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Brenden Benson (second from left), Winters FFA member and Yolo Section FFA president, presents trophies to the top FFAlivestock division winners at the Yolo County Fair. This year, Winters won all the top honors. From left are Nathanael Lucero, Benson, Alex Thomson and Danny Campos.

WINTERS FFA SWEEPS AWARDS

By JESSE BECKETT
Winters FFA Reporter
Special to the Express

The Winters FFA Chapter has established a reputation for bringing home many champion honors from the Yolo County Fair. This year would be no exception. The FFA members who exhibited at this year's fair topped all results from prior years. Forty outstanding students worked hard all summer long preparing their livestock to compete in market, showmanship and breeding classes.

The first livestock to be shown at this year's fair were the market goats. It was only the second year

that market goats were shown. For the second year in a row, the Winters Chapter took the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion honors. This year it was Nate Tauzer with his 109-pound Boer cross wether that took the champion award. Sara Hazeltine showed the Reserve Grand. In the advanced market goat showmanship, first place went to Hana Manas, second to Sara Hazeltine and third to Tauzer. The Winters market goat exhibitors also won the champion pen of three market goats from one FFA chapter.

Wednesday night was the market swine show. In

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Collaborative process discussed

By DAWN VAN DYKE
Express city editor

Things got a little batty as the Winters Planning Commission gathered on Tuesday, Aug. 24, for an informal discussion of the Callahan Estates development project. Perhaps wanting to join in and offer his perspective, what appeared to be a small fruit bat entertained the planners and the audience for much of the meeting. Flying around council chambers at City Hall, he gave a couple of speakers something to think about by getting a little too close for comfort, and eventually made his way out into the hall. Animal control arrived later to offer assistance.

While the bat sought escape, planners asked for clarification regarding

the agreement of Callahan Estates developer, Hoffmann Land Development Company representative Jim Hildenbrandt, to join in collaborative meetings with concerned residents. The development, 120-single family units north of Grant Avenue, east of Silver Ridge Estates and heading north to Shirley Rominger Intermediate School, was required by the planning commission to have a full Environmental Impact Report. The developer appealed to the city council, which overturned the planning commissioner's decision.

As citizens sought to have more input in the process, Hildenbrandt agreed to at least two collaborative meetings with citizens and the developer

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Developers' appeal on council agenda

The Winters City Council will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 7, at 7:30 p.m. The following items are on the agenda:

- ~ Continued public hearing and consideration of appeal filed in response to the planning commission's decision to require an environmental impact report for the Winters Highlands project.
- ~ Sale of city-owned

property to the Community Development Agency.

~ Funding for First-Time Homebuyers Program.

As the Community Development Agency, the council will deal with the following agenda items:

- ~ Purchase of city-owned property from the city.
- ~ Downtown façade improvement program.

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*JOSEF ROBERT ITEN is the new son and third child of Anthony and Betsy Iten, of Winters. Born on Aug. 15, 2004 at 1:29 p.m. at Woodland Memorial Hospital, he weighed 9 pounds, 8 ounces and was 21 inches long. Josef joins two sisters, Chrissane, 3, and Aliann, 2. Maternal grandparents are Bob and Christine Button, of Winters. Paternal grandparents are the late Larry Iten and Anne and George Hoyt, of Holtville. Maternal great-grandparents are the late Perry Clark and Jeannine Clark, of Winters, the late Bob Button, Sr. and Martha Button, of El Macero. Paternal great-grandparents are Hilda Iten and Martha Miller-Frank, of Holtville.

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WEATHER

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

Date	Rain	Hi	Lo
Aug. 25		92	63
Aug. 26		90	59
Aug. 27		91	73
Aug. 28		98	61
Aug. 29		102	63
Aug. 30		101	60
Aug. 31		99	60

Rain for week: 0
Season's total: 0
Last year to date: .33
Normal to Aug. 30: .05

Putah Creek threatens roadway — invasive reed blamed

By BARRY EBERLING
McNaughton Newspapers

Ken Bertinoia has watched Putah Creek pushing up against a 15-foot-high, wall-like bank, eroding the dirt and pushing the bank closer to a fairly well-traveled road. Another winter of big storms could be too much, some creek experts fear.

A gully-washer could give Putah Creek the scouring power to cut away the remaining few feet separating road and creek. Then Putah Creek could swallow Putah Creek Road, which links rural areas with Winters and Vacaville.

Bertinoia's Winters Aggregate business is next to this section of creek. Bertinoia has had a ring-side seat to watch the creek's steady advance. He's seen a steep but sloping bank carved away until it has become a vertical drop a few feet from the road.

An abandoned orange tractor a few months ago sat above the creekbed. Then came big winter storms, scouring away

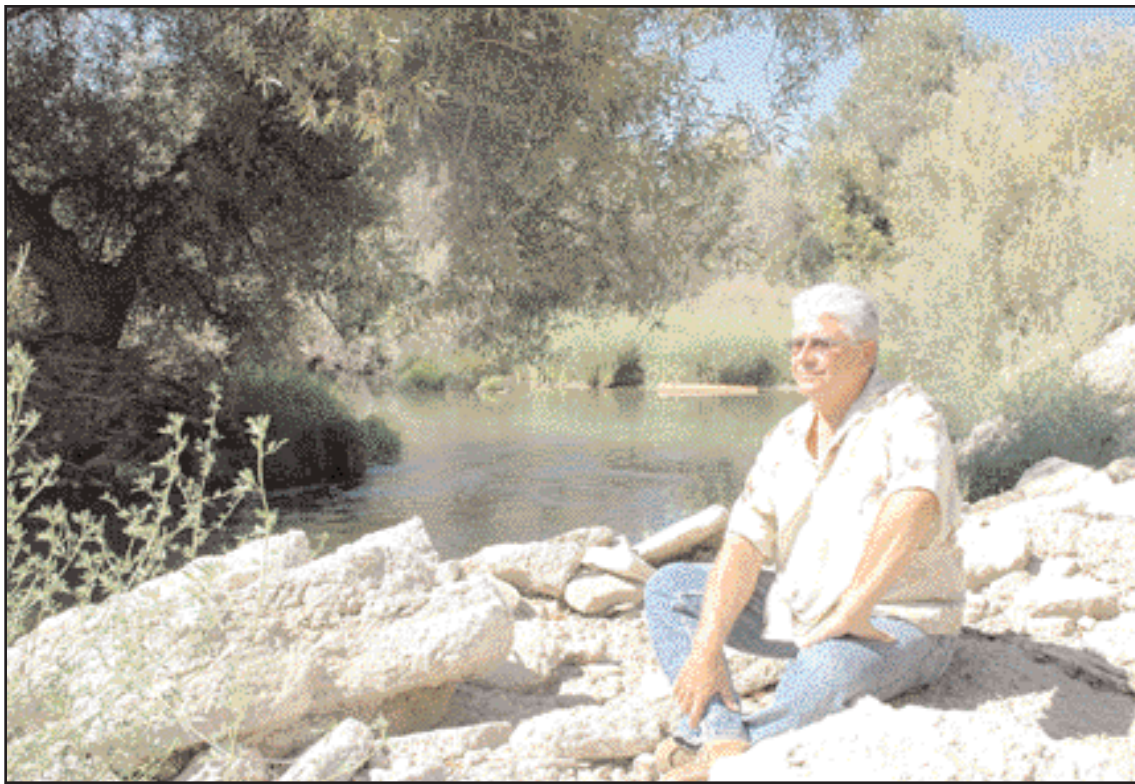


Photo by Debra Lo Guercio

Ken Bertinoia sits on his property along Putah Creek. Solano County is working on a plan to deal with an invasive reed in this area that is suspected of altering the creek's flow.

huge amounts of dirt. Now the tractor sits six feet below its previous resting place.

"I've never seen this kind of damage," said Bertinoia, who has been familiar with this proper-

ty for 40 years.

He pointed to where he camped as a teen beneath the shade of a tree. He'd have to walk on air to reach the spot now. Putah Creek over the last few years has scoured away

the dirt and the campsite.

Arundo is probably the culprit, said Rich Marovich, who tends Putah Creek for the Lower Putah Creek Coordinating

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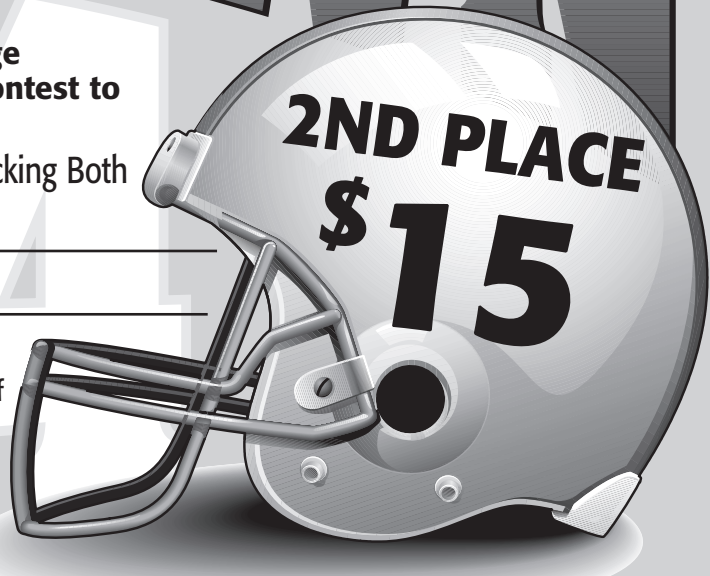
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Opinion



DEBRA LO GUERCIO BECAUSE I SAY SO

IHOPE THE IRONY OF A BAT flying around during the last planning commission meeting wasn't lost on anyone. All this protest over the proposed Callahan Estates and Winters Highlands is enough to drive anyone batty. If you've been following the ongoing drama in the Express, you know that a handful of people have been tenaciously objecting to these developments.

This group has been referred to as the Concerned Citizens of Winters. Whether this is an official group or not is unclear, but given the impressive title and all the ink they've been given in the Express, you'd think it's a big group. It isn't. It's just that they're the only ones who showed up at the public hearings to speak, so they got all the attention.

So, where's everyone else? Why aren't the Bobbie Greenwoods and Karen Benson-Neils and Frank Ramoses speaking out against these developments that, if we're to believe the Concerned Citizens, will destroy our town? The answer's twofold. First, anyone who's lived here longer than 15 minutes knows that the land in question has been zoned residential for years. Dawn Van Dyke and I found maps published in the Express as far back as 1983 showing it zoned residential. It's not a newsflash to anyone but the Concerned Citizens that the area was destined for homes.

Second, Concerned Citizens notwithstanding, 99.9 percent of the people in this town could be described as lazy and trusting. We'll call this vast majority the Unconcerned Citizens — too lazy to run for office themselves and trusting our city council and staff to make the right choices. Although Winters' volunteer spirit is frequently touted, nine out of 10 people in this town are perfectly content to let someone else do the work. Those nine are also the first to complain if it isn't done to their liking.

It isn't sheer laziness, however, that makes most of us inclined to trust our city council. Not only do they have to live with their own decisions too, we know these people not just as city officials, but as friends, neighbors and co-workers. We also know them well enough that if we don't like their decisions, they'll hear about it when they stop for a cup of coffee or go to the market for a loaf of bread. If they aren't getting accosted at the café, they can assume we think they're doing a good job. That's about as close to hearing "thank you" as it gets. Our council members are volunteers, and their only compensation is the satisfaction that comes from serving one's community.

Then there's our city manager, John Donlevy, who's taken an undue amount of criticism lately. Let's get a few things straight. Donlevy didn't create the General Plan, he inherited it from city managers past and is carrying out what it set in motion. From the moment he arrived here, Donlevy threw himself into this community in every way possible, from coaching soccer to helping rebuild the JV baseball diamond. He's active in Rotary, which does the lion's share of our community projects, and is their president this year. I challenge any of his detractors to compare their resumes with Donlevy's when it comes to serving our community. If anyone has earned the title of "concerned citizen," it's Donlevy.

Under his tenure, The Palms relocated here and the first commercial development to break ground downtown in decades is taking shape. Talk of installing antique streetlights went on for years, but they didn't actually go up until Donlevy took over. Maybe the Concerned Citizens haven't been here long enough to remember the ugly PG&E lighting downtown or the ramshackle wool barn that stood where the art studios are or when the Abbey House Inn was a dilapidated eyesore.

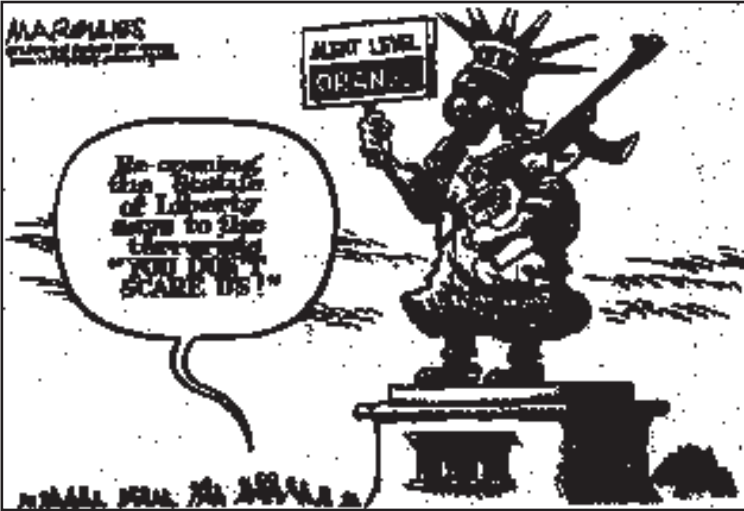
Worse than this lack of appreciation for these improvements and the people who made them happen is the proliferation of the "What's in it for me" attitude. The Concerned Citizens object to a regional sports park, something Winters residents dreamed of for decades, because they personally have no use for it. They wring their hands about protecting the habitat, but don't mind driving over it to build swimming pools in their back yards or walk their dogs on it so they won't poop on their own lawns.

And all this angst about protecting small town life, but not one peep about something that would actually accomplish that, like beefing up our grotesquely understaffed police department. I'd give up a burrowing owl or two any day for a couple more patrol officers. As for their cherished view of the hills, that's the ultimate hypocrisy. They thought it was perfectly fine to steal that same view from the people living there first.

Of all the outcry, the most irksome comment is the one suggesting our General Plan be rewritten. They forget that our current General Plan is what allowed *them* to move here. Now that it's someone else's turn to do the same, they squeal like stuck pigs. Besides the fact that there's absolutely nothing wrong with our General Plan, writing one is extremely costly and time-consuming. We still owe \$628,256 of the original \$1.3 million the first one cost. Moreover, that one resulted from hundreds of hours of meetings, comprised of people who approached our General Plan with a "What's in it for us" vision. There's the rub. The so-called Concerned Citizens don't understand "us." They only understand "I, Me, Mine."

So how does all this make us Unconcerned Citizens feel? An old-timer walked into our office recently, fed up with all the fuss over Callahan Estates and Winters Highlands, and summed it up quite succinctly: "If you weren't here when we wrote the first General Plan, then shut up!"

Hear, hear!



LETTERS

Appreciates both views

Dear Editor,

As a "newbie" (only three years) in Winters it was very interesting to read in the Aug. 26 opinion section the two polar views of growth and government in small town Winters.

First I read Bill Spalding's letter about how big business was going to have its way with us. The same tactics that work so well in Washington are now at work in Winters. Revolving door government employees becoming well-paid private sector lobbyists and also having the deep pockets to wait until the climate is more favorable for their particular interest.

I finished reading that letter believing that soon Winters would indeed be

the "valley's newest bland, congested, stucco and asphalt suburb." Thankfully, I then read Charley's column and realized that no, the sky wasn't falling. Like Big Government, the wheels of Small Government can move mighty slow and that can be a good thing sometimes.

I know that in the end big business will win — they have greed and overpopulation on their side. But we should do everything in our power to make it a "win-win" for the city as well. We should ask for the stars and hopefully we get the moon.

Charley, if you're giving odds I'll put \$20 on 20 years. Thanks for listening,

EDMUND LIS

Getting no favors from city

Dear Editor,

I took particular note of last week's letter about the impending arrival of 2,000 homes, and the involvement therewith of a former city planner. It's difficult to briefly and succinctly respond to such an in-depth and detailed letter, but I will try.

Having a planner leave city employment and soon thereafter go to work for

developers interested or involved in Winters, at least some of whom he had dealings with as a planner, has done absolutely nothing to endear him, his employers, or his project(s) to city staff or the city council. Special favors or cozy relationship? Au contraire!

TOM STONE
Winters City Council

Thank you for helping us out

Dear Editor,

Our yard sale for the Winters Fire Department turned out to be very successful with the help of those people who donated items to be sold. We received donations from the residents of Winters, Dixon and Lake Berryessa. To all the great people, I want to say thank you so very much, without your donations this would not have been possible.

I would also like to thank the following people: Jeff Lorenzo, for the use of his "Big Daddy Racing Trailer," and also to Jerry Skaggs, for the use of his car trailer. These two gentlemen loaned us their trailers for two months while we collected items to be sold. Thanks also to Kathy Hartwell from Katherine's Bookkeeping Service, Robbie Rubio, the Winters Fire Department, Denise Draper from the Winters School District, Amy, Tyler and Prestlie Pearce and my husband, Jerry Skaggs for all the hard work you put into this sale.

To Art Mendoza, Matt Churchman and Brad Lopez, thanks for your help in loading the trailers and collections of donations left at the fire station. Thanks to Jamie Draper for the colorful signs throughout Winters, advertising the sale. Thanks to JDS Builders for the sign holders. Without the help of all these people, I could not have had such a successful sale.

Our two-day sale brought in over \$2000 in sales, drinks and boot donations. All sale proceeds are to benefit the Winters Fire Department kitchen. So far, the large purchases made have been a new microwave and a restaurant size coffee maker. The fire department has supplied me with a shopping wish list, and once all items are purchased, any left over money will be turned over to Chief Scott Dozer. A very big thank you goes to Chief Dozier.

Thank you, Winters.

KATHY SKAGGS

Safety is everyone's responsibility

Dear Editor,

Flashing red lights mean: (a) slow down; (b) speed up; (c) stop; (d) ignore; or (e) the school bus is mechanically waving hello to you. If your response was any choice other than (c), then you are putting our students and bus drivers at risk of serious injury.

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DALE J. MITCHELL

The Express office will be closed on Labor Day.
The deadline for letters is Friday at noon.



CHARLES R. WALLACE

A QUICK OPINION

PPRIVATE NOTES. Along with his renewal check, Sarshel Culton scribbled a little note to the Express. "This makes 120 years (1884 – 2004) someone named Culton has subscribed to the Winters Express. Wouldn't it be fun to start a 100 year club?" I agree. I know there are a few families out there who have been subscribing for a century, like the Buttons, but I can think of only a few. The Griffins come to mind, along with the Grafts and the Youngs. After that I'm at a loss. If your family has been around since the Express' first issue (Feb., 1884), let me know. Send in more than a note if you'd like.

I don't see Sarshel very often, usually at a funeral or sometimes he'll venture into town for someone's birthday. The last time I saw him was about a year ago. He was sitting in front of the Buckhorn and when I asked who let him into town, he wanted to know "to whom am I speaking?" I introduced myself and as always, Sarshel beamed with a big smile and warm handshake.

Talking to older people about early Winters is a great pastime of mine. I wish I kept a tape recorder with me for whenever a couple of old timers get together and start telling stories. Over the years there are families who have done just that, but there will never be enough oral history recorded about early Winters. We're losing more and more of our older immigrants that settled in Winters and long time residents. A few widows are around, but not many, if any, of the men are left.

The Friends of the Library hosted a great series of talks about how people came to live in Winters. Starting with the Spaniards, the weekly talks included Mexicans and Okie migrations. Mrs. Berry had just passed away but there were several letters from her and transcripts of her telling stories about living in tents along Putah Creek. Her family had tape recorded her stories. It was a great series.

Reading the obituary of Mr. Hamakawa a couple of weeks ago led to a conversation with Dennis Hiramatsu about older Japanese Americans. We regressed into talking about our parents and how old they are getting to be. He mentioned that there are only a few Japanese Americans left that lived in Winters before WWII. He mentioned the Katos, Hiramatsus, and Shimamuras, and we talked about the Japanese Picnic that was such a big success for many years. There was a large Japanese American population in Winters before the government relocated them to internment camps. It isn't easy to get people to talk about their past, but someone should be working on getting family histories recorded before it is too late.

My father-in-law, Ray Massei, never talked about his war experience when I first met him, but as he gets older, he is getting more talkative, if that is the term. He spent WWII in Europe along with my Aunt Jessie, who was at the Battle of the Bulge. Jessie is a prolific writer and has written about her experiences being a nurse at the front and for a few frightening days, behind the lines. Not enough of the veterans are writing down their memories, but maybe we can get them to talk into a tape recorder. If you have the opportunity, take it. I'm buying a tape recorder this week. What's for dinner, Ray?

Have a good week.

Thanks for supporting me in FFA

Dear Editor,

The Yolo County Fair was very successful for me. I would like to thank Dwayne Chamberlain, of Windmill Feed and the Paulsen Foundation for purchasing my project steer.

Dwayne Chamberlain, who is running for Yolo County Board of Supervisors, has been a strong supporter of FFA and 4-H project animals in this area for many years.

I would also like to thank Ken Luppess, of Ken's Buy and Sell Pawn Broker in Vacaville, for purchasing my second project animal. My appreciation also goes to Jim Hyer, for use of his

cattle panels, grooming equipment and expertise, and to Craig McNamara, for the use of his cattle trailer.

Through FFA, I have gained skills in public speaking to my peers and adults, organizational skills, record keeping practice and have practiced daily responsibility in caring for my project animals. Many of these skills will be quite useful to me as I head off to college.

I would like to thank all of you in our community who have helped support FFA.

MIKE SELLERS

Aren't too incompetent to grow

Dear Charley,

After a half year on the city council, I'd like to give an accounting of how things are going.

First, in regards to what you jokingly describe as our city motto, "Winters, too incompetent to grow," I can tell you that our staff is as far from that description as possible. We have a great city manager and staff that are dealing with a skeleton budget and yet doing a great job in running the city.

The state continues to encroach on our funds, yet the staff has managed to

find creative ways to work even more efficiently and keep us in the black. In the last year, they have updated nearly every fiscal process that goes on in City Hall, and thanks to Shelly and Linda we get great feedback from the auditors on our accounting practices.

There are some innovative things going on in redevelopment. The Community Development Agency, headed up by the new Redevelopment Director, Cas Ellena, has

Greater Sacramento area loses farmland to development

By DONALD DRYSDALE
Special to the Express

SACRAMENTO — The amount of agricultural land in the six-county greater Sacramento area continued to decrease as urban areas grew, according to new maps released by the California Department of Conservation. More than 12,600 acres were urbanized between 2000 and 2002 in the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) counties: Sacramento, Placer, El Dorado, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba.

When all factors affecting agricultural use were combined, farm and grazing land acreage experienced a decrease of nearly 29,000 acres during the two-year period. Additional factors include more detailed mapping of low-density rural residential uses, ecological restoration projects and land idling.

The Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program (FMMP), part of DOC's Division of Land Resource Protection, documents land-use conversion on 45.8 million acres of California's private and public land every two years. The maps and statistics are designed to help local governments evaluate land-use planning decisions.

The 2002 analysis is nearly complete statewide, while 2004 mapping is underway.

"These maps are designed to help counties and cities see the patterns

of land-use change and make informed choices about how they want to direct future growth," Department of Conservation Director Darryl Young said. "It's critical to ensure that the needs of both a growing population and agriculture, a mainstay of the economy, can be met."

The Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program classifies land as either farmland (prime being the best of four types of farmland), grazing land, urban land, other land or water. The "other" category includes low-density "ranchettes," wetlands, and brush or timberlands unsuitable for grazing.

In the SACOG counties, the latest report documents urban land increases of 12,614 acres and the net loss of 28,959 acres from agricultural categories. Since 1990, urbanized land in the counties increased by more than 53,400 acres - an area larger in size than the western Placer county cities of Roseville, Rocklin, Lincoln and Loomis combined.

During the same period, nearly 104,000 acres were reclassified out of agricultural categories. In addition, cities within Placer, Sacramento, Sutter and Yolo counties reported that more than 8,400 acres — 87 percent of which are currently in agricultural use — have been committed to future non-agricultural use due to the approval of subdivision maps, the sale of bonds for infrastructure, or other permanent commitments.

No information was available from Yuba and El Dorado counties.

A closer look at the outities:

~ In Yolo County, the amount of urbanization more than tripled, from 353 to 1,260 acres. Most of the conversions of farmland to urban land were due to new home construction in and around Davis, Woodland and West Sacramento — for example, the 500-acre Bridge-way Island housing development and Southport Business Park in West Sacramento. Total irrigated farmland acreage remained relatively stable, primarily due to new vineyards and other crops in the northwestern portion of the county. More detailed mapping of rural residential areas and ecological restoration in the Yolo Bypass contributed to a larger net decrease in total farm and grazing land than in the prior period.

~ Placer County gained 5,408 urban acres, more than 90 percent of which had been farm or grazing land. This was a 40 percent increase in the urbanization rate compared to the 1998-2000 figures. The largest conversion noted was the Woodcreek West development in north Roseville. That city itself added about 1,300 acres of new housing and commercial development.

~ El Dorado County's urbanization rate increased substantially, with 2,425 acres converting in 2000-

02 versus 441 acres in 1998-2000. The vast majority of new urban land occurred on former grazing land. There were numerous new or expanded housing developments noted, including Serrano (600 acres), Crown Valley (80 acres) and Stonebriar (65 acres) in El Dorado Hills and the Milton Ranch Estates (115 acres) in Shingle Springs.

~ In Sacramento County, fewer acres were converted to urban land in 2000-02 (2,741) than in the prior cycle (6,430). Conversions affected each of the incorporated cities, ranging from expansion at the Sacramento International Airport to the Lakeside Community area of Elk Grove, where the new Elliott Ranch Elementary School, AAA Call Center building, and housing covered about 375 acres. Farm and grazing acres decreased by 4,551 in the 2000-02 cycle due to urbanization and improved mapping of rural residential areas, a decrease from the 5,729-acre drop in 1998-2000.

~ Urbanization was also slightly down in Sutter County, where 488 acres urbanized between 2000-02, compared with 692 acres in the prior cycle. Examples of new development included a new Home Depot and Applebee's at Colusa Junction in Yuba City and about 223 new acres of houses at California Homes south of Yuba City. More detailed mapping of rural residential and commercial land

contributed to a larger net decrease in agricultural land than in 1998-2000.

~ Yuba County experienced lower rates of conversion activity as well. In the latest mapping cycle, urban land increased by 292 acres; the 1998-2000 figure was 362 acres. Increases in building density near Marysville contributed nearly 100 acres to the new urban total. Net losses to farm and grazing land declined from 2,242 to 1,419 acres, and consisted primarily of more detailed rural residential and wetlands delineation.

The agricultural land in the SACOG counties will continue to face development pressure in the foreseeable future. The California Department of Finance projects that the area's population will increase from about 1.9 million in 2000 to 2.8 million by 2020. According to the California Department of Food and Agriculture, the gross value of agricultural production in the six-county SACOG area was more than \$1.1 billion in 2002.

The maps have been sent to county planning officials and organizations such as the county Farm Bureau, Local Agency Formation Commission, city planners, irrigation districts and county resource conservation districts. Printed copies, enlargements, or digital versions of the maps are available to the public. Call (916) 324-0859 or email fmmp@consrv.ca.gov

for more information. The latest statewide study by the FMMP, Farmland Conversion Report 1998-2000, was released last June. More than 91,000 acres were urbanized throughout the state — a 30-percent increase from the 1996-98 mapping cycle — and 27 percent of that total came from irrigated farmland.

Through the Department of Conservation, the state offers programs that provide financial incentives to keep land in agricultural use. More information about these programs — including a description of the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program — is available online at www.conservation.ca.gov.

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GROW

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some great projects that you will see taking shape soon. We are seeing some unique businesses spring up. Winters is getting the appeal as a destination for tourists, not just a pass-through on the way to somewhere.

The tennis court is targeted for renovation and the football field will get new lights. The Community Center will have a new amphitheater and patio cover in use soon. The train trestle bridge will soon be made into a bicycle/pedestrian bridge. These are dollars that must be reinvested in the city. And these are just the things you can see. The CDA is also doing some things that are behind the scenes, like establishing a downtown master plan and a business location and retention program. Great job, Cas.

Kudos go to City Manager John Donlevy and all the staff. John has worked unimaginable hours filling in for the Police Chief and Public Works Direc-

tor. He has saved our city money by stretching his hours to fill in while these two positions are filled.

The staff is dealing with applications for around 600 housing units in the northwest part of town. There are many steps in this process, and it takes a long time to do it right and staff is doing a great job. They have to make sure that each unit is assessed for its fair impact on traffic, sewer, parks, police and fire protection, and many other elements. Capital improvement funds are maintained for each of these major categories, and the city plans for their implementation at the appropriate time. This represents a major direction for the future of our city, and we are taking our time to get it right.

The city plan calls for residential housing in that part of town, so once we recognize that, the question is not whether we are going to have growth, but in the details and the pacing.

So how much growth is appropriate? The state of California is growing at a rate of just under 2 per-

cent. This region is projected to double in about 50 years, which is about 1.5 percent. But we are being told that a growth rate of about 5 percent is needed to help with sorely needed funds for infrastructure. Where is the balance?

There is a group of citizens that has been participating in the discussion so far, and they are beginning to get labeled "no growth" advocates. From what I've heard them say, I think that they are like most people here in town. I think that most people recognize the need to grow, but they want it kept slow.

If you are concerned that the city is growing too quickly or not fast enough, this will be the time to be heard. This question of growth rate will be the next in a series of meetings to be held soon. All opinions are welcome. Don't assume that someone else will speak for you.

WOODY FRIDAE
Winters City Council

Seeking some speedy artists

Vacaville Art League is looking for artists to compete in "Saturday in the Park" Plein Aire Art Competition on Saturday, Oct. 9. Paintings for the competition must be created the day of the event and will be displayed the month of November in the Vacav-

ille Art Gallery.

Peoples Choice Awards will be given through 4th place with a \$75 1st place cash award. There is no entry fee. The deadline to register is Friday, Oct. 1. Call the gallery at (707) 448-8712 to enter or for more information.

R&R News

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Water District completes county groundwater study

By TIM O'HALLORAN
Special to the Express

Creation of a groundwater monitoring and database management network will provide an essential building block for future water management activities in Yolo County, according to a report conducted by the Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District.

The district's board of directors recently adopted the report's recommendations for creating a network of 558 wells throughout the county to be monitored for water levels and/or water quality.

All Yolo County residents with the sole exception of those served by the City of West Sacramento rely on groundwater for domestic, municipal and industrial uses. As a

result, the quantity and quality of Yolo County's groundwater has a major impact on the local quality of life.

"Groundwater is a tremendous and vital natural resource," said Erik Vink, Chair, of YCFWCD Board. "This study establishes a baseline for moving forward with more effective and efficient water-use planning and provides an invaluable tool for protecting the quality of our groundwater here in Yolo County."

Yolo County's groundwater table is critical to the future of local communities, agriculture and the environment. The availability of reliable data for both groundwater and surface water will lead to improved decision-making as water users outline strategies for continuing water use far into the future.

The report concluded that systematic monitoring and data evaluation of groundwater quality and levels are needed to identify and track future trends and changes. By learning more about local groundwater quality, over time the district will be better able to develop a sustainable management approach.

The report's findings indicate that:

- ~ Groundwater resources are an important source of supply for private domestic, municipal, commercial and agricultural purposes.
- ~ Community water systems have an acceptable quality of groundwater now. However, trends indicate that nitrate and specific conductance, a measurement of salts, are increasing in some locations, particularly in the shallow zones of the

aquifer, which are most accessible to rural residents.

- ~ No pesticides or volatile organic compounds were detected.
- ~ Long-term systematic monitoring and data evaluation are needed in conjunction with baseline monitoring to identify trends and changes.

The report recommends:

- ~ Expansion of the countywide groundwater database through interagency cooperation.
- ~ Improving zone/aquifer specific monitoring.
- ~ Using the centralized water resources database and other tools to regular-

ly evaluate countywide data, promote and coordinate effective water resources management, and disseminate information to broaden community awareness of water resources conditions.

The Local Groundwater Management Assistance Act of 2000 (AB303) provided funding for the study, which was completed by Luhdorff and Scalmanini with assistance from Wood Rodgers, Inc.

The report also outlined a series of next steps that include:

- ~ Identifying local, federal, state and other interested stakeholders

to collaborate in implementing the program.

- ~ In conjunction with the collaborators, establishing objectives, further developing the database, establishing mechanisms to facilitate public outreach, and establishing a user's group.
- ~ Updating the regional database of groundwater levels and quality.
- ~ Coordinating efforts with the County GIS program.

This report sets the basis for the YCFC&WCD in conjunction with other entities to gather and provide crucial data for resource management planning and activities.

White goods recycling day to be held in Winters Sept. 11

The city of Winters will hold a curbside white goods recycling day on Saturday, Sept. 11. Large appliances, refrigerators, freezers, stoves, washers, dryers, water heaters, microwave ovens and air conditioning units will be collected.

All appliances must be placed curbside by 6 a.m. on Saturday. Do not place appliances on the curb before 4 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 10. Televisions, computers and barbecues will not be accepted.

There is a limit of one type of appliance per household.

Winters High School football starts Friday at 6 p.m.

Battery, oil and paint recycling day planned in Winters Sept. 18

The city of Winters will hold a battery, oil and paint recycling event on Saturday, Sept. 18, from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Corporation Yard, 19 East Baker Street.

Car batteries, standard automobile tires, latex paint in original containers with legible labels, used motor oil and filters

and old phone books will be accepted.

This event is open to Winters residents only. Proof of residency must be provided, such as identification with current address or identification with a current utility bill.

For more information, call 795-2820, ext. 115.

Volunteers needed at gallery

The Winters Participation Gallery, located at 31 Main Street, is seeking volunteers to keep the gallery open on Thursday and Friday evenings, as well as from 3-9 p.m. on

Saturday and hours to be announced on Sunday.

No experience is necessary. The main qualifications are reliability and interest.

For more information, call 795-2009.

FIRE

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dian.

- ~ 8:15 a.m., vehicle accident, Country Roads 29A and 92E; vehicle into a ditch with multiple injuries.
- ~ 2:24 p.m., fire alarm, 500 block of Edwards Street; false alarm.
- ~ 7:09 p.m., investigation at Highway 28 and I-505; smoke seen in the area.
- ~ 7:17 p.m., mutual aid to Solano County, medical aid on the 8600 block of Pleasants Valley Road; child with a minor head

injury from a fall.

- ~ 10:18 p.m., medical aid, intersection of Railroad Avenue and Grant Avenue; intoxicated fall victim.

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- ~ 8:16 a.m., medical aid, first block of Grant Avenue, wheelchair accident; minor injuries.
- ~ 10:56 a.m., vegetation fire, I-505 at County Road 29A; small fire in the median.

August 29

- ~ 7:59 p.m., medical aid, 400 block of Columbia Way; person vomiting and bleeding.



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PLANNERS

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having the chance to express their views via the help of a facilitator. New planning commission chairman Joe McCabe asked Community Development Director Dan Sokolow to give an overview of what happened at the city council meeting.

Sokolow told the planners the council voted to uphold the appeal, while asking that the traffic analysis be revised and recirculated. In addition, he said, the biological resources study was also reviewed and five additional mitigation measures added. The council also called for two planning commission hearings to report on the progress made during the collaborative meetings.

According to Sokolow, council member Woody Fridae, citizens group members Marcia Gibbs, William Spalding and Kevin Jackson and Hildenbrandt were trying to set up meetings on Thursdays and Saturdays in September and October. He said the meeting dates and times would be publicized.

Asked for details about the process, Sokolow said city staff is "well aware of the criticism of how the project was handled," he acknowledged that the citizens had complained about having minimal public discussion and input before the Negative Declaration of Environmental Impact was brought forward. He said meetings would be held with staff, two members of the council and two members of the planning commission to discuss how to improve the processing of development applications.

In addition to the citizens' desire to have input on the project, Sokolow said the staff would have liked in the past, and would still like, the opportunity to provide a thorough outline of the Callahan project elements. He said an important aspect of the project, the development agreement, and the input that went into creating it, still hasn't been thoroughly discussed.

McCabe asked if the development agreement was finished. Sokolow said it is always in a draft stage until its final approval.

Sokolow agreed that the process up until now has been "fraught with difficulty and misunderstandings of how and why things are done the way they are done."

"We can improve upon what we saw," said Sokolow.

Asked to explain about the collaborative process, Hildenbrandt first explained that Hofmann Land Development

Company will be submitting another application for the Hudson-Ogando project, which is immediately to the south of the Callahan Estates project. He said he would "merge the two in terms of discussion."

"To discuss one without the other is really not appropriate," said Hildenbrandt.

He appreciated the citizen's willingness to set tight goals and keep the process moving forward. He said he wanted to get the collaborative meetings finished before coming back to the planning commission.

Asked for her input, Gibbs said the citizen's biggest focus was the ability to have input during the application process and "allow people to actually put their issues out on the table."

At that point, planning commissioners asked for clarification about how the city would be represented in the process and whether city staff members would attend the collaborative meetings. At the city council meeting, Mayor Dan Martinez had made his preference clear: He did not want the city staff to be required to attend those meetings.

However, both Hildenbrandt and Gibbs said they wanted the city to be there. According to staff, City Attorney John Wallace had said it was O.K. for the city council and planning commission to attend the meetings, as long as there was no quorum.

If the citizens and developer are going to get together and make the decisions ahead of time "what are we here for?" commissioner Joe Tramontana wanted to know.

He said it would be hard to vote if the citizens have already made a choice, since the planning commission is supposed to represent the people. He pointed out that if the planning commissioners disagree with what the citizens ask for, it could cause more problems.

Hildenbrandt and Gibbs said the goal was not to make the decision for the planners, but to bring them information.

Planning commissioners questioned whether or not the group would be officially empowered and who would write the final report. It was agreed that the facilitator would probably submit a final report. They also wanted to know if the collaborative meeting would be convened by the planning commission and what to do if more than two members of the planning commission and city council wanted to attend. After extensive discussion, it was agreed that the meeting could be noticed so it would not be in violation of the Brown Act, and

probably no action would be taken.

Stone was asked to address the planning commission. He said he did not believe that anyone from the city was operating with hidden agendas, but agreed that the process was confusing. For example, he noted a council member had questioned why the city had opted for the Callahan project to contribute toward a regional sports park rather than building a neighborhood park. Stone said there is obvious miscommunication in the process because another council member has long been a proponent of a regional sports park. Stone said discussions about the sports park have gone on for many years prior to the current debate over Callahan and Winters Highlands.

Stone said he did not believe city staff was acting on their own, but on the knowledge of the long-held desire for a regional sports park.

"I never doubted their motives," said Stone.

He said there has been a misconception that city staff is somehow meeting behind closed doors and making hidden deals, something he wanted to correct.

"Everyone was pretty much operating in good faith—it was just confusing," he said, echoing Sokolow's comment that city staff has not had the opportunity to address how decisions were made.

He said his understanding was that the collaborative meetings would not be official, but would be publicized.

Stone told the planning commission that the fact the council voted unanimously to grant the appeal was a good thing. He said he would not have wanted the vote on such an important matter to be by a narrow margin. He noted that before the council made their decision, more information had been presented in the form of the traffic study and biological study, and some of the unanswered questions were answered.

"We didn't take lightly overturning a decision that you made," said Stone.

Contract planner Heidi Tschudin told the planners that city staff would hold a special workshop and would deal with how to plug the information from the collaborative process into the official process. She said the staff was willing to work with the committee when presenting the final report to the planning commission.

"What we're trying to do is give this process validity," said Tschudin. "We don't like the frustration that everybody's feeling either."

Ag nomination deadline approaching

FSA County Executive Director Marianne Morton reminds America's farmers, ranchers and other agricultural producers that the deadline for nominating candidates to serve on Yolo County Committee Local Administrative Area I (the area of Yolo County west of I-505) is Sept. 3.

"FSA County Committees give local farmers and ranchers a much-needed say in how federal programs affect their communities and their individual operations," said Morton. "To ensure that committees represent the interests of all producers in a commu-

nity, it is important for all producers to participate in the county committee election process."

Committees make decisions on county commodity price-support loan eligibility, establishment of allotments and yields, conservation programs, disaster programs, employment and other issues.

Individuals may nominate themselves or others as a candidate. In addition, eligible candidates can be nominated by community-based organizations, including groups representing socially disadvantaged farmers or ranchers, before the close

of the nomination period. Nominations and elections are open to all eligible candidates and voters without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, age, sex, marital status or disability.

Nomination forms (FSA-669A) can be obtained from local FSA offices, USDA Service Centers or online at <http://forms.sc.egov.usda.gov/eforms/mainervlet>.

Details on FSA COC elections can be found on the Internet at www.fsa.usda.gov. County Committee elections will be held Nov. 8 through Dec. 6.

CREEK

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Committee. These invasive reeds grow so big and thick they block water flows. Water that hits the reeds stops and dumps suspended sediments, creating even more blockage. The result: The creek after the big 1997 storms changed its course.

Low-flow waters now pass by the bank, eating it away. Storms increase the water flow and the erosion rate. A big rainy season could put Putah Creek Road in dire straits, Marovich said. An oak tree and black walnut on that wall-like bank could topple into the creek. That would block water, increasing the scouring and the danger to the road.

"It doesn't have to wash out the road," Marovich said. "If it just weakens the bank, it becomes too dangerous to allow traffic on the road."

But Marovich has another vision. He wants to put Putah Creek back into its old low-flow channel and rebuild the bank so it once again slopes down to the creekbed.

"This place is going to be so beautiful," he told Bertinoia on a recent day as the two men stood near the creek.

The state Wildlife Conservation Board has agreed to pay \$100,000 for the effort. Solano County trucks will haul the dirt needed to recontour the bank. The Solano County

Water Agency will donate soil that was excavated for the Putah South Canal. Marovich estimates another \$40,000 is needed. If something isn't done, Marovich said, the county might have to make emergency repairs to save the road. Then it might use methods that would not be good for Putah Creek, he said. Marovich wants steps taken this summer to save the road.

"Who knows if it will stand another winter?" Marovich said. Acting County Transportation Director Paul Wiese is convinced a problem exists. Left unchecked, it's just a matter of time until the erosion works its way under the road, he said.

Putah Creek Road is

moderately well-traveled and one of the few long, east-west roads on that side of the county, Wiese said. He expects the county to discuss possibly funding for the rescue effort in coming weeks.

For Bertinoia, just walking along Putah Creek triggers memories. He tells a few stories on this recent day. After all, his father owned a sediment business here long before Bertinoia opened his own Winters Aggregate. His life is bound up with this location. If the restoration plan succeeds, this stretch of Putah Creek would once again look as Bertinoia remembers. And the creek would no longer threaten the road that bears its name.

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Entertainment

Rural life to be celebrated

Yolo County farmers collaborate with some of the region's finest restaurants at Yolo Land Trust's 16th annual "A Day in the Country," Sunday, Sept. 12, from 3-6 p.m. As always, the Yolo Land Trust has found a spot that is off the beaten track, Las Lagunitas sits above sculpted waterways at the end of the county's principal irrigation system, and features ponds designed for competitive field dog trials. The home of Charles and Missy Tyson, it is located off County Road 95 on Corcoran Hill Lane, across from the Yolo County airport.

"A Day in the Country" celebrates regional harvest and local farm products coming from the prime soils and productive farms of Yolo County. The day supports the work of the Yolo Land Trust, a local, non-profit organization serving farmers, landowners, policymakers, and the public by developing workable tools for preserving the prime soils and habitat lands of the county. Held in unique and beautiful settings each year, we bring together talented chefs, farmers, food lovers and supporters of farmland preservation in order to showcase the vital relationship between great farmland, skilled farmers and great foods.

Chefs from celebrated restaurants such as Chez Panisse and Lalimes, of Berkeley, Olivetto Café of Oakland, Lark Creek Inn of Larkspur and Ristorante Frantoio, of Mill Valley will attend. They'll be joined by local favorites Soga's, Konditorei and Seasons, of Davis, The Waterboy, Culinary Specialists and Paragary's of Sacramento, Tazzina Bistro of Woodland, The Buckhorn, of Winters, The R.H. Phillips Kitchen, and Yolo Land and Cattle. All will create and serve tasty dishes all derived from Yolo County produce.

Last year's event featured Yolo County grass finished beef, Capay Valley lamb, Heirloom tomatoes, vine ripe melons, local sweet corn and other dishes that highlighted the incredible diversity and quality of Yolo County farms. Wines produced from Yolo County grapes will be served and sampled by Yolo County wineries including: Bogle Vineyards, R.H. Phillips, Capay Valley Vineyards, Heringer Winery, Rominger Brothers and more.

At the event, the Tysons will demonstrate field trial work with their champion chocolate labs. Join a horse drawn wagon tour of Las Lagunitas to learn about the management of agricultural water and establishment of native plantings. Yolo-centric art and other items will be featured at the silent auction.

Enjoy a Sunday afternoon in a beautiful setting and sample the creative treats prepared from the best of Yolo County grown farm-produce donated by local farmers and wineries.

For more information, call the Yolo County Land Trust office, 795-3110, or visit the website at www.yololandtrust.org, or purchase tickets from the Yolo County Farm Bureau, Next Chapter Bookstore in Woodland, the Avid Reader in Davis or Kimes Ace Hardware in Winters. Tickets are limited.



Courtesy photo

The woven creations of Barbara Stafford will be on display at the Winters Participation Gallery beginning Sept. 4.

Textiles, basketry, ceramics featured

The Winters Participation Gallery for the Arts presents "Woven Together", an exhibition of textile arts by Barbara Stafford, and basketry and ceramics by Pat Dunn beginning with an artists reception on Saturday, Sept. 4 from 7-9 p.m.

Stafford, a Napa resident, is exhibiting hand-made rugs. Using wool and hair from a variety of animals, she weaves rugs with an emphasis on the fibers. The designs are simple. The fibers are complex. She prepares and spins the fibers by hand, trying to capture the personality of the animals so their character may be seen in the rugs. These simple rugs are accented with color from natural dyes and with careful finishing details.

Winters resident Dunn, in her second exhibition at the gallery, is presenting her work in basketry and ceramics.

The community is invited to come by and see their work on Thursdays and Fridays, 5-8 p.m., Saturdays 3-8 p.m., the first Sunday of the exhibition from 1-4 p.m., and the first Saturday of every month from 1-8 p.m. for the Winters Art Walk.

The gallery is also planning its second annual "Revel in the Arts" gala auction fund-raiser at The Palms on Saturday, Nov. 6, 6-10 p.m. There will be opportunities to acquire original art, travel, entertainment, wine, food and more. The event supports a scholarship program for young artists.

For further information, contact the Winters Participation Gallery for the Arts, 795-5301.

Art auction benefits museum

Enjoy music, a silent auction, social hour and dinner, followed by a live auction of 23 valuable paintings at "Dinner With the Gibsons" Saturday, Sept. 18, from 3:30-7:30 p.m. at the Yolo County Historical Museum (The Gibson House), 512 Gibson Road, in Woodland.

Dinner and auction tick-

ets are \$35 per person, \$60 per couple, and are on sale at the museum. Paintings are available for preview now through Sept. 12 at the museum. Museum hours are Saturday and Sunday, noon-4 p.m. and Monday and Tuesday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

For more information, call 666-1045 or 666-3690.

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Variety of work featured at Art Walk

The next Winters Art Walk takes place again Saturday, Sept. 4, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. New this month: the Sharon Bloom Ceramics Studio has arrived in Winters. Bloom, a ceramic artist, regularly shows at the Artery in Davis, and in fine crafts stores throughout the country. Winters artists welcome her as the newest artist-resident. Her studio is located at 109 Baker Street, and is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call 795-3706.

Also participating in the September Art Walk is Rebecca Bresnick Holmes, UC Davis Craft Center ceramics teacher. She will show her works at Chris' Florist, 22 Main Street, and will be giving demonstrations throughout the day.

Returning this month is lampwork glass bead designer Jiley Romney, as well as the following studios and galleries:

~ Los Pintores, 311 First Street, 12-6 p.m.

~ Marion Hamilton Gallery & Antiques, 304



Courtesy photo

The ceramic work of Sharon Bloom will be on display at this month's Art Walk.

Railroad Avenue, open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; 795-3707.

Winters Participation Gallery, 31 Main Street. Gallery hours: Thursday and Friday, 5 to 8 p.m.; Saturday, 3-8 p.m.; 795-5301.

~ The Main Street Gallery, featuring Clarence Major landscapes. Gallery hours: 12-8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 12-8 p.m. Saturday; 795-5522.

~ Blue Hills Gallery, acrylic paintings by Claire Haag and watercolor paintings by Jeff Hese-meyer through Sept. 30. Gallery hours: 12- 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, 12-5 p.m. Sunday; 795-9535 or visit www.bluehillsgallery.com.

Contact the Blue Hills Gallery, 795-9535, for more information.

Performance to benefit Kerry campaign

The Sacramento-based actors' ensemble StoryVoices will present an original production called "Honestly, Woman" on Sunday, Sept. 12, at the Veterans Memorial Theatre in Davis. Doors open at 1 p.m.; performance and reception are from 2-5 p.m.

The performance by the all-female troupe is sponsored by the Ladies' Committee to Retire Bush, a group of local women who have banded together specifically to produce a fund-raiser for the upcoming presidential election. 100 percent of the proceeds from the ticket sales will go to the Beat Bush 2004 campaign to help finance the get-out-the-vote effort in Nevada and other swing states.

A quartet of veteran actors, StoryVoices was formed two years ago with philanthropic aims. Leaders Jan Ahders and Claire Lipschultz and fellow members Cyndi Speakman and Marni Webb donate

their talents, time and energy through the oldest art form known to man — and woman — storytelling. Offering their productions as fund-raising events, StoryVoices provides entertainment along with meaningful messages to its audiences. Each of their 90-minute programs employs poems, prose, fables, fairy tales, original songs and quotations to

create a tapestry of spoken words.

"Honestly, Woman" follows the cycle of life, presenting the experience of women from a thousand years ago to today, from Eastern through Western cultures.

Tickets are \$50 each and can be purchased ahead of time by calling Sharon Thompson Wilson at 758-5181 or smwilson@davis.com.

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Sports

Warriors prepare for home opener

By ERIC AND LAURA LUCERO
Express sports correspondents

The Winters High School varsity and JV football teams traveled to Sutter High School on Saturday, Aug. 28, to compete in Sutter's annual jamboree. The Warriors started out the day against Division 1 powerhouse Paradise at 10 a.m., then played Wheatland, and finished up with Live Oak. Winters was scheduled to play Pleasant Valley of Chico but the scrimmage was canceled due to time restrictions.

Coach Chris Novello wasn't too surprised at his teams performance.

"We pretty much played the way I thought we would," Novello said. "I thought we played as well as could be expected considering the short amount of time we've all been together."

"The offensive line seemed to be consistent. They seemed to succeed or fail together."

The varsity team jumped out with a quick score against Paradise when Danny Campos broke free for a long run. The Warriors also had some big runs from Robert Warren. Through the air, Keith Geerts seemed to be the target for quarterbacks Joe Norfolk and Brenden Benson. Geerts had big gains against Live Oak and Wheatland.

"It was a very fast-paced scrimmage," said defensive coordinator Arn Williams. "We did pretty well I thought. We know what we need to work on but over all we held our own."

The JV team started out slow against Paradise. The Bobcats' fast pace seemed to catch the Warriors off balance early on. Winters snapped out of it against Wheatland when Cody Campos broke several tackles to score first for the Warriors. Winters then opened it up a little against Live Oak with Nathanael Lucero breaking some long runs.

Nick Hedrick had some



Photo by Eric Lucero
J.V. team members Cory Haraga and Jordan Carrasco bring down a Wheatland running back.

nice runs of his own, while Campos continued to pound it up the middle. Quarterbacks Damon Miles and Kaplan Smith each connected with receivers for big yardage. Smith found Johnny Lucero and Miles connected with Ramon Bermudez for Warriors' first downs. Jordan Carrasco, Eric

Coffman, and Nick Hill stood out on the defensive side of the ball for the Warriors.

The Warriors open their season at home this Friday night at Dr. Sellers Field against Lassen.

The JV game will start at 6 p.m. and the varsity game will begin at 8 p.m.



Photo by Eric Lucero
Tyler Cross, Fabiola Hernandez, Corrine Schlages and Kannon Smith invite community members to attend the All-Sports Booster Dinner.

Give athletes a boost

The Winters High School All Sports Booster Club is planning their annual kickoff dinner for Wednesday, Sept. 8, from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Winters Community Center. Tickets are \$12 for ages 13 and up. Tickets for children under the age of 12 are \$6.

The community is in-

ited to come show its support for the WHS athletes and enjoy a delicious tri-tip dinner. For advanced tickets call Melody Benson, 795-4932, Barbara Thorne, 795-3817, or Cheryl Thomson, 795-1769. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Swimmers recognized



Photo by Debbie Geerts
SwimTeam members (front) Ivan Martinez; (middle) Clinton Freed, Colton Montgomery, Jamie Anderson, Maya Tice and Tess Hyer; (back) Jenny Campos, Maraka Bouwens, Mario Guerrero and Tyler Cross were honored at the 2004 awards ceremony held last week at the Community Center.

Junior Midgets play well against Yreka

The Winters Junior Warrior Junior Midgets had a successful day versus Yreka with the first touchdown scored by Tony Brever. Tony had a 60-yard punt return. Zach Higgins led the offense with over a combined 85-yards rushing and receiving, and one extra point.

Riki Lucero, having a great day, scored two of the Junior Warriors' touchdowns. Myles Carelock scored once on two carries for over 65 yards.

The last touchdown was scored by Jackson Waldron, after the ball was stripped away from Yreka. The Junior

Warrior defense held Yreka to only a combined 30-yard gain for the whole game. The most tackles were made by Higgins, with 14 unassisted, followed by Waldron, with eight and one stripped ball.

Many kudos should go to the offensive line for the great job against Yreka, Tyler Fellows, Cody Warren, Cody Linton, Max Barbosa and Marcus Carrasco.

Come out and watch them play this Saturday at home against the Woodland Wolves, at 2 p.m. at Dr. Sellers Football Field.

Come out and root for the home teams.

Football starts Friday, Sept. 3, at 6 and 8 p.m. at Dr. Sellers Field.

Volleyball teams play at home Thursday, Sept. 2, at 5:30 and 7 p.m.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Danny Campos



Danny Campos is this week's athlete of the week. Campos has impressed coach Chris Novello with his hard work and leadership during last week's practice leading up to the Warriors first scrimmage in Sutter.

"Danny has worked

hard this week," Novello said. "He also did a great job at the scrimmage on both sides of the ball."

Campos started the Warriors off with an impressive run for a touchdown against Paradise.

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Wolfskill High School is located on a 1.7 acre parcel in the southeast section of the school district. It is nestled among the fruit and nut orchards of eastern Solano County. The school is housed in a building constructed in 1958 by the Wolfskill Elementary School District for a grades 1-8 school. Since the District unified, Wolfskill has alternately housed the continuation high school and the kindergarten for varying lengths of time. Wolfskill has been a high school since 1977.

What type of student attends Wolfskill? The academically talented and the struggling learner. The socially mature and immature. The drug free and those that abuse substances. The motivated and the unmotivated learner. Pretty much the spectrum of today's youth.

These students deserve to participate in the highest quality learning experiences that we can provide them. There cannot be an unimportant student, for otherwise, we waste the unique talents and abilities of that student and our local community and society suffers as a result.

Wolfskill High School is a school in transition, though if you looked at the school from the street, you might not think so. What has changed or is changing? Physically, two classrooms have been repainted and had new lights, white boards, and bulletin boards installed. Also, an additional classroom was added to the school this summer.

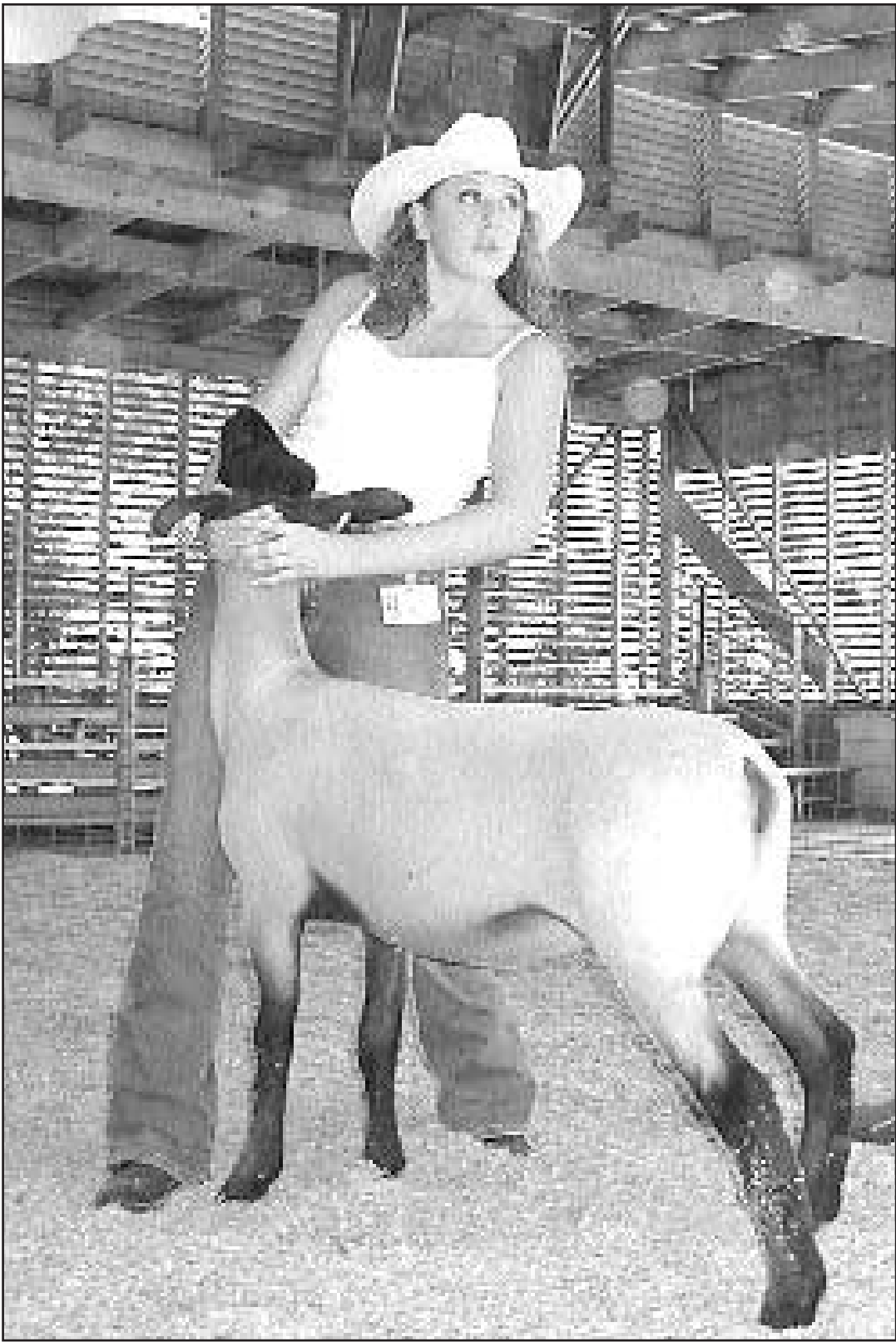
The teaching staff is also transitioning. The two teachers present at the school last year have retired. We have hired new teachers to replace them and added one more teacher so that more students may be served. Each of these teachers has subject matter expertise that should result in increased learning for our students.

Curriculum and instruction are changing. The rigor of the curriculum supports students sufficiently that they successfully pass the California High School Exit Exam. We expect our Wolfskill students to also learn the high school grade level curriculum. Instruction is changing in order to provide students with both teacher-directed and individualized learning opportunities.

However, not everything at Wolfskill has changed. The philosophy of working closely with students to help them acquire the necessary educational, interpersonal, and vocational skills students need in order to be successful adults and life-long learners is still being implemented. A credentialed school counselor provides valuable career, academic, and interpersonal counseling and support for all students. The Garden Project provides students with a hands-on learning experience. Science comes alive for many students through this program.

For many, Wolfskill High School is an unknown entity. It is not until a student needs a quality alternative to the comprehensive high school that students and parents inquire about other educational options in which the student might be successful. For some students, that option is Wolfskill.

Fair-weather friends



Winters FFA student Frannie Jimenez gets some practice with a lamb at the Yolo County Fair before heading into the Round Robin competition. She won third place in Hampshire Market Hog and second place in Novice Market Hog Showmanship.

Photo by Debra Lo Guercio

School board meets Thursday

The Winters School Board will meet on Thursday, Sept. 2, at Wolfskill High School, located at the corner of Boyce and Bowman roads. The following items are on the agenda:

- ~ Recognition of a Wolfskill Continuation High School students.
- ~ Communication and reports.

Action items

- ~ Alternative school accountability model; certified report for the 2003-04 school year.
- ~ "Good to Great — Developing a Hedgehog Concept and Organization Core Values."
- ~ Consent agenda (approved as one item, includes minutes, warrants, etc.)

Waggoner School Library to hold book fair

Waggoner School Library will be hosting a Fall Book Fair Monday, Sept. 7, through Friday, Sept. 10. Please mark your calendar for this special event. The Book Fair will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 7, Thursday, Sept. 9 and Friday, Sept. 10. It will also be open for Back to School Night from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 7. Educators will receive a discount: buy four books, and receive the fifth book free.

All proceeds will go towards the purchase of new materials for the Waggoner School Library.

John Clayton school site council needs members

The John Clayton school site council currently has four vacancies. Anyone interested in running for the site council must turn in a written request by Friday, Sept. 3 to the John Clayton office to be placed on the ballot.

~ Sept. 3 — deadline to be placed on the ballot.

~ Sept 10 — deadline to submit "candidate's statement" of 250 words or less translated into Spanish by the candi-

date or the site translator.

~ Sept. 13 — ballots mailed home.

~ Sept 20 — deadline to return ballots to the classroom teacher.

~ Sept. 22 — ballots to be counted by the nominating committee.

~ Sept. 22 — all candidates notified of the results by the site principal.

~ Sept. 28 — first meeting 3:30 John Clayton School.

Back to School Night planned

Winters Middle School will hold its back to school night on Wednesday, Sept. 8, at the school campus. Yearbooks will be sold in front of the office from 5:540 p.m., a parent assem-

bly will be held in the multi-purpose room from 5:40-6 p.m., and classroom visits will take place from 6-8 p.m.

Raffle prizes will be announced all evening.

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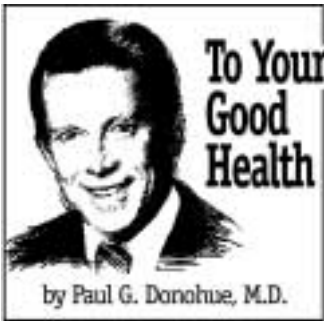
DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I am a 35-year-old, divorced woman with no children and have just gotten the shock of my life. I had my yearly gynecologic exam two weeks ago, and the doctor called to tell me I had an abnormal Pap test. He said I probably have a viral infection that could lead to cancer. He scheduled me for a scope exam. Please put all this into perspective for me. I am quite worried. What is the treatment? — S.A.

ANSWER: Your Pap test must have shown cell changes that are typical of infection with the human papillomavirus (HPV), the cause of genital warts. There are more than 100 different varieties of HPV. Some cause the ordinary finger and foot warts. About 20 can cause genital warts. Genital warts can be the forerunner of cancer of the cervix. Cervical cancer, therefore, can be considered an infectious disease.

The scope exam your doctor has in store for you is an examination of the cervix with a device that looks a bit like a microscope. It's called a colposcope. Before inspecting the cervix with the colposcope, the doctor applies acetic acid (vinegar) to the cervix. Any infected area turns white, and the doctor can easily biopsy that section for a definitive diagnosis.

Treatment of HPV infection covers a huge amount of material. For warts that are external and visible, liquids, creams or gels can be applied by the patient to the warts. When there is infected tissue on the cervix, the doctor can freeze it off with liquid nitrogen, destroy it with electric current, eradicate it with a laser or inject a substance called interferon into the infected tissue. And those are only a few of the treatments available.

Understandably, the news is unsettling. Your condition has been discovered and is going to be



treated, so you do not have to view this with alarm and dread.

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ANSWER: Keloids are large and often disfiguring scars that are difficult to treat. You were very lucky to have had successful keloid removal. People who have the tendency to form keloids should not have unnecessary surgery. You should be concerned. I would advise you not to tempt fate a second time.

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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Good news from Democratic Convention

JOHN C. CHENDO
Democratic delegate
for Yolo County

I was elected as a delegate to the National Democratic Convention, had a great time there, and have returned with good news for all of you. There are real dangers in the world, but the timing of the government alerts we are getting has an awful lot to do with political campaigning. It is sometimes good for the planning of our lives to be able to predict the future. So here it is:

A. Don't sweat until after Labor Day weekend. There will be no more terror alerts between now and a week after the Bushite convention, which ends just before Labor Day weekend. This is not to say that there may not be any real dangers, but the Bush administration will not want his delegates in New York City to be thinking that they are in harm's way. So have a nice end-of-the-summer vacation, if you can afford it. Fifty percent of American families have to live on \$1,000 less than the income they had in 2000. But hey, the wealthiest 200,000 taxpayers got at least an \$88,000 a year tax break. And even though your job prospects are not as good as under the Democratic presidency, the loss of three million jobs in America just means that those wealthy companies are outsourcing our jobs, which Bush says is helping those rich companies to keep America "number one" in some way.

B. There will be Bushite terror alerts in late September and October, guaranteed, 100 percent. For those in the Christian right, these two coordinating prophecies are rock solid. You can bank on it. So relax, and worry at a fairly uniform rate. Worry also that Bush may be misusing our religious strivings. The alerts are not coordinated with any particular time.

Guess what? They are coordinated with Bush's style of political campaigning, which is the same as his style of governing. In fact, because of our one-trillion dollar tax cut for the wealthiest, the federal government will cause all 50 states to run in the red, with deficits that mean cutting 100,000 police jobs—including 770 in New York City—and cutting 300,000 children out of Headstart programs. Inspections on sealed containers coming into our seaports will also be cut down. Somehow, Bush has gotten the knack of sounding terrorist alerts as a trump card, to provide a façade that he is effectively protecting us from evil-doing enemies by using his supernatural powers.

Former President Jimmy Carter of Georgia, someone who is universally respected for monitoring election processes worldwide, stated that Bush is "instilling public panic" as a tool of campaigning and governing. Carter contrasted these suspiciously-timed alerts with Franklin Delano Roosevelt's famous encouragement: "We have

nothing to fear but fear itself... the blind irrational fear that could prevent us from converting retreat into healthy advance."

FDR knew this from his first-hand experience fighting polio, the Great Depression and World War II. On the other hand, Bush has learned that fear-mongering is his strong suit.

FDR did not stage his convention at Pearl Harbor; Lincoln did not have his party convene at Gettysburg; no party was held in Washington, D. C. after it was burned by the British in the War of 1812. My mother's parents and grandparents operated boarding houses to help Irish and English immigrants who had just gotten of the boat in lower Manhattan, 1860-1920. Their boarding houses were within the footprint of the World Trade Center. I am appalled that Bush is having his convention party near this site, as if that tragedy and those needless deaths occurred for the benefit of one party, especially a party that is not noted for its high regard for the poor, immigrants and the urban masses.

We are all Americans. If anything, Bush reacted more slowly than anyone else in the country to anticipating and learning of the destruction of the Twin Towers. Would a captain of a ship remain in command if he had reacted so slowly? Let America again be a land of equal opportunity, responsibility and hope.

Pleased to meet you



Name: Kelly Sartin
Occupation: Administrative Assistant for Lester Farms
Hobby: Reading
What's best about living in Winters: Everyone knows everyone
Fun fact: Toured Europe by car armed with only a map and not knowing the languages. Loved the Swiss Alps.

King Crossword



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Be careful not to allow the backers of a new financial "deal" to pull the wool over the Lamb's eyes. It could hold fewer plusses and more negatives than you were first led to believe.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) It's a good idea to finish all incomplete tasks so that you can devote your attention to next week's projects. The weekend could hold surprises for romantic Fernandas and Ferdinands.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A workplace suggestion you made a while ago that you might have forgotten could come back with a request to turn it from idea to reality. Your social life picks up considerably this weekend.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Someone from the past could return with an intriguing opportunity for a future project. Check into it, by all means. But don't neglect your current responsibilities in the meantime.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Keeping your claws sheathed and using good humor instead to counter someone who's bad-mouthing the Big Cat isn't easy. But it's the best way to avoid more problems down the line.

VIRGO (August 23 to Sept. 22) A workplace situation could improve if you're less critical and more supportive of those who are, after all, trying to do their best. Let them know you're there to help when necessary.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) A new job offer might not carry all the benefits you're seeking. Make sure you know what you're entitled to, what is off the table and what is negotiable before you make a decision.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) A social obligation you would rather get out of could hold some surprisingly positive aspects. Why not go and see for yourself? A family member makes a curious request.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Before tackling that new project awaiting you at home or on the job, take time out for some much-deserved pampering to help lift your spirits and restore your energy levels.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Your social calendar begins to fill up more quickly than you expected. And that's great. You deserve to enjoy some good fun after so much time spent on serious matters.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) A domestic situation continues to improve, thanks to all the tender, loving concern you've shown. A colleague makes a questionable move that you might want to check out sooner rather than later.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) A sudden turn in a romantic relationship calls for both a rational and passionate response. Keep the love level high, but also find out why the problem arose in the first place.

BORN THIS WEEK: You often set high standards for others. But to your credit, you set the same expectations for yourself.

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King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Ruin the veneer

4 Cuid pro quo

8 Motel

12 - Buba

13 Detergent brand

14 Duel tool

16 Plaque

17 Aching

18 April 1 victim

19 Duck down

20 Gaudy

22 Ostentatious display

24 Family

25 In the wings

28 Ump

30 Lusitania sinker

31 Silenon link

32 Lateral branch

34 Mongol tent

35 Versifier

36 Candian

37 Singer McLachlan

40 Below

41 Wing-like

42 Eggshell

46 Cupid's specialty

47 Dry gully

48 Coffee vessel

49 Ball-bearing items

50 Come in last

51 Comic Caesar

DOWN

1 Long March leader

2 TV alien

3 Disreputable people

4 Rose

6 G. Gordon Liddy book

8 Com-motion

7 Apple

9 Stop

9 Like two peas in -

10 Unadorned

11 Juice, theatre-locally

16 Invert

19 Formerly, formerly

20 Height (Pref.)

21 Staff leader

22 Under way

23 ~ first you don't ~

25 Read instrument

26 "Hair" song

27 Mentor

28 Grub

30 "Opel"

33 Exorc

34 "OK"

36 "Fame" singer

37 Flavor enhancer

38 Shaving-cream additive

39 Glowing review

40 Peele's P.O. letters

42 Night bird

43 - Schwarz

44 Numerical prefix

45 Extremity

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In a completely rational society, the best of us would aspire to be teachers and the rest of us would have to settle for something less, because passing civilization along from one generation to the next ought to be the highest honor and the highest responsibility anyone could have.

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Nuestras Noticias

Schwarzenegger y los impuestos



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De política y cosas peores

Las elecciones del 2 de noviembre en Estados Unidos, más que una contienda entre George W. Bush, y su contrincante Demócrata, John Kerry, serán un plebiscito sobre la presidencia de Bush. Lo primero que se están preguntando los votantes es si vale la pena mantener a Bush en la Casa Blanca. Y si la respuesta es no, entonces voltearán a ver a John Kerry para analizar si les gusta el reemplazo.

De alguna una manera, toda votación que permite la reelección de quien está en el poder es, antes que nada, un referéndum sobre su mandato; igual con Hugo Chávez en Venezuela que con Bush en Estados Unidos. Por eso, esta elección será de Bush contra Bush.

Los votantes pondrán en la balanza lo que, para ellos, Bush ha hecho bien y lo que Bush ha hecho mal...y luego decidirán qué hacer con él. Esa es una de las maravillas de la democracia; nos permite deshacernos de los malos gobernantes y mantener en sus puestos a los que lo hacen bien.

¿Estamos hoy mejor que hace cuatro años? Esa es la pregunta clave en toda votación que incluye a un presidente norteamericano que busca reelegirse. La hizo por primera vez en 1980 el entonces candidato republicano a la presidencia, Ronald Reagan, respecto al presidente en turno, Jimmy Carter. La respuesta de los votantes estadounidenses fue un rotundo “no” y Carter fue historia. Desde entonces, el propio Reagan, George Bush padre y Bill Clinton han tenido que contestar a esa pregunta. Hoy le toca responderla a George W. Bush.

Bush y los Republicanos, por supuesto, dicen que los que vivimos en Estados Unidos sí estamos mejor que hace cuatro años; que la economía se está recuperando, que el mundo tiene dos países más sin dictaduras (Afganistán e Irak) y que se le está ganando la guerra al terrorismo. Kerry y los Demócratas, como era de esperarse, nos aseguran que estamos mucho peor que hace cuatro años; que Estados Unidos sigue estando muy vulnerable frente a los terroristas, que el país no es respetado en el mundo, que el déficit sigue creciendo y que se han perdido más empleos de los que se han creado.

Al final de cuentas es una cuestión de credibilidad y confianza. ¿Se le puede creer al presidente Bush? Muchos Demócratas dicen que no. En Boston al cineasta y activista, Michael Moore, dijo que el presidente Bush era un “mentiroso”. Se refería a las armas de destrucción masiva que supuestamente había en Irak, que no han aparecido y que fueron la razón principal para iniciar la guerra. Los Republicanos, en cambio, presentan al presidente Bush como un líder firme, ejemplo de integridad personal, leal y patriota, de fuertes convicciones religiosas y que no cede ante las presiones políticas. ¿A quien le creemos?

La política este año ha dejado el plano profesional para convertirse en un asunto personal: hay gente que adora a Bush y gente lo que odia. Y es por razones personales, más que políticas, que se escogerá al próximo presidente de Estados Unidos.

Esta semana en la convención republicana, el presidente esta teniendo la oportunidad de convencer y tratar de conseguir el voto de un pequeñísimo grupo de electores que aún no se ha formado una opinión sobre él. El resto de Estados Unidos ya sabe –o cree saber– quien es el verdadero George W. Bush.

Tiempo para reciclar

El próximo 11 de septiembre la ciudad de Winters va a llevar a cabo su programa de reciclamiento de aparatos domésticos, aparatos que tal ves usted tenga por ahí y ya no funcionen, y que solo le estén estorbando, si les quiere reciclar la ciudad les pide que por favor pongan estos en la calle el viernes 10 de septiembre después de las 4 PM. Pero los debe tener afuera el sábado porque ellos van a empujar a trabajar desde las 6 AM.

Los aparatos que puede reciclar son: Refrigeradores, congeladores, estufas, lavadoras, secadoras, calentadores de agua, hornos de microondas,

aparatos de aire acondicionado. Por favor no pongan televisores, computadoras o asadores, estas cosas la ciudad no las va a reciclar. Si quiere reciclar el aceite que le cambian al carro, puede ir al taller de Pisani's cualquier tiempo del año.

El 18 de septiembre, en el taller de la ciudad, en 19 east baker st. La ciudad va a estar aceptando de las 8 AM –1PM baterías de auto, llantas de auto, pintura en su envase original y su etiqueta, aceite usado, filtros de aceite y libros telefónicos, esto es solo para residentes de la ciudad, si quiere más información llame al teléfono 795-2820.

Food, clothing closet hours

St. Anthony Catholic Church operates a food and clothing closet behind the parish hall at 511 Main Street. The hours are Mondays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Closed Sept. 6, for Labor Day.

For more information about the St. Anthony's food and clothing closet, or to make a monetary or other donation, call Dawn

at the St. Anthony office, 795-2230. The closet does not accept large furniture or appliances.

The First Baptist Church also operates a food closet, which is open on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to noon. The church is located at First and Baker streets.

For more information, call Juanita Tilden, 795-2395.

La actual estructura de impuestos de California falla todas las pruebas. Generalmente daña el clima de los negocios y hace difícil para la nueva mayoría, los latinos, de progresar más allá de empleos de baja remuneración. Estas fracasadas políticas de impuestos, que privan a nuestro gobierno de ingresos esenciales, dañan particularmente a la comunidad latina.

Un tercio de los latinos no tienen programas de cobertura de salud y más de la mitad de los que trabajan lo hacen en empleos en los que el empleador no les ofrece cobertura médica para servicios esenciales como cuidado preventivo y prenatal. Los niños latinos tienen tres veces más probabilidades de asistir a escuelas cuyos maestros carecen de entrenamiento adecuado, que no ofrecen programas para después de clases y que no proveen libros de textos a cada estudiante.

Además, sólo uno de cada 10 latinos puede permitirse comprar una casa de precio mediano en la mayor parte de California, donde el precio medio de las casas es de 480 mil dólares. Eventualmente, la economía se recuperará. Sin embargo, la comunidad latina corre el riesgo de quedar fuera de esta recuperación, de la misma manera que quedaron fuera del auge económico de la era del punto-com.

El déficit actual del presupuesto es resultado de políticas impositivas pobremente planeadas que favorecen a los intereses especiales. Dada la negativa del gobernador a aumentar los impuestos a los ricos, el nivel de educación, salud y empleos de la comunidad latina probablemente se deteriorará más. Sin embargo, el gobernador Schwarzenegger podría convertirse en el gobernador latino si sigue en parte el consejo de su principal asesor financiero, Warren Buffett, que es la segunda persona más rica del mundo.

La reforma impositiva inicial incluye tres soluciones simples: Más impuestos a los ricos. Restablecer las categorías impositivas del 10% y 11% al ingreso personal de los superricos de California que existía durante las anteriores administraciones republicanas. Esto generaría 3,000 millones de dólares adicionales al año y eliminaría los recortes de fondos a la educación y aseguraría que las universidades californianas sigan siendo accesibles para la comunidad latina.

Los ingresos adicionales también ayudarían a abrir la sede de la Universidad de California en Merced, un importante factor de desarrollo en el Valle de San Joaquín, en el que residen más de 1.3 millones de latinos, y del resto del Valle Central.

Las grandes propiedades comerciales deberían ser gravadas de acuerdo a su valor en el mercado. Actualmente muchas propiedades comerciales pagan impuestos por un valor mucho menor al del precio que tienen en el mercado inmobiliario y la mayoría de los nuevos propietarios de casas terminan echándose al hombro la carga de anticuadas leyes sobre impuestos a las propiedades comerciales.

Un sistema justo de impuestos recaudaría 3,000 millones de dólares adicionales al año. Los gobiernos locales podrían invertir esos 3,000 millones en desarrollos habitacionales accesibles, particularmente en las áreas urbanas, y permitirían que la comunidad latina logre el sueño americano.

Aplicar la ley. Eliminar los refugios tributarios y los fraudes de evasión usados por los ricos. Esto podría lograrse a través de una aplicación efectiva de la ley. El gobernador Schwarzenegger ha propuesto cambios en nuestro sistema de recaudación de impuestos lo que, si se aborda bien, podría generar 9,000 millones de dólares al año. Esto sería más que suficiente para proveer de seguro universal de salud a todos los residentes de California que no están asegurados, incluyendo a más de tres millones de latinos.

Estas tres simples refor-

mas tributarias, si son propuestas por el gobernador Schwarzenegger, generarían 15,000 millones de dólares adicionales y fácilmente resolverían la crisis del presupuesto. Esto estimularía el crecimiento económico de la comunidad latina al asegurar una fuerza laboral más educada y saludable, le daría mejores oportunidades de empleo y vivienda accesible que conduciría hacia la adquisición de una casa.

Estas reformas moverían a un gran porcentaje de la comunidad latina de empleos de salario mínimo y sin cobertura médica a trabajos mejor pagados con beneficios de salud, y a poseer una casa propia. El gobernador Schwarzenegger debería moverse rápidamente para convertirse en el Gobernador que el promete, un gobernador para todos, un gobernador de esperanza y oportunidades iguales.

En los próximos 20 años, California que ya es el estado más poblado de la nación se convertirá en el hogar de otros 10 millones de personas adicionales. El gobernador Schwarzenegger debe invertir en la infraestructura que proveerá apoyo adecuado para todos sus residentes. Si no lo hace, la comunidad latina puede esperar más marginación a expensa de las generaciones futuras.

El sueño americano en crisis

Aunque cueste creerlo, en Estados Unidos también hay pobres. Y no son sólo unos pocos, suman ya 36 millones de personas, un 12.5% del total de la población. Una clara señal de que el sueño americano de prosperidad y desarrollo, anhelado tanto por nacidos en el país como por inmigrantes, está en crisis.

No deja de ser una paradoja que cientos de personas provenientes de diferentes regiones del planeta pierden la vida diariamente al intentar cruzar la frontera o sean deportados a sus países por no tener visa para cumplir un sueño que ni siquiera todos los nacidos en Estados Unidos pueden alcanzar.

Claro está que la pobreza en Estados Unidos es bastante diferente a la que pueda imaginar cualquier persona que viva o, sin ir más lejos, que haya alguna vez caminado por alguna calle de alguna ciudad de Latinoamérica. La pobreza en Estados Unidos existe pero está disfrazada.

Es difícil imaginar a un pobre en Latinoamérica viviendo en su casa con aire acondicionado o calefacción central, mucho más con un auto, aunque

sea un modelo de hace 30 años atrás, estacionado en la acera. En Estados Unidos, una persona puede contar con todos esos ¿lujos?¿ pero seguir siendo pobre? Después de todo, puede no tener trabajo, ni acceso a la educación y/o la salud, ni casa propia.

Según datos de la Oficina del Censo de EE.UU, alrededor de 1,3 millones de personas cayeron bajo la línea de pobreza en 2003, con lo que el número de pobres aumentó un 4% a 35,9 millones. Las cifras indican que los niveles de pobreza han crecido por tercer año consecutivo. Los más golpeados son los inmigrantes, la población afro-americana y los niños.

La tasa de pobreza de la población hispana de Estados Unidos trepó de 21,8% en 2002 a 22,5% en 2003. Es decir, de los 37 millones de hispanos que viven en ese país, 8,3 millones no pueden ni siquiera cumplir sus necesidades básicas de alimentos, vestimenta y vivienda. Algo que muestra que el sueño del inmigrante y sus descendientes de escapar de la pobreza y las necesidades se

hace cada día más difícil de alcanzar.

Sin dudas, los índices de pobreza reflejan el estado de la economía. Pero, seguramente usted se estará preguntando cómo puede ser posible si supuestamente Estados Unidos es una de las economías más prósperas del planeta.

Lo cierto es que la economía estadounidense no ha generado en los últimos años trabajo para todos. Desde 2000, cuando el presidente George Bush tomó las riendas del gobierno, la economía ha perdido 1,1 millones de puestos de trabajo. Algo que deteriora los ingresos y hace caer a más y más personas queden en la pobreza. En total, los desempleados suman unos 8,2 millones en todo el país. Los más afectados justamente son la población afro-americana, los hispanos y los adolescentes en busca de trabajo.

Asimismo, la política de recortes de impuestos (en tres tandas) establecidos por Bush desde 2001 y orientada a aliviar a los más pobres y la clase media,

no surtió el efecto esperado. Al menos, los números no lo corroboran. La cifra de pobreza ha crecido todos los años desde 2000. Mientras tanto, los ricos se volvieron más ricos.

Desde que asumió el cargo Bush, el número de pobres ha ido en aumento. Tal y como las estadísticas muestran, cada vez es más difícil que tanto estadounidenses como inmigrantes alcancen el sueño de una vida próspera y sin problemas económicos, en un país donde supuestamente están dadas todas las condiciones para que eso suceda.

Las estadísticas dejan como moraleja, tanto para aquellos que están a punto de intentar cruzar la frontera como a los que llegan a Estados Unidos por la vía legal, que no siempre todo lo que brilla es oro. Queda en el aire la pregunta de qué es mejor, ser pobre en el país de origen o pobre en una tierra donde no se pertenece. Yo prefiero lo primero y ¿usted que prefiere?



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The draft Program and Goal will be available for public inspection, for a period of twenty (20) days, at City Hall, 318 First Street, Winters, CA, in the Public Works Department. Comments on the Program and Goal will be received in the above-mentioned office, and by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Washington, D.C., for a period of twenty (20) days from the date of this notice.

Nanci Mills
City Clerk
City of Winters

Sept. 2,9

Public Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Yolo County Board of Supervisors will be conducting a public hearing on Monday, September 13, 2004 beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Chambers in the Erwin Meier Administration Center at 625 Court Street, Woodland, California to consider the proposed County of Yolo budget for fiscal year 2004-2005. In addition to the September 13 hearing date, the Board has reserved September 14 and 15 for this public hearing. Accordingly, the public hearing will be conducted by the Board of Supervisors on a day-to-day basis until such time as all deliberations are complete and the Board has taken the appropriate action on the proposed budget. A copy of the proposed budget will be available for public inspection in the office of the County Administrator no later than Friday, September 3, 2004. The County Administrator's Office is located at 625 Court Street, Room 202, Woodland, California. All interested parties are invited to attend the meeting. Date: August 18, 2004
PATRICIA CRITTENDEN, Clerk of the The Board of Supervisors
By: Ana Morales, Deputy

Aug. 26, Sept. 2

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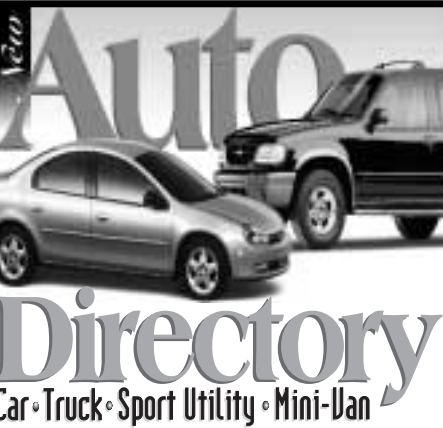
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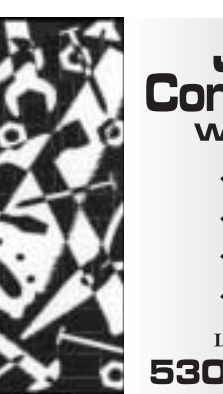
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Solano County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider the following:

Solano County Housing Element

The purpose of the Housing Element is to establish a comprehensive plan to address housing needs in the unincorporated area of Solano County, with a focus on meeting the housing needs of all economic segments of the community, including low- and moderate-income households who may have trouble affording market rate housing and populations with special housing needs that may not necessarily be met through conventional housing products. The Housing element is one of seven mandated elements that must be included in a jurisdiction's General Plan. State law requires that local governments periodically update their Housing Element. The County's current Housing Element was adopted in January 1992. The Draft Housing Element update is to cover a time period January 2001 to December 2006.

The policies and programs in the Draft Housing element address housing conservation and rehabilitation, opportunities for housing production, affordable housing assistance, special housing needs and equal housing opportunity, governmental and non-governmental housing constraints, housing location, density and timing, public facilities and services, environmental quality, and energy conservation.

The Planning Commission will also be considering adoption of a Negative Declaration of Environmental Impact as recommended by the Solano County Department of Resource Management. (Project Planner: Harry Englebright)

If you challenge the proposed consideration in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Any person wishing to comment and/or review this information may do so at the Solano County Department of Environmental Management, Planning Division, 470 Chadbourne Road, 2nd Floor, Fairfield.

The hearing will be held in the Board of Supervisors' Chambers, Courthouse, 580 Texas Street, Fairfield at 7:00 p.m. on September 16, 2004. Interested persons may appear and be heard.

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