game; his 14-year engagement to Miss Adelaide (lead dancer at the Hot Box); and Sky Masterson, the high roller trying to take the mission doll, Miss Sarah Brown, to Havana to win a bet.

The show features some of Loesser's best music including "Guys

& Dolls," "A Bushel and a Peck," "Luck Be A Lady" and "Sit Down You're Rockin' The Boat."



Jan Isaacson is the director and choreographer. Music is directed by Kay Hight. For tickets — \$18/general and \$16 students/seniors (55 and over) — go to www.dmtc.org or by call DMTC, 756-3682.

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Features

Are getting chilled, catching cold linked?

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My friend and I have an ongoing discussion about how we catch colds. I believe the only way is by being exposed to a germ. My friend agrees, but also says you can become chilled, and that results in a cold. Please settle this once and for all. — L.G.

ANSWER: The only way to catch a cold is to meet up with a cold virus. But let's kick this around a little while it lies there quivering.

Rhinoviruses are responsible for many colds. This virus is passed from one person to another most often via the hands and fingers. An infected person invariably will have virus on his or her hands and fingers. If that person touches another person's hands or fingers, the virus is transferred. All the second person has to do is touch his or her nose or eyes and the virus has found a new home. (The drainage channel for tears siphons viruses into the nose.) It's also possible to spread a cold through sneezing or coughing, but that's a secondary route.

Many colds are preceded by a body chill. That's part of the infection symptoms, and that might be what your friend refers to.

Once a virus lands in a person's nose, the time till the development of cold symptoms is short — eight to 12 hours. Runny nose, nasal stuffiness, scratchy throat, cough and sneezing are typical symptoms. They peak in 48 hours and are gone in about one week. A person is most contagious during the first three days of symptoms, when nasal discharge is at high volume and when it contains the most viruses.

If by "chilling" your friend means being in a cold blast of air or getting your feet wet in frigid weather and shivering as a result, she has a slight point. That kind of chilling constricts the nose's blood vessels and decreases mucus production. It might,



therefore, permit cold viruses to mount a more effective attack and can contribute to the ease of catching a cold. All the same, without the virus there is no cold. ***

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Can you give an explanation of and recommendation for cure of a health problem I have? Being over the age of 65 and in reasonably good health, I suffer every winter from painful cracks in my fingertips and the soles of my feet. — R.V.

ANSWER: The cracking indicates that your skin is drying out. You can restore moisture to your fingertips with a light coat — just a dab will do you — of petroleum jelly (Vaseline or another moisturizer) before going to bed. Put Band-Aids over your fingertips, and leave them on all night. You can do the same during the day, but it's a bit inconvenient. In about three days, the cracks should be filling in. Continue this treatment every third or fourth night.

The same thing works for the feet. You don't use Band-Aids, but you do cover your feet with socks before going to sleep. Don't apply petroleum jelly during the daytime. It might make you somewhat unsteady. It takes longer for feet to heal. ***

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

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I'm a grandpa and a happy man

I have a new granddaughter that I have yet to lay eyes upon. I have seen pictures galore but they can never compare with actually holding her and looking at her face. Looking into her eyes for the first time will be a thrill that will be with me until I close my eyes upon this Earth.

Eventually when she sets eyes upon me, she'll know that I am her grandfather. She will know that she is safe with me and that I love her and her brother in a big, big way. They will love me too, however, they may think I'm a little eccentric for a grandpa.

She was born Sophia Marie on Sunday, Jan. 30, to Rick and Tanya Silva. Her parents are my kids. Others may lay claim upon them but they are my kids and they always will be. No one can take that from me, ever.

Tanya is a daughter of Russia. She is everything that is the best of this world. She is a savvy businesswoman at the dawn of self-awareness in the corporate world. Tanya has the prettiest face and the sharpest of minds, a deadly combination in the world of international finance. I suspect that she will someday rule the world.

She is a world-class athlete — an Olympian of the Salt Lake City games. A shining star of Eastern Europe that took this turn and that, one adventure after another, until she and I came face to face and she became my daughter. That's right, my daughter, not yours — mine!

My son Rick is pretty smart too. He and Tanya came face to face at the Salt Lake games, and he knew what he had found and he didn't want to let her go. He followed her to one of the

DONALD K. SANDERS
THE WAY I SEE THINGS



coldest places on Earth: Siberia.

While drinking equal amounts of vodka and dancing the Barynya with a bottle balanced on his head, my son Rick asked her family for the hand of their daughter in marriage. After wrestling her father and brother, discussing international politics (without offending them or throwing up in their house) he convinced them that he would be a good husband to their daughter. Naturally, after the boxing match with her uncles and a few cousins, they all shook hands and drank some more vodka.

Today, they live in the Silicon Valley. He teaches and she coaches young athletes while working as a financial analyst for a large computer-oriented corporation. It couldn't get any better for me. Two grandchildren now and I don't know how many more I can get out of them, but I still have two other kids that are capable of pitching in.

Yes, I'd like to say that I arranged the whole thing, but you wouldn't believe me anyway. I don't like the aging thingy, but I love being a grandpa and a father. I guess my wife had a little to do with it, so I thought I'd better mention her even though I taught her everything that she knows.

When I met her she was running barefoot in the backwoods of Santa Clara. Heehaw! We sure had fun chasing those goats through the trees. We chased them until we couldn't chase them no more.

In those days, I was so stupid that I didn't even know what I had

found.

It was only after months of torture and interrogation from 1,000 or more of her brothers, sisters, cousins and friends that I was allowed to be introduced to her parents.

I don't think that they took to me right off because her dad keyed my car door with a switch blade. He drew a skull and crossbones, pointed at it and said, "Keep that in mind boy. Don't you ever hurt my daughter." He laughed at me and said that I scream like a little girl. The two oldest sons kicked me all the way to the corner and told me not to come back.

Eventually, after my future wife turned me down eight times for a date, I was able to sneak up on her and kissed her in a local park. After that, she could not resist my affections and finally recognized what a handsome man that I really am and married me.

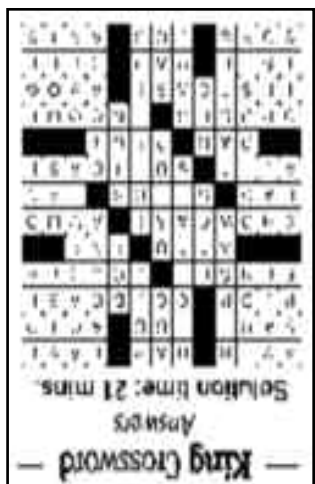
The rest of what you have read here is mostly the truth and I might have to change a few things later, but the end result is the same. I am a grandpa and I am a happy man.

(Donald writes a weekly column for www.ipinion.us, an online syndicate of writers, poets and photographers.)

Pleased to meet you



Name: Cecilia Aguiar-Curry
Occupation: Consultant for water projects, and owner of CMAC
Hobby: Being with my friends and family
What's best about living in Winters: "It's quiet and I know all my neighbors. I feel safe."
Fun fact: Will become the first female Winters mayor in 2012.



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Time is on your side in the early part of the week. But anything left undone by midweek will need to be put into rush mode. The weekend offers choices for you and someone special.
TAURUS (April 30 to May 20) Finally getting credit for a contribution is nice for all you idea-generating Ferdinands and Fernandas. But don't sit on your laurels under the cork tree. Use it as a first step to a bigger opportunity.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Despite the progress made, a hint of doubt might set in. That's OK. You need to stop and consider not only what you're doing but also how you are doing. Make adjustments where needed.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The dreamer is dominant in the Moon Child's aspect, but a dollop of hard-headed practicality is coming up fast and jockeying for space. The challenge is to make room for both modes.
LEO (July 23 to August 22) It's a good week for Leos and Leonas to start assessing what they've done and what they plan to do. Moving to a new environment — home or job-related — is a possibility for some Cats.
VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) The week calls for Virgo to make tough decisions, but in a way that leaves the door open for changes. Ask for advice from someone who has been in the position you're in now.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Disappointments are never easy to take, but you have the ability to learn from them and go on to success. Meanwhile, continue to build up your contacts. You'll need them soon.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Things might still be going much too slowly to suit you. But you need the time to make sure they're going in the right direction. It's easier to make a course correction now rather than later.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Showing some temperament at the way things are going is one way of getting your point across. Just don't overdo it, or you risk turning away more-moderate supporters.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Things could change more quickly this week than you like. But don't fret; you'll most likely find that you're up to the challenges. The weekend offers much-needed relaxation.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Big challenge coming up? Uncross those fingers and believe that you're going to do well. And keep in mind that so many people have faith in your ability to succeed.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Testing the waters is a good way of learning about an opportunity before plunging right in. Ask more questions and be alert to any attempts to avoid giving complete answers.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a gift for making people — and animals, too — feel special and loved.

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King Crossword

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- Custom portland
- Crash
- Wash
- Hollywood costume
- Counterpart
- Asia
- Realistic
- Raindrop
- Just vocal mystery
- Martians
- Not so quiet
- Academy
- Awful
- Wish
- Right
- Jackpot
- Short
- Cotton
- Coasters
- Author
- Flaming
- Came to mind
- Peace of
- Laughing
- Rowing
- Work
- Safety

DOWN

- Verminous
- Vaseline
- Potential
- Precedent
- Sugar
- Capitol
- Scratch
- Take out
- High-protein
- Sullivan
- McNair
- Penic
- Press
- Course
- One-person
- Past
- Survey
- Gap
- Students
- Work
- Attachment
- Broadway
- Female
- Thin
- Abort
- Label
- Reason
- Actor
- Wine
- Eggs
- Individual
- Flavor
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- Games
- Embroidery
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- Unchanged
- Microwave
- Loss
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- Rams
- Despondent

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BY HENRY DOLLING

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Nuestras Noticias



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Como mexicano me da tristeza la situación que prevalece en México, tristeza porque el problema de la violencia no se ve que vaya a disminuir, por el contrario esta fuera de control. Tristeza porque mi infancia y adolescencia yo la viví de otra manera. Mi familia, casi toda, se encuentra allá, así como los amigos de la infancia y de mis años de escuela, en otras palabras mi vida está marcada desde que nací por el país, que ahora solo tengo en mi corazón y en mis recuerdos.

Mucho se ha escrito sobre el derramamiento de sangre en mi país, y como la violencia ha sobrepasado la capacidad del gobierno por controlar tantos hechos de violencia que están dejando miles de paisanos muertos y a sus familias sufriendo. Sin embargo, lo que alcanzo a leer a la distancia me muestra — así como la opinión de mis amigos y familia — que los días negros están aún lejos de terminar. De cualquier manera esto, en lugar de paliar el sentimiento de frustración, hace más oscuro y más trágico el hecho de que toda una sociedad se encuentre maniatada por la voluntad carnicera de los carteles de la droga.

¿Porque México ha llegado a este extremo? ¿Cuándo la situación se salió del control del gobierno? Los estudios y la prensa hablan siempre de que las causas son socioeconómicas, pero la principal causa es los más de 70 años de poder por parte del PRI, que dejaron una historia llena de corrupción, con raíces ten arraigadas de prepotencia y explotación del pueblo, que aun hoy en día no pueden desaparecer.

De cualquier manera, uno no puede mantenerse distante o indiferente ante una situación de extrema emergencia como es, sin duda, la que se vive actualmente. Hace poco hablaba con un amigo que como yo se interesan por la relación que existe entre la violencia y su exposición en los medios virtuales; el caso es que coincidíamos en algo profundamente doloroso: no reconocíamos el país que un día fue nuestro. Era como si aquello que estaba en nuestra imaginación y nuestros recuerdos fuera una historia rosa que el tiempo y las balas se hubieran encargado de echar por tierra. Es verdaderamente incómodo observar a una población que evade el horror al trivializarlo o al negarlo abiertamente; baste ver cómo las personas en México intentan justificar de algún modo su entorno violento, dulcificarlo al apurarse a afirmar que “en otras partes están peor” o aquello otro de que “la culpa es de los gringos porque nosotros somos — ya se sabe — muy buenas personas.”

Algunos otros encuentran en la raíz de todo ello la incompetencia del presidente y, en consecuencia, la remoción de ese señor traería, como por arte de magia, el fin de las revueltas.

Yo no lo creo.

Lo más importante, me lo parece, es la unión y la convicción de que la causa de los honestos debe prevalecer por encima de estos vendavales de plomo que nos envuelven. Un país no son ni sus historias ni sus instituciones ni un señor al que llaman poder ejecutivo; un país es su gente. Estos cambios personales son lentos, van despacio y cunden de a poco; es un proceso evolutivo que puede durar años, incluso siglos, pero habrán de desembocar — tengo la fe — en una transformación de la conciencia.

Es muy fácil para quien vive fuera del país observar con mayor claridad las luces y sombras de la patria. Si al menos, pues, existiera un mediano compromiso ciudadano y que esto se tradujera en demandas concretas y sin que mediara el nefasto “líder” político; esto, me lo parece, es fundamental, pues el pueblo debe ser el eje sobre el que giran las instituciones, y no al revés. Si al menos se desistiera del sucio envanecimiento que reviste a quien es capaz de burlar a otro y salirse con la suya. Si al menos, pues, existiera una mayor convicción por hacer lo que a uno le corresponde, hacerlo con excelencia y decencia; pensemos, por ejemplo, en lo que sucedería si así fueran las cosas en esa área tan delicada y hoy tan lamentablemente corrompida como es la impartición de justicia. Yo creo, a despecho de los pesimistas de oficio, que hablar con respeto y sutileza sobre estos asuntos es ya dar un paso hacia adelante.

Tengo fe en el devenir de los hechos, en la claridad que espera siempre tras los momentos más oscuros. Creo en la inteligencia de mis compatriotas y espero, con una esperanza que me entusiasma de veras, que un día sea posible alcanzar un estado de convivencia mucho más justo para todos. ¿O alguien tiene una mejor idea?

PTA Tarde de Poemas

La Asociación de Padres y Maestros (PTA) en conjunto con la Winters High School estarán patrocinando Una Tarde De Poemas presentando estudiantes del Kinder hasta el grado 12.

Esta Tarde de Poemas es una presentación informal donde los estudiantes estarán presentando individualmente o en grupo su poema favorita para recitar, los estudiantes se expresaran para

entender y apreciar los poemas escritos por otros. Para participar los estudiantes se registraran en su escuela antes del 1 de Marzo.

El evento será en la Winters Community Library el martes 8 de

Marzo del 2011. El evento será gratis y habrá refrescos. Para preguntas dirigirse con Liz Coman en la Winters High School (795-6140, ext. 110) o con Jenell Novello a jnovello@wavecable.com.

Pasividad de los padres

Muchos padres sabemos por experiencia, porque lo hemos vivido en nuestra familia o en nuestros amigos, que la educación de nuestros jóvenes se ve frenada por la falta de dinero, y las escasas redes de apoyo fuera de la familia para avanzar en el sistema educativo. Nosotros como hispanos somos la comunidad que se encuentra más retrasada en el sistema educativo solo un 67,1 por ciento terminaron sus estudios secundarios en 2008 en comparación con los porcentajes del 92,5 entre los blancos y el 88,2 entre los afroamericanos.

Un estudio, de tantos que se han hecho tratando de encontrar el porqué los hispanos dejan la escuela, muestra que la participación y apoyo de adultos es crítico para ayudar a los estudiantes latinos a alcanzar sus metas académicas y profesionales. El apoyo social fuera de la familia es a menudo necesario.

De hecho, los estudiantes latinos buscan algo más que

apoyo en sus tareas académicas. Sus demandas se centran mayoritariamente en otros programas de asistencia, como son llenar solicitudes para la universidad, postularse para ayuda financiera o redactar un escrito personal. La familia condiciona especialmente estas circunstancias, ya que la mayoría de los estudiantes latinos pertenecen a la primera generación con posibilidad de ir a la universidad. Ese entorno alejado de la cultura de educación superior cambia su visión y herramientas para abrirse camino, según indica el estudio.

La pasividad de los padres en la educación de sus hijos es el otro factor de riesgo, como demuestra el que sólo un 4,9 por ciento de los alumnos del programa recibieron este tipo de apoyo de sus padres. Aunque existe una implicación “limitada” a animar emocionalmente al hijo, los estudiantes citaron el bajo nivel educativo de sus padres, los problemas de la lengua y la falta de

profesionales bilingües en la escuela como los obstáculos más prominentes.

Este tipo de barreras incrementan los problemas de los estudiantes para entender sus carreras, el otro factor determinante es el dinero y también la máxima preocupación de los estudiantes, que se preguntan cómo financiar el aumento del costo de las matrículas y los gastos durante su vida universitaria.

El estudio también revela otras tendencias y características dentro del estudiantado latino, como su forma de estudiar — prefieren hacerlo solos — o sus aspiraciones profesionales, con una particular tendencia a querer emprender sus propios negocios antes que trabajar para otras empresas. Si tiene hijos que están en la escuela, motívelos a seguir adelante, apóyelos y demuéstrele su amor motivándolos para que sigan buscando más educación en la universidad o en el colegio comunitario.

Aleje a sus niños del alcohol

Hoy día cuando por regla general se piensa que para los jóvenes el consumo de alcohol es algo tan natural, nosotros como padres de familia tenemos la responsabilidad de concientizar a nuestros jóvenes cuando de tomar alcohol se trata. Muchos padres de familia se conforman con decir, por más que le digo no entiende, o ya ira dejando el vicio poco a poco. Pero nosotros debemos de tomar un papel más activo para mantener a nuestros hijos alejados del alcohol. Necesitamos actuar si queremos tener jóvenes que sean hombres honestos y responsables. He aquí algunas sugerencias para empezar a tomar control de la situación.

Supervise el uso de alcohol en su hogar — Si mantiene alcohol en su hogar, lleve un control de lo que tiene. Asegúrese de beber siempre de manera responsable y nunca servir alcohol a menores de edad. Comuníquese con otros padres — Conocer a otros padres y tutores puede ayudarle a mantenerse en contacto más estrecho con lo que está sucediendo en la vida de su hijo. Las relaciones amistosas pueden hacer que le sea más fácil llamar al padre del adolescente que tiene la fiesta, para asegurarse de que un adulto responsable estará presente y que no habrá alcohol.

Lleve el control de las actividades de su hijo — Conozca los planes y paraderos de su hijo. Por lo general, su hijo aceptará mejor su supervisión si él o ella siente que lo hace porque se preocupa, no porque no confía en él o ella.

Desarrolle reglas familiares acerca del consumo de alcohol de adolescentes — Una vez que los padres establecen reglas y expectativas claras de prohibición de alcohol, sus hijos tienen menos posibilidad de comenzar a beber.

De un buen ejemplo — Los padres y tutores son importantes modelos a imitar para sus hijos, incluso para los niños que se convierten rápidamente en adolescentes. Los estudios indican que si un padre consume alcohol, sus hijos tienen más probabilidades de beber. Si usted consume alcohol, de un buen ejemplo y beba de forma responsable. He aquí algunas sugerencias:

No apoye el consumo de alcohol de los adolescentes — Sus actitudes y conducta hacia el consumo de alcohol de los adolescentes también influyen sobre su hijo. Evite hacer bromas acerca del consumo de alcohol o ebriedad de menores de edad, o de lo contrario, demostrar aceptación del uso de alcohol en adolescentes. Incluso si usted bebía cuando era menor de edad, aun no lo hace seguro

para que sus hijos lo hagan. Además, nunca sirva alcohol a los amigos menores de edad de su hijo. Los estudios demuestran que los niños cuyos padres o padres de amigos dan alcohol para reuniones de adolescentes tienen mayor tendencia a comenzar a beber en exceso, con mayor frecuencia y a verse involucrados en accidentes de tránsito. Recuerde que es ilegal suministrar alcohol a menores que no sean miembros de la familia.

Ayude a su hijo a establecer amistades sanas — Si los amigos de su hijo consumen alcohol, es probable que su hijo también lo haga. Por ello, es conveniente intentar incentivar a su hijo para que cree amistades con niños que no beben y quienes son influencias saludables para su hijo. Un buen primer paso es simplemente conocer mejor a los amigos de su hijo. Luego, puede invitar a los niños con los que se siente cómodo a reuniones y paseos familiares, y buscar otras formas para estimular a que su niño pase tiempo con esos niños.

Estimule el uso de alternativas saludables al alcohol — Una razón por la que los niños beben es para evitar el aburrimiento. En consecuencia, tiene sentido incentivar a su hijo para que participe en actividades supervisadas después de la escuela y durante los

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GOLD

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Trevor Wright both took first place and came home with the gold, while Thomas Damon and Mateo Barrera both placed fourth.

This week, the Warriors will travel to Redding to compete in the Masters (section finals) with the hopes of placing in the top three. The top three will advance on to the state championship in Bakersfield. Linton is very familiar with the state finals and how

tough the competition is there. Last year, Linton went 2-2 at the state tournament. This year, Linton is ranked No. 1 in the northern section and has a legitimate shot at the state title.

“Cody knows what it takes,” said coach Tim Hausler. “He knows the level of competition and what it takes to get through a very tough and long tournament. I think he’s ready.”

Wright also has his sights set on Bakersfield.

“Trevor should be ranked one or two in the sections,” Hausler

said. “But you never know what they are going to do. Either way you have to wrestle the best to place and Trevor is capable of taking it all. He has come a long way in just three years.”

Damon and Barrera won’t be ranked in the top three, but coach Hausler is very excited about their performances.

“These guys have done a heck of a job with not a lot of experience,” Hausler said. “They both have the ability to advance on. They will have to perform at their best every second to do it.”

Mental illness support offered

NAMI Connection, a free support group for people living with serious mental illness, meets Fridays from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at Homestead Co-op, 2610 Grambling Court, Davis. Too often, mental illness can be an isolating experience. Talking with someone to share coping strategies and insights can help with recovery. The

group, led by trained peer facilitators who understand the daily challenges of living with a mental illness, is sponsored by NAMI-Yolo, a chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness. For more, go to www.namiyolo.org/connections, or call 756-8181 and leave a message. Someone will return your call.

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teams coach and linebacker coach at Solano College. Ramos helped lead the Falcons to a Big Valley Conference championship in 2010 with a 9-2 record and the third best team in school history. Sean Shoffit is still playing for the Toronto Blue Jays minor league team. Shoffit was drafted in 2005 and has just changed positions from outfielder to pitcher.

2006: Sebastian Salas is in his senior year at Missouri Valley College playing outfield for the Vikings baseball team in Marshall, Mo.

2007: Brock Neil is a junior playing baseball for New Mexico State. Neil started his college career at Marshall University, transferred to Consumnes River College and, after two years, transferred to NMS.

2008: Brandon White is a sophomore at Sacramento City College where he is a member of the wrestling team. Kyle Tobler is a

sophomore on the Contra Costa College baseball team.

2009: Jesse Hellinger also is a member of the Sacramento City College wrestling team where he won the state championship this year. Ray McIntire is playing baseball for the University of Nevada Reno Wolfpack as a freshman. Chelsea Corrales is a sophomore at Solano College where she is a member of the softball team. Logan Garcia is a sophomore at Sacramento City College and is a member of the track team.

2010: Tyler Berg is a freshman at Cal Lutheran and is a member of the swim team. Billy Rotenkolber is a freshman on the Sacramento City wrestling team. Riki Lucero is a freshman on the Sacramento City College track team. Max Van Dyke is a freshman on the Solano College baseball team and Marcus Carrasco is a freshman on the Orange Coast College football team in Costa Mesa.

If anybody knows of any other Winters High School graduates that were not mentioned on this list, or if the information on this list was wrong, please let the Winters Express know.

Drop-in bereavement group offered

Yolo Hospice offers a drop-in bereavement group for adults. In this small group environment, you can explore and work through your grief with discussion and education. People

in any stage of grief are welcome. Registration is not necessary and participation is free.

The group meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 10 to 11:30

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 10-0132020 Title Order No. 100610127 Investor/Insurer No. 1703835945 APN No. 003-405-02-1 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 04/26/2007. 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 RECONSTRUCT COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by JOSE CORREA GONZALEZ AND THERESA VALDEZ CORREA, HUSBAND AND WIFE, dated 04/26/2007 and recorded 05/02/07, as Instrument No. 2007-0016088-00, in Book , Page), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Yolo County, State of California, will sell on 03/17/2011 at 12:00PM, At the rear (North) entrance to the City Hall Building, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA. 95691 at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash or check as described below, payable in full at time of sale, all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust, in the property situated in said County and State and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: **455 EDWARDS STREET, WINTERS, CA, 95694**. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance with interest thereon of the obligation secured by the property to be sold plus reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$353,175.90. 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: 02/16/2011 RECONSTRUCT 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 RECONSTRUCT COMPANY, N.A. is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. ASAP# FNMA3879947 02/17/2011, 02/24/2011, 03/03/2011

Trustee's Sale

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 10-0119205 Title Order No. 100564322 Investor/Insurer No. 1696869173 APN No. 003-342-018 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 08/14/2004. 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 RECONSTRUCT COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by WESLEY JONES AND RACHELLE JONES, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS COMMUNITY PROPERTY WITH RIGHT OF SURVIVORSHIP, dated 08/14/2004 and recorded 08/23/04, as Instrument No. 2004-0038326-00, in Book , Page), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Yolo County, State of California, will sell on 03/17/2011 at 12:00PM, At the rear (North) entrance to the City Hall Building, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA. 95691 at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash or check as described below, payable in full at time of sale, all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust, in the property situated in said County and State and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: **711 APRICOT AVENUE, 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 \$273,299.68. 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: 02/17/2011 RECONSTRUCT 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 RECONSTRUCT COMPANY, N.A. is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. ASAP# FNMA3886669 02/17/2011, 02/24/2011, 03/03/2011

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Help Wanted
Order to Show Cause for Change of Name

FILED Yolo Superior Court
 Dec. 16, 2010
 By V Perez, Deputy
 Case Number: PT10-3048
 Superior Court of California, County of Yolo
 725 Court Street
 Woodland, CA 95695

Petition of
 Jared Aaron Smith
 for change of name

Order to show cause for change of name

To all interested persons:
 Petitioner: Jared Aaron Smith filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name Jared Aaron Smith, to proposed name Jared Aaron Crisologo-Smith.
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 23, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. Dept. 15.
 The address of the court is
 1100 Main Street, Ste. 300, Woodland, CA 95695
 Date: Dec. 16, 2010
 David W. Reed
 Judge of the Superior Court

Published Feb. 24, March 3, 10, 17, 2011

Fictitious Business Name

FILED YOLO COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER

FEB. 9, 12011

FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK

Linda Smith, Deputy

FBN NUMBER 2011-123

Fictitious Business Name

Complete Healthcare Concepts

848 Harvard Bend, Woodland, CA 95695

Name of Registrant:

Debbie Porter

755 Fawn Ct., Vacaville, CA 95687

Kim Kernohan

848 Harvard Bend, Woodland, CA 95695

Sherri Olswang

36495 Co. Rd. 24, Woodland, CA 95695

Business Classification: Co-Partners

Beginning Date of Business: The Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 11/9/10.

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

State of California, County of Yolo
 FREDDIE OAKLEY County Clerk/Recorder
 Linda Smith, Deputy Clerk
 Published Feb. 24, March 3, 10, 17, 2011

Read the legals, they are good for you.**Classified Advertising**

Minimum cash ad \$5.00

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Tuesday at noon deadline
 795-4551**Trustee's Sale**

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 10-0128292 Title Order No. 100598163 Investor/Insurer No. 1695463206 APN No. 003-524-017 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 02/06/2004. 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 RECONSTRUCT COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by ROBERT W. QUILICI AND HELEN M. QUILICI, HUSBAND AND WIFE, dated 02/06/2004 and recorded 02/13/04, as Instrument No. 2004-0005832-00, in Book , Page), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Yolo County, State of California, will sell on 03/10/2011 at 12:00PM, At the rear (North) entrance to the City Hall Building, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA. 95691 at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash or check as described below, payable in full at time of sale, all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust, in the property situated in said County and State and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: **620 IVY LOOP, 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 \$332,711.83. 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: 01/07/2011 RECONSTRUCT 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 RECONSTRUCT COMPANY, N.A. is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. ASAP# FNMA3901514 02/10/2011, 02/17/2011, 02/24/2011

Notice of Public Hearing**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Zoning Administrator
 Department of Resource Management
 675 Texas Street, Suite 5500, Fairfield, CA 94533
 (707) 784-6765
 (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-10-13 for the **Center for Land Based Learning** (McNamara) for special events to be held on the property including the farmhouse, amphitheater, and surrounding grounds. The property is located at 5265 Putah Creek Road 4 miles east of the City of Winters in an "A-40" Exclusive Agricultural Zoning District, APN: 0107-010-070. 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, March 3, 2011. Interested persons may appear and be heard.

Published February 24, 2011

Fictitious Business Name

FILED YOLO COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER

Jan. 21, 2011

FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK

Lupe Ramirez, Deputy

FBN NUMBER 2011-70

Fictitious Business Name

ConSurv International

Pacific Rim Nutritional Consulting Group

140 B Street, Suite 5-273, Davis, CA 95616

Name of Registrant:

John M. Gerlich

140 B Street, Suite 5-273, Davis, CA 95616

Business Classification: Individual

Starting Date of Business: 07/05/06.

s/John M. Gerlich

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

State of California, County of Yolo
 FREDDIE OAKLEY County Clerk/Recorder
 Lupe Ramirez, Deputy Clerk
 Published Feb. 17, 24, March 3, 10, 2011

Trustee's Sale

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No.: V516309 CA Unit Code: V Loan No: 62643(1-1482)/CLARK AP #1: 049-180-042-000 T.D. SERVICE COMPANY, as duly appointed Trustee under the following described Deed of Trust WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (in the forms which are lawful tender in the United States) and/or the cashier's, certified or other checks specified in Civil Code Section 2924h (payable in full at the time of sale to T.D. Service Company) all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property hereinafter described: Trustor: JOHN CLARK, CARRIE CLARK Recorded October 25, 2007 as Instr. No. 2007-0036414-00 in Book --- Page --- of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of YOLO County; CALIFORNIA, pursuant to the Notice of Default and Election to Sell thereunder recorded September 14, 2010 as Instr. No. 2010-0025915 in Book --- Page --- of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of YOLO County CALIFORNIA. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED OCTOBER 20, 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. **17999 COUNTY ROAD 85C, ESPARTE, CA 95692** ("If a street address or common designation of property is shown above, no warranty is given as to its completeness or correctness.") Said Sale of property will be made in "as is" condition without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest as in said note provided, advances, if any, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. Said sale will be held on: MARCH 8, 2011, AT 9:00 A.M. *AT THE NORTH ENTRANCE TO THE WEST SACRAMENTO CITY HALL, 1110 WEST CAPITOL AVENUE, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA At the time of the initial publication of this notice, the total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the above described Deed of Trust and estimated costs, expenses, and advances is \$589,738.84. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. Regarding the property that is the subject of this notice of sale, the "mortgage loan servicer" as defined in Civil Code Section 2923.53(k)(3) declares that it has not obtained from the Commissioner a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to Civil Code section 2923.53 that is current and valid on the date this notice of sale is recorded. The time frame for giving a notice of sale specified in Civil Code Section 2923.52 subdivision (a) does not apply to this notice of sale pursuant to Civil Code Sections 2923.52 or 2923.55. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Date: January 25, 2011 T.D. SERVICE COMPANY as said Trustee, T.D. Service Company Agent for the Trustee and as Authorized Agent for the Beneficiary LAURA MAIB, ASSISTANT SECRETARY T.D. SERVICE COMPANY 1820 E. FIRST ST., SUITE 210, P.O. BOX 11988 SANTA ANA, CA 92711-1988 We are assisting the Beneficiary to collect a debt and any information we obtain will be used for that purpose whether received orally or in writing. If available, the expected opening bid and/or postponement information may be obtained by calling the following telephone number(s) on the day before the sale: (714) 480-5690 or you may access sales information at www.tacforeclosures.com. TAC# 926638 PUB: 02/10/11, 02/17/11, 02/24/11