



School district spanked by Grand Jury

By DEBBIE HEMENWAY
Express staff

Every county in California is required by the state Constitution to empanel a Grand Jury every fiscal year. Called “Grand” juries because of their size — 19 jurors rather than the typical 12-person courtroom jury — they are tasked with oversight of city and county government, including districts, groups and organizations that receive public funds.

The Winters School District falls within the scope of Grand Jury investigation and is the subject of a scathing report published on May 23 after several months of inquiry.

Tense relations between the school board and community members were precipitated by the trustees’ non-unanimous decision not to renew George Griffin’s contract as Winters High School principal in the spring of 2010 and the vocal, public push-back that accompanied it. In the ensuing

months, frustration with the board’s perceived unresponsiveness to public input and the conduct of board members became as much an issue as the Griffin decision itself.

The school district came to the Grand Jury’s attention as the result of “numerous requests” for investigation from community members who believed that during the Griffin incident, the board violated the Brown Act, which is the law governing meetings of public agencies, and that there were violations of the district’s own policies regarding appropriate board conduct.

The Jury found sufficient merit in the citizen complaints to warrant further attention. Interviews were conducted with board members, district administrators and staff and with community members. District policies and bylaws, board meeting docu-

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Top of their class



Photo by Debra DeAngelo

Liliana Munoz (back) and Ashley Andersen are the Winters High School Class of 2011 valedictorians. They will give their speeches at commencement, planned for Thursday, June 2, 7 p.m. at Dr. Sellers Field.

Where do we belong?

◆ Redistricting will affect Winters

By ELLIOT LANDES
Staff writer

Meetings are underway in Yolo County for the redrawing of county supervisorial district borders. One of the draft maps being considered by the redistricting committee shows a change of great interest to Winters residents.

Currently, Winters is entirely in District 5, represented by County Supervisor Duane Chamberlain. This highly rural district is sparsely populated and covers approximately two thirds of the county area. The redistricting process is required by state law to have population of all five districts equal within a margin of ten percent. The smallest district, District 2, covers less than two percent of the county land, because it is densely populated, covering west Davis.

The county has created a committee to change the lines, consisting of representatives of each of the five supervisors. The need for change is caused by the growth in West Sacramento of about 10,000 in population since the last census, during a period with little growth in other county areas.

West Sacramento’s District 1 is now 24 percent higher than the mean, and districts 2 and 5 are more than 10 percent under.

State law requires that the Board of Supervisors adopt revised district boundaries by September 30, 2011. The adopted district boundaries will

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Redistricting concerns aired

By DEBRA DeANGELO
Express editor

Joe “The Butcher” Bristow started the May 17 city council meeting with what will become a bang — a check for \$1,000 for the fireworks fund, which he presented to the council. Bristow, a member of the Winters Fireworks Committee, explained that The Buckhorn held a trip tip sandwich fundraiser at the prior week’s Tuesday night Classic Car Show, donating 100 percent of sales toward the fund. He added that Putah Creek Café will also have a fundraiser on Thurs-

day June 9, when 50 percent of their pizza sales will go to the fireworks fund.

Before commencing the evening’s action items, Dr. Jowel Laguerre, superintendent and president at Solano Community College SCC) gave a presentation about the college, and outlined the efforts the college is making to have more of a presence in Winters and strengthen the connection between the community and the campus.

Laguerre informed the council that since he has come on board, Solano Com-



Photo by Debra DeAngelo

Mayor Wood Fridae (right) shakes Joe “The Butcher” Bristow’s hand after being presented with \$1,000 from The Buckhorn for the fireworks fund, while council member Mike Martin applauds.

Winters keeps Mayors Cup

By JOHN DONLEVY
Special to the Express

For the third consecutive year, the City of Winters, led by Mayor Woody Fridae, has won the “Mayors Cup” championship for cities in the Sacramento Valley. The title was defended at the 7,365 yard John Daly designed Sevillano Links in Corning.

The Winters Team included Mayor Woody

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Courtesy photo

Bringing home the Mayor’s Cup title for the third year in a row are team members (from left) Charles Wallace, Woody Fridae, John Donlevy and Jeff Donlevy.

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Weather readings are taken at 9 a.m. daily, covering the previous 24 hour period.			
Date	Rain	HI	Lo
May 18	.55	64	50
May 19	.01	73	51
May 20		81	51
May 21		83	53
May 22		82	53
May 23		78	50
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PROOF OF BIRTH: Billie Bishop has asked that his birthdate of June 2, 1946 be noted in the 65 years ago section. Unfortunately, a search of the 1946 file failed to note his birth, and the policy of the Express is to print only items that were in the paper.

Bishop was born seven months before we began the Express and took over on January 1, 1947. We instituted the Future Subscribers column on the front page.

Fred Smith was editor and publisher when Bishop was born, with Maude McArthur and Alice Lee Estepa covering local news. They apparently missed the birth. Bishop said that he was born in the Winters Auto Camp, Cabin #2, located on Railroad Avenue just south of where Pisani's Service is located.

Billie has his birth certificate, so he can now run for president. Dr. H. G. Potter was the attending physician.

Bishop's parents were James Bishop Jr. and Mary Bishop, and he was named for his uncle, Billie Lee Bishop, who was killed in Normandy in 1944 in World War II.

Dr. Potter delivered three of my sons, John, Jim and Charles, and as I recall, his fee was \$50. The late Jim Pitts said that Dr. Potter only charged \$75 for twins.

Times have changed.

OBITUARY

Tadakazu "Mike" Kato

With his family at his bedside, Tadakazu "Mike" Kato passed away peacefully on May 16, 2011 in Dixon, where he lived for the past six years. He was born on April 6, 1918 in Walnut Grove, one of six children born to Sakajiro and Utae Kato. He lived in Winters for most of his life and was an orchard farmer for over 60 years, growing peaches, apricots, almonds, walnuts and prunes.

In May 1942, under Executive Order 9066, the Kato family left Winters for the Turlock Assembly Center in Turlock. Shortly afterwards, they were relocated to the Gila River Internment Camp in Arizona. Mike later joined the U.S. Army and served in the 442nd Regimental Combat Team. As a result of serving in Germany, Italy and France, he received the Purple Heart.

After the war, he returned to Winters to resume farming. He lived a simple and modest life and enjoyed eating at buffets and steakhouses, and occasional trips to the casinos. He will always be remembered for his smile, friendliness and for his hard work in the farming business.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Misao; children, Beverly Kato, Howard (Ruby) Kato and Gina Kato; granddaughters Tanya Kato and Leanne (Wilson) Yu; great-granddaughter Marissa Yu; sister Yoneko Okuno; brother Henry (Marge) Kato; sisters-in-law Kimi Kato and Shizuko Kato; numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, June 4, at the Milton Carpenter Funeral Home, 569 N. First Street in Dixon, at 11 a.m. Reverend Charles K. Hasegawa will be officiating the Buddhist service.

John Carrillo



John Carrillo was born in Vacaville in 1927 and died peacefully with family at his side on May 21, 2011. He led a full and happy life full of love, family and accomplishment for 84 years.

Raised on a farm, he yearned to be an engineer. He realized his dream with a bachelor of science in mechanical engineering. His career included mechanical engineering jobs with the Corps of Engineers, the California Department of Architecture and the California Department of Water Resources designing mechanical systems for dams, hydroelectric power plants, buildings and desalinization plants. He ended

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Pictured above are players of the Winters High School baseball team, about 1908. Front row: left to right: Charles Elliott, Jack Vasey, Herb Young and Perry Thornberry. Back row: Lou Brock, Fred Wyatt, Henry Rogers, Ray McFall and Jack Brady.

50
YEARS AGO

65
YEARS AGO

100
YEARS AGO

115
YEARS AGO

June 8, 1961

A total of 107 cars of apricots have left the Winters packing sheds for eastern markets up to and including last night.

Mr. and Mrs. John Martin, of Winters, are the parents of a daughter, born in the Yolo General Hospital, Woodland, June 3, 1961.

The possibilities of buying the Major Vista Water Company were discussed at the regular meeting of the Winters City Council Tuesday evening, but no action was taken.

Tim Marks, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Marks, left this week for Mojave to spend two weeks with his grandmother, Mrs. T. W. Patterson.

Mrs. Nancy Thurber has a granddaughter, Susan Reynolds, graduating from Harriet Lee Elementary School in Woodland.

Miss Claire Adams, a student at U. C. Berkeley, arrived home mid-week for a summer stay at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Adams.

Mrs. Jean Hunter, who has been serving as secretary in the Ireland Agency Office, has resigned her position there and is now employed on the U. C. Davis campus.

June 7, 1946

Edgard Warner Parsons of Linden, has been named principal of Winters Joint Union High School by members of the local board of trustees, he succeeds Dr. A. M. Herron, resigned, who has served in that capacity for the past 14 years.

The new building belonging to the California Fruit Exchange has finally been completed and is now being utilized. The plant is equipped with five belts and all belts are in operation at this time with 300 men and women employed.

Mrs. Alice Lee Estepa will conclude her employment with the Winters Express this week, desiring to spend more time with her small sons, Joey and Bobby, while they are enjoying their three months of summer vacation.

The wage ceiling for the apricot harvest has been set at 85 cents per hour or \$13 per ton for picking and \$16 per ton for cutting.

D. A. "Phil" Mowers was the successful candidate at the polls Tuesday for supervisor of the fourth supervisorial district in Solano County, defeating Carl E. Schmeiser, incumbent of Dixon.

June 9, 1911

A movement is on foot in many parts of California to make the high school graduation exercises more simple and less expensive.

The town board donated \$30 for benches for the borders of the lake.

Members of the high school graduating class are Anna Reasoner, Hartmann Hamel, Dorothy Ish, Perry Thornberry, Stella Reasoner, Ida Stephani, Herbert Cooper and Margaret Graf.

Announcements of the marriage of Miss Blanche McNeal and Charles F. Cahill in Vallejo on May 7 were received here this week.

Mrs. J. G. Young was hostess to a few friends Friday complimenting Mrs. Fred Chandler and Mrs. Harry Chandler of Vacaville.

A cake made by Mrs. Henry Craner and baked in a fireless cooker was served at the Improvement Club Wednesday at the D. O. Judy home.

George W. Doll will be delegate from Winters to the 34th session of the Grand parlor N. S. G. W. June 12 in Santa Cruz.

Berryessa down .08 of a foot

The level of Lake Berryessa fell by .08 of a foot during the past week with a reduction in storage of 1,459 acre feet of water, according to Ken Emigh of the Solano Irrigation District.

He reported Tuesday morning that the lake was 434.35 feet above sea level with storage computed at 1,446,408 acre feet of water.

The SID is diverting 305 second feet of water into the Putah South Canal and 43 second feet is flowing in Putah Creek at the Diversion Dam.

Evaporation on Lake Berryessa averaged 190 acre feet of water per day during the week.

June 6, 1896

A number of Wintersites went over to Woodland last Monday afternoon to attend the women's suffrage convention. Among them were Rev. and Mrs. Grinsted, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Bruton, Mesdames Caldwell, Young, Day, McDonald, J. R. and Milton Wolfskill, McCoubrey and Hughes.

Henry Seaman had the front of the Opera House building repainted the past week. The front of the post office and the barber shop have been treated in like manner.

The school election yesterday was a lively contest. Two hundred and two votes were polled. G. W. Hutchens receiving a majority of 28 over J. G. Young, his opponent.

George North shipped two boxes of ripe tomatoes to the San Francisco market yesterday afternoon. This is the first shipment of the season.

S. C. Sanborn of Montana, accompanied by his son, is looking after property interests here. Mr. Sanborn has recently purchased a ten acre lot in the McMahan tract.

The Parker Dramatic Co. will appear at the Winters Opera House, Saturday evening, June 6, in Joaquin Miller's five act drama.



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ments, district documents and internal communications were all reviewed, resulting in eight pages of narrative, followed by 16 findings and eight recommendations.

This week's report not only addressed citizen concerns but also expanded its scope to look into a conflict of interest in awarding a consultant a contract for \$20,000 and into administration problems in the recently-completed STAR testing at Winters High School.

Conflict of interest

Board policy states that "board members and designated employees shall disclose any conflict of interest" in making decisions on behalf of the district and "as necessary shall refrain from participating in that decision."

Upon review of all consultancy contracts awarded between January 2009 and March 2011, the Grand Jury "discovered that a \$20,000 maximum no-bid contract... was awarded to a consultant who has an amorous relationship with a WJUSD designated employee who had direct hiring authority." This relationship was not disclosed to the school board prior to the award of the contract, according to the report. When later questioned by the board about the appropriateness of the award, the employee "informed the board that the district's lawyers had previously advised the employee that the relationship did not create conflicts in the award process. Seeking legal advice may not qualify as disclosure of a financial interest."

While Grand Jury reports, in accordance with California penal code, do not name individuals, the only employee in the district who has both the individual authority to authorize no-bid contracts and has hiring authority is the Superintendent.

The report goes on to state that "failure to fully and fairly disclose the existence of a financial or strong personal relationship between the parties to the contract is a violation of State law and District Bylaws. A further violation occurred when the designated employee participated in the selection of the consultant. These violations could allow the District to nullify the [consultant's] contract and consider discipline for the designated employee."

To date, the consultant has received \$12,500 in district funds.

Compounding the issue of the hiring of the consultant is evidence the Grand Jury received that "this consultant's opinion may have been a factor in some Trustees voting not to renew" Griffin's contract.

The consultant offered his opinions based on "observations made for one day or less" and without Griffin's knowledge that the consultant was engaged in a personnel evaluation while at the site.

"Some Trustees," the report continues, "would have evaluated the consultant's opinion in a different

light and may not have made the nonrenewal decision had they known of the conflict of interest."

The report adds that "the District was particularly resistive to Grand Jury inquiries and made simple inquiries more procedurally difficult than necessary. Mindful of the statutory charge of 'watchdog organization,' the Grand Jury will continue to seek access to the District or their representatives with an expectation of respect for the process and confidentiality of the proceedings."

Brown Act violations

All public agency meetings in California are subject to the Brown Act, which allows the public "to attend, observe, monitor, and participate in the decision-making process at the local level of government."

"The public commissions, boards and councils and the other public agencies in this State exist to aid in the conduct of the people's business. It is the intent of the law that their actions be taken openly and that their deliberations be conducted openly." (California Government Code 54952) The Brown Act bars public agencies from conducting nonpublic serial meetings, from taking action on items not placed on the agenda, and from limiting public comment.

All district board meetings must be announced to the public, whether they are open meetings or closed sessions. Gatherings of more than three board members, if they include discussions of district business, are also considered to be meetings, wherever and whenever they occur, and are regulated by the same laws.

Internal emails examined by the Grand Jury showed "nonpublic discussions" regarding whether or not to renew Griffin's contract, which constitutes a "serial meeting." They also found that trustees "engaged in nonpublic discussions regarding the Board's response to public outcry" and "other prohibited subject areas."

The report states that "the emails indicate that District staff, privy to the communications, knew the Brown Act was being violated."

The complainants became aware of the electronic meetings when receipt of internal district emails in compliance with a Public Records Act request was fulfilled in late spring, 2010.

The jury also found evidence that Griffin may have been denied rightful notice of the closed session meeting in which nonrenewal of his contract was ultimately decided. The Brown Act states, "If notice is not given, any disciplinary or other action taken by the legislative body against the employee based on the specific complaints or charges in the closed session shall be null and void."

Further findings include failure to properly report in open session on the Griffin vote, an error that the Board itself determined, and a failure to properly correct the error, even after it had been realized.

The final finding in

the inquiry into meeting law procedures was that the district's policy of requiring members of the public to submit home address information when making requests to address the board is a violation of both the Brown Act and district policy. The requirement "dampens public participation," the report states, and goes on to note that "at most, the Board can require speakers to state their names."

User-friendliness

The personal conduct of trustees and the general perception of WJUSD as being non user-friendly comprise the third major area of investigation and comment by the Grand Jury.

Board conduct is addressed in section 9000 of the Bylaws of the Board, which are available for public reading at the district website or by request at the district office. Those bylaws state "The Board shall ensure that the District is responsive to the values, beliefs, and priorities of the community... Each member is expected to act with dignity and understand the implications of demeanor and behavior. The Board expects its members to act with dignity and govern in a dignified and professional manner, treating everyone with civility and respect."

According to the report, "The Grand Jury determined that 2009/10 Board members displayed less than professional conduct during both public and closed session meetings. The Grand Jury determined through substantial evidence that, on multiple occasions, Board members engaged in eye-rolling, snickering, and negative body language. One Board member made an explicit sexual hand gesture mimicking male masturbation, and on another occasion a Board member gave an obscene hand gesture, while community members were attempting to address the Board.

Board members raised their voices, 'shouted down' people giving public comment and other Board members, and publicly tore up a document provided to them by a community member. Some community members and fellow Trustees felt harassed and intimidated by Board behavior. Harassment is specifically prohibited by WJUSD regulation."

It is also noted in the document that the current board "has made strides to improve its conduct... (and) has sought to improve how the Board operates, including more structure, better management and increased civility."

There is no requirement in board policy that there be any training in governance, Robert's Rules of Order or any other of the tools "commonly used to conduct public meetings."

The responsiveness of WJUSD is also held up to scrutiny in the report. Along with the previously mentioned "resistiveness" to Grand Jury requests for information, "there is a lack of clarity and consistency in the Bylaws regarding the process for submitting, receiving, and responding to complaints from commu-

nity members and school personnel to the Board. When concerns are brought to the Board through letters and emails, there is no clear policy whether such communications constitute complaints and are therefore left to judgment. At times, complainants believe they have submitted complaints but may not receive written responses. The District is unclear about whether a response should be generated and, if so, by whom."

Furthermore, "there is a lack of follow up and accountability to ensure issues are resolved. The Board does not seem to embrace its role as overseer of the District. Some Board members and District staff dismiss any issues and concerns expressed by certain community members, viewing them as complainers, characterizing these individuals' expressions of desires to meet to discuss problems as 'disingenuous.' Even written communications among Board members and District staff during the period of January 2010 through May 2010 revealed unprofessional and disrespectful comments."

STAR testing

Finally, the report addresses the difficulties with STAR (Standardized Testing and Reporting) testing at Winters High School in April of this year.

As reported at some length in the Express, staff was inadequately trained and prepared to administer the tests and no high school administrators were on-

site to provide oversight on the first day of the testing period. Further, there were insufficient numbers of tests ordered and some students could not be tested within the time set aside for them to do so, requiring that they later miss scheduled classes in order to complete make-up tests.

The Grand Jury reports that "staff had advised administration of their concerns prior to the testing date" and that "it is unclear to the Grand Jury why these issues were unresolved prior to the start of testing."

"These problems have led to frustration, confusion and distrust by segments of high school personnel, parents and the Winters community towards District administrators and the Board."

As also was reported in the Express, WJUSD curriculum director Emilie Simmons has been in contact with the STAR office in Sacramento since testing began. Results of that investigation are expected within the next few weeks, at which time it will be known what, if any, consequences and penalties will be assessed.

Findings

The Grand Jury report concludes with findings and recommendations for possible actions and remedies by the district. The board and administration have 90 days to respond.

According to Grand Jury foreperson Kathleen Stock, "The findings in the report state the conclusions reached by the Grand

Jury. Although all of the findings are based on evidence, they are the product of the Grand Jury's independent judgment. Some findings are the opinion of the Grand Jury rather than indisputable statements of fact."

Grand Juries have the power to recommend but have no enforcement powers.

When asked to comment on the Grand Jury report, Winters Superintendent Becci Gillespie said she is "looking forward to having the record set straight. We will be developing a process to respond to the report and I am looking forward to having it complete so that we can report our responses to the community."

School Board President Dan Maguire also commented: "On Thursday, May 19, the board of trustees received a Grand Jury report for the Winters Joint Unified School District. The board takes very seriously our responsibility to the community and the children of the school district. We also have a responsibility to all of the employees of the district. We will review and respond to the findings and recommendations outlined in the report accordingly."

The responses to the report will be placed on an upcoming school board agenda.

The Grand Jury report is posted in full on the Winters Express website, www.winteresexpress.com.

Board policies are available in full on the district website at <http://www.wintersjUSD.org/Board%20Policies.htm>.

Opinion

LETTERS

It's a golden opportunity

I was shocked to read in your fine publication recently that the City of Davis, AKA East Berkeley, did not have a single marijuana dispensary. The way they drive, you would think that everyone there was smoking it.

But, this just represents another golden opportunity for Winters. The City of San Jose reports about \$260,000 per month in tax revenues from "pot clinics." If we had just one modest clinic here, people from Davis to Rumsey would flock to Winters for relief. Then they would patronize our Burger King and go home. It is just irrational to think that people would actually move to Winters to get medical pot.

Police objections are similarly whacky; the Obama administration has made it clear that they will not enforce federal anti-recreational weed laws against legitimate medical users. Of course, they have moved against sham operations and that is OK.

Well-regulated medical marijuana clinics experience less crime (including robberies) than a typical mini-mart. The only possible public safety concern could be stoned drivers. Permit conditions will require prominent signs stating: "Take it home to smoke, or go to jail." Period. No additional



cops required, although the millions in new tax revenue might finance another officer or two.

The City of Winters has rolled out the red carpet... no... got down on their knees and begged fast food purveyors to locate here. A marijuana clinic is very similar: tends to add pounds to the waistline, and provide a lot of tax revenue; perhaps synergistically. How could the same people who want more junk food "dining choices" object to medical marijuana?

During recent trips along the Clearlake shoreline, I noticed a dilapidated storefront under major rehabilitation. Later I noticed that a "wellness clinic" had moved in, providing quite a visual upgrade to that recession-racked community. Conspicuously absent are the ne'er-do-wells and teenagers that we're told will hang out around "pot clinics." Most people who patronize this place want to avoid attention and

are in and out without delay.

Many of us have chosen lifestyles, belief systems, or occupations that prevent us from ever using marijuana for any reason, but it is simply not right for us to pass judgment on those who find it medically necessary or attack those who want to have a reasonable and civil discussion of the issue.

We have allowed a proliferation of low income housing to blight our city so we can get free money to pave the streets with bricks and get a palatial new firehouse... but the golden goose appears to have croaked. Why don't we look somewhere other than to the crumbling State of California to send us money? The housing "slump," by some credible estimates, could last 10 to 30 more years. Developer fees and more free pools are a long way off. Winters needs money now.

A single discreet medical marijuana clinic should be per-

mitted immediately. We should streamline the permit process. Renewal of the one-year permit can be conditioned upon a performance review that includes input from law enforcement, city finance, and local residents.

GARY "SLIM" DAVIS

Personal attacks wrong

Teachers must be exemplary role models; we go into teaching knowing that is part of the job. I firmly believe Mr. (Jim) Hyer's letter last week was an unjust and unnecessary personal attack on a fine teacher.

Hyer's objection to the opinion of Woody Fridae, our mayor, regarding the possibility of a medical marijuana facility in Winters, is his right in a democratic America and dissection is part of the process. But the assertion that because Woody has voiced a controversial opinion,

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What will you believe in after the 'Rapture'

So. You're still here? Yeah, me too.

Whew, right? But even if Harold Camping and his Family Radio Rapture Everafter came true, I'd still be whew-ing, because if all the radical evangelical fundamentalists were siphoned away by the angels, well, good riddance. All in all, they're a perpetual spiritual "party foul" anyway. Besides, I'm totally down with being one of the meek who will inherit the earth. Why? Meek people don't force their beliefs and religious practices on others.

Imagine no religion, baby. Works for me.

Which doesn't imply "imagine no spirituality." People frequently don't get that about me (well, the dull ones, anyway) — that not only do I view religion and spirituality as two entirely different things, religion is actually prohibitive to spirituality, if you ask me. But this requires a little abstract thought and contemplation, and it disappoints me no end that so many folks these days lack the interest or ability, or both, to spend a little time and effort between their own ears.

As is clearly evident by the fact that I'm writing this column and you're reading it, Camping & Co. were wrong about the May 21 Rapture. But they're regrouping for an October Rapture Redux, as Camping claims he simply made a math error. Actually,

I'm a bit bummed that he wasn't right. We're still stuck with Camping and his ilk, and there's an awful lot of "ilk" out there, like those who only value life before the umbilical cord is cut, and the Westboro Baptist Church folks who protest at soldiers' funerals, and those jerkwads who stand at the corner of Market and Powell in San Francisco with their towering yellow "God hates gays" signs, peering with fear and loathing at every person walking past. Just as Jesus would.

The yellow sign dudes were stationed near the starting line a couple of Bay to Breakers ago, just oozing silent hatred and disgust at all those sinners in their wacky costumes, reveling in the big, bright mobile party ambling by. My best bud and I were dressed as Thing One and Thing Two from "The Cat in the Hat," and as I penguin (if you've ever done B2B, you'll totally understand that) past one of the Jerkwads For Jesus guys, I whispered in his ear, "Jesus doesn't love you when you judge people." And of course, he stood as still and stoney-faced as a guard at Buckingham Palace, surely thinking furiously, "You're going to burn in Hell, you scumbag lesbian!"

This is what the term "What-ever" was invented for.

So. Now what? What



DEBRA DeANGELO
BECAUSE I SAY SO

can we take away from all this Rapture nonsense? What have we learned?

For starters, how about we stop believing in people. I don't mean stop believing in human potential or the sacred spirit of another person. I mean stop believing in people like we believe in God. Stop valuing other people's beliefs and opinions above our own. How about we perk up our own self-esteem and internal fortitude, and believe in what we investigate on our own and discover in our own hearts to be true.

Imagine how it would feel to stop believing in the toxic things other people say about you — relatives, co-workers, teachers, ex-husbands, whoever. Or "beauty" magazines that prescribe how you should look, and poison your mind against your own body. Or politicians who promise anything and everything, and deliver practically nothing (unless it will get them reelected, of course). How about cleaning up all the negative turds of self-loathing that are stinking up your soul. Beginning today, how about reclaiming the right to

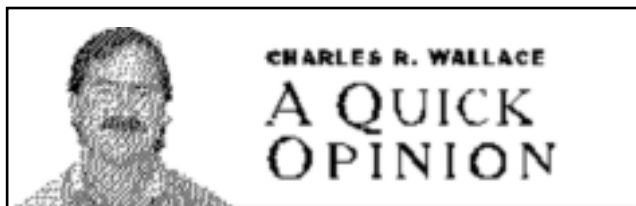
decide what you believe in. Just think about that for a moment. You'll already feel more powerful.

I came across a great quote from the Buddha while bopping around the 'net recently: "Do not believe in anything simply because you have heard it. Do not believe in anything simply because it is spoken and rumored by many. Do not believe in anything simply because it is found written in your religious books. Do not believe in anything merely on the authority of your teachers and elders. Do not believe in traditions because they have been handed down for many generations. But after observation and analysis, when you find that anything agrees with reason and is conducive to the good and benefit of one and all, then accept it and live up to it."

Yes, this passes my own spiritual litmus test. This is something I can believe in.

Contradiction notwithstanding, of course. Buddha might say that if I believe what he said, I totally missed the point.

I believe I'll ponder that for awhile.



CHARLES R. WALLACE
A QUICK OPINION

ASLAP BY THE GRAND JURY. The Yolo County Grand Jury has slapped our school board on the wrist. That is about all the Grand Jury can do. They don't have power over school boards, but they can point out problems and recommend corrective measures.

It should be pointed out, right at the beginning, that most of the problems with the school board occurred before the last election, where two board members decided not to run for reelection and the board president, Rodney Orosco, was not reelected. David Reynosa, Michael Olivas, Dan Maguire and Robert Warren were elected for the first time. Robyn Rominger was reelected, but she was only on the board for a few months, replacing Mary Jo Rodolfa who quit in the middle of the controversy over the termination of George Griffin.

I'm not sure what the present school board can do about past problems, some Brown Act open meeting violations, but they are trying to run their meetings according to the law. If the charges are true about hiring a consultant who was, in the wording of the Grand Jury Report, an "employee's paramour" then they can work on that themselves. Growing up in a family business, I can understand hiring family, or close friends, but everyone should know what is going on, so that proper decisions can be made.

For those that have been around for 20 years or so, you'll remember that I asked the Grand Jury to investigate our school board's closed door meetings about development fees. The Grand Jury agreed with me and told the school board to conduct their meetings in the open. A small slap on the wrist. The board said sure thing, and continued to operate anyway they wanted to.

It was a lot of work to gather minutes and paperwork for the Grand Jury. When it was over, I decided it might not have been worth the effort, but I had made my point. Many in the community thought I was the worst person in town for attacking the school board. There will be some in town who think the group that requested this Grand Jury inquiry is the devil, but I'm sure those that put in the effort will get some satisfaction from the report. I'm not sure if they will be happy with the end result or remedy from the present school board, but it is something they can bring up in 20 years or so.

There isn't room in the Express to run the whole Grand Jury Report, but you can read it on our web site: wintersexpress.com.

MARIJUANA. On a happier note, I find the discussion about the city allowing a medical marijuana dispensary very interesting. The voters of California passed Prop. 215 in 1996, allowing the compassionate use of marijuana. If your doctor thinks that marijuana will help you and gives you a prescription, you can use marijuana without fear of going to jail. Should you have to find a dope dealer on the corner, or should you be able to go to a licensed business to purchase your medication?

Over the years medical marijuana dispensaries have been popping up all over California. At some point someone will ask the City of Winters for a business license to sell medical marijuana on Main Street. Our city council called time-out while they decide what restrictions and where to zone marijuana dispensaries.

In response to last week's letter writer. Saying that someone who votes to put limits on medical marijuana sales (remember it is legal in California), or may even be in favor of legalizing marijuana, is in favor of telling kids that drugs are okay, is just crazy. Would you say that a city council, or planning commission, that zones an area for bars and restaurants that serve alcohol, is in favor of serving alcohol to children?

The voters of California narrowly defeated a law to allow the legalization of marijuana last year. In time, the voters will decide that marijuana should be legalized, and taxed, just like alcohol. At that point we won't have to worry about dispensaries, just head down to the local pharmacy or liquor store for your drug of choice. I don't see a time when hard drugs are legalized, but you never know.

Take the time to read about the actions of our old school board, and remember that your vote does matter.

Have a good week.

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The deadline for Letters to the Editor is noon on Mondays for publication that week.

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Letters should not exceed 500 words. Do not use all capital letters. We reserve the right to edit or reject any letter.

Letters must be legibly signed by the writer, or if emailed, must indicate the writer's name. We may withhold names from publication if there is a legitimate reason, such as fear of reprisal or retribution. We reserve the right to determine legitimacy. Letters submitted anonymously will not be printed.

We will accept letters of thanks naming local businesses only.

LETTERS

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he would not be fit to be a teacher takes this one step too far.

To follow Hyer's train of thought would mean teachers should never have a drink or a cigarette on his/her off time. Woody is the first to advise students not to use alcohol, tobacco or drugs, and actively participates in "Red Ribbon Week" bringing awareness of the danger of these substances.

To publically state, as Mr. Hyer did, "...and I sure don't want this kind of teacher having this much influence on (kids)" is a mean-spirited attack on a devoted teacher with 28 years of experience in Winters. He has taught generations to think critically, enforces a strict code of good manners, and is tough, but respected by past students.

We live in America and have the privilege to debate and change laws, but please, keep personal attacks out of the equation.

LYNNE SECRIST

It was a cheap shot

I'd like to take exception to part of last week's letter to the editor by Jim Hyer. In this letter about his objections to the consideration of Medical Marijuana Dispensaries in Winters, Hyer attacked the Mayor Woody Fridae's integrity and character far beyond the bounds of decency and fairness.

Mr. Hyer should know that the mayor is, in fact, one of the finest teachers Winters has. He has been a Rotarian for many years and repeatedly volunteered for civic projects in this community and in others wherever needed. He has selflessly given of his time to serve on the city council for numerous terms and has well represented this city as mayor on numerous occasions.

To question this man's integrity of purpose is a huge mistake and, quite frankly, a cheap shot.

Shame on you, Mr. Hyer.

BRUCE BREWER

It's Winters, not Davis

What is wrong with the people running Winters? Stop trying to make it another Davis. I chose Winters as home, not Davis. You've already taken enough away. When I came here, we had four grocery stores, three car sales rooms and one used car lot,

one main restaurant, one coffee shop, one Daisy's for everyday meals, one barrel shaped hamburger stand, three gas stations (no Chevron, Winters Store or Berryessa), one gift shop, one clothing store, three banks and more, I'm sure.

Compared to what we have now, nothing — unless you want to go to The Palms. Now you want to take more: JJ's and Cody's. Please leave them alone. Let us old timers keep something we know and love the way it is. You have plenty of open fields if you want to build something. Leave Winters to stay Winters, not Davis.

HELGA MCMENOMY

Join VFW on Memorial Day

This is an invitation to all Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States of America in the Winters area: we wish to invite all of you to join us at the Winters cemetery at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 30, for the annual Memorial Day laying of the wreath. We have a nice program planned. We request all servicemen to attend and take part in our services. We also invite all of you to join us, VFW Post No. 11091.

We support many non-profit organizations in and around the Winters area with our fundraising. We put flags in and around the Winters area on flag days, and much more. We have an annual picnic for members and their families. We also have an annual Christmas dinner for members and their families, and we have a booth at Winters Youth Day and the Earthquake Street Festival.

We take part in the Youth Day parade where our members have taken first place awards several times. We also do the honors at the Winters Cemetery and Cottonwood Cemetery, and maintain flagpoles at both cemeteries. We honor the veterans who pass

on. We do many things. Come join us for fun activities.

We meet on the third Monday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Winters Library and we are looking for our own place. Contact any member for information about VFW; call Don, 795-1869; John, 795-0751; Roy, 681-7934; or Harold at 795-3124.

We hope to see you at our next meeting

HAROLD F. HAYWOOD
Commander
Winters VFW
Post 11091

Many to thank

On behalf of the Winters History Project Committee, we would like to express our thanks for the many people who helped make the 2011 Agricultural Symposium on May 4 such a success.

They include Dr. Theadore DeJong, director of the UCD Wolfskill Experimental Orchards, who organized the morning tours of research projects currently underway at the former John and Susan Wolfskills' homesite, which was donated to the university by their heirs in 1937. Other university speakers included professors John Preece, director of the National Clonal Germplasm Repository; Douglas Shaw, strawberry breeder; Thomas Gradziel, almond and peach breeder; Carolyn DeBuse, UC Cooperative Extension's Orchard Management Systems specialist; and Dan Flynn, director of the UC Davis Olive Center who gave an olive oil tasting demonstration.

Special thanks are also due to John Pickrel and Linda Rodriguez of the Buckhorn Steak and Roadhouse for hosting a delicious catered luncheon, Dr. Neal Van Alfen, UCD Dean of the College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences who spoke at the luncheon; Dave Fleming of The Palms, who hosted the afternoon Symposium, helped decorate the stage, operated the sound system and organized an interesting exhibit on the history

of The Palms; Opera House co-owner Charley Wallace who organized an exhibit on the restoration of the Winters Opera House; and to the Putah Creek Crawdads who provided musical entertainment both before and after the Symposium.

Also to be thanked are the Winters farmers who participated in the afternoon panel discussion entitled, Farming Through the Generations: moderator Bruce Rominger of Rominger Brothers Farms.; educator and author Gloria of S.R. Lopez Orchards; Chris Turkovich of Turkovich Family Wines; and Jenny Lester Moffitt of Dixon Ridge Farms.

The committee is grateful to Dawn Van Dyke of the Winters Express for her extensive coverage of this day-long fundraiser and to all those who supported this successful event. The participants' generosity will make it possible for the Winters History Project to exhibit additional photographs that represent the long history of the Winters area and to continue promoting "A Museum Without Walls" for the Winters community,

WOODY FRIDAE,
JOANN LARKEY,
EVELYN ROMINGER,
GLORIA LOPEZ and
NICKI CHAPMAN

Locals have priority

I wanted to elaborate more on what is in the Chamber Column this month regarding the Winters Earthquake Street Festival. This year, the Chamber has made it a priority to give locals every opportunity when it comes to giving them first dibs on vendor booths at the Earthquake Festival.

We have received a few contracts so far, but I wanted to make sure that all locals who want to participate get their vendor contracts in by 2 p.m. on Tuesday May 31. We want as many local vendors as possible, but this is a

fundraiser for the Chamber, and in order for us to make this year a success, we need to fill all the vendor spots, so that means if we don't fill them with locals we have to fill the spots with out-of-towners. How great would it be for me to tell folks, sorry, but we have filled up all the available vendor booths with local businesses and organizations.

Please, if you haven't already, go to the Chambers website, www.winterschamber.com, click on the Earthquake Street Festival link and submit your vendor application by May 31.

We are also looking for sponsors for this event, if you are interested in sponsoring the Earthquake Festival please download our sponsorship form from the website or contact me at the Chamber office, 795-2329.

ALALDRETE
Executive Director
Winters Chamber of Commerce

Gift cards were a hit

Buckhorn Restaurant and Putah Creek Café: Please accept our heartfelt thanks for your gift card donations. Our After School Program raffle (Shirley Rominger Intermediate School)

was a success. The raffle was a hot item with your gift cards as the prizes. The money raised will go toward much needed school supplies.

Thank you again from all of us (students and staff).

VICTORIA MOSIER
Site Coordinator

Sweet appreciation

We would like to give a huge "thank you" to the Lester Farms Bakery for making our field trip a delightful experience. The doughnuts and cookies were great. The kids are still talking about mixing sprinkles and making frosting flowers.

Thank you again and we will see you next year for another fantastic field trip.

WAGGONER AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Thanks for all your support

Friends and neighbors, thank you for your prayers, cards and well-wishes.

I can't sing the praises of Kaiser North in Sacramento, Vacaville Kaiser ER and the San Francisco Kaiser on Geary Street enough. I had absolutely marvelous care.

Thanks again to all.

SHIRLEY MARKS

Community

Memorial ceremonies on Monday

Memorial Day services are planned at the Winters Cemetery on Monday, May 30, at 10 a.m. The guest speaker will be Chief Master Sergeant Luis R. Drummond. Music will be performed by the Winters Middle School chorus. Everyone is welcome.

EDAC will meet Tuesday

The City of Winters Economic Development Advisory Committee will meet on Tuesday, May 31, at 6:30 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall. The agenda includes:

- ~ Presentation by Sue Heitman, board member of the New Season Community Development Corporation.
- ~ Review of Draft Design Guidelines

Anyone may attend.

CARRILLO

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his distinguished career as the chief mechanical design engineer for the California Department of Water Resources with a staff of over 50.

He was lucky in love, marrying Flora, his sweetheart for 61 years. They married 59 years ago and raised two successful children of whom John was very proud. Their retirement was filled with extensive worldwide travel, good health and good times. They were inseparable life partners.

John loved gardening and surrounding the home with beauty. He loved the family mountain cabin and fixing things. He also was a prolific painter of colorful landscapes. He is survived by his wife of 59 years Flora Carrillo; daughter Jan Carrillo-LeDu (Doug); son J. Steven Carrillo (Stephanie); sister Mary Loveall of Vacaville; and a large extended family of relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Maria Carrillo, formerly of Vacaville, and a sister, Cecilia.

Family and friends are invited to two services. In Sacramento on Wednesday, June 1, a Celebration of Life will be held with a visitation from 5-7 p.m. and a Celebration of Life ceremony at 7 p.m. at George L. Klumpp Chapel of Flowers, 2691 Riverside Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95818. In Winters on Thursday, June 2, at 11 a.m., a memorial service will be held at St. Anthony Catholic Church (parish hall), 511 Main Street. Burial will take place at the Winters Cemetery. A reception and lunch will follow at the Winters Community Center.

Sharpshooter



Photo by Charles Wallace

Bob Carrion returned to Vacaville on May 11, to re-claim his Top Gun Trophy. The annual shoot is for retired Vacaville police officers. This is the fifth time the former Winters police officer has won the competition. Because Carrion now lives in Arizona he skipped the last two events. He said with a smile, "They don't like to see me walk in." Carrion spent a couple of days in the Winters area visiting friends and relatives before riding his Harley back home.

Tdap booster available at Winters Healthcare office

Youth 19 and under 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. For those not eligible for temporary Medi-Cal coverage for the booster, which is now required for high school students, there is a sliding scale.

For more information, call the WHF office, 795-5200.

MAYORS

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Fridae, Winters Express Publisher Charley Wallace, City Manager John Donlevy and recycling industry guru, Jeff Donlevy. The tournament was a "scramble" format using the best shots from the players on each hole. The Winters Team won with an overall score of 59, 13 under par. The City of Sacramento was second with a score of 61.

"It feels great to win this tournament for the third straight time" said Fridae. "It shows that Winters can compete with and beat the largest cities in our region".

The Sevellano Links is a long course with narrow fairways, sweeping doglegs and small sloping greens. The overall score was created by solid team play with each player contributing multiple shots.

Key shots during the

round included the overall putting of Woody Fridae who holed six birdie putts, including a 14 foot putt on 16 and a 35 foot putt from off the green on the 18th and last hole of the tournament which sealed the victory. It was Charley Wallace's clutch tee shot on 16 that set up the birdie putt by Fridae and Wallace also provided a birdie on 7.

The team victory was won on the Daly signature 18th hole. Charley Wallace's tee shot cut the dogleg on the monster 686-yard par 5. Jeff Donlevy's second shot set-up an amazing 170 yard third shot from Fridae that left the team 35 feet from the hole. With the confidence of a veteran tour caddie, Wallace urged the team to putt from off the green that was holed by Fridae. Wallace's confidence and skill at showing Fridae the speed and break of the greens was one of the

Redistricting meeting June 1

As required by law, the Yolo County Board of Supervisors has established an advisory committee to assist with updating supervisorial districts.

The Redistricting Advisory Committee must make its recommendations to the board by Aug. 1 to assist the board in

adopting revised district boundaries by Sept. 30 to take effect for the June 2012 primary election.

Two additional Redistricting Advisory Committee meetings are planned to gather public input on the redistricting process.

Meetings will take place in Winters on

Wednesday, June 1, at the Community Center at 6:30 p.m. and in Woodland on Monday, June 6, at 6:30 p.m. in the Woodland City Council Chambers, 300 First Street in Woodland.

For more information, visit www.yolo-county.org.

Planning commission seats open

The City of Winters is accepting applications to serve on the Winters Planning Commission through May 31. Three seats are open this year, currently held by commissioners Glenn DeVries, Bruce Guelden and Corinne Martinez. Their terms expire on July 1.

Prospective applicants must be at least 18 years of age and re-

side in the City of Winters. Applications are available in the City Clerk's office (same as Finance), which is located on the first floor of City Hall at 318 First Street.

Applications may be downloaded from the city website, http://www.cityofwinters.org/administrative/admin_forms.htm A resume may be attached to the application form. The

term of service is four years.

A two-person subcommittee will review the submitted applications and select a limited number of the applicants to be interviewed. Applicants selected for interviews will be contacted and scheduled for their interviews.

For more information, call 795-4910, extension 100.

Star-gazing featured

Stargazing will be featured on the June 4 Nature Outing at Stebbins Cold Canyon, 8:30-11 p.m. There is a 1.25 mile, slightly uphill hike to the meadow to observe the night sky. A suggested donation of \$5 per person (or \$10 per family) is requested.

To attend email jfalyn@ucdavis.edu. Include your name, address, and phone number.

Adult summer computer course offered at library

The Winters Community Library, a branch of the Yolo County Library system, is offering a five-session beginning computer course for adults on Tuesdays, June 21 through July 19, 6:30-8 p.m. The course will be held at the library, located at 708 Railroad Avenue and will cover basic computer skills, such as establishing an email account, searching the Internet and using Mi-

crosoft Office applications.

Laptop computers will be provided, but participants may bring their own laptops if they choose. The course is limited to 15 students and is free of charge. Sign-ups will begin on May 25.

To reserve a space in the course, visit the Winters Community Library, 708 Railroad Avenue, or call 795-4955.

Calendar

Monday, May 30

Memorial Day

Memorial Day Ceremony, 10 a.m., Winters Cemetery

Tuesday, May 31

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

Wednesday, June 1

Redistricting Advisory Committee public meeting, 6:30 p.m., Winters Community Center
Winters Middle School promotion, 7 p.m., Dr. Sellers Field

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

Thursday, June 2, Winters High School graduation, 7 p.m., Dr. Sellers Field

Saturday, June 11, Third Annual Outdoor Quilt and Textile Art Festival, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Monday, June 20, Winters Has Talent auditions, 7 p.m., The Palms

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

This community calendar is sponsored by:



I know what people say about the Chamber

I like to rip Band-Aids off quickly and get the pain over with. With that in mind, I want you all to know that I know what is said about the Chamber of Commerce in Winters. I know that there's some history out there. I know that there's a perception that the Chamber is nothing more than a social gathering on the Second Monday of the month, and that's all.

So, with *that* in mind, let me show you just some of the things that the Chamber has done in the last 20 days (at the time of me writing this column).

The Chamber hosted its second breakfast meeting; this time we had a guest speaker who talked about how to use social media like Facebook and Twitter for your business. This was followed up with a social media work group, where attendees brought in their laptops and worked with other Chamber members to get ideas on how to build up their business Facebook pages. Our next breakfast meeting will be on Tuesday, June 7, at 7 a.m. at Cody's Restaurant, and we'll be having the

Bureau of Reclamation come to speak with the group about what is going on at Lake Berryessa this summer.

The Chamber held a forum on agritourism. There was a conversation of how the Winters Farming community and the business community can work together to bring agritourism on a more coordinated basis to Winters. The information received from this meeting was then taken in by the Chamber's Agritourism Committee (didn't know we had one of those did ya!) and a short term plan is now in the works, while at the same time, the committee is putting together a long term strategic plan to make sure we can have long term sustainability with this type of program. We have other committees as well; give us a call for information on different opportunities to get involved.

The Chamber will also be working with the City of Winters to help get information out about the Streetscape project, so feel free to check out our website, www.winterschamber.com weekly for any updates on how the project is moving along.

We also have two

new forms on our website for our members and the community as well if they wish to use them.

The first is an Issue Paper. If there is an issue that you feel the Chamber of Commerce needs to look into, you can download this form from our website and either email it to info@winterschamber.com or fax it to our office at 795-3202.

The other form is our new Complaint/Solution form. With this form, if you have a complaint about the Chamber or think we can be doing something better, please download this form from our website and complete it. We can't change something we don't know is broken. But here's the catch: we want a possible solution to be coming in with any complaints. Why? Two reasons, one it will legitimize the complaint if you think through a possible solution. Second, there are many different ways to solve problems, and you just might have a solution the board or staff hasn't thought of.

Here's the bottom line. The Chamber is not what it was 50 years ago. It isn't what it was last year, and next year it won't be what it is this year. The Chamber is evolving, and it is evolving into

a business organization that is here for the business community.

With a strong local business community, comes a strong local economy. The Chamber is here to serve the needs of the businesses. The Chamber's mission is to promote economic growth, and to advocate for the success of its members and the



business community.

So the next time you're wondering what the Chamber has done lately, instead of thinking the same old tired, "It's just a bunch of Charley Wallaces having a Monday

night social gathering..." try picking up the phone or dropping by the office. I'll be more than happy to personally show you what the Chamber is doing, and what is planned going forward.

Spotlight on...



Courtesy photo

Michael Peterson and his wife, Christina, and son, Sam, visited with Chamber Executive Director Al Aldrete (far left) and Chamber Vice President Dan Maguire (far right) last week, to hear the latest about when Peterson's Main Street Cellars will open. If all goes well, the anticipated date is June 25.

BELONG

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take effect for the June, 2012 primary elections for Supervisorial Districts 1, 4 and Winters' current district, District 5.

The committee will be presenting five alternative redistricting maps to the board no later than Aug. 1. Draft maps do now exist unofficially, but all are works in progress. One of these draft maps was given to Winters City Council Member Mike Martin, and he is concerned because it shows a significant change for Winters. This map moves all of Winters from the largely rural District 5 into District 2. In effect, the west edge of District 2 that used to sit between Winters and Davis would now slide west to Dry

Creek, the west edge of Winters.

There are Winters residents who do not want Winters, which sees itself as an ag-oriented community, to be represented by a supervisor chosen in large part by Davis urbanites.

Martin points out that west Davis has a large population of students and academics, and a much lower percentage of Hispanics, and the values mix is different from how many Wintersites think of themselves.

The Yolo County Board of Supervisors' directions to the Redistricting Advisory Committee (RAC) directs them to consider cohesive values for districts it is creating, specifically: "(1) topography; (2) geography; (3) cohesiveness, contiguity, integrity, compactness

of territory; and (4) community of interests of the districts."

Asked about Davis-oriented Wintersites, City Council Member Cecilia Aguiar-Curry said she has talked to many who would rather Winters be considered rural and ag, and less Davis.

"They say, 'We moved here to get away from that,' said Aguiar-Curry.

Supervisor Chamberlain, a rancher, values having one district in the county that represents rural interests and small community interests, and is reluctant to see that diminish.

"The lines will be moved more to the west," said Chamberlain, "and if Winters gets added to District 2 in Davis, District 5 will have more of Woodland, making it less of a rural district.

As it is now, Winters functions as something of a leader for the smaller communities in the west part of the county."

Chamberlain's appointee to the RAC, Frank Sieferman, also thinks Winters should not be lumped in with Davis.

"The community of interest of Winters is not the community of interest of Davis," said Sieferman.

Sieferman, a former District 5 supervisor, said that if Winters becomes part of District 2, District 5 will take on more of Woodland, and with more votes in Woodland, the supervisor will need to represent urban needs more and ag needs less to be elected to that position.

Winters resident Bill Hailey and three others from Winters attended one of the

meetings scheduled by the RAC, held in Davis on May 11. He was surprised by the low attendance — 11 people. He was also surprised by the lack of a meeting scheduled for Winters. As a result of his own and his companions' comments, there now is a public meeting scheduled for Winters on Wednesday, June 1, at the Community Center, at 6:30 p.m.

The maps being considered are works in progress, and none have been published. The frustrating result is that citizens can attend RAC scheduled meetings to speak, but will be discussing maps that don't officially exist yet.

As elsewhere, the process is prone to political influence, because the maps can be drawn to bolster the

prospects of individual candidates at the expense of others, or at least, to strengthen incumbents against new candidates.

Chamberlain points out that three votes are needed to decide the final map, and, in a county with three large cities and one small one, three urban supervisors can make an urban choice at the expense of rural representation.

Martin described the map he saw, with a long, skinny finger reaching out from Davis encircling Winters, as Gerrymandering.

The May 18 West Sacramento meeting saw even fewer attendees than in Davis, reflecting a broad lack of interest in the process. A larger turnout is expected at the June 1 meeting in Winters.

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munity College's accreditation woes of the past couple years have all been cleared up and the accreditation agency lifted all sanctions against SCC earlier this year.

Laguerre also outlined several programs the college is planning in Winters, including a computer class at Winters High School a "middle college" program at the Vacaville campus, where Winters students can get a head start on college courses while still in high school.

Redistricting

Council member Tom McMasters-Stone introduced proposed county redistricting plans, which could move Winters from its current Fifth District to a redrawn district in which it is grouped with Davis rather than western rural Yolo County and western areas of Woodland as it is now.

"The idea or suggestion for moving Winters to one of the supes in Davis area came from Supervisor Rexroad, who doesn't represent Winters or Davis," said McMasters-Stone, explaining that Rexroad framed this suggestion as "a matter of being practical" as the Fifth District as it is now is "pretty big."

However, if the plan that proposes splitting Winters away from Esparto and the Capay Valley is approved, McMasters-Stone said, "It does seem that over the years these redistricting processes reduce the chance that Winters will ever elect a supervisor of our own."

Martin reported that he attended a May 11 redistricting meeting in Davis, and of the people in attendance, four were from Winters and two from Davis. Of particular concern to him, said Martin, was that Redistricting Committee members referred to "the three cities in Yolo County" more than once, seemingly unaware that Winters is also a city in Yolo County, in addition to Woodland, Davis and West Sacramento.

"Apparently they were having issues with the fact that there are four cities in Yolo County," said Martin.

Martin explained that the most recent Census showed a shift in Yolo County's population. West Sacramento has 10,000 peo-

ple that it needs to shift to another district. Davis has a 4,700 person deficit, and the Fifth District is short 4,000 people. Martin also noted that 40 percent of the Fifth District is in Woodland.

"Winters will be represented either by Woodland or by Davis," said Martin, adding, "I got a sense that they didn't plan to have a meeting in Winters." He noted that when the Winters residents at the May 11 meeting objected to the lack of meetings planned in Winters, "they hastily put it back on the calendar.

The bottom line, said Martin is "It's all about who you want to be represented by."

He stressed the importance for Winters residents living both inside city limits and in surrounding rural areas to attend the meeting and give input.

"I encourage everyone to come on June 1 at 6:30," said Martin. The meeting will be held at the Community Center.

Council member Harold Anderson said he attended an initial redistricting meeting and "at that time they made it sound innocuous" and that there was no discussion on the implications. He recommended that the city council take an official position on the redistricting options.

"I think it would be an injustice for us not to take a position at some point," said Anderson, noting the possibility that rural Winters ag land north of town could potentially be split into a different district from the City of Winters. "We should lobby strongly to remain in the Fifth District. I think we should go on record and send a letter to committee."

Martin added, somberly, that regardless of committee or citizen input, the redistricting decision "will ultimately be the sole decision of the (county) supervisors."

Fridae noted that Frank Sieferman is currently representing Winters in the redistricting discussion.

Council member Cecilia Aguiar-Curry said she "found it interesting" that Winters wasn't included on the initial list of community meetings.

She also questioned how many area community groups were actually notified of the meetings "if only six people showed up at a meeting in Davis."

"We need to make sure we have a full

house," said Aguiar-Curry of the June 1 meeting.

McMasters-Stone emphasized the significant relationships between residents in rural Winters and those living inside city limits, "starting with relationship between the fire district and fire department, and fanning out from there." He further noted that people living in big cities aren't as dependent on county services as people in small towns and unincorporated areas of the county. And, he added, "That they didn't know Winters is a city is inexcusable."

"What we do know is that we want to remain in a district that is sensitive to the issues of smaller communities and agricultural issues," added Fridae.

After some brief discussion about the timing for taking an official position and communicating with the redistricting committee and county supervisors, the council informally agreed to wait until hearing from the public on June 1 to write the letter.

Senior housing

A public hearing was held (at which no one spoke) regarding the application for a funding grant from the Planning Technical Assistance Allocation of the State's Community Development Block Grant program. The grant will provide \$70,000 in funds to explore the conversion of the Winters Townhomes project at 500 and 504 East Baker Street and 508, 512 and 516 East Main Street into an assisted living facility for seniors.

The city's Redevelopment Director, Dan Maguire, explained that the project would be phased, and the grant will help fund a study to identify the physical needs to convert the townhomes into senior housing, and also do research on market demand.

"We'll see how many

Winters residents are receiving assisted care," said Maguire, noting that Winters seniors needing assisted care currently must move away from Winters to get it.

Gary Bertagnolli, pharmacist at Eagle Drug, stepped forward to offer his insight on the needs of local seniors, with whom he interacts frequently. He mentioned "Judy's," a residential home for seniors that closed several years ago, and how that impacted local seniors.

"When we lost that facility, we saw people shifted to Davis, Woodland and Vacaville because there was nowhere to serve their needs," said Bertagnolli. "If you're very wealthy, the system serves you well. Not so for middle income. It's hard to afford assisted care. That's the reason we need to do this study, to see what we need to come up with."

Bertagnolli envisioned three buildings with six residents per building, with assisted and nursing care in one, intermediate level care in another, and dementia/Alzheimer's care in the third.

"I see this as a real opportunity for the community and I truly support seeking the grant funding," said Bertagnolli.

Martin voiced support, saying, "I've thought for a long time that the community of Winters needs that type of facility. I've seen many people, including my own relatives go to other communities, and frankly they don't live that long when they lose contact with our community."

"There isn't anything we shouldn't be doing for our seniors and I wholeheartedly support this," said Martin. This sentiment was echoed by Fridae. The motion to approve the grant application passed unanimously.

This item was reintroduced and then passed unanimously by the council

acting as the Community Development Agency.

Rezoning

A project budget not to exceed \$30,000 for planning services, environmental review, infrastructure realignment review and possible rezoning of certain parcels along Grant Avenue near Timbercrest Road was approved at Tuesday's meeting. The properties in question total about nine acres.

City Manager John Donlevy explained that some of these parcels have split zoning, making the property "not very desirable to develop." He proposed that those portions zoned "Light Industrial" be studied for rezoning to "Highway Commercial."

Also at issue is a 100-foot wide flood control channel, that cuts one of the parcels into a flag shape, making it "mostly undevelopable," said Donlevy. He noted that discussion had taken place with the city's Economic Development Advisory Committee about moving the flood channel to the west, through open space that has "no development potential."

Donlevy said the project budget will include moving the flood channel, and explained that ultimately, a General Plan amendment will be necessary to include a change in the building height restrictions in the area. He noted that buildings are currently restricted to 30 feet and he wants the study to include an evaluation of building heights in this area.

As development takes place, Donlevy said the city could potentially be reimbursed for the cost of the study. The planning and environmental work for this study will be conducted by

contract planner Heidi Tschudin.

"How are we funding this?" asked Anderson.

Donlevy said he "pressed Shelly" (Gunby, the city's financial director) and she was able to find \$9,000 in the General Fund for this fiscal year, and the balance would be carried into the next fiscal year.

"It would eat the remaining General Fund for this year," said Donlevy.

Other items

~ Donlevy gave an update on Phase II of the Downtown Streetscape Project, which began this week. The city will provide updates on its website and Facebook page.

Donlevy noted that Winters has \$26 million in projects coming over the next few months, including the Streetscape project, Putah Creek projects, public safety facility, car bridge reconstruction and improvements at Grant Avenue and Interstate 505. He reported that the Burger King/ARCO project is expected to break ground soon.

Donlevy reported that the Economic Development Advisory Committee will hold its next community workshop on Thursday, June 16, at 6 p.m. at the Community Center.

~ Kate Laddish reported that attendance at evening lap swim is strong, and thanked the council for finding a way to keep the pool open this year.

~ The council adjourned to closed session to discuss litigation of enforcement of lease terms for 318 Railroad Avenue (JJ's Saloon). In closed session, the council agreed to allow a new proprietor to take over the remainder of the lease.

Entertainment

Auditions scheduled for Winters Has Talent

It's time to show that Winters Has Talent. Auditions for the annual competition, which is part of the Earthquake Street Festival festivities, are planned for Monday, June 20, at 7 p.m. at The Palms. All types of talent are welcome, including singing, dancing, juggling, comedy and instrumental music. Performers of any age are welcome.

Five finalists will be selected from the audition to compete at the Earthquake Street Festival. In addition to bragging rights, the winner will receive \$100 Win-

ters Bucks from the Winters Chamber of Commerce, which can be spent at any Winters business.

This is the third annual Winters Has Talent competition. Hawaiian dancer Ashley Shaw was the 2009 winner, and singer Allie Griffey was last year's champion. The competition is sponsored by the Chamber.

For more information or to sign up for the auditions, call Debra DeAngelo, 795-4551, or send an email to debra@wintersexpress.com.

Beerfest will raise funds

Citizens Who Care, in partnership with Sudwerk Brewery in Davis, will host the Seventh Annual Davis BeerFest on Saturday, June 4. The Davis BeerFest 2011 will feature tastings of more than 100 microbrews from over 30 breweries.

The BeerFest will run from 1-5 p.m. at Sudwerk Restaurant and Brewery, 2001 Sec-

ond Street, in Davis. The admission price includes live music, grilled sausage sandwiches, Sudwerk brewery tours, and a commemorative tasting glass.

Tickets are \$35 in advance, \$40 at the door, and \$10 for designated drivers. Tickets are now available at Sudwerk and online at <http://www.davisbeerfest.org>. All guests must

be age 21 or over.

Don't miss this year's Davis BeerFest, which is sure to be another fun-filled event! All proceeds benefit Citizens Who Care, a local nonprofit agency offering social support and services to older adults and their family caregivers.

For more information, visit www.citizenswhocare.us or call 758-3704.

Summer Series begins with bats

Yolo Basin Foundation and the Department of Fish and Game are offering an evening with the bats during the 2011 Bat Talk and Walk Summer Series, beginning Friday, June 3.

Tours will continue throughout the summer months.

Each evening's program begins with a 45-

minute indoor presentation on bat natural history and includes an opportunity to view live bats.

The start time depends on the date. The group will then caravan to the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area to watch one of the largest colonies of Mexican free-tailed bats in California as it emerges to

hunt insects at sunset.

To see the dates and times of the programs and to make reservations, go to the Yolo Basin Foundation website, www.yolobasin.org, and click on "Bat Talk and Walk."

A \$10 donation is suggested from all adult participants and children are free.

Hot Harleys

The 17th annual Hot Rods and Harleys takes place at Iron Steed Harley-Davidson in Vacaville on June 12, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Hot Rods and Harleys custom Hotrod and Motorcycle Show is free to the public, great fun for the entire family, and showcases many custom vehicles, vendors, food, drink, bands and fun. The event is a free, fun, family outing to see a display of American nostalgia.


Call (707) 455-7000, email events@ironsteedhd.com, or visit www.IronSteedHD.com for details.

Jewelry Fair planned in Vacaville

The Downtown Vacaville Business Improvement District is hosting its Second Annual Jewelry Fair on Saturday, June 4, in Town Square. The event will feature a limited number of vendors featuring some exciting jewelry and unique gift items.

Starting at 9 a.m. and running until 2 p.m., come visit Town Square for a stroll, some shopping and listen to music as you browse. The Farmers' Market will be going on at the same time.

For more information, visit the downtown web site, www.downtownvacaville.com, call the office, (707) 451-2100, or visit their Facebook wall, "Downtown Vacaville Official Facebook Page."



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Sports

Track team travels for Division II Championships

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The Winters Warriors track team traveled to Central Valley High School in Shasta on Friday, May 20, to compete in the Division II Northern Section Championships. The girls JV team had the most success as a team, placing fifth out of nine teams. The varsity boys were sixth, the varsity girls placed eighth and the JV boys were ninth.

Paige Wright led the JV girls with a bronze in the 100 hurdles in 17.96 and a bronze in the 300 hurdles with a time of 56.17. Angelica Arelano took bronze in the 1600 with a time of 6:03.40 and placed sixth in the 800 in 2:48.49. Anelle Concepcion took bronze in the long jump with a leap of 13'9.75". Concepcion also placed sixth in the triple jump with a jump of 27'9.5" just behind Sarena Cliche who placed fifth with a jump of 28'11". The JV girls 4x100 relay team of Paige Wright, Alex Balasek, Cliche and Concepcion placed fifth



Photo by Eric Lucero
Chris Mayes in the front takes the baton from teammate Logan Fox in the back for the final leg of the JV boys 4x100 relay during a recent track meet at Winters High School.

with a time of 58.36.

For the varsity girls, Taylor Hofstrand placed fifth in the shot put with a toss of 27'11", while Chloe Graf placed sixth in the 400 meters in 1:05.30.

For the varsity boys Alex Evanoff placed third in the 400 meters in 52.58. Trevor Wright was third in the 110 hurdles in 15.90. Daniel Navarette

placed sixth in the 800 meters in 2:11.84 and was seventh in the 1600 with a time of 5:06.95. Keli Callison placed eighth place in the shot put with a toss of 40'0.50". The varsity boys 4x400 relay team of Evanoff, D. J. Tice, Wright and Navarette took bronze with a time of 3:42.12.

Chris Mayes took home the bronze in the high jump with a

jump of 5'4". Jacob Ivory placed sixth in the triple jump with a distance of 35'. Colten Montgomery was eighth in the long jump at 15'6.5". Logan Fox placed fifth in the 110 hurdles in 17.64. Justin Nitzkowski placed sixth in the 3200 meters in 11:19.76 was sixth in the 1600 with a time of 5:05.75 and was eighth in the 800 in 2:25.00.

Fierros, Hernandez given top soccer honors

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

After leading the Winters Warriors boys soccer team to a share of the Butte View League title and runner-up at the section championship game, Dagoberto Fierros and Felipe Hernandez were both awarded an MVP Award at the Warriors banquet. On April 16, the Warriors held their end of the year banquet to celebrate their 13-2-0 overall record and their 11-1-0 BVL record.

Winters had plenty to celebrate and gave out several awards to individuals but the top awards went to Fierros and Hernandez. Fierros was named the Butte View League Offensive MVP while Hernandez was given the Team MVP Award.

Life jacket trade-in day planned

The Solano County Sheriff's Office, in partnership with the California Department of Boating and Waterways, will hold a "life jacket trade-in day" This on Friday, May 27, from 1-3 p.m. in front of the Vacaville Sam's Club, located at 1500 Helen Power Drive.

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Photo by Eric Lucero
Dagoberto Fierros left and Felipe Hernandez right hold up their awards they received at the Winters Warriors boys soccer annual banquet.

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Sign ups & fundraising options also available.

Young competitors



Courtesy photo
At the Unity Bay Area karate sports tournament in Vallejo, Isaiah Gains competed in the 7-8 year old Kata Division, earning an award, and Marin Spalding competed in the 9-10 year olds and also earned an award. Both did very well and are committed martial artists, said their teacher/sifu Louie Javier.

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Tess Hyer

Tess Hyer, a senior captain on the Winters High School varsity softball team is this week's athlete of the week. Hyer has been a starter on the varsity team all four years of high school and has a career batting average of over .330. This season Hyer had a batting average over .400 and led the Butte View League in RBI with 25 on the season. In one of the last games of the season against Orland, Hyer batted 4 for 5 with five RBI and two runs scored. In her final game against Sutter, Hyer batted 3 for 6 with three runs scored and three RBI.

“Tess is the best athlete on the team,” said coach John Neil. “She will definitely be missed next year.”



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Schools

School board recognizes dedicated staff

By **DEBBIE HEMENWAY**
Express staff

The final meeting of the Winters School Board for the 2010-11 school year managed to combine three ongoing themes in one short evening: celebration, routine business and attempts to define a style of governance.

The celebratory aspect of the evening led off, with end-of-year recognition of employees who have been nominated by their peers and supervisors for their dedication and service to the district. Receiving certificates, handshakes and WJUSD ballpoint pens were Waggoner School teachers Connie Balasek and Ambi Gardner. JoanE Jusell of Waggoner was also honored, but was not present because she was attending her daughter's college graduation.

Transportation staff invited for recognition were crossing guard Wendy Duquette and bus drivers David Duncan, Marie Boone, Jim Ledesma, Saundra McKinney and Tom Ryel. Elva Pedraza, who is an instructional aide at both Waggoner School and Winters High School, was also on hand for honors.

WHS junior Anderson Bouwens, board student representative for this year and next, was thanked for both the information and the humor he brings to trustees' meetings.

The final recognition of the evening was also the final recognition of the lengthy careers of two retiring district employees: Tom Crisp, Winters High School math teacher and athletic director, and Laura Smith, long-serving administrative assistant to a series of su-

perintendents. Crisp was not present and Smith, who has sat at the superintendent's side at board meetings for as long as nearly anyone in district can remember, received a standing ovation from everyone present.

Dr. Jowel Laguerre, superintendent/president of Solano Community College, then engaged the board's attention with a report on the college's progress and future vision and the place that Winters holds in that vision.

The college, which was in danger of losing its accreditation just a few years ago, has recovered and received "full accreditation with no sanctions" earlier this year, paving the way to "realizing our potential." That potential, Laguerre said, includes "reaching out to our community," and "Winters is an integral part" of that community.

Noting the proximity of the Vacaville Center, Laguerre said, "We want Winters Joint Unified to take full advantage of the resources" it has to offer.

To that end, WJUSD will be participating in a fall computer class in conjunction with SCC and the district has become a "preferred organization for technology donations" by the college.

In the interest of building relationships, Winters will be the site of an upcoming session to discuss and develop an "educational master plan."

Acknowledging the particular needs of students who do not read at grade level and their risk of either not graduating from high school or not going on to school beyond grade 12, Laguerre described a "Saturday College

Project," which will use some 500 volunteers in Winters, Vacaville and Fairfield to tutor students. He also made reference to a plan that would allow high school juniors and seniors to take classes simultaneously at both institutions. It would even be possible for a motivated student to graduate from Solano before he or she graduated from high school.

Board President Dan Maguire thanked Laguerre and told the other trustees and the public how excited he is by the possibilities that collaboration between WJUSD and SCC presents.

Math instruction

Emilie Simmons, director of educational services, brought to the board a requested update on efforts to improve math instruction K-12. Paul Pechin, consultant with P2P Consulting, has a \$20,000 contract with the district to facilitate partnerships with all grade levels, to design and implement an intervention system K-12 to keep students from falling behind, and to create a climate in which student assessment data can be used to inform instruction and plan those interventions.

To that end, Pechin has visited school sites and met with staff in various combinations. By May 31, all site administrators are to receive binders with paper and electronic copies of benchmark assessment items, which are tests and projects that students will need to pass in order to demonstrate their mastery of math standards.

Following the math update, Simmons stayed at the podium to present recommendations from the district's writing committee/curriculum steer-

ing committee.

The committee recommends that the district continue its practice of three writing assessments per year, each in a specified domain of writing. It is also expected that teachers will prepare students for the assessments by giving prior assignments in the domains to be tested and that at least one piece of writing per year be done through a step-by-step process from pre-writing through drafts and revisions to a final product.

The recommendations were approved.

Other items

Also approved was the annual request for minimum days on Wednesdays for the upcoming school year. On those days, staff development activities are scheduled and undertaken to improve instruction and student achievement.

The Winters High School discipline matrix was on the agenda as an approval item, but Trustee Mike Olivas expressed a concern that board approval of the particulars of the policy, which is already embedded in Education Code law, would amount to micromanagement of what is "a fluid document" and would require board approval of every and any change. The board concurred and the item was changed to being informational in nature.

Sandra Ayon, Winters Middle School principal, brought to the board proposed eligibility requirements for extracurricular and co-curricular activities. Noting the grade point requirements for participation, Trustee David Reynoso expressed his appreciation that

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Expressing pride



Courtesy photo
Jenyse Lichwa brought her Winters Express to the graduation ceremony for her son, Daniel Lichwa. Daniel completed his basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas on May 5.

Kids can be a dentist for a day

The Winters Healthcare Foundation Dental Office is hosting its second annual "Dentist for a Day" Dental Day Camp. The camp is free, and is offered to children 6-14 years of age.

This program is designed to provide an inside look on how a

dental office runs. The children will get to see what an assistant, hygienist and dentist do everyday, and explore the dental field as a possible career choice in the future. The program provides hands-on training in processing and sterilizing in-

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Hooked on Winters news



Courtesy photo
The city with everything from A to Z in the USA now includes the Winters Express. Ever since Justin Hyer left for school at Azusa Pacific University, his grandmother (Winters resident Kay Montgomery) has been mailing him the Express. His friends, who have been collectively dubbed "The Fearsome Foursome" on campus — from left, Meghan Easley, Taylor Henderson, Aaron Acosta and Hyer — are now hooked on Winters news and came to Winters for Spring Break this year.

TRADE

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Deputies from the Sheriff's Marine Patrol Bureau will be present to inspect life jackets. If a life jacket is found to be unserviceable, a new one of the appropriate size will be provided free of charge.

Life jackets will be available only while supplies last.

Boat owners may also bring their recreational boats to the event for a free vessel safety inspection.

For more information, call Deputy Andrew Hendrix at (707) 784-1382.

SCHOOL

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“you are raising the bar” for students.

Trustee Olivas was also unhappy with a report brought to the board by Chief Business Officer Gloria Hahn regarding water and sewer rates. Economic and Planning System, Inc., is a consulting firm to whom the district has paid \$4,250 to date to “provide the district with a better understanding of the reasons for significant increases” in rates and the appropriateness of the rates set for WJUSD by the City of Winters.

“EPS has determined that nothing can be discerned from the information provided” by the city and the district “does not plan to pursue the matter further at this time.”

Olivas expressed incredulity that the consultants were unable to complete the task they had been given.

The board passed the annual “Approval of declaration of need for fully qualified teachers,” which addresses the requirement that teachers be credentialed in their areas of assignment.

Between the recognition and the business items, trustee reports and public input were given.

Winters High School FFA student and Northern Section FFA Austin Calvert reported on the recent FFA convention in Fresno, attended by many Winters students. Calvert described student successes at the convention and used those successes as a springboard from which to encourage the Trustees to “continue to understand the importance of ag education,” not only for its direct agricultural applications but also for its carryover into the classroom and into the teaching of leadership skills.

David Paratore, of Rominger Intermediate School, also addressed the board. Echoing Dr. Laguerre’s earlier comments on the importance of reading, Paratore told the trustees that recent cuts will have a serious negative impact on reading instruction at the site and asked the board to fund a half-time reading position, the cost

of which would be approximately \$36,000.

Trustee reports

When it was time for trustee reports, board president Dan Maguire said he wished to make his remarks first rather than last, as is the usual case. After reading a letter of apology to Superintendent Rebecca Gillespie and Winters High School principal Gary Miller for a situation which had arisen in a workshop the previous week, Maguire then made forceful, personal remarks about the way the board conducts itself.

In open session at the prior school board meeting, a board member brought up a solicitation of input from high school staff directed to three members regarding staff perceptions of conditions at the high school. Referencing the board’s agreements not to “bring up surprises” at meetings, Maguire made clear his intention to “not do business that way” anymore. Maguire also noted that there was an implication that the solicitations came from board members themselves and that they had been put on the spot, thereby derailing the purpose of the meeting, which was to discuss good governance.

Liz Coman, high school librarian, was in the audience and informed the board that it was she who had asked for the input and that she apologized “for the brouhaha that was created.”

Trustee Robyn Rominger, one the three trustees who were requested to give input, concurred with Maguire “on our agreement of no surprises. I felt embarrassed and on the spot and that is not the way I want to do business.”

“I want to hear from everybody in the community — positive, negative — I want to hear them all. And I want everyone to feel that they can contact me without fear of retaliation,” said Rominger.

Trustee Robert Warren, who was also among the three, acknowledged that “sometimes my mouth outruns my mind and I

know I make mistakes, but I am an elected official and I need to correspond with staff and the community.

“Did I solicit info? In this town you don’t need to,” said Warren. Trustee David Hyde commented, “We need to move forward in a positive manner” and Reynoso echoed the sentiment, saying, “We need to do the work of the district; we need to invigorate people.”

Maguire also informed the board and the public of “a legal document from the Grand Jury,” received that day, which he said would remain confidential until May 23.

Following open session the board adjourned to closed session to discuss the Superintendent’s evaluation. The closed session lasted approximately two hours, after which they reconvened in open session and told the then-empty meeting room that “no reportable action was taken.”

The next scheduled meeting of the board is at 6:30 pm on Thursday, June 9, at the district office, 909 West Grant Avenue.

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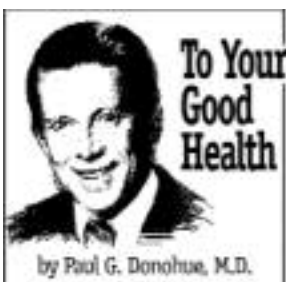
DEAR DR. DONOHUE: For several years I have had spasms in my left leg at night while asleep. Now I get them in my right leg. They are intense and painful. My calcium is normal. I have taken magnesium and leg-cramp pills without results. I have put soap in the bed, used mustard and tried many other home remedies without any luck. I would be indebted for any other suggestions you might offer. — S.G.

ANSWER: Nighttime leg muscle cramps are another one of the joys of aging. Why? I don't know. A cramp is a sustained, painful muscle contraction. In a very small number of people, low blood calcium or magnesium, an underactive thyroid gland and dysfunctions of the kidney or liver might be the cause. For most, a cause cannot be found.

Quinine was a favorite remedy. Now quinine has a limited use — only for malaria. It has potentially dangerous side effects that make it unwarranted for muscle cramps. Some find that tonic water stops their cramps. That's fine that they do; the amount of quinine in tonic water is quite small. There is evidence that the heart and blood pressure drug diltiazem can be useful. Vitamin B complex — a mixture of the B vitamins, including B-6 — also has some support for its use.

Stretching the leg muscles three times a day and again before going to bed might prevent cramps. One exercise is standing on the lowest step of a stair with heels projecting off the edge of that stair. Raise high on your toes and then slowly lower yourself until the heels are well below the level of the stair. Hold that position for 10 seconds and repeat the exercise 10 times.

Some have found that a warm bath taken before heading to bed stops their cramps. The booklet on restless leg syndrome and nighttime cramps offers a more lengthy treatment of this an-



noying problem. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue — No. 306W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery. ***

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: When I had my last tetanus vaccine, the shot also included pertussis. Doesn't that make it more complicated? Why not one shot at a time to avoid allergic reactions? — I.M.

ANSWER: The tetanus shot is given every 10 years. Included in the tetanus shot is diphtheria vaccine. The material is called Td.

Between the ages of 19 and 64, another vaccine is included in the shot — pertussis, whooping cough. That shot is Tdap. It is substituted for the Td shot and is given only once. Pertussis immunity wanes with age and needs this booster to keep people from contracting whooping cough. Whooping cough isn't just a childhood illness. Older people catch it and spread it. At that stage of life, whooping cough leads to coughing that lasts for many months. The rate of allergic reactions from the combination of these vaccines is quite low. The protection that the combination provides is quite high. ***

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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Trying to crack the chicken code of ethics

Every now and then, I'm faced with a particular situation and each time I'm surprised and unsure about how to proceed. What is the etiquette when I open the coop lid and happen upon a hen in there, in the middle of trying to lay an egg? For me, it was like walking in on someone sitting on the toilet.

The first few times I did it, I actually said (out loud), "Oh, excuse me," closed the lid quietly, and stepped away. Unlike most humans however, the chicken had absolutely no reaction and didn't seem embarrassed at all.

While my hens are lax about privacy in their egg-laying habits, they do, however, seem to have a policy regarding others taking their eggs. Although they are getting used to it, once when I took an egg from the coop while they were present, one of them actually growled at me, I think.

It must be a maternal thing. When Gertie was a surrogate and hatched the three eggs we brought in, she was an excellent mother. She hunted worms and pointed them out to the chicks so they could get them. She followed them everywhere and protected them constantly. At some point, however, she stopped her offerings and protection and now competes with Harriet (the only female, and thus re-



maining, chick from those three) to get the best food. What happened?

These experiences got me thinking about chicken etiquette and rules.

The chickens clearly have rules among themselves and they follow a hierarchy that seems to work for them, although I wouldn't want my kids to treat each other this way. For example, Lola will start digging a bathing dirt hole and just when it's nice and ready, Fiona will come along and jump right in and take over. Now this is something my kids would do to each other, but unlike my boys, Lola doesn't defend her bathing hole — she just lets Fiona commandeer it.

If Gertie gets a good scrap of something or a juicy worm, Hester, Harriet and Fiona will chase after her to steal it even though there's more good stuff on the ground right in front of them. Some of the hens who are evidently higher on the order will peck others (who are clearly lower in the order) if they get too close to the food at the wrong time or sometimes even if they just walk by at a bad time. I can't figure it out exactly, but I see where the expression

"pecking order" comes from — it's a true and observable phenomenon.

The girls even have a system for who enters the coop first in the evening and who sleeps where. Interestingly, (or maybe not), the youngest two chickies (Ruthie and Pearl) stay out latest while the oldest two (Hester and Gertie) retire first.

I think I've figured out the pecking order among my hens. Elders Hester and Gertie are at the top and newbies Ruthie and Pearl are at the bottom, even though they are now much bigger than all the other chickens. The three silkies are somewhere in the middle, with Harriet (the youngest) at the bottom of those three. Little feisty Lola chases off Ruthie and Pearl, who are easily twice her size but don't assert themselves at all. Everyone knows her place in the pecking order.

Their methods seem unloving at times, but the chickens must understand the rules and the reasons for them, and everyone pretty much follows them. After all, they do all sleep together at night and no one goes to bed angry. And that's a good thing.

CryptoQuip

There is a word hidden in each letter of each word. Find another "word" in the "word" and you have the "word". See how many words you can find.

Clue: Beards L

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The Garden Bug

Bees decline

Bees pollinate most of the many crop species that provide much of the world's food. The United Nations environmental agency reports that North America, Europe, the Middle East and parts of Asia have been affected by a decline in bee populations. In North America, there are fewer pollinators than at any time in the past 50 years. Incentives are suggested to restore bee habitats, including adding key flowering plants.

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Pleased to meet you



Name: Gerry Molnar
Occupation: Retired purchasing agent
Hobby: Being with friends and playing cards
Best thing about Winters: "The fine people that I've met."
Fun fact: Walks four to five times per week with friends to keep fit.

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Winter
5 Holiday
8 Adam and Eve's son
12 Dog
13 Work and
14 Burning head
15 High score in darts
17 One's look
18 Apporter
19 Kitchen rack fillers
21 "Memory" musical
24 Greek vessel
25 Host
26 Floors of light
28 Agree silently
29 "Kwan"
31 "Greenie"
32 Polka
33 Curative
36 Father
37 Fine
38 Information
39 "Kaspar"
40 Clamorous
41 Retain
43 Knife
46 Rescue parties
49 Exile
51 "Whit Work"

DOWN

1 "Mamma"
2 "Mamma"
3 "de fer"
4 Group
5 Wabers
6 Circus
7 Census
8 Gymnastic
9 Something
10 Genealogy
11 Divorce
12 Depot (Abb.)
13 Mexican money
14 "Star"
15 Bookends
16 Funny Leno
17 Back when
18 Wonka
19 Vespene
20 Feedbag
21 Mashed
22 Ceiling
23 Sam dance
24 Trumpet
25 "Two"
26 "Two"
27 Early bird?
28 Fly variety
29 Stop
30 Recedes
31 Capricorn
32 "baked in"
33 "Two"
34 Vah
35 East
36 "Two"

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Gifts box is missing. 2. Jackie box is different. 3. Name on boat. 4. Worm on hook. 5. Birds are missing. 6. Cloud in gone.

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King Crossword

Solution time: 25 mins.

Answers

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CryptoQuip

pro-teer diet
adolescents. I'd call it a
made especially for
it's eating right is
the answer

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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Home conditions still demand attention. Also, keep an open mind about a sudden question of trust involving a close friend. All the facts are not yet in.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) With summer just around the corner, travel begins to dominate your sign. Make plans carefully to avoid potential problems in the first half of June.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A romantic Libra sets a challenge that your "sensible" side might question, but your idealistic self finds the prospect too intriguing to resist. The choice is yours.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Those tense times in your personal life are just about over. Concentrate on reaffirming relationships. Your love of travel opens a surprising new opportunity.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The Big Cat usually loves to be in the center of things. But this week it might be wiser to watch and learn from the sidelines. A Pisces wants to make you purr.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) "New" is your watchword this week. Be open to new ideas, both on the job and in your personal life. A romantic Aries or Sagittarian beckons.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Some difficult family decisions have to be faced, but be sure to get more facts before you act. Be careful not to neglect your health during this trying time.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You still need to support a loved one through a difficult time. Meanwhile, things continue to work out to your benefit in the workplace.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Aspects continue to favor expanding social opportunities. A Gemini reaches out to offer a chance for re-establishing a once-close relationship.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) There's a potential for misunderstanding in both your job and your personal life. A full explanation of your intentions helps smooth things over.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You might be feeling restless on the job, but delay making any major moves until all the facts are in. A Scorpio has a surprising revelation.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your business sense works to your advantage as you sort through the possibilities that are opening up. A Libra is Cupid's best bet for your romantic prospects.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a gift for being open-minded about people. This helps you make friends easily. You do very well in public service.

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City of Winters weekly police report

May 16
~ 4:28 p.m., Railroad Avenue and East Main Street, graffiti was written on public property. Damage: Clean-up costs.

May 17
~ 9:45 a.m., Kenny Ruiz Cruz, 19, of Winters was booked on a District Attorney letter charging him with driving under the influence of alcohol with a blood alcohol content of over .08%, driving with a suspended revoked driver's license, driving at an unsafe speed, and making an unsafe vehicle turning movement. Cruz was also arrested on an outstanding Winters Police Department bench warrant charging him with violation of probation on previous charges of driving under the influence of alcohol with a blood alcohol content of over .08% and violating probation. After booking, Cruz was transported to the Yolo County Jail for incarceration on the bench warrant charges.

~ Noon, 300 block of First Street, a Mexican Consulate Identification card was re-

ported as lost.

~ 3:20 p.m., Kathryn Mary Wright, 31, of Winters was booked and released on a District Attorney letter charging her with petty theft.
~ 6:46 p.m., 800 block of Carrion Circle, a vehicle was vandalized using a baseball bat and unknown other objects. The investigation continues.
~ 10:46 pm – Terrence Blevins Dailey, 21, of Winters was issued a notice to appear for being an unlicensed driver, failing to stop at a stop sign and failing to provide proof of insurance.

May 18
~ 12:53 p.m., 1000 block of Suffolk Place, an officer responded to an audible alarm. The residence was found secure.
~ 8:13 p.m., John Cody Creamer, 21, of Woodland was issued a notice to appear for reckless driving in a parking lot.
~ 11:13 p.m., Anderson Avenue and Carrion Circle, accelerant was poured onto a parked vehicle and the vehicle was set ablaze. Damage:

\$1,650.

May 19
~ Time unknown, 100 block of Grant Avenue, a wallet was lost. Loss: \$25.
~ 7:55 a.m., County Road 31 and Interstate -505, an officer assisted a Yolo County Sheriff Deputy with a call of a male juvenile walking alone along County Road 31.
~ 8:09 p.m., 1000 block of Eisenhower Way, a stolen ATV was recovered. The case is being forwarded to the District Attorney for a complaint of possession of stolen property.

May 20
~ 4:49 p.m., 700 block of Railroad Avenue, an officer responded to an audible alarm. The business was found secure.

May 22
~ 10:33 p.m., 4500 block of Putah Creek Road, two officers assisted a Solano County Sheriff Deputy disturbance of an intoxicated female.
~ 3:19 a.m., Owings Court, two officers assisted a Yolo County Sheriff deputy with a verbal altercation that escalated to a physical altercation.

ply: \$55 for cats and kittens and \$75 for dogs and puppies.
The fees support the cost of spay or neuter, testing for heartworm for dogs or FELV/FIV for cats, rabies vaccines, DHPP and Bordatella vaccine for dogs, and FVRCP vaccine for cats and microchip for both!
“To help our community, please spay and

neuter your pets,” says Vicky Fletcher, business services manager for the Animal Shelter.
The Yolo County Animal Shelter is located at 2640 E. Gibson Road in Woodland, is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, closed 1-2 p.m. for lunch
For more information, call 668-5287 ext 0.

City of Winters weekly fire report

May 10
~ State Highway 128 at Positas Road, medical aid, motorcycle accident

May 11
~ 100 block of Almeria Place, medical aid, bleeding hand
~ 400 block of Morgan Street, smoke detector sounding
~ 1000 block of Roosevelt Avenue, unknown medical aid

May 12
~ 400 block of Anderson Avenue, medical aid back pain from fall

May 13
~ County Road 87E and State Highway 128, non injury vehicle accident

May 14

~ 700 block of Taylor Street, medical aid, stomach pains

May 15
~ County Road 90 north of State Highway 128, medical aid, vehicle rolled over victim's shoulder

May 18
~ 10 block of Anderson Avenue, vehicle on fire

May 19
~ 400 block of Morgan Street, smoke alarm sounding
~ 100 block of East Grant Avenue, victim hit by a car
~ County Road 31 at County Road 92E, vehicle in a ditch

May 20
~ 400 block of Mor-

gan Street, smoke alarm sounding
~ 29000 block of County Road 28, unknown medical aid

May 21
~ 400 block of Morgan Street, smoke alarm sounding
~ State Highway 128 at County Road 87, vehicle accident
~ 700 block of Taylor Street, fire investigation embers from outdoor barbecue chimney

May 22
~ Grant Avenue, fire in open field
~ 400 block of Morgan Street, medical aid, difficulty breathing
~ 100 block of Purtell Ctourt, medical aid, seizures.

DENTIST

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struments, teeth cleaning, sealants, impressions, fillings and much more.

The Dental Camp will be held at the Winters Healthcare Dental Office, 31 Main Street, on Monday, June 20, and will consist of two sessions. Session 1, 8-11:30 a.m.; Session 2, 1-4 p.m. Space is limited to 12 children per session. Healthy snacks and refreshments will be provided for each session.

For more information about the Dental Day Camp or to register for the Day Camp, call Olivia Barbosa, 795-2157 extension 318.

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Nuestras Noticias



JUAN FERNANDEZ
EVENTOS Y COMENTARIOS HISPANOS

Lo bueno y lo malo

A todos los que llegamos por primera vez a este país, nos impresionamos muchas cosas totalmente diferentes a lo que tenemos en nuestro país de origen, a mi particularmente fue difícil aceptar la la cultura de este país, una cultura que te dice que aquí lo mas importante es uno mismo, y que no importa a veces lo que tengamos que hacer pero lo importante es hacer dinero, y por supuesto el idioma tan diferente al de mi país, pero poco a poco se integra uno a este país, aunque lamentablemente a veces agarramos solo lo que nos conviene, y hacemos a un lado nuestros propios valores que nos identifican como latinoamericanos.

He vivido muchos años en este país y se lo me gusta y lo que no me gusta de este país, solo quiero decir que nosotros como inmigrantes estamos agradecidos con esta tierra que nos dio y nos sigue dando la oportunidad de vivir aquí, formando parte de la sociedad, una sociedad que día a día esta mas diversificada, pero que al final de cuentas eso es lo que hace grande a este país, las diferentes culturas que las personas traen aquí cuando llegan a este país.

Así que me gusta: Lo bien diseñadas que están las calles y las ciudades en general. Por ello, la gente puede usar el auto para todo, hasta para comprar comida y hacer trámites en el banco, sin bajarse.

Pero no me gusta: Precisamente, debido al diseño urbano, las enormes distancias obligan a la gente a tener que usar el auto para todo, hasta para ir a la tiendita de la esquina. Lo que causa que poca gente haga ejercicio.

Me gusta: Poder enviar todos mis pagos y cheques por correo y que lleguen sanos y salvos a su destino (y que además la empresa acreedora adjudique los pagos y no me salga con que “pues fíjese qué pena, pero su pago nunca nos llegó”).

Pero no me gusta: El que los cobradores y las agencias de publicidad usen ese mismo correo para mandarme papeles que en su mayoría son solo basura.

Me gusta: Los diseños de las casas, totalmente abiertas al exterior, sin vallas, sin cercas, y con las ventanas transparentes sin cortinas, para que entre la luz y se vea todo el paisaje de la calle desde dentro. Muy distinto a México y América Latina, donde las casas parecen fuertes resguardados.

Pero no me gusta: Debido a lo anterior, la posibilidad de que todo mundo pueda espiarme cuando estoy dentro de mi casa, cuando como o veo la televisión.

Me gusta: Que existan leyes para todo y para todos. Por esto, uno puede quejarse, protestar y hacer escándalo, o incluso demandar a funcionarios y políticos poderosos si sienten que abusaron de uno. Y que además existan los mecanismos legales y organizaciones encantadas de ayudarlo a uno en caso de necesitarlo, por lo menos para pararse en la calle y salir en la tele con una pancarta.

Pero no me gusta: Precisamente el montón de leyes, regulaciones, y restricciones que existen para todo. Y ay, pobre de aquél que se atreva a no seguirlas, porque le caen encima desde inspectores municipales, hasta las policías locales, del condado, estatales y federales, con sus jueces y todo el peso de la ley.

Me gusta: Lo unidos que están los vecinos de las comunidades, quienes participa en actividades para embellecer sus vecindarios, como limpiar, quitar basura de la calle, borrar grafiti, sin que nadie los esté obligando ni dependiendo de las autoridades.

Pero no me gusta: El que lo vean feo a uno porque no participa ni se entrega en “cuerpo y alma” a la comunidad.

Me gusta: La increíble apertura y total falta de arrogancia del norteamericano promedio, a quien le importa muy poco tu árbol genealógico o genético, y te dé la oportunidad de probarte a ti mismo como persona y profesional, así seas blanco, negro, morado o de cualquier color.

Pero no me gusta: La enorme competencia resultante entre todos los habitantes de este país por lograr “el éxito” en el “Sueño Americano” a cualquier costo, aún pasando por encima de los demás. Y que el que no siga estos preceptos sea tachado de “flojo” y “perdedor”, olvidándose de otros valores, como la familia y tener tiempo para disfrutarlo.

Me gusta: La enorme comodidad que significa tener cerca tiendas donde encuentra uno de todo, desde electrónicos hasta ropa. Y si no te gusta una tienda, siempre hay otra compitiendo a la vuelta, con mejores precios o existencias. (Sobre todo libros, y discos que no encuentras en ninguna otra parte.)

Pero no me gusta: Esa enorme cantidad de oferta, que me tienta a gastar de más, y acabo comprando por comprar. Las más de las veces sin necesitarlo.

Me gusta: Ganar en dólares.

Pero no me gusta: Gastar en dólares.

Me gusta: La increíble amabilidad y accesibilidad del norteamericano promedio, que tienen nula arrogancia y pueden entablar diálogos amigables con un perfecto desconocido y hacerlo sentir bienvenido.

Pero no me gusta: Que esa amabilidad sea superficial, y a veces no se llegue a concretar en amistades verdaderas, aún después de años de conocer a alguien.

Me gusta: La rica e increíble historia de Estados Unidos, con sus éxitos y grandeza que han traído enorme y envidiable bienestar para la mayoría de sus habitantes.

Pero no me gusta: Que ese bienestar se haya logrado en parte abusando de otros más débiles. Y que los actuales habitantes de Estados Unidos se encierren en una cómoda burbuja, alabando las glorias de sus antepasados como si ellos hubieran participado en sus conquistas... pero sin el ánimo ni el empuje de continuar con la tradición que hizo de este país lo que es hoy, para mejorarlo en el futuro.

Solo números

En las actas de nacimiento, pasaportes, licencias de conducir y en todas nuestras identificaciones encontramos nuestros nombres completos. El problema es que en la práctica, nuestros nombres salen sobrando. Yo soy un número, y usted también. Ante el gobierno, las oficinas locales, y hasta las empresas privadas, todos somos números. Para cuestiones de “control”, nuestros nombres no bastan, nos dicen. Y por lo tanto, “necesitamos” tener un número. Y desde pequeños, nos otorgan tales números, y nos obligan a aprenderlos de memoria. Hasta los niños de preescolar deben aprenderse sus “números” a la hora de comer en la cafetería de la escuela.

Si usted se rebela a este requisito, tendrá que sufrir no estar “dentro del sistema”. Y ya verá cómo las pasa duras tratando de comprar, vender o siquiera acceder a los servicios más básicos y sencillos de la sociedad. Hemos muchos a los que los números nomas no nos gustan, pero la costumbre (o la obligación), me ha hecho memorizar montones de cifras y números, no por gusto, sino para sobrevivir en este mundo “moderno”.

Así, pues, he tenido que aprenderme de memoria por ejemplo, mi número de Seguro Social de Estados Unidos. Sin esta “llave mágica”, olvídelo, usted no existe. Tanta es la importancia del “Social Security Number”, que los inmigrantes indocumentados son la prueba viviente y desgarradora de cómo se echa de menos su falta. Ese simple numerito de 9 cifras es la diferencia entre vivir tranquilo, o sentirse perseguido. Entre lograr un empleo decente, o a veces vivir al día. Entre la libertad o la deportación.

Pero esto no es exclusivo de Estados Unidos. En México, al gobierno le encantan los números. Así obligaban a tener a todos los ciudadanos un Registro Federal de Causantes (algo así como el Seguro Social de Estados Unidos). Luego, se les ocurrió que no, que se iba a cambiar por un número distinto, el CURP (Código del Registro de Población, o algo así).

Además, los nuevos sistemas de computadoras nos han impuesto más números que debemos aprendernos para gozar de las bondades de la vida “moderna”. Entre ellos, “números de usuarios”, “números de tarjetas”, números de “cuentahabientes”, “números de membrecía”, y cuántos no. Mención aparte merecen las ultra famosas y ultra necesarias “passwords” y los “PINS”. Estas son las “llaves mágicas” para hacer cualquier cosa que tenga que ver con computadoras, desde tener correo electrónico hasta jugar o checar nuestras cuentas. Sin ellas, no somos nada. Lo bueno es que parece que tras tanto sufrir, los ingenieros ya nos hicieron caso, y las “passwords” y los “PINS” los podemos elegir nosotros. Hasta nos la ponen fácil, diciéndonos que escogamos números que tengan cierto significado para nosotros, para poder recordarlos mejor.

“Así qué fácil”, pensé sonriendo al comenzar a elegir mi primer “password”. Pero eso fue antes de leer la “letra pequeña”: No puede ser un número conocido, como su fecha de nacimiento, el cumpleaños de su perro ni la fecha de independencia. Claro, por su propia “seguridad” contra los “hackers”. No puede ser su número de seguro social, RFC, CURP, ni ningún número que remotamente tenga alguna relación con usted ni con parientes y amigos, hasta siete generaciones atrás. Igual, aguas con los “hackers”. No deben ser una serie de letras o números seguidos, en orden o al revés.

De preferencia deben ser mezclas de

números, de letras, caracteres especiales (%#\$@) de 10 a 12 dígitos y si se puede, en sânscrito o en idioma klin-gon (pero en orden invertido para leerse con un espejo cóncavo). Ah, y se debe cambiar totalmente, cada 30 días. Pero fuera de eso, no hay problema: usted puede usted elegir una clave “fácil” de recordar.

Nuestros padres y abuelos nunca tuvieron que aprenderse tanto número. De hecho, en aquellos años, el único número que la gente se aprendía, era uno: el de su teléfono. Y eso sólo quienes tenían teléfono, que eran una minoría. Vaya, habían domicilios y calles que ni siquiera tenían números.

¿Se va casar?

¿Dio a luz a un bebé?

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State of California, County of Yolo FREDDIE OAKLEY County Clerk/Recorder Linda Smith, Deputy Clerk Published May 26, June 2, 9, 16, 2011 Fictitious Business Name FILED YOLO COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER May 10, 2011 FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK Linda Smith, Deputy FBN NUMBER 2011-409 Fictitious Business Name Ocean Restaurant 104 Main Street, Winters, CA 95694 Name of Registrant: Teresa Wong 104 Main Street, Winters, CA 95694 Business Classification: Individual Beginning Date of Business: 5-10-11. s/Teresa Wong I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the original document on file in this office. This certification is true as long as there are no alterations to the document, AND as long as the document is sealed with a red seal. State of California, County of Yolo FREDDIE OAKLEY County Clerk/Recorder Linda Smith, Deputy Clerk Published May 19, 26, June 2, 9, 2011	BUY OR SELL AVON! Call Shirley, an Independent Sales Rep. (707) 567-0311 16-4tp BUY OR SELL AVON! Call Shirley, an Independent Sales Rep. (707) 567-0311 17-3tp Fictitious Business Name FILED YOLO COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER May 5, 2011 FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK Linda Smith, Deputy FBN NUMBER 2011-398 Fictitious Business Name Firewalker Studios 401 Baylor Dr., Woodland, CA 95695 Name of Registrant: Nancy E. Bobb 401 Baylor Dr., Woodland, CA 95695 Business Classification: Individual Beginning Date of Business: 5/11/2010. s/Nancy E. Bobb I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the original document on file in this office. This certification is true as long as there are no alterations to the document, AND as long as the document is sealed with a red seal. State of California, County of Yolo FREDDIE OAKLEY County Clerk/Recorder Linda Smith, Deputy Clerk Published May 12, 19, 26, June 2, 2011 Statement of Abandonment of Use of Fictitious Business Name FILED YOLO COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER April 28, 2011 FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK Ava Woodard, Deputy FBN NUMBER 2005-1170 Fictitious Business Name Cal Leaders Consulting 244 Cross St., Woodland, CA 95695 The fictitious business name was originally filed in Yolo County on 11/2/2005 and is being ABANDONED by the registrant listed below: Mark A. Nolan 244 Cross St., Woodland, CA 95695 The business was conducted by an individual s/Mark Nolan I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the original document on file in this office. This certification is true as long as there are no alterations to the document, AND as long as the document is sealed with a red seal. State of California, County of Yolo FREDDIE OAKLEY County Clerk/Recorder Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk Published May 12, 19, 26, June 2, 2011	FILED YOLO COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER April 21, 2011 FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK Ava Woodard, Deputy FBN NUMBER 2011-353 Fictitious Business Name Elevation Ten Clarksburg Cellars 35265 Willow Avenue, Suite 104, Clarksburg, CA 95612 Mailing Address: P.O. Box 87, Clarksburg, CA 95612 Name of Registrant: Clarksburg Winery, Inc. 52652 Clarksburg Rd., Clarksburg, CA 95612 Business Classification: Corporation Beginning Date of Business: N/A. s/Andrew Wallace If applicable: Corporation: Clarksburg Winery, Inc. Official Title: Chief Executive Officer. I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the original document on file in this office. This certification is true as long as there are no alterations to the document, AND as long as the document is sealed with a red seal. State of California, County of Yolo FREDDIE OAKLEY County Clerk/Recorder Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk Published May 19, 26, June 2, 9, 2011 Fictitious Business Name FILED YOLO COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER April 26, 2011 FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK Linda Smith, Deputy FBN NUMBER 2011-372 Fictitious Business Name Valley Oak Heating & Air Conditioning 1248 East Oak Ave. #E, Woodland, CA 95776 Business Mailing Address P.O. Box 1766, Woodland, CA 95776 Name of Registrant: Timothy P. Hornbuckle 4530 Rd 89B, Dunnigan, CA 95937 Business Classification: Individual Starting Date of Business: 6/26/1990. s/Timothy P. Hornbuckle If applicable: Corporation/LLC Name: Bruhn Orchard LLC, Official Title: CEO I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the original document on file in this office. This certification is true as long as there are no alterations to the document, AND as long as the document is sealed with a red seal. State of California, County of Yolo FREDDIE OAKLEY County Clerk/Recorder Linda Smith, Deputy Clerk Published May 5, 12, 19, 26, 2011		

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Trustee's Sale

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 11CA00156-1 Order No. 110012729 APN: 003-523-017 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 06/22/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On June 8, 2011 at 10:00 AM, RSM&A Foreclosure Services, as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded June 30, 2005 as Document Number: 2005-0031290-00 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Yolo County, California, executed by: JOSEPH J. GRIJALVA, A SINGLE PERSON, as Trustor, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., acting solely as nominee for MIT LENDING, 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 following location: At the North entrance to the City Hall, 1110 West Capitol, Sacramento, 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 describing the land therein: Legal description as more fully described in said deed of trust. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: **708 ASTER 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. 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: \$357,267.38 (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 recording. Date: 05/17/2011 RSM&A Foreclosure Services 15165 Ventura Boulevard, Suite 330 Sherman Oaks, CA 91403 805-804-5616 For specific information on sales including bid amounts call (714) 277-4845. Kimberly A. Karas, Authorized Agent of RSM&A Foreclosure Services, FEI#1045.01160 05/19/2011, 05/26/2011, 06/02/2011

Fictitious Business Name

FILED YOLO COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER
 May 11, 2011
 FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK
 Ava Woodard, Deputy
 FBN NUMBER 2011-416
 Fictitious Business Name
 Miracle Incense Co.
 2204 Rice, W.Sacramento, CA 95691
 Name of Registrant:
 Jai K Saechao
 3204 Oriole Way, Antelope, CA 95843
 Koy K Saechao
 550 Maple St #A, West Sacramento, CA 95691
 Business Classification: General Partnership
 Beginning Date of Business: 5/9/2011.
 s/Jai Saechao/Koy Saechao
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 State of California, County of Yolo
 FREDDIE OAKLEY County Clerk/Recorder
 Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk
 Published May 26, June 2, 9, 16, 2011

Trustee's Sale

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 11-0015504 Title Order No. 110099632 Investor/Insurer No. 135518763 APN No. 003-513-006 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 04/25/2006. 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 STEPHEN B RUTLEDGE, AND CHERYL RUTLEDGE, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS, dated 04/25/2006 and recorded 05/02/06, as Instrument No. 2006-0017171-00, in Book -, Page -, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Yolo County, State of California, will sell on 06/20/2011 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: **631 FOXGLOVE CIRCLE, 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 \$500,562.38. It is possible that at the time of sale the unpaid 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: 05/26/2011 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA-914-01-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 93063 Phone: (800) 281 8219, Sale Information (626) 927-4399 By: - Trustee's Sale Officer RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. ASAP# 3992549 05/26/2011, 06/02/2011, 06/09/2011

Statement of Abandonment of Use of Fictitious Business Name

FILED YOLO COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER
 May 11, 2011
 FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK
 Lupe Ramirez, Deputy
 FBN NUMBER 2010-402
 Fictitious Business Name
 Ocean Restaurant
 104 Main Street, Winters, CA 95694
 The fictitious business name was originally filed in Yolo County and is being ABANDONED by the registrant listed below:
 Duong Nam Hoang
 6226 Pantano Dr., Sacto, CA 95824
 The business was conducted by an individual
 s/Duong Nam Hoang
 I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the original document on file in this office. This certification is true as long as there are no alterations to the document, AND as long as the document is sealed with a red seal.
 State of California, County of Yolo
 FREDDIE OAKLEY County Clerk/Recorder
 Lupe Ramirez, Deputy Clerk
 Published May 19, 26, June 2, 9, 2011

Trustee's Sale

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. : 20100015010462 Title Order No.: 100624250 FNA/APM/ No.: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 08/03/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NDEX WEST, LLC, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 08/14/2007 as Instrument No. 2007-0028586-00 of official records in the office of the County Recorder of YOLO County, State of CALIFORNIA. EXECUTED BY: DAVID BARBOSA AND VICKI A BARBOSA, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States). DATE OF SALE: 06/01/2011 TIME OF SALE: 12:00 PM PLACE OF SALE: AT THE REAR (NORTH) ENTRANCE TO THE CITY HALL BUILDING, 1110 WEST CAPITOL AVENUE, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA. STREET ADDRESS and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: **201 ROSA AVE, WINTERS, CALIFORNIA 95694**. APN#: 003-273-007 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, 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. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$391,405.97. 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. FOR TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: AGENCY SALES & POSTING 3210 EL CAMINO REAL, SUITE 200 IRVINE, CA 92602 714-730-2727 www.lpsasap.com NDEX West, L.L.C. as Trustee Dated: 05/09/2011 NDEX West, L.L.C. MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NDEX West, L.L.C. 15000 Surveyor Boulevard, Suite 500 Addison, Texas 75001-9013 Telephone: (866) 795-1852 Telecopier: (972) 661-7800 ASAP# 3988773 05/12/2011, 05/19/2011, 05/26/2011

Fictitious Business Name

FILED YOLO COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER
 May 13, 2011
 FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK
 Linda Smith, Deputy
 FBN NUMBER 2011-427
 Fictitious Business Name
 Gay Travel Exchange
 2655 Portage Bay East #8, Davis, CA 95616
 Name of Registrant
 Rob Woodman
 2655 Portage Bay East #8, Davis, CA 95616
 Business Classification: Individual
 Starting Date of Business: N/A.
 s/Rob Woodman
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 State of California, County of Yolo
 FREDDIE OAKLEY County Clerk/Recorder
 Linda Smith, Deputy Clerk
 Published May 26, June 2, 9, 16, 2011

Trustee's Sale

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 11-0007591 Title Order No. 110055624 Investor/Insurer No. 12107453 APN No. 003-144-005 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 06/06/2006. 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 JEFFREY MASTELLER, A MARRIED MAN, AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, dated 06/06/2006 and recorded 06/15/06, as Instrument No. 2006-0023416-00, in Book -, Page -, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Yolo County, State of California, will sell on 06/02/2011 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: **610 SECOND 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 \$372,252.49. It is possible that at the time of sale the unpaid 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: 05/12/2011 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# 3984123 05/12/2011, 05/19/2011, 05/26/2011

Trustee's Sale

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No.: A387648 CA Unit Code A-Loan No.: 22812134/BORGES AP #1: 064-262-005-000 T.D. SERVICE COMPANY, as duly appointed Trustee under the following described Deed of Trust WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (in the forms which are lawful tender in the United States) and/or the cashier's, certified or other checks specified in Civil Code Section 2924h (payable in full at the time of sale to T.D. Service Company) all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property hereinafter described: Trustor: EDUARDO BORGES, GABRIELA BORGES Recorded March 14, 2005 as Instr. No. 2005-0011589-00 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 April 29, 2009 as Instr. No. 09-12686 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 47A, NORTH PARK UNIT NO. 1, IN THE CITY OF COUNTY OF YOLO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS SHOWN ON MAP FILED NOVEMBER 7, 1980 IN BOOK 12, PAGE 26 AND 27 OF MAPS IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED MARCH 5, 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. **298 WEST WOODLAND AVENUE, WOODLAND, CA 95695** ("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: JUNE 7, 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 \$291,475.77. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. BAC Home Loan Servicing LP, has obtained from the Commissioner of Corporations a final order of exemption pursuant to California civil code section 2923.53 that is current and valid on the date the accompanying Notice of Sale is filed. 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: May 3, 2011 T.D. SERVICE COMPANY as said Trustee, T.D. Service Company Agent for the Trustee and as Authorized Agent for the Beneficiary MARLENE CLEGHORN, ASSISTANT SECRETARY T.D. SERVICE COMPANY 1820 E. FIRST ST., SUITE 210, P.O. BOX 11988 SANTA ANA, CA 92711-1988 We are assisting the Beneficiary to collect a debt and any information we obtain will be used for that purpose whether received orally or in writing. If available, the expected opening bid and/or postponement information may be obtained by calling the following telephone number(s) on the day before the sale: (714) 480-5690 or you may access sales information at www.tacforeclosures.com. TAC# 935342 PUB: 05/12/11, 05/19/11, 05/26/11 THIS NEW NOTICE SUPERSEDES AND REPLACES ANY PREVIOUS NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU MAY HAVE RECEIVED UNDER T.S. # A387648