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IN BUSINESS

Farmers feel weight of 'buy local' demand, **B7**

DOW
10,733.83
-391.01

NASDAQ
2,455.67
-82.52

S&P 500
1,129.56
-37.20

DOLLAR
76.40 yen
-0.22

ATASCADERO

City leaders protest bill as 'jobs killer'

Tribune Staff Report

A bill mandating that cities and counties have economic impact reports prepared before a superstore can be built was criticized as being anti-jobs legislation Thursday morning in Atascadero.

Law would require an economic report before superstores could begin building

Senate Bill 469, which is sitting on Gov. Jerry Brown's desk pending his approval or veto, was called

"another layer of bureaucracy for local governments" and a "jobs killer" by a group of some 20 elected of-

ficials and business leaders during a protest rally at Atascadero's Sunken Gardens.

Those urging the governor to veto the legislation included Atascadero city councilmembers Roberta

Fonzi and Jerry Clay, and Mike Brown of the Coalition of Labor, Agriculture and Business.

According to Brown, the bill would make it "more difficult to bring new jobs and opportunities in communi-

ties that need it most."

Sponsored by state Sen. Juan Vargas, D-San Diego, the legislation calls for local governments to assess potential socio and eco-

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Biz Buzz

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was established in 1986. But by the early 1990s, it had already been featured in The New York Times and served at the White House.

Today, about 100 people work for Talley Vineyards and Talley Farms full time. As many as 200 more are added for seasonal work. Some have been there as long as three decades.

"I'm very proud of how people in our family get involved in our community," Talley added. "I'm proud of the fact that we took a leadership role in the World of Pinot Noir."

Approaching its 12th year, that springtime event attracts producers and consumers from around the world to Shell Beach for seminars and tastings.

The Marianne Talley Foundation, created in 1993, has provided more than \$160,000 in scholarships to Arroyo Grande High School graduates.

In 2005, Brian and **Johnine Talley** established the Fund for Vineyard and Farm Workers, which has raised close to \$450,000 for grants to benefit farm workers. In addition to the Talley and Bishop's Peak labels, the winery sells Mano Tinta specifically to fund these grants.

To celebrate its 25th anniversary, Talley will offer tastings of selected wines from past vintages on Oct. 13. That coincides

MORE ONLINE

Talley Vineyard's 25th anniversary video: www.youtube.com/watch?v=IVTmGkwb_KA&feature=youtu.be

with the release of the 2008 Mano Tinta wines.

The winery has also invited former employees to its open house Nov. 6 during the San Luis Obispo Vintners Harvest Celebration weekend.

Throughout the year, Talley said, the winery has also held retrospective tastings for media and trade representatives.

With **Eric Johnson** as winemaker, Talley is able to focus on trade. The fact that Johnson, a Cal Poly graduate, is in his late 20s is an asset in Talley's mind.

"He's got a lot of passion," Talley said. "There's a lot of young people getting into wine now. Our audience is changing. At times, it's a little daunting for a winery that's been around 25 years to figure out how to stay relevant."

WINE NOTES

Talley Vineyards is a product of persistence

Family owned winery celebrates its 25th anniversary Oct. 13

When **Don Talley** first planted grapevines in the Arroyo Grande Valley, he wasn't sure which ones would flourish, so he experimented, said his son **Brian Talley**.

That was 1982, when grapes were just a tiny portion of Central Coast agriculture. Don's father, **Oliver Talley**, had been growing vegetables there since 1948.

"I have to hand it to my dad's persistence," said Brian Talley, now president of Talley Vineyards. "He learned that the cool, coastal influence of the Arroyo Grande Valley could produce world-class chardonnay and pinot noir."

There were fewer than 10 wineries in the South County when Talley Vineyards

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