

Who is this?

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Is it safe?

◆ PG&E replacing segment of natural gas pipelines here

By DEBRA DeANGELO
Express editor

Last week didn't mark only one horrific event. Besides the 10-year anniversary of the September 11 terrorist attacks, Sept. 9 was the one-year anniversary of the San Bruno gas line explosions, which sent a wall of fire 1,000 feet into the air, killing eight, injuring more than 50, incinerating 38 homes and damaging seven more. The shock from the blast registered as a 1.1 magnitude earthquake by the U. S. Geological Survey.

The source of the blast was the failure of a 30-inch diameter natural gas pipeline belonging to PG&E. According to a story by the San Jose Mercury News, in the year that passed, federal authorities issued “a blistering report summing up a yearlong investigation,” in which PG&E was denounced for “a litany of failures that led to the deadly San Bruno blast and accused the company of ignoring clear warnings that could have prevented the disaster.”

The story implicates shoddy workmanship on the welded steel pipe that carries the natural gas, along with PG&E's “failure for 54 years to detect a seri-



Photo by Debra DeAngelo
These orange warning markers are placed at regular intervals along the Valley Oak Drive median strip, noting that natural gas pipelines run underneath.

ous welding flaw in the pipe, which finally broke apart Sept. 9 when an electrical glitch at a Milpitas gas-line terminal caused a slight increase in gas pressure.”

Another aging, 30-inch diameter natural gas line runs through the west side of Winters, right underneath Valley Oak Drive. Not everyone in town seems to be aware of the pipeline, but those who are — particularly

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Supes split District 5, Winters joins District 2

Yolo County Supervisors decided to split the Fifth District up at their Sept. 13 meeting, redrawing county district lines that expand District 2 to include Winters.

Tem Cecilia Aguiar-Curry notified the Express of developments from the meeting, where she spoke on Winters' behalf.

The meeting oc-

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Photo by Debra DeAngelo
The new safety facility at 700 and 702 Main Street (corner of Main and West Grant Avenue) houses the Winters Police and Fire Departments. Personnel from both departments started moving in last week.



Photo by Debra DeAngelo
Lieutenant Sergio Gutierrez packs boxes into his patrol car while moving to the new safety facility.



Photo by Debra DeAngelo
Winters firefighter Jason Van Doren works on an air line on the fire department side of the new safety facility.

Moving day

By DEBRA DeANGELO
Express editor

They're movin' on up — to a brand new 44,000 square foot building, collectively known as the Winters Safety Facility, home of the Winters Police and Fire Departments. It's been nearly two years since the project broke ground at the northwest corner of West Grant Avenue and Main Street, and the looming red and blue metal building seemed a bit shocking in contrast to the residential neighborhood around it.

Now that the landscaping and signage are in, and police cars and firetrucks pulling on site, the new energy-efficient facility is shaping up to be a gem for the community. Costing \$8.4 million just to construct, the facility is expected to serve the Winters community for 50 years and up to the 12,000 population projection in the city's General Plan. The project was funded by 2007 Redevelopment bonds as well as police and fire impact fees charged to developers, and luckily will not be affected by the state's grab of Redevelopment funds from cities and smaller municipalities.

With the work done and the expense accounted for, all that's left for the remainder of this week is to put in the finishing touches and start hauling in the boxes.

Winters Police Office Todd Barnett was on hand to give an impromptu tour of the facility while technicians were still fine-tuning phone and computer lines, and boxes of books and files were already stacking up in the meeting rooms. First stop was a visit with

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Governor enjoys a 'Day in the Country'



Photo by Debra DeAngelo
Governor Jerry Brown made a surprise visit to Yolo Land Trust's “A Day in the Country,” held on Sunday, Sept. 11, at Park Winters. While sampling the many Yolo County foods and wines offered at the booths lining the grounds, Brown stopped at the Rominger West booth, where Mark West was happy to fill his glass. The annual event, held on the second Saturday in September, is a major fundraiser for the Yolo Land Trust, which seeks to preserve Yolo County ag land for the generations by creating conservation easements for existing farmland. Several Winters growers and businesses participated in the event.

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WEATHER

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

Date	Rain	HI	Lo
Sept. 7		99	60
Sept. 8		102	62
Sept. 9		99	61
Sept. 10		102	66
Sept. 11		100	65
Sept. 12		87	62
Sept. 13		92	62

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OBITUARY

Eugenia Cintas Ramos Gimenez

Eugenia Cintas Ramos Gimenez, 96, died Friday, Sept. 2, 2011, of natural causes at Stollwood Convalescent Hospital. She was born Jan. 25, 1915, to Ramon and Julia Ramos in Vacaville.

She is survived by her son, Gerald Gimenez; four grandchildren, Laura, Kirsten, Shawn and Kevin; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 40 years, Harry Gimenez; and two brothers, Raymond Ramos and John A Ramos; and a sister, Maria Consuelo Campos.

A private burial will take place for family members only. A memorial service was planned on Monday, Sept. 12, at McNary's Funeral Chapel, 458 College St. in Woodland, and was officiated by Edward Kull.

Donations in Eugenia's memory may be made to St. John's Retirement Village, 135 Woodland Ave., Woodland, CA 95695; or Stollwood Convalescent Hospital, 135 Woodland Ave., Woodland, CA 95695.

Man shoots son in leg

Winters police officers responded to a shooting at 6:28 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, on the 200 block of Almond Drive. Initial information was a 74-year-old man intentionally shot his 53-year-old son in the leg.

The victim and his mother had fled the residence under the direction of the police dispatcher.

They contacted responding officers about two blocks away from the scene. The victim, later identified as 53-year-old Stephen Anthony Piszczek, was found to have a gunshot wound to his left leg and received immediate medical aid near the scene from the Winters Fire Department.

Two Winters police officers arrived to the scene and set up a perimeter with the assistance of a Yolo County Sheriff's deputy. Police called into the residence and instructed the suspect to exit unarmed.

The suspect complied and was immediately detained. He was identified as 74-year-

old Terrence Wimberly. Officers entered the residence and secured the gun that was used to shoot Piszczek, a 32-caliber semi-automatic handgun.

Wimberly appeared to be under the influence of alcohol. He admitted to officers that he only intended to shoot his son in the leg and not to kill him, police reported. The incident was a result of a verbal argument between the two, and Wimberly thought his son would become violent due to past altercations.

Wimberly was arrested and charged with a felony assault with a firearm with the intent to cause great bodily injury. He was taken to the Yolo County Jail where he was booked. Piszczek was transported to UC Davis Medical Center by AMR ambulance for medical treatment. His injury was not life-threatening.

The case was forwarded to the Yolo County District Attorney's Office for review.

Police seize large amount of marijuana

Winters police officers initiated a car stop on Sept. 1 at 8:43 p.m. on a blue 1994 Honda Accord after observing it weaving in the roadway while entering the southbound on-ramp to Interstate 505 from eastbound East Grant Avenue.

Upon contact, the officer immediately smelled the strong odor of marijuana emitting from the interior of the vehicle. The driver was identified as Jonathan Lord, 25, of Willow Creek.

Lord was detained and a search of the vehicle uncovered 50 pounds of marijuana inside four large black garbage bags. Lord provided the officer a medical marijuana physician statement and

recommendation card. However, Lord admitted to police that he collected the marijuana from undisclosed growers and locations outside of Yolo County.

Lord was passing through Winters on his way to the Bay Area. He admitted his intent was to transport the marijuana to Oakland and Berkeley areas so he could sell it to dispensaries as well as use it for himself.

He was arrested and charged with felony possession and transportation for sales of marijuana, and taken to Yolo County Jail, where he was booked. The case was forwarded to the Yolo County District Attorney's Office for review.



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On September 20, 1979, fire destroyed the old Winters Dried Fruit Company building, owned by the Mariani Nut Company. Damage was estimated at one million dollars, including \$400,000 in almonds lost in the fire.

50
YEARS AGO

September 28, 1961

Ruth McAntosh was elected president of the Winters High School student body this week, defeating Steve Meyer for the post by a vote of 76 to 70.

The Winters High School Warriors football team defeated Maxwell 13-0 on the local field Friday evening. Fullback "Spider" Thomas and halfback Steve Meyer rolled up 258 yards on the ground and accounted for both touchdowns through the air.

Gary Molina won the Winters Merchants Football Contest last week by picking 13 out of 15 games correctly to win the \$10 cash prize.

Howard Hansen and his son Dale, of West Sacramento, spent an enjoyable weekend on a hunting trip in the northern part of the state, near Alturas.

Mrs. Ruby Brewer was installed president of the Women's Missionary Union of the First Baptist Church at a candlelight ceremony Sunday evening.

Mrs. Harry Day and Mrs. Marc Faye Jr. were named to two-year terms as directors of the Yolo County chapter of the American Red Cross at the annual election of the organization held Monday at Hotel Woodland.

65
YEARS AGO

September 27, 1946

Winters' Western Auto Dealer Store will open as soon as shortages of materials and supplies will allow, Lin Schroeder, owner, stated yesterday. In any event the store is not likely to open until after November 15, he stated. The store will be in the George Moore building on Main Street.

Bob Kiefer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence E. Kiefer, underwent an emergency appendectomy at Woodland Clinic Hospital at 7:45 p.m. Tuesday.

Lt. Edwin Neel, who has been on furlough visit with relatives here, left last week for his station at Bolling Field, Washington, D.C., where he is Production Control Officer.

Twenty-eight members of Winters High School band marched in the Old Timer's Day celebration at Benicia.

Born in Sacramento, September 23, 1946, to Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Bryan (nee Jean Hansel) of Winters, a son.

Mrs. Max Dalgaard hosted a dinner party, in compliment to Mr. and Mrs. M. Pena, of Santa Cruz, old neighbors of the Wolfskill area.

100
YEARS AGO

September 29, 1911

The matter of utilizing Clear Lake as a reservoir for irrigation in Yolo County is still quietly alive.

P.H. Johnson continues to dispose of his valuable orchard property, having sold 29 acres on the south side of the far famed R.R. Ave. to his son, Henry.

The County Board of Health has condemned the Union schoolhouse as unsanitary.

T.W. Guthrie has rented his place, is advertising an auction sale of his farming implements and will give up active farming.

E. Graf is having some repairs and additions made to his country residence.

Mrs. Charles Martel of Pleasants Valley has purchased a 1912 four door four cylinder Reo.

D.O. Judy was among the speakers against saloons during the campaign at Willows which ended last week.

Sunday is Bible School Rally Day at the Christian Church.

Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Brinck returned Saturday from Wilbur Springs where they have spent the past two weeks.

Berryessa down .42 of a foot

The level of Lake Berryessa fell by .42 of a foot during the past week, with a reduction in storage of 7,445 acre feet of water, according to Ken Emigh of Solano Irrigation District.

He reported Tuesday morning that the lake was 427.22 feet above sea level, with storage computed at 1,318,217 acre feet of water.

The SID is diverting 390 second feet of water into the Putah South Canal and 29 second feet is flowing in Putah Creek at the Diversion Dam.

Evaporation on Lake Berryessa averaged 288 acre feet of water per day during the week.

115
YEARS AGO

September 25, 1896

At the county convention of the Prohibitionist party held in Woodland Friday, T.H. Fenley, of Winters, was nominated for assemblyman.

Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, of Colorado, will be the speaker Monday evening next in Armory Hall, Woodland, in the interests of Amendment No. VI.

H.H. North, son of George North, of this place, has again been nominated for the assembly from the fiftieth district, Oakland.

A hunting party consisting of Charles Graf, Sash Cooper, George Worth and William Harriman returned Wednesday from a trip to the Eel river. They brought home a large quantity of jerked venison, having killed 13 deer.

Miss Siebolt, who taught the kindergarten here last year, is preparing to reopen her school. Her school will be opened Tuesday next in the Griffith building adjoining Riner Brothers livery stable.

A Bryan and Sewell free silver club will be organized in Winters Monday night. The club when in running order will make arrangements for campaign rallies.



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Street naming process stumbles

By **DEBRA DeANGELO**
Express editor

It appeared to be a simple enough task: Pick a name for County Road 90, which runs near the planned Burger King and Arco project. City Manager John Donlevy had a recommendation — Chapman Lane — based on a list of historical Winters names provided by the historical committee. “Chapman” was the first name on the list.

However, there was also a list of Winters veterans killed in action on an additional list, and the council chose to give the issue more thought at the Sept. 6 meeting. Following some discussion, the council decided to alternate between the two lists when naming streets and to begin with the veterans list.

Donlevy wrote the name of each Winters veteran killed in action onto pieces of paper and put them in a bag, with the chosen name selected by Mayor Woody Fridae. However, there was one veteran on the list who wasn't actually a Winters resident. Guess which one Fridae chose.

There was a moment, however, when the name of Vietnam veteran James D. Ozbun, received a quiet moment of respect, as “Ozbun Lane” was spoken for the first time. And likely the last. Upon further investigation by Donlevy and the Express, with no trace of Ozbun to be found, it was determined that he in fact was a Fairfield resident and had no ties to Winters.

How his name came

to be on the list remains a mystery, but Donlevy is continuing to research the snafu and distributed an email after the meeting announcing that the street naming will be redone at the Sept. 20 city council meeting.

Prior to the name selection, council member Mike Martin expressed a preference for beginning with Vietnam War veterans, and pointed out that the Chapman name has already been honored with the dedication of the trestle bridge as the Robert Chapman Memorial Bridge. Fridae queried Martin as to why he preferred the Vietnam War rather than World War II or Korea.

“I would be satisfied with any of them,” said Martin, adding, “Maybe for myself it's personal. I knew these young men. For me, it would be an honor for this council to do that.”

Fridae recommended a city policy that specifies the street naming process, and council member Harold Anderson recommended that all the veterans killed in action be considered together.

“We don't want to get into a situation of ‘Well, we knew that person,’” said Anderson, to which Martin agreed, but pointed out that there are many streets in Winters named after presidents and trees, and even amongst the historical names, they're from decades ago.

“I am in favor of picking a Vietnam veteran,” Martin reiterated. “There are plenty of people in the com-

munity our age who haven't had someone who has been recognized. It's glaring.”

With that Fridae suggested picking a Vietnam veteran for this time, then alternate between historic and veterans in the future, adding, “I agree with Harold. I don't want to be in position of picking someone I knew or am in favor of.”

A motion to approve the city street naming policy as stated by Fridae was approved unanimously, as was a resolution renaming County Road 90 “Ozbun Lane.”

Other items

~ Fridae honored former planning commissioner Corinne Martinez for her service on the commission and presented her with a plaque. Former commissioner Glenn DeVries was also to be honored, but was absent. Martinez thanked the council for the opportunity to work on the planning commission.

~ The second reading and adoption of the city ordinance amending the Design Review section of the Winters Municipal code passed unanimously.

~ Council members Cecilia Aguiar-Curry and Tom McMasters Stone were appointed to the Winters Fire Board, which includes two city council representatives. McMasters Stone, who is on a leave of absence, was specifically mentioned for the appointment due to his extensive experience as a firefighter and captain. Since he was not

See **COUNCIL** on page A-7

Race will roar through town

By **MARCIA GIBBS**
Special to the Express

Speed and excitement will once again be charging through the streets of downtown Winters with the 2nd Annual Winters Criterium Bike Race. On Sunday Sept. 18, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., cyclists will be competing on a downtown loop that includes Main, Railroad, Edwards, First, Abbey and Second Streets. It is a great opportunity for spectators to watch as the cyclists reach speeds of 30-35 miles per hour in packs of 30-50 riders.

The Winters Education Foundation, Velo City and the Davis Bike Club will host the race. All proceeds will bene-

fit the Winters Public Schools. Destined to become one of the premier cycling events in Northern California, last year's race brought over 200 cyclists to town. For many it was their first visit and the racers' reaction was positive. They liked the town, the course and the friendly people who supported the race.



One of the day's highlights will be the kid's race, which is scheduled for 11:55 a.m. This non-competitive part of the event is for children from 4-12 years to promote cycling as a great sport for children and healthy living. The kid's race is free and local children are

encouraged to sign up, bring their bikes and ride the course.

To accommodate local merchants, there will be plenty of signs for patrons indicating where to park and how to access downtown businesses. Local escorts will be provided by the City of Winters to ensure that everyone can easily get to where they need to go via electric shuttle, if needed.

This race will bring new folks to town and they will be encouraged to shop in our stores and eat at our restaurants. Local merchants will be sponsoring races and providing goods for “preem” laps.

See **RACE** on page A-6





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LETTERS

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The Winters Criterium (downtown bike race) will be held on Sunday, Sept. 18, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. We will need help with set up and tear down, registration, course marshalling, kid's race, T-shirt sales and many other jobs.

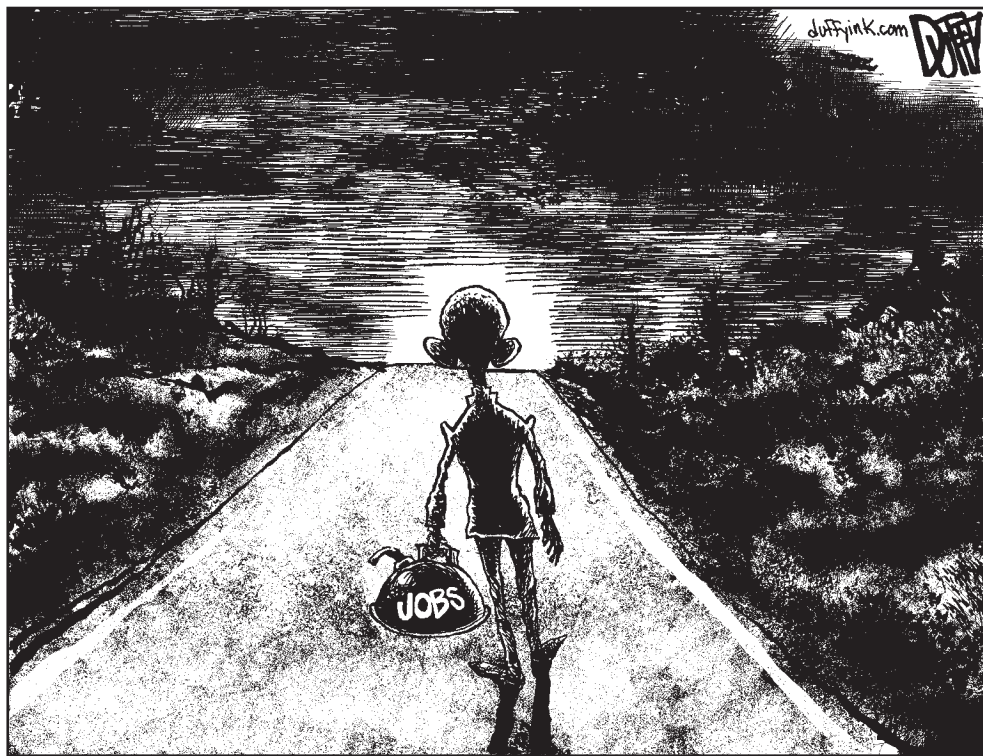
If you volunteered to help with the Criterium last year and had a good time, or if you missed it last year and would like to volunteer, or if you know anyone who would like to volunteer and help to raise money for our public schools in Winters now is the time to sign up.

We are holding a volunteer orientation and training meeting on Friday, Sept. 16, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Winters Public Library. We ask that all volunteers attend if possible, as we need everyone to sign a waiver for insurance purposes. If you can't make this meeting, but still want to help on the 18th, please call me at 795-0144

We will once again have a kid's race for ages 4-12, which is the non-competitive part of the race. If interested, please stop by Velo City Bike shop and pick up the registration form. You must bring it with you the day of the race and a parent must sign the form.

Registration for the kid's race closes at 11:15 a.m.; you need be there to register before this time or you will not be able to participate. Please arrive early to register. The kid's race begins at 11:55 a.m.

If you are unable to be a part of this exciting day and would like to make a donation to WEF, please visit our website, www.mywef.org, or mail a donation to P.O. Box 1047. WEF is an



approved non-profit organization for tax purposes. All donations and funds raised go directly to support education in our local schools.

Thanks in advance to all who can come out and make this event a success.

ERIN MEANS-REYNOSO

Forum focuses on business

The Winters Chamber of Commerce and Woodland Healthcare invite the local and surrounding community businesses to the first Winters Business Forum. This half-day, educational event featuring a variety of business topics ranging from healthcare reform to stress management will be held on Thursday, Sept. 22 from 7:30-11:30 a.m. at the Community Center.

Guest speakers include Christopher Kelsch, M.A. MPH, executive director of Winters Healthcare Foundation. He will be discussing the impact of the healthcare reform to the business community. Eric Dair, Attorney at Law and Dennis Huie Attorney at Law from Hanna, Brophy, Maclean, McCall & Jensen, LLP, from Sacramento will discuss Workers Compensation and em-

ployment law. Peggy Schechter, R.N., BSN, PHN, NCM of Woodland Healthcare will talk about health and wellness in the workplace, and the forum will conclude with Heidi Mazares, R.N., Certified CDSM Master Trainer of Woodland Healthcare will discuss ways to manage stress.

We are bringing timely and useful information to businesses. This is information that applies to all businesses, and it is something everyone can act on when they get back to the office.

The cost to attend is \$15 for Chamber members and \$20 for non-members. Space is limited, so anyone interested in attending is encouraged to register with the Chamber of Commerce by calling 795-2329.

AL ALDRETE
Executive Director
Winters Chamber

Thanks, Russ

Congratulations and a big thank you to Russ Lester for contacting Senator Lois Wolk and introducing SB 489.

California must lead the way in implementing clean, renewable energy policies. Please call Governor Brown before Sept. 20 to ask him to sign the Renewable Energy Equity Act, SB 489.

JEAN-MARC LEININGER

Wonderful

Thanks to all for making Winters Middle School Back to School Night a wonderful success. To all our parents who showed their support by attending and for surviving the sprinkling they received at the raffle, to the Linton family and Cody's Market for providing a delicious dinner in the heat of the day, to Eagle Drug, Lester Farms, Pacific Hardware, Steady Eddy's and Subway for their generous donations to our Raffle and always stepping up to show their support of Winters youth, thanks!

SANDRA AVON
Principal
WINTERS MIDDLE SCHOOL STAFF

Just great

The Winters Chamber of Commerce would like to thank the Winters community coming out and participating in the 20th annual Earthquake Street Festival. We would also like to thank the many volunteers, without whom we would not have been able to have such a successful event.

Lastly, but most certainly not least, we would like to thank the sponsors of this event: 93.5 KUIC FM, Pacific Ace Hardware, Solano Construction, Wis-



CHARLES R. WALLACE
A QUICK OPINION

I'M FROM DAVIS and I'm here to help. It looks like the City of Winters will be taken out of the 5th Supervisorial District, which includes the rural areas of Western Yolo County, and added to the 2nd Supervisorial District, which is Davis. There will be one more supervisor's meeting in a couple of weeks to finalize the maps, but the cards have been dealt.

What does it mean to be added to the Davis supervisorial district? It means that someone from Winters will never be elected to the board of supervisors. We may vote for someone from Davis, but I can't imagine a majority of voters in Davis voting for a Harold Anderson, Cecilia Curry-Aguir or anyone from Winters. It may happen, but I wouldn't bet the farm.

Every 10 years the United States goes through redistricting. From county supervisors to United States Congressmen, almost every line gets redrawn. Districts are based on population, so if there is a shift in population, like this time to the southern part of the country, there are lines to be redrawn. Some states pick up congressmen and some states lose congressmen, but all states have at least one. This is one of the few times in history that California didn't add a single congressman. We didn't lose any, either.

We voted to have an independent commission re-draw our congressional and state representative for California this time around. They are just finishing up their report and will let everyone know who we get to vote for at the next election. Maybe we should have an independent commission re-draw our supervisorial districts in Yolo County? The results couldn't be any worse.

FIXING UP THE CREEK. Everyone should give a big hand to those that help keep Putah Creek flowing, cleaned up and accessible. There is another cleanup day planned for this Saturday, Sept. 17, from 9 a.m. to noon. To sign up to help go to www.putahcreekcouncil.org or call 795-3006.

This is an offshoot of the Coastal Cleanup Day that started 27 years ago with a woman, Julie Neilson, organizing a cleanup day on the Oregon coast. The California Coastal Commission picked up on the idea the next year and it has spread to rivers and creeks.

If you are around this weekend, give volunteering a try. You may find out that you like the creek more than you thought. Have a good week.

combe Funeral Home, V. Santoni & Co., El Pueblo, Lester Farms Bakery, Milton Carpenter Funeral Home, Roundtable Pizza, and Yolo Federal Credit Union.

This event helps the Winters Chamber of Commerce to have the funds to put on other events, and continue

its mission of promoting economic growth and advocating for the success of its members and the business community.

Thank you to all who were a part of this event. We look forward to next year.

AL ALDRETE
Executive Director
Winters Chamber

Never forget that every moment matters, and remember them all, just in case

My husband gets on airplanes the way the rest of us get on buses or into our cars — no biggie, just part of the daily routine, just another random Tuesday morning.

I kiss him goodbye when he heads out the door, and try not to worry while he's in the air, but there's no try, Yoda, and I fret and fuss until the moment my cell phone rings: "Hi, baby, I'm on the ground in Chicago..." "Hi, baby, I'm on the ground in Philadelphia..." "Hi baby, I'm on the ground in Madrid..."

And then I exhale. Sometimes, when we're lying in bed at night, the moonlight through the curtains gently backlights his chiseled profile... forehead, nose, lips, chin, all rimmed in a thin, golden glow. I soak it in, and then close my eyes and run my fingertips slowly, lightly, over every inch and curve of his face, recording each plane and angle.

"What are you doing," he'll ask me, sleepily.

"Memorizing." But I don't add, "just in case."

My son had a rocky childhood and adolescence, for sure. He flew the nest at the first possible moment, and weren't we both relieved about that. He hit stride in his 20s, got through college, entered the workforce and is even starting his own business. Life wasn't kind to Jimmy, but he's succeeding. Anyway.

So grown up, but I feel like I held him for the first time just yesterday, and now he's almost 30! He's so old!

I'm so old. Wow. I inhale deeply, and exhale slowly.

Visits with my son are more like watching standup comedy than conversation — I'm merely the rapt audience of one. Why fight it. I sit back, just along for the ride, and absorb the cadence of his voice, the wild, wacky expressions and raucous, lively laughter. Life may have taken a bite out of his hide, but not his



DEBRA DeANGELO
BECAUSE I SAY SO

sense of humor. His eyes still sparkle with mischief and wonder just like when he was a toddler. I peer adoringly through the veneer of adulthood, and I can still see my sassy, saucy, spunky little boy, but so animated is he, telling his story, he doesn't notice. He doesn't ask me what I'm doing. But if he did, I'd reply, "Memorizing."

Just in case.

My daughter lives in San Francisco. She walks, bikes, busses and BARTs her way around like she owns the place, and God help the panhandling soul who looks at her the wrong way. Conquered college, conquered the city, and life, well... life, I suggest you submit to her will now. Why make it hard on yourself. Fearless as a honey

badger, she is. And yet... every moment she's away has an asterisk, a niggling tug on my mind's sleeve: My baby, all alone in the big, bad city.

And I hold my breath. Even as I breathe, I'm always holding my breath.

Until I see her. Then the asterisks dissolve, and I can enjoy the moment — maybe a bottle of red over tapas, and plenty of intelligent, sharp conversation. Suddenly, I'll feel giddy. And not from the wine. Just from listening to her.

Where did this bright, beautiful being come from? Certainly not from me. I was just the conduit. And she'll catch me gazing at her in starstruck wonder, and fix her ridiculously huge, green eyes right on me.

"Stop it," she'll command.

She calls it staring. I call it memorizing.

Just in case.

Profiles. Laughter. Conversations. I burn them into memory, etch them into my very neurons, every mannerism and inflection, every bump, every eyelash, every embrace, every "I love you." They complain that I "stare" too much. But it could never be enough.

I can get away with tracing my husband's face, memorizing with my fingertips, creating a tactile trail, and he patiently obliges because he's accepted that I'm a bit nutty that way. But my children would never tolerate that. Of course, they don't realize I've already done it.

I can close my eyes and in my mind, trace every round, silky curve, the tiny earlobes and lips, the tender nostrils and firm, sweet cheeks, and brush my nose through the curling wisps of hair, and inhale the intoxicating scent of heaven itself.

This is my "Never Forget." And not just memories past, but moments present. Be-

cause sometimes husbands don't return from random business trips, and that cell phone never rings. And sometimes sons choose to go to war rather than college, and you're left to peer at your little boy through the veneer of the grave. And sometimes brave, bright young women are hard at work in some big building in some big city, and then a jet flies into it, and nothing's left but ash and memories.

That's what September 11 taught me. We must Never Forget. Just in case. Because life is flippantly cruel and unpredictable enough on its own, without any assistance from crazed religious fanatics. And you never know which phone call or story or conversation will be the last. So, trace a nose with your fingertip and laugh out loud and share a bottle of wine, and be thoroughly, exceedingly, dizzyingly grateful that we're all still here, we're all okay. Inhale, exhale... just keep breathing.

Never Forget. Every Moment. Matters.

MOVING

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Police Chief Bruce Muramoto, who was getting acquainted with his new office.

Muramoto expressed great pride and satisfaction with the project, for which he has been a key player since the start, offering input on everything from construction to the purchase of office furniture.

"The city got such a tremendous facility for the cost," said Muramoto. "A lot of engineering went into it."

He noted that Dennis Dong was the architect for the project, and helped make sure that Winters would get the biggest value for its dollar. For example, the facility is essentially constructed of three metal buildings, which "reduced the construction cost significantly," said Muramoto.

He noted that the facility was supposed to have been completed in 2010, but unusually wet weather kept stalling construction work. Besides inclement weather, Muramoto says Dong faced a variety of economy-related challenges, such as bankruptcies and layoffs amongst his subcontractors, which do the actual construction. Yet, the project plodded on, and the end result will be spotlighted in a grand opening ceremony for the community in October.

The public will be invited to tour the facility, which is a quantum leap improvement from the cramped, crowded and outdated buildings that formerly housed the police and fire departments. Muramoto is planning to post photos from the old police department so the public can see the difference between the two buildings, and the photos are striking.

How different is it? Like comparing a worn-out footlocker to a palace. Vastly more spacious than the old buildings, every room is state of the art. Having more space will allow both departments not only to function more efficiently, but to also offer public events and even to serve as an emergency shelter in the event of a natural disaster such as a flood or earthquake. The facility has its own power generators, so even a major power outage will not affect it.

"This facility will be able to keep up," said Muramoto, noting that it "could even house City Hall if it had to." He added that computer servers will be located at the facility to protect city documents and records from being destroyed.

Beyond the chief's spacious new office, Barnett led the way through the maze of rooms now available to the police department for a variety of purposes, from training to investigations, interviews and interrogations. There are spacious locker rooms, a break room and shared exercise facility with the fire department, and ample storage for files and evidence. Even suspects will have better digs in the new facility, with separate holding cells for men and women, or adults and juveniles, compared to the old "holding cell" that was essentially a bar on the

wall, to which a suspect was secured with handcuffs.

Barnett says all of the officers are appreciative of having so much space in which to work.

"We were bursting at the seams," says Barnett. "We had no more room, even for a reserve officer." He adds that the reserve officer had to use the women's locker room to store his equipment and belongings because there was just not another inch of space in the old building.

Barnett leads the way to the file storage area, demonstrating how each row of file cabinets rolls along a track, while unnecessary rows collapse together, all with the turn of a large metal wheel. At the old building, Barnett says officers had to slide along a wall past stacks of boxes and climb over things just to reach the filing cabinet.

"We had no room. It's almost like being able to breathe now," says Barnett. "We have places to put our stuff."

He points out that the cramped old police building wasn't just inconvenient, it bordered on being unsafe.

"We were dysfunctional there. It was unsafe for everybody that worked there, unsafe for police officers and unsafe for prisoners. You need a professional facility to do your job professionally."

Besides efficiency, Barnett says the new facility is a real morale boost to the officers.

"I love it," says Barnett. "I'm not going to be embarrassed when other agencies come to follow up or visit."

He is particularly pleased with the locker rooms, which he says "are the best police locker rooms in Yolo County." The men's locker room has 29 lockers and the women's has seven. Each locker has a power outlet for the officers' rechargeable equipment and the rooms have shower facilities.

"We've gone from the worst to the best," says Barnett.

Even better than the locker rooms, says Barnett is the training room which he says will allow the police department to have its own trainings on site rather than having to travel to Woodland, West Sacramento and even the Bay Area for training.

Unfortunately, when the time came to visit with the fire department personnel, they'd been called out on an emergency and had to drop everything and hit the road, so Barnett led the tour of the fire department facility as well.

The main bay of the fire department, which will house firetrucks as well as community events like fish fries and pancake breakfasts, is immense compared to the old community room at the Abbey Street firehouse. Easily four or five times the size of the old one, this room is equipped with huge overhead fans and swamp coolers as well as floor heaters, which will make the public more comfortable whether it's a community dinner or emergency housing.

The fire department has a downstairs

kitchen for public events, and another one upstairs in the living quarters, which look much like brand new college dorms, complete with a spacious living room filled with recliners and what looks like a rack for a yet-to-be installed flat screen TV.

Firefighters and captains will do 48-hour shifts at the new facility, eating and sleeping at the firehouse, which will significantly cut down the emergency response time. As it was, firefighters had to drive from home to the firehouse, change, get the trucks out and head to an emergency. In the new facility, everything will be close at hand and there's even a fire pole, down which firefighters can slide in a hurry for emergency calls.

The fire department will also have three out of four ports in a separate storage

building, where they can house antique firetrucks and do maintenance work.

Although the new fire department building is infinitely nicer than the old one, a little of the old one's memory will live on — a balcony wall on the second floor of the fire department has a cut-out, in which hangs the old bell that stood for decades in front of the old firehouse.

While the firefighters were out doing their job, back at the old police department, Lieutenant Sergio Gutierrez was busy moving his belongings. Yes, the police officers had to pack their things into their patrol cars and do their moving themselves. With the back of his car stuffed with boxes, Gutierrez paused to confirm what Barnett had said earlier — that the new facility isn't just bells and whistles, it will actually make the com-



Photo by Debra DeAngelo

Officer Todd Barnett demonstrates how the rolling, collapsible filing cabinets work at the new safety facility.

munity safer.

"We will be more effective having the space and area to do a better level of serving the community," said Gutierrez, also offering an impromptu tour of the old digs, still stacked to the rafters with boxes, equipment and files. Gutierrez notes that the old police building, tucked behind City Hall was only 1,000 square feet, "but it felt like four or five hundred."

"Now we can actual-

ly put things in the right places, and we can get to them without having to climb over things or through things."

Even Chief Muramoto, who by this time was back at the old building, offers his own stories about how much better the new building will be. No longer will he have to deal with dead rats stuck in the walls of his office every time the building floods in the winter.

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Community

Mobile Mexican consulate coming to Winters

The Winters Healthcare Foundation is sponsoring a Mobil Mexican Consulate in Winters on Saturday, Oct. 15, at St. Anthony's Parish Hall, 511 Main St. Appointments begin at 9 a.m.

The Mexican Consulate will provide Mexican Consular ID Cards and Mexican Passports to any Mexican National who provides the appropriate documentation. The Consulate staff will also be on hand to answer questions and concerns.

The goal of the Mobil Consulate is to assist community members in obtaining needed documentation without having to take time off of work during the week and find transportation to the Consulate office in Sacramento.

The Mexican Consulate is a representative agency of the Mexican Government. The Consulate provides support, assistance and protection to

Mexican citizens who reside in the United States. Providing travel documentation and identification documents are one of the many services that they offer.

Anyone interested in obtaining an identification card or passport on Oct. 15 must call the Consulate office and make an appointment before Oct. 14. The Consulate will not serve anyone without an appointment. To schedule an appointment, call (877) 639-4835.

To obtain a Consular ID Card, you must bring the following documentation: original birth certificate, marriage certificate for married women, photo ID, and proof of address.

To obtain a Mexican passport you must bring the following documentation: original birth certificate, three photographs (passport size), photo identification and marriage certificate for married women.

Applicants must bring originals of all required documents as well as a photocopy of each document. Those without photocopies will be subject to a longer wait time in order to have photocopies made.

The Consular ID Card costs \$27 and Mexican Passport costs \$74 (three years) or \$101 (six years). Only cash payments will be accepted.

For more information about documentation, payment or requirement, call the Consulate at (877) 639-4835.

The Winters Healthcare Foundation will provide assistance at the event and will have volunteers onsite who can assist with the paperwork and application process. General questions about the organization of the event can be directed to Ana Kormos, of the Winters Healthcare Foundation, at akormos@wintershealth.org or 212-1040.

Thanks for your service!



Photo by Debra DeAngelo

Mayor Woody Fridae presents a plaque to former Winters Planning Commission member Corinne Martinez at the Sept. 6 City Council meeting, in recognition of her service.

Putah Creek Committee to meet on Sept. 19

The Winters Putah Creek Committee will meet on Monday, Sept. 19 at 5:30 p.m. in the conference room at the Community Center. Time will be allowed for the public to address the committee on non-agenda items.

The agenda includes:

- ~ North Bank improvement and nature trail update.
- ~ Parkway/realignment project updates.
- ~ Update on committee representative as a voting member.
- ~ Nomination and election of chair and vice chair.

Volunteers needed for Putah Creek Cleanup

The Putah Creek Council invites the community to join more than 100 other local volunteers to help remove trash from Putah Creek on Sept. 17, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Due to the restoration project in Winters Putah Creek Park, there are a number of new sites volunteers will clean this year.

"Since we won't be able to work in a lot of Winters Putah Creek Park, we decided to clean some of the nearby tributaries that feed into Putah Creek. By focusing there, we will be able to remove the litter before it makes it to the creek," said Libby Earthman, director of Putah Creek Council.

Every year volunteers from Yolo County

and surrounding areas join forces on the third Saturday in September for a morning of creek cleaning, community building, and camaraderie.

This event is part of the larger 27th annual International Coastal Cleanup Day, sponsored in California by the Coastal Commission. During the 2010 California effort, over 82,500 people volunteered at 800 different creek and coastal sites.

Though Putah Creek is not a coastal creek, trash in the waterway ultimately ends up in the Pacific Ocean.

Putah Creek Council invites people of all ages and abilities to attend, and requests that each volunteer bring a water bottle to

cut back on the use of single-use water cups.

The Coastal Commission asks volunteers to bring their own bucket or reusable bag and gloves from home, instead of using the single-use disposable supplies that are provided at every site.

To encourage this, the commission is launching a "Bling Your Bucket" campaign. Volunteers are asked to decorate their Coastal Cleanup Day bucket and take a picture of it in use during the cleanup. Pictures can be posted to the Cleanup's Facebook page, www.facebook.com/CaliforniaCoast or Twitter feed, www.twitter.com/cleanupday to be eligible to be chosen for a Coastal

Cleanup Day prize package.

To register to volunteer for this event and find out about other Yolo County sites, visit www.putahcreekcouncil.org or call 795-3006. Pre-registered volunteers will be treated to a burrito lunch after the cleanup.

This year, a Winters family offered a \$500 matching gift if Putah Creek Council can raise \$1,000 from the community in matching contributions by Sept. 30. Last year, a similar challenge was levied and met. To make a donation, go to www.putahcreekcouncil.org under the news section or call Libby Earthman at 795-3006.

Landscaping, slurry seal remain in streetscape project

By DAN MAGUIRE
City of Winters

The entrance to the alley from Railroad Avenue has been reopened to vehicle traffic.

The majority of the work remaining is planting trees and landscaping the planter areas. Additional work yet to

be completed includes laying the truncated dome bricks (ADA bricks) at all crosswalks.

As indicated in the previous updates to the Express, the first block of Main Street will need to be closed for one day for slurry sealing (putting a new "topcoat" on the surface). The slurry seal will be done on a Monday; most likely the

street closure for the slurry seal will be Monday, Sept. 26. The closure might also be delayed until Monday of the following week. This timeline will be updated in next week's Winters Express.

For additional information, call Dan Maguire at 795-4910, ext. 118.

RACE

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The longer races last 40-60 minutes and preem laps are called out to encourage the riders to sprint across the start/finish line to earn a prize for that lap.

"We hope you will come and watch, have your children participate in the kid's race and find

out how exciting fast-paced Criterium bicycle racing can be," said Criterium organizers.

For more information or questions about adequate access to businesses during the race, contact either Joie Watson, 902-1058, or Bobby Rodriguez, 902-4865.

(Editor's note: The streets mentioned in this story will be closed to automobile traffic and no parking will be allowed from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m.)

Thursday last day to run

The deadline to run for one of four available seats on the Winters Chamber of Commerce board of directors is Thursday, Sept. 15. The election results will be counted in mid-November. Only Chamber members can vote in the election or hold a director's seat.

For more information about the Chamber or running for a director's seat call Executive Director Al Al-drete, 795-2329.

5k Fun Run/Walk

Winters Healthcare Foundation and Anytime Fitness team up for the first Annual 5K Fun Run/Walk

Saturday, September 24, 2011

Check-In begins at 7:00 AM, Race Starts at 8:00 AM
The Race will start at Anytime Fitness, 113 Main Street, Winters, CA 95694

➤ **\$25 per person**

The individual entry fee includes a t-shirt with pre-registration.

➤ **Sponsorships available for \$100**

All proceeds will benefit Winters Healthcare Foundation.

➤ **Register online at**

www.whfandanytimefitnessfunrun.eventbrite.com

For more information, please contact:

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SPLIT

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 curred as the Express was going to press for the week. A complete story will be in next week's Express.

According to Aguiar-Curry, the newly configured District 2 does not extend west all the

way to the Napa County Line.

The Capay Valley will remain with District 5.

The reason for the redistricting was due to a change in Yolo County's population, leaving some districts with too many people and others with not enough.

COUNCIL

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 present, his appointment is contingent on his approval. City Attorney John Wallace noted that "appointing Tom would carry on a long Winters City Council tradition of appointing people to boards when they're absent at meetings."

The second reading and ordinance banning businesses prohibited by state and federal law was approved unanimously.

An award for a construction bid for lift stations, sewer improvements, and phase two of the two-phase Gateway Utilities Project near Interstate 505 was unanimously approved in the amount of \$279,029. GD Nielson Construction, Inc., was the low bidder. An overall budget of \$320,000 was approved unanimously to allow for "contingencies."

Wallace noted that there was a bid protest issued by the second lowest bidder, however, he said "The irregularity is small and we're recommending we go ahead and award the bid." However, even taking the amount of the protested segment of the bid, roughly \$2,000, Wallace said, "either way, it didn't help the second lowest bidder," which came in at \$285,000. Wallace further noted that "state law allows city council to waive things if the process was fair and in public interest," and said the city has met that criteria.

Donlevy announced that the police and fire departments are in the process of moving into the new Public Safety Facility, and should be occupying it by the end of the week of Sept. 12. A ribbon cutting is planned in October.

Aguiar-Curry announced that the Winters Bike Criterium takes place on Sunday, Sept. 18. She noted that some large cycling events have originated or come through Winters over the last few months with no notice provided to the community,

and said that the city will change its application process to include the number of people expected at an event, and if the number is significant, the Winters Chamber of Commerce will be notified and asked to distribute this information to local businesses.

"In fairness to the businesses, it's important to make sure they know that," said Aguiar-Curry.

Aguiar-Curry additionally announced that there will be tree-planting events on Saturday, Oct. 1, at Blue Oak Park, City Park and Valley Oak Park, and said that more help is needed with the carnitas cook-off at the Festival de la Comunidad on Sept. 24.

Fridae thanked the Chamber for a "great event" — the Earthquake Street Festival on Aug. 26.

In the non-agenda portion of the meeting, resident Allison Hapworth Eldridge voiced concerns that the new streetscape work on Main Street included the removal of the parking space in front of First Northern Bank, and also noted a lack of handicapped parking near the bank. She said getting her elderly mother-in-law into the bank without nearby parking required "a heroic effort."

Donlevy announced that the Winters Healthcare Foundation and Anytime Fitness will have a 5K Fun Run on Saturday, Sept. 24.

Donlevy announced that during closed session prior to the regular meeting that night, the council "gave direction regarding 318 Railroad authorizing staff to proceed with reopening of the proposal process."

The meeting was adjourned to closed session on Friday, Sept. 9, regarding negotiations related to the property at 314 Railroad Avenue. Following the closed session, Donlevy said the council gave direction for lease terms at 314 Railroad Avenue to the city's lease negotiator, City Attorney John Wallace.

A little bit country



Photos by Debra DeAngelo

Two of Park Winters' owners, Rafael Galiano and Summer Rodman (above), address the audience at "A Day in the Country," on Sunday, Sept. 11. The annual event is a major fundraiser for the Yolo Land Trust. Below, Paul Muller (center) accepts the Thomson Rominger Award from former California Assemblywoman Helen Thomson and Richard Rominger. The award honors Muller's land conservation efforts over the years.



Main Street Church participating in National Back to Church Sunday

Main Street Church is participating in Back to Church Sunday, a national movement of churches to encourage former church-goers to rediscover church and try it again.

According to LifeWay Research, 38 percent of people are receptive or highly receptive to attending church. Eighty-two percent say they would be open to attending church if a friend invited them. But, unfortunately only 21 percent of active church-going Christians invited someone to church

last year.

Main Street Church is joining with thousands of churches to help change those statistics by inviting everyone to attend church on National Back to Church Sunday, Sept. 18, 10 a.m. The church is located at 201 Main Street, at the corner of Main and Second Streets.

For more information, contact Pastor Steve Rutledge, Main Street Church, 304-9494 or mainstreetchurch@hotmail.com. The church's website is www.mainstreet-church.org

City council meets Tuesday

The Winters City Council will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 20, at 6:30 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall. At press time, there were no discussion or action items, only a consent calendar, which includes minutes from prior meetings, an amplified sound permit for the

Festival de la Comunidad, construction of sidewalks near Waggoner School, and materials sampling for the construction of the "Gateway" utilities project. Consent items are approved with one vote, without discussion. Check the city's website for agenda updates.

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SAFE

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those who live in the neighborhoods along Valley Oak Drive — naturally wonder about the integrity and maintenance of the natural gas here.

Could what happened in San Bruno happen here? It's a question more than one Winters resident has asked, including Valley Oak neighborhood resident Jon Tice, who expressed his concerns about the pipelines at a Winters City Council meeting last fall, following the San Bruno explosion. A visit from a PG&E representative was promised at an upcoming city council meeting, but it never transpired.

So, when local residents noticed PG&E crews and heavy equipment were noticed by local residents just north of Valley Oak Drive, and a long, deep trench being dug and huge pipelines apparently being put in place, people wanted to know what was up. A visit to the site produced nothing more than hastily-snapped photos, as the apparent crew manager there refused to speak to the press.

However, Jason King, in charge of PG&E's external communications, stepped up to field questions about the pipelines in Winters. For starters, King says the line in Winters is not part of the line leading to San Bruno, as some residents believed, and he notes that there is not just one line, but two — Lines 400 and 401 — running through Winters and under the landscaped median strip on Valley Oak Drive. They cross under Dry Creek and Putah Creek on their way out of town to the south.

Within the state of California, these lines run from the Oregon border, bringing natural gas into the U.S. from Canada. One line terminates near Antioch and the other about 40 miles southwest of Fresno, PG&E controls the segment within California. Beyond state lines, King says "other companies own the pipelines in Idaho, Washington, Oregon, and Canada that are part of the same pipeline system which brings the Canadian gas to various parts of California via Lines 400 and 401," and notes that pipeline companies in the United States, including PG&E, must comply with the same federal regulations, as well as any additional regulations.

A story in the June 18, 1992 edition of the Express indicates that Line 401, installed in the spring and summer of 1992, is a 42-inch line. The older, smaller pipeline (Line 400) was constructed in 1960, and this is the line that PG&E is currently working on. King says Line 401 is not being replaced because "it already meets the strength requirements for the population density of the area."

"Line 401 is operating properly pursuant to federal regulations," says King.

King reports that ground and air inspections of the lines are done at regular intervals, and that although no flaws were detected in the Winters lines, PG&E is replacing

about 2,000 feet of some of the older section with stronger pipe. King stresses that PG&E regularly inspects its existing lines, and now has a standard maintenance and pipeline integrity program.

Besides ground and air inspection, PG&E employs robotic "smart pigs" that allow high-definition internal inspections inside of the gas lines, looking for leaks, weaknesses or corrosion. In addition, he says the pressure in the gas lines are regularly tested.

In the Winters area, King reports that the Winters pipelines were pulled in August, with "no issues identified that needed attention." A leak survey was performed in October 2010, and again in April of this year, with no leaks detected in the Winters area. Leak surveys are conducted every six months.

A local corrosion inspection was done locally in July 2011 and King says everything was "operating properly." Corrosion inspections are done every other month. Air patrols are performed monthly to watch out for construction activity near gas lines that could be problematic.

According to King, PG&E is doing everything it can to prevent another incident like the one in San Bruno, such as reducing pressure in its pipelines.

"Our goal is to make sure the integrity is solid and everything is operating safely," says King. "Our number one goal is to make sure the lines are operated and maintained in a way to protect public safety."

King notes that there are mainline shutoff valves for the



Photo by Debra DeAngelo

Two natural gas pipelines belonging to PG&E run underneath this median strip on Valley Oak Drive. The lines run all the way to the U.S. border, on the north, with one line terminating at Antioch and the other just south of Fresno.

pipelines one half-mile north of County Road 32A and 10 miles to the south of town near Vacaville. If a need arose to close the valves, King says "local PG&E personnel would be dispatched immediately."

When asked if the lines are vulnerable to seismic activity, King replies that "gas transmission pipelines and facilities are generally resistant to earthquake damage and should be operational following earthquakes," adding that where pipeline failure might be a risk in specific locations, such as where a line actually crosses an earthquake fault, "the industry practice is to design a pipeline that is more resistant to an earthquake rather than just installing equipment to shut down the line more quickly."

In addition, King says there are pipeline design modifications that can be made where pipelines cross faults, such as changing the pipeline depth at the crossing, changing the pipe specifications at the crossing, and designing the trench backfill

surrounding the pipe to resist deformation and fracture. He adds that these measures have not been taken here "because of the low seismic risk of the pipelines in Winters."

"There are no special measures taken for these pipelines other than the regular maintenance and operations work already in place in Winters and elsewhere," says King.

What has changed?

When asked what PG&E is doing differently after the San Bruno explosion and having been skewered by federal authorities, King responded, "We're overhauling our gas operations and we have installed new leadership with the mandate to change and make our operations and culture more focused on safety."

Specifically, King says PG&E has improved its integrity management and risk assessment programs over the last year by increasing the number of tests and inspections it conducts on its gas system, utilizing the latest tools and technologies to ensure safe operation



Photo by Debra DeAngelo

PG&E is installing a new 2,000 foot segment of natural gas pipeline on the older of two lines coming through Winters. The lines run through the west side of town, right underneath Valley Oak Drive.

and by performing hydrostatic pressure testing on its gas system, with a focus in 2011 on 150 miles of transmission pipelines with characteristics similar to the one in

San Bruno.

"This involves pumping water through a pipeline to test its strength and to identify any leaks that

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Entertainment

Festival de la Comunidad returns Sept. 24



Photo by Dawn Van Dyke

Winters Hispanic Advisory Committee members, from left, Noe Gutierrez, Laura Salas, Leticia Quirarte and Alfonso Salas, invite the community to come and enjoy the Festival de la Comunidad on Saturday, Sept. 24, from 5 to 10 p.m.

Guitarist and harpist coming to Palms

On Saturday, Sept. 17, The Palms presents a co-billing of two of the most amazing acoustic instrument players working today: guitarist Peppino D'Agostino and Paraguayan harpist Carlos Reyes. The show begins at 8:30 p.m.

Acoustic guitarist and composer D'Agostino is one of this country's most distinguished acoustic guitarists. In May 2007, he was voted by readers of Guitar Player Magazine as Best Acoustic Guitarist. His style is broad based — he's an incomparable fingerstyle player who brings the best of his Italian heritage to his beautiful and accessible songs as well as the influences of Irish, Brazilian, folk and classical music. What sets D'Agostino

apart from most other technical guitar wizards is his warm and ebullient spirit. As an entertainer, D'Agostino is a natural and his shows are a beautiful, funny, amazingly positive experience.

Paraguayan harpist and violinist Reyes plays the 36-string harp as well as violin. He began his musical education at the extremely young age of 3 1/2 on the violin. A few years later, his father, a musical and national hero in Paraguay, dared young Reyes to learn the complicated 36-string native Paraguayan harp.

A child prodigy, he took the challenge seriously and has gone on to become one of the world's most amazing performers playing the instrument in both traditional

and contemporary jazz styles. Reyes has played quite a bit over the recent years with Roy Rogers and Steve Miller as well as the late Norton Buffalo, who was one of Reyes' biggest supporters. Reyes is indeed a force of nature and a musician one must to see to believe.

Tickets are \$20. Tickets for all shows are available at Pacific Ace Hardware in Winters, Armadillo Music in Davis, Watermelon Music's new branch location in Woodland, and at the door if not sold out.

For more information, call 795-1825 or visit palmsplayhouse.com, peppinodagostino.com and carlosreyes.com.



Paraguayan harpist Carlos Reyes, at left, will perform at The Palms on Saturday, Sept. 17, with guitarist Peppino D'Agostino.

Courtesy photo

Roots to Wine sponsors Passport Weekend

Roots to Wine invites wine lovers to hit the road on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 8 and 9, for its inaugural Passport Weekend. Passport holders will visit participating wineries and tasting rooms, and enjoy access to exclusive pourings such as vertical flights, library wines and barrel tastings, food and wine pairings, art, music, hands-on educational activities, promotions, special offers and conversations with winemakers.

With crush underway at most local wineries, the smell of freshly pressed wine is sure to be part of the experience. Doors will be open at all of the participating tasting rooms from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days.

Passports can be purchased online at www.rootstowine.com.

About Roots to Wine

Roots to Wine is an association of wine grape growers, producers and wineries from Capay Valley, Davis, Dunnigan Hills, English Hills and Winters, formed to educate consumers on the rich viticultural history of the region and to promote the region's wine grapes and wine, while encouraging cooperation amongst its members and affiliates who share a commitment to delivering quality products and experiences for community members and visitors to the area.

For more information about the Passport Weekend or to join Roots to Wine, email info@rootstowine.com or call the Winters Chamber of Commerce office, 795-2329.

Time to form teams for Library Quiz Show

By REBECCA FRIDAE
Special to the Express

What animals ululate? Who is the president of Mexico? What library fundraiser is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 14, at 7 p.m. at the Community Center?

The answers are, wolves when they howl, Felipe Calderón, and of course, the Library Quiz Show.

If you like trivia, and a good competition, save the date, and gather a group to compete in this exciting event for the library.

For a \$100 entrance fee, teams of five may compete in three rounds of trivia questions to claim the trophy with the title of Trivia Quiz Champion of Winters, and \$200.

Categories will include literature, geography, news, sports, history and Winters trivia. Other categories will be announced at the competition. Mayor Woody Fridae will again serve as master of cere-

monies.

Teams may be sponsored by civic organizations such as Soroptomists, businesses such as Warrior Video, or formed by a group of friends with eclectic minds. WFoL will sponsor student-only teams. People not part of a ready-made team may sign up for a fee of \$20, and form teams of interested individuals.

Those wishing to be a part of the excitement, but not be on a team are

welcome to come watch the fun for an entrance donation of \$2. Refreshments will be sold.

Entrance forms and rules are available at the library. All entries and fees are due by Friday, Oct. 7. Teams may also register at the door for an extra charge of \$20, if all tables are not filled. There is a 10 team limit due to space.

For more, call Rebecca Fridae, 795-4600.



Coming up

Thurs. Sept. 15 - The Gourds
Sat. Sept. 17 - Peppino D'Agostino, Carlos Reyes
Thurs. Sept. 22 - Jim Lauderdale

See the rest of our schedule online at palmsplayhouse.com

Craft bazaar set at Canyon Creek Resort

Canyon Creek Resort will be the site of a Craft Bazaar and Market on Saturday, Sept. 17, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The resort is just east of Monticello dam at 22074

Highway 128.

Crafters and shoppers are welcome, and there will be complimentary tables for vendors.

For more information, send an email to crcmarket@gmail.com.



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SAFE

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may occur,” says King. “We’ll continue pres- mission pipelines be- yond this year in densely populated ar- eas.”

He notes that the use of “smart pigs” is an- other maintenance up- grade since the San Bruno, and that PG&E is modernizing infra- structure and replac- ing older pipe with newer, stronger pipes, like Line 400 in Win- ters. In addition, King says automatic shut- off valves are being in- stalled throughout its pipeline system, in- cluding 29 automatic shut-off valves planned on the San Francisco peninsula. An additional 228 ad- ditional automatic valves are planned system wide by near earthquake faults and in densely populated areas of PG&E’s ser- vice territory.

“We have undertak- en aggressive efforts to verify the accuracy of our records and to val- idate safe operating pressures throughout our system through de- tailed engineering analysis of millions of documents and valida- tion digs to visually confirm pipeline char- acteristics,” said King, adding that PG&E is researching measures taken by other gas companies across the nation for new ideas and improvements.

“We’re looking at the latest technologies available to help us do our job more effective- ly and efficiently. For example, the aerial leak detections sur- veys we’re testing, which are the first of their kind in our in- dustry, will allow us to assess the capability of different aerial leak detection technol- ogies that we could in- clude in our inspec- tion program to aug- ment our foot patrols. We are testing the ac- curacy of that technol- ogy this week in the Winters area.”

Reducing line pres- sure is another mea- sure taken since the San Bruno explosion, says King, particularly in the midst of up- grades, repairs and re- placements.

“While we are taking these aggressive ac- tions to improve our gas operations, we’ve reduced pressure on a number of our pipes to provide an additional margin of safety until we can validate that pipe’s integrity. We will only return oper- ating pressure to nor- mal levels once we have thoroughly demonstrated it is safe to do so.

“We’re taking these aggressive actions to improve the safety and integrity of our gas sys- tem for our customers. We understand that customers have ques- tions and concerns about the pipelines in their area, and we are here to help address those concerns and win back our cus- tomers’ trust.”

Anyone want- ing more information about the gas pipelines can call PG&E’s gas transmis- sion pipeline hotline, (888) 743-7431, between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. on weekdays, or visit www.pge.com/gas/system

Hazardous waste taken Friday, Saturdays

Household hazardous waste is accepted from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. every Friday and Saturday at the Yolo County Central Land- fill, 44090 County Road 28H.

The program can only accept HHW from Yolo County resi- dents. Infectious medical waste will not be accepted. Business hazardous waste from small quantity generators is accepted by appointment only with a fee for business waste disposal. Call (866) 714-8470 to schedule an

appointment.

Senior or disabled residents who cannot drive, and who have HHW in need of proper disposal, can schedule a free pickup by calling (866) 714-8470.

HHW events are sponsored by the Yolo County Department of Planning & Public Works, Divi- sion of Integrated Waste Man- agement. For more information on proper disposal of HHW, call 666 8856 or visit www.yolo-county.org.

Downtown road closure planned for bicycle race

The Winters Educa- tion Foundation will hold its Second Annu- al Winters Criterium Bike Race on Sunday, Sept. 18.

The route goes from First and Main Streets, left on Rail- road, left on Edwards Street, right on First Street, left on Abbey Street, left on Second

Street, and back to the beginning.

No automobile traf- fic or parking will be allowed on the race route streets from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The downtown will fill with about 600 cy- clists again on Satur- day, Oct. 15, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., for the Foxy Fall Bike Ride.



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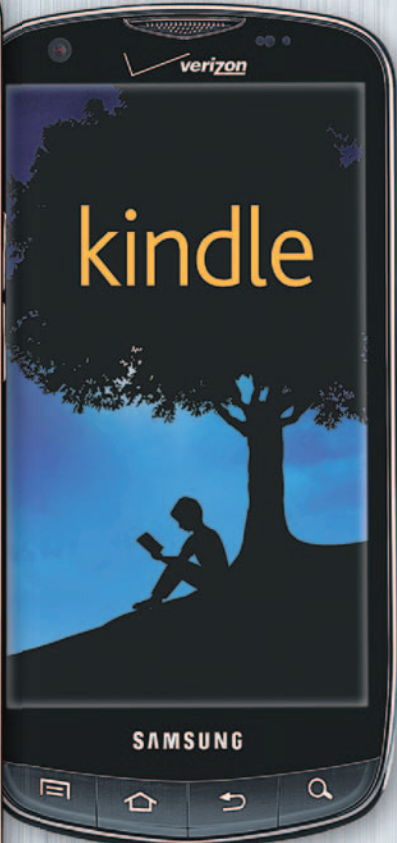
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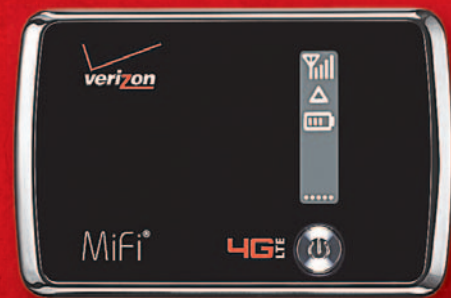
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Sports

Warriors disappointed in football home opener

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

Just when the momentum turned in favor of Winters, the Honkers took advantage of a few Warrior turnovers and ran away with the game on Friday, Sept. 9.

The Winters Warriors varsity football team hosted the Willows Honkers in its home opener and lost a very disappointing game 48 to 29.

After trailing 13-7 at the half, Winters came out in the third and scored early to tie the game. Trevor Wright then picked off the Honkers quarterback to give the Warriors possession of the ball and the momentum of the game. But just a few plays later, the Warriors turned the ball back over to the Honkers and they took advantage of it, scoring quickly and often. Willows put 23 unanswered points on the board in the third quarter. Winters scored 16 points in the fourth quarter, but it wasn't enough as the

Honkers scored 12 more points themselves.

Winters totaled 361 yards of offense with 265 of them on the ground. Jacob Lucero rushed for 104 yards on 18 carries and had three touchdowns to lead the Warriors' ground attack. Nick Mariani had 10 carries for 86 yards from the quarterback position. Brentley Weismann rushed for 26 yards on four carries and had a touchdown. Chris Mayes had 31 yards on two carries and Jason Roberts rushed for 18 yards on five carries.

Mariani connected on 11 passes for 96 yards through the air, two of which were two-point conversions. Lucero was Mariani's favorite target as he caught four passes for 52 yards. Kendric Moore caught three passes for 13 yards and a two-point conversion. Roberts had two receptions for 18 yards and a two-point conversion, while Mayes had two for 13 yards. Omar Herrera made one out of two PAT kicks and

Winters High School Football Schedule - 2011

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	Score
9/2/11	Esparto	Esparto	49-14
9/9/11	Willows	Winters	29-48
9/16/11	Dixon	Dixon	
9/23/11	Amador	Winters	
9/30/11	Anderson	Winters	
10/7/11	Wheatland	Wheatland	
10/14/11	Sutter	Winters	
10/21/11	Orland	Winters	
10/28/11	Gridley	Gridley	
11/4/11	Corning	Corning	

had five touchbacks on five kick-offs.

Defensively, the Warriors had a tough time stopping the Honkers first on the ground and then through the air. Willows totaled 380 yards on 37 plays. Moore had another big night defensively with 13 total tackles. Wright had 11 tackles, Keli Cal-lison had seven, Darby Borges had

six, Lucero had five and Weismann, Blaine Miller and Daniel Lopez each had four, while Roberts, Eli Layne and Fernando Del Rio each had three tackles for the Warriors. Wright had two interceptions and Mayes had one interception.

The Warriors will travel to Dixon on Friday to try and get back on the winning track.

Boys swim team drowns Chico in first meet of season

◆ Montgomery, Tice, Philbrook, Nitzkowski break school record

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The Winters High School swim team hosted its first meet of the season with Chico High School and had an impressive debut. The boys team beat its opponents 87 to 69 and broke the 200 medley relay record by six seconds.

Colten Montgomery had a big day, winning two individual events and helping the 200 medley relay team and the 400 free relay team to a first place finish.

D.J. Tice also had a great day with two individual wins and swimming on two relay teams.

Joining Montgomery and Tice on the relay team were Justin Nitzkowski and Holden Philbrook. The four-some clocked a 1:46.87 for the new school record.

"They just smashed our previous record of 1:53.28," said a very excited coach Kevin Chester. "That record was set back in 1993. This is only the first meet of the season so I know this relay is only going to get better."

In the 200 IM, Tice took first place with a time of 2:11.15, Nitzkowski took third

in 2:17.74 and Zach Williams was sixth in 2:48.14. Tice also won the 100 fly with a winning time of 57.59, Kevin Lane took third in 1:06.18 and Anthony Ferreria was sixth in 1:21.89. In the 100 free, Montgomery had a winning time of 50.47, Philbrook took second in 56.06 and Anderson Bouwens took fifth in 1:01.78.

Montgomery won the 100 backstroke as well with a time of 58.81, Jake Nicholson took fourth in 1:14.90, and Bouwens came in at fifth with a time of 1:15.91. Philbrook also had a first place finish in the 50 free with a time of 24.45, while Imrich Valach came in

third with a time of 25.74. In the 100 breast stroke Nitzkowski took first with a time of 1:10.04, Valach took third in 1:21.58 and Matt Wallace placed fifth in 1:22.69. Lane placed second in the 200 free with a time of 2:09.38, Austin Freed was third in 2:13.15 and Wallace was fifth at 2:20.62. In the 500 free, Freed took second in 5:57.79 and Nicholson was third in 6:15.07.

The 400 free relay team of Montgomery, Philbrook, Nitzkowski and Tice took first place with a time of 3:30.53, while the 200 free relay team of Bouwens, Valach, Lane and Freed placed second with a time of

1:45.23.

The girls team didn't have the success of the boys team, but they did have a very competitive day. Angelica Arellano placed second in the 200 free with a time of 2:19.53. Marie Scholl took third in the 200 IM with a time of 2:43.53 and Vanessa Arellano was fourth in 2:43.93.

In the 50 free, Ash-lynn Neil took third with a time of 28.19 and Mikenna Sims was fourth at 30.39. In the 100 fly, Angelica Arellano took fourth with a time of 1:15.12 and Ashley Shaw was fifth in 1:16.61. Neil placed fourth in the 100 free with a time of 1:05.56 and Ellie Kreun was fifth at 1:10.02. Molly

Nickelson took third in the 500 free with a time of 7:35.11. Kreun placed fourth in the 100 backstroke in 1:16.14. Scholl placed fourth in the 100 breast stroke in 1:22.81, Sims was fifth in 1:29.53 and Nickelson was sixth in 1:29.97.

The 200 free relay team of Neil, Scholl, Nickelson and Kreun placed second in 2:00.85. The 200 medley relay team placed third with Kreun, Scholl, Angelica Arellano and Sims clocking a 2:14.37, while Neil, Angelica Arellano, Vanessa Arellano and Shaw led the 400 free relay team to a third place finish in 4:16.06.

"I must say, I am very

See SWIM on page B-6

Bolla wins Express grid contest

Antoinette Bolla picked 23 of 27 games correctly this week to win the \$30 first prize in the Winters Merchants Football Contest.

One game, the West Virginia-Maryland game, was listed in error.

Four contestants had 23 right, with Albert Acevedo winning the \$15 second prize on the basis of

the tie-breaker score of the Missouri-Arizona State game.

There were 67 points scored in that game with Acevedo picking 57; Tom George, 54; Bob Young, 52; and Fred De Los Santos, 39.

All of the rest of the contestants had 22 or fewer correct selections. Another contest is in this week's Express.

Lady Warriors win two of three

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The Winters Warriors varsity volleyball team won two out of its three games last week to improve its overall record to 3-2-0. Winters started out on Tuesday, Sept. 6, at home against Esparto and beat the Spartans in three straight games, 25-16, 25-19 and 25-18.

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PISANI'S ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Justin Nitzkowski

Justin Nitzkowski, a member of the Winters High School swim team, is athlete of the week.

In the Warriors' first regular meet of the season against Chico, Nitzkowski placed first in the 100 breaststroke and third in the 200 IM.

He also was a member of the 400 free relay team that took first place in a time that was a second away from a school record, and was a member of the 200 medley relay team that shattered the school record. Nitzkowski and teammates Colten Montgomery, Holden Philbrook and T.J. Tice clocked a 1:46.87 breaking a record time of 1:53.28 that had stood since 1993.

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Schools

Got a dirty car?



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Come get your car washed and support the Winters FFA at the same time on Saturday, Sept. 17, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Pisani's Service, at Railroad and Grant avenues. FFA members ready to clean things up are, from left, Baylee Opperman, Chaz Matthew, Daniela Salas and Andrew Gonzales.

School board will meet Thursday

The Winters School Board will meet on Thursday, Sept. 15, at 6:30 p.m. in the Walnut Room at the school district office, 909 W. Grant Ave. The agenda includes:

- ~ Recognition of community member Ramon Del Toro
- ~ Recognition of Wolfskill Continuation High School student Thalia Velarde
- ~ Communication and reports
- ~ 2009-10 California Physical Fitness report
- ~ Accountability progress report overview

- ~ Resolution regarding budget revision
- ~ Unaudited actual financial report and SACS financial report for 2010-11
- ~ Resolution regarding GANN limit
- ~ Budget reduction discussion/workshop follow-up
- ~ Consent agenda
- ~ Closed session to discuss selection of interim superintendent
- ~ Reconvene to open session to approve the employment of an interim superintendent.

FFA members honored at Yolo County Fair

By DANIELA SALAS
Winters FFA

On the week of Aug. 16, Winters FFA traveled to Woodland for the annual Yolo County Fair. There, students exhibited their summer livestock projects. Members worked very hard all summer getting ready for the fair. FFA members raised hogs, sheep, goats, steers, rabbits and turkeys.

On Tuesday, students exhibited their goats for both market and showmanship. The first place advanced showmanship winner was Bridgette Eldridge, and second place novice showmanship went to Brandon Freed. The award for champion and reserve market goat was also given to Eldridge. Winters FFA also brought home the chapter group award for goats.

The hog show took place on Wednesday. Students exhibited their pigs for both market and showmanship. Grand champion pig honors as well as

second place showmanship was won by Abbey Mariani. Second place advanced showmanship was awarded to Alyssa Winslow, and first place novice showmanship was won by Zach Williams. The chapter group award was also awarded to us for the best group of hogs.

The sheep, rabbit and turkey show took place on Thursday. The reserve champion went to Victoria Burke. For advanced showmanship, Sarah Kimes won second place. The prize for first place showmanship went to Jill Otes. For the rabbit category, Maddie Nicolas won champion meat pen.

The fourth day consisted of the beef show, and both novice and advanced large animal round robin. Eldridge received second place in beef showmanship.

Exhibitors who received first or second place in showmanship were given the opportunity to participate in



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Abbey Mariani had the grand champion pig at the Yolo County Fair.



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Winters test scores prove disappointing

(Editor's note: This story was truncated in last week's Express. It is reprinted in its entirety.)

◆ Rominger campus is one exception to downward trend

By DEBBIE HEMENWAY
Staff writer

It is difficult to imagine a denser bureaucratic thicket of rules, regulations, initiatives, programs and acronyms than that which has grown up around the educational accountability movement of the past decade. Schools must conform to and be evaluated by a host of regulations, most of which are measured by numbers and test scores and other objective data, if they wish to receive state and federal funding.

Each year at this time, the state of California releases standardized test scores for all schools and districts and also reveals two sets of rankings,

the Academic Performance Index (API) and Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP).

API scores, which are the state's measurement of progress toward target goals, are computed using formulas that take into account the performance of various subgroups within the school population. Those subgroups are based on ethnicity, socio-economic status, native language and identified disabilities. Further complicating the picture is the fact that not all skills are tested at all grade levels. The target score for all groups in all schools is a minimum of 800; yearly goals are at least 5 points growth in order for a school to be considered to have met the API requirement. The failure of any one group within the school to make the 5-point progress is sufficient to render the API unmet.

API is particularly significant because it is the foundation of Adequate Yearly Progress. AYP is a federal ranking and applies to any school

that accepts federal Title 1 funds. In Winters, Waggoner, Shirley Rominger and Winters Middle School are Title 1 schools.

Title 1 monies provide much of the funding for intervention and support programs and for supplemental materials that are used to help students toward the No Child Left Behind goal of 100 percent proficiency by all youngsters in math and English language arts by the year 2014. According to Acting Superintendent Emilie Simmons, Winters will receive some \$180,000 from Title 1 this year.

Schools that accept Title 1 also accept the conditions that are imposed with the money. Those conditions include identification as underperforming if AYP criteria are unmet for two consecutive years. Such schools are known as Program Improvement schools and have a five-year timeline of prescribed intervention activities to follow.

See TEST on page B-6

Get help with Winters 4-H sign-ups

Help filling out enrollment forms for Winters 4-H members will be offered Tuesdays and Thursdays, during September.

Assistance will be provided from 6 to 8 p.m. at Round Table Pizza, 196 E. Grant Ave., Winters.

If you have any

questions or need any help, stop by during the scheduled hours or call Wendy at 795-6090, Tawnya at 908-6185, or email Winters4H@yahoo.com.

The next club meeting will be Oct. 4 at 7 p.m. at the Winters Fire Department.

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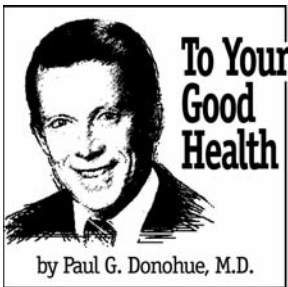
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Know the signs of heart valve trouble

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: For the past five years I have known that I have aortic stenosis. I have no symptoms and no restrictions on what I do. My doctor says I need no treatment. I'm happy about that. Will I have a shortened life? I'm 55. — S.B.



ANSWER: "Stenosis" indicates narrowing. The aortic valve closes when the heart pumps blood out and into the aorta and the entire body. Closure of the valve stops blood from leaking back into the heart. Because the valve and its opening have constricted, the heart has to pump harder to empty itself. That strains the heart, and, in time, leads to heart failure.

Stenosis is relative. Its danger and its consequences depend on how narrow are the opening and valve. Doctors can get an accurate picture of the valve's dimensions through an echocardiogram, a sound wave picture of the heart. When the valve and its opening reach a critical size, decisions are made about the best treatment. Often, it's surgery with the installation of an artificial valve.

If a severely narrowed valve goes untreated, three symptoms develop: chest pain on activity (angina), shortness of breath and fainting spells. Death occurs within three or fewer years unless a new valve is put in place. Surgery is usually performed well before these signs make their appearance. You might never need a correction if the narrowing process stops. You probably wonder how you acquired the valve problem. You might have been born with a valve that had minor defects, which promoted narrowing. Calcifications could have settled on the valve. Or you might have had rheumatic fever as a child, which caused valve deformity.

The booklet on heart-valve disorders gives a comprehensive view on these valves and their treatment. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue—No. 105W, 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: I have had three attacks of gallbladder pain due to gallstones. My doctor is pushing me to have my gallbladder removed. The prospect of surgery doesn't thrill me. Can't these stones be treated in some other way? How does my body function without a gallbladder? — R.C.

ANSWER: Have the surgery. You have had three attacks of gallbladder pain; you're bound to have more. You won't find the surgery as frightening as you imagine. Often, it is done through small incisions with the guidance of a scope.

The body does quite well without a gallbladder. It's a reservoir for bile, which is made in the liver. When a person eats a meal that has fat in it, as most meals do, the gallbladder contracts, sending a jet of bile into the digestive tract to promote fat digestion. Without a gallbladder for storage, bile drips into the digestive tract on a constant basis; that works out well. Medicines can dissolve gallstones. They take a long time to work, and the stones have to be small. Frequently, the stones re-form after medicines are stopped. ***

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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Bring your hard workin' self down to the creek on Saturday

As some of you may know, the 2011 Putah Creek and Davis Ponds Cleanup event will be held from 9 a.m. until noon on Sept. 17. I like to attend these cleanup days. I don't like to work, but I like to attend. I usually end up working anyway, because everyone else is.

There are hundreds of people who show up every year, volunteers one and all. Next to my birthday in June, this is probably the most important day of the year. It's an event that you and your whole family can participate in. It is also a fine opportunity to get to know other families from around town. I'm thinking that if enough people come this year, the Steward Captains won't even notice that I'm just acting like I'm working.

A couple of years ago, I found the hiding easy among hundreds of other people. I only had one problem. I was hiding in the tall brush and about half asleep when I heard some kid say, "Oh look, there's a piano." Naturally, my curiosity got the best of me so I went over there. Sure enough, there was a piano at the bottom of the tallest hill in the whole of creekdom.

Before I knew it, I was trapped, and I couldn't get away. People were all pitching in to lift this darn thing all the way to the top of the hill. Why, I even stuck one of my hands in there to help in case someone took my picture. Well a guy has to take these precautions sometimes, right? I wouldn't want to be labeled as, "The old guy that didn't help lift the piano up the damn hill."

Somebody's unsupervised little girl told me to get out of the way if I wasn't going to

THE WAY I SEE THINGS



help. I was going to beat her up but then I thought that she might be tougher than she looks. Sometimes little people can beat the heck out of those who are much bigger in size. There's an old saying, "It's not the size of the person in the fight that matters, it's the size of the fight in the person." That might apply here.

Yeah, some of these girls can be pretty tough. As anyone who knows me will attest, I am a fine figure of a man for as old as I am. I might be in my 60s but I look like I'm 30. I've always been the hardest worker in every group that I've ever worked with. Way harder worker. Ask anyone, they'll tell you.

Well, I used to be the hardest worker until these two Putah Creek Council women came along. I don't know where they came from, but they sure can work up a storm. The evidence of their work is everywhere along the creek. If you enjoy the trails along the creek that are clear of trash and other such stuff, like new plants and trees you'll see along your way, it's because of them.

Ask me how I know this. Go ahead! It's because I help them and watch them do all of the work. I may be a slacker most of the time, but they like to overlook this because they're girls and they don't want me to get run out of town for being outworked by women. Geez, that would be horrible. Where could I go after being labeled with something like that.

People would say,

"Hey aren't you that guy that got outworked by those two women from the Putah Creek Council?" I would have to say, "No way dude! I'm the workin' hard dude from Winters, California!" Anyway, this year, these two women want us to bring our own buckets (if we can) to carry the trash that we pick up. They say that we can decorate our buckets and the best of which will be proclaimed the "Best Bucket."

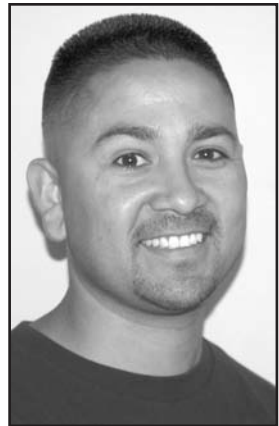
What these two women from PCC, Libby Earthman and Sara Tremayne, don't know is that I have a plan. I figured that if I take a little bitty bucket and decorate it, everybody will think it's a big bucket. Everyone will think that I'm picking up a lot of trash because it will fill up so fast. That's a master plan if I ever heard one!

Yeah, just go to www.putahcreekcouncil.org and pre-register as a volunteer to help clean up the creek, and don't forget to bring a big, decorated, handled bucket. The handle makes it easier to carry. I invented the bucket handle when I was just 8 years old.

Yeah, I dare you to come and I dare you to bring your whole family. I'd like to see if you can keep up with the two women from PCC. I dare you!

Saturday, Sept. 17, from 9 a.m. until noon. We will meet at the gazebo at Rotary Park, so be there or be square.

Pleased to meet you



Name: Sergio Michel
Occupation: Maintenance worker for the city of Vacaville
Hobby: Playing softball with friends
Favorite thing about Winters: "Family and friends are close by."
Fun fact: I like to make other people happy.



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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Mars, your ruling planet, helps you deal with career challenges in a way that reflects some of your own hidden strengths. This impresses some important decision-makers. TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your strong Bovine will, combined with your romantic nature (you are ruled by Venus), helps turn a romance with a potential for problems into one with more-positive possibilities.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Mercury's influence creates some unsettling moments, but nothing that you can't live with. You'll soon learn more about that major change that is about to be revealed.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Opportunities for you are like the phases of the Moon: constantly appearing and reappearing. So, cheer up. The opportunity you think you let slip by will be replaced by another. LEO (July 23 to August 22) An opportunity that you hoped would open up for you remains closed. Stop wasting time scratching at it. Something else you'll like will soon make itself apparent and accessible.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Congratulations. You'll soon hear some positive feedback for all the hard work you recently put into a project. A Pisces could soon swim into your personal life.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Someone whose friendship you felt you had to write off will try to revive it. What you do is up to you. But don't do it without giving it considerable thought. SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A job-related plan might need to be reworked to allow for changes. Lucky for you that Saturn remains a strong influence that can help you focus on getting it done right.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) This is a good time to move into areas of self-discovery. You might be surprised about who you really are and how you really relate to those around you.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Expect to confront someone who will make an unwelcome request. Stand by your resolve to do the right thing no matter what "persuasion" might be offered. AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A friendly competition could become more contentious than you expected. Take time out to discuss the reasons behind this unexpected change, and act accordingly.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You have a wonderful mind for solving mysteries, so you should feel confident about solving the one developing very close to you. An unlikely source offers help.

BORN THIS WEEK: You're a great host or hostess. You love being with people, and you're very good about planning all sorts of social events that bring folks together.

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King Crossword

ACROSS

1 — out a living

4 Macho type

9 Pigpen

12 Journal

13 Like a crone

14 Rage

15 1999 Brad Pitt movie

17 Pistol

18 Gold, in Guadalupe

19 Makes a crumbly mass of

21 Like some calves

24 Coin aperture

25 Japanese sash

26 Society newcomer

28 Tapestry

31 Carpeting

33 Poorly lit

35 Snitch

36 Group spirit

38 — 10

40 Conference — glance

41 Ballet frill

43 By chance

45 Reflector

47 Gen. Lee's grp.

48 Tokyo's old name

DOWN

1 Sprite

2 Pond carp

3 Ovum

4 Odium

5 Wrote crypt tograms, maybe

6 Wire measure

7 Graduates

8 Space cloud

9 Play music without preparation

10 Verifiable

11 Longings

16 Stolen

20 Category

21 Fairway warning

22 Touch

23 Danger-ous place to walk

27 Marceau character

29 Choir voice

30 Bang the door

32 Tart

34 Moved to

37 Some fur pieces

39 Rook

42 Dickens' Mr. Heep

44 Aye

45 Vegan's no-no

46 Between jobs

50 Fed. purchasing org.

51 Historic period

52 Melody

53 Spinning stat

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The Garden Bug

Pagoda plants can grow 5 to 8 feet tall, with glossy, heart-shaped leaves. Bees, butterflies and hummingbirds love to feed on its showy orange-red flower clusters, which are shaped in the step-pyramid style of pagodas — Asian temple structures.

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Girl's hair is different. 2. Skirt is black. 3. Flowers added around well. 4. Rock is missing. 5. Fence has been added. 6. Boy has short sleeves.

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Nuestras Noticias



JUAN FERNANDEZ

EVENTOS Y COMENTARIOS HISPANOS

¿Pérdida de inocencia?

El domingo pasado se celebró el decimo aniversario de los ataques a las torres gemelas de Nueva York, y en los medios de comunicación se habló mucho de que fue el día en que Los Estados Unidos perdió su inocencia, pero yo me pregunto ¿Cuántas veces Los Estados Unidos han perdido su inocencia a través de la historia? Si no mal recuerdo en la clase de historia de los Estados Unidos nos enseñan que en este país han existido cambios que han marcado al país, tanto en lo económico, cultural y social.

¿Cómo pierde Estados Unidos su inocencia? Parece que le ocurre con cada década que pasa. Cada diez años, aproximadamente, ocurren acontecimientos definitivos, que cambian la manera como vemos el mundo. En la historia americana, han ocurrido hechos importantes que marcan las épocas, y curiosamente suceden más o menos cada diez años. Casi cada década coincide con uno de esos acontecimientos que dejan huella en el país.

Y curiosamente lo que pasa en este país, casi siempre influye en todo el mundo. Son acontecimientos históricos son puntos de referencia que marcan la división en las épocas de este país. Por ejemplo, el siglo XX comenzó con la llegada del comunismo Rusia, y el mundo ya no fue el mismo, Estados Unidos perdió su inocencia, porque nació Rusia que fue el enemigo de Estados Unidos durante todo el siglo.

Volvió a perder su inocencia, cuando se vio obligado a entrar en la Primera guerra mundial, en 1917, una guerra que no era de ella de ellos. Luego llegó el año de 1919 cuando se decretó la prohibición de vender bebidas alcohólicas en 1919. Esta década se distinguió por muchos acontecimientos, pero sobre todo por la violencia de los mafiosos. Igualito que los narcos colombianos en los 80's, o los capos mexicanos de ahora.

En 1929, la Bolsa de Nueva York, Wall Street, se fue por los suelos. Arruinó a muchos inversionistas, y estos se llevaron entre las patas toda la economía del país. Y por consiguiente, del mundo. Inició la famosa "Depresión". Y esto marcó la década de los 30. El optimismo por el capitalismo, que había sido el motor ideológico americano casi desde el principio, se esfumó. Y Estados Unidos volvió a perder su inocencia.

Los años cuarentas comenzaron, sin duda, durante el ataque japonés a Pearl Harbor, en 1941, y la entrada de Estados Unidos en la 2a. Guerra Mundial. Y de nuevo, el país perdió su inocencia. Los cincuenta de todas maneras fueron en muchos aspectos, una extensión de los cuarentas. La misma filosofía de la vida predominaba entre los americanos: Nosotros somos los buenos. Los rusos y chinos son malos. Somos el mejor país del mundo, y el mundo debería ser más como nosotros.

Cuando eligieron presidente a John F. Kennedy todo era muy bonito. Kennedy era el prototipo del americano en que todos se querían ver reflejados: Guapo, rico, simpático, con una familia feliz, y una esposa que parecía modelo. Todo era perfecto en la década de los cincuenta. Pero esa década se acabó. No en 1959, sino en 1963, en Dallas, con el homicidio de ese guapo y joven presidente, tan "de la época." Y con eso inició un verdadero desencanto de muchos americanos. Fue un shock: Muchos comenzaron a cuestionarse si país ya no era tan bonito, tan limpio, tan exitoso como les habían hecho creer. Y de nuevo perdieron su inocencia.

Fue cuando iniciaron los famosísimos "años sesentas". Y todo cambió. Los jóvenes se volvieron respondones. No hacían caso a lo que les decían sus mayores. No les gustaba la música "buena", de Grandes Bandas, sino grupos de jovencitos greñudos, que protestaban contra la guerra y pedían amor. Y de pilón, ¡se las "tronaban"! Para muchos, Estados Unidos de verdad perdió su inocencia en los sesentas. La realidad es que nada fue igual después de eso. El Estados Unidos de 1959 y el de 1969 son tan distintos, que pudieran ser países diferentes.

En 1974, con la renuncia del presidente Richard Nixon, el escándalo Watergate, de nuevo, Estados Unidos perdió su inocencia. La imagen presidencial, tan respetada desde tiempos de George Washington, tan admirados con Roosevelt, tan glamorosos con Kennedy, se había hecho añicos. Ya no se podía confiar en los políticos. Ni siquiera en el todopoderoso "Mr. President."

Los ochentas iniciaron con la entrada al poder de Ronald Reagan. Para entonces, Estados Unidos ya no era nada inocente. Y su presidente estaba dispuesto a hacérselo ver al mundo, a patadas o a punta de marines. Los noventa iniciaron precisamente en 1989, a la caída del Muro de Berlín. O con la entrada a la presidencia de Bill Clinton.

De una cosa estamos seguros: La década que vivimos, de 2000 a 2010, comenzó el 11 de septiembre de 2001, con los ataques terroristas que pulverizaron las Torres Gemelas. La década del terrorismo. No sólo la década, casi se puede decir que todo el siglo XXI comenzó esa fecha. Esta vez, aunque lo agarraron desprevenido, Estados Unidos no perdió su inocencia. Ya la había perdido hacía mucho tiempo. Lo que pasa es que los americanos nunca lo quisieron aceptar.

Consulado Móvil en Winters

Declaración: Winters Healthcare Foundation está patrocinando el Consulado Móvil en Winters, el día Sábado, 15 de Octubre del 2011. Este evento será en el Salón de San Antonio, 511 Main St, Winters, CA. Citas darán inicio a las 9:00am.

El Consulado Mexicano ofrecerá servicios de Matriculas y Pasaportes Mexicanos a cualquier Mexicano quien presentan la documentación necesaria. El personal del Consulado también responderá a preguntas y preocupaciones.

El objetivo del Consulado Móvil es ayudar a los miembros de

la comunidad a obtener sus documentos sin tener que dejar de trabajar durante la semana y encontrar transporte para ir a la Oficina del Consulado en Sacramento.

El Consulado Mexicano es una organización representativa del Gobierno de México. El Consulado proporciona apoyo, asistencia y protección a los ciudadanos Mexicanos que residen en los Estados Unidos. Proporciona documentos de identificación y documentación de viaje.

Cualquier persona interesada en obtener una Matricula o Pasaporte debe llamar a

la Oficina del Consulado para hacer una cita antes del 14 de Octubre. El Consulado no servirá a nadie sin una cita. Para programar una cita llame al 1-877-639-4835.

Para obtener una Matricula debe traer la siguiente documentación: Certificado de Nacimiento, certificado de matrimonio (para las mujeres casadas),

Identificación con foto, y comprobante de domicilio.

Para obtener un Pasaporte Mexicano debe traer la siguiente documentación: Certificado de Nacimiento, 3 fotografías (tamaño pasaporte), identificación

con foto, certificado de matrimonio (para las mujeres casadas).

Es importante traer los originales de todos los documentos requeridos y también una copia de cada documento. Si no lleva fotocopias tendrá que esperar por un largo tiempo para poder obtener sus copias allí mismas.

El costo de Matricula es de \$27 y el costo de un Pasaporte Mexicano es de \$74 (3 años) o \$101 (6 años). Se aceptarán únicamente los pagos en efectivo.

Cualquier pregunta sobre documentación, pago o requisitos, llamar el Consulado al 1-877-639-4835.

Festival de la comunidad en el parque

El comité consultivo hispanos de Winters quieren agradecer a todos los patrocinadores de este año.

El festival será el sábado 24 de septiembre, de las 5 a las 10 pm en el Parque Rotario. Este evento que es enfocado en la familia, incluye música en vivo, puestos, entretenimiento y el popular concurso de carnitas está creciendo cada año.

Los patrocinadores de este año son: Mariani Nut Company Foundation; Button &

Turkovich, Cecilia Aguiar Curry, Chamber of Commerce, First Northern Bank, Martinez Orchards, Duane Chamberlain, South west Water Company, Yolo County Supervisors Don Saylor, Four Wind Grovers, De La Rosa, Valerie Witworth, Lesters Farms, Rotary Club of Winters, Winters Community Theatre Group and Sierra Orchard.

Todavía pueden ser patrocinadores del Festival, también se necesitan voluntarios, cualquiera que esté interesado

en ayudar puede llamar al tel. 795-4910 extensión 108 o 111. Los voluntarios pueden ayudar a poner los puestos, limpiar, vender boletos o coordinar el entretenimiento.

Los estudiantes que ayuden tratando de tener horas voluntarias, se les dará una carta con las horas que ayudaron. Cualquiera que esté interesado en ayudar o participar lo puede hacer, las aplicaciones las pueden obtener en el City Hall.

Voluntarios ayudar a limpiar Putah Creek

El concilio de Putah Creek invita a la comunidad a unirse a los más de 100 voluntarios para ayudar a limpiar de basura el río, esto se llevará a cabo el sábado 17 de septiembre de las 9 a.m. a las 12 p.m. Después se ofrecerá un burrito gratis a los voluntarios que se hayan registrado con anticipación. Cada año voluntarios del condado de Yolo y otras ciudades vecinas se unen el tercer sábado de septiembre para limpiar el río.

Es increíble la respuesta de la gente este día, los últimos tres años, se han tenido más de 100 voluntarios por año. Este evento anual es parte del día internacional para limpiar las costas de California, y aunque el Putah Creek no es costa, la limpieza ayuda a que la basura que se recoja ese día no llegue al océano pacífico, casi 80% de la basura que llega al mar, viene de ríos, arroyos.

El concilio hace la invitación para que cualquier persona no importa la edad, venga y participe, además les pide traer su botella de agua, para evitar el uso de vasos para tomar agua, que crea más basura. Además se les pide si pueden traer una cubeta o bolsa reusable y guantes, para no usar las bolsas de plástico que se tienen en el lugar. Para registrarse como voluntario para este evento pueden visitar la página www.putahcreekcouncil.org o pueden llamar al tel. 795-3006.

Una familia de Winters le ofreció \$500 al concilio, con la condición de que el concilio pueda obtener \$1,000 de la comunidad. Si quiere ayudar a obtener la meta de juntar \$1,000 conéctese al enlace en el sitio de internet del concilio, o hable con Libby Earthman, al 795-3006.

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TEST

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Those corrective actions begin with full implementation of standardized curriculum and reworking of assessments. They can, as has been done in other districts, lead to major restructuring of schools, including replacement of staff and administration and even takeover by the state. As Simmons points out, restructuring happens only at those districts at the very bottom of the growth curve and is not a likely scenario in Winters.

Local results disappointing
When STAR testing

was administered last spring, all three of Winters' Title 1 schools were in Program Improvement. When the rankings were released last week, Shirley Rominger posted its second consecutive year of substantial growth and should have its PI status lifted soon. Waggoner and Winters Middle School did not fare as well and Winters High School, while not in the federal program, failed to meet its API target as well.

Rominger made growth of 48 points from its 2010 base score. Furthermore, the leap forward took the site past the 800 mark, which all sites statewide are expected to reach.

Waggoner grew by one point, from 733 to 734. That single point was not sufficient to pass the 5-point target and the site will remain in Program Improvement.

Winters Middle School, which last year reached 782, fell back by 37 and will also stay in PI, while Winters High lost 13 points.

Simmons told the Express that the data is already being reviewed and discussed at every level in the district, from the superintendent's management team of site and district administrators to the Curriculum Steering Committee to site staffs and the Board of Trustees.

She also cautioned that the numbers

should be "kept in perspective." They have "shed light on groups that were not achieving," which is what they are intended to do.

She noted that sites have in the past made strong gains in one year and lost ground in the following year, likening the situation to "the Dow Jones" and "self-correction."

Winters Middle School, she points out, has made changes to its schedule and program for the current school year and she expects to see positive results in next year's test scores as a result.

The district will soon be implementing a new software system that Simmons says will allow teachers to

"crunch data" and monitor each student's progress and needs in depth on an on-going basis.

Not just a local issue

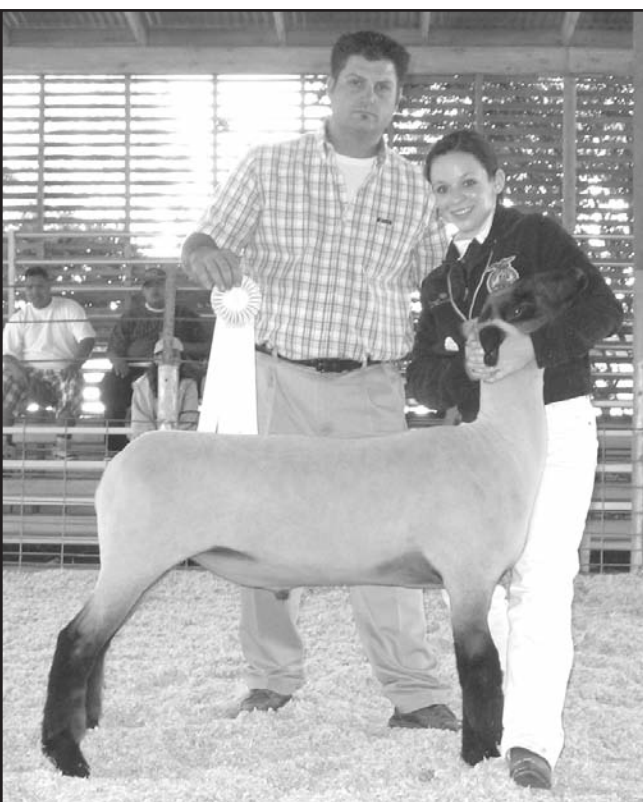
State Superintendent of Schools Tom Torlakson, praising the "hard work our students, teachers, parents, school employees and administrators are doing to improve, even in the face of severe cuts to school funding" believes that "the failure here is in our politics, not our public schools."

Torlakson has been critical of No Child Left Behind and has written to U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan "requesting immediate relief from the flawed policies of NCLB."

According to Torlakson, the state system measures growth; the federal system rewards schools for percentages of students who reach proficiency levels. In its expectation that all students everywhere will reach proficiency at the same time, it does not take into account the wide range of starting points from which schools began

No Child Left Behind is due for reauthorization. Simmons is hopeful that changes will be made to bring the program closer to the California growth model.

Full scores and rankings for each site can be found online at www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ar.



Courtesy photo

Victoria Burke had the reserve grand champion lamb at the Yolo County Fair.

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a round robin, a competition where members show a lamb, goat, hog, dairy calf and a steer. The winner of novice round robin was Mariani, and the winner for advanced round robin was Eldridge.

On Sunday, all the exhibitors attended

the awards breakfast ceremony. There, the Yolo Section officers announced all the awards, including supreme exhibitor, given to Eldridge.

Like all the past years, Winters FFA had a very successful fair, and appreciates all the parents who helped out during this busy week, as well as all the buyers who came out and supported Winters FFA.

SWIM

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proud of all our swimmers every single one of them stepped up and swam their absolute best," Chester said. "Looking back at last years times, all our returning swimmers are

swimming faster than they were at this same time last year. All our swimmers are swimming significantly faster than last year.

"I am very excited as we move forward with the season. And in the 400 free relay, they are already within a second of that time so I am sure they can beat that again too."

LADY

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The Lady Warriors then played at Dixon on Wednesday, Sept. 7, and won, 3-1. Winters lost a tough first game, 28-26, but turned things around and won three straight against the Rams. All the games were close but the Warriors held on to victories by scores of 25-23, 25-20 and 25-19.

On Thursday, Sept. 8,

the Warriors played a tough Woodland Christian team and lost, 3-2. Winters struggled in game one and suffered a 25-8 loss before turning things around. In game two, the Warriors won 25-19 but lost game three, 25-10. The Lady Warriors held on to a 26-24 victory in game four but lost, 15-10, in the tie breaker.

Winters will travel to Colusa on Tuesday, Sept. 13, and return to host Willows on Thursday, Sept. 15.

JV team loses to Willows

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The Winters High School JV football team lost its home opener to visiting Willows on Sept. 9, at Dr. Sellers Field by a score of 27-13.

The game started out great for Winters as Trevor Ray ran back the opening kickoff 91 yards for a Warrior touchdown. The PAT kick failed but the Warriors had an early 6-0 lead. By half time the game was tied 13-13. Winters got its second score from Ray again after Chaz Mathews recovered a fumble in Honker territory. Luis Montes kicked the PAT.

The second half belonged to the Honkers though, as

the Warriors struggled to make any kind of defensive stand and had a tough time moving the ball offensively.

Christian Corrales completed six passes for 73 yards. Ray rushed for 51 yards on 11 carries. Jacob Lowrie rushed for eight yards on one carry and Mathews rushed for six yards on two carries. Ben Case caught four passes for 33 yards. Ray caught one for 27 and Lowrie had one reception for 13 yards.

Warriors defense was led by Case who had eight tackles. Lowrie had six tackles. Mathews, Alex Jimenez, Chris Kays and Roger Padilla each had four, while Jacob Ivory had three.

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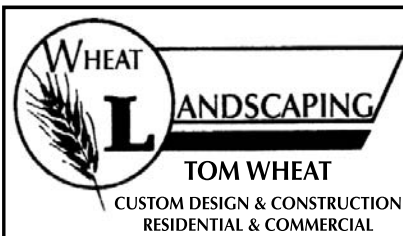
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Kimberli Quam, Deputy
FBN NUMBER 2011-611
Fictitious Business Name
VIP Car Care
349A County Road 98, Woodland, CA 95695
Name of Registrant:
Mike Taylor
2725 Mission Ave., Carmichael, CA 95108
Greg Fernice
5928 26th St, Rio Linda, CA 95673
Business Classification: Co-Partners
Beginning Date of Business: 8-6-01

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Trustee's Sale

Trustee Sale No. 11-02133-5 Loan No. 00018425876 Title Order No. 868081 APN 003-445-010-000 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 8/22/2005. 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 10/6/2011, at 12:45 PM, At the north entrance to the West Sacramento City Hall 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA, Power Default Services, Inc., as the duly appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust recorded on 08/31/2005, as Instrument No. 2005-0043215-00 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Yolo County, CA, executed by: STILLMAN DAVID CALLISON JR AND KATHLEEN CALLISON, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS, as Trustor, and OPTION ONE MORTGAGE CORPORATION, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: 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: **701 VALLEY OAK DR, WINTERS, CA** 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 without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining unpaid balance of the obligations secured by and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust (together with any modifications thereto). The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$335,926.75 (Estimated), provided, however, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. DATE 9/12/2011 **POWER DEFAULT SERVICES, INC.,** Trustee By: Fidelity National Title Company, its agent 3075 Prospect Park Dr., Ste 100 Rancho Cordova, CA 95670, 916-636-0114 By: Rozalyn Tudor, Authorized Signature SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ON LINE AT www.priorityposting.com AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 714-573-1965 P876844 9/15, 9/22, 9/29/2011

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City of Winters Request for Proposals – Business to lease and operate a commercial business in the City-Owned Building located at 318 Railroad Avenue (APN# 003 204 005)

The City of Winters is soliciting Proposals from Qualified Business Firms who are interested in leasing the City owned property located at 318 Railroad Avenue. The City of Winters has issued a Request for Proposals for the lease of the property. The Request for Proposal will be available for public inspection at City Hall, 318 First Street, Winters, CA and is also available on the City of Winters website at www.cityofwinters.org. The commercial lease application form is also available on the City website and at City Hall.

Nanci Mills, City Clerk, City of Winters

Published September 15, 2011

Fictitious Business Name

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August 11, 2011
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Kimberli Quam, Deputy
FBN NUMBER 2011-675
Fictitious Business Name
Universal Electric, Inc.
208 Suffolk Place, Winters, CA 95694
Name of Registrant or Corporation:
Universal Electric, Inc.
208 Suffolk Place, Winters, CA 95694
Business Classification: Corporation
Beginning Date of Business: July 2011.

s/Elizabeth Ramirez, Jose Ramirez, Jr.
If applicable: Corporation Name: Universal Electric, Inc.
Official Title: CFO, Secretary

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Fictitious Business Name
Henry's Bullfrog Bees
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28600 Co. Rd. 26, Winters, CA 95694
Business is located in Yolo County
37499 Harlan Ln., Woodland, CA 95695
Name of Registrant:
Henry Harlan
28600 Co. Rd. 26, Winters, CA 95694
Robin Harlan
28600 Co. Rd. 26, Winters, CA 95694
Business Classification: Husband and Wife
s/Henry Harlan/Robin Harlan

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Trustee's Sale

T.S. #: 02011555 LOAN #: WSCOL-8511-D APN#: 030391011000 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED AS SHOWN BELOW. 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. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under the pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges there on, as provided in the notes(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges, and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be as set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of the sale. Trustor : PAULO LEAL AND GUADALUPE SANTANA, HUSBAND AND WIFE Duly Appointed Trustee : GUILD ADMINISTRATION CORP., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION Trust Deed Date: 3/23/2005 Recording Date: 03/30/2005 Instrument Number : 2005-0014600-00 Book: - - - Page: Recorded in County: YOLO, State of CALIFORNIA Date and Time of Sale: 9/29/2011 at: 12:45 PM Place of Sale : AT THE NORTH ENTRANCE TO THE WEST SACRAMENTO CITY HALL 1110 WEST CAPITOL AVENUE, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA Estimated Sale Amount: \$144,882.91 Legal Description of Property: SEE LEGAL DESCRIPTION ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HERE OF. AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST Street Address of Property: **414 ANDERSON AVENUE, WINTERS, CA 95694** (or Other Common Designation, if any) The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of the publication of this Notice of Sale. Date: 8/31/2011 GUILD ADMINISTRATION CORPORATION AS SAID TRUSTEE 5898 COPLEY DRIVE, SAN DIEGO, CA 92111 (858) 492-5890 By: GAIL WINDUS, ASSISTANT SECRETARY P875049 9/8, 9/15, 09/22/2011

Fictitious Business Name

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FBN NUMBER 2011-621
Fictitious Business Name
R & R Heating and air
R & R Custom tile
840 Bourn Dr. #51, Woodland, CA 95776
Name of Registrant:
Raus Reyes
840 Bourn Dr. #51, Woodland, CA 95776
Business Classification: Individual
Beginning Date of Business: 07/27/11.

s/Raul Reyes

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE File No. 7717.21240 Title Order No. 5398240 MIN No. 1002564-2006081342-4 APN 003-182-091 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 10/02/06. 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. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in §5102 to the Financial code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. Trustor(s): Joseph M. Pearce and Lora D. Pearce, husband and wife Recorded: 10/13/06, as Instrument No. 2006-0040323-00, of Official Records of Yolo County, California. Date of Sale: 09/21/11 at 10:00 AM Place of Sale: At the North entrance to the City Hall, 1110 West Capitol., West Sacramento, CA The purported property address is: **203 EMERY STREET, WINTERS, CA 95694** Assessors Parcel No. 003-182-091 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 \$420,050.81. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid, plus interest. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the beneficiary, the Trustor or the trustee. Date: August 25, 2011 NORTHWEST TRUSTEE SERVICES, INC., as Trustee Victoria Gutierrez, Authorized Signatory 1241 E. Dyer Road, Suite 250, Santa Ana, CA 92705 Sale Info website: www.ASA-Foreclosure.com or www.Auction.com Automated Sales Line: 714-277-4845 or 800-280-2832 Reinstatement and Pay-Off Requests: (866) 387-NWTS THIS OFFICE IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE FEI# 1002.201923: 09/01/2011,09/08/2011,09/15/2011

Trustee's Sale

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S No. 1321128-01 APN: 049-552-005 TRA: 063072 LOAN NO: Xxxxxxxx9-12 REF: Chavez, Celso IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED March 08, 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. On September 27, 2011, at 9:00am, Cal-Western Reconveyance Corporation, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded March 12, 2007, as Inst. No. 2007-0009166 in book XX, page XX of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Yolo County, State of California, executed by Celso Jacobo Chavez, A Married Man, As His Sole and Separate Property, will sell at public auction to highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank At the rear (north) entrance to the city hall building 1110 West Capitol Avenue West Sacramento, California, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: Completely described in said deed of trust The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: **25787 Duncan St. Esparto CA 95627** The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$420,161.82. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. For sales information: Mon-Fri 9:00am to 4:00pm (619) 590-1221. Cal-Western Reconveyance Corporation, 525 East Main Street, P.O. Box 22004, El Cajon, CA 92022-9004 Dated: August 26, 2011. (R-388782 09/01/11, 09/08/11, 09/15/11)

Notice to Bidders

CITY OF WINTERS

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

CONTRACT NO. 08-05-C1

Sealed bids for the work shown on the plans entitled:

CITY OF WINTERS; DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT PLANS FOR

Putah Creek Bridge Replacement – North Bank Improvements, City Project No.08-05, Federal Aid Project No. HPLUL 5110(024)

IN Winters, CA

Bids will be received at the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Winters, in City Hall, 318 First Street, Winters, CA 95694 until **2:00 p.m. on October 11, 2011** at which time they will be publicly opened and read.

Bid forms for this work are included in a separate book entitled:

CITY OF WINTERS; DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS BID FOR

Putah Creek Bridge Replacement – North Bank Improvements, City Project No.08-05, Federal Aid Project No. HPLUL 5110(024)

IN Winters, CA

The work generally consists of, but is not limited to the following: demolition, clearing, grubbing, drainage improvements, trail construction, retaining wall construction, bank stabilization, wood deck construction, site furnishing installation, fence construction, site electrical, irrigation, planting, maintenance, and pedestrian bridge. The contractor shall include in his bid and provide all labor, tools and materials for a complete project in conformance with the intent shown on the drawings and specified herein.

The UDBE Contract goal is 9 percent.

A prebid meeting is scheduled for 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, September 20, 2011 at the Winters Community Center 201 Railroad Avenue Winters, CA 95694. This meeting is to inform bidders of project requirements and subcontractors of subcontracting and material supply opportunities. BIDDER'S ATTENDANCE AT THIS MEETING WILL BE MANDATORY.

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This contract is subject to state contract nondiscrimination and compliance requirements pursuant to Government Code, Section 12990.

Inquiries or questions based on alleged patent ambiguity of the plans, specifications or estimate must be communicated as a bidder inquiry prior to bid opening. Any such inquiries or questions, submitted after bid opening, will not be treated as a bid protest.

Copies of the contract documents may be obtained through Planwell Enterprises™ at www.brownies-repro.com/planwell or by contacting Brownies Digital Imaging at (916)443-1322.

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The City of Winters affirms that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation.

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Attention is directed to the Federal minimum wage rate requirements in the Bid book. If there is a difference between the minimum wage rates predetermined by the Secretary of Labor and the general prevailing wage rates determined by the Director of the California Department of Industrial Relations for similar classifications of labor, the Contractor and subcontractors shall pay not less than the higher wage rate. The Department will not accept lower State wage rates not specifically included in the Federal minimum wage determinations. This includes "helper" (or other classifications based on hours of experience) or any other classification not appearing in the Federal wage determinations. Where Federal wage determinations do not contain the State wage rate determination otherwise available for use by the Contractor and subcontractors, the Contractor and subcontractors shall pay not less than the Federal minimum wage rate, which most closely approximates the duties of the employees in question.

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Engineers Estimate Base Bid \$1,228,855.

CITY OF WINTERS

s/NANCY MILLS, CITY CLERK

Published September 15, 22, 2011

Fictitious Business Name

FILED YOLO COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER
August 31, 2011
FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK
Kimberli Quam, Deputy
FBN NUMBER 2011-747
Fictitious Business Name
Wireless Alchemy, Inc.
500 Industrial Way #8, Dixon, CA 95620
Business Mailing Address
P.O. Box 667, Winters, CA 95694
Business is located in Solano County.
Name of Registrant or Corporation:
Wireless Alchemy, Inc.
500 Industrial Way #8, Dixon, CA 95620
Business Classification: Corporation
Beginning Date of Business: 9/12/2006.

s/Shawn Schroeder.

If applicable: Corporation Name: Wireless Alchemy, Inc.
Official Title: President

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3224 Conquistador Way, Davis, CA 95618
Name of Registrant:
Danielle Bier
3224 Conquistador Way, Davis, CA 95618
Business Classification: Individual
Beginning Date of Business: 8/16/01

s/Danielle Bier

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4713 Baker Road, Winters, CA 95694
Business Mailing Address
P.O. Box 836, Winters, CA 95694
Name of Registrant:
Terra Firma Farms, Inc.
4713 Baker Road, Winters, CA 95694
Business Classification: Corporation
Beginning Date of Business: 12/2003

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s/Paul Holmes/Secretary

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Name of Registrant:
Sacha Leigh Hanly Laurin
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Beginning Date of Business: 10/1/2009

s/Sacha Laurin

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