



## Berryessa Gap is Business of the Year

By DAWN VAN DYKE  
Express correspondent

Partners Mike Anderson, Dan Martinez and Santiago Moreno have been making wines together for over a decade. Along with Dan's sister, Corinne Martinez, they own and operate Berryessa Gap Vineyard, now with two locations in Winters. 2011 was a special year for this dedicated group as it marked the 10th anniversary of their first vintage, (though not the first commercial vintage), and also marked Berryessa Gap's recognition as the Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year.

In 2002, when Berryessa Gap opened

at 15 Main Street, it was the flagship tasting room in downtown Winters. The owners are proud of the role they have played in changing the face of Winters, creating a destination feel and a reputation as a place to find great wine and food.

Anderson says there wasn't a grand plan to make Winters a wine destination — the goal was to grow and make quality wine; the fact that Berryessa Gap has helped put Winters on the map is a bonus.

"We enjoy the idea of being pioneers — bringing wine back to the Winters region after 100 years when there wasn't a grape to

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Photo by Dawn Van Dyke

Berryessa Gap owners (from left) Corinne Martinez, Dan Martinez, Mike Anderson and Santiago Moreno toast their success. Their business was named the Winters Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year. Berryessa Gap will be formally honored at the annual Year in Review celebration, planned for Saturday, Jan. 21, at 6 p.m. at the Community Center. Tickets are \$35 per person, available in advance until Jan. 16, and may be purchased at the Chamber of Commerce/Winters Visitors Center, 11 Main Street.

## Council requests investigation on Lake Berryessa bid process

By DEBRA DeANGELO  
Express editor

The Winters City Council formally requested that its Congressional representatives look into the concessionaire bid process that occurred at Lake Berryessa resorts in recent years, unanimously approving letters to be sent to outgoing Congressman Mike Thompson and incoming Congressman John Garamendi (Winters' congressional representative is changing due to redistricting) requesting their assistance.

At the Dec. 20 council meeting, City Manager John Donlevy reviewed the agreements that were made with the City of Winters when the federal Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) was in the process of awarding new concessionaire

contracts to several resorts on the lake. He noted that there were three major points: that Markley Cover would not be closed, that the overall speed zones and use of power boats to and from that resort would not be altered, and that there would be transparency in the overall process of awarding the contracts.

"There were a number of things causing what I would describe as skepticism in the overall process," said Donlevy.

He explained that when bids went out, the Pleasure Cove resort was pulled out of the process, and all the remaining concessionaire contracts were rewarded to the British company Pen-sus Group, with the exception of Markley

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## It was a new, improved year

◆ Public Safety Facility heads list of Top Ten stories of 2011

By DEBRA DeANGELO  
Express editor

With all the upgrades taking place around town in 2011, it's starting to look like Winters 2.0. "New and improved" was the theme of the year, with changes and transitions happening everywhere from businesses to personnel to projects. Throw a stone in any direction downtown, and it's bound to hit something new.

New businesses in 2011 included a wine and cheese shop at Main Street Cellars (9 East Main Street), a bar/restaurant at Preserve Public House (200 Railroad Avenue), yarn and knitting supplies at Spin A Yarn (14 Main Street) used car sales at Biasi's Auto Sales (2 Russell Street) and a variety of feel-good businesses at Classic Cuts (100 Main Street), including barbers and a hairdresser, massage therapist, manicurist and chiropractor.

Although Anytime Fitness technically opened at the tail end of 2010, new members really started streaming through the doors at 113 Main Street in



Photo by Debra DeAngelo

The top story of 2011 was the completion of the Public Safety Facility, which houses the Winters Fire and Police Departments. The blue police department wing is seen here from the rooftop of the red fire department wing.

January.

Over behind Winters Eyecare, Kristin Lakoma opened her own acupuncture practice, and Sutter West Medical Group welcomed a new doctor, Dr. Zoé Berna. Just north of town, Park Winters opened up a bed and breakfast style inn, with an inaugural harvest party attended by the likes of Governor Jerry Brown, State Representative John Garamendi and prominent restaurateur and cookbook author Biba Caggiano.

Other established businesses closed, moved and changed. Studio C disappeared in 2010, but before long, Sherean May-

nard was jazzing things up in its spot at 305 First Street with her own Street Jazz studio. May saw the closure of both Berryessa Veterinary Services and JJ's Saloon, and although Valley Floors celebrated its 20th anniversary in April, but then closed its Main Street showroom at 18 Main Street a few months later and went to a warehouse-only format. In November, Linton's Screen Printing sprung up in its place at that site, breaking ties with Cody's Restaurant, which closed in November and focused on catering only as Cody's Catering.

Cody's Restaurant

was barely out the door at 314 Railroad Avenue when Briggs & Co. started moving in, with a bustle of remodeling taking place as that business prepares to open its gift and art shop, with a new natural food menu in the works as well. Next door, RISE, Inc. moved out of its office in December and relocated at the original Studio C spot on Main Street next to Warrior Video.

Sandy Vickrey, owner of Realty World/Camelot, announced in December that 2011 will be her last year at 37 Main Street, as she prepares to move her

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### WEATHER

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

Date	Rain	HI	Lo
Dec. 21		56	29
Dec. 22		67	34
Dec. 23		61	29
Dec. 24		59	26
Dec. 25		60	28
Dec. 26		59	28
Dec. 27		60	31

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Season's total: 2.54

Last year to date: 9.86

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# New trustee areas approved

By **DEBBIE HEMENWAY**  
Staff writer

Meeting in special session on Dec. 20, the Winters School Board unanimously approved a map of new trustee areas for the school district to bring Winters into compliance with the California Voters Rights Act (CVRA).

Trustees Mike Olivas, Rob Warren, Dan Maguire and David Reynoso looked at four possible plans created by a committee including board members, a Yolo County demographer and Interim Superintendent Marilyn Corey. Two of the plans showed five trustee areas and two showed seven.

Data from the 2010 census indicates that 8,845 persons live within district boundaries: 6,624 inside city limits and 2,221 outside. Of those residents, 3,784 are registered to vote.

CVRA mandates that there be no at-large election of

trustees, and that trustee areas must be equal within 2-10%. The divisions must be based solely on population, not voter registration.

Corey pointed out that voter registration does not equal voter participation. Given the population size and considering the historically low numbers of school board candidates, Corey recommended and the board concurred that reducing the number of trustee areas from seven to five would be advisable.

Pending approval by the State Board of Education, the newly drawn map and the changes in representation will be formalized in the spring. Current board members will serve out their elected terms, regardless of the newly drawn districts. Board membership and the trustee area map will be fully aligned in 2014. CRVA requires that trustee areas be realigned after each census.

## OBITUARIES

### James Wheeler

James David Wheeler, or Jim as most knew him, died in Seattle on Dec. 18, 2011. Diagnosed with esophageal cancer earlier in the summer, he was 63.

Jim was born on April 13, 1948, in Commerce, Texas, and moved with his family to Vacaville in 1956, where he started third grade at Elm School. He graduated from Vacaville High School in 1966 and kept in lifelong contact with many friends from those years. He was drafted into the Army in 1967, serving in Vietnam during 1967-1968, where he was wounded and subsequently awarded a purple heart.

After working for several years in construction in northern California, Jim moved to Seattle in 1994 and established Wheeler Marine, a contracting firm specializing in marine carpentry. A natural workaholic, he worked on ships along the West Coast, and routinely spent several weeks each summer in Prudhoe Bay, Alaska, repairing tugboats there. He enjoyed hard, physical labor, and until his final illness, he was stronger than most men of much younger age.

From childhood, Jim was a voracious reader and a consummate outdoorsman, both in work and leisure. He was interested in everything and read extensively, leaving behind a large library of books on history, nature, science, and other wide ranging subjects. Jim began hunting, fishing, camping and hiking while a boy in Vacaville and spent his high school summers working on a ranch in Wyoming that belonged to family friends. As an adult he added diving to his outdoor pursuits, joining friends in hunting for abalone, which he shared with friends and family. Jim leaves behind many friends, who will miss his humor, intelligence, and camaraderie.

Jim is survived by his mother, Mrs. Jeanne Young Wheeler of Vacaville, his sister and her husband, Melinda and John Cooke of Arlington, Virginia, and many nephews, nieces and cousins. He was predeceased by his father, William Franklin Wheeler of Commerce, Texas, and his brother, William Paul Wheeler of Vacaville.

Services in Jim's memory will be held Thursday, Dec. 29, at 2 p.m. at the Epiphany Episcopal Church, 300 West Street, Vacaville. They will be followed by a reception in the parish hall. The family has requested that in lieu of flowers, memorial donations be directed to the Audubon Society or the Salvation Army, both organizations that Jim supported during his own life.

# YESTERYEAR



File photo by Relfe S. Ehret  
**In December, 1963, little Patty Martinez, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Martinez, Jr., is shown here on Satnt's lap in Greenwood's Store. Santa is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus, Sr.**

**50**  
YEARS AGO

**January 11, 1962**  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Cody have purchased the market in Madison from James O. and Carolyn Daws. The Codys last year sold their service station and store here to W.C. Cody and John Ramos.

Mrs. Jean Gaddini has purchased a home on East Main Street from Mrs. Edith M. Overhouse. Revenue stamps affixed to the deed placed the transaction at around \$10,000.

Funeral services for Ray Waldo Murray, 69, were held Monday morning at McNary's Chapel in Woodland. Mr. Murray, a former member of the Winters City Council, died Friday morning in the Woodland Clinic Memorial Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry MacArthur, of Sacramento, were dinner guests Wednesday evening of last week at the home of the former's mother, Mrs. N. A. McArthur.

Lt. Wallace Neeley and Miss Joyce Martino were married on Sunday afternoon, January 7, in a double ring ceremony performed by Chaplain Morse at Travis Air Force Base.

The California Taxpayers' Association has estimated the population of Yolo County at 72,700, as of January 1, 1962.

With Spider Thomas scoring 30 points, the Winters High School A basketball team defeated Courtland 54 to 42 Friday evening. Joe Young did a great rebounding job and added 10 points to the Warrior cause.

**65**  
YEARS AGO

**January 10, 1947**  
A fire occurred Saturday evening at 6 p.m. in the bunkhouse at the Lena Bowman place. Fortunately, Joe Diaz saw the fire while driving by and was able to put it out before much damage was done.

Judge Rod Degener was elected president of the Winters District Chamber of Commerce at the regular monthly meeting in the Legion Hall Monday night. A G. Anderson was named vice-president, R.A. Frisbee, secretary-treasurer and Al Cattermole sergeant-at-arms.

An audience estimated at between 175 and 200 people was present at the annual joint installation of the Buckeye Lodge No. 195 of Masons and the Yosolano chapter 218, Order of the Eastern Star, which was held in the Masonic Hall here Saturday night.

The federal government turned over the operations of the veterans' housing project at the city park to the city. The council appointed Elbert Rollins as manager of the project and he is to be paid \$50 a month for his services.

The California Public Utilities Commission reports that there are 380 telephones in use in the Winters exchange, compared with 298 in 1940.

Principal Byron Snow announced that plans are being made to set up an amateur radio station at the high school.

# Berryessa down .09 of a foot for the week

The level of Lake Berryessa fell by .09 of a foot during the past week, with a reduction in storage of 1,572 acre feet of water, according to Ken Emigh of the Solano Irrigation District.

He reported Tuesday morning that the lake was 424.89 feet above sea level, with storage computed at

1,277,236 acre feet of water.

The SID is diverting 35 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 101 acre feet of water per day during the week.

**100**  
YEARS AGO

**January 12, 1912**  
The Native Sons will give their annual masquerade ball on Thursday evening, February 22, for the benefit of California's homeless children.

Unification of the Union and Winters school districts will be discussed Saturday in the Opera House.

Ernest Rice accidentally shot himself through the fleshy part of his leg Saturday while assisting Game Warden George Rice.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cahil of Vallejo were recent visitors at the McNeal home.

Bayard Taylor and George Wolfskill are home on a visit.

Miss Kate Zimmerman has resigned her position on the high school faculty to accept a place on the faculty of the Truckee school.

A demonstration of the use of dynamite in agricultural pursuits was held Saturday at the F.W. Wilson ranch.

Street Superintendent Luther Gregory has been busy this week with a force of men repairing the city streets.

Aunt Peggy Wolfskill is recovering from a severe attack of pneumonia.

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# Winters

Chamber of Commerce

## CHAMBER NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

### Spend Christmas money at local businesses, shops

By **MIKE SEBASTIAN**  
Executive Director  
Winters Chamber of Commerce

A jolly Season's Greetings from the Winters Chamber of Commerce and Winters Visitors Center. This is a beautiful time of year in the historic downtown to enjoy the sights and sounds of the holidays. From the lights to the decorated windows, merchants are welcoming visitors to enjoy themselves and shop in Winters.

We celebrated the successful Winters Wonderland celebration and Tree Lighting on Dec. 5. Hundreds turned out to enjoy the Winters Friends of the Library Holiday Festival, the Rotary Club Bazaar, and the live Nativity scene provided by the First Baptist Church. They also came to watch Mayor Woody Fridae light the city Christmas tree, while the youngsters couldn't wait to tell Santa what they wanted this year. Even with the blowing winds, a great time was had by all.

Just as we stroll through the streets, we also need to remember the outlying businesses, not just the downtown stores. Businesses along Railroad Avenue and Grant Avenue are alive in this festive season, and we need to support all of them as well. Winters has a unique business family that makes this a special place to live, work and shop.

There have been some changes here at the Chamber office over the last month or two. I was hired as the Interim Executive Director as of Nov. 15. I am a 46-year resident of Winters with over 35 years of volunteer service to the Winters Community, through organizations like Little League, Rotary, and of course, Youth Day.

I bring in a fresh perspective on what Winters needs to keep its homey, small town atmosphere, yet be able to provide the variety the visitors want and enjoy. I have met many people from all over California who come to Winters to get away from the big city and take in the ambiance that our town is becoming famous for.

The Chamber of Commerce is gearing up for the annual Year in Review Celebration on Saturday, Jan. 21, at the Community Center. This event honors the 2011 Winters Citizen of the Year, Barbara Thomas; Theodore Winters Award Winner Leticia Quirarte, Business of the Year, Berryessa Gap Vineyards, and Senior Citizen of the Year, Betty Davis. It also honors past Citizens of the Year for all their service to Winters. The 2012 Chamber Board of Directors will be sworn in that night so they can fulfill their duties the upcoming year.

This year's dinner will be catered by Cody's Catering. Tickets are 35 per person, and are available at the Chamber of Commerce/Winters Visitors Center, 11 Main Street, or by calling 795-2329. Tickets must be purchased by Monday, Jan. 16. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Don't forget, if you have Christmas money to spend, come on in to the Winters Visitors Center for local products. We are open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily except Mondays, with extended hours on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings.

Shopping local benefits our Winters businesses and makes you feel good knowing that you're helping to keep our city moving into the New Year

### New this year



Photo by Ana Kormos

Mary Helen Seeger of Four Winds Growers talks about growing citrus at the first Winters Chamber of Commerce "agritour" in July. The Chamber began holding agriculture-themed tours in 2011 to introduce the public to local agricultural endeavors.



Photo by Rory Linton

The Chamber began hosting Business Breakfasts in 2010, like this one featuring a discussion of using social media such as Twitter and Facebook for business purposes.



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# Opinion

## LETTERS

### Good writing, good humor

Dear Charley,  
Sitting here reading today's Express (us country folk get it a day later) and I just had to mention a couple of things.

Elliot's coverage of issues such as the PG&E lines safety is really outstanding. His writing is clear, concise, thorough and easily digested.

Also, Debra's description of Jillian Michaels (I've no idea who she is) as a "screechy little strip of beef jerky" put me in stitches!

Thanks Charley. Congratulations on 65 years!

RANDY WEST

### Loves to see their faces

Each year, I look forward to seeing the looks on these precious little kids' faces as they talk to Santa and receive a gift. This year, there were 108 families that received gifts.

Toys for Tots collects toys and donations all year long. If anyone would like to make money donations, we will graciously accept those all year long. Donations of toys are preferred mainly later in the year due to storage space all year long.

ROBBIE RUBIO  
Winters  
Fire Department

## It's a great time to purge your cabinets and your life

"I don't want to scare you," my husband said quietly to me after Christmas dinner, so my son and daughter wouldn't hear and be horrified (because "horrified" is usually a party-foul on Christmas), "but there was a maggot crawling up the wall near the bedroom."

"Oh, not to worry," I replied. "It's not a maggot. It's worms from those blasted little moths that get into the cereal."

I don't know how those little buggers get so far away from the cereal boxes. But they do turn up in the darnedest places from time to time — crawling up walls and across ceilings. I've been fighting them for weeks, but the moths are winning.

Unless you're very lucky, you know just which ones I mean: they're very tiny and gray, and come fluttering out of whatever cabinet you store your crackers, cereal and dry goods. Unless you're militant about storing things in Tupperware and never allowing an opened box in the cabinet, you've probably had an infestation. And, they're such a pain in the tail to get rid of. The only option is to throw away every opened box, and go through every container to check for grains of rice that move.

I don't like to kill things, not even bugs, but those moths are an exception. My vision goes all red and sirens go off in my head like The Bride from Kill Bill when she saw an enemy. They must die.



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DEBRA DeANGELO  
BECAUSE  
I SAY SO

ed me bags of this and that to throw away. I checked them, didn't see any movement, and put them back in another cabinet when he wasn't looking.

(And don't you dare tell! He doesn't read my columns, so if he starts searching for cornmeal and raisins, I'll know who squealed.)

As Joe attacked the boxes of shredded wheat and pasta, it occurred to me that it was such a symbolic activity for this time of year. The rush and frenzy of Christmas is over, and the decorations are still up for as long as you care to enjoy them, and it's not quite New Year's Eve yet. It's the "down time" of the year, when you can just stop and relax, and think about your next step.

With the new year just ahead, I started thinking about what things in my life needed purging. Just like our cabinets, I think it's a good time to take a thorough look at everything I've stored up over the year and dump out the things/relationships/activities/choices that didn't serve me well. Toss them into the dumpster, brush my hands together, and move on. Then I can take a long, hard look at the cabinet and see what belongs where, and what needs repackaging, and try to put everything in com-

fortable and efficient order.

I think that will be a great mental exercise for these last few days of 2011: taking some time to take a walk, sit in the sun, think and ponder, and carefully identify what's infested with pests or has outlasted its shelf-life, and eliminate it. And once I'm rid of all that, I can turn my attention to the best part: Figuring out what I really want in all that space I just created.

It's one of life's great lessons — if you want to add new things, you must first let go of some old ones to make room. And that's true whether it's life or a kitchen cabinet crammed with shredded wheat and rice cakes and sunflower seeds. Keep the good stuff, get rid of the bad, and decide what you really want on those shelves.

Here's to 2012, and looking forward to all good, fresh, new things on the shelf. 2011 didn't exactly set the bar too high, so it shouldn't be too much of a stretch to top it. If there's one word to describe 2011, it's "meh." (If you don't get that reference, ask a teenager.) And one way to make life less meh-y is to purge all the moth-eaten stuff from your shelves. If it's not healthy, toss it.

Meh and moths. Less of both in 2012.



CHARLES R. WALLACE  
A QUICK  
OPINION

**A**NOTHER YEAR. I'm starting to feel old, and having the years just fly by isn't helping. My favorite daughter just turned 33, and her children are now 3 and 5 years old. What's happening to the calendar and who sped it up?

With a new year, I find myself planning new adventures and wondering about where 2011 went. I managed to go 12 months without a major trip, or missing a single week working at the Express. I keep telling myself that something has to change with taking a week off every 18 months, but here I am. A few years ago I thought I had it down pat. Every summer Vasey would show up and I would take off a week here and two weeks there, but her calendar sped up and she graduated from college and left us like we were bad parents. I've been looking for a new Vasey, but as some of us know, there is only one Vasey.

I don't like to make New Year's resolutions, but this year I have a goal of finding someone to work at the Express to fill in for Debra and me so we can take more time off. The person will have to have uncommon talent. They must have computer, writing and production skills. They must have a sense of urgency and the ability to work under deadlines, week, after week, after week. They have to be able to sell advertising and also the Express. Oh, and they have to work cheap and have another part time job that can support them. Did I mention that the hours aren't that flexible.

I've been joking about my retirement plans for several years now, and I don't think I'm any closer than the guy that is supposed to be on Page 2. Pop tried to retire in 1983 but still comes to work every day. He's been coming into the office, every day, for 65 years and counting. Not quite the roll model for people looking for an early retirement. There are a couple of readers who tell me all the time that I should retire and let someone competent run the paper. I keep telling them that I'm trying to retire, but there is something about age and money that keeps getting in the way. Not enough of either.

So, for those who hope for world peace, weight loss or plan on joining the gym, good luck. I'm looking forward to some time off in June, July and August. This could be the year.

Happy New Year.

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# LAKE

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Cove. Donlevy said Markey Cove owners John and Linda Frazier, offered an acceptable proposal and were given a 12-month period to come up with final contract.

“B of R said there was a technical flaw in an unassociated document,” said Donlevy. He said Department of the Interior attorneys claimed they needed to rebid the whole process for that reason, then threw out the first bids. When they reopened the bids, Pensus was awarded Markley Cove as well. “But Pensus had already seen the original bids,” queried Mayor Woody Fridae. “Yes,” replied Donlevy, likening it to “seeing your opponents’ cards.”

Donlevy went on to say that the BOR has “bankrupted and destroyed all the other resorts at Lake Berryessa.” He described the tactics as “scorched earth politics — they got rid of all trailers and facilities that existed up at Lake Berryessa.” Noting that the Fraziers’ current contract expires in May 2013, Donlevy added that given there will be no remuneration, “people are just out. Markley Cove can’t do anything except just close.”

“I talked with the Fraziers,” he said. “There will be nothing left.”

He then went on to emphasize that Markley Cove “created enormous economic benefit” to Winters,” because visitors there stop in Winters to eat, buy gas and shop in local stores. According to Donlevy, the BOR may take as long as 30 years to complete its concessionaire projects around the lake, and this scenario represents a huge financial hit to the Winters community.

“I talked with folks from Pensus, and they will unabashedly tell you, ‘We’ve got 30 years to build this.’ Thirty years is not what we talked about or what was represented.”

The request for an investigation into the process must start at the local level, said Donlevy, in the form of a formal letter from the city council asking, among other things, that Markley Cove remain open.

“I spoke with Congressman Thompson,” said Donlevy. “The only way he can do anything about it is by request from the city.”

Council member Mike Martin commented that the BOR’s

imprint so far on the lake has been disastrous for Winters.

“Seeing impact of what they’ve done at Lake Berryessa, it definitely impacted Winters,” said Martin. “The key is Markley Cove. At least we have a (boat) launch on this side of the lake. If what you say is true, it’s going to be devastating to us in this economy. It will be another nail in the coffin of local businesses. I’ve been up to Lake Berryessa, it’s like someone took an atom bomb to it. It’s scarily quiet.”

And, added, Martin for emphasis, “This is the people’s lake.”

“It should be used for everyone’s enjoyment. It really upsets me. The treatment of Fraziers really upsets me.”

Both John and Linda Frazier were in the audience, and John stepped to the podium to comment.

“Yeah, it is important, not only for us and for Markley Cove, but for the community,” said Frazier. “There have truly been some injustices. Thompson has been a true friend. But he can’t do it without your support. Thompson has had numerous opportunities to bow out, but he has been a pit bull on this thing.”

Added Linda Frazier from the audience, “Markley Cove is still under Thomp-son’s district, even if the City of Winters isn’t. He feels it’s still correct for him to stay involved.”

“If we get both congressman to support it, it’s even better,” said John.

There was some disagreement between Council Members Cecilia Aguiar-Curry and Tom McMasters-Stone over whether the city should ask other municipalities, such as the county, to write letters too. Aguiar-Curry thought this would bolster support, while McMasters-Stone said Thompson was only “asking for a trigger.”

Linda Frazier supported the idea of seeking out help from other municipalities, and noted, “It’s a big step to ask for a congressional investigation.”

“If they’ve trampled on property rights and people’s rights, and have gone behind the scenes or under the table to make somebody win or come out the way they want it, then it’s as important as any other thing that’s going on.”

John Frazier confirmed that Pensus headquarters is located in Arizona, but the actual company owner is in the United Kingdom.

“Pensus is a British company,” said Donlevy. “That was originally one of the concerns — in essence, they’ve thrown out a bunch of California resort owners to give a contract to a British company.”

Added John Frazier, “Lake Berryessa was built not only as a water resource, but as a recreational facility, and the public is not being served.” He claimed that the resort owners haven’t paid the garbage bills, and are now being sued by garbage collection companies.

With no further comment, the council unanimously agreed that letters will be sent to both Thompson and Garamendi, and will be signed by the entire council.

## Hotel RFP

With McMasters-Stone and Council Member Harold Anderson recusing themselves for conflict of interest, a discussion of followed regarding the lease at 318 Railroad Avenue (formerly JJ’s Saloon), which is owned by the City. City Housing Director Dan Maguire said the city reissued the request for proposals (RFP) for this property in November, and that David and Carol Lorenzo have submitted financial projections for an RFP. (Following the meeting, Maguire said the Lorenzos were proposing a bar for this location.)

“Staff picked the one they felt was in the best interests of the city,” said Maguire, noting that an RFP for a hotel for both the 318 and 314 (Cody’s) properties are due on Jan. 17, and will likely be presented to the council in January or February.

Martin asked about how hotel development affects current leases, and said it would be “nice to know” what sort of funds are being committed to the properties before the lease for both spots come up for renewal in September.

“I’ve got more unanswered questions than answered questions,” said Martin, adding that successful businesses in these spots are “good for the downtown business community, and it brings tax dollars in.”

Maguire said that the main investment in 318 Railroad would be the purchase of a liquor license.

“Regardless of the end of the lease, that still would have a finite value to the Lorenzos — a little bit of a cushion for two years,” said Maguire. “What we’re bringing to council is not a mon-

eymaker, it is being mindful of council’s desire not to have a vacant storefront.”

Aguiar-Curry said she wants to see the RFP for a hotel before making decisions on the property.

“There seems to be more interest than we anticipated. With all due respect, I still want to wait until the RFP comes back. I want to be fair to the applicant and ourselves.”

Maguire pointed out another advantage in waiting to make a decision: a legal decision is expected in mid-January on whether the state will be allowed to keep local redevelopment funds. If the state loses, that could free up redevelopment money for the city to upgrade the bathrooms at 318 Railroad.

Fridae asked if there were any other respondents to the RFP for 318 Railroad. Maguires said that the owners of the Davis Graduate were the other respondents, but “the amount of subsidy requested by the second respondent was substantially more. The Lorenzos are asking for two free months rent to do tenant improvements, plus reduced rent. The second proposal included significant dollar contributions from the city. Laying the two side by side, the second proposal entailed substantially more financial support from the city.” He said the owners of the Davis Graduate were asking the city to contribute about \$70,000 to the project.

Aguiar Curry reiterated her desire to wait until the hotel RFPs come in and a decision is made on redevelopment.

“Are they ready to start tomorrow?” asked Fridae regarding the Lorenzos. Maguire said they have some flexibility.

“Once they get the go-ahead, it’s still a month or two process for tenant improvements.”

“I think it’s a good proposal as long as they’re aware of the time limitations and what may be happening in the near future,” said Fridae.

The bottom line from the discussion was that the council was unwilling to approve the Lorenzo’s RFP until the hotel RFPs come in and the redevelopment lawsuit with the state is decided.

## Other items

~ The council presented a proclamation to Nicholas Stewart upon his achievement of the rank of Eagle Scout. Fridae noted a comment from McMas-

ter-Stone, that he’d never seen anyone in his own 50 years of Scouting who has earned as many merit badge as Stewart. Fridae said Stewart’s achievements included numerous leadership positions, earning the Arrow of Light, and taking on the beautification of a local memorial park and baby cemetery as his Scouting project. Fridae described Stewart as “an outstanding role model in the community.”

~ A first reading for a resolution to amend the development agreement for property known as the Creekside Property between the City of Winters and Donald Miller was unanimously approved. The changes include the type of improvements required of the developer, the change of the name of the developer to the Roman Catholic Diocese of Sacramento, and the extension of the development agreement for an additional eight years. The move includes lowering school impact fees from \$3.10 per foot to \$6.20 per foot, which must be approved by the Winters School District.

“The school district needs to decide: Would they rather have students or have impact fees,” commented Donlevy.

Other changes include the removal of requirement of advance funding for the Public Safety Facility and Winters Community Library, which is already built into impact fees. Donlevy noted that the subdivision was approved in 2004, featuring 41 single family homes.

“The project was approved, and has sim-

ply has not moved forward,” said Donlevy, explaining that it was originally owned by Donald Miller, who passed away in 2007. The project willed to his heirs, who sold property to the Catholic Archdiocese of Sacramento.

“They are not developers,” said Donlevy of the Catholic church, but noted that “they own a substantial amount of property in the Winters area – literally thousands of acres.”

“Is there any indication that the new developer is intending to move forward on this?” asked Fridae.

“No,” said Donlevy. “The Catholic Archdiocese is not a developer.” However, he added that this property, located on the southwest corner of Grant Avenue and East Main Street, is “the most developable project in town.”

Donlevy noted that from 2004-08, the city council considered six different subdivisions, several of which had extensions because real estate market is “just crashed.”

“No projects that are moving anywhere,” said Donlevy.

~ Memorandums of Understanding were approved for the City of Winters Police Officers Association, Sergeant’s Association and Miscellaneous Employees Association.

The council meets next on Tuesday, Jan. 3, at 6:30 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall. At press time, the agenda was not available because City Hall was closed from Dec. 26-30. Check the city website for the Jan. 3 agenda, or call City Hall, 795-4910 for more information.

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# Community

## BERRYESSA

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be seen here," says Anderson. "Between us and The Palms, we helped bring on the first wave of the downtown being a destination downtown instead of a functional downtown — maybe not a wine downtown, but it's a food and entertainment downtown and that includes wine."

There have been changes in the quantity and varieties of wine they produce, but not the way they produce them, says Dan. They still produce small fruit, basket press the grapes and focus on growing and maintaining the vineyard with an eye toward quality above all. That focus has paid off — evidenced by the awards lining two walls of the Main Street tasting room.

As downtown Winters has evolved, so has Berryessa Gap, now producing all of their wine at the winery location, just northwest of Winters in what used to be the old Tuft's Packing Shed. That expansion has also allowed them to produce more wine, from 2000 cases in 2002, to more than double that today.

"We're reaching more people, selling wine in more places," says Dan. "We keep trying to identify new varieties, which ones do well in the region along with the blends that we already have."

Over the years they've identified two varieties that exemplify and are unique to Berryessa Gap: the Petite Syrah, and the Traditional (a blend of reds).

"They are unique and really reflect the place where we are growing our grapes. That is our personal niche," says Anderson. Asked if there are any new wines on the horizon, Anderson smiles and says, "It's a secret."

And while he plays his cards close to his chest, he admits that he is always thinking about what comes next.

"I need to always have new ideas, otherwise I'm bored."

This year, he made a sweet wine.

"I've never done that before. I don't know what's going to happen to it," says Anderson.

While Anderson is focusing on making the wine, Moreno, who started working for Martinez Orchards at the age of 16 and is now the Vineyard Operations Manager, and Dan, are primarily responsible for growing

the grapes, meeting Anderson's high standards for "good, clean, quality fruit."

"Santiago and I talk all the time about what's going on in the vineyard," says Dan. Anderson, Dan and Moreno sit down together at the beginning of the year to talk about the expectations for the fruit, and then Moreno and Dan carry out those expectations in the vineyard.

"We do what we're told," laughs Dan.

Dan is a busy man, in addition to being owner and CFO of Berryessa Gap, he is the president of Martinez Orchards, Inc. growing walnuts, prunes and wine rootstock. He also helped shape the City of Winters during his tenure as mayor from 2004-2006. He took an active role in the development of the Downtown Master Plan, a blueprint for keeping the downtown vital and alive. Dan says preserving the downtown was the primary goal for Winters during the development of the plan, in order to "not suck the life out of the downtown by having a lot of development out by the freeway."

Dan and Corinne agree that the opportunity to have a shop on Main Street was a major reason why they took the chance on opening a tasting room and winery — to support and have a presence in the downtown. They are glad they took that risk.

"We feel that we've complemented the Buckhorn and The Palms, and they complement us," says Dan. "We feed off of each other's success."

They like the activity they see going on around them, the fact that Main Street isn't empty and that the improvements seem to be inviting to visitors.

"There are a lot more visitors than there used to be, that can only be positive," says Dan.

"I hope it continues down the block and around the corner and I hope it continues to spread," he says.

As much activity as there is, it still doesn't always happen fast enough for those working to keep business alive in the downtown.

"That's why we invest so much in trying to make it happen," says Corinne.

Corinne, who just finished a four-year

term on the Winters Planning Commission, shares her brother's passion for preserving the downtown.

"This is Historic Downtown Winters," she says, noting that in other cities, it is common to find that development has proceeded in such a way that "there is nothing left of the downtown."

As a planning commissioner, she saw her role as helping to get decisions made that would ensure that preservation continued to be at the forefront of the vision for the city. While downtown Winters may have changed since the days when she and Dan were growing up, what matters to them is that it remains a vital center for activity. As manager of marketing and sales for Berryessa Gap, Corinne is constantly working to contribute to and support that vitality. She also owns Root Stock, across the street at 22 Main Street, a unique and inviting place that features gifts (most produced locally) and wine tasting.

She decided to open Root Stock when Turkovich Family Wines opened a tasting room on Railroad Avenue because she saw a destination beginning to take shape. However, she says, you need more than two stops to have a destination.

"That was the impetus for me to have wine there. The gifts are something my sisters told me I had to do," says Corinne with a smile.

The team agrees that they get great feedback from people who love their wine, and that is why they keep working so hard to produce more, and better.

"If this region is going to be known for something we want to be known for quality. We should continue to strive for that," says Corinne. "We also strive to be 'real,' to provide a good experience for visitors so they can experience the craft and meet the people."

They bring that down to earth attitude to every aspect of the business, from growing the grapes to making the wine and sponsoring events. It's all about inviting people to experience Winters, to "have a great experience, buy our products and then spread the word."

Corinne is a founding member of Roots to Wine, a local wine marketing association that features wineries from the region including Winters, English Hills, Dunningan Hills, Capay Valley and Davis. The group's anchor event, at which all of the members poured wine at Rotary Park in conjunction with the Plein Air Festival, was a huge success and will return in the spring of 2012.

In 2011, the winery and tasting room at 27260 Highway 128 underwent a facelift, with new landscaping and interior upgrades. Dan says he gets a kick out of having Winters residents and natives visit there.

"Every other person worked at Tufts at one point in their life. They like to see the transformation from what it used to be."

This year, they plan to extend the Main Street tasting room with what Dan jokingly calls a "10 year refresh."

In addition to expanding the tasting room, they want to expand their reach beyond the current market, which includes Sacramento and parts of San Francisco. They'd like to expand enough to use all the grapes they grow in wine production.

Corinne, who's also been active in the community including being a member of the Winters Healthcare Foundation Board, has had to cut back a bit as her job as a regional director for Microsoft Corporation's business division takes her on the road more and more. Her love for her hometown keeps her looking for ways to help out, though.

"I'll find a way to continue to contribute to the community."

Berryessa Gap has been pleased to be able to support local organizations like FFA and the music programs.

"We like to do that

## Hearts for tots



Photos by Robbie Rubio

Some of the people who make the Toys for Tots program happen in Winters include Dawn Barerra (above), who heads up the program for the Winters Fire Department along with her husband Willie (below, left), and Santa's Helpers Connie Miller (center) and Gwen Pisani. This year's Toys for Tots event took place on Dec. 17 at the Public Safety Facility. Cookies and hot chocolate were served, and Santa paid a visit with the kids.



and hope to be able to continue to do that," she says.

The Berryessa Gap team is pleased and proud to have been named Business of the Year; they thank the community, their customers and wine club members for supporting them for the past nine years, and invite everyone to come by for a glass of wine.

"It's a great honor to have members of the community and Chamber of Commerce present us with this recognition. We will do our part to represent it

well," says Corinne.

Berryessa Gap's downtown tasting room is located at 15 Main Street and is open Thursday from 4:30-8:30 p.m., Friday, from 12-8:30 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The winery is located at 27260 Highway 128 and is open Tuesday through Saturday from 12-4 p.m. or by appointment.

For more information about Berryessa Gap, visit [www.berryessagap.com](http://www.berryessagap.com), or call 795-3201.

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business to 7 East Main Street. Pacific Ace Hardware already has plans in motion to expand into 37 Main Street, where it will have more space to expand its inventory.

The game of Musical Chairs extended beyond the business community, as both the Winters Police and Fire Departments vacated their old spots Abbey Street and behind City Hall to move into the new Public Safety Facility in September, with the doors to the new state of the art building officially opened on Nov. 4.

The police and fire departments didn't just change their addresses, they changed command as well. Sergio Gutierrez became the new police chief in November following the retirement of Chief Bruce Muramoto, and for the first time ever, the Winters Fire Department joined forces with another town, as Dixon Fire Chief Aaron McAlister took on the role of Winters fire chief following the retirement of Chief Scott Dozier, also in November. The innovative arrangement between the Winters and Dixon Fire Departments was made to help the Winters personnel transition to a much larger, much more sophisticated facility, and is expected to last for about three years. The police department hired a new officer in 2011, Joshua Hearn.

Over at the school district office, another change in command took place, as the Winters School Board brought back Marilyn Corey in September as interim superintendent after former Superintendent Rebecca Gillespie resigned on Aug. 12. Corey faced a mop-up job upon her return, with the school district still stinging from a seething Grand Jury Report regarding its dismissal of former Winters High School Principal George Griffin, as well as issues with both the school board and Gillespie.

Other changes at the school district office included the retirement of Laura Smith, who served as the administrative assistant to the superintendent of schools for the last 18 years, bringing to a close a 32-year career with the Winters School District.

Leadership at the Winters Chamber of Commerce office also changed hands in 2011, with the resignation of Executive Director Al Aldrete and the appointment of interim Executive Director Mike Sebastian the following week. Debra DeAngelo served as Chamber president in 2011. The Abbey House also welcomed new management as innkeeper Cindy Luchinske came on board following the resignation of former innkeepers Edmund and Diane Lis.

Besides changes in addresses and positions, Winters saw the Roots to Wine group form, with input and membership from Berryessa Gap Vineyards and Turkovich Family Wines, promoting the regional wine business and holding a successful summer wine-tasting event. Summer not only sparkled with wine, it sparkled with fireworks on the Fourth of

July in 2010 as well, as a citizens group formed to raise funds to bring the fireworks back after Independence Day skies went dark the year before under the threat of severe budget cuts at City Hall.

A new committee met for the first time in 2011 — the Economic Development Advisory Committee, made up of appointed community and business representatives tasked with coming up with design guidelines for the "Gateway" to Winters on Grant Avenue, and a new city department opened up as well as the Winters Fire Department went from a district to a city entity.

The first new housing in years was completed in 2011, as the Orchard Village affordable housing complex celebrated its grand opening, filling up quickly with families trying to take a step up in life, and as Orchard Village filled up, Putah Creek emptied out as the Putah Creek Nature Park project kicked into gear, beginning with the emptying, realignment and refilling of the creek in late summer and early fall.

Something new that went up in smoke was the potential for a medical marijuana dispensary in town, following negative reviews from the police department that resulted in a unanimous thumbs-down from the city council. And arguably the newest thing in town 2011 wasn't really new to local folks: The Putah Creek Café debuted on the Food Network's "Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives" program, propelling Winters' own corner café into the national spotlight in April. Not to be outdone, the Buckhorn franchise, Tri-Tip Grill, announced plans to expand into Grand Central Station in New York City. Being in the national news was definitely something new for Winters in 2011.

## Names in the News

The first Winters resident to earn an official title in 2011 was Dyllun Haneke, the First Baby of the year in Winters and Yolo County. Barbara Thomas was picked as the Citizen of the Year for her years of volunteer service to the community. Leticia Quirarte was the recipient of the Theodore Winters Award for her volunteer work with the Winters Healthcare Foundation. Betty Davis was named Senior Citizen of the year for her volunteer work with the senior lunch program at the Community Center, and Berryessa Gap Vineyards was named the Winters Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year for its positive impact on the local business community.

Melanie Bajakian and John Pickerel were the 2011 Youth Day Grand Marshals, and finally got a break from their community duties long enough to ride in the parade. The Youth Day Honorary Grand Marshals needed a slightly larger vehicle to ride in the parade: the entire Uprising U14 AYSO State Champion girls soccer team was selected for that honor. The team included players Ashley Drummond, Yazenia Jara, Viviana Vasquez,

Cristina Chavez, Morgan Anderson, Emily Donlevy, Britney Rivas, Meghan Murphy, Vanessa Arellano, Sofia Evanoff, Hannah Kimes, Madison Nicholas, Tania Ramirez and Heidi Masem, and Coach Ralph Anderson and Assistant Coach Jerry Evanoff.

For the third consecutive year, the Winters team of Woody Fridae, Charles Wallace, John Donlevy and Jeff Donlevy took the Mayor's Cup title in golf.

At Winters High School, Austin Brickney won the annual Mr. Warrior competition, and the Youth Day Sweetheart and Sweetthunk were Katie Clark and Ishak Ashak. Longtime Athletic Director and teacher Tom Crisp retired in 2011, and turned his attention toward writing about Winters sports history. Wrapping up the 2010-11 school year were valedictorians Liliana Munoz and Ashley Anderson.

Over the summer, Isabella Quintana won the annual Winters Has Talent competition at the Earthquake Street Festival, and once the school year was underway again, Stephanie Echeverria and Brentley Weissman were crowned Homecoming Queen and King.

Possibly the most outstanding achievement by a high school student came from one who didn't actually attend public high school at all, or middle school either for that matter. Dale Stephens, who was homeschooled since the sixth grade, was awarded a \$100,000 Thiel Fellowship, with the agreement that he would continue to forego public education at the college level and pursue his own innovative ideas independently.

## Top Ten Stories

**1. Keeping it Safe.** Just about two years after breaking ground at the northwest corner of Main Street and Grant Avenue, the Public Safety Facility was officially completed in November 2011. A dedication ceremony took place on Nov. 3, with both the police and fire departments moved in to their respective blue and red headquarters. The new 44,000 square foot energy-efficient facility cost \$8.4 million to construct and is roomy enough to serve Winters for the next 50 years and up to a 12,000 population. The project was funded by 2007 Redevelopment

bonds and police/fire impact fees charged to developers. Besides more space, the building features living space for firefighters, large community rooms and more professional accommodations for both the police and fire departments. The architect for the project was Dennis Dong.

**2. A New Superintendent's in Town.** The changing of the guard at the Winters School District can only be understood in the context of the hornet's nest that swarmed around the termination of Winters High School Principal George Griffin in 2010. In the wake of community outcry over the unexpected move by the school board, the trustees and Superintendent Rebecca Gillespie were kept on the hot seat for the remainder of that year and well into the next, and the school board had a near turnover of trustees in its election that fall.

A Grand Jury investigation of the termination resulted in a scathing report in May, that found fault not only in the Griffin issue, but problems with standardized testing procedures at the high school as well as conflict of interest issues with Gillespie and the awarding of consultant contracts. Gillespie resigned about two months later, and Marilyn Corey was the new/old sheriff who rode back into town to restore order in October. Corey last served as the Bridge Over Troubled Winters following the death of Superintendent Mike Roberts in the mid-1990s.

**3. Go With the Flow.** Putah Creek Nature Park stated taking shape in September, with the building of a temporary dam that channeled the water into two pipes, while the creek's path alongside Winters was realigned and reshaped. Non-native invasive plants were removed and fish relocated while the work was done, and water was released back into the creek in November. The work was part of a \$2.2 million grant secured by the city, Putah Creek Council and the Solano County Water Agency. In the spring, native vegetation will be planted, and final decisions will be made by the city council about the features of the North Bank Trail Project, including cycling and walking paths, lighting and fencing. The cost of the North Bank Trail Project is \$1.3

million, and will be paid for with federal funding linked to the reconstruction of the car bridge.

**4. Movin' On In.** Although there was only one residential construction project completed in Winters in 2011, it was a substantial one. The first residents started moving into Orchard Village in July and for many, it provided a big step up in their living standards. Located at 955 Railroad Avenue, the 4.2-acre "green" complex features 73 apartments (all affordable), ground floor handicapped accessible units, a spacious community room with restrooms for public gatherings, a computer lab with computers and computer stations, a laundry room, a swimming pool, Jacuzzi and outdoor poolside showers, a children's playground, and solar panels on the building roofs that provide enough power for the common areas. Orchard Village cost \$20 million to construct. The majority of the funding for the project came from federal 9% low income tax credits (equity investors), as well as a \$1.4 million grant from the city's Redevelopment Agency.

**5. On Fire.** The Winters Fire Department was nearly revamped in 2011, beginning with change from a district firefighting agency to an actual City of Winters department in January. The arrangement is a flip-flop from how fire services were provided for decades, with the city paying the district for fire services taking place within city limits. Now, the reverse will be true, and the area fire district will reimburse the city for fire services. Actual fire coverage was unchanged, as far as service area goes. However, fire coverage was vastly improved following the completion of the Public Safety Facility, which included firefighter housing and allowed the fire department to offer 24-hour on-duty coverage.

Continuing on this upwards trajectory, the city contracted with the Dixon Fire Department in October to provide shared management services to Winters. Following the retirement of Chief Scott Dozier in November, command of the Winters Fire Department was handed over to Chief Aaron McAllister. The shared services additionally provide two division chiefs from

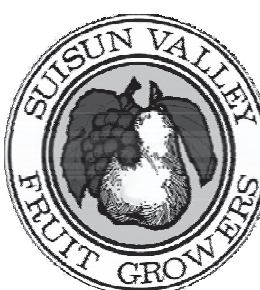
Dixon, and over the course of the three-year contract, are expected to save the city a p p r o x i m a t e l y \$190,000. During those three years, the Dixon crew will streamline the transition from a small station to a large state-of-the-art station, with the goal of returning command of the department to a new Winters chief.

**6. Planning Ahead.** The road ahead for the "Gateway" section of Grant Avenue was paved this year, even if for now, all the improvements still only exist on paper. In February, the Complete Streets plan was approved by the city council, after more than a year of studies, research and public input. The plan extends from the Yolo Housing area to Railroad Avenue, and addresses traffic flow, connectivity to Putah Creek and the downtown area, bike lands, pedestrian walkways and landscaping. Stoplights and possible "roundabouts" are also featured in the plan, with the goal of "traffic calming" and providing safer pedestrian crosswalks across Grant Avenue.

Dovetailing with the Complete Streets planning was work performed by the newly created Economic Development Advisory Committee, which spent six months developing design standards for new construction in the area and culminated in the approval of the Grant Avenue Design Guidelines, which developers can follow when proposing and constructing new projects. The committee consisted of Lisa Baker, William Biasi, Joseph Castro, Wade Cowan, Debra DeAngelo, Bill Hailey, Chris Turkovich and Sandy Vickrey.

**7. Against Our Will.** The entire Winters community was essentially kidnapped in 2011, as the Yolo County Supervisors voted to redraw the county's five districts to compensate for shifts in population across the county. Although Winters residents and the city council protested the plan for Winters to be absorbed by the Davis area's Second District and pled their case not only to remain in the Fifth District but to keep it intact as a strong voice for the rural agricultural community, in the end, it fell on deaf ears, with the exception of Fifth District Supervisor Duane Chamberlain. The fi-

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nal vote to move Winters into the Second District came in October, generating local speculation that this move essentially eliminates the possibility of a Winters resident being elected to a Yolo County Supervisorial seat.

Since taking over the responsibility of representing Winters, District 2 Supervisor Don Saylor has been making efforts to introduce himself to Winters residents, attend local functions and be a visible presence in the Winters community.

**8. Completed Street.** Phase II of the downtown streetscape project was completed in November, following months of construction over the late spring and summer that included bulb-outs, planters and brick work at all four corners of Main and First Streets, as well as a mid-block brick walkway and planters. The intersection now matches the Railroad and Main intersection completed in 2009. Additional brickwork was done where Newt's Expressway connects to Railroad Avenue. The \$750,000 project was funded with a \$495,000 Surface Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) grant, \$100,000 in Transportation Act funding, and \$155,000 in redevelopment funds. Phase 1 of the project cost \$1.5 million, and was paid in full with redevelopment funds.

Although Phase II of the project eliminated 10 parking spaces on Main Street, the city created 18 parking spaces across from City Hall following the demolition of a metal building at that sight. Ten more parking spaces were intended for the site, but the state's seizure of redevelopment funds and pending litigation over the matter halted any further work. Overall, the number of parking spaces in the downtown was increased, with the creation of a temporary parking lot next to the Putah Creek vegetable garden on East Abbey Street that added 40 more parking spaces.

**9. Change of Command.** Both the Winters Fire and Police Departments saw a change of command in the span of two weeks, as Police Chief Bruce Muramoto retired on Nov. 14 and Fire Chief Scott Dozier retired on Nov. 20. They had been employed with the city for 7 and 35 years respectively, and both stayed on well past their intended retirement dates to see the Public Safety Facility project through. By serving as project managers for each of their departments, saving the city approximately \$300,000 that would have been spent on contractors. They also were credited by City Manager John Donlevy for bringing the project in under

budget by almost \$156,000. Stepping into their shoes was Lieutenant Sergio Gutierrez of the Winters Police Department, who became chief on Nov. 15, and Dixon Fire Chief Aaron McAllister, who took command of the Winters Fire Department on Nov. 18.

**10. Closed on the Corner.** JJ's Saloon and Cody's Restaurant closed their doors in 2011, in advance of

leases that were set to expire next year. The owner of JJ's Saloon, who lived elsewhere and inherited it from her brother after he passed away suddenly, was no longer interested in running the business in Winters and decided to close. Theresa and Rory Linton, owners of Cody's Restaurant and Linton's Screen Printing, decided to turn the remainder of their lease over to Mike and Shau-

nie Briggs, who were interested in reopening Briggs & Co. at 314 Railroad Avenue. The Lintons moved their screenprinting and catering businesses to 18 Main Street, last occupied by Valley Floors.

The businesses were leasing from the city after it purchased 314 and 318 Railroad Avenue in 2010 with redevelopment funds, paying property owner Bill Cody \$350,000

for 314 Railroad Avenue and \$290,000 for 318 Railroad Avenue. The acquisition of the properties is linked to the relocation of the Winters Fire Department to the new Public Safety Facility, which in addition to giving the city the option to demolish the old firehouse, also gives the city control of almost the entire southwest block of Railroad Avenue and Abbey Streets, save

for the buildings owned by the Wallace family. The long-term plan for this block of property is to attract a developer to build a 150-room downtown hotel there, and Requests for Proposals were opened up in December. Should one prove to be acceptable, discussion of a downtown hotel will follow and, if approved, will certainly make the list of Top Ten Stories for 2012.

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# Entertainment

## Cajun style New Year's Eve



Courtesy photo

Tom Rigney & Flambeau will bring Cajun flare to The Palms on New Year's Eve, Saturday, Dec. 31, with a concert/dance party. Featuring Cajun and zydeco numbers, the doors open at 9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$35, and include a champagne toast at midnight. Tickets are available at Pacific Ace Hardware in Winters, Armadillo Music in Davis, Watermelon Music in Woodland, and at the door if not sold out. For more information, call 795-1825 or visit [palmsplayhouse.com](http://palmsplayhouse.com) or [rigomania.com](http://rigomania.com).

## Yolo Bypass wildlife tour features birds

On the water and in the sky, early winter brings a plethora of bird life to the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area. Impressive numbers of waterfowl & shorebirds dabble and wade on the water as raptors soar and glide over fields and in the sky. For those looking for a less obvious but equally exciting sight, a search for more camouflaged winter visitors can also result in a rewarding find.

A careful survey of the grasses along the edges of the ponds along the auto tour route may reveal the superbly camouflaged Wilson's Snipe. This medium-sized, brown speckled and striped shorebird has an extremely long bill and relatively short legs. Preferring marshes, wet fields and the marshy edges of streams and ditches, it forages for invertebrates along with some vegetation and seeds. The tip of its long, flexible bill has sensory pits and can open and close without movement at the base. Listen for the "winnowing" sound of the territorial male as

he beats his wings and air flows over his tail feathers.

The Yolo Basin Foundation and the Department of Fish and Game welcome members of the public to view these seasonal visitors on a public tour of the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area on Jan. 14 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Participants should meet at 8 a.m. in Parking Lot A (the first parking lot with the large notice board) in the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area, at the west end of the Yolo Causeway bridge. Further directions to reach the tour are available on the Yolo Basin Foundation website at <http://www.yolobasin.org>.

Participants should bring their own binoculars, water (there is no potable water on site) and field guide. Docents will have spotting scopes to enhance wildlife viewing. This is a driving tour on gravel roads with several stops and short walks.

Tours run rain or shine, and no reservations are necessary.

A \$5 donation is suggested from all trip

participants. Children under 12 and members of the Yolo Basin Foundation are free. For more information, call Heidi Satter, 757-4828, or visit the Foundation website.

The Yolo Basin Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to the appreciation and stewardship of wetlands and wildlife through education and innovative partnerships. The Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area is owned and managed by the California Department of Fish and Game.

## First tour of the year offered at Davis Wetlands

Learn about the connection between the winter water levels at the City of Davis Wetlands and migrating winter waterfowl of the Pacific Flyway at the City of Davis Wetlands during a free public tour led by Yolo Basin Foundation docents on Saturday, Jan. 7, 3-5 p.m.

Those wishing to join the tour should meet a few minutes be-

fore 3 p.m. at the gate in front of the City's wastewater treatment plant, east of the Yolo County landfill on Road 28H. Participants should take their own binoculars, water (no potable water on site), and field guide. This is a free tour. No reservations are required.

For more information call Heidi Satter, 757-4828 before Jan. 7.

## Contra Dance Jan. 21 in Guinda

A Contra Dance is planned in Guinda on Saturday Jan. 21, 7-10 p.m. in the historic Guinda Grange Hall, well known for its wonderful wooden dance floor. The Guinda Grange Hall is located at 16787 Forest Avenue in Guinda.

Contra Dancing is a form of American folk dance in which the dancers form two parallel lines that run the length of the hall. There will be live mu-

sic by Driving With Fergus (Lewis Santer and Vince Wolfe), with Erik Hoffman as caller.

There will be a half-hour lesson at 6:30 p.m., covering basic moves used in the dances, such as swings, promenades, dos-a-dos, and allemandes.

Beginners are welcome, and each dance is taught by the caller.

The dance will have food and drinks for

sale at a no-host snack bar.

Dress is informal and comfortable shoes are recommended. Admission will be charged to cover the cost of the caller, musicians, and use of the hall: \$10 Adult, \$25 Family, \$5 High school student, Children 13 and under accompanying family members are free.

More information is available at [westernyologrango.org](http://westernyologrango.org).

## Auditions planned for 'Leading Ladies'

The Winters Theatre Company will hold auditions for Ken Ludwig's "Leading Ladies" on Wednesday, Jan. 11, and Thursday, Jan. 12, at 7:30 p.m. at the Winters Community Center.

Auditions will consist of cold readings from the script. Roles will be available for several adult women and men. Production dates will be the weekends of March 9 and 16.

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# Sports

## Top ten sports stories of 2011

◆ Uprising team takes top spot

By ERIC LUCERO  
Express sports

1. **The U-14 AYSO girls soccer team** gets my pick for the top sports story for 2011. On March 12, the Uprising finished off a long journey of success as they captured the AYSO California State Championship in dramatic style. Starting back in August, the Uprising battled through local tournaments, won the area, won sections in Foster City in December before qualifying

for state.

Usually competing against cities with more than 10 times the population of Winters, the Uprising continued to battle all opponents in all conditions and now reign as State Champions.

2. **Cody Linton** competes in the CIF State Wrestling Championships for the second year in a row. On March 4 and 5, Linton represented Winters with Warrior pride posting an impressive 3-1 record on day one to advance to the finals the following day. Linton then signed a

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Photo by Eric Lucero

The Uprising U14 AYSO State Championship team members wear their gold medal after winning the State Championship Tournament. Back row left to right are: Coach Ralph Anderson, Ashley Drummond, Yezenia Jara, Viviana Vazquez, Cristina Chavez, Morgan Anderson, Emily Donlevy, Britney Rivas and assistant coach Jerry Evanoff. Front row left to right: Meghan Murphy, Vanessa Arellano, Sofia Evanoff, Hannah Kimes, Madison Nicholas and Tania Ramirez. (Not shown, Heidi Masem.)

## Tobler named to All Butte View League team

Haley Tobler, a senior at Winters High School, was named to the 2011 All Butte View League Volleyball Team. At the Warriors' end of the year ceremony, Tobler was recognized along with teammates for their individual accomplishments.

Sarah Kimes was given the Block W Coaches Award, Rachel Myers earned the Block W Senior Scholar Athlete Award. Marlen Guzman received the JV Block W Coaches Award.



HALEY TOBLER



SARAH KIMES



RACHEL MYERS



MARLEN GUZMAN

### Youth basketball to begin

The City of Winters is sponsoring youth basketball for boys and girls from kindergarten through the 8th grade.

Games will be played on Saturdays at the high school gym. This year's season has been tentatively scheduled from Jan. 14 to March 3.

The youth basketball program needs volunteers to be coaches.

For more information, call Tracy Jensen at City Hall, 795-4910, extension 100.

## Curry strikes again with Adidas donation

By ERIC LUCERO  
Express sports

Megan Curry, as Director of Team and NCAA Services for Adidas America-Colorado, Utah, Nevada and California, has once again gone above and beyond for the Winters High School athletics. In October,

Curry was on the 11 o'clock news on behalf of Adidas for furnishing the Warriors varsity football team with a complete new uniform from jerseys and pants to cleats, socks and wrist bands. Now if you watch the girls soccer team, you will see the Adidas emblem once again.

After clothing the Uprising U-14 AYSO girls state champions Curry has now supplied uniforms for football, basketball, volleyball, girls soccer and track & field at Winters High School alone.

"We have recently

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## PISANI'S ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

### Megan Curry



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national letter of intent to wrestle for Cumberland University in Lebanon Tennessee. After winning several tournament MVP titles, a division title, a section title and a trip to the CIF State Championships Linton accepted a full ride scholarship to compete in the NAIA Mid South Conference.

**3. The Winters Warriors swim team** pulls off another championship season. Behind Colten Montgomery and D.J. Tice who combined to break six individual and two relay school records, the boys team won their first northern section division II title, were runner up for the section title and captured their seventh straight Butte View League Championship. The girls won their fourth straight BVL title and placed third at divisions.

**4. Colten Montgomery** is named the Northern section boys swimmer of the year. Montgomery, as stated above broke four individual school records and helped break two relay records in just his sophomore season at Winters High School. At the section finals Montgomery captured gold in the 100 free, the 100 backstroke, the 200 medley relay and the 400 free relay.

**5. The Winters Warriors boys soccer team** wins a share of the Butte View League Championship on Feb. 10. The Warriors went on to be runner up at

the Northern Section Championships on Feb. 26.

**6. Trevor Wright** won the Butte View League wrestling title and came up one victory short of going to the state tournament. Wright was named the teams Most Outstanding Wrestler and was given the King Pin Award for the Wrestler with the most pins. Wright totaled 31 pins this year.

**7. Zack Higgins** became just the third pitcher in Winters High School to beat the Woodland Wolves varsity baseball team since 1931. On April 9, Higgins joined teammate Joe McIntire who led the Warriors to a 12-8 victory in 2010 and Javi Valdivia who threw a no hitter in a 1-0 shutout in 1991.

**8. Swim coach Kevin Chester** is named the Northern Section Swim Coach of the Year. After leading his team to a boys and girls Butte View League championship and leading the boys team to a division II title and runner up at the section meet, coach Chester was named the Coach of the Year.

**9. Warriors win Mariani Classic.** The Winters varsity baseball team won the annual Mariani Classic baseball tournament on April Saturday, April 9.

**10. The Winters High School JV football team** breaks a school record for the most points scored in a JV or varsity game when they defeated Wheatland 62-41 on Oct. 7. The 103 total points was also a school record.

## CURRY

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signed NCAA partnerships with Sacramento State and UC-Davis," said Curry. "The goal of NCAA partnerships is to bring branding to Universities and their surrounding communities nationwide. This year we have joined partnership with Pioneer (Woodland), Dixon, Winters, Granite Bay, Galt, Napa and Kennedy High Schools.

"Each year we look to add five schools to the area in an effort to grow the brand and bring partnership to high schools throughout the Nation. This program is administered in eight regions of the United States to include a total of 25 High School program. Each sport will wear

our products on the field to provide us with feedback for our sport performance reviews. It's a win-win for the school and its programs."

When asked how it feels to supply Winters Athletics with top of the line products; in a town that she grew up in Curry said, "Giving back is the easiest way of saying 'thank you' to Winters — thank you for providing me with a foundation of community and showing me the importance of helping our local programs succeed. I've received calls, emails, hand-written thank you notes and handshakes throughout the town. It's humbling to work with a group of people who are as appreciative as this community has been. It's touching, to say the least."

## Warriors battle on the mat

By ERIC LUCERO  
Express sports

Warriors wrestle all over the map. The Winters High School wrestling team competed in three different tournaments with the varsity boys traveling to Orangevale to participate in the Marty Manges Invitational.

Trevor Wright placed

second in the tournament to lead the Warriors. Freshman Chaz Mathews didn't place but also wrestled very well.

Destiny Rogers brought home a fifth place medal for the girls and Paige Wright had an impressive performance as well. The JV boys competed in the Rocklin Tournament but no stats were available.

# Stewart earns Eagle Scout rank

TOM ANGUAY  
Troop 998  
Committee Chair

An Eagle Court of Honor was held for Nickolas Andrew Stewart on Saturday, Dec. 17, at 7 p.m. in the Cultural Hall of the LDS Church on Anderson Avenue in Winters. Nick is the son of Ken and Dawn Stewart of Winters.

The MC was Nate Hardy, who began by introducing special guests, Bishop Matt Baker, his counselors Tom Ryel and David Cliche, Scoutmaster Ruben Martinez and Assistant Scoutmaster Perry Martin, TCC Tom Anguay, from the Golden Empire Council Bill Blanton, Linda Paumer, and Jeff Pulsipher, Eagle Project Supervisor, Pat Tippetts, Winters Mayor Woody Fridae, City Manager John Donlevy, and Winters High School Principal Gary Miller.

Troop 998 presented the Colors, led the

Pledge of Allegiance, Scout Oath, Law Motto, Slogan and Outdoor Code. The invocation was given by Bishop Matt Baker. Jeff Pulsipher, representing the National Council of the BSA, officially opened the court of honor.

David Cliche gave his remarks of Nick earning Eagle Scout.

"He has earned all the ranks in scouting and finally Eagle. Nick has earned 12 required merit badges and 28 elective badges, served in Troop leadership positions and has spent 13 hours on service projects, not including the many hours spent on his Eagle project. He is an outdoorsman and is comfortable with nature. He is a good citizen and a good family member. He is physically fit and shows good sportsmanship. He embodies the scout motto, 'Be Prepared.' He is an Eagle Scout."

A slide show of

Nick's scouting history was shown. The slides were put together by his father Ken Stewart and they showed Nick as a young Cub to his present status, Eagle. Then ASM Aaron Drumright gave Nick his Eagle Charge: "You are obligated to live with honor, to be loyal, to be courageous, to serve others, and to have vision. By meeting those obligations, you can lead your troop, your community, your nation toward a better tomorrow." Scoutmaster Ruben Martinez made Nick give the scout sign and had him repeat the Eagle Scout Promise. Nick then pinned his mother and father with Eagle pins.

Mayor Woody Fridae stated a proclamation from the city council for Nick Stewarts accomplishments will be presented to Nick at the next council meeting. Nick will also open the next council meeting by leading everyone in giving the

Pledge of Allegiance.

Bishop Matt Baker presented the perpetual Eagle plaque with Nick's name inscribed as the latest Eagle. Nick is the tenth Eagle Scout from Troop 998 within the last six years. This year, 2011, Troop 998 has had three Scouts earn the rank of Eagle. Tom Ryel then gave Nick a plaque and a belt buckle from the Bishopric.

Scoutmaster Ruben Martinez presented new Eagle Scout Nick Stewart to the audience. Nick talked about his years in scouting and then gave thanks to those who helped him the most. He gave a mentor pin to his grandmother Kathy Willett for the years she spent helping him when he was a Cub scout. He gave another mentor pin, the ASM, to Aaron Drumright for his help in scouting. Tom Ryel gave the benediction and refreshments were served.

## Academic Decathlon needs volunteers for annual event

FAIRFIELD - The Solano County Office of Education is seeking adult volunteers to help with the North Bay Region Academic Decathlon scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 18, at Gomer Historical School, 4522 Abernathy Road in Fairfield; and Saturday, Jan. 28, and Saturday, Feb. 4, at Rodriguez High School, 5000 Red Top Road in Fairfield.

The Decathlon includes high schools from Marin, Napa, Solano, Sonoma, and Yolo County. This year, 275 high school students are expected to compete in the regional competition.

The Academic Decathlon is a competitive event modeled after the Olympics that stimulates academic achievement and honors "athletes of the mind." The competition provides students the opportunity to participate in an educational forum, which fosters a deep respect for knowledge, cooperation, and self-esteem.

Like the decathlon of the ancient Greeks, the Academic Decathlon consists of 10 exacting and exciting events. But, while the Greek events were contests of physical strength, the Academic Decathlon

## WMS honors Students of the Month

Winters Middle School recognized its Students of the Month for November and December last week:

~ 6th grade: Christi Woods and McKay Baker

~ 7th grade: Isabella Jimenez and David Angel

~ 8th grade: Annie Dunn and Kallon Tripp Fernandez



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# Features

## Lupus Targets Young Women

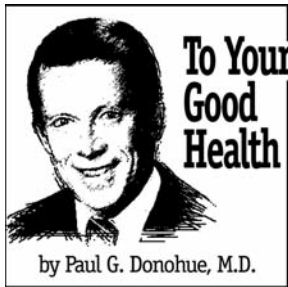
DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I recently tested positive for lupus, about which I know nothing. Please furnish me with some information. — E.L.

ANSWER: Men, children and the elderly can come down with lupus, but the main target group is young women between the ages of 15 and 45. Lupus causes a staggering number of signs and symptoms. No one person develops all, but some have many. Joint swelling and pain; a drop in the number of white and red blood cells; a tendency to form clots in veins; skin rashes; malfunctioning of nerves, the brain and the spinal cord; inflammation of the coverings of the heart and lungs; kidney damage; and an injuring sensitivity to sunlight are the major troubles facing lupus patients.

All of this comes about because the immune system declares war on body organs and tissues for reasons not fully understood. Antibodies — products of the immune system — are signs of the immune attack. They are useful for diagnosing the illness. When you say you tested positive for lupus, do you mean you had a positive blood test? One frequently used is the ANA (anti-nuclear antibody) test. A positive ANA suggests lupus but is not diagnostic of it. Two other antibody tests, anti-dsDNA and anti-SM, are stronger evidence of lupus.

Lupus is a formidable illness, but modern treatment has taken away much of its dread. In the past, it shortened life. Now 80 percent to 90 percent of lupus patients live 10 or more years. Lupus is subject to flare-ups and periods when it greatly quiets down. For flares, the cortisone drugs are put into play. For quiet periods, medicines with fewer side effects are prescribed. The list of medicines available for lupus is large. A new one has just come on the market.

The booklet on rheumatoid arthritis and lupus, two similar illnesses, gives a comprehensive view of lupus and its treat-



ment. To order a copy, write: Dr. Donohue — No. 301W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order 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 seen a specialist for jock itch. I was told there is no cure. Why not? Men in service during the wars must have had this. — W.K.

ANSWER: Men and women in and out of service get tinea cruris, jock itch, a fungal infection of the skin in the groin. Cure is possible. The infected skin is red to brown and has a raised, scaly margin. It's often itchy. In another part of your letter, you mentioned an antifungal drug that is effective. Stick with it. It can require a month or more of treatment, and you should keep treating for one full week after all signs of it have gone. Other effective medicines are miconazole (Micatin) and clotrimazole (Lotrimin AF), both available without a prescription. If your current medicine or these medicines don't make a dent, then you might have to go on prescription oral medicines. In that case, considerations of conditions that look like jock itch should be assessed, things like erythrasma, a bacterial skin infection, and psoriasis. \*\*\*

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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## We should be thankful to the Creek Angels

I like to do volunteer labor for the Putah Creek Council and the Solano County Water Agency (SCWA). Both organizations are actively involved in restoration projects designed to protect, not only the quality of our water, but our entire ecosystem. In the end, they add beauty to the landscape and work hard to preserve our natural heritage.

Their objectives are “to improve and increase aquatic and terrestrial habitats and improve ecological functions to support sustainable populations of diverse and valuable plant and animal species.” (SCWA) The SCWA receives annual revenues of approximately \$16 million (may not be current amount) through water sales and county tax revenues used to finance potential actions that are identified in the SCWA Strategic Plan.

The Putah Creek Council, a nonprofit organization, works hand in hand with the SCWA and others to help protect Putah Creek through restoration projects, tree planting, biomonitoring, workshops, and other events. Putah Creek Council.org

Like I said before, I like to do volunteer work with these organizations because I feel the work is vital to our environment. In case you haven't noticed, our environment is in big trouble and it's not going to get any better unless we all take some positive actions to make it so. Notice I said, “we all.”

There are those among us who don't like change of any kind. They want to leave our environment alone, as it is. They feel that man has done his worst and it's time to let the environment heal itself. They think that the environment will just fix itself. I'll admit that at one time, I thought like that too.

The other day, I was working by the creek, cleaning out holes to make it easier for other volunteers to plant trees. I couldn't help but notice how many people are now enjoying leisurely strolls alongside the clear, cool, running water of the creek. They always have a smile on their



faces and a “hello” as they pass by.

Well, like I said, there are those among us who don't like change. While working, a gentleman approached to see what I was doing. I made a comment to him about how nice the creek was now after all of the work that's been done. He replied, “I liked it the way that it was.”

He went on to say that he had been against the removal of the old concrete dam that was, at one time, just downstream from where we stood.

“We have wrecked the only good swimming hole we had,” he continued.

He said he liked the wild nature of the creek before the work began. He also felt that the public was not informed of the work to be done in a timely manner.

I didn't catch his name but I thought he was a nice guy; honest in his opinions. I liked him because he said he reads my column in the Winters Express. However, I think he is severely misinformed. His “best swimming hole” was within a few yards of a three-foot storm drain that emptied into the creek. Fertilizers, weed killer, insecticides and fungicides, loose grass clippings and leaves, soil from exposed areas in the yard, pet droppings, poorly maintained septic systems, detergents from washing your car, common household cleaners, paint, oil and other chemicals that were improperly dumped by the public into the storm drain splashed right into the “swimming hole.” Face it — the removal of that old ugly dam was the right thing to do.

I'll admit that the creek, as it was in its wild nature, was very pretty. However, it was sick and it would not repair itself. Our creek is the victim of a silent invasion of noxious weeds that destroy native plants that are not immune to their invasive diseases and the insect pests that follow

them.

Exotic plant species pose a threat to many natural and restored ecosystems because they outcompete native plants for nutrients and sunlight. It has been calculated that 79 of the more than 4,000 exotic species of plants and animals surviving in the US cost the country \$97 billion between 1906 and 1991 in damage to agriculture, industry and health.

The restoration work that is being done locally is but a small part of a bigger picture. Exotic species on land and in the water already cost the United States \$138 billion annually, according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. San Francisco Bay, which scientists call “the most invaded estuary in the world” is at our doorstep.

Researchers estimate that one gallon of ballast water contains an average of 31 billion suspected viruses and 3.5 billion bacteria. About 87 million tons of foreign ballast water is released into American ports annually, according to a recent study by the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center of Edgewater, Maryland.

The local public was informed of this restoration work as far back as October of 2007 via the Winters Express. There have been many such articles, packed with information. There can be no valid complaint there. As a matter of fact, there should be no complaints anywhere about restoration work — it is a gift from God.

I can't name them all, but some of the people who are most responsible for this good work are Winters city Manager Jon Donlevy, Rich Marovich of SCWA, and Libby Earthman and Sara Tremayne of the Putah Creek Council. They are all “Creek Angels” and we should consider them as such, because they do for us what we will not do for ourselves.

## Pleased to meet you



Name: Carlene Stalnaker

Occupation: Letter carrier

Hobby: Reading

Best thing about Winters: The people are so friendly.

Fun fact: Has nine grandkids

### HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Nightgown is striped. 2. Hat is different. 3. Spots on bushes are gone. 4. Light is missing. 5. Window is different. 6. Briefcase is different.

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### Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) The New Year brings challenges that can change many things in your life. You need to be prepared not only to confront them, but also to deal with what happens afterward.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You have what it takes to set your goals quite a bit higher this year. Learn what you need to know and put what you learn into your efforts. A partner offers loving support.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) In true Gemini Twin fashion, you're conflicted about a decision you know you'll have to make in this New Year. Best advice: Get the facts before you make any commitment.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A friend offers you an exciting opportunity for the New Year. Although your positive aspects are strong in most respects, caution is advised. Investigate before you invest.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You can make this New Year a roaring success. Start by readjusting your goals to reflect the changes in the economy. Your den-mate offers both wise and loving support.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) The New Year brings new opportunities for change. But you need to be ready to move from the comfortable status quo to the challenging unknown. It's up to you.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your most important New Year's resolution should be to work out problems with a family member in order to avoid continued misunderstandings. Do it soon, for both of your sakes.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) The New Year has much to offer the intensely determined Scorpion, who isn't afraid to take on challenges and stay with them until they surrender their rewards.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You'll have many fine opportunities in this New Year. But be warned: Reject offers of “help.” You work best when you're free to be your own creative self.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) The New Year offers changes that you might feel you're not quite ready for. Best advice: Deal with them one step at a time, until you've built up your self-confidence.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Travel is a dominant aspect of the New Year. This could mean relocating to another city (or even another country) in connection with your education or your career.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) This New Year brings news about a change you've been anticipating. You might have a problem persuading a loved one about your new plans, but he or she will soon go along with them.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a gift for making people feel safe and protected. You would make an excellent youth counselor.

### King Crossword

Solution time: 21 mins.

Answers

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### King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Rock Band's equipment

5 One of the Seven Dwarfs

8 Mr. Astaire

12 Ladyfingers dessert

14 Of planes and such

15 Huge

16 Bowling alley

17 Roman X

18 Aide

20 Extinct birds

23 Faction

24 Culture medium

25 Articulate

28 Morning moisture

29 Mel who voiced Bugs Bunny

30 Shock and

32 Study of wine (Var.)

34 Distort

35 Website info, for short

36 Cubic meter

37 Fujiyama's island

40 Gentleman's address

41 Jai —

42 Famed

DOWN

1 Consumed

2 60 sec.

3 Expert

4 Tailor, old-style

5 Singer Celine

6 Buckeyes' sch.

7 Comfortably

8 "I've —, and I..."

9 Harvest

10 Sea eagle

11 Active one

13 Sras., across the Pyrenees

19 Sch. goings-on

20 Old man

21 Curved molding

22 Sunrise

23 Hosiery woes

25 Speaking well

26 Birthday treat

27 Basin accessory

29 Mediocre

31 Ram's mate

33 Cover a multitude —

34 Fly low and attack

36 Ledge

37 50 percent

38 Hodgepodge

39 Appellation

40 Dirt

43 Scott's denial

44 Showbiz job

45 "The Greatest"

46 Affirmative

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# Nuestras Noticias



## Feliz año nuevo

Llega una vez más el fin de otro año, de un año que se caracterizo porque seguimos metidos en una recesión económica, un año en donde muchas familias han perdido sus casas, muchos han perdido su trabajo, pero a pesar de todo la vida nos una oportunidad de empezar otro año, empezar un año como si fuere cualquier cosa, es una torpeza. Un año de vida es un regalo demasiado grande para echarlo a perder. ¿Alguna vez has sentido en lo más hondo de tu ser ese deseo profundo y enorme de mejorar o de cambiar? Si es así, no dejes que el deseo se escape, porque no todos los días lo sentirás. Si hoy sientes esa llamada a querer ser otro, a ser distinto, atrápala con fuerza y hazla realidad. El inicio de un nuevo año es el momento para reunir las fuerzas y toda la ilusión para comenzar el mejor año de la vida, porque el que se proponga convertir éste en su mejor año, lo puede lograr.

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El año nuevo es una oportunidad más para transformar la vida, el hogar, el trabajo en algo distinto. Es una oportunidad para comenzar bien, hacerlo diferente, quizá el año pasado no fue nuestro m mejor año, pero podemos mejorarlo. Éste va a ser distinto, quiero que así sea; es un deseo, es un propósito, y no lo voy a echar a perder. Tengo otra oportunidad que no voy a desperdiciar, porque la vida es demasiado breve. Hoy podemos decir, voy a cambiar, voy a ser mejor padre, mejor madre, mejor hijo, mejor hija, mejor amigo, mejor amiga, seré distinto en mi trabajo, inclusive podemos desempolvar nuestra fe, esa fe arrumbada y llena de polvo; voy a poner un poco más de oración, de cielo azul, de aire puro en mi jornada diaria. Ya me harté de vivir como he vivido, de ser egoísta, tracalero, injusto. Otro estilo de vida, otra forma de ser. ¿Por qué no intentarlo?”

En los ratos más negros y amargos, llenos de culpa, piensas: ¿Por qué no acabar con todo? Pero en esos mismos momentos se puede pensar otra cosa: ¿Por qué no comenzar de nuevo?». Algunos ven que su vida pasada ha sido gris, vulgar y mediocre, y su gran argumento y razón para desesperarse es: He sido un Don Nadie, ¿qué puedo hacer ya? Pero otros sacan de ahí mismo el gran argumento, la gran razón para el cambio radical positivo: No me resigno a ser vulgar; quiero resucitar a una vida mejor, quiero luchar, voy a trabajar, quiero volver a empezar. Un año recién salido de las manos del autor de la vida es un año que aún no estrenas. ¿Qué vas a hacer con él? El año pasado ¿no te gustó?, ¿no diste la medida? Con éste ¿qué vas a hacer? Un nuevo año recién iniciado: todo comienza, si tú quieres; todo vuelve a empezar.

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Comienza un nuevo año y con él un mundo de oportunidades se abre ante nosotros. El momento es propicio para reflexionar internamente sobre experiencias pasadas, situaciones presentes y el porvenir. Para aprender del pasado, disfrutar el presente y construir un futuro mejor. Feliz Año nuevo.

## Reconocimiento a Betty Davis

La Cámara de Comercio de Winters ha otorgado el reconocimiento a Betty Davis como “Senior Citizen of the Year”, premio a la persona de la tercera edad del año. El premio se le otorgo por su trabajo como voluntaria en el programa de almuerzos para los residentes de la tercera edad en el centro de la comunidad.

Hablando con Betty te das cuenta que el foco de atención no es ella, sino las necesidades de de los otros. Ella está comprometida con su iglesia y con su fe cristiana. Ella dice que se cuida cuidando

a los demás. De lunes a viernes se le puede encontrar en el centro de la comunidad de 11 am a 2 pm. Donde ella ha sido voluntaria para el programa de nutrición de las personas de la tercera edad, el programa ofrece comidas a bajo costo o gratis a las personas de la tercera edad, el programa ayuda de 12 a 16 personas cada día.

Su trabajo es servir la comida de la cocina a los hombres y mujeres, pero no solo es servir la comida calientita, sino que va acompañada con mucha atención. Le gusta ayudar a la gente, y si alguien de los que asisten al centro no van al

almuerzo y no avisa, alguien se cerciora que esa persona está bien. La encargada del programa dice que Betty es una de sus trabajadoras más dedicadas en el programa, cuando la encargada esta sola, Betty viene para ayudarla. Betty le dijo que dejaría de venir algunas horas, y que solo vendría los lunes, pero todavía está ahí diariamente.

A Betty se le puede ver caminando en el pueblo, camina de su casa en Abbey st a Los departamentos de la tercera edad en la calle Morgan St. Para visitar a los habitantes de ahí. Una de las personas que visita es una mujer a la que ella

cuidaba, la mujer tiene 99 años y Betty todavía va a visitarla.

Hace años que se dio un caso aquí en Winters del mosquito del Nilo, Betty camino por el pueblo entregando panfletos a los residentes avisándoles del peligro de la infección, y como podrían protegerse de ella. Ella ha vivido en Winters casi tres décadas, ha pasado tiempo en el Norte de California y Oregon, incluyendo tiempo en Ukiah y Sacramento.

La celebración de la Cámara de Comercio para la entrega de este premio y otros, se llevara a cabo el sábado 21 de enero a las 6 pm.

## Resoluciones de año nuevo

Siempre existe un día nuevo en la vida de todos, y ese día nos da la oportunidad de volver a empezar, a tratar de enmendar nuestros errores, ese nuevo día nos da la oportunidad de ser mejores padres, madres, hermanos, hermanas, amigos, socios. Y así como tenemos siempre un nuevo día, tenemos un nuevo año para comenzar de nuevo. Quizá este año pueda llevar a cabo esas resoluciones que el pasado año no pudo conseguir, ¿Cuáles son sus resoluciones para este año nuevo? Aquí les dejo algunas sugerencias, y recuerde no se desanime, siempre hay un nuevo día para volverlo a intentar.

Dejar de fumar. Quizá sea uno de los propósitos más recurrentes y uno de los más difíciles de lograr. Son bien sabidas las consecuencias de fumar habitualmente: cáncer de lengua, cáncer de garganta, cáncer de boca y, por supuesto, cáncer de pulmón, son algunos de los tipos de cáncer que puedes contraer si tienes el hábito de fumar. Si fumas, es muy importante que en este 2012 te hagas el firme propósito de dejarlo. Definitivamente.

Perder peso. Seguramente has incluido más de una vez este propósito en tu lista en repetidos años. Casi todos queremos perder peso y vernos mejor pero, como el resto de los propósitos de fin de año, se requiere una gran fuerza de voluntad para lograrlo. El sobrepeso y la obesidad están causando en la sociedad problemas de salud gravísimos a mediano y largo plazo, como diabetes, e n f e r m e d a d e s cardíacas y del sistema circulatorio. Es muy probable que no quieras verte afectado por ninguno de ellos, así que empieza tu régimen y síguelo pensando sólo en tu bienestar.

Encontrar un mejor trabajo. Todos nos quejamos del trabajo, pocos son los casos en los que la gente es verdaderamente feliz. Es una lástima cuando debería pasar exactamente lo contrario. Sin embargo, piensa que

siempre tienes la opción de hacer algo más que soportar a un jefe intransigente o a unos compañeros que no cumplen sus obligaciones. A pesar de la crisis, el mundo es un ramillete de oportunidades: la magia está en que realmente te decidas a buscarlas y en que sepas dónde buscarlas. El momento ideal para buscar trabajo lo dictas tú mismo: si vas al trabajo sin motivación todos los días, regresas a tu casa de mal humor, no te gusta lo que haces y además tienes problemas con tus compañeros, no lo pienses más y busca otras opciones. Ningún salario pagará tu frustración y tu desgaste. No tengas ninguna duda: tu capacidad y tu experiencia serán aprovechados en otros lugares.

Enamorarte. Lograr una relación c o m p r o m e t i d a , duradera y feliz es una de las cosas más difíciles en la vida moderna. Cada vez tenemos menos tiempo para ocuparnos de nuestra vida personal, el mundo sexual ha cambiado en muchos sentidos en la última década; la inseguridad y el miedo que nos da arrojarlos a una relación, muchas veces nos paraliza. Sin embargo, muchas de las razones por las que no podemos enamorarnos radican en nuestro propio ser: nuestros miedos, nuestra falta de compromiso, nuestra falta de autoestima, nuestros prejuicios y muchas cosas más, nos impiden darnos la oportunidad de comenzar una relación y mantenerla. Este 2012 permítete tener una relación amorosa: verás que siempre, independientemente de si resulta bien o no, vale la pena.

Aprender algo nuevo. Hablar un idioma extra, tejer con punto de cruz, confeccionar tu propia ropa, actuación, cine, terminar la licenciatura, comenzar la maestría o el doctorado... Hay un sinfín de conocimiento que seguramente has querido adquirir, y no te ha sido posible por razones de tiempo o dinero. Pues bien: decídate a que este 2012 sea el año en que lo lograrás. Recuerda

que el dinero que destines a aprender algo nuevo es una inversión que tarde o temprano tendrá sus frutos. La satisfacción que te dará estar consciente de que estás aprendiendo algo que te gusta, te brindará una visión de más amplia de las circunstancias. Es cierto: verás la vida con otros ojos.

Viajar más. Sin duda, viajar es un ejercicio de liberación y oxigenación para tu cuerpo, tu mente y tu espíritu. Por eso nos sentimos tan bien cuando hacemos un viaje, por corto que sea. Viajar nos ayuda a mantener el equilibrio entre nuestras ocupaciones y el placer, se trata de romper nuestra rutina y renovar nuestras energías. Si bien es muy difícil viajar cada semana, este año puedes fijarte la meta de viajar una vez al mes. No tienes que hacer viajes muy caros o muy lejanos: el solo hecho de salir a carretera y dormir en otro sitio te servirá para darte un respiro de tu rutina diaria. Inténtalo este 2012.

Ahorrar. En esta época de crisis, ahorrar ya no es un lujo, sino una necesidad. Si ahorras es más probable que puedas darte algunos gustos de vez en cuando, o bien, que puedas pagar esas deudas que vienes arrastrando o incluso, que hagas el viaje de tus sueños, que cambies de auto, que te mudes de apartamento. Son muchos los beneficios de ahorrar y, a pesar de lo difícil que está nuestra situación económica, es relativamente fácil lograrlo: la clave –recuérdala siempre–

se llama organización.

Leer más. No debe existir una persona que no desee extender su cultura general, tener una c o n v e r s a c i ó n interesante, estar al día de lo que ocurre en el mundo. Y eso te lo da el hábito de la lectura. Leer libros, revistas, periódicos, te da una visión más amplia de tu mundo y tu contexto, y te ayuda a construir opiniones mejor fundamentadas y más inteligentes. Esto, además de satisfacer tu ego, es útil para relacionarte con personas de otros niveles culturales que, en un momento dado, pueden ayudarte a moverte en otros círculos. Por ello, el hábito de la lectura es tan apreciado en todos los niveles... y 2012 es un excelente año para que lo desarrolles.

Ser feliz. Suena fácil, pero no podríamos contar a todas las personas que no son felices en el mundo. ¿En qué consiste ser feliz? Diríamos que eres feliz si amas lo que haces y lo que tienes. Tu trabajo, las labores de tu hogar, cuidar a tus hijos, estar con tu pareja, ir a la escuela... En fin, no importa a qué te dediques, lo importante es que te sientas satisfecho como ser humano y disfrutes cada día que pasa. Es muy conocido el consejo de “vivir como si fuera el último día de tu vida”, porque realmente, lo único que tienes es el ahora: mañana nadie sabe si vamos a vivir o si n u e s t r a s circunstancias van a ser iguales. Por eso, este 2012, hazte el firme propósito de hacer todo el tiempo únicamente lo que amas... o al menos, casi todo el tiempo.

### Aviso al Público

Aviso al Público  
Solicitud de la Opinión de la Comunidad  
Tema: Búsqueda del Superintendente

Durante las próximas semanas, la Mesa Directiva de Educación y Superintendente Interino, Marilyn Corey, harán planes y preparativos para la búsqueda del nuevo superintendente. Se ha fijado una junta para el público a las 6:30 p.m. el martes, 10 de enero de 2012 en el Walnut Room de la Oficina del Distrito localizada en 909 W. Grant Avenue. Esta es una oportunidad para los residentes de la comunidad para expresar opiniones sobre las cualidades personales y profesionales deseadas del nuevo superintendente. Las personas que no puedan asistir a esta reunión podrán transmitir sus comentarios a la superintendente interino por correo a la dirección arriba o por correo electrónico mcorey@wintersjUSD.org.

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### Notice of Public Hearing

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**PURPOSE:** A public hearing will be held by the  
Yolo County Committee on School District Organi-  
zation (Committee) to receive comments from pa-  
rents, teachers, members of the community, and  
bargaining unit leaders regarding the Adoption of  
Redistricting Plan for the Yolo County Board of Edu-  
cation Trustee Areas Based Upon the 2010 Cens-  
sus. At the conclusion of the public hearing, the  
Committee may take action on adoption of the re-  
districting plan for the Trustee Areas.

The public hearing is scheduled as follows:


**DATE**  
Tuesday, January 10, 2012  
**TIME**  
4:15 p.m. or thereafter  
**LOCATION**  
Yolo County Office of Education  
1280 Santa Anita Court, Suite #120,  
Woodland, CA

Individuals wishing to speak before the Committee  
are requested to fill out a speaker card, which will  
be available in the Conference Center. Completed  
speaker cards need to be submitted to the Board  
Recording Secretary; speakers will be called in the  
order in which the cards are received. Each indi-  
vidual addressing the Committee will have a max-  
imum of three minutes to speak to ensure that all  
who wish to address the Committee on this matter  
will be heard.

Materials subject to the public hearing will be avail-  
able at the public hearing. If you would like a copy  
of the materials prior to that time, contact the Yolo  
County Office of Education at 1280 Santa Anita  
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## Trustee's Sale

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 11-0095190 Title Order No. 110450749 Investor/Insurer No. 1704942471 APN No. 003-474-022 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 09/21/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER." Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by VINCENT PEDROIA, AND ANGELA PEDROIA, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS, dated 09/21/2007 and recorded 10/5/2007, as Instrument No. 2007-0034525-00, in Book , Page ), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Yolo County, State of California, will sell on 01/09/2012 at 1:00PM, Ramada Inn & Suites, 1250 Halyard Drive, West Sacramento, CA, 95691, Edgewater Ballroom at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash or check as described below, payable in full at time of sale, all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust, in the property situated in said County and State and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: **1101 ROOSEVELT AVE, WINTERS, CA, 956941524**. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance with interest thereon of the obligation secured by the property to be sold plus reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$298,057.57. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept cashier's checks drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Said sale will be made, in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, advances thereunder, with interest as provided, and the unpaid principal of the Note secured by said Deed of Trust with interest thereon as provided in said Note, plus fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. DATED: 12/14/2011 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA6-914-01-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 93063 Phone: (800) 281 8219, Sale Information (626) 927-4399 By: - Trustee's Sale Officer RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. ASAP# FNMA4119533 12/15/2011, 12/22/2011, 12/29/2011

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## Trustee's Sale

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. H530010 CA Unit Code: H Loan No: 4001793100/MILLON Investor No: 0137217964 AP #1: 003-276-003-000 POWER DEFAULT SERVICES, INC., as duly appointed Trustee under the following described Deed of Trust WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (in the forms which are lawful tender in the United States) and/or the cashier's, certified or other checks specified in Civil Code Section 2924h (payable in full at the time of sale to T.D. Service Company) all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property hereinafter described: Trustor: KATHLYN H MILLON Recorded November 1, 2005 as Instr. No. 2005-0054846-00 in Book --- Page --- of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of YOLO County; CALIFORNIA, pursuant to the Notice of Default and Election to Sell thereunder recorded July 14, 2011 as Instr. No. 2011-19038 in Book --- Page --- of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of YOLO County CALIFORNIA. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED OCTOBER 24, 2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. **210 LENIS AVE, WINTERS, CA 95694** "(If a street address or common designation of property is shown above, no warranty is given as to its completeness or correctness)." Said Sale of property will be made in "as is" condition without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest as in said note provided, advances, if any, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. Said sale will be held on: JANUARY 17, 2012, AT 9:00 A.M. "AT THE NORTH ENTRANCE TO THE WEST SACRAMENTO CITY HALL, 1110 WEST CAPITOL AVENUE, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA At the time of the initial publication of this notice, the total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the above described Deed of Trust and estimated costs, expenses, and advances is \$283,303.45. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. Pursuant to California Civil Code 2923.54 the undersigned, on behalf of the beneficiary, loan servicer or authorized agent, declares as follows: The mortgage loan servicer has obtained from the commissioner a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to Section 2923.53 that is current and valid on the date the notice of sale is filed; The timeframe for giving notice of sale specified in subdivision (a) of Section 2923.52 does not apply pursuant to Section 2923.52 or 2923.55. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Date: December 16, 2011 POWER DEFAULT SERVICES, INC. as said Trustee, as Authorized Agent for the Beneficiary KIMBERLY THORNE, ASSISTANT SECRETARY T.D. SERVICE COMPANY 1820 E. FIRST ST., SUITE 210, P.O. BOX 11988 SANTA ANA, CA 92711-1988 The Beneficiary may be attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained may be used for that purpose. If available, the expected opening bid and/or postponement information may be obtained by calling the following telephone number(s) on the day before the sale: (714) 480-5690 or you may access sales information at www.tacforeclosures.com. TAC# 951654 PUB: 12/22/11, 12/29/11, 01/05/12

## Trustee's Sale

Trustee Sale No. 11-03075-5 Loan No. 4001771791 Title Order No. 965225 APN 003-513-016 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 10/15/2005. 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 January 5, 2012, at 12:45 PM, at the north entrance to the West Sacramento City Hall located at 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 October 25, 2005, as Instrument No. 2005005337000 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Yolo County, CA, executed by: DONALD W FRANCIS, JR. AND REBECCA ROSE FRANCIS, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS JOINT TENANTS, as Trustor, in favor of AMERIQUEST MORTGAGE COMPANY 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: **623 IVY LOOP, 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 \$450,312.21 (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. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. DATE: 12/12/2011 POWER DEFAULT SERVICES, INC., Trustee By: Fidelity National Title Company, its agent 11000 Olson Drive Ste 101, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670, 916-636-0114 By: John Catching, Authorized Signature SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ON LINE AT www.priorityposting.com AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 7145731965 P905318 12/15, 12/22, 12/29/2011

## Notice of Public Notice

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the City Council of the City of Winters will conduct a public hearing on January 17, 2012, at 6:30 p.m.. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 318 First Street, Winters, California. Purpose of the public hearing is to consider adoption of City of Winters Ordinance No. 2012-01, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WINTERS APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE CREEK-SIDE ESTATES DEVELOPMENT DATED DECEMBER 22, 2005, BETWEEN THE CITY OF WINTERS AND DONALD MILLER, TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR AN ADDITIONAL EIGHT YEARS, REMOVE FUNDING REQUIREMENTS FOR FACILITIES THAT HAVE BEEN BUILT, AND MODIFY LANGUAGE CONCERNING PARK COSTS

The Ordinance is summarized, pursuant to California law, as follows:

The City of Winters on December 22, 2005, entered into a Development Agreement with Donald Miller for the development of 41 single family units on 13.7 acres at the southwest corner of the intersection of Grant Avenue and Main Street ("the Project"). After Mr. Miller passed away, the property was sold to the Catholic Bishop of Sacramento (the "Developer"). The Developer requested an extension of the Agreement, which will expire shortly. The Planning Commission, after Public Hearing, recommended the Agreement be extended for 8 years, and this Ordinance will do that.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to give citizens an opportunity to make their comments known. If you are unable to attend the public hearing, you may direct written comments to the City of Winters, City Clerk, 318 First Street, Winters, CA 95694 or you may telephone (530) 795-4910, extension 101, before the meeting on January 17, 2012. In addition, a public information file is available for review at the above address between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on weekdays. If you plan on attending the public hearing and need a special accommodation because of a sensory or mobility impairment/disability, please contact Dawn Van Dyke, (530) 795-4910, extension 108 to arrange for those accommodations to be made.

Dated: December 21, 2011  
 John C. Wallace, City Attorney, City of Winters

Published Dec. 29, 2011

## Fictitious Business Name

FILED YOLO COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER  
 December 21, 2011  
 FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK  
 Lupe Ramirez, Deputy  
 FBN NUMBER 2011-1018  
 Fictitious Business Name  
 Berryessa Brewing Co.  
 27260 Highway 128, Winters, CA 95694  
 Names of Corporation  
 Putiah Creek Farming Co.  
 4570 Putah Creek Rd., Winters, CA 95694  
 Business Classification: Corporation  
 Beginning Date of Business: 12/1/11  
 s/Santiago Moreno  
 Putah Creek Farming, Co. Official Title: CEO  
 I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the original document on file in this office. This certification is true as long as there are no alterations to the document, AND as long as the document is sealed with a red seal.  
 State of California, County of Yolo  
 FREDDIE OAKLEY County Clerk/Recorder  
 Lupe Ramirez, Deputy Clerk  
 Published Dec. 29, 2011, Jan. 5, 12, 19, 2012

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

## Trustee's Sale

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 11-0105816 Title Order No. 110474215 APN No. 003-445-007 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 03/11/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by DAVID W. HIGHTOWER AND LINDA M. HIGHTOWER, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS, dated 03/11/2005 and recorded 3/22/2005, as Instrument No. 2005-0012888-00, in Book , Page ), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Yolo County, State of California, will sell on 01/23/2012 at 10:00AM, At the North entrance to the City Hall, 1110 West Capital , West Sacramento, Yolo County, CA at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash or check as described below, payable in full at time of sale, all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust, in the property situated in said County and State and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: **705 VALLEY OAK DRIVE, WINTERS, CA, 95694**. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance with interest thereon of the obligation secured by the property to be sold plus reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$271,333.50. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept cashier's checks drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Said sale will be made, in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, advances thereunder, with interest as provided, and the unpaid principal of the Note secured by said Deed of Trust with interest thereon as provided in said Note, plus fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. If required by the provisions of section 2923.5 of the California Civil Code, the declaration from the mortgagee, beneficiary or authorized agent is attached to the Notice of Trustee's Sale duly recorded with the appropriate County Recorder's Office. DATED: 12/28/2011 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA6-914-01-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 93063 Phone/Sale Information: (800) 281 8219 By: Trustee's Sale Officer RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. FEI # 1006.149777 12/29, 1/05, 1/12/2012

## Public Notice

**Notice to the Public**  
**Request for Community Input**  
**Subject: Superintendent Search**

During the next few weeks, the Board of Education and Interim Superintendent, Marilyn Corey, will be making plans and preparations for the search for the new Superintendent. A meeting for the public has been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 10, 2012 in the Walnut Room of the District Office at 909 W. Grant Avenue.

This is an opportunity for community residents to express opinions about the desired personal and professional qualities of the new Superintendent. Persons unable to attend this meeting may forward their comments to the Interim Superintendent by mail at the address above or e-mail mcorey@wintersjud.org.

Published Dec. 29, 2011, Jan. 5, 2012

## Trustee's Sale

Trustee Sale No.: 20110169806481 Title Order No.: 110452600 FHA/VA/PMI No.: NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 9/17/2004. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NDEX WEST, LLC, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 09/28/2004 as Instrument No. 2004-0044118-00 of official records in the office of the County Recorder of YOLO County, State of CALIFORNIA. EXECUTED BY: RICK SLIMP AND SUZANNE M. SLIMP, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States). DATE OF SALE: 1/23/2012 TIME OF SALE: 01:00 PM PLACE OF SALE: RAMADA INN & SUITES, 1250 HALYARD DRIVE WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95691 STREET ADDRESS and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: **802 SUFFOLK PLACE WINTERS, CA 95694** APN#: 030-372-011 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$224,565.04. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to sell to be recorded in the County where the real property is located. FOR TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: AUCTION.COM, LLC ONE MAUCHLY IRVINE, CA 92618 800-280-2832 Auction.com, LLC NDEX West, L.L.C. as Trustee Dated: 12/19/2011 NDEX West, L.L.C. MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. P904303 12/29, 1/5, 01/12/2012

## Trustee's Sale

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS # CA-11-465096-LL Order #: 110404008-CA-GTI YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 9/15/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. 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 Section 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 pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, 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 set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor(s): ROBERT W. REED, AN UNMARRIED MAN Recorded: 9/22/2006 as Instrument No. 2006-0037466-00 in book xxx , page xxx of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of YOLO County, California; Date of Sale: 1/12/2012 at 12:45:00 PM Place of Sale: At the north entrance to the West Sacramento City Hall located at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$273,479.40 The purported property address is: **100 LAUREN COURT WINTERS, CA 95694** Assessor's Parcel No. 003-480-057 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. 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 first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney. Date: Quality Loan Service Corp. 2141 5th Avenue San Diego, CA 92101 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 714-573-1965 or Login to: www.priority-posting.com Reinstatement Line: 619-645-7711 Ext. 3704

Quality Loan Service, Corp. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. THIS NOTICE IS SENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING A DEBT. THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDER AND OWNER OF THE NOTE. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED BY OR PROVIDED TO THIS FIRM OR THE CREDITOR WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. ID-SPub #0017226 12/22/2011 12/29/2011 1/5/2012