



## Redevelopment remains in limbo

By ELLIOT LANDES  
Staff writer

How is the cancellation of redevelopment agencies in California going? Hard to say. Governor Brown's January proposal to stop all California Redevelopment Agencies (RDAs) as part of a budget fix failed by one vote, but it could well come back after the state legislators return from their spring break.

Throughout the state, over 400 RDAs grease the skids for a huge variety of development projects, all in the name of redirecting property taxes to counter civic blight. RDAs fund projects by borrowing against future property taxes. Redevelopment law allows increases in property tax returns from a designated redevelopment zone to

go undiluted to pay off the bonds for that zone.

Winters is no exception, and much of the city is a redevelopment zone. Under City Manager John Donlevy's direction, the city has utilized the RDA funding source to produce an impressive string of projects in a short period of time, including:

~ The railroad bridge renovation

~ The Rotary Park parking lot and the Community Center shade structure

~ The Railroad and Main streetscape rehabilitation.

~ Rent supports for many downtown businesses, including the Palms, ARC Guitars, and The Clayground.

~ Facade improvements for many down-

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## Trustees explore parcel tax options

By DEBBIE HEMENWAY  
Staff writer

The Winters School Board trustees seemed to be focused on the future of old business as much as present when they met in regular session last Thursday, April 21.

During the portion of the meeting given over to the individual board members, requests were made by Trustees Robert Warren and Dan Maguire to add reports to upcoming agendas on several matters that had slipped into the rear-view mirror.

Warren asked for a formal report of the STAR testing scores for Winters Middle School for the 2009-10 school year. Initially, the state had not released the WMS scores

at the same time as those of other sites due to an insufficiency in the number of students tested. An appeal in Sacramento of the test score embargo was successful and the testing commission reversed the decision, but there has not been a public disclosure at a board meeting of the results.

Warren also asked about the committee that has been working with the district-hired consultant to improve math instruction K-12. Superintendent Rebecca Gillespie asked the board if they would like an update several months ago, but it has not yet been brought before them; Warren requested that it be added to an agen-

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## Sweet and sparkly



Photo by Debra DeAngelo

This year's Youth Day Sweetheart is Katie Clark, and the Sweetthunk is Ishak Ashak. They will be formally honored at Youth Day Opening Day ceremonies, planned for Friday, April 29, at 7 p.m. at the Community Center, and will be celebrated on the Sweetheart Float in this year's Youth Day Parade on Saturday, April 30. The parade begins at 10 a.m. on Main Street. This is the 75th Annual Youth Day. This year's theme is "The Sparkle of Youth." Events are planned all day (see special section).

## Education is focus of community forum

By DEBBIE HEMENWAY  
Express editor

"It takes a whole village to raise a child" is an African proverb that has been used so often that it has become a cliché. Last week, as the fruition of months-long planning by a group of school and community groups and individuals, a forum was held at Shirley Rominger School to breathe life back into the overworked words: it is only through the combined efforts and attention of an entire community that children can be supported in their path to productive adulthood and

that schools are a focal point for that support.

The event, entitled "It Takes a Village: Forum on Education," was created to "celebrate, educate and motivate" the greatest number of people possible in order to put California schools back into the top tier rather than on the bottom rung nationwide.

On hand to provide information and encouragement was a panel of educators: David Sanchez, president of the 325,000 member California Teachers Association (CTA); Adonai Mack, legislative analyst and advocate for the Association of California



Photo by Debbie Hemenway

Marlene Bell and Winters School Board trustee Matt Brickey discuss their concerns at the "It Takes a Village: Forum on Education," held Wednesday, April 20, at Shirley Rominger Intermediate School

School Administrators (ACSA); and Thomas Timar, UC Davis professor of education and director of the University's Center for Applied

Policy in Education. The celebratory aspect of the evening began before the panel took the podium, with

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## Human bones are not Leticia's

By DEBRA DeANGELO  
Express editor

Human bones discovered in rural Yolo County on Sunday, April 17, are not the remains of Leticia Ramos, said Yolo County Sheriff's Detective Jennifer Davis on Tuesday.

"It is not her," stated Davis. "The bones don't match her description."

The bones were discovered by hunters in a dry creekbed in the northern part of the county. Yolo County Sheriff's deputies and

deputy coroners responded, and took possession of the remains. A follow-up search on Tuesday, April 19 located more bones. The exact location of the bones is being withheld at this time, said Davis.

According to a press release issued by the sheriff's department, the bones were taken to Chico State where they were examined by the anthropology department and confirmed to be human. The bones included two leg bones, one rib bone and a mandible.

DNA tests will be performed on the bones to determine more information, including race, sex, how long there were at that location and how they came to be at that location.

As with any case involving human remains, this case is being considered suspicious until it is proven otherwise, said the press release. Further searches of the area are scheduled.

Gail Jimenez, community services offi-

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## Pool opens next week

The Bobbie Greenwood Community Swim Center will open for Adult Lap Swim on Monday, May 1. The hours will be Monday through Thursday, 6-7:30 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, 9-10 a.m. A monthly pass costs \$50, and daily passes are \$5.

Noon lap swim will be available

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### WEATHER

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

Date	Rain	HI	Lo
April 20	T	76	53
April 21	.02	73	49
April 22		73	48
April 23		72	49
April 24	T	70	51
April 25	T	76	54
April 26		73	43

Rain for week: .02  
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## OBITUARY

### Aladdin Cortes Lorenzo

Aladdin Cortes Lorenzo passed away on Saturday, April 16, 2011 at the age of 77.

He was born on Sept. 23, 1933 in Vacaville, and served in the US Navy for four years. He spent his life as a grocer in his beloved town of Winters for 60 years. Al was an active member of many organizations in Winters.

He is survived by his sisters, Delores Martinez and Juanita Skaggs; his wife of 55 years, Lynda; five children, Brad, Cheryl, John, Jeff and Davis; 15 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Juan and Anna Lorenzo.

"Al will be deeply missed by all his family and friends who celebrated his wonderful life on April 26," said a family member.



## YESTERYEAR



File photo

Al Lorenzo, Left, outgoing 1968 president of the Winters District Chamber of Commerce, is shown above handing the gavel to Gail Wingard, who was installed as 1969 Chamber president at the Chamber's Christmas party, held in Sam's Club on December 2, 1968

**50**  
YEARS AGO

May 11, 1961

Dick Ashley of Cupertino was hired as the new principal of the Winters elementary schools for a one year term at a salary of \$8,500. John Atherton was appointed by the board as vice principal to make decisions at Waggoner School in the absence of the principal. He will receive an additional \$300 for his additional responsibilities.

Ronald Inman, son of Rev. and Mrs. Max Inman, was elected student body president for the coming year at Winters High School. Carol Perkins was elected head song leader, assisted by Jennifer Gunter, Kathleen Connor, Rosalyn Husted, Barbara Holmes and Anita Gonzales.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Biasi of Winters are the parents of a son, born May 6, 1961 at the Fairfield Intercommunity Hospital.

Mrs. Karl Karnopp stressed the importance of reading at the luncheon meeting of Presbyterian Women held on Monday.

**65**  
YEARS AGO

May 10, 1946

Dr. A.M. Herron, principal of the Winters Joint Union High School since October 1932, submitted his resignation to his Board of Trustees at their meeting Tuesday evening.

Edwina Sue, 9-year old daughter of Dr. and Mrs. H. G. Potter, who suffered a deep gash in her foot when she stepped on a piece of glass Youth Day, has fully recovered.

Bob Barriskill, Golden State dairyman, was the successful bidder for the observation tower located on the grammar school grounds, which had been offered for sale to the highest bidder.

On display in the windows of the Baker Company Store are twenty-five 11x14" photographs taken by Drury R. Streeter, local photographer.

Grant Gray, son of Mrs. Mary Gray and the late George Gray of Esparto, has succeeded Earl O. Winn as pro-assistant cashier at the local branch of Bank of America.

## THANKS . . .

The Leverett family would like to thank everyone for their kind expression of sympathy on our recent loss of Wilmer "Wil" Leverett. We sincerely appreciate all those who sent sympathy cards and flowers. We are grateful to those who donated time, services, and made calls as well as visits. Also, we would like to give a special thanks to Vera Smith and Wiscombe Funeral Home who graciously helped us put together final arrangements. We are grateful for your kindness and generosity during this difficult time.

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## Lake Berryessa level falls .04 of a foot

The level of Lake Berryessa fell by .04 of a foot during the past week, with a reduction in storage of 367 acre feet of water, according to Ken Emigh of the Solano Irrigation District.

The lake Tuesday morning was 435.22 feet above sea level with storage computed at 1,462,305 acre feet of water.

The SID increased

the flow of water in the Putah South Canal from 230 second feet to 350 second feet as irrigation season has begun.

Water flow in Putah Creek at the Diversion Dam Tuesday morning was 47 second feet, and evaporation on Lake Berryessa averaged 152 acre feet of water per day during the past week.

**100**  
YEARS AGO

May 12, 1911

On last Tuesday afternoon the ladies of the Presbyterian Missionary Society met at the home of Mrs. Dilard Guthrie.

The first shipment of string beans from Yolo County this season was made Monday by the Winters Orchard company.

A meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was held in the Unity Club rooms Monday night.

John Brady was elected president of the Alumni Association of the Winters High School with Miss Erna Wyatt, vice president, and Perry Cul-ton, secretary-treasurer.

No-one seemed willing to take the office of president at the Women's Improvement Club.

The third annual University Farm basket picnic has passed into history with 4,000 visitors in attendance.

A symposium was held on the question of a town sewer, getting rid of cesspools.

R. L. Briggs was up from Oakland for a few days visit at home.

**115**  
YEARS AGO

May 9, 1896

The trustees of the Winters Union High School, with the advice of the teachers, have decided to have no graduating exercises this year, owing to the fact that the short terms heretofore held prevent the accrediting of the school to the State University.

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"Father" Harriman, as he is affectionately called by those who know and love him, passed the 82nd milestone in his journey of life Thursday of last week and intimate friends gathered to do honor to the old patriarch and the day.

M.G. Blackburn, who has the F. Herbert Buck place in Pleasant Valley rented, shipped on Wednesday, May 6th, 1896, a full crate of Pringle apricots to Chicago.



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# All-day symposium all about agriculture

By **EVELYNE ROMINGER**  
Special to the Express

Spend a day in Winters on Wednesday, May 4, as the Winters History Project, chaired by historian Joann Larkey, sponsors another agricultural symposium inspired by the first one in 1897. The afternoon session, “Farming Through the Generations,” will feature third to fifth generation farmers who are still on the family farm. It begins at 2 p.m. where the first symposium happened — in the historic Winters Opera House. The farmer panel members are Gloria Lopez, Jenny Lester Moffitt, Bruce Rominger and Chris Turkovich.

But there is much more. The day begins at 10 a.m. at the UC Davis (UCD) Wolfskill Experimental Orchards southwest of Winters (4334 Putah Creek Road), where you will be welcomed by the director, Dr. Ted DeJong, UCD Pomologist. Taste olive oil under the oldest olive trees in the area — some planted by John Wolfskill himself — with Dan Flynn, Director of the UC Davis Olive Center. Dr. Tom

Gradziel, UC Davis almond and peach breeder will report, and strawberry breeder Dr. Doug Shaw will discuss his work. Learn about the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Clonal Germplasm Repository of Tree Fruit, Nut Crops and Grapes with Dr John Preece, research leader.

At noon, a lunch at The Buckhorn features Neal Van Alfen, dean of the UC Davis College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, then everyone walks across the street for the 2 p.m. program to hear why the next generation came home to farm.

After the symposium concludes at 4 p.m., enjoy the wine tasting rooms and restaurants of Winters.

To register for the event, log on to <http://agsymposium.eventbrite.com> or mail a check to WHP-YCHS, P.O. 827, Winters, CA 95694. Tickets for the orchard tour, olive oil tasting, Buckhorn lunch and afternoon symposium are \$50; for the afternoon symposium only, \$20. Donations for this benefit for the Winters History Project are tax deductible.

# Council furnishes new safety facility

By **ELLIOT LANDES**  
Staff writer

The Public Safety Facility is 85 percent complete, and the council discussed furnishing contracts for the large \$8 million facility, at the April 19 meeting.

The Public Safety Facility Committee Project Team proposed a \$230,229 contract with Western Contract Furniture for purchase of furnishings for the facility, after a months long process of interviewing three contract furnishers and visiting facilities that used the company’s services.

“We were looking at responsiveness as well as the quality of the furniture,” said Chief of Police Bruce Muramoto. “They were ahead of the game, because they had a good sense of what we were looking for.”

The furnishing contract is an elaborate document that covers not just tables and chairs, but carpet and drapes and many other interior details. Representatives from Western Contract presented to the council the various interior design choices and fabric colors.

Muramoto said that he and Fire Chief Scott Dozier presented to the Facility Committee cheaper approaches, such as furnishing part of the

very large facility, or choosing cheaper products.

“As a member of the committee,” said council member Tom Stone, “we discussed furnishing less, but in the event of a campaign fire or murder investigation, there will be a lot of people coming into the facility, and we decided to furnish it all instead of a piecemeal solution. The committee was very comfortable with what we ended up with and the values, what we would be spending.”

“We did talk about maybe not filling in the entire investigation area,” said council member Cecilia Aguiar-Curry. “I want to make sure we’ve done our due diligence.”

Aguiar-Curry asked about moving city hall staff out to the new facility. City Manager John Donlevy answered that it is prohibited by legal restrictions on the use of bond funding, unless their function is directly related to safety functions.

The subject is currently a sensitive one. Abuses of redevelopment funding have made news recently, as Governor Brown seeks to eliminate the program.

Asked by Mayor Woody Fridae if the same could be used for video cameras in police cars, the sub-

ject of another agenda item. Donlevy said the money must be used for the building.

“We got by when we had these special investigations,” said council member Harold Anderson.

“I think it’s a smart move now,” said council member Mike Martin, “because I don’t see how we will get the money to finish the job in the future.”

The council approved the committee’s proposal unanimously.

In a related item, the council also approved a contract for \$56,687 for purchase of an audio visual system for the facility’s Community Room. The large room will function as a training room, a meeting room and the city’s Emergency Operations Center — the headquarters for managing a major crisis such as an earthquake or a flood. The contract allows for 10 percent contingency, bringing the budget to \$62,355. The funds will come from 2007 RDA Tax Allocation Bond proceeds (redevelopment).

The contract, with Spinitar, will include an overhead LCD projector, four LCD televisions, a public address system, 52” televisions for the two chief’s conference rooms and telephone conferencing systems.

As part of the decision, staff toured facil-

ities in the county that Spinitar has equipped recently, such as the Woodland Community Center and three Yolo County libraries, including the Winters branch.

## Other items

~ The council approved the choice of a new Assistant Attorney contract with Best, Best and Krieger, after a request-for-proposal process that considered four firms’ proposals. The winning firm was chosen primarily because a relationship exists going back many years with some of the principal attorneys, particularly Harriet Steiner, formerly of McDonough, Holland and Allen. The firm will serve on a retainer basis, of \$5,800 per month.

~ Police Lieutenant Sergio Gutierrez offered a presentation of various police car video systems and made the case for using the equipment to tape police interactions. Winters is the only department in the county without such a system. The department recently tried out a demo system called the “Arbitrator 360” that uses a wireless download so there is no need for storage devices.

The next council meeting will take place on May 3, at 6:30 p.m., in the council chambers at City Hall.

# BONES

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cer with the Winters Police Department, explained that once the DNA tests are complete, the results will be uploaded into a national database, where the genetic profiles will be compared to a list of missing persons. If a match is found, the local police department where the missing person is listed will be contacted. The DNA testing could take a couple months, said Jimenez.

Leticia Ramos was last seen alive on April 12, 2009, at a family party. Her husband, Felipe Cruz Hernandez, was arrested for her murder on May 28, 2009, and ultimately convicted of second-degree murder, even though Ramos’ remains were never found.

Hernandez was sentenced to 15 years to life in prison in Janu-

ary 2010.

According to Winters Police Lieutenant Sergio Gutierrez, there is still an investigation ongoing about the whereabouts of Ramos or her remains. No new information about the case has been discovered since Hernandez was convicted.

“We’re still looking for any information that could help us find her,” said Gutierrez. “Anyone with leads or information regarding the investigation or the homicide should contact the (Winters) police department.”

Anyone with information about the whereabouts of Leticia Ramos or her remains is asked to call the Winters Police Department, 795-2261.

Anyone with information about the bones found last week in northern Yolo County can contact Detective Jennifer Davis, 668-5280.

The Women’s Supportive Housing Program provides a clean and sober support system for homeless veterans seeking to stabilize their lives.

The center has purchased a large duplex that provides a two-year transitional housing program for female veterans. This facility is part of the Continuum of Care model that assists in providing a supportive environment. It fulfills a long-stand-

ing dream of providing equality in services to our military women.

WSHP provides drug and alcohol services, family therapy, specialized case management, life skills, employment and training assistance, and limited housing for eligible women veterans and their children (age and family size restrictions apply).

The Sacramento Veterans Resource Center has also suc-

cessfully helped female veterans involved in child protective services reunite with their children.

The success and completion of the two-year program is dependent on the veteran’s motivation and commitment to their individualized service plan that is developed by the veteran and her case manager.

The eligibility requirements are:

~ Being discharged from active duty (all

except dishonorable)

~ A single female without pets.

~ Homeless

~ Medically and psychologically stable

~ Ability to perform any daily activities as required by the program

For more information, call (916) 393-8387(VETS) or attend an orientation, which are held every Tuesday and Thursday at 8:30 a.m.

# POOL

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from June 4 through Aug. 14 from 12-1:30 p.m.

The pool will open for Recreation Swim on Saturday, June 4, from 2-5 p.m. daily until Aug. 14.

Swim lessons signups begin May 2. The swim lesson schedules are as follows: Session I, June

13-24; Session II, June 27 to July 8; Session III, July 11-22; Session IV, July 25 to Aug. 5. Class times will be 12:15-12:45 p.m., 1-1:30 p.m., 5:15-5:45 p.m., and 6-6:30 p.m. Lessons cost \$65 per session per child. Private lessons are available for \$100 per session per child.

For more information, call Tracy Jenson at City Hall, 795-4910.

# Opinion

## LETTERS

### What direction is this?

For the past six months there has been little reported about the state of affairs at Winters High School. After sitting by silently for the majority of the school year, I can no longer keep quiet. Sadly, because of fear of retaliation I cannot put my name to this letter. If you believe this may sound exaggerated, I suggest you speak privately with some of my colleagues. I will have to let you make the choice as to whether it gets printed.

As we all know, a little over a year ago George Griffin was released from his contract. I do not need to rehash the fallout from that decision because everyone already knows. The staff, community and students were told of the infamous "new direction." One year later, there is a clear direction and it is not good. The parents of Winters High School students should be very concerned.

There are serious leadership issues at



Winters High School. Since December, the staff at WHS has sought help from the superintendent and the board of trustees, to no avail. The issues, and there are many, are not going away and in fact have reached what I believe to be a critical level with the recent fiasco of STAR testing.

STAR testing began last week with the absence of both the principal and vice principal. At least one of the two should have been the site coordinator. In the absence of all administrators, the distribution and accounting of all test materials fell to the secretarial staff, in-school suspension monitor and a counselor, none of whom were trained as site coordinator. The

preparations leading up to the test were virtually non-existent. That explains why there were not enough chemistry books for students, missing tests for upper level math students, and missing tests for lower level science students.

In previous years, all students were tested regardless of their academic level. To me it seems like that is the only fair way to get an accurate accounting of the overall school. In addition, the staff did not receive appropriate training as designated by the State of California. The rumor at school is that the superintendent and district testing coordinator have found some sort of loophole in which they believe they are compliant.

Looks like they dodged another bullet.

Some of my colleagues are not willing to accept this. Along with the lack of testing material (which is now being blamed on FedEx), there were issues with security, testing procedures and protocol.

Because of the chaos that ensued that first day, the superintendent called an emergency staff meeting. Rather than addressing the real issues, we were told that tomorrow would be better and she was planning to have a higher profile at WHS. She also announced the reassignment of the vice principal. Interesting, since he was not in

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### Cat Barf Zen 101: Be one with the cat barf

The good news is my carpets are the same color as cat barf.

The bad news is my carpets are the same color as cat barf.

Yes, wasn't I the clever girl, picking out carpets the exact same color as cat barf so there'd be no more stains. Sadly, I wasn't quite clever enough to consider the potential disadvantages of color-coordinating my carpets to the random expulsions of hair and kibble from the two little fur people who share my home. For example, the relative benefits of discovering the results of their gastrointestinal distress not by sight, but by the sudden cold, wet squish under my bare foot in the morning.

Yeah, ick. It could be worse, right? The squish could've been expelled from the other end.

Double ick.

Such are the annoyances of having indoor cats. I can't really complain though, because to date, there haven't been any double ick squishes. I have good boys. They use the Kitty Rocha Depository faithfully. The only mishaps occur when a wayward — ahem — "lump"... clings to a bit of long tail fur. Fat

Angelo will just waddle around until it finally falls off. Just doesn't care. He has SO let himself go. However, a dingleberry just blows Milo's tiny mind. He tries to outrun them, racing through the house, leaping over chairs, streaking across tables, until he manages to lose the stinky beast that's after him.

This is why, in the end, I keep the cats around — for the sheer entertainment value.

Back to the barf. I posted my carpet cam-

ouflagé observation on Facebook, and the posts were like popcorn. Now, I often post thoughtful, heartfelt insight on everything from God to the bitter-sweet struggle of human existence, and what really gets people's attention? Cat barf. So, if cat barf is what the people want, then cat barf the people shall have. But why limit it to Facebook. Why not share it with the wider world.

Lucky you.

So:

Awhile back, I spent painstaking months selecting a lovely thick, plush berber, the color of oatmeal. It looked fabulous. Until I heard that first familiar *hyuck... hyuck... hyuck... hyuck... brrrraaaaaagggghghghgh*

Now, there's only about a five second window to scoop up the stinky snarl of kibble and hair before it seeps into the carpet, and unless you're in the immediate vicinity, chances are, you'll discover the blop too late. By then, you scoop and blot as best you can, but there's always, a brown stain left behind. When the stains accumulate to critical mass, there's nothing left to do but rent a steam cleaner and wipe the slate clean.

Know what makes a cat hork up a hairball faster than anything? The sound of a just-used steam cleaner being packed back into the car.

Before long, I recognized that there's no winning the cat barf battle. It's the price you pay for choosing indoor-only cats with ridiculously long, thick fur. However, in the wider world of cat annoyances, it's the lesser of several evils, as compared to living with fleas, dead bird carcasses lovingly



placed at the doorstep, thousands of dollars in veterinarian bills for the various scuffles outdoor cats get into, and, worst of all, the cat funerals to honor Fluffy or Mittens, who met an untimely death with a swimming pool/dog/car/neighbor with antifreeze — insert your favorite peril.

Even with regular carpet cleaning, my lovely oatmeal colored carpets looked thrashed after a few years. I was itching to replace them. But they were so expensive and structurally still good, and my hard-wired stinginess kept kicking in. And then my house flooded last fall. The spotted carpets were destroyed, and they were covered by insurance. It was carpet serendipity.

When I went to our local carpet store, I knew exactly what to ask for: "I want carpets the exact color of — (no, not cat barf — that would be disgusting!) — gingerbread. Doesn't that sound lovely? And, turns out, gingerbread is the exact golden brown shade of cat spew I needed.

The new carpets went in, and the first couple times I heard Milo or Angelo torquing their guts into an imminent hairball purge, I ran for the towels, scooped and blotted, and... Brilliant! I was so impressed with myself! Never again would I have to suffer with spotted carpets! However, my self-satisfaction quickly dissipated the first time I felt that invisible cold squish under my foot.

The most recent time I felt that unhappy sensation, I posted the same two sentences on Facebook that I started this column with. The comments were priceless:

"Please tell us you did not bring in a color sample..." said Angry Danielle, of my trip to the carpet store.

To which I replied, that it wasn't necessary, because the carpet is the color of gingerbread.

"With that in mind, fortunately gingerbread season is far off," added Annette.

Sure it is, Annette. You'll remember this next time a warm, steamy slice is in your hand.

"I hate it when a good idea turns out to be a bad plan for the same reason!" said Sherlie.

Oh my, Sherlie, that comment was more profound than you could ever imagine.

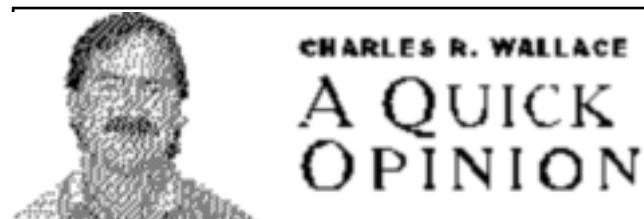
"This confirms it... you ARE brilliant. Here I've been trying to FIGHT the cat barf. You, on the other hand, have learned to ACCEPT the cat barf. My hat is off..." chimed in Stephanie.

"Do not fear the cat barf... be one with the cat barf... (Cat Barf Zen 101)" I replied.

"It's amazing... the hot topic on FB tonight is Debra's Cat Barf Carpet!" said Mike.

"Mike — OMG!!!! And I didn't know what to write about this week... Cat Barf Zen!" I exclaimed with delight!

Hey, I don't judge the inspiration as it comes to me, I just say "thank you."



**YOUTH DAY.** I've mentioned before that I have a special place in my heart for Youth Day. Sherri and I moved back to Winters on Youth Day, 1977. I like to joke that nothing had changed since I left in 1969 to get a little education and find a wife, but there were a few additions and subtractions in town. There was a new Bank of America on the corner where Eagle Drug now lives, First Northern had moved into the old bank building and Heart Federal Savings and Loan had moved in next door where Tienda Delicious is located

They had torn down the doctor's office, the dental office and the Laundromat to make way for the new bank. California Market had expanded from where the Pizza Factory is to where the Buckhorn Catering is now. The Dr. Youngs built a new medical center on Grant Avenue and John Griffin built Griffin's Gun and Grog. A great name for a place where you could buy guns and beer, all at the same time.

In 1977 the price of gas was heading to over \$1 a gallon and car dealers were having a hard time making ends meet, especially in small towns. E.J. Graf Ford was the only dealer left when I moved back to Winters. Krisor Chevrolet had closed down while I was gone and I'm not sure when Frisbee Motors closed his doors. I'm sure Don will tell me next time I see him.

We had three grocery stores and a meat market, with the Lorenzos the only family left standing. Our department stores both closed as did a jewelry store and one of our pharmacies. A few churches have closed their doors along with bars changing hands. There used to be two churches for every bar, but I'm not sure there is a church for every place in town where you can have a glass of wine.

We've added a few restaurants and others have changed ownership and menus. On a Thursday, Friday or Saturday night we do have a parking problem downtown. During the day, not so much. There are plans for more commercial businesses both downtown and on the freeway, but I'm not sure how long it will take for people to feel comfortable risking their money building new buildings in this economy.

People ask me when Burger King is opening. The short answer is anytime they want. They will have to get the land ready, add services and another stop light that changes color. If they have a solution for the way the off ramp and frontage road come together, that would help. Most problems come down to money, so we will just have to wait and see. Maybe a hotel developer will show up and solve a lot of our problems.

Over the years Youth Day has changed and the people who put it on have changed, too. Youth Day is one of the special things that happens in Winters. Even with the additional population growth we've had over the last couple of decades, the volunteer base seems to be shrinking. Mike Sebastian has been threatening for years to retire, and I hope someone, or some group will step up to take his place heading the Youth Day Committee. Like they say, it won't be the same without him, but then again, maybe he will stick around for the Youth Day Centennial Celebration.

I enjoy putting together the Youth Day Special Edition that you will find in this issue of the Express. I take a lot of pictures of merchants, sell them a little advertising space and everyone seems to be happy. Some merchants have used the pictures to chronicle their employees over the years, while others watch their children change from year to year. If you don't think there are any jobs working for small town merchants, take a minute and look through the tabloid. It puts a smile on my face, maybe yours too.

One thing that has changed recently was the addition of dead bolts to my home. Maybe Winters isn't the sleepy small town that I wished it would stay. We've had a couple of cars broken into in the cul-de-sac and the other night, while I was out of town, someone was rattling our front door at 4 a.m. I won't begin to try and understand the fear of a woman home alone when something like that happens, but it has to be one of the most frightening experiences you can imagine.

Luckily everything turned out okay, with the Winters police showing up within minutes of the 911 call. No suspect was found, but the damage to peaceful tranquility might have been destroyed forever. Now there are deadbolts and maybe larger dogs in our future. I'm hoping that it was just someone at the wrong house, or looking for a friend in the neighborhood, but who knows. Pick the wrong house and you get shot, but that only happens in other places.

See you at the pancake breakfast and have a safe week.

The deadline for  
Letters to the Editor  
is noon on Mondays



# LETTERS

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charge of testing and had made it very clear to all that he did not intend to organize STAR testing.

The problem should be addressed at the top. The superintendent is not doing her job when the people she is in charge of are not doing theirs. Some board members and administrators wrongly believe this dissatisfaction stems from the George Griffin incident. We have moved on.

The staff has offered assistance to the new administration time and again. The staff has given the new administration time to develop their own ideas and programs. With 31 days of the school year remaining, we are still working without a defined discipline policy. Along with that, the school has lost a good portion of ADA monies due to a lack of understanding of how in-school suspension works and the benefits of using it.

As an employee of this district, I am concerned — but as a taxpayer, I am outraged. If the people who are being paid good money cannot perform their duties, then they should be replaced. Please be assured, the problems with STAR testing are not the first hint of trouble. It is just the latest in a long line of issues the staff at WHS has had to endure this school year.

While I truly believe personnel issues should not be played out in public, this administration can no longer continue to take our school in their “new direction.”

**NAME WITHELD**

## Stranger got project going

A stranger came to town and fell in love with Winters. She asked many questions and discovered the town historian Joann Larkey, who had collected stories from pioneer families, copied old photos and written the history of Winters. The stranger's name was Jill Coursin from Santa Fe. She was a curator, designer and collector who knew how to exhibit and display and she insisted that it was time for Winters to see the photos that Larkey had collected and kept very carefully in her basement (there was no other place to store them).

With a few donations and volunteers, the photographs were restored, matted and framed with help from Coursin, Larkey, Woody Fridae and others who formed the Winters History Project committee. Some of these photos can be seen now in the Berryessa Gap Tasting room, the Winters Visitors Center and Velo City on Main Street.

To make reservations for the May 4 all day program sponsored by the Winters History Project including the University of California Davis Wolfskill Experimental Orchards, Buckhorn lunch, and Symposium on Farming Through the Generations at the Winters Opera House with music by the Crawdads, please log on to <http://agsymposium.eventbrite.com>, or send a check to WHP- YCHS P.O. Box 827 Winters CA 95694. The cost for

the day is \$50.; for the afternoon symposium, \$20.00. The cost is tax deductible and supports the preservation of Winters history.

**EVELYNE ROMINGER**

## Please don't park there

Attention: Store owners and employees, please stop parking your vehicles on Main Street. We, the customers, would like to support the downtown businesses, but when parking is not available, that's pretty hard to do.

I know the City provides parking on Railroad Avenue, I use that when I eat at the restaurants nearby. When we, the customer, need to run in a store or visit the doctor's office, we prefer to park close to the business. A lot of us only have 30 minutes for lunch; we don't have time to park far away and walk to the stores.

If I were a store owner on Main Street, I would be very upset with those owners and their employees who park one, two and sometimes three vehicles in the prime parking spaces. I notice these vehicles sitting there every time I drive downtown.

I do want to thank all the owners and their employees who park on the side streets. I see you walking to your businesses and I appreciate your willingness to sacrifice for your customers.

Everyone would like to see our downtown prosper.

Thank you for letting me share my concern.

**MARGE JOHNSON**



Photo by Debra DeAngelo

**Rosi Martinez, Putah Creek Cafe manager, stands beside the raised bed garden that was constructed last week just west of the intersection of Elliot and Abbey Street. When finished, the garden will produce fresh fruit and vegetables for the cafe.**

## How does their garden — and menu – grow?

**By DEBRA DeANGELO**  
**Express editor**

Putah Creek Café is raising the “locally grown” bar this summer, when the first crops from the cafe's own garden will make it into their dishes. The vegetables and fruits are growing literally a stone's throw away from the cafe (you can see it from the garden), in a brand new garden plot that was constructed last week.

The garden, which sits west of the aluminum building at the corner of Elliot and Abbey Streets, features wooden raised beds and will soon be planted with heirloom tomatoes, zucchini, squash, eggplant, green beans, can-

taloupe, watermelon and berries, all of which will be used at the cafe.

The garden was inspired by the cafe manager, Rosi Martinez, who will tend the garden along with her father, Rafael. Rafael will be doing the bulk of the daily maintenance and weeding, and they will harvest the crops together to use at the cafe.

Rosi says the crops will mostly be used for summer dishes at the café, for both the day and evening menus. Some of the dishes already planned include an heirloom tomato salad and ratatouille, and all of the pizza sauce for the café's brick oven pizza will be made from the

garden's tomatoes. With veggies picked from the vine literally just hours before being served, Rosi says these dishes “will be so much better.”

“They will be picked and prepared the same day.”

She says the garden project grew out of her own interest in gardening.

“I love gardening and I'm at the café all the time. I don't have time to do a garden at home, so I decided to do one for the cafe, and John (Pickerel) said ‘yes’.”

Besides offering super-fresh produce, Rosi said she's aiming for the garden to be organic as well.

“That's the goal.”

As for ordering the dishes with the fresh-

est of the fresh ingredients, Rosi says they won't be listed on the menu, but the servers will have all of the information about what is fresh for that day. Rosi says she is looking forward to seeing the garden's produce make it to the serving plates.

“It's really exciting and new for the cafe, and for the customers,” says Rosi, who is already thinking about “all the cool stuff that we're going to be getting from there.”

With the raised beds finished, the next step will be the construction of a fence to protect the produce, then planting, tending, harvesting and tasting the final result right there on your fork.



# Community

## Rodriguez honored for cerebral palsy fundraising project

Caty Rodriguez of Winters was honored with the Youth Volunteer Award from the Community Services Planning Council for her work to raise funds and awareness of cerebral palsy. Rodriguez received the award at the People Helping People Awards Luncheon April 12 at the Radisson Hotel in Sacramento.

Rodriguez, now a freshman at Solano College, lost her 18-month-old son, Isaac, who had cerebral palsy, and dedicated her high school senior project to raising funds for UCP of Sacramento and Northern California.

UCP, which nominated her for the award, empowers people with all developmental disabilities to live life without limits.

"It does not get much more heartbreaking — and inspiring — than Caty's story," said Doug Bergman, UCP

president and CEO. "We are so proud of this incredible mom, whose love for her son shines through everything she does."

Rodriguez' senior project began in early 2010 when she formed a partnership with First Northern Bank in Winters. When customers made a donation, a paper heart was displayed. By the end of April 2010, the bank was covered in paper hearts. Rodriguez also held car washes, garage sales, a hike-a-thon and sold a spa to raise funds. She spent more than 300 hours and raised \$7,800 for UCP.

Each month, UCP of Sacramento and Northern California serves 2,600 children and adults with developmental disabilities and their families in Butte, El Dorado, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, Shasta, Sutter and Yolo counties. Programs include Sad-



Catly Rodriguez was honored by the United Cerebral Palsy Association on April 12 for her project to raise awareness and funds for cerebral palsy research.

dle Pals adaptive horseback riding, UCP's Autism Center for Excellence at Sacramento State, adult day programs, independent living

services, transportation and in-home respite care for families. For more information, visit [www.ucps-act.org](http://www.ucps-act.org).

## Martinez releases third book, 'Hidden Blessings'

The third book of local author Janice Martinez has recently been published and released to the public. Titled "Hidden Blessings," the book portrays the chapters of the author's life that have led up to her finally accepting who she is and whom she feels God meant her to be. Autobiographical and spiritual in tone, Martinez uses anecdotes and "Godisms" or small miracles, "co-incidences," and answered prayers from her past, to portray her belief that God can have personal relationships with human beings.

"Good things often come from what seemed like unhappy situations at the time, and our choices, even poor ones, can become learning experiences," says the au-

thor. "We have to have faith that our lives are as they were meant to be, for a purpose we may never understand in this lifetime."

Martinez's first book was a children's book titled "Are You My Friend?" and published in 1992. While it is now out of print, copies can still sometimes be found online at Amazon.com. The author's second book, "How do I Know There Is a Heaven?" was published in 2008 and describes her relationship with her husband in her second marriage and his death from cancer in 2004, which ultimately led her to return to her Catholic faith after more than 20 years. Both of her most recent books are available online and by order at most bookstores. Martinez will have



Local author Janice Martinez' third book, "Hidden Blessings" was released this week.

her books available for book signings at The Avid Reader bookstore in Davis on Friday, June 3, at 7:30 p.m. and Borders

Bookstore in Davis, 12-4 p.m. Saturday, May 21. Martinez is planning a book signing at St. Anthony Catholic Church.

## Project Linus meets May 3

Project Linus invites the community to its monthly gathering at Cloth Carousel on Tuesday, May 3, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., to work on quilts that help provide security to seriously ill or needy children. Cloth Carousel is a drop-off location for donated material and yarn.

For more information, contact Ann Shannon at [annshannon12@gmail.com](mailto:annshannon12@gmail.com) or 753-9397.

On June 11, Project Linus will have a booth at the Winters Outdoor Quilt & Textile show, and will raffle off some of their quilts as a fundraiser. The hours are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## Nature Outings offered at Stebbins Cold Canyon in May

The Nature Outings program at Stebbins Cold Canyon offers a diverse schedule to local communities. Most outings are interactive and experiential in nature. A suggested donation of \$5 per person (or \$10 per family) is requested for most outings. To attend an outing, send an email to [jfalyn@ucdavis.edu](mailto:jfalyn@ucdavis.edu). Include your name, address, presentation date, phone number and/or email address. Also, indicate whether you need directions to the outing site. Most outings are limited to 15 participants and fill up quickly, and each outing requires pre-registration.

The outing schedule for May and June includes:

~ Sunday, May 1, 9 a.m. to noon, "Birding 101." Having trouble telling a titmouse from a wren or a raven from a robin? This hike is designed to help you make heads or tail feathers of the complex avian world. Join Lake Berryessa Rangers Todd Eggert and Greg Lammers for

an informative bird watching hike along the Stebbins Cold Canyon trail. Birders of all levels welcome. Bring binoculars, bird guides, sunscreen, and most of all, enthusiasm.

~ Saturday, May 7, 8-11 p.m., "Stargazing." Bryn Bishop returns to lead an evening of night sky exploration. She'll focus on the constellations, point out planets, deep sky objects & share stories on the mythology of the night sky. There is a 1 and one-quarter mile, slightly uphill hike to the meadow where the group will observe the night sky. Wear appropriate clothing for evening; binoculars are optional.

~ Saturday, May 14, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., "By the Banks of Putah Creek." Tom and Ginny Cahill, landowners north/east of Stebbins Cold Canyon, have made their land available to explore a private and remote section of Putah Creek.

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## Calendar

**Thursday, April 28**  
**Farm to School meeting**, 6 p.m., School District Office

**Friday, April 29**  
**Youth Day Opening Ceremonies**, 7 p.m., Community Center

**Saturday, April 30**  
**Youth Day**  
See special section for event times

**Sunday, May 1**  
**Nature Outing, "Birding 101"**, 9 a.m. to noon, Stebbins Cold Canyon

**Tuesday, May 3**  
**Chamber of Commerce Breakfast, "Social Media for Businesses,"** 7 a.m., Cody's Restaurant  
**City Council meeting**, 6:30 p.m., council chambers at City Hall

**Wednesday, May 4**  
**Winters History Project Agricultural Symposium**, farm tour, 10 a.m.; lunch, noon, The Buckhorn; symposium, 2 p.m., Winters Opera House

**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**  
**Saturday, May 7: PhotoVoice community health exhibit**, 5-8 p.m. 820 Railroad Avenue  
**Wednesday, May 11: Robin Gamper Day**, 8:30-11:45 a.m., Waggoner Elementary School; **Community Crop Swap**, 6 p.m., The Palms; **WHS Spring Concert**, 7 p.m., Community Center

(To list your non-profit local event on the Winters Express calendar, email information to [news@wintersexpress.com](mailto:news@wintersexpress.com) or call 795-4551.)

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da in the near future.

Maguire, the board's president, wished to have Gillespie bring back information regarding the status of adding ballot measures to restructure the board to an election in 2012. There were to have been two local measures last November, one of which would have consolidated the rural and city representation on the board and the other of which would have reduced the number of trustees from seven to five. Both would have had to pass in order for either to take effect. A failure to make the proper filings in a timely fashion led to the failure of the propositions to be put before the electorate.

Maguire addressed the movement of more items to the consent agenda, which has been instituted in order to streamline meetings. He asked that there be consideration of offering "executive summaries" of consent items in open session, so that information does not disappear from public view simply because it is considered "routine and non-controversial."

Maguire also made reference in his remarks to bringing back exploration of the possibility of a local parcel tax as a way to raise revenues for the district, which continues to suffer fiscal losses. Maguire's remarks were in the context of his report on the previous evening's education forum, held at Shirley Rominger Intermediate School and attended by some 100 members of the public and WJUSD.

"The forum was a good first step," he said, "but it's just a first step. It's increasingly important that we become part of the solution" to shrinking revenues.

Later in the meeting, Jonathon Edwards of Government Financial Strategies, presented an informational overview of parcel taxes as a strategy for generating capital. Parcel taxes require a high threshold of voter acceptance at two-thirds of ballots cast, Edwards said and it is important that they be presented at the right time and in a manner that voters will find reasonable. The potential voters for the levy are all households in the district boundaries in both Yolo and Solano Counties.

Typically, major elections bring out a higher voter turnout and that is generally a

more favorable scenario for passage, so Edwards suggested that should the district pursue the measure, 2012 is the best time.

There is also a level of taxation that individuals will accept and, since that level is variable across time and in different communities, it is advisable to conduct a survey before creating the proposal. A survey would cost between \$12,000 and \$13,000. Warren, who served on an earlier exploratory committee for such a tax, asked Chief Business Officer Gloria Hahn if there were money already put aside for such a survey and she responded that there is.

"The election can be the survey," Edwards added, but felt that professional polling would yield valuable information.

Trustee Mike Olivas commented that "we need to engage with the City in this," and as an aside noted that there needed to be more frequent meetings between the entities.

## Other items

Maguire said that he had attended a workshop on parcel taxes at the conference of the California School Boards Association in December and that one of the highlights of that session was the need to "hire someone to get the message out, to frame the message" for the voters. By law, the district itself cannot campaign for the measure.

Community member and teacher Liz Corman commented that the education forum had generated a list of contacts and that those people might be included in a parcel tax campaign.

Another area of engagement for the district and the City of Winters was a proposed 10-foot easement along the north

boundary of Waggoner Elementary School to allow the city to install a public sidewalk. The district would donate the land and the city would take on all of the work, including a new fence on the school grounds. The recommendation from Gary Castillo, Supervisor of Maintenance and Operations and from the Superintendent was to approve the agreement, which would "provide a safe pathway for students and enhance the school's appearance."

Olivas was concerned that an easement, rather than a donation, would make the district liable for any injury or mishaps that occurred. WJUSD Attorney Addison Covert spoke to Olivas' concern, stating that the city "probably doesn't want" a donation, for exactly the reasons that Olivas would want to give the land away and that, in any case, both entities would probably be sued.

The board directed Castillo to talk to the city and return with further information at a later date.

Joe Cook, of the Information Technology department, brought the board a copy of revised policies and technology use agreements for students. The purpose of the revisions is to bring the policies into alignment with the district's technology plan.

As is done at every meeting of the board, a student and parent or community member was honored by a school site. This week, Wolfskill High School honored student Calletano Jimenez for his leadership and for the example of academic commitment that he provides his schoolmates.

Community member Nicki Chapman was recognized and thanked for her contributions to the Wolfskill Garden Pro-

ject.

As part of her site report, Wolfskill principal presented Master Gardener Charlotte Kimball, who works with the students on their garden project. Kimball described the project and presented board members with tomato starts grown by the students, whom, she says, "have an affinity for gardening." The project, which is being expanded on the west side of the campus, will include both and edible garden and drought-tolerant landscaping.

Wolfskill will host its open house on May 3 at 5:30 p.m. and will have a graduation ceremony for a dozen students at 11:30 a.m. on May 27.

In public comment, Tecera Philbrook, who is now teacher on assignment as assistant principal at Winters High School, took the podium to express to the board and the public her appreciation for the hard work of the WHS staff, especially the office staff and, in particular, Stephanie Castro, who have helped her in her transition. Philbrook started at the high school as STAR testing was getting underway; testing time is logistically complicated and Castro, who has helped in the process for a number of years, provided her knowledge and support.

The trustees adjourned to three closed sessions: one regarding "significant exposure to litigation/non-personnel", one regarding "public employee(s) discipline/dismissal/release" and one regarding superintendent evaluation. They returned to public session after two hours and reported that no action had been taken.

The next scheduled meeting of the board will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the district office on May 5.

# Yolo County seeking Grand Jury candidates

Yolo Superior Court is accepting applications for the 2011/2012 Yolo County Grand Jury. Each July 1 the Yolo Superior Court impanels 19 grand jurors who serve as an arm of the judicial system, but act as an entirely independent body.

The primary civil function of the grand jury is to review the operations of city and county government as well as other tax supported agencies and special districts. Based on these assessments, the grand jury publishes its findings and may recommend constructive action to improve the quality and effectiveness of local government.

If selected, the term of service is a period of one year, from July 1 through June 30. You should be committed

to serving the entire year. The average time commitment is approximately 25-40 hours per month. Generally, the grand jury meets twice per month, usually in the evening.

For each day's attendance, reimbursement to grand jurors is at the rate of \$15 per day and 51 cents per mile round trip from their home to the meeting location. Due to multiple requests, the submission deadline for the Grand Jury applications has been extended to Friday, April 29.

For a grand jury application, write, go online, or call: Yolo Superior Court, Jury Services Office, 725 Court St., Room 303, Woodland, CA 95695; 406-6828; [www.yolo.courts.ca.gov](http://www.yolo.courts.ca.gov).

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# Volunteers, cars needed

The Winters Youth Day Parade Committee still needs cars to carry dignitaries in this year's Youth Day Parade on Saturday, April 30.

Volunteers are also needed to help as parade marshals. A parade marshal receives the entrants as they come in to town and lines them up numerically in parade form.

Adults and school-age children are welcome to help get the parade off the ground.

To donate the use of a car or to volunteer to help, contact parade chairman Mike Sebastian, 795-2091.

# FORUM

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a reception catered by Chris Novello's Culinary Arts students at Winters High School. The students prepared the Mediterranean-themed food using locally sourced ingredients wherever possible, Novello told those who had assembled in the Rominger library for the meet-and-greet.

When everyone convened in the multi-purpose room, where CTA, PTA and the Winters Education Foundation (WEF) had set up informational tables, the lights dimmed and the audience of 100 saw a multi-media image and music presentation created by Gregg Moffitt, teacher at Winters Middle School. The video was a collage of photos of Winters students of every age from every school site, working, playing and, in the words of the district's motto, "learning together."

Winters Superintendent of Schools Becci Gillespie and Mayor Woody Fridae welcomed the attendees before the video and immediately following, moderator Dan Maguire, President of

the Winters Board of Trustees, presented Emilie Simmons, Director of Educational Service for WJUSD. Simmons gave an overview of the past ten years in the district, using slides to illustrate the successes and challenges that have been faced educators. Enrollment has risen and fallen and risen again over that time and staffing has followed. In 1990, WJUSD had 89 teachers on staff. In 2002 there were 109. Last year there were 84.

As numbers of students have changed, so have demographics and there are particular challenges associated with a changing student population of more English language learners, more special education students, more autistic students.

"We're doing more with less and we're having to do it better," Simmons said, referring to both the change in student profiles and to the accountability requirements of No Child Left Behind. "The good news is that our test scores are up" for all student groups, "the bad news is that we still have a gap."

Each panel member then had an opportunity

to speak.

Sanchez opened by thanking the organizers and by acknowledging and thanking Jesus Escamilla, who was providing simultaneous translation via wireless headsets for Spanish-speakers in the audience.

"It is important for everyone to feel comfortable to come to the schoolhouse," Sanchez said.

After pointing to the significant rise in test scores throughout the state over the past 10 years, he asked, "How dare people make innuendos about how our schools are doing?" particularly in light of the disproportionate funding cuts that education has suffered. While almost all other cuts have been restored, Sanchez said, education K-12 has lost 60 percent.

"We need to do something different with how we fund schools."

During the question period that followed, Sanchez had strong words for Race to the Top, the current federal educational initiative.

"Education is a right, not a race." Local control is key, Sanchez stressed. "The people who

know best what happens in classrooms are the people who work there."

Mack's emphasis was on the structural changes that have been put into place with the advent of standards-based instruction.

"Our standards are world-class, but the creativity has been taken out of teaching" and he was particularly complimentary to WJUSD for its ability to maintain arts and music, which he believes have a "unique" place in the education of children but which are disappearing as money disappears.

"We must reform finance," he said, and spoke to the need for local funding to keep schools functioning. Later in the evening, Mack proposed parcel taxes as one way that local districts can raise revenues.

Timar took up the theme of local control as well.

"Prop 13 separated communities from their schools," by centralizing funding in Sacramento in the hands of politicians and legislators. "Teachers and superintendents should be telling Sacramento how to do things, not vice-versa. The school



Courtesy photo

Winters Mayor and Shirley Rominger Intermediate School teacher Woody Fridae (left) and David Sanchez, president of the California Teachers Association were two of the key players in the education forum last week.

funding system was created 40 years ago and it is dysfunctional. Even the legislators don't understand it. It needs to be simplified."

"How can we have the seventh largest economy in the world and be the 48th state in education funding?"

The common theme among all the speakers was the need for communities to take back their schools. CTA is holding a week-long rally at the Capitol during the second week of May. Calling it State of Emergency, the association intends to "occupy the Statehouse" to highlight funding cuts and

the continuing rise of class sizes due to staffing reductions made necessary by those cuts.

"If you don't do politics, politics will do you," said Sanchez.

In closing, Maguire stressed that the evening was intended to be the beginning of a continuing conversation about the future of education and encouraged all attendees to get involved.

"After seeing that slideshow," he said, referring to Moffitt's presentation, which opened and ended the evening, "how can there be any doubt why we need to do this?"

# LIMBO

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town businesses.

~ Multi-unit apartment projects for low-income residents, including the new Winters II on East Baker and the almost finished Orchard Village project between Railroad and Dutton.

~ Help for seniors to fix up older homes, and loans to help first time home buyers.

~ The new Safety Center nearing completion on Grant and West Main.

Communities have used the process more and more in recent years, and the definition of blight has loosened and the range of acceptable projects has expanded. There have been abuses, particularly in some of the large cities. Winters city staff are quick to object that the city has followed the rules carefully, and it shouldn't have to suffer because of the abuses taking place elsewhere.

If Governor Brown has his way, RDAs will cease future activity, to be replaced by "successor agencies" that will serve only the legacy of past projects. The savings to the California budget will be about \$1.7 million, but redevelopment advocates are quick to point out this would cause a loss of millions of dollars more in jobs and construction activity, which will reduce tax revenue and negate the actual savings.

"Right now," said chief financial officer Shelly Gunby, "we're kind of just in limbo. It hasn't come out of committee, so it hasn't been voted on. We're just moving along as if redevelopment will remain the way it is."

The state budget talks broke down over the proposed tax extensions and the redevelopment question. There is talk of the governor finding a way without the need of a two-thirds vote, but he would prefer the cleaner and faster

approach of a two-thirds majority.

When the city, in February, faced the prospect of a quick shut-down of the Community Development Agency (CDA), the city hurried to formalize contracts between the city and the CDA. Among those agreements included the CDA paying off loans from the city to the CDA, by transferring title to the city for a number of properties the CDA purchased. The goal was to prevent the state from taking the properties as part of the proposed shut down of the CDA.

The properties include the parcel on Grant across from the Sutter Clinic, the piece on First Street across from city hall, the minipark at 23 Main Street, and the JJ's and Cody's buildings.

That burst of activity concluded when City Attorney John Wallace recorded the property transfers, the day after the council

meeting where the transfers were approved.

"We've done everything we can to make sure that projects we have in place and properties that we have can continue to be developed as interest comes along," said Gunby.

Even if redevelopment is closed down, projects being built or in contract will not be affected, according to Gunby. The dividing line is murky, however, as are most aspects of redevelopment politics.

For Winters, there should be no problem for the Safety Center as well as Phase II of the Main Street streetscape rehabilitation, which is in contract for construction. Future payment on bonds and existing contracts will be handled in Brown's plan by the somewhat murky defined successor agencies.

No one can predict how the debate will play out. Stay tuned.

# Breast cancer support group features radiation oncologist

Tony Pu, M.D., radiation oncologist with Radiological Associates, will be the speaker at the Y-ME (formerly Breast Cancer

Network of Strength) Open Door educational meeting on Monday, May 9, at 7 p.m. at the University Covenant Church, 315 Mace

Boulevard in Davis. Pu will speak on "Role of the Radiation Oncologist in Breast Cancer," and discuss the ways the radiation

oncologist participates in breast cancer treatment.

For more information, call Y-ME, 304-2746.



# From the Ground Up: A quick spring trip to France

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On a recent trip to France, an intense week of research on the French school lunch, we were once again reminded of how special France, French food, and the French sensibility for beauty and practicality are, from macaroons to free bicycles.

Eggs seemed to be in the air this spring. From macaroons to fabulous salads with poached eggs offered as starters in brasseries, to desserts of soft meringue floating on an island of pastry cream (*île flottante*) offered at a junior high school lunch, the trip didn't disappoint.

Pastry and chocolate shop windows from Bordeaux to Paris were full of delicate candied replicas of Wren's eggs and chocolate versions of Rhode Island Red eggs. Small, brightly wrapped foil eggs were packed into huge chocolate eggs that were decorated with flowers entwined with ivy, all made of a rich pastry cream. The usual mounds of crispy, dry meringues that are an everyday item in France, were overshadowed by their more elegant cousins, the pastel colored, multi-flavored macaroons, stacked in wondrous towers that seemed impossibly balanced.

French macaroons are special. They are an airy sandwich of two delicate cookies pressed together over a layer of filling, such as ganache or pastry cream. The cookies themselves are made from three main ingredients: ground almonds, powdered sugar and egg whites, to which food coloring is added, accounting for the incredible hues that are as brilliant as Easter eggs.

Recipes for French macaroons can be found on line, and there is even a book, *I Love Macarons* (Hisako Ogita, Chronicle Books, San Francisco 2006) but the making of them, to achieve a perfect round with a crispy crust and chewy interior and soft, moist filling takes skill and practice, and thus far, neither of us has attempted it.

Ladurée, the Parisian based confectionary, with multiple shops throughout France, the Middle East and Asia, is perhaps the best-known macaroon maker. It started making the cookie sandwich in the early part of the 20th century and the "French macaroon" has become a craze. They come in the expected flavors of chocolate, caramel, pistachio, raspberry, vanilla, but also such exotics as passion fruit, violet and orange water. Their packaging, boxes as varied and as intriguing as the macaroons themselves, reflect 19th century sensibility of etched designs, restrained colors and of course, gold and pastel green, as well as bright, contemporary colors.

Ladurée even has a shop at Charles de Gaulle airport. It exhibits the same elegant restrains as its other shops, and appears a calm oasis of timeless style in the midst of the airport shops 21st century glitter and electronics. Travelers were

lined up to buy boxes of macaroons when we were there, but we'd eaten our fill during our brief stay in Paris and besides, we weren't sure how these airy puffs would withstand the journey.

French macaroons are essentially a soft meringue, but there are many kinds, such as the standard very crisp, crunchy meringues used in the recipe below, to the soft meringue used for *île flottant* and to top pies. Both are easy to make, and with chickens back in laying mode after a winter's rest, local eggs are abundant.

For French style macaroons without a trip to France, visit Miette at the Ferry Plaza Building or Hayes Valley in San Francisco or Jack London Square in Oakland. It's like a mini-trip to a Ladurée.

Food of course, was the main focus of our trip, but we couldn't help but be smitten by a French response to traffic congestion and public transportation.

Everywhere we went in Paris, we saw banks of *Velib'* bicycles and lots of people using the readily identifiable bicycles. It's a system designed to supplement the public subway and buses in the city. Pick up a bike for a fee, ride it to your destination, and drop it off at another bike site. The first half hour is free, but the hourly rate goes up the longer the bicycle is kept. This is designed to keep the bicycles in circulation, rather than the concept of renting a bike for the day. Banks of bicycles can be found near subway stops,

commuter train stations, and elsewhere throughout the city and the suburbs. Started in 2007, the bikes have proved exceedingly popular.

## Meringues with Spring Strawberries and Whipped Cream (Serves 8)

This dessert is similar to Pavlova, in that it is meringue with fruit and whipped cream. In the traditional Pavlova, a small amount of cornstarch is used which produces a crunchy outside and marshmallow like inside. This recipe simply calls for a traditional meringue to be used. The dessert can be served throughout the year with seasonal fruit.

### The Ingredients

4 eggs, room temperature  
1 cup white sugar  
1 teaspoon white distilled vinegar  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
3 baskets strawberries  
1 pint heavy cream (for whipping)  
1 tablespoon sugar  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

### Putting it together

Pre-heat oven to 275 degrees. Separate egg whites from egg yolks. Place the egg whites in a small mixing bowl if using a hand held beater, or the bowl of your mixer if using a standing mixer. Starting on low speed beat the egg whites until stiff and dry, gradually increasing the speed. Switch the speed to low, and gradually add the sugar, very slowly. Add the vanilla and vinegar and continue beating the mixture until thoroughly combined.



Courtesy photo

Colorful French macaroons — pink, yellow and green — are a sweet springtime treat.

Place parchment or waxed paper on a cookie sheet. To make the meringues, place a mound of the mixture onto the cookie sheet. You should end up with 8 meringues.

At this point you may either make a depression in each meringue so that you will be serving individual desserts, as if in a little cup, or, leave the meringues as they are. You will serve them out of one dish. This is easier for advance preparation for a dinner party, but either is fine. Bake for one hour at 275 degrees Fahrenheit. At that point the shells will be dry and a very faint brown. Turn off the heat and let the meringues stand in the oven until they are completely cool, at least two hours or overnight.

To make the dessert, wash and slice the strawberries. Whip

the cream with the sugar and vanilla. If making individually plated servings, place each meringue on a plate, fill the depression with sliced strawberries and several tablespoons of whipped cream. If preparing in one dish, place the meringues, slightly crushed, on the bottom of an 8x12 shallow serving dish. Place a layer of sliced strawberries on top, followed by a third layer of the whipped cream. Keep refrigerated until ready to serve.

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## NAMI-Yolo Sunlower Art competition begins

Attention aspiring artists: Show off your artistic side by entering the annual Sunflower Art Competition sponsored by NAMI-Yolo, the local chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

Celebrating nine years of sunflower art, NAMI-Yolo's Sunflower Art Competition raises funds for programs for mental health clients and their families. Using the sunflower as a symbol of light and hope, one of NAMI's goals is to bring the wider community into positive and more frequent contact with the community of the mentally ill and their families to help reduce the myths and prejudices that often surround mental illness.

This year's judges, well-known artists Marie Therese Brown and Cathie Duniway, will choose art to be featured on the sunflower seed packets that NAMI members sell as a fund-raiser and are part of the Tallest Sunflower in Yolo County contest.

The judges will also award first, second, and third place awards for four age

groups (under 8; 8-12; 13-17; 18 and older), professional artists, schools, and groups. The William Albrecht Mental Health Education Award will be given to an educator who uses the NAMI-Yolo Sunflower Art Competition as an opportunity to educate students about mental health issues. This year's award is \$400. The exhibit will run from May 31 to June 23 at the Davis Art Center, where a reception will be held on Friday, June 10, 6:30-8:30 p.m. as part of the Davis Second Friday ArtAbout. Awards will be presented by Yolo County Supervisor Don Saylor.

The entry deadline is Friday, May 27. Entries should be delivered to the Davis Art Center, 1919 F Street in Davis, on Thursday, May 26 or Friday, May 27 between 2-7 p.m. For other delivery arrangements or for more information, phone Marilyn Moyle at 756-8475, or leave a message at 756-8181.

Entry forms are available online at [www.namisunflowers.org](http://www.namisunflowers.org), Yolo County Mental Health offices, the Davis Art Center, and by voicemail at 756-

8181. The Sunflower Art Show and Competition is funded in part by the City of Davis Arts Contract Program.

Visit [www.namisunflowers.org](http://www.namisunflowers.org) for information about mental health, the Sunflower Art Competition and the Tallest Sunflower in Yolo County contest. Also featured are sunflower recipes, books, and crafts, including directions on how to make a sunflower smile or build your own house out of sunflowers. Watch slideshows of sunflower art from years past and find tips on how to grow giant sunflowers, harvest and roast sunflower seeds, make sunflower seed birdfeeders, and much more.

## Al-Anon group now in Esparto

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

Group meetings are for friends and family members of alcoholics. For more information, call the Al-Anon Information Service office in Sacramento at (916) 334-2970 or visit [www.al-anon.alateen.org](http://www.al-anon.alateen.org).

# Winters

## Chamber of Commerce

### CHAMBER NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

## Show Ocean some love from the community



You may remember that in my other life, I spent a lot of time talking with businesses about how to prepare for the unexpected. There are many things that can happen to not only our business but ourselves between the time we wake up in the morning to the time we go to sleep (and even overnight). Some of the things we can see coming and make adjustments, others aren't so easy to see.

This month's column isn't so much about Chamber membership, as it is about a Chamber member, a new member actually, but a business that has been in this community for many years: Ocean Chinese Restaurant.

About a month ago or so, the restaurant was closed for several days in a row. I found out because I was looking forward to having some of the great General Chicken that they have there — in my humble opinion the best in Yolo County.

To my disappointment, they were

closed. Last Thursday, I went there for lunch and I noticed that I hadn't seen David in a while, so I asked his brother where he had been, expecting that he was on a trip or something fun. I was shocked to find out that their father, Mr. Hoang, had experienced some medical problems and was unable to work at the restaurant. He is doing much better, but David has been spending a lot of time at the hospital to be with their father while he makes his recovery.

It got me thinking: I don't know anything about the business and financial planning of Ocean. I do know the Winters community is a very generous community, and I was thinking that this would be a time when that generosity could really benefit a family working hard to make it in these times, just like a lot of us. But it goes even further than generosity.

There are many family-owned busi-

nesses in this town, all of them just trying to provide for their families and fill a need in the community, whether they are a restaurant, hardware store, grocery store, real estate agent/broker, financial advisor, or newspaper. Not all of these businesses have suffered a tragedy or setback outside of the economy, but they could. This is why it is so important to shop locally. These busi-

## Chamber breakfast includes social media workshop

**By AL ALDRETE**  
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You've probably heard of "tweeting" and "posting on Facebook." But did you know that these two forms of social media have the potential to give your business a huge boost in revenues, for very little cost?

On Tuesday May 3, at 7 a.m. the Winters Chamber of Commerce will host its second breakfast meeting, with guest speaker Stewart Savage of Abaton Consulting-Technology Development Services in Davis. According to Chamber board mem-

nesses are a part of our community, and right now one of them could use our help.

Here is the bottom line: they did not ask me to do this, and I didn't tell them I was going to do this, but if you have the opportunity to go into Ocean Chinese Restaurant to have lunch or dinner, please do so. Let them know that the community cares about their family and their business.

## Spotlight on...



Meika Chervinskis and Joe Trotter

We are glad to be a part of the Winters Chamber of Commerce. Our office provides a unique and warm environment for clients to discuss serious personnal financial goals in strict confidentiality. Customer service is not a department in this office, it's an attitude this office team employs every day. Respectful of our client relationships, we strive to enrich the local community through services, workshops, seminars and other educational outreach. Stop by our office at 7 East Main Street, Winters, or call, 795-3929 if you have any questions.

## Chamber calendar

- Saturday, April 30, Youth Day
- Tuesday May 3, Chamber Breakfast Meeting, 7 a.m., Cody's; workshop on social media; contact the Chamber office to reserve a seat. Cost: \$10.
- Monday, May 9, Chamber Mixer, 5:30 p.m. at Main Street Cellars, 9-J East Main Street.
- Tuesday, May 10, Classic Car Show, 5 p.m., downtown Main Street
- Friday, May 13, Chamber of Commerce board meeting, 7 a.m., Chamber/Visitors Center office, 11 Main Street.



# Entertainment

## Dinner mystery benefits theatre company

The Winters Theatre Company will stage Lee Mueller's "I'm Getting Murdered in the Morning" on Friday and Saturday, May 20 and 21, at the Community Center. Seating begins at 6 p.m. Dinner will be catered by Tomat's Restaurant, along with a performance of the comedy mystery, "I'm Getting Murdered in the Morning," (rated PG-13).

During the garter toss at Brenda and

Eddie's wedding reception, a mysterious man falls dead on the dance floor from a gunshot. Luckily, the bride's father, the wealthy, Harold Montague, invited damage control expert, Mr. Parker to the event. Parker tries "spinning" the murder as "nothing to worry about." But, society columnist, Mary Berger insists, "something be done".

This could be the "Society Scandal" of the year. Not only was

a man shot during the garter toss, but it seems that the mysterious dead man has ties to both the groom and bride's family.

Both sides have secrets that they do not wish to reveal. Nonetheless, the wedding party continues as planned, and the murder mystery takes a back seat... for a while.

This event is a fundraiser for the theater company.

"Help us reach for the stars as we pursue

our dream of building a new theater," says WTC member Joanie Bryant.

Tickets are available at Pacific Ace Hardware or the Winters Chamber of Commerce office, located inside the Winters Visitors Center at 13 Main Street. Advance tickets are \$25, and tickets at the door are \$30.

For more information and reservations, call Linda, 795-3683

## Dance for teenagers planned for Youth Day

The Youth Day Committee and DJ Barnett Entertainment are hosting a Teen Dance at St. Anthony's Catholic Church on Saturday, April 30, 9 a.m. to midnight at the parish hall, 500 Main Street.

"It has been years since Youth Day had a dance just for Winters teens, and hopefully this will continue as Youth Day tradition," says DJ Troy Barnett.

Two local DJs will be mixing music of today's top music, with club lights and more.

They aim to give Winters teenagers a place to dance and have fun.

Youth ages 13-18 are invited, and must be enrolled in school to attend. Admission is \$5 with a Student Body Card, \$7 without Student Body Card.

To make sure this is an Alcohol Free Zone, the dance organizers will have security and the Winters Police Dept will be around if needed. Chaperones are still needed. To volunteer, call Barnett, 302-7779.

## Thompson hosts Biketown USA event in Davis

Congressman Mike Thompson will host his 10th annual "Biketown USA" dinner on Sunday, May 1, at the Veterans Memorial Center, 203 E. 14th Street in Davis. Friends and supporters are invited to join Thompson from 5-7:30 p.m. for an Italian dinner and an opportunity to hear from him.

The dinner will feature Yolo County winemakers that have been invited to pour their wines. A silent auction will feature many local products.

Local community non-profit organizations will host informational tables describing how they serve Yolo County, providing an opportunity to learn more of what is going on in your area.

Free electronic recycling will be provided by the Computer Recycling Center from 4-6 p.m. in the parking lot. The Computer Recycling Center will be giving out a newly refurbished

Unitel Duo-core computer, keyboard, mouse and flat screen monitor. To qualify, a group must bring a letter on the organization's letterhead, addressed to Steven Wyatt. The letter must include the 501C3 number, and a short explanation as to how the computer will be used.

Thompson strives for zero waste at events through the use of cornstarch and sugar cane plates and utensils.

"Our goal is to have the waste generated by the event to be as close to 100 percent recyclable or reusable," said Mary Jane Bowker, Campaign Events Coordinator. "Based on our last six years of experience, we will come very close in reaching our goal."

Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$5 for children under 12 years, and may be purchased at the door.

For more information or reservations, call Mary Jane Bowker, (707) 226-

## Rock and roll bands will keep the May Fair crowd dancing

Rock and roll bands with classic hits will keep thousands of people on their feet in the Dixon May Fair arena in less than two weeks.

John Kay and Steppenwolf will rock the May Fair arena with special guest Eric Burdon and the Animals on May 5, the second day of the five-day event. The artists are part of a strong concert line-up for the 136th annual fair that includes country star Trace Adkins, Disney icon Selena Gomez, and blues artist Jonny Lang.

Tickets for the John Kay and Steppenwolf concert are available online at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) and inside the Dixon May Fair box office. Tickets are \$39 and \$25 for reserved seats, and \$19 for general admission. Prices include all-day admission into the fair.

John Kay and Steppenwolf have written the newest chapter in their 30 years together with "Feed the Fire", described as their most potent album in years.

Songs such as "Rock

and Roll Rebels" and "Hold On" focus on the resiliency of the human spirit. Other tracks, like "Man on a Mission" and "Rock Steady" are songs of defiance and passion. In Kay's words, the album is about and for all rock and roll rebels "who refuse to throw in the towel and who struggle to keep their dreams alive in the face of ever diminishing freedom".

Kay has certainly lived the life of a rock and roll rebel. After a perilous midnight escape from post-war Germany, he grew up with a steady diet of Armed Forces Radio and was inspired by Little Richard and Chuck Berry. When he was 13, he decided to make rock and roll his life.

He found himself with a guitar in his hand and on the other side of the ocean in Toronto, Canada by the time he turned 14. After high school, Kay roamed the American continent performing acoustic blues in coffee houses and bars. He met and joined the band The Sparrow in 1965, and the group

eventually became part of the Bay Area music scene.

The Sparrow broke up in 1967, and Kay formed Steppenwolf in Los Angeles that same year. Powered by his gritty vocals, the band's blues-based rock burst upon an unsuspecting public in the summer of 1968, creating timeless classics such as "Born to be Wild," "Magic Carpet Ride," "The Pusher" and "Rock Me."

Following Kay's decision to break up the band in the mid 1970's, he embarked on a solo career that saw the release of albums such as "Forgotten Songs and Unsung Heroes", "My Sportin' Life", and "All in Good Time".

John Kay and Steppenwolf were recreated in 1980. Several intensive years of touring followed and resulted in the rebuilding of the name. The group has released five albums since then and tours annually on a worldwide basis.

Burdon's life has been a musical journey matched by few other performers in

rock and roll music history. He has gone from the driving force of the grittiest British Invasion band to pioneering the San Francisco psychedelic rock scene. He also fronted WAR - the biggest funk band of the 1970's - and came full circle to reunite with his original band, The Animals, for a series of projects and worldwide tours. Over the years, he has formed new groups of "Animals" and has released a series of studio and live CD's and a DVD.

Hits from Eric Burdon and The Animals include an electrified version of "House of the Rising Sun", "Don't Let Me Be Misunderstood", "We Gotta Get Out of This Place", "It's My Life", "I'm Crying", "Bring It On Home to Me" and "See See Rider".

The May 5 concert will begin at 7 p.m. in the fair's arena.

For more information on the 136th annual Dixon May Fair, please visit [www.dixonmayfair.com](http://www.dixonmayfair.com)

## Sierra Club plans potluck, presentation

The Sierra Club Yolano Group is hosting a spring potluck and presentation on the Berryessa-Snow Mountain National Conservation Area on Thursday, May 12, from 7-9 p.m. at Norton Hall, 70 Cottonwood Street in Woodland. The potluck will begin at 7 p.m. with the presentation to follow. An evening of great food, fellowship and an important discussion on the conservation area is planned.

The Sierra Club is working with its partners at Tuleyome to spearhead a grassroots campaign to protect over 500,000 acres of public lands as the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Conservation Area. The regions range from UC Davis' Cold Canyon

Natural Reserve on Putah Creek, to Lake Berryessa, to Snow Mountain Wilderness in the Mendocino National Forest, 100 miles to the north. It includes Cedar Roughs and Cache Creek Wilderness, and other lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management, Department of Fish and Game, and other state and local agencies and organizations.

The presentation will be made by Sara Husby, executive director and campaign director for Tuleyome, and Bob Schneider, Sierra Club Yolano Group Conservation chair and Tuleyome's senior policy director.

Tuleyome is a largely volunteer, advocacy-oriented environmental organization,

focused on protecting the wild and agricultural heritages of the Northern Inner Coast Range and Western Sacramento Valley region for future generations. One of their many projects is the designation of the Berryessa-Snow Mountain region as a National Conservation Area to protect the natural resources of the region, to better manage the impacts of recreation and to sustain the working landscape and its economic viability.

Bring a favorite dish to share, and to help cut down on waste, bring your own plates, cups and utensils. The Yolano Group will provide beverages.

For more information, contact Pam Nieberg, 756-6856 or

## Epicurean Esprit benefits Elderly Nutrition

This year's Epicurean Esprit, "A taste of Yolo County's Finest Wine and Cuisine," marks the 22nd anniversary for this successful fundraiser, organized by Friends of Meals on Wheels to support the Elderly Nutrition Program in Yolo County. The event will be held at the country estate of Kim and Trish Timothy, 37687 County Road 18 in Woodland on Thursday May 12, from 6-9 pm.

Featuring a variety of cuisine from more than 40 area restaur-

rants, caterers, wineries and beverage distributors, the Epicurean Esprit offers generous samplings from pasta to pie, cabernet to coffee, in a garden party atmosphere. This year returns with a silent auction offering a great eclectic collection of items generously donated by area businesses and individual supporters.

Friends of Meals on Wheels supports the Elderly Nutrition Program of Yolo County, a senior meal program balancing nutrition

with socialization for our elderly citizens. Last year over 83,000 meals were served to our seniors in the communities of Woodland, Davis, West Sacramento, Winters, Esparto and Knights Landing. Some folks enjoyed their healthy lunch at the local senior center, while the frail homebound elderly received their meal at home, delivered by concerned, committed volunteers.

Tickets for the event are \$40 per person; for information, call 662-5404 during business hours.

## Music featured at Root Stock

Root Stock at 22 Main Street features complimentary live music to accompany wine tasting on Friday nights from 6-8 p.m. This week features local singer and guitar player Carolyn Hines, who has been singing for more than 30 years.

"Come enjoy this beautiful live performance," says Lynda Hines.

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to subscribe.

# OUTINGS

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The group will access the spot via the south side of the creek. The hike is one mile in, with an optional longer hike paralleling the creek or climbing to the ridge. This outing is a perfect opportunity to sit by the creek, have lunch and listen to some stories about the area.

~ Sunday, May 15, 9 a.m. to noon, "Dance: It's Only Natural." We have imitated nature through our voices, in the rhythms of our musical instruments, and through the movements of our bodies in dance. The goal of this outing is to remind us of the basic human motivations that have led us to create music and dance, and maybe prompt us to evaluate how much history we all share. Dance is a primal form of communication, deeply rooted in all humans. Dance is for every body. Join Denise Mathieu, director of Fiesta DanceN' Fitness, in this celebration of rhythm and movement and nature, as we explore the world through dance. "If you can talk, you can sing. If you can walk, you can dance."

(Zimbabwean proverb.)  
~ Saturday, May 21, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., "Homestead Jam-boree — an Impromptu Concert." Last year's gathering was so thoroughly enjoyed we've been asked to offer it again. Picture this: an impromptu concert under the tall tree canopy at the Stebbins Homestead site. Local musicians, (Keith Cary, Wyatt Hessemeyer and more) jam blue grass, hillbilly and jazz songs while participants gather around and experience the sights and musical sounds of the canyon. Bring a lunch for a family picnic. The hike is a 2.5 mile round trip hike with a slight grade and a few steps. The outing is open to everyone.

~ Sunday, May 22, 9 a.m. to noon, "Photography and Nature." Do you want to develop some photographic technique and learn how to take fantastic nature photos? Join Daniel Ng as he guides you how to uniquely capture an image with film or a digital camera. Bring a camera and a sense of wonder.

~ Saturday, June 4, 8:30-11 p.m., "Star Gazing." Bryn Bishop returns to lead an evening of night sky exploration. She'll focus on the constellations, point out planets, deep sky objects & share stories on the mythology of the night sky. There is a 1 and one-quarter mile, slightly uphill hike to the meadow where the group will observe the night sky. Wear appropriate clothing for evening; binoculars are optional.

~ Saturday, June 18, 5-10 a.m., "Loop Trail Sunrise Hike." Hike the loop trail as the sun climbs into the sky before the shortest night of the year. This early morning hike is a celebration of change, e.g., getting out of bed to see the sun rise. The loop trail is 5 miles of ups and downs with a 1200' elevation gain. Many steps are interspersed with breathtaking views. Bring: sturdy shoes, at least a liter of water, sunscreen and a snack. Guide: Jeff Falyn.

## Mosquito Awareness April 24-30

Mosquitoes and warm weather go hand in hand. The Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District announces Mosquito Awareness Week April 24-30.

"Mosquito Awareness Week is an excellent opportunity for our District to

provide information to our communities about how they can protect themselves from mosquitoes and West Nile Virus," said District Manager David Brown. "With elevated rivers from recent winter storms, high snow pack levels, and reservoirs at

their capacity, we are anticipating a very busy mosquito season," said Brown.

Since the arrival of West Nile virus to California in 2003, a total of 101 people have died from the disease.

Vector Control will participate in Youth Day festivities.

## City council meets Tuesday to recognize U14 girls soccer

The Winters City Council will meet on Tuesday, May 3, at 6:30 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall. The agenda includes:

~ Recognition of U14 girls soccer team — California State Champions

~ Recognition of Cody Linton, member

of the Winters High School wrestling team

~ Public hearing regarding implementation of weed abatement

~ Information on medical marijuana distribution facilities.

Anyone may attend the meeting.



# Sports

## Wright wins gold at Halden Invitational

By ERIC LUCERO  
Express sports

The Winters Warriors track team hosted their only home meet on Wednesday, April 20, against the visiting Gridley Bulldogs. The Warriors were very successful against the Bulldogs and posted some quality marks.

For the JV boys Justin Nitzkowski won the 1600 with a time of 5:14.18 and the 3200 in 12:11.94. Logan Fox took first in the 110 hurdles with a time of 21.31. Jacob Ivory took two first place finishes with a jump of 17'8" in the long jump and a distance of 36'3.5" in the triple jump, while Connor Brickey won the discus with a throw of 69'4".

Angelica Arellano pulled off three first place finishes for the JV girls winning the 800 in 2:56.18, the 1600 in 6:15.09 and the 3200 in 14:56. Anelle Concepcion won the 200 in 30.65. Paige Wright won the 100 hurdles in 18.91, while Olivia Orosco took first place in the triple jump with a distance of 29'4".

For the varsity girls, Ashley Shaw won two events with a first place in the 100 in 14.16 and the 200 in 30.82. Chloe Graf also won two events with a time of 1:08.09 in the 400 and a time of 2:55.66 in the 800. Ashley Anderson took first in the high jump with a jump of 4'8".

Daniel Navarette won the 800 in 2:20.39 and the 1600 in 5:12 for the varsity boys. Trevor Wright won the 110 hurdles in 16.25 and the triple jump at 37'2.5". Alex Evanoff took first in the 400 in 56.44 and Sam Newman won the 300 hurdles in 43.44.

On Saturday, April 23, some of the Warriors competed in the Inaugural Halden Invitational at Davis High School and had some very good times considering the competition they had to face. Over 1,000 athletes from 25 schools from Northern California to Sparks Nevada competed in this meet.

Trevor Wright had a great day setting the meet record while placing first in the varsity 110 hurdles with a time of 16.07, was fifth in the 300 hurdles in 44.13 and was 12th in the triple jump at 37'11". Evanoff ran a 53.22 for a 10th place finish in the 400. Evanoff also ran a 2:08.84 in the 800 placing 21st, followed by Narvarette with a 2:22.92 for a 36 place finish. Navarette had the same placing in the 1600 with a time of

5:14.22. Jesus Quirarte placed 13th in the shot put with a toss of 35'7.5".

For the JV boys, Nitzkowski placed 14th in the 1600 breaking the five-minute mark with a time of 4:58.55. Nitzkowski also had a 15th place finish in the 3200 with a time of 11:30.27, while Alfonso Mederos took 22nd in

the shot put for the JV team with a toss of 22'6.75".

Paige Wright was the only girl placing for the Warriors as she placed in five different events. Wright took second in the 100 hurdles in 19.47, fifth in the triple jump at 26'8.5", sixth in the 300 hurdles in 1:02.08 and was 18th in the 200 in 34.10.



Photo by Eric Lucero  
Olivia Orosco races for the finish line during the JV girls 4x100 relay.



Photo by Eric Lucero  
Jacob Ivory lands the winning jump of the JV boys long jump competition during the Warriors home meet against Gridley on Wednesday, April 22.



Photo by Eric Lucero  
Paige Wright clears the last hurdle on her way to a first place finish in the JV girls 100 hurdles.

## Warriors sweep Gridley in three game series

By ERIC LUCERO  
Express sports

Jacob Lucero had all three RBI to give the Warriors varsity baseball team a 3-1 lead going into the top of the seventh inning before Kendrick Moore helped seal the deal in the seventh with an RBI of his own. The Warriors went on to beat Gridley 4-2 on the road for their third victory in a row over the Bulldogs in the Warriors only game of the week on Friday, April 22.

Behind the pitching of Zack Higgins the Warriors improved their league record to 6-1 and 14-4 overall. Higgins threw the first

six innings for the Warriors giving up one run on eight hits and struck out eight batters. Austin Calvert started the seventh inning and gave up one run on two hits before Jared Ney finished giving up no runs on no hits and ended the game with a pick off move.

At the plate Joe McIntire continued to lead the Warriors batting 2 for 3 with two doubles. Moore batted 2 for 4 with an RBI. Lucero batted 1 for 2 with 3 RBI. Tim Miller batted 1 for 2 with two runs scored, while Ney and Austin Murphy each went 1 for 4 with a run scored.

## JV baseball hands Gridley 30-1 blowout

By ERIC LUCERO  
Express sports

Eleven runs in the first inning, two in the third, seven in the fourth and 10 more in the fifth is how it all went down for the Warrior JV baseball — yes baseball, not football — blowout over the Gridley Bulldogs.

The Warriors traveled to Gridley on Friday, April 22, for their only game of the week and took full advantage of their opportunities. The Warrior offense totaled 22 hits, 24 RBI, three doubles two triples, a home run and had 13 differ-

ent players cross the plate for a 30-1 victory.

Trevor Ray had a perfect day batting 6 for 6 with 6 runs scored, four RBI and a triple to lead the Warriors. Gabe Gonzales batted 3 for 3 with a double, a triple, five RBI and three runs scored. Ben Case also went 3 for 3 with four runs scored and an RBI. Michael Bermudez batted 3 for 5 with a homerun, a double, seven RBI and three runs scored.

Taylor Burke batted 2 for 4 with two runs scored and an RBI. Brandon Emery bat-

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## Swim Team practice schedule announced

The Winters Swim Team practice schedule for May is as follows:

~ Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 4-5 p.m., 12-12 year olds.

~ Tuesday, Thursday, 4-5 p.m., 7-8 year olds.

~ Monday, Friday, 5-6 p.m., 13 years old and older.

The practice schedule for June is:

~ Monday through Friday, 8 - 9:30 a.m. -13-18 year old.

~ Monday through Friday, 9:30-11 a.m. -9-12 year old.

~ Monday through Friday, 11-11:30 a.m. -7-8 year old.

~ Monday through Friday, 11:30-noon -6 and under.

To participate in swim team practice, swimmers must be able to swim one length of the pool.

Swim team registration dates are Saturday, May 21, and Saturday, June 4, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Bobbie Greenwood Swimming Pool

For more information, call 795-2367.

## Tri-tips for fireworks

At the Tuesday, May 10th car show, the Buckhorn will donate 100 percent of the proceeds from their tri-tip sandwich sales to the Winters fireworks fund. The car show runs from 5-8 p.m.

## PISANI'S ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



### Trevor Wright

Trevor Wright, a junior on the Winters High School track team is this week's athlete of the week. Last week, Wright started out winning the 110 hurdles and the triple jump at home against Gridley and finished by winning gold at the Inaugural Halden Invitational at Davis High School on Saturday, April 22.

Wright set the meet record in the 110 hurdles with a time of 16.07 and placed in the 300 hurdles and the triple jump while competing against over 25 schools from the Sacramento area to Sparks Nevada.

"Trevor ran a great race," said coach Tyson Allen. "There were a lot of great athletes there."

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# Schools

## Todays youth, tomorrow’s leaders



Photo by Debra DeAngelo  
 This year’s Youth Day officials include, from left (front) Judge Amy Masem, City Treasurer Rachel Myers and Community Services Director Sarah Selby; (back) City Council Member Alex Balasek and Mayor Polette Gonzalez. Youth Day is Saturday, April 30. Opening Ceremonies begin at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 29, at the Community Center.

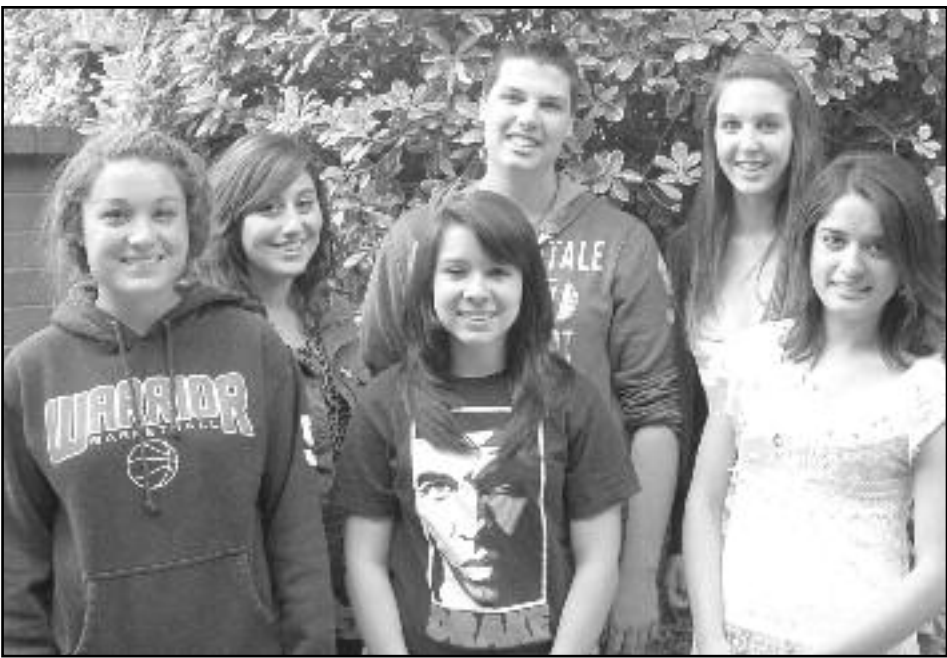


Photo by Debra DeAngelo  
 This year’s Youth Day officials include, from left (front) City Clerk Tess Hyer, City Manager Ashley Shaw and Public Works Director Bricia Rosas; (back) City Attorney Raeann Carpenter-Ramos, Chamber of Commerce President Anderson Bouwens and Police Chief Ashley Andersen. Youth Day is Saturday, April 30. Opening Ceremonies begin at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 29, at the Community Center. (Not pictured, City Council Members Brandon Mastellar and Elliot Herrera, and Fire Chief Justin Nitzkowski.)

## The royal court



Photo by Debra DeAngelo  
 This year’s Youth Day Princes and Princesses are, from left, (back) Cale Castro, Sam Donlevy and Trevor Ray; (front) Allie Reynoso, Heidi Gonzalez and Sarah Kimes. Youth Day is Saturday, April 30.

## Tdap booster available to youth under age 19

Children and youth under the age of 19 can get a Tdap booster at the Winters Healthcare Foundation (WHF). Their parents will be required to fill out a one-page application. The application will be processed online by the receptionist, and eligibility

is immediate. No verification of residency or proof of income is required for this step, and the patient may be eligible for temporary Medi-Cal for up to two months. The WHF clinic also has a CAA (certified application assistant) to assist families to con-

tinue either with Medi-Cal or Healthy Families if they qualify. For those who are not eligible for temporary Medi-Cal coverage for the booster, now required for high school students, there is a sliding scale discount. For more information, call 795-5200.

## Trustees hear music

By DEBBIE HEMENWAY  
 Staff writer

Perhaps the most remarkable thing about the April 14 Winters School Board meeting was how entirely unremarkable it was. With final budget approval still many weeks away and the results of the polling of employee groups to determine their willingness — or unwillingness — to take additional furlough days next year as a way to restore a portion of impending reductions not yet tabulated, the agenda was short and completed almost entirely without discussion.

The action items included proclamation of May 11 as Day of the teacher and the weeks of May 1-21 as Classified Employee Week. The board also approved without discussion a Joint Sunshine resolution with WAPPSU, the Winters Area Pupil Personnel Services Unit; the approval is the prerequisite to contract negotiations, which were to be conducted this week with the unit.

The trustees also received a copy of a revised handbook of board protocols and

governance standards. Following a short discussion, they approved the document, with the request for another meeting with Christopher Maricle, of the California School Boards Association, who helped them craft the manual, in order to clarify several points in the document.

The ADA report, which is typically presented in open session to the board and public, was moved to the consent agenda. Superintendent Becci Gillespie described the move as part of an effort “to streamline our meetings.” The ADA report is a tabulation from the district’s business office of the monthly attendance and its impact on revenues to the district. In the seventh month, \$56,108 was lost to absences, bringing the year to date total to \$286,908.

Items on the consent agenda include personnel changes, bill warrants and other items that are considered routine and not of sufficient significance to be discussed in open session. They are available to the public

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## 4-H Spring Show starts Friday

Winters 4-H invites the community to the Yolo County 4-H Spring Show, Friday, April 29 through Sunday May 1. This is the culmination of months of work by 4-H members. Spring Show kicks off on Friday with Farm Connection Day from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The showing of livestock, small animals and arts and crafts will take place on Saturday. Sunday is the buyers luncheon and livestock auction. More information about Spring Show is available at [www.ceyolo.ucdavis.edu](http://www.ceyolo.ucdavis.edu).

Visit us online at [www.wintersexpress.com](http://www.wintersexpress.com)

## ROTARY CLUB OF WINTERS STUDENT OF THE MONTH Carlos Duran



Marcella Heredia, a counselor at Winters High School, introduced last month’s Rotary Student of the month, Carlos Duran. Marcella read quotes from teachers and talked about what a great addition Carlos is to Winters High School. “Despite his limited English (which is getting better every day), he is one of the top students in my Trig. class” - Tom Crisp. “Carlos has only been speaking English since the beginning of the year. He passed the CaHSEE on the first attempt! He has made amazing progress in all aspects of English: Speaking, reading, writing, and listening.” - Dianne Grimard. The list of teachers was impressive as was the accolades that Carlos received. A prime example of the quality of students at Winters High School.



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 Don’t miss the Youth Day Pancake Breakfast  
 6:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.  
 Winters Community Center



# JVs

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ted 2 for 4 with a run scored and two RBI. Alexander Lanzaro went 1 for 2 with a run scored and two RBI. Roger Padilla went 1 for 2 with a double, two runs scored and an RBI. Niko Rojas batted 1 for 2 with two runs scored. Henry Nicholson scored a run and had an RBI, Tyler Benson scored two runs, while Kevin Lane and Christian Corrales each scored a run for the Warriors.

Ray threw all five innings for the Warriors, giving up one run on two hits while striking out four batters.

## Alumni game back on Youth Day?

By ERIC LUCERO  
Express sports

Rumor has it that the Winters High School baseball program may be hosting an alumni baseball game on Youth Day, Saturday, April 30. This time the game will be played between the odd graduated classes against the even graduated classes.

Senior Tim Miller will be the person in charge of the event and the contact person for more information.

Those interested in participating and helping raise funds for the baseball program can call Miller, 366-4152.

## Adult softball league meeting scheduled

The City of Winters Adult Recreation Softball League is ready to start organizing for its 2011 season. All those interested in adult softball are invited to attend a meeting to be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 11, in the city council chambers at City Hall. Players must be 21 years or older. All team managers must attend.

For more information, contact Greg Creamer, gregorycream@att.net

## Al-Anon meets in Esparto

There is a new weekly Al-Anon meeting in Esparto, which meets at Countryside Community Church on Tuesday nights from 7-8 p.m.

Al-Anon family group meetings are for friends and families of alcoholics. Al-Anon is different from AA (Alcoholics Anonymous). AA is for people who want to stop drinking. Al-Anon is for those who have been affected by the alcoholism.

For information, call (916) 334-2970.

# MUSIC

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at board meetings and through the district website. Board members can request at any meeting that items on the consent agenda be moved to the regular agenda.

At every board meeting, a particular school site is highlighted. This week it was Winters High School. The high school performance choir, under the direction of music teacher Tania Mannion, made a surprise appearance. After the chorus sang two pieces, Mannion invited the board and the public in attendance to the WHS Spring Concert, to be held at the Community Center at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 11.

High school students were also honored. Polette Gonzales and Jared Ramos, were recognized for their Senior Project, the Every 15 Minutes presentation in February. Principal Gary Miller, introducing the two, noted the complexity and dedication of time involved, and praised their “initiative and organizational skills.”

The Academic Decathlon team, coached by teacher Olivia Rodriguez and community member Susan Hamilton, were also singled out for their many hours of study and their performance at the event. Team members are Anderson Bouwens, Amy Masem, Emily Loredo, Daniel Navarette, Angelica Arellano, Ellie Kruen, Justice Brewer, Lupita Pantoja, Rachel Myers, Sarah Selby, William Pfanner, Nick Muldong, Logan Fox and Ilene

Reynoso.

Miller thanked Hamilton for her efforts as co-coach of the AcaDeca team and expressed his appreciation to community member Frank Ramos for his help with this year’s football banquet.

Miller then presented his principals’ report, which, in keeping with the tone of the entire meeting, was briefer than usual. In it, he informed the trustees that three days per week at the high school have become “extended days”, with the addition of instructional time before and after the regular hours for students who need extra help. He also announced that collaboration with Solano College has resulted in the creation of an evening firefighting class that will be offered in Winters.

Athletic transportation costs, which have been shifted from the district budget to the high school, are the focus of a committee which has begun to meet, said Miller.

In public comment, Regina Wilson, who works at WHS as part of the custodial staff, addressed the board with her concerns about layoffs and the future of the school. Students at the site are “struggling to get by,” Wilson said, and she asked that there be “more discipline” so that there would be “less vandalism.”

Traci Calvert, who is also a classified staff member at the high school, wanted the board to inform the public how they intend to permanently fill the high school vice-principal’s position. George Grijalva, who was hired last summer to be the VP, has been reassigned to Waggoner School and Winters Middle School to fill in as as-

sistant principal for the remainder of his contract, and Tecera Philbrook, teacher on assignment at Wolfskill Continuation, is now dividing her time between Wolfskill and WHS. Next year, that sharing of services will be the norm, as outlined in the cost reducing budget approved by the trustees last month.

Calvert also asked the trustees for public reporting on how district consultants are chosen. Calvert said she believes that their work “should be reported publicly.

“How is the money being spent?” she asked.

In trustees’ reports, members Matt Brickley and David Hyde spoke about their meeting with the Ag Advisory Committee. In this time of budget reductions, said Brickey, “We need to maintain our connection to Ag as the community grows.” Hyde added that it was important at this time to be “forward thinking.”

Trustee Robyn Rominger attended FFA Day at the State Capitol and reported that Winters was well represented by WHS student Austin Calvert, who was recently elected FFA Central Region President.

The trustees adjourned to closed session, from which they returned to announce that they had taken no action.

The next school board meeting takes place Thursday, April 21, at 6:30 p.m. at the district office, 909 W. Grant Avenue. The meeting is open to the public.

*(Editor’s note: Part of this story was accidentally left out of last week’s Express. This is the story in its entirety. We apologize for the inconvenience.)*

## Youth opportunities offered at Davis Musical Theatre

Registration is open for Davis Musical Theatre Company’s (DMTC) Young Performers’ Theatre summer workshop: Introduction to Musical Theatre. Instruction by Jan Isaacson and Helen Spangler will include the basics of acting, singing, dance steps, vocal projection and other basic performance skills through theater games, improvisation and beginning scene study. The workshop begins on July 5 and culminates in a recital of songs and scenes performed Thursday July 28, at 7 p.m.

Registration packets available at [dmtc.org](http://dmtc.org) or at the DMTC Performing Arts Center, 607 Pena Drive, Davis.

~ Fiddler on the Roof: This familiar and beloved classic comes again to the DMTC stage, this time as a summer theater activity for young people. Auditions will be held May 2 or 3, at 4:30 p.m., with select callbacks on Wednesday, May 4. Rehearsals begin July 5, with public performances running from Aug. 12-21.

~ Peter Pan: Auditions for this journey

to Neverland will be held May 16-17 at 4:30 p.m., with select callbacks on Wednesday, May 18. Public performances will run July 15-24.

Actors ages 7-17 and 18 year old high school students in the 2010-11 school year are eligible to participate. No experience is required, but selection is based on suitability for parts.

Auditions require singing, acting and dancing at the director’s discretion, so auditioners should arrive dressed to dance, and with piano sheet music of a song they are prepared to sing. A piano accompanist will be provided; no recorded music or a capella singing.

No missed performances are permitted, and all schedule conflicts for rehearsals must be indicated at the time of auditions, so parents are encouraged to bring their calendars.

More audition information and lists of characters can be found at [www.dmtc.org/ypt/ypt.html](http://www.dmtc.org/ypt/ypt.html) or call 756-3682.

## FFA members learn about leadership

By AUSTIN BRICKEY  
FFA reporter

The Winters FFA traveled to Fresno State on April 16 to participate in the State FFA Leadership Convention. FFA members Elliot Herrera, Jake Nicholson, Andrew Gonzales and Austin Calvert learned leadership skills and discussed and voted on new bylaws for the organization.

Two keynote speakers spoke about how important leadership is in our society and how important FFA is to young leaders. Austin Calvert was inducted as the Central Region FFA President, and delegates voted on the new state officers. Everyone who attended gained new leadership skills and made a few friends.

Youth Day is Saturday, April 30.

# Features

## Bowling with an aneurysm

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I am a 73-year-old woman. I have an abdominal aortic aneurysm. I have sonograms regularly. I am in a bowling league. I bowl each week. My bowling ball weighs 10 pounds. Should I bowl? My last ultrasound shows that the aneurysm is 3.8 cm. — F.S.

ANSWER: Your doctor is the only one who can answer your question with authority. He or she knows all the circumstances of your health. However, I can tell you that most people with an aneurysm of your size are encouraged to be active. Lifting heavy weights is discouraged. A 10-pound bowling ball isn't considered a heavy weight.

The size of an aneurysm determines its risk of breaking apart and bleeding profusely. Aneurysms smaller than 4 cm are not in danger of suddenly rupturing. When an aneurysm reaches 5 to 5.5 cm, then surgical repair is recommended. You are quite a distance away from the danger zone.

For readers: Aneurysms are bulges of an artery wall, and are weak spots.

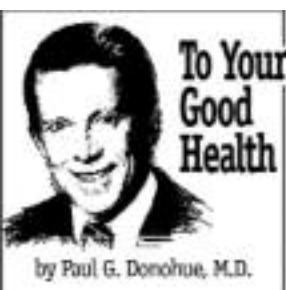
DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I hope you will discuss lactose intolerance. I am 60 and just developed it. — J.B.

ANSWER: Lactose is milk sugar. In our digestive tracts is an enzyme — lactase — that digests milk sugar. People with too little of the lactase enzyme have trouble when they drink or eat dairy products. Milk sugar doesn't break down. The undigested sugar leads to gas production, stomach cramps and diarrhea.

Medical tests can confirm the dearth of the lactase enzyme.

Standard treatment of lactose intolerance (also called lactase deficiency) is avoidance of dairy products. Most cheeses have little lactose, so they can be eaten. Yogurt made from live cultures is usually tolerated.

Furthermore, many dairy products can be pretreated with lactase, and people with the intolerance are not bothered by such products. The lactase enzyme comes in pill and



liquid forms. It can be added to milk or taken by mouth before eating or drinking dairy products.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: How do I get a doctor to correct or change his written report? Twice in my 77 years I have pointed out incorrect statements in their records. Each time I was told they could not change anything once it appears in their written report.

There must be a way to correct an error, especially before sending the report to other doctors. Do you have any suggestions? — G.J.

ANSWER: I do have a suggestion. The doctors are afraid of changing information because such changes can be damaging to them if the records are required in any legal proceedings.

However, they can make a current note in the chart, explaining how previous information in the record was not correct. That's not going to get them into any trouble. It seems to me that not doing so would get them into trouble.

If the doctors balk at this, ask them to talk to a lawyer. Tell them you are preparing a document that states what the correction should be and that you will send it to any doctor to whom your current doctor sends your records. That should motivate your doctor to act.

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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## What would Margaret Mead say?

*"Never believe that a few caring people can't change the world. For, indeed, that's all who ever have." ~ Margaret Mead, cultural anthropologist*



Politicians, small towns and Girl Scouts rally around this quote to inspire people to work together, no matter how small a group, in order to accomplish something they believe in. It's a great rallying cry for cooperation, hard work, and restraint. It provides motivation for the best of our cultural instincts.

I believe Margaret Mead, but I also see the dark opposite of this cultural instinct. Wayne Sapp and Terry Jones of Gainesville Florida are examples of the dark side. These sorry saps soaked the Koran in kerosene, found it guilty, and lit it on fire. First they personified it by giving it a trial; then they lynch-mobbed it, being jury and justice.

What a bunch of attention-starved idiots.

Hatred and bigotry motivated them. Self-righteousness propelled them to follow their idea. Ignorance further compelled them to treat the Koran as a person being lynched Southern style. Yee-haw! They demonstrate our worst cultural instincts and should be condemned. The same, of course, can be said for the Afghani mobs.

Jones abused his 15 minutes of fame last September when he threatened to do this action on the new American holy day, September 11. He said he wouldn't do it, but he did it anyway, grandstanding to a slim audience of about

30 people. The reaction was uncontrolled mobs crying, "Death to America," with at least 10 reported dead.

Jones' tiny church in Gainesville would be ignored without the internet and inflammatory journalism. Yet the small group gained attention and infected the other side of the world with their toxic behaviors.

I believe the radical groups need to be countered, not broadcasted. I am not promoting censorship of ideas or speech. However, they need to be opposed. The United States is a country based on lawful agreements. Freedom of speech is protected under our Constitution. However, the right of free speech doesn't mean everyone has the ability to uplift the conversation.

The Sapp and Jones types, along with Westborough Baptist and other nutty freak groups, need to be refuted, not broadcast. It might seem as useful as hypnotizing chickens, but it adds an element to the discourse that has to be said. Those types do not represent America as a whole any more than the egg-laying, venomous, beaver-tailed platypus represents the height of mammalian evolution.

I believe Margaret Mead would have a well thought out response to current society. As an anthropologist, she might observe that cultures clash at more alarming rates

due to new technologies. She might point out that dominant cultures, like the United States, are both revered and hated everywhere, and that with that mantle of being a dominant culture comes a mantle of cultural responsibility, the need for restraint, cooperation, and hard work.

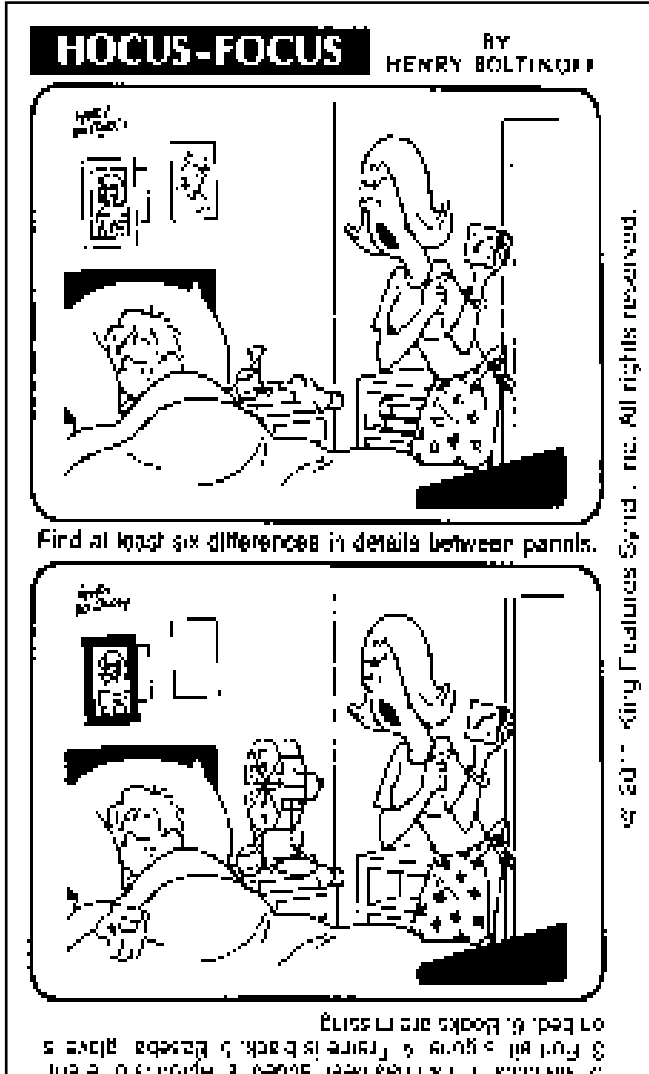
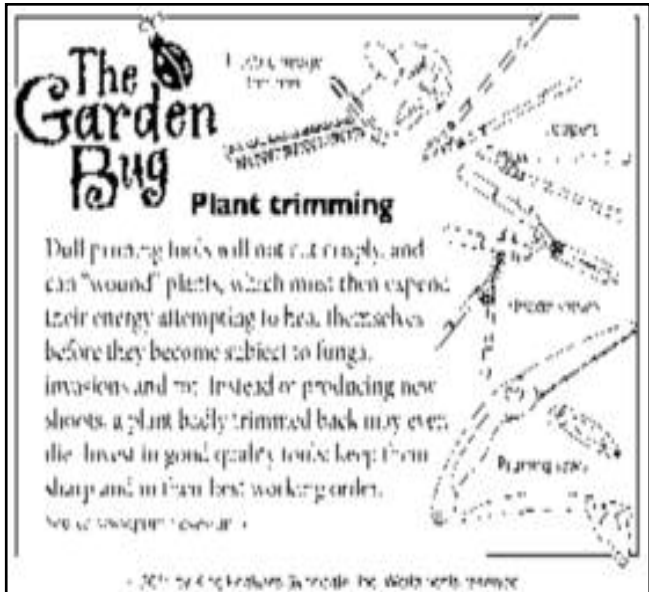
Unfortunately and fortunately, we aren't very culturally homogenous. Meaning that, culturally, it is a strength to have a diversity of cultures within the U.S., but, unfortunately, we have ignorant fringe groups calling for death to parts of our own people, servicemen and women, ethnicities, genders, gender identities. Culturally, America is hot mess of contradictions.

Today, I believe Margaret Mead might say "Never believe that a few caring people can't change the world. For, indeed, that's all who ever have, unless, of course, one controls mass media, or the information age grows so fast that cultures, remote, backwards, stationary, or progressive can cross infect others with hatred, bigotry, despair and ideas. When that happens, believe in restraint, because that is the only thing that has ever kept societies together."

## Pleased to meet you



**Name:** Janice Martinez  
**Occupation:** Retired English and Spanish teacher  
**Hobby:** Reading and writing  
**Best thing about Winters:** The people, the friendliness and the innocence  
**Fun fact:** Her third book, "Hidden Blessings," was just published.



**Salome's Stars**

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) You're the first sign in the Zodiac and like to take the lead wherever you go. But this time, you'd be wise to follow someone who has much to teach you.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Your adversary hasn't given up trying to undermine you. Continue to stay cool — someone in authority knows what's happening.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Spring brings a positive aspect for relationships. Paired Twins grow closer, while the single set finds new romance — perhaps with a Leo or Libra.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Wavering aspects this week mean weighing your words carefully to avoid misunderstandings.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) You could soon be on a new career path in pursuit of those long-standing goals, but don't cut any current ties until you're sure you're ready to make the change.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) A former colleague wants to re-establish an old professional connection. It would be wise to make the contact, at least until you know what he or she is planning.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) A relationship that survived some rocky moments could be facing a new challenge. Deal with the problem openly, honestly and without delay. Good luck.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) A recent and much-appreciated change in the workplace inspires you to make some changes in your personal life as well. Start with a plan to travel more.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) A friend needs your kind and caring advice, but you need to know what he or she is hiding from you before you agree to get involved.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Your circle of friends continues to widen. Expect to hear from someone in your past who hopes to re-establish your once-close relationship.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Your aspects favor the arts. Indulge in whatever artistic expression you enjoy most. A workplace situation will, I'm pleased to say, continue to improve.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Warning! Your tendency to let things slide until the last minute could have a negative effect on a relationship that you hope can develop into something meaningful.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You are both emotional and sensible. You enjoy being with people. Good career choices include teaching, performing and the clergy.

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# Nuestras Noticias



## Nuestro camino

A veces comentamos que ya somos muchos latinos en este país, los resultados del censo nos muestran que la población hispana creció 43%, somos más de 50 millones de hispanos, lo que significa que somos la minoría de mayor crecimiento en porcentaje en territorio estadounidense. Estos datos los dan a conocer cuando en el país se sigue debatiendo si se llevara a cabo una reforma migratoria, los datos salen en momentos de crisis económica de la cual el país no puede salir.

Y a un año de la elección presidencial, el juego del ajedrez en la política ha empezado. Obama tratando de reelegirse para otro período de cuatro años al frente de la Casa Blanca, pero todavía con el amargo sabor de las derrotas tras las pasadas elecciones de medio término, una de cuyas pérdidas más llamativas fue la de Nancy Pelosi, desbancada de la presidencia del Congreso por el republicano John Boehner. Y en la lucha el factor demográfico es importante.

Los republicanos siguen tercos detener el avance migratorio, sobre todo con la elaboración de proyectos de ley similares a la SB1070 de Arizona, que criminaliza la presencia de indocumentados. En las últimas semanas, otros estados han seguido el ejemplo de la gobernadora Jan Brewer, a saber Nuevo México, Utah y Georgia, a los que se sumaron también Kentucky, Dakota del Sur, Alabama, Tennessee, Arkansas, Mississippi o Carolina del Sur, de votantes y clase política en su mayoría republicanos.

Los demócratas tomando una posición tan débil y tan llena de miedo en torno al llamado DREAM Act que permitiría la regularización migratoria de miles de estudiantes indocumentados, así como el incremento en la cantidad de detenciones y deportaciones en los últimos tres años, muestran el doble discurso de este partido en torno al tema de la inmigración, como si no quisiera comprometerse a fondo para evitar otra herida política.

Y además la economía estadounidense no repunta, los estragos de la recesión aún se sienten, los salarios no suben, los precios tampoco bajan, el costo de gasolina está por encima de las nubes, la crisis inmobiliaria sigue dejando a miles de familias sin el hogar que soñaron y el desempleo no aminora, aunque las autoridades del Departamento del Trabajo hayan atenuado sus reportes mensuales diciendo que, esta vez, “hubo menos personas solicitando la ayuda por desempleo”, haciendo creer que eso significa nuevas contrataciones, cuando en realidad quiere decir que miles de desocupados han desistido ya de seguir buscando trabajo, pues no lo encuentran.

La población migrante no se detiene, y lo mismo llega a EEUU de los países de Asia, Europa y África, pero sobre todo de América Latina, con México a la cabeza de la aportación demográfica, tanto de los que arriban por primera vez, como de los que nacen en segunda y tercera generación. El otro dato del censo remató con verdadera contundencia la presencia y el avance de la población hispana, al confirmar que desplazó en cifras en las grandes ciudades del país a los afroamericanos, convirtiéndose en la primera minoría en 191 de las 366 áreas metropolitanas. Aun con esos datos pareciera que se le quiere minimizar, hacerla invisible o francamente extirparla de la vida y la historia contemporánea de Estados Unidos.

De hecho, los beneficios económicos, educativos, laborales o de salud no suelen ser tan generosos con este núcleo de población. Más del 25% de los hispanos son considerados pobres, con ingresos anuales de menos de 20 mil dólares; alrededor del 30% no cuenta con seguro médico, en tanto que cerca del 50% de los estudiantes apenas rebasan el nivel de secundaria. Las razones de esta situación son muchas, pero sobre todo la serie de obstáculos que sistemáticamente, y en ocasiones con ayuda de las leyes, tienen que enfrentar miles de familias hispanas a lo largo de toda su vida.

Por mera conveniencia política, pero sobre todo por un elemental sentido de la convivencia y la permanencia de Estados Unidos como país, sería mejor que desde ahora la sociedad estadounidense y sus autoridades aprendieran no solo a contar hispanos, sino a contar con ellos.

## El futuro de los libros

Conocemos lo que es un libro, papeles, paginas con escritos que si los unimos nos dan un libro, bueno el libro tal como los conocemos, ¿se ha preguntado si inclusive los libros cambiaran de formato de cómo ahora los conocemos? Bueno el libro se está transformando ya, un sitio muy popular por la venta de libros, está vendiendo más libros electrónicos que de papel.

Los más jóvenes ya también están dejando a un lado el típico periódico de papel. El 65 por ciento de los jóvenes de 18 a 29 años usan el internet como su principal fuente de

información, por encima de la televisión, según recientes estudios. El presente ya es el futuro. Los más jóvenes prefieren leer sus libros e informarse a través de las pantallas de sus celulares y laptops, no en papel. Y esto está cambiando la forma en que se hace el periodismo y la literatura.

Cada vez es más frecuente que nos enteremos de una noticia a través de Twitter o Facebook. La televisión se tarda mucho y los periódicos van, por su propia naturaleza, un día tarde. Del terremoto y tsunami en Japón supimos

primero por Twitter que por CNN o la BBC.

Cada celular es una cámara. Cada usuario un reportero en potencia. Ya no hay que estar ahí para saber qué está pasando. Esto está cambiando al periodismo. Es, todavía, una cuestión de credibilidad. Pero es imposible competir contra un celular que te pone el mundo en la mano. Sin la menor duda, escribir para las pantallas pequeñas de un celular, un iPad o un e-book va de la mano con formas y contenidos nuevos. Esta nueva literatura refleja, precisamente, el mundo del que surge.

El maravilloso

ejercicio de eliminar lo superfluo e innecesario es hoy una tarea repetida diariamente por millones que escriben mensajes de 140 caracteres (o más cortos) en Twitter, los twiteros tratan de reducir la vida y sus mensajes a su mínima expresión. Y algunos lo logran con extraordinario éxito.

Las cosas están cambiando tanto que, a veces, parecen irreconocibles. Por eso, ante la inminente pregunta: ¿qué es un libro? la respuesta seguramente será: Eso que estás leyendo en tu celular.

## Trabajos desde casa pueden terminar en fraude

Todo mundo ha visto los anuncios tentadores ofreciendo oportunidades de trabajo desde casa. Las promociones aparecen en la forma de volantes pegados en los postes t e l e f ó n i c o s , clasificados en los periódicos, en televisión, en tu correo electrónico y en todo el Internet. Te prometen cientos si no miles de dólares a la semana por teclear algo, llenar sobres, procesar facturas médicas, etc. Sólo tienes que hablar por teléfono o hacer clic aquí o allá.

Las promociones podrían parecer t e n t a d o r a s , especialmente hoy en día con la i n c e r t i d u m b r e económica. Pero ten cuidado de cualquier oferta que prometa dinero rápido por un esfuerzo mínimo ya que en muchos casos se trata de estafas que solamente llenan los bolsillos de los delincuentes. El FBI y otras agencias del orden público investigan este tipo de actividades y rastrean a las personas responsables. Sin embargo, la defensa principal contra estas estafas es no caer en ellas. Por eso lo primero es familiarizarse con el tipo de estafas que existen.

Adelanto de pago:

¡Empezar un negocio de casa es fácil! Sólo tienes que invertir unos cientos de dólares en inventario, en materiales para el entrenamiento y para establecer el negocio, dicen. Pero por supuesto, cuando llegan los materiales, si es que llegan, no valen nada y tú te quedas con la factura.

“ C o m p r a d o r misterioso” financiado por cheque falsificado: se te manda un cheque con una buena cantidad de dinero y se te pide que lo deposites en tu cuenta de banco. Después se te pide extraer el dinero para ir de compras y para que revises los servicios de tiendas locales y de compañías de t r a n s f e r e n c i a s bancarias. Tú te quedas con una pequeña cantidad del dinero para realizar tu “trabajo” pero después, según las instrucciones, debes mandar el resto del dinero a tu “empleador” por correo o a través de una transferencia bancaria. Podría sonar bien, con excepción a un detalle: el cheque inicial que recibiste es falso, y para cuando tu banco te notifica, tu dinero ya desapareció y además eres responsable por el cheque falsificado.

Fraude pirámide: se

te contrata como un “distribuidor” y se te pide que desembolses grandes cantidades de dinero para adquirir material promocional así como inventarios de productos de poco valor (como panfletos para hacerte rico rápidamente). Se te promete dinero si reclutas más distribuidores, y entonces tú convences a tus amigos y familiares a que participen. La operación crece exponencialmente pero después se desmorona. Los únicos que ganaron dinero fueron los delincuentes que empezaron la pirámide.

Participación sin conocimiento en una actividad criminal: los c r i m i n a l e s , frecuentemente ubicados en el extranjero, a veces utilizan a sus víctimas sin que ellas lo sepan para llevar a cabo sus operaciones, robar o lavar dinero, y a la vez mantener el anonimato. Por ejemplo, podrían “contratarte” como un agente con base en Estados Unidos para recibir y re-mandar cheques, mercancía y solicitudes a otras víctimas potenciales. Todo sin que te des cuenta de que se trata de un engaño que no deja pista de los ladrones.

Muchas de estas

estafas podrían convertirse en robo de identidad ya que durante el proceso de sollicitación se te pide que proveas información personal que después pueda utilizarse para robar dinero de tu cuenta de banco o establecer tarjetas de crédito en tu nombre.

Para evitar ser una víctima se recomienda: Contactar al Better Business Bureau para determinar la legitimidad de la compañía. Sospechar de promociones que solicitan dinero por adelantado antes de proveer instrucciones o productos. No proveer información personal al interactuar por primera vez con un potencial empleador. Hacer tu propia investigación sobre o p o r t u n i d a d e s legítimas de trabajo desde casa, utilizando recursos disponibles en la biblioteca de tu comunidad. Hacerle muchas preguntas a tus empleadores potenciales. Las compañías legítimas las contestarán. Recuerda que puedes contactar al FBI las 24 horas del día todos los días del año.

(<http://orlando.holaciudad.com/notas/149230-trabajos-casa-pueden-terminar-fraude->)

## Mundo digital

Vivimos en un mundo digital. Tal vez usted recuerde haber comprado cassetes y no CDs, y computadoras del tamaño de un escritorio. Hoy día, muchos jóvenes adquieren su música ‘en línea’, no conciben la vida sin su laptop y nunca han visto un teléfono de discado. Los jóvenes son los más adeptos usuarios de la tecnología. Desde música digital, iPods, teléfonos celulares o consolas de videojuegos, estos aparatos forman parte integral de su mundo. Por ello, no es sorpresa que el mundo corporativo este alerta a sus gustos y diseñe campañas de mercadeo especialmente concebidas para captar la atención de los jóvenes e invitarlos a que prueben todos los aparatos existentes.

Pero, aunque sus

hijos aparenten ser expertos en la arena digital, siempre necesitan de su ayuda para decodificar el mundo a su alrededor ya que con sólo hacer clic en el contenido equivocado, pueden ponerse en peligro. Según estudios, el 55 por ciento de los usuarios de Internet dicen haber visto avisos o publicidad en línea que promueven el uso de drogas. En las redes sociales, los jóvenes pueden aprender mucho sobre drogas y otros comportamientos de alto riesgo a través de las bitácoras o blogs, chat rooms y tableros de mensajes. Un tercio de los jóvenes entre 13 y 17 años de edad y casi la mitad de los jóvenes entre 16 y 17 años dicen que sus padres o guardianes saben muy poco o nada de lo que ellos hacen en Internet.

¿Qué pueden hacer

los padres? Usted puede ayudar a sus hijos a desarrollar su pensamiento crítico sobre el mundo digital. Teniendo en cuenta su edad y nivel de madurez, intente estos pasos: Visite el sitio personal de sus hijos en MySpace, Xanga, Facebook en compañía de ellos y converse sobre el contenido. Lea su perfil, vea las fotos y videos y revise las bitácoras desde la perspectiva de una tercera persona que nos les conozca y pregúnteles a sus hijos como creen que un extraño percibiría esa información. Recuerde que el Internet es un lugar público y que sus maestros de ahora o del futuro, oficiales de admisión en la universidad, posibles jefes en un trabajo y personas extrañas pueden acceder a esta página y formar una opinión de ellos.

Si usted no tiene una

cuenta de IM o mensajes instantáneos, pídale a su hijo que le ayude a establecer una. Háblele sobre quiénes están incluidos en su lista de ‘amigos’. Si nota que hay algunos alias desconocidos o que su hijo no puede identificar, pídale que los borre de inmediato. Además, háblele sobre los acrónimos y símbolos que se usan para comunicarse por este medio y pídale entender su significado. Esta conversación puede abrir la puerta para hablar sobre otros temas que les puedan estar afectando a sus hijos. Una vez tenga su cuenta propia, envíele un mensaje a sus hijos de vez en cuando para que sepan que usted también está al día y entendiende cómo comunicarse de este modo.

([http://www.laantidroga.com/consejos/mundo\\_digital.asp](http://www.laantidroga.com/consejos/mundo_digital.asp))



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**Help Wanted**

Night watchman needed. Housing supplied. References required. 795-2146.

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Classic Cuts, Winters Barber needed, must have 5 years exp., Part Time. Call (530) 601-0474.

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**PART-TIME/TEMPORARY RECORDS CLERK** - City of Winters, CA - Population 17,000 (\$14.00 per hour) The Finance Department seeks a part-time temporary records clerk for a twelve-week period, beginning approximately June 6, 2011.

Example of duties would be to assist with utility billing, cash receipts, fiscal records, filing and answering the telephone. The ideal person will have completed the twelfth grade. Additional specialized training in accounting or a related field is desirable. Good communication skills and positive team-oriented attitude a must. Possession of a California Driver's License at the time of appointment.

**APPLY BY:** May 9, 2011 by 5:00 p.m. City of Winters application required. **APPLY AT:** City of Winters, 318 First Street, Winters, CA 95694. Phone: (530) 795-4910, ext. 100.

Application may also be downloaded from the City of Winters website at [www.cityofwinters.org](http://www.cityofwinters.org) and remitted to [tracy.jensen@cityofwinters.org](mailto:tracy.jensen@cityofwinters.org). AA/EEO

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**DOLLARS AND SENSE**

BY David Uffington

**New Tools Unveiled for Consumer Safety**

If you're concerned that you might not be getting all the available information about food and product safety recalls, you're likely right. Until now, this information has been scattered around different websites on the Internet. Now we have one place to go: [www.fda.gov/safety/recalls](http://www.fda.gov/safety/recalls).

The same law responsible for this website also has given the Food and Drug Administration the authority to issue food recalls, instead of waiting for companies and manufacturers to do that.

The new FDA website opens with handy tabs across the page, linking to All Recalls, Food, Drugs, Animal Health, Biologics and Medical Devices. By clicking on a tab you'll see the newest recall at the top, with older recalls down the page. Click the text icon in the Photo column and you'll see the original press release listing dates of manufacture, lot numbers and model numbers of recalled goods. Click the photo graphic, and you'll find an image of the packaging or wrapper.

Use the search box to find items you don't see on the lists, or sign up to receive recalls and safety alerts. For recalls more than 60 days old, you'll have to check the archives.

And if having a comprehensive recall site isn't enough, we now have an online database where we can post complaints about safety issues on consumer products. This site — a long time coming and the subject of some heated debates in Congress and the manufacturing world — allows consumers a voice as well as being a repository for what others have to say about product safety. SaferProducts.gov will grow as it's used, as people file complaints and information on its wide variety of products.

Besides allowing consumers to file a report, businesses can sign up and respond.

To read what others are saying, your best bet is to do an advanced search, uncheck the Recall info and only select Reports, which are from other consumers. Then do a keyword search for your item or even for situations, such as toys that have caused injury. In some cases, manufacturers already are responding to consumer complaints and giving them company contact information.

At this point, the website isn't laid out for computer monitors that are not widescreen, but they'll likely fix that as time goes on.

David Uffington regrets that he cannot personally answer reader questions, but will incorporate them into his column whenever possible. Write to him in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475, or send e-mail to [columnreply@gmail.com](mailto:columnreply@gmail.com).

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**Help Wanted**

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**Termite Inspector** for one of Calif. Leading pest control co. This position requires inspecting commercial/residential structures. Must hold a branch III FR license, FT/Benefits, 401K, bkgrd. ck. & drug screen req'd. Good DMV. Apply @ 811 Eubanks Dr. Vacaville or online @ [www.clarkpest.com](http://www.clarkpest.com)

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**Winters Joint Unified School District Administrative Assistant** to the Superintendent 1.0 FTE / 12-month position \$3925 - \$4325 per month Application Deadline: May 6, 2011 at 4:00 PM Info/Application District Office 909 W. Grant Avenue Winters CA 95694 530-795-6103

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The Winters Chamber of Commerce is looking for on-call part time help in the Winters Visitors Center. Applicants must be outgoing and enjoy greeting with the public. Sales, cashier experience and customer service skills desired. Knowledge of Winters and surrounding area preferred. Must be available weekends. Final filing date: Monday, May 2. Send resume to applicant@winterschamber.com.

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March 12, 2011  
FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK  
Ava Woodard, Deputy  
FBN NUMBER 2011-311  
Fictitious Business Name  
Winters II Apartments  
Bruhn Orchard Housing Associates  
Limited Partnership  
110 East Baker St., Winters, CA 95694  
Name of Registrant/L.L.C.  
Bruhn Orchard LLC  
1490 Drew Avenue, Suite 160, Davis, CA 95618  
Business Classification: Limited Liability Company  
Starting Date of Business: N/A.

s/Manuela Silva  
If applicable: Corporation/LLC Name: Bruhn Orchard LLC, Official Title: CEO

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**Fictitious Business Name**

FILED YOLO COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER  
March 4, 2011  
FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK  
Ava Woodard, Deputy  
FBN NUMBER 2011-192  
Fictitious Business Name  
CK Trucking  
1015 Huston Circle, Woodland, CA 95776  
Name of Registrant:  
Clarence Keeton III  
1015 Huston Circle, Woodland, CA 95776  
Angela Keeton  
1015 Huston Circle, Woodland, CA 95776  
Business Classification: Husband and Wife  
Beginning Date of Business: The Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: since 2003.

s/Clarence F. Feeton III/Angela Keeton  
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**Fictitious Business Name**

FILED YOLO COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER  
March 29, 2011  
FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK  
Kristina A. Hunt, Deputy  
FBN NUMBER 2011-272  
Fictitious Business Name  
MPS INC  
1580 Case Place Ste E, Woodland, CA 95776  
Mailing address:  
P.O. Box 270, Woodland, CA 95776  
Name of Registrant:  
Red Fox Industries Inc.  
1580 Case Place Ste E, Woodland, CA 95776  
Business Classification: Corporation  
Beginning Date of Business: N/A..

s/David Miller  
Corporation Name: Red Fox Industries, Inc.  
Official Title: President  
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**Democracy is two wolves and a lamb voting on what to have for lunch. Liberty is a well-armed lamb contesting the vote! — Ben Franklin**

**Classifieds**

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

**Fictitious Business Name**

FILED YOLO COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER  
March 25, 2011  
FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK  
Kristina A. Hunt, Deputy  
FBN NUMBER 2011-264  
Fictitious Business Name  
5 dog farm  
34220 Corcoran Hill Lane, Davis, CA 95616  
Name of Registrant:  
Michael J Bannasch  
34220 Corcoran Hill Lane, Davis, CA 95616  
Danika Bannasch  
34220 Corcoran Hill Lane, Davis, CA 95616  
Business Classification: Husband and Wife  
Beginning Date of Business: 3/25/11.

s/Michael J Bannasch  
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**Fictitious Business Name**

FILED YOLO COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER  
April 8, 2011  
FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK  
Lupe Ramirez, Deputy  
FBN NUMBER 2011-306  
Fictitious Business Name  
ADRY'S Mi Fiesta Boutique  
30 Main St., Winters, CA 95694  
Name of Registrant:  
Maria I. Gutierrez  
1003 Hemenway St., Winters, CA 95694  
Business Classification: Individual  
Beginning Date of Business: 4/8/2011.

s/Maria I. Gutierrez  
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**Trustee's Sale**

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 11-0000833  
Title Order No. 110010012 Investor/Insurer No. 1699882940 APN No. 003-130-021 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 10/17/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER." Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by IGNACIA R. AGUIRRE SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE OF THE AGAPITO M. AGUIRRE AND IGNACIA R. AGUIRRE LIVING TRUST DATED NOVEMBER 2, 1998, dated 10/17/2005 and recorded 10/25/05, as Instrument No. 2005-0053303-00, in Book , Page ), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Yolo County, State of California, will sell on 05/19/2011 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: **407 BAKER STREET, WINTERS, CA, 95694.** The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance with interest thereon of the obligation secured by the property to be sold plus reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$126,441.70. 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: 04/15/2011 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA-914-01-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 93063 Phone: (800) 281 8219, Sale Information (626) 927-4399 By: - Trustee's Sale Officer RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. ASAP# FNMA3960305 04/21/2011, 04/28/2011, 05/05/2011

**Classifieds****Storage Lien Sale**

**STORAGE LIEN SALE**  
There will be a lien sale at Winters Self Storage (W.S.S.), 807 Railroad Ave., Winters, CA 95694 on May 10, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. This sale is authorized by Chapter 10, commencing with sect. 21700 of the Calif. Business and Professionals Code All items are sold on an "as is" basis without warranty or guarantee for Cash Only. We reserve the right to reject any or all offers. Purchase items must be removed from W.S.S. immediately following the sale. The following is a general description of items to be sold: tool box, chain saw, ladder, washer, dryer, headboard, mattress set, trunk, stereo equipment, guitar, amplifier, gun case, small tables, boxes and bins of misc. household items belonging to: **B-03 KIMBERLY CLARK.** Auctioneer Bond # 0342850.  
s/Charles Green, Manager

Published April 28, May 5, 2011

**Classified Advertising**  
Minimum cash ad \$5.00  
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**Fictitious Business Name**

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April 13, 2011  
FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK  
Liz Mahovich, Deputy  
FBN NUMBER 2011-328  
Fictitious Business Name  
Davis Towing  
Business is located in Solano County  
129 East F Street, Dixon, CA 95620  
Business Mailing Address  
P.O. Box 4157, Davis, CA 95616  
Name of Registrant:  
DB Inc., 129 East F Street, Dixon, CA 95620  
Business Classification: Corporation  
Beginning Date of Business: N/A.

s/Justin Dubach  
If applicable: Corporation/LLC Name: DB Inc  
Official Title: President.

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**Trustee's Sale**

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No: B522266  
CA Unit Code: B Loan No: 88797071/NICHOLS/NICHOLS Min No: 100045700887970713 AP #1: 066-153-31 PROV-IDENT FINANCIAL CORPORATION, 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: STEVEN C. NICHOLS Recorded September 13, 2005 as Instr. No. 2005-0045517-00 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 January 7, 2011 as Instr. No. 2011-820 in Book --- Page --- of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of YOLO County CALIFORNIA. Said Deed of Trust describes the following property: LOT 26, SUBDIVISION NO 2091, COUNTY FAIR ESTATES UNIT NO1, IN THE CITY OF WOODLAND COUNTY OF YOLO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS SHOWN ON MAP FILED APRIL 5, 1973, IN BOOK 8, PAGE 78 OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED AUGUST 31, 2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. **1325 LEO WAY, WOODLAND, CA 95776** "(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: MAY 17, 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 \$299,592.13. 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 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: April 14, 2011 PROVIDENT FINANCIAL CORPORATION as said Trustee, as Authorized Agent for the Beneficiary KIMBERLY COONRADT D' AMBROSIO, ASST. 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](http://www.tacforeclosures.com). TAC# 933679 PUB: 04/21/11, 04/28/11, 05/05/11

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April 12, 2011  
FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK  
Ava Woodard, Deputy  
FBN NUMBER 2011-321  
Fictitious Business Name  
BTS Financial Services; BTS Money Management; BTS Senior Money Management; BTS Financial  
28381 Encina Dr., Winters, CA 95694  
Name of Registrant:  
Barbara Sonin  
28381 Encina Dr., Winters, CA 95694  
Business Classification: Individual  
Beginning Date of Business: N/A.

s/Barbara Sonin  
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April 13, 2011  
FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK  
Liz Mahovich, Deputy  
FBN NUMBER 2011-327  
Fictitious Business Name  
Jed's Towing and Recovery  
Business is located in Solano County  
129 East F Street, Dixon, CA 95620  
Business Mailing Address  
P.O. Box 4157, Davis, CA 95616  
Name of Registrant:  
DB Inc., 129 East F Street, Dixon, CA 95620  
Business Classification: Corporation  
Beginning Date of Business: N/A.

s/Justin Dubach  
If applicable: Corporation/LLC Name: DB Inc  
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**COLLECTING**

By Larry Cox

**Electric Wristwatch**

Q: My dad gave me his Hamilton Victor II Electric wristwatch, which he received when he graduated from Tulane in 1963. I have been told that it is quite valuable. — Sam, Daytona Beach, Fla.

A: I contacted several vintage watch experts, and they seem to agree that your Hamilton watch is worth in the \$300 to \$700 range depending, of course, on condition and if it has its original presentation box.

Q: I love many of the black-and-white movies from the 1950s and '60s and am trying to find a copy of "Viva Zapata" with Marlon Brando. — George, Albuquerque, N.M.

A: I found several dozen copies of the 1952 film in various formats on eBay, most priced at less than \$15.

Q: I have a letter signed by Bill Clinton when he was president. What is the value? — Barbara, Alton, N.Y.

A: Most presidential "signatures" on letters after about 1960 are not authentic. Even though there are always exceptions, most letters sent from the White House in recent decades are signed by autopens. To find out if the one you have is real, you should consult a certified expert of autographs, and you should expect to pay for this service. I found a signed Clinton political brochure on eBay for \$25.

**Trustee's Sale**

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 10-514692 INC Title Order No. 100504438-CA-BFI APN 003-512-011-1 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 01/12/05. 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 PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 05/11/11 at 12:00 p.m., Aztec Foreclosure Corporation as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 02/04/05 in Instrument No. 2005-0005905-00 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of YOLO County, California, executed by: David E. Ruesch, A married man as his sole and separate property, as Trustor, OneWest Bank, FSB, as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States), by cash, a cashier's check drawn by 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), at the rear (North) entrance to the City Hall Building, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California described as: **712 IVY LOOP, WINTERS, CA 95694.** The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$397,307.51 (Estimated) Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. Requirements of SB1137 have been met pursuant to the Notice of Sale Declaration of record. DATE: 04/06/11 Elaine Malone Assistant Secretary & Assistant Vice President Aztec Foreclosure Corporation c/o 4665 MacArthur Court, Suite 250 Newport Beach, CA 92660 Phone: (800) 731-0850 or (602) 222-5711 Fax: (847)627-8803 [www.aztecrt.com](http://www.aztecrt.com) For Trustee's Sale Information Call 714-730-2727 <http://www.ipsasap.com> ASAP# 3963882 04/21/2011, 04/28/2011, 05/05/2011