



# Letters con't.

Dear Editor:

Peace means living right. If you do all the small things as you should, rarely do you make mistakes that can cause ripples on the Laguna. Money is basic truth. Either the checking account ballances or not. And the trail on money is easily found. Accounting and contracts are pretty standard in the world. Thus reckoning over the almighty dollar may cause uncomfortable feelings and punishment and restitution. Down to the penny. Doing business at the Barlow means contracts and liabilities. Time to pass the microphone to another person at Peace. Sebastopol is full of them. Some can do math that does not favor them to have freedom to misbehave. This situation does not pass the Peace test. So human.

Paul I.  
Sebastopol

## Mouth working overtime

Dear Editor:

Re: "Woe in Monte Rio: You said, "Honestly, it is fun to watch all the clueless out-of-towners". Yeah. Honking, standoffs, firearms were threatened, insect spray was sprayed, and tensions ran high. Multiple kerfuffles as drivers refused to yield. Yeah, this is vacation land. Where your mind is on vacation and your mouth is working overtime. Them, that is. Not you.

Dean Day  
Monte Rio

## A New York rag!

Dear Editor:

I am very disappointed with the Gazette and Amie Windsor the reporter. It seems that the respected community informational paper has turned into some NYC expose rag.

I have known Jim for over 20 years. I am a 20 year love choir member. I have helped facilitate the Peacetown concerts from the beginning and had a stint on the Peacetown board. To take the word of a couple of disgruntled Peacetown ex board members and run with it is unconscionable.

As far as the allegations still unproven it seems that Ms. Smith and Mr. Bush are attempting a hostile takeover.

The money issues are easy to clear up. The money given to Jim by Mr. Barney Aldridge of the Barlow was to put on the Peacetown event as reported by yourself in your article. It seems to me that the event has been very successful and is still ongoing.

Jim has put together music in the

Linda and Tom Meyskens  
Sebastopol

## Doing the math

He said Peacetown was broke and that his banking statements were open for me to investigate. He probably knew that I didn't want to see his taxes and that I just wanted to find a summer program for music lessons. After that, he seemed to slow down on asking people to donate to the kids and focused more on people donating to his music productions "for the community." I still want to know what happened to all the money that was donated to him for "kids and music." It was a considerable amount. I hope the investigation will look into that question as well.

Libby Hicks  
Sebastopol

## We support Jim

Dear Editor:

We are writing in support of Jim Corbett, better known as Mr. Music following your article recently published. We have known him for over 40 years and know him well. We do not believe that you have all the facts and that when reports from his accountant and lawyer are gathered that a new light will be shed on this situation. Jim is a trusting person and gives freely from his heart. He has given his all to the community for decades and has been recognized over and over for his contributions.

During my teaching career for Rincon Valley Schools, I witnessed the magic he has brought to our children, giving many the gift of music. Our grandchildren continue to be blessed with his talents and all love Mr. Music. He has also provided many instruments for students who could not otherwise afford them. As longtime members of the Love Choir, we have also felt the joy and self expression that Jim has offered many adults.

We hope people will reserve judgment until more information is gathered. We believe you will find he has been unjustly accused.

## Submit your favorite photo for the Gazette's front cover

By Amie Windsor

The Sonoma County Gazette is seeking photos that capture the essence of community in Sonoma County!

Consider the themes in the blue section below. How do they inspire you to look at Sonoma County in a new way?

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schools and in Sebastopol for years. He deserves a salary, in fact, he deserves whatever Peacetown will give him for doing the job he does. To insinuate he is a criminal seems to be the way politics are these days; defame, defile first, then prove innocence. I thought in America you were innocent until proven guilty.

Jim is the most hard-working person of peace, love and music for all people, regardless of politics, religion, sexual orientation.

Just Jimmy V  
Sebastopol



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In recognition of their remarkable determination and resilience, the North Bay Association of REALTORS® Charity is proud to announce the winners of this year's high school scholarships. For their leadership, academic achievements, and commitment to community, these outstanding students were selected following a meticulous review by our chapters, and Board of Directors. **A total of 48 scholarships, across 18 high schools, throughout 15 jurisdictions have been awarded.** Representing more than 3700 REALTORS® and industry professionals, NorBAR promotes positive community impact, and advocates for a sustainable housing economy in Sonoma, Napa, Mendocino, and Lake Counties.

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- Quincy Frommelt, Napa High
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- Giovanni Lopez, Windsor High
- Brittany Manzo Diaz, Geyserville New Tech Academy
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- Aiden McFadden, Fort Bragg High
- Rosalina Meuniot, Ukiah High
- Anuska Parajuli, Santa Rosa High
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- Emma Smith, Windsor High
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- Ella Turjanis, Napa High
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