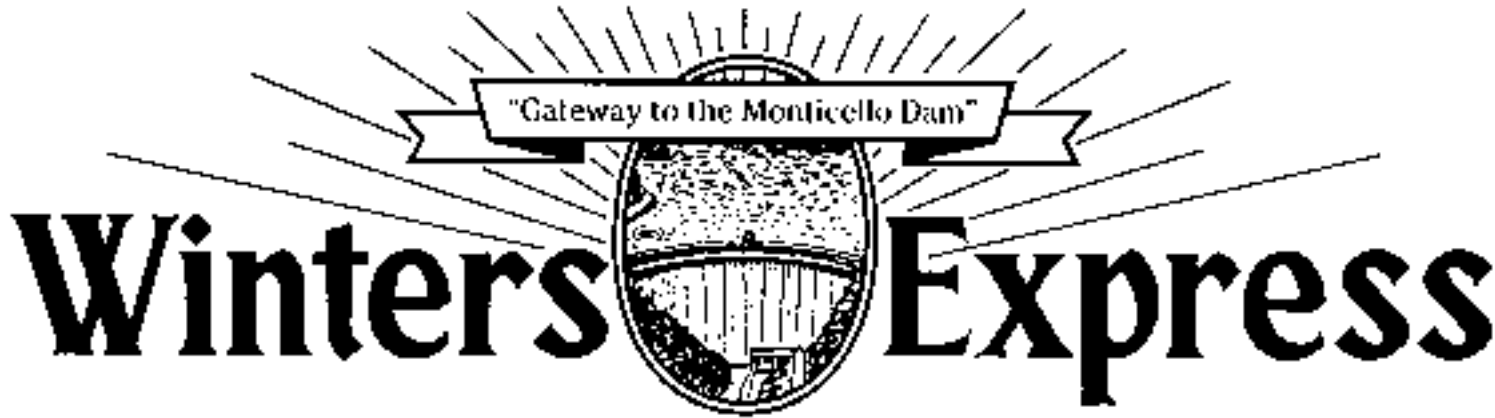


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## Creekside Estates subdivision approved

By DAWN VAN DYKE  
Express city editor

Creekside Estates, a 40-unit subdivision located on 13.7 acres at the southwest corner of the Main Street and Grant Avenue intersection, was unanimously approved by the Winters City Council at its Tuesday, April 19 meeting. The subdivision consists of larger lots, ranging in size from 6,400 to 21,678 square feet. According to contract planner Heidi Tschudin, 24 out of the 40 lots are 8,000 square feet or larger. Included in the development agreement were Level III school fees, a contribution toward de-

velopment of the Regional Sports Park, fees paid toward the future fire/police/public works facility and an \$8,600 payment per house into an annuity to help offset financial impacts to the city from the development. The affordable housing requirement will be met on site by converting two lots into duplexes. No one spoke at the public hearing, which was opened and then closed. During council discussion, council member Harold Anderson voiced concern over the conditions of approval with re-

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## School trustees receive grim financial forecast

By GARY BEALL  
Express correspondent

Declining enrollment, increasing costs and less money for state mandated programs, and the inability of the state to address its structural problems were some of the reasons cited for budget woes facing Winters schools during a 2005-06 budget forecast presented to Winters Joint Unified School District trustees on April 21. "Next year's projected enrollment is very close to

what enrollment was 10 years ago," Gloria Hahn, chief business officer for the district told the trustees. Hahn said that enrollment has declined in four of the last six years, dropped 2.4 percent this year, and is expected to decline another three percent next year. Next year's decline translates into \$278,593 less revenue for the district. Special education was

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## Residents request slower growth rate for Winters

By DAWN VAN DYKE  
Express city editor

During discussion of financial management and fiscal sustainability at the Tuesday, April 19 city council meeting, several residents voiced concerns that the city might grow too quickly in the coming years. The discussion came up during a presentation by City Manager John Donlevy and Director of Fi-

nance Shelly Gunby, in which several growth scenarios were presented. Making certain assumptions for the revenue that would come in based on housing development, Gunby and Donlevy presented a picture of what the city's finances would look like at certain rates of growth. Donlevy told the council that although growth has

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Photo by Dawn Van Dyke

Sweetheart and Sweethunk candidates for Youth Day 2005 are, from left, Ricky Anstead, Alexess Van Dyke, Nicholas Tovar, Jillian McDowell, Piedad Junez, Sara Bean Duncan and Leticia Rodriguez. Not pictured is Andrew Cummings.

## YOUTH DAY FUN, FESTIVITIES PLANNED

By ROBERT WARREN  
Special to the Express

This year's Youth Day looks to be packed with a ton of fun, and there couldn't be a better way to start it off than by having the Winters High School student government class put together the opening ceremonies the night before, on April 29, at 7 p.m. at the Community Center. The ceremonies begin with the official opening of Youth Day. Right after that, the Youth Day Sweetheart and Sweethunk will be crowned. Attendants for the Sweethearts and Sweethunks will be recognized as well. Gloria Marion, this year's Youth Day Grand Marshal, will also be formally honored. After this, the real fun begins with the Annual Youth Day Talent Show. This year will definitely be a great show with such acts as the guitar work of Guillermo Figueroa, a variety of types of bands, vocal duets, piano, and much more. Prior to the show, prizes for first, second, and third place acts will be awarded. If this all seems like too much fun to miss, then that's because it is. Come down to opening ceremonies, and start Youth Day off right. (For a complete list of Youth Day activities, see the special section included in this issue.)



Photo by Dawn Van Dyke

Youth Day officials elected by Winters High School students for 2005 include (clockwise from top), mayor, senior Kaelly Romney, sophomore council member Sarah Cooper, freshman council member Sarah Warren and junior council member Jackie Correa.



## Spread the word

Photo by Debra Lo Guercio "Tell a friend, and don't forget the little ones," says Jack A. Lope, unofficial Main Street Garage Sale mascot. Jack's telling his flea-bitten friends that the annual trash-to-treasures event takes place this year on Saturday, May 7, beginning at 8 a.m. along the west end of Main Street and adjoining side streets. Free space is available at City Park for anyone who doesn't live in the area and would like to sell their items. To sign up for a free space or for more information about the garage sale, call Bruce Guelden, 795-4919.

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**CLARK FIELD:** The city of Woodland is celebrating the 75th anniversary of Clark Field tonight (Thursday, April 28) at 6 p.m. and has invited a lot of baseball players of a half century or more ago, to attend.

In the town baseball leagues in the 1940's and early 1950's, Clark Field was the Cadillac of ball parks. It was completely fenced, with seats and dressing rooms.

The West Side Baseball League started April 4, 1948, with eight teams: Winters, Madison, Zamora, Woodland, Knights Landing, Williams, Dunnigan and Maxwell. Percy Riley, of Zamora, was the secretary.

Winters had not had a baseball diamond since the high school burned during World War II and temporary buildings occupied the former baseball field.

In January, 1948, the Chamber of Commerce appointed a baseball committee consisting of Charles Graf and Alex Klimes, and they rented four acres north of town on property adjacent to the Union Oil bulk plant, south of where John Benson's plant is now located.

Clifton Perkins, a former professional baseball player and first baseman of the newly organized team, worked for Pacific Gas and Electric Company and scrounged up some old utility poles, and with the help of his co-workers, installed the backstop, and farmers used their equipment to level the field.

The 1948 Winters High School Poppy noted that: "This was the first year of competition baseball in Winters High School. A large turnout of boys showed up for practice on the newly completed field sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce."

Some of the fields in the league were worse. In Williams, the baseball diamond was next to a rice field, with foul balls landing in the water. The ground at Zamora was so hard that baseball cleats dug into your feet instead of the ground, and ground balls going past the outfielders were ruled as ground-rule doubles, as the balls never quit rolling.

Some of the Winters players still around town included Jack Graf, Phil Snow, Ralph Norfolk, Don and Rich Rominger and Jim Barker. I was stuck with being manager and Alex Klimes business manager. When Klimes was transferred by Diamond Match Company, I became business manager and Joe Diaz took over as manager.

The league all-star games were played at Clark Field.

The one memory I have of playing at Clark Field was a game against the Woodland Acorns. I was playing left field and a Woodland player, Cleve Daigre, hit a low line drive over third base that held up just long enough for me to grab it at my ankles for an out. In his next at bat, he hit a towering fly that I ran down near the left centerfield fence. (I was faster then).

The third time at bat, Daigre hit the ball so far that I didn't move, just turned around to watch it sail over the left field fence.

As he made his homerun trot, he made a wide turn rounding second base and hollered at me to try to catch that one.

I don't know if I'll make it to the celebration, but I treasure the invitation.

**OBITUARIES**

**Frank A. Lucero**

Frank A. Lucero, born on July 23, 1937, passed away on April 22, 2005 at his home in Winters.

Mr. Lucero was in the United States Air Force for 10 years, until 1964. He moved to Winters in 1960, and after getting out of the Air Force, worked at the Ford Garage in Winters until 1969. He then moved to San Jose and worked for the city of San Jose until his retirement. He returned to Winters in 2004.

He was an avid reader, and always had a book in his hand. A skilled mechanic his whole life, his favorite form of relaxation was working on projects in his garage. Mr. Lucero played the guitar and sang to his children and his grandchildren, who received their love of and talent for music from him. Other interests included skydiving, and making and flying model airplanes. His hobbies and interests were passed down to his children and grandchildren, who will carry them on in his memory.

He is survived by his daughter, Gina Warren and her husband, Lorin, of Winters; sons, Dave Lucero and Rena, of Montana, Frank Lucero and his wife, Rosie, John Lucero, and Eric Lucero and his wife, Laura, all of Winters. He is also survived by his grandchildren Danny, Noelle, Celine, Ryan, Frankie, Kristyn, Johnny, Riki, Geno, Nathanael and Jacob, and his great-grandchildren Jocelyn and Rose Marie. He also had eight brothers and sisters.

Mr. Lucero was preceded in death by his parents, Manuel and Francis Lucero.

A private memorial service is planned.

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YESTERYEAR



~ Photo by Koki Tsuji  
California Govenor Frank Merriam attended the 1936 Winters Youth Day, and is shown here with an Airflow DeSoto. He was the speaker at the morning citizenship program, rode in the parade and remained for the night show.

35  
YEARS AGO

May 7, 1970

Dr. Dillon S. Brown, chairman of the Pomology Department at the University of California predicts harvest of Royal Apricots here will start May 19, about a week earlier than average.

A man and wife from El Sobrante were injured Sunday afternoon when their plane hit a 115,000 volt power line across Wragg Canyon at Lake Berryessa. The plane sank in the lake and knocked off power for about 5,400 customers.

Bill Duncan, chairman of the Yolo County Board of Supervisors, will be the speaker at the regular meeting of the Winters Rotary Club, to be held at noon today in the Buckhorn Dining Room.

At the regular meeting of the Winters City Council Tuesday evening, the Winters 4-H Club was again given permission to operate a fireworks stand for the Fourth of July.

At the annual Beta Alpha Beta Founders' Day observation held Tuesday night at a dinner at the Buckhorn, Mrs. Ralph Norfolk was named Girl of the Year and was presented with an engraved silver tray in appreciation of her endeavors with the sorority.

Richard Chiles, playing centerfield for Oklahoma City in the American Association, is off to a good start this season with nine hits in his first 22 times at bat for a .409 average.

Coach Jack Delbar's Winters Warriors, paced by Marco Barcelo and Bill Harrington, defeated the Dixon Rams, 11-2, in an SCAL baseball game in Dixon Friday afternoon. Other local sluggers were David Carrion, Greg Little, Wayne Rainwater, Ken Galoway, Bruce Kidwell and Danny Martinez.

The Fairfield High School class of 1975 will sponsor a Fairfield High Alumni Night for alumni from the classes of 1971-80 on Aug. 19 at 6 p.m. at the Vacaville Opera House, 560 Main Street in Vacaville. Tickets are \$15 per person. Seating is limited.

The Fairfield High School Class of 1975 will hold its 30 Year Reunion on Aug. 20 at 6

50  
YEARS AGO

May 5, 1955

In spite of cloudy weather and a few light showers, a crowd of about 6,000 persons were in Winters Saturday for the observance of the 19th Annual Winters Youth Day.

The real estate firm of Baxter and Sharp this week moved its offices from the furniture store to the next entrance to the west to a location formerly occupied by Dr. Fuller.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Martin of Winters, are the parents of a daughter, born at the Woodland Clinic hospital May 3, 1955..

A Winters team was entered in the Central California Baseball League at a meeting held in Woodland last night. Joe Diaz, manager of last year's championship team, declined to manage again due to pressure of other business, but Ed Rominger has agreed to take over as manager.

Guests on Youth Day of Mrs. Ida Johnston and Mr. and Mrs. V. S. Johnston included the C. A. Elliotts of San Anselmo; the Kenneth Thurburs of Fairfield and the Frankie Bryants of Sacramento.

Mr. and Mrs. Cameron Girton, Cameron Jr. and Susie, all of Oakland, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Al Cattermole during the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Gunnard Johnson and daughters, Lynn and Diane, of Herlong, were here for Youth Day, as house guests of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Pugh.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Yarberry and children of Woodland, visited with the Sabe Carriions on Youth Day, greeting many former friends here.

Mrs. Roy Brinck and Mrs. Hallie Baker were in San Francisco Wednesday evening enjoying "Cinemas" at the Orpheum.

p.m. at the Holiday Inn, 1350 Holiday Lane in Fairfield. Tickets are \$60 per person.

For more information contact Lesley (Snedeker) DePorto, (707) 452-9676 or FFHigh75@comast.net, Sarah (Malkiewicz) Krystek, (707) 446-9111, or Theresa (Marshall) Cole, FFHigh75@aol.com.

65  
YEARS AGO

May 3, 1940

The Youth Day parade Saturday was composed of numerous units, both spectacular and significant. The motorcycle escort, traffic officers Ted Englehart and Leonard Overhouse led off at ten o'clock.

Born April 30, in Oakland to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon C. Murray (Thelma Schlafski) a 7-pound daughter, Patricia Ann.

Mrs. Lottie Popes of San Francisco was a Youth Day guest of her nieces, Miss Addie Scott and Mrs. George Chapman.

The 17th annual rodeo and barbecue, sponsored by the Monticello Community Club, will be held Sunday at Monticello, starting at 10 a.m.

Mrs. J. H. Wolfskill of Oakland and daughters, Mrs. Rolland McKenzie and family of Monticello and Miss Margaret Wolf-skill of Rio Vista were among the Saturday holiday guests in town.

At a Boy Scout Court of Honor held in the high school gymnasium Friday, Second Class badges were given to Cecil Jiles, Rex Evans, George Conard and Fred Coman. Those reaching Tenderfoot rank were Eusabio Carrion, Mike Ruiz and Gerald Gale, while Life Scout badges were awarded to William Covell and Frank Bassett.

Berryessa  
drops .11  
of a foot

The level of Lake Berryessa fell by .11 of a foot during the past week but is still above the spillway, according to Mickey Faulkner of the Solano Irrigation District.

He reported Tuesday morning that the lake was 440.19 feet above sea level, with storage computed at 1,605,953 acre feet of water. The spillway is at the 439.96 foot elevation.

The SID is diverting 335 second feet of water into the Putah South Canal and 46 second feet is flowing in Putah Creek at the Diversion Dam.

Evaporation on Lake Berryessa averaged 147 acre feet of water per day during the week.

100  
YEARS AGO

May 5, 1905

The expected but none the less sad news was announced Thursday evening of the death of J. H. Harlan, 84, which occurred at seven o'clock at the home of Dr. Z. T. Magill.

A crew of United States surveyors belonging to the geodetic corps is encamped in Winters. Their purpose is to make a complete topographical survey of this region, with the object of finding reservoir sites and determining other points relating to governmental irrigation projects.

Mrs. D. Errington and Mrs. B. Daniels appeared before the town board Tuesday to ask that the town defray the expense of installing electric lights in the public library. The board decided to pay for one thirty-two candle power lamp, owner of the building to put in the wires.

Mrs. R. Cadwallader of San Fran., the guest of Mrs. R. Morrison, is spending a pleasant week greeting old friends who are much pleased to see her again.

Thomas Hink, who was injured some weeks ago by being kicked by a horse, did not recover as it was expected, and Sunday last was operated on by the attending doctors.

I.W. Heilig has moved into the handsome new house built by Mrs. Daniels, Second and Abbey Streets.

Correction

In last week's story about the grant received by the Winters Healthcare Foundation, it was incorrectly reported that the amount of the grant was \$255,000. The actual amount of the grant was \$275,000. Also, "receives" is spelled "ei," not "ie."

We apologize for any inconvenience this error may have caused.

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# Opinion



## DEBRA LO GUERCIO BECAUSE I SAY SO

**O**H MY HEAVENS, did this do my left-wing true blue bleeding liberal heart some good. My favorite daughter and I went to see “Lennon” recently in its opening week debut at the Orpheum Theatre in San Francisco. In our current Right Makes Might culture, it was like pouring water on a parched soul. Love. Peace. Remember?

Director Don Scardino gleaned dialogue, songs and occurrences from John Lennon’s short but stellar existence and wove them together to tell the story of his life. Not only is it brilliant, it’s historically accurate, and I should know. I’ve absorbed every bit of minutiae I can find about the man. And there were a few surprises even for me!

As I pulled on my black and white New York City T-shirt before heading to the theater, I worried the play might be a cheesy attempt to cash in on Lennon’s name — a trite, on-stage VH1 Behind the Music, and don’t forget to buy a T-shirt on the way out. It wasn’t, thanks to Yoko Ono, who personally approved the script after it was finished, and allowed the use of his solo songs. Not only that, but she gave us a gift — two previously unreleased songs, “India, India” and “Cooking in the Kitchen of Love.” She could have kept those for herself, and who could blame her. But she shared them with us. Thank you, Yoko.

There are those who insist that Yoko broke up the Beatles. They aren’t true Lennon fans. They don’t “get” him. To love John is to love Yoko too. When you finally appreciate Yoko, you finally appreciate John, the person. Even with everything I already knew about John and Yoko, the play brought me an enhanced understanding.

The most fresh and fascinating aspect of this musical was that several actors played Lennon rather than just one. Although two had a remarkable resemblance to the real deal, the others were women, silver-haired, even black. Because John is all of us. And vice versa. I am he as you are he as you are me and we are all together.

The only thing better than seeing “Lennon” was seeing my daughter see it. She was riveted. When they played “Imagine” (OK, I’ll give away that much, because you KNOW they’re going to play it), she was blinking back tears. It touched her heart. That, in turn, touched mine.

Obviously far too young to actually be able to remember the Beatles or John Lennon, my daughter isn’t a stranger. She’s heard about him all her life. But it always felt like I was passing John along to her, the way a mother might pass along a favorite recipe or stories about the Old Country. She loved him because I loved him. But now, seeing his life spread out before her eyes on stage, all at once, seamlessly, I think she has an understanding of him that’s all her own. I’m not loaning John to her anymore, he “belongs” to her now, all by herself. That John could still touch and inspire a young heart even now is truly a tribute to a soul that really does shine on.

If you can still get tickets to “Lennon,” do it. And don’t skimp. Get as close to the stage as you can, because the performers in this play — every single one of them — will blow you away. One in particular, Marcy Harriell. Wow. She belted out “Woman is the Nigger of the World,” with a wrenching passion that makes the hair on my forearms stand up even now as I’m typing. But that’s the only tidbit I’m sharing. I don’t want to spoil it. You don’t want to know what’s going to happen next even though, if you’re a die-hard fan, you already do. You need to see it unfold before your own eyes.

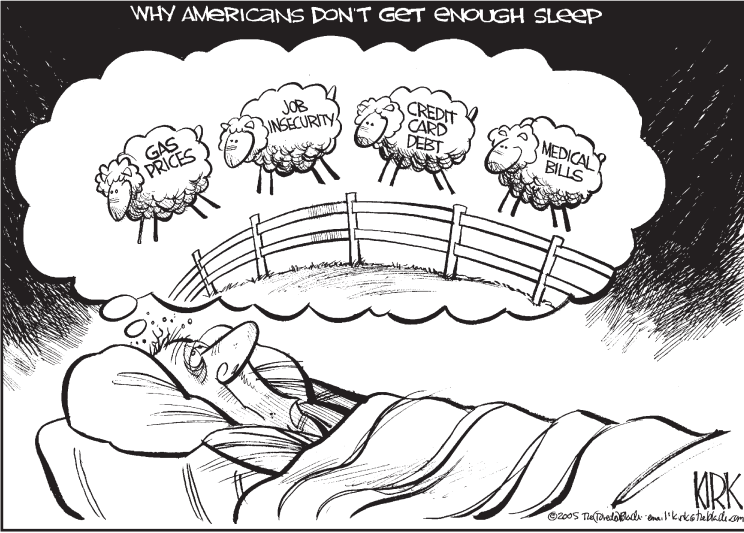
If you’re already a Lennon fan, you will be reafirmed. If you aren’t, you will be. For tickets, go to [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com). The play runs in San Francisco through May 14, then moves on to New York. If you can’t catch it here, it’s worth a trip to the East Coast to catch it there. It’s just that good.

**TO ALL THE CONCERNED CITIZENS** who are so worried about preserving the small town atmosphere we know and love (read: no more houses): The Winters Youth Day Committee has been begging for help for weeks, with little response. How about pitching in for an hour or two and helping to keep our town’s favorite “holiday” alive? Could you drive an official in the parade with your convertible or truck? Work in one of the kiddie booths? Maybe pick up a little trash at the park at the end of the day?

There is a tiny group of people who work their tails off to keep this special day going, and rumor has it that there was so much trouble getting people to help this year that the future of Youth Day may be in jeopardy. It’s one of those “somebody else will do it” situations. Sadly, it may become a “nobody else” situation without some more support. Can you be a somebody instead of a nobody? Call Mike Sebastian, 795-2091, if you can pitch in.

**HERE’S SOMETHING** to wrap your brain around. Chris’ Florist has a new name: Chris’ University Florist. Since Chris has several businesses going under her humble little roof these days and I’ve seen the shop called by several names recently, I called her to get it straight. It is, officially, “Chris’ University Florist” now. But one thing has always intrigued me about the name of her shop. Why isn’t it Chris’ Flowers? A florist is a person. And Chris is the florist there. Therefore, Chris’ florist is Chris herself. The shop could be called Chris’ Chris.

I asked Chris about this too, and she said she was too busy to think about this and I was giving her a headache. (Read: Go away.) So business must be booming, even if she’s really selling more flowers than Chrises. Good job, Chris.



## LETTERS

### We may choke on development

Dear Editor,

Al Vallecillo held the multi-colored patchwork map of our city while John Donlevy outlined with his finger the giant rectangle that represents the “North Area”: a huge flood plain on the northeast part of town. You might remember this area from a little controversy a few years ago called “Greyhawk.”

Centex (a Fortune 250 company, for 30 years one of the top 10 home builders in America) has now purchased rights to build on this land, but tell the paper that they’re not going to build there or at least have no plans at the moment. Right. Have you ever bought a new car that you did not intend to drive?

We were there at Steady Eddy’s last Thursday night as the assembled band of chronic citizens who always show up when the topic is growth. I asked about plans for the North Area after a long presentation on fiscal sustainability and growth when I was struck by the color patchwork of this coveted area. There was red and yellow and orange and green. Lots and lots of green. Red on our city maps denotes zoning for centers of light industry. Yellow and orange represent residential zoning of different densities. Purple is public space — schools and such. Green is parks and open space.

We currently have less than 25 percent of the park space (don’t even ask about protected open space) that we’re supposed to have by now under the General Plan, and the plan puts the vast majority of parks and open space — that sea of green — off to this North Area region. Much of this same area, as a flood plain, will require at least \$24 million of improvements before any building can occur. So Centex will have to fork out that hefty cost of land “improvement” so their houses don’t flood. My guess is that Centex will press hard to squeeze every drop of green out of that area and to fill that area with yellow and orange, so they don’t even feel a dent to their profit margin. What developer wants to spend \$24 million in land “improvements” only to turn that land back

over to the people for parks and open space?

The way we heard it, we’re in dire straits. The presentation that night — complete with financial actuarials, a slideshow of our decrepit police facilities, potholes, and screaming headlines of murder and schools under sanction — dramatically portrayed a town in fiscal crisis. We were told we no longer spend anything on street maintenance, are protected most of the time by only one police officer on duty (when he’s not booking a suspect into jail in Woodland), and receive fire protection from a small band of grossly underpaid professional, and mostly volunteer firefighters.

The picture is bleak, and the potential for a light at the end of our fiscal tunnel is grim. So the city council now has before them a menu of possible new revenue scenarios, tied primarily to increasing levels of growth. The proposed growth rate models range from supremely distasteful and totally outrageous. It sounds like we’re going to have to be extraordinarily creative, imaginative and active to find new revenue streams that do not involve throwing the door wide open to growth. Financially right now, we’re the wounded animal limping away from the side of the road, while the vultures circle overhead.

Meanwhile, look for well-groomed, silver-haired (and silver-tongued) guys in Ralph Lauren shirts and loafers from Centex (and Richland to the west) hanging around town and hosting “forums” to “brainstorm” and “vision” together our way to creating a unbroken swath of stucco and asphalt in the North Area. And as they’re offering you that brie cheese from the big platter while a smiling guy in the background cheerfully draws pictures of tree-lined streets with a magic marker, remember that he’s asking you to chase it with a big gulp of gridlock, congestion, sprawl, overcrowded schools, and further reductions in levels of service from public services.

**BILL SPALDING**

### Looking for mayors, Sweethearts

Dear Editor,

We are about to celebrate the 69th Anniversary of Winters Youth Day with a pancake breakfast, parades and a day full of fun and celebration of the youth of our city.

I am also planning ahead for our grand 70th Anniversary Celebration next April. I know that Youth Day brings many people back to Winters for family reunions and to see old familiar faces. There will be a lot of this on Saturday.

I am looking for the addresses of past Youth Day

Mayors and Sweethearts to invite them to our 70th Anniversary Youth Day in April 2006. If you are a past mayor or Sweetheart, please contact me on Youth Day at the main reviewing stand on Main Street, or at the park on Youth Day afternoon. You can also e-mail me at [mjkasebastian@aol.com](mailto:mjkasebastian@aol.com).

Hope to see the entire city out for Youth Day on Saturday. Its great to be a kid at least once a year!

**MIKE SEBASTIAN  
Youth Day  
Parade Chairman**



**CHARLES R. WALLACE**

## A QUICK OPINION

**O**NE BIG HAPPY FAMILY. The excitement about Youth Day may grow old with the volunteers who put on the big event, but for a lot of us, we look forward to renewing old friendships and meeting new neighbors. From the talent show to cleaning up the litter at the end of the day, Youth Day is still a nice small town event.

Youth Day has changed over the years. Maybe not the parade or the pancake breakfast, but the events at the park were a welcome break from backyard barbecues and family gatherings. You can only take so much of family and backyards. The park gives out of town visitors a place to go and feel like they are part of the community. It also allows old and new residents a chance to chat or throw a few horseshoes.

Next year will be the seventieth Youth Day and parade chairman Mike Sebastian is looking for past mayors and sweethearts. It would interesting to know just how many people are left from 70 years ago. Flip Ritchie is one of the few people I know who was part of that first Youth Day. He was part of the first Youth Day council in 1933, but before you marvel at his popularity, remember, there were only 12 people in his class.

If you are new to Winters, take a few hours from your busy life to walk downtown and watch the parade. You may think it is silly for a bunch of people to get excited about old cars, a few marching bands and horses, but if you can’t smile when a float goes by, you need to take some time off to smell the coffee. If you want a real laugh, get down to Main Street early to watch the Kiddie Parade. It never starts on time, 9:15, but if you are a minute late, you might just miss the whole thing.

For the last several years I’ve been helping Mike Kimes barbecue sausage for the Rotary Pancake Breakfast. Lately Mike has taken on a managerial position and now I’m pushing sausage with his son Matt. If you haven’t tasted our sausage, you haven’t really experienced Youth Day. If you are a vegetarian, just smelling them should clog your arteries.

There were rumors around town that the Youth Day Committee is having a hard time finding volunteers to help with the myriad number of details that have to be taken care of to make Youth Day such a success. I go to a lot of events and I am always amazed at how well most of them come off. From a simple cocktail party to a sit down event for 300, someone is working behind the scenes to make sure every contingency is covered.

The weather this weekend is supposed to be perfect, and we could use a little nice weather to insure a large turnout. If you have any suggestions (remember that if you’d like, you can be in charge next year) and you’d like to volunteer, let someone know. Mike Sebastian is a good one to contact. He’ll be on the main viewing stand on Main Street, during and immediately after the parade.

There was a suggestion last year about picking up trash left along the parade route. If you think about it, bring a bag and police the area around you before you leave. If you’d like to be part of an organized cleanup group, talk to Mike.

Correction. Last week I gave credit to Waste Management for picking up the appliances left at the curb. It was city staff, using Waste Management’s equipment, that cleaned up the streets. Good job.

See you around town on Youth Day.

### Difficulties with school district

Dear Editor,

I want to comment on the article in the paper about the volunteers in Winters. I think there is a great group of volunteers here who want to have first class facilities for our kids but there are so many bureaucratic policies in place, that we as volunteers are fed up with the way the school district acts when it comes to the school property. I think the taxpayers own the school property but the administrators and school board think it is theirs.

Second, I would like to comment on what Mr. Griffin had to say about people using the fields. We all know the school has first priority but all that is needed is a little time and effort spent on scheduling to make things happen. With all the personnel at the district office there should be someone available to do this. After all, aren’t we in this for our kids? They are losing out on some great fun because of some adults.

And, Dr. Gallett needs to get all the facts before she starts making statements about who is to blame for the problems in school sports. She only gets one side of the story from the school district. She needs to hear the other side from

those who wanted to build ball fields many months ago, yet the school district said no. This is a one-sided story in favor of the school district. I’ll bet she hasn’t seen any of the ball fields in town yet she is making a judgement.

Why can’t the school district get together with Little League and the city to see if they will let us build some Little League and softball fields at Shirley Rominger School. The only thing using the property up there is the weeds. What a waste!

I have another question I would like answered. When will the powers that be understand that we as a community have a very talented group of volunteers willing to work on the ball fields, etc.? The school district says we need architects and state engineers involved and when this happens, it makes the cost prohibitive for us to build. All you have to do is go around town and see all the wonderful things that were built by volunteers to realize what great projects we are capable of building. So let’s keep the architects, engineers and state out of our lives. Nothing we have built so far has fallen or malfunctioned yet.

**JIM HYER**



# GROWTH

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residential development results in a net fiscal loss to the city. He said commercial development results in a seven to one gain.

"I disagree with the idea of trying to develop our way out of fiscal problems," he said.

Fridae said he wanted the city to get its financial house in order before approving more development and asked his fellow council members to agree to be honest with the citizens. He wanted to tell Winters residents the city is in a deficit situation and that current needs are not being met.

Mayor Dan Martinez expressed his concern over the misconceptions surrounding the fiscal model and scenarios. He said the plan wasn't to look to residential development to pay for the city's financial woes, but to use the model to understand what residential development means and "try to get to a place where we don't necessarily need anymore residential development."

Martinez said the city should work to get to point where the tax base revenue is high enough not to depend on residential development. However, he pointed out that if the citizens want a certain level of service "it's going to cost us."

He went on to say if the citizens want to grow at a 1.2 or 1.5 percent growth rate, then they need to understand what that means. He noted it might be difficult to tell a developer the city wants a lot of amenities and then tell them they can only build 30 units per year.

He agreed that the city should look for ways to increase the tax base and revenues, including increasing industrial jobs. However, he pointed out that the General Plan puts the industrial in the flood zone.

"There are many issues for businesses to consider if they want to consider building there," he said, pointing to the cost.

Again, he repeated that the fiscal model is not intended as a pro-development exercise.

"This was never about looking at residential development to solve our problems. It's more of an educational process," he said.

At that point, the council took public comment.

Ed Ross suggested that perhaps it is time to reassess the goals and policies set forth in the General Plan.

Dianne Beaton said the fiscal projections shown are all based solely on residential growth.

"It's difficult for people to stomach the kind of growth that is called for," she said.

She told the council she couldn't give them a specific percentage for a growth rate, but noted that new development doesn't pay for itself. She agreed with Fridae that more population would result in more calls for the police and fire department. Because of the cost to develop the industrial area as designated in the General Plan, she suggested moving it.

Beaton suggested that the group of people attending

the meetings, the "smart people," would be a good resource for the city to use as they consider options. She asked them to have all the facts and figures before they come up with a growth rate. She suggested that the public might be willing to tax themselves, rather than approve more development.

Beaton said she knew people who "voted against the library would have voted for a public safety tax."

Eric Doud questioned the General Plan recommendation to reach 12,500 population by 2010, saying that would double Winters' population in five years. He suggested that the planning commissioners should be the ones discussing possible growth rates, saying they are dealing with issues directly related to growth.

In addition, Doud called for Winters residents to step up to the plate.

"It's up to the citizens of the community to fund the services that we currently enjoy," he said.

Kate Laddish had questions about the assumptions used in the modeling scenarios. She suggested that everyone involved take a deep breath and agree that it's good to look at all different types of growth, including the benefits and drawbacks of things such as executive homes versus smaller homes. She wanted the citizens, not developers, to decide what Winters would look like.

"I don't want to see us become just another spot along the highway," she said.

David Springer said the city should consider and encourage commercial growth as well as residential. He wanted to see housing reserved for those who might work in Winters, not eaten up by commuters.

Charlie Rominger thanked Donlevy and Gunby for their work, but suggested that some important pieces are missing. He wanted to see how the scenarios would change if a one-quarter cent sales tax were approved, or a police and fire safety tax.

Rominger suggested the city include what's possible with regard to economic development and "add a few more pieces to the puzzle before we put the plan together."

Marcia Gibbs asked for the scenarios to be increased from 10 to 20 or 30 years out, saying perhaps the city would plan differently if everyone looked at a bigger picture.

Noting that the city is "being bashed on all sides by growth," Gibbs suggested perhaps the General Plan should be amended to add some more progressive ideas.

Council member Harold Anderson pointed out that

citizens in Winters already pay a lot of taxes.

"I would not take it lightly to raise taxes on our citizenry," he said.

Anderson was concerned that the current economic cycle might not last. He suggested that if interest rates continue to rise, the bubble might burst.

Donlevy explained that included in all the scenarios is the transfer of a portion of the development revenue into a service reserve fund, a sort of investment for the city. That he explained, would take non-recurring revenue (development impact fees) and turn them into an ongoing revenue stream.

Anderson noted that the city council members and planning commissioners are aware of smart growth policies, and that a number of them were included in the General Plan. He was concerned that if the city embarks on a General Plan overhaul project, "the economy might pass us by while we are doing that."

Council member Tom Stone asked how much revenue is generated by the Utility Users Tax. Gunby said \$357,000 this year. The Municipal Services Tax generated \$271,860 this year.

Stone noted that if Callahan Estates, Creekside Estates, Hudson-Ogando and Winters Highlands are all built, that equals about 668 units. He noted that those homes would bring in \$372 each average in annual taxes, not including property tax. Stone was also reluctant to move the industrial zone to what he called the "gateway" to the city.

He told the audience that getting to a level of two police officers around the clock and seven day a week fire coverage is a "big milestone," saying it costs a lot to get to that level.

"It's very expensive to reach that baseline, after than it's not proportional," said Stone.

Fridae pointed out that the city's demographics are changing. He said most people moving into new homes have smaller families and older children. That lack of enrollment is creating a crisis in the schools. He pointed to the possible closure of John Clayton Kinder School and the inability of the high school to offer a variety of classes.

"It makes the school's job harder if enrollment is declining," he said. "We need some growth on a regular basis."

He suggested that if the city adopted the SAGOG projection of a 1.2-1.5 percent growth rate, it would help the school district level out.

Fridae was also concerned about the possible increase in crime and emerging gang activity.

"We're going to need to initiate an anti-crime committee or network to use the citizens as eyes and ears," he said.

He suggested it is time to talk to the community about services, especially public safety.

"What better time to make a pitch to the citizens to say 'here's what we need.'"

He suggested that volunteers could survey the community on service needs. Anderson agreed.

Donlevy told the council a 67 percent majority is necessary to pass any tax. A general use tax only requires a majority.

Discussion will resume at a future meeting.

## Other items

In other agenda items,

the council took the following action:

~ Held a public hearing on 2005 weed abatement to consider objections from property owners. No one spoke.

~ Approved the restructured planning application process with minor changes.



# Community

## Weekly fire report

**April 17**  
~ Medical aid, 800 block of West Grant for chest pain.

**April 18**  
~ Vehicle accident, East Grant and Morgan Street, possible overturned tractor, no injuries, no medical need.

**April 19**  
~ Public assistance, Highway 128, subjects locked behind a gate.  
~ Medical aid, 400 block of Main Street, chest pains.

**April 20**  
~ Medical aid, 300 block of Niemann Street, possible stroke.  
~ Investigation of a hot air balloon down, no accident, normal landing zone, Highway 128 and Interstate 505.

**April 21**  
~ Miscellaneous fire, 700 block of Dutton Street for a dumpster on fire.

**April 22**  
~ Vehicle accident, Highway 128 County Road 86.

**April 23**  
~ Medical aid, 700 block of Lupine Way, victim of a fight.  
~ Vehicle accident, 1100 block of West Grant Avenue, vehicle off the roadway.  
~ Vehicle accident, 22000block of Highway 128 for vehicle in embankment.

## POLICE

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obstructing/resisting an executive officer. Solorio was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to the Yolo County Jail for incarceration.

~ Dagoberto Pedraza Sanchez, 18, of Winters was arrested for being an unlicensed driver and failing to drive on the right side of the roadway. Sanchez was booked at the Winters Police Department and released on a notice to appear.

**April 24**  
~ Delfino Vasquez Cruz, 22, of Winters was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, being an unlicensed driver, failing to stop at a stop sign, driving on the wrong side of the roadway and no proof of insurance. Blood alcohol content results: .16/.15. Cruz was booked at the Winters Police Department and released to a sober adult on a notice to appear.

~ An officer assisted a Yolo County Sheriff Deputy with a call of a large party on Myrtle Drive.

**April 25**  
~ A found bicycle was turned over to the police.  
~ On the 400 block of Niemann Street, a suspect and victim were involved in a verbal dispute that escalated into a physical fight.

## County waives home improvement permit fees for rural residents

Home improvement just got less expensive for owner-occupied, single family homes in unincorporated Yolo County. From May 8 through July 29, the county is waiving the fees on a limited number of permits for eligible projects.

The Yolo County Board of Supervisors approved the pilot “Home Improvement Program 2005”, timed to coincide with the start of Building Safety Week 2005. The County Planning and Public Works Department will waive fees for a limited number of building permits that provide home improvements and/or energy conservation. The aim of the program is to actively promote improved neighborhoods, increased property values, better living conditions and greater energy-efficiency within existing owner-occupied homes.

According to County Building Official Brett Hale, over-the-counter permit fees are waived for various repairs and remodels of owner-occu-

piated, existing single family homes, including work to:

- ~ Correct deficiencies
- ~ Improve energy efficiency
- ~ Promote water conservation
- ~ Upgrade or repair electrical
- ~ Repair plumbing
- ~ Repair heating and air
- ~ Replace roofs and/or siding or stucco

Non-structural remodels and work generally within the existing building footprint are also included. There is a limit of one fee waiver per parcel, stated Hale, and work must be completed in 60 days. The work can be done as an owner/builder or by a contractor.

For details, contact the County Planning and Public Works Department at 292 W. Beamer Street in Woodland. Staff are available to assist the public by phone at 666-8775 or in person Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m.

For more information, contact Hale, 666-8775.

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## City Council meets Tuesday

The Winters City Council will meet on Tuesday, May 3, at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall. The following items are on the agenda:

- ~ Second reading and approval of ordinance adopting the Creekside Estates development agreement.
- ~ Review proposal from Waste Management.

## AA meets weekly in town

Local meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous are held on Thursdays at 8 p.m., Mondays at 9:30 a.m. and Sundays at 9 a.m. (book study) at the Winters Library, 201 First Street. There is no charge to attend.



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# GRIM

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cited as one program area where costs continue to increase, despite declining funds and previous cost-cutting efforts by the district. Hahn projected that special education programs will cost the district \$1.8 million next year and that approximately one-third of the costs will have to be funded from sources other than those specifically intended to support the programs.

The district also will be expected to pay two percent of teacher retirement costs next year under a proposal by the governor to shift that cost from the state to school districts. Such costs as workers compensation and Medi-Cal also are expected to increase.

The budget forecast for next year includes adjustments for 5.29 fewer teaching positions, a 0.4 of a special education health aide position reduction, and elimination of an intern psychologist position.

Despite the reductions, Hahn anticipates that the school district will spend \$325,061 more than it takes in next year, the third year in a row that the district will spend more than it takes in.

The district does have a reserve account for economic uncertainty that amounts to 4.3 percent of the general fund, down from 4.5 percent but above the state mandated three percent. Hahn said the reserve insulates educational programs against fluctuations in revenue and allows the district to resolve unexpected problems or emergencies.

The financial forecast is the first step in planning for next year's budget. A draft budget will be presented to the board of trustees in May, and the 2005-06 budget will be adopted in late June.

### Proposed school calendar

Proposed calendars for the 2006-07 and 2007-08 school years shift observance of Martin Luther King Day and Lincoln's Birthday to the end of winter break instead of their respective traditional January and February observances.

The shift lengthens the winter break to just two days short of three weeks—from Friday, Dec. 22 through Wednesday, Jan. 9 for the 2006-07 year. Thanksgiving also would return to a week-long recess under the proposed calendars, and there would be a week-long spring break in April. For the 2006-07 year, students would start school on Aug. 15 and end on May 31.

School calendars are developed two years at a time by a calendar negotiations team representing district administration and employee groups. District administration sees a longer winter break as a way to reduce absences, and associated revenue loss, created by long winter vacations many families take to Mexico at that time.

Trustees are expected to vote on whether to accept the calendars at their May 5 meeting.

### Other items

In other business, trustees accepted the resignations of Waggoner Ele-

mentary School teacher Jill Aguiar, Winters Middle School counselor Maria Hernandez, and Winters High School custodian William Martin. They granted a revised maternity leave to Shirley Rominger Intermediate School teacher Joanie Bryant and approved medical leave for John Clayton Kinder School secretary Connie Crum.

Short-term variable services agreements were approved for Lucila Arel-

lano, Lidia Fernandez, Margarita Hernandez, Beatrice Jordan, Debra Lopez, Sarah Moore, Eusebia Ochoa and Patricia Rominger.

Waggoner Elementary School students Jill Oates, Olivia Orosco and Esmeralda Velasquez were recognized by the board of trustees and received certificates for volunteer time spent listening to other students read in Waggoner's Reading Aloud Program. Parents

Billy Bishop, Linda Gonzales, Lynn Laukkanen, Dianne Rainwater and Crystal Garnett were also recognized for their participation in the program. Theresa Borchelt was recognized for her work with Waggoner as both a parent and a substitute teacher.

The scjpp; bpard meets again on Thursday, May 5, at 6 p.m. Call the school district officce, 795-6100, for the location of the meeting.



# Winters

Chamber of Commerce

## CHAMBER NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

### Jones, Tanner to host May mixer

May's Chamber mixer will be hosted by Chris Jones and Jackie Tanner at the Shops at 22 Main Street. Chris' University Florist is also home to Desert First and Main Street Travel. May's mixer will be on Monday, May 9, from 5:30-7 p.m. and the theme is

Hawaiian. Put on your best Hawaiian shirt (Charley Wallace... just dress as you normally do) and spend the evening enjoying good company, sweets, and maybe even book passage to paradise (the one west of Winters).

### Bad check writers ordered to pay restitution

Businesses or persons who have received NSF or closed account checks in Yolo County and have been unable to get cooperation from the check writers can contact the Yolo County District Attorney's Check Prosecution Program for help. While

stolen or forged checks must be reported to the local law enforcement agencies, NSF and closed account checks can be submitted to the Check Program for investigation.

For more information about the Check Program, call 666-8200 or

contact the program at P.O. Box 1404, 301 Second Street, Woodland, CA 95776. Any merchant or residents needing check forms can pick them up at their local Chamber of Commerce office, located in Winters inside the Community Center, 201 Railroad Avenue.

### Chamber of Commerce meetings open to public

The Winters Chamber of Commerce meets on the second Friday of each month at 7 a.m. in the Chamber office, located inside the Community Center, 201

Railroad Avenue.

Anyone may attend Chamber meetings. The Chamber is involved in promoting local business, as well as coordinating community func-

tions such as the Earthquake Street Festival and the Citizen of the Year celebration.

For more information about the Chamber, call 795-2329.

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Lots of exciting things are happening. This Saturday is Youth Day and this is a major fund-raiser for the Winters Chamber of Commerce. Please stop by our booth and enjoy a "cold one"! I want to thank my volunteers, Linn and Paul Myer, Debbie LaShure, Nancy Meyer, Youth Day Grand Marshall Gloria Marion, Chris Jones, Pam Aguilera, Eric Doud, Dave Fleming, Dave Baxter, John and Liz Siracusa, Dave and Nanci Mills, and Steve Casselli, all of whom are giving up a part of their Saturday to help staff the Chamber booth.

I would also like to thank Lynne Secrist and the Winters Music Boosters. This year, the Winters Music Booster booth will also serve as the parents/kids "lost & found." If kids get separated from their parents, announcements from the stage as well as signage will direct them to the Music Boosters booth to hook up with their parents. In years past, it has fallen on the Winters Police Department and this has proven to be a real manpower drain. Hopefully, having a booth dedicated to "lost" parents will be a big help.

In last month's Chamber column I alerted you to the new



plaque being added to the Welcome to Winters sign area on the east side of town on Grant honoring our local Winters FFA 2004 National Champion Livestock Judging team. As you can see from the picture on this page, the plaque came out great (thanks to Marty at Stick Um Signs!) and will commemorate their accomplishment for years to come. We are close to starting work on redoing the painted Historic Winters board that greets visitors as it is very much in need of a "face lift".

We had a rain date version of the Vallejo HOG Vernal Equinox Run in early April and attendance was down to about 200 riders due to the poor weather. Those 200 hearty souls enjoyed an afternoon in Winters, with music at the Rotary Park gazebo and a poker run at various businesses throughout town. I would like to thank Art Mendoza and Matt Churchill of the Winters Fire Department for their repeated help with our Welcome Hog banner.

One of the greatest thing about Winters is that it's full of nice people like Matt and Art who always seem to say yes when you phone for help.

Downtown is losing one of its best merchants as Laura Mariani closes LJT Interiors (11 Main Street) at the end of April. Laura was very successful with her shop but she needs to simplify her life (and cut back on a truly long work week), so she will be concentrating on her Interior Design work and continue her teaching at Sac State. The vitality Laura's business brought to the downtown will be sorely missed. On a positive note, my wife Julie and her best friend Lanette will be opening a gift shop, "Regalore" at that same space, probably in mid-June. Laura has been very generous sharing her experience to help Julie get a running start. I feel pretty confident I can get Regalore to join the Chamber.



# Entertainment

## May Art Walk planned

The next Winters Art Walk takes place on Saturday, May 7, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in and around downtown historic Winters. The following artists, studios, and galleries will participate:

~ The Soup Gallery: metal dinosaur sculptures by Darren Scott, Jack Wills's off-guard art, and Dave Arguello's unique, touchable paintings; 311 First Street, 795-1637.

~ Karen Schmitendorf: drawings, paintings, embroidery pieces and large installation projects on display in this working studio; 758.8896, cell - 902.4334, 9 E. Main Street, Suite C; email: kschmitendorf@sbcglobal.net.

~ Marion Hamilton Gallery & Antiques (Ethnographica); 304 Railroad Avenue, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., 795-3707.

~ Winters Participation Gallery for the Arts: 31 Main Street; 795-5301.

~ The Main Street Gallery: "Across the Divide," paintings by Rockport, MA artist Maria Malatesta and gallery owner Thelma Weatherford on display May 5-15. Artist reception May 7, 6-8 p.m. 9 E. Main St., Suite 1, 795-5522, email — mainstreetgallery@sbcglobal.net.

~ Blue Hills Gallery: "Rough Stuff," paintings by Bob Chapla, Clarence Major, Philippe Gandiol, Andrew Fair and others, on display through June, 795-9536, 9 East Main Street.

~ Diana Jahns Childress, 9 East Main St., Suite B. 12-4 p.m. Pastel paintings in progress will be on display. Childress' work can also be seen at the John Natsoulas Gallery in Davis. 756-6826 or 795-9535.

~ Hand-made pottery by Rebecca Bresnick Holmes (PorFin Pottery) will be on display and for sale at both Steady Eddy's Coffee House & Juice Bar, 5 East Main Street, 795-3588, and at Chris' Florist, 22 Main Street, 795-3279. Visit PorFin Pottery on line at [www.home.earthlink.net/~holmes25](http://www.home.earthlink.net/~holmes25).

~ Woody Fridae, "Available Light," photographs on display at Steady Eddy's.

~ The Palms first floor hallway will display "Winters Tales: Oral History Project" photographer Jaime Chomas' picture stories of long-time Winters residents through photographs and accompanying oral histories. 13 Main Street.

All locations are in the downtown area within easy walking distance of each other. Art Walk maps and participating artist and gallery listings are available each month at Putah Creek Cafe, Steady Eddy's, and online at <http://home.earthlink.net/~holmes25/index.html>.

For more information, contact Joyce Snyder at The Arte Junction, 795-3297, or email her at [artejunction@sbcglobal.net](mailto:artejunction@sbcglobal.net).

## Coming to The Palms



Courtesy photo

Alex DeGrassi, one of the world's top fingerstyle, steel string acoustic guitarists playing today will appear at The Palms on Saturday, April 30, at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$18 and are available at Kimes Ace Hardware and at the door if not sold out.

## Studio C dancers to present 'Twelve Dancing Princesses'

Dancers ages 3 through 20 from Winter's Studio C Dance Company will present "Twelve Dancing Princesses" on the weekend of May 21 and 22. Based upon the Grimm's Fairy Tale, Twelve Dancing Princesses, this production is sure to delight audiences of all ages with its colorful costumes and fancy footwork.

The production will take place at the Winter's Community Center. Two performances will be held on Saturday, May 21, at 2 p.m. and again at 7:30 p.m. A special Gala performance will be held on Sunday, May 22, at 2 p.m.

Pre-sale tickets can be purchased in advance

from Studio C dancers. Pre-sale tickets for the two Saturday performances are \$6 for children 12 and younger and \$8 for adults. Tickets purchased at the door for the 21st are \$8 for children and \$10 for adults.

Pre-sale tickets for the Gala performance on Sunday, May 22nd, are \$8 for children 12 and younger and \$10 for adults. Gala tickets sold at the door are \$10 for children and \$12 for adults. The doors will be open early for the Gala performance so the audience can enjoy desserts and goodies.

For more information, call Tara Manners, 795-1900.

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## Brew fest celebrates microwbrews

The West Coast will forever be known as the origin of the Micro-Brew, and the revolution across the nation against low-quality low-variety beers.

The West Coast Brewers Festival (WCBF), to be held this year on Saturday, May 14, is the first Brew Fest dedicated to celebrating the significance of California, Washington and Oregon in the development of the Micro Brew industry. The event takes place from 1-5 p.m. and also features live music and food.

This year (the Sixth Annual) the event is once again returning to Miller Park and Sacramento Marina right on the Sacramento River. The event promises to be everything a brew fest should be with live music from local

bands, tasty food provided by local vendors and unlimited microbrew tasting.

In addition, WCBF is hosting a BCJP sanctioned Commercial Craft Competition on May 2 where certified beer judges will conduct a double-blind tasting over 16 different categories to determine their favorites among the dozens of breweries that entered. Ribbons will be awarded and the breweries will proudly display their prizes at the Brew Fest.

The organizers of this event will donate a majority of proceeds to the Make a Difference Project whose purpose is to prevent the problems plaguing inner-city communities with civic education activities that stimulate

greater community involvement.

"We want to highlight West Coast Breweries, and have a little fun, but we also want to do so for the right reasons," says Mattson Breakey, president of Creative Cats Presents, the event organizer.

Breweries from Washington, Oregon and California, will display their craft the day of the event. With live music, unlimited microbrew tasting, and a great variety of foods, the West Coast Brew Fest 2005 promises to be an awesome event for everyone.

Tickets are \$25 per person on the day of event, \$20 pre pay, \$5 for 13-20 year olds and designated drivers, free for children 12 and under. Tickets are available online at [www.westcoastbrewfest.com](http://www.westcoastbrewfest.com).

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gard to energy efficiency, saying he thought the percentage of homes required to have photovoltaics should be higher than 10 percent. He noted that the council’s decision would set a precedent. In addition, he said installation of photovoltaics would have long-term pay-backs.

Mayor Dan Martinez asked if the city has a policy on energy efficiency. He was told there is no set policy, that the council would have to make a judgement call. When developer Don Miller was asked for his opinion, he said the subdivision would be made up of custom homes and the people who buy them should be allowed the opportunity to have photovoltaics only if they wanted them. He noted that he will not be building any homes, but will sell the lots individually. When asked how the city would keep track of the requirement, Tschudin said the developer would be required to identify which lots would be solar.

When Anderson suggested that one-third of the lots should be designated for photovoltaic panels Miller objected, saying those lots may not get sold.

Council member Woody Fridae agreed with Anderson, that the council would be setting a precedent. He noted that energy costs are steadily rising.

“Whatever you decide we’ll go along with,” said Miller.

Noting that Creekside Estates will be an upscale subdivision, Fridae said it made sense to require more photovoltaics.

At that point, the council asked David Springer, who has advised the city as it tries to set a standard for energy efficiency, for some specifics with regard to size and cost of photovoltaics. He noted first that in addition to lot orientation, roof orientation is important for installation of photovoltaic panels. Also, it “makes sense to apply other things in terms of energy efficiency before installing photovoltaics.”

City Manager John Donlevy said the city already requires Energy Star standards.

Anderson moved to approve the project, adding a requirement for one-third, or 12 homes to have 2.4 kilowatt photovoltaic panels. Stone asked if there is a waiting list for the lots in the development. Miller said there are 20-25 people on the list.

The motion was approved.

In addition to asking for a more defined policy on energy efficiency, the council, at the urging of Martinez, asked for a better policy on water conservation, as well.

Donlevy said he would bring back policies on energy efficiency, water conservation and building code at a future meeting.

The city council meets next on Tuesday, May 3, at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall.

## Attending the sweet



Photo by Dawn Van Dyke

Attendants for the 2005 Youth Day Sweetheart Court are, from left, (front) freshman Adrienne Evans, sophomore Kelsey Fox and junior Anna Cardona; (back) freshman Davis Adams, sophomore Alvaro Zaragoza and junior Sebastian Salas.

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## Meeting addresses possibilities for more low-income housing

The Community Housing Opportunities Corporation (CHOC) will hold a meeting on Friday, April 29, 7-9 p.m. at the Winters Library, 201 First Street. CHOC” staff will be on hand to discuss health, housing and social services needs. CHOC will discuss ways to bring low income housing to Winters. Children are welcome. For more information call Ere Vázquez, 406-1759.

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# Sports

## Swimmers dive into season

By ERIC  
and LAURA LUCERO  
Express sports  
correspondents

The Winters High School swim team hosted their first meet of the season on Monday, April 18, after spending the first few weeks traveling to use other facilities to get their practices in. The Warrior swim team was unable to use the Winters pool do to a mechanical failure and had to spend their evenings traveling to either Dixon or Davis to use their facilities for the past two weeks.

"I think the whole team deserves to be athletes of the month or the season for that matter," said coach Kevin Chester when asked about what the team has had to do just to get in their practices.

After getting just two days of practice in at home, the Warriors hosted San Juan and Golden Sierra and had



Photo by Laura Lucero

Winters swimmers started the season off strong.

some impressive times. The swimmers were not just competing for a win — their main focus was posting a fast enough time to qualify for the sections.

Freshman Amy Cross made the section cut in the 100 backstroke with a time of 1:09.77. Junior Maraka Bouwens also qualified with a time of 26.36 in the

50 free. Junior Tyler Cross qualified with an impressive time in the 100 breaststroke at 1:03.52, then helped lead the 400 free-relay team to a qualifying time of 3:56.26. Also on the 400 free-relay team posting their fastest times were Jordan Shugart, Mario Guerrero and Richard Atherton.

## Track girls third at Ramsey Invite

By JAY SHUTTLEWORTH  
Special to the Express

The Winters High School varsity girls track and field team led a competitive field for most of the day and ultimately placed third among 11 schools gathered at Placer High School for the Ramsey Track and Field Invitational on Saturday, April 23. Winters finished behind powers North Tahoe and Bear River, while topping other larger schools like Colfax, Mira Loma, Mesa Verde and Marysville. The boys varsity team placed fifth overall.

Despite a persistent downpour for much of the meet, Winters athletes turned in some notable performances. Shaking off the effects of an illness, junior Sierra Thomas outdistanced the entire field by nearly 3.5 feet to win the shot put with a 32'4.5" throw. Her effort also eclipsed Christina Gastelum's 2001 school record for the event. Thomas placed sixth in the discus.

Sophomore Lauren Yehle won a competitive 100 hurdles in 16.4, improving her existing school mark for the varsity level by .7 seconds. Yehle also was second in the 300 hurdles and joined Cara McCoy, Natalie Cooley and Courtney Carner to finish third in the 4x400 meter relay. Cooley continued her assault on the Winters record books with a third place, 5:57.8 effort in the 1600. Cooley also lowered

her existing school mark in the 800 by nearly four seconds with a 2:43.2 run. Carner also turned in an outstanding effort of her own in the 400. Despite aggravating a leg injury sustained earlier last week, she placed second in 1:04.3 just shy of Christine Hanes' 2002 school mark of 1:03.4.

Team captain Sara Bean Duncan lowered her personal best in the 3200 by over a minute with a mark of 15:16.7. That mark is the fastest time by a Winters girl in the last 15. Senior Sophie Sears placed sixth in the 100 hurdles with a personal best of 17.6. Sophomore Amy Purvis clocked a personal best in the mile of 6:58.8 — nearly a 20-second personal best and believed to be one of the top three JV girls marks in the last 15 years.

For the varsity boys, senior Nick Ramos entered the 110 hurdles for the first time ever and won in 15.9 seconds. Ramos was

also second in the 300 hurdles and third in the 400. Both hurdle races were his first efforts in those events since placing 19th in California last June in the 300 hurdles at the state championships in Sacramento. Senior Jesse Adams turned in a creative placing combination with a sixth-place in the discus and a fourth place mark in the triple jump. Senior Piedad Junez placed third in the 800 and fifth in the 1600.

The JV boys' team continued its excellence in the distance events. Sophomore Alvaro Zaragoza placed second in the 1600 and 800. Mat Catalan was sixth in the 1600. Carlos Figueroa was fifth in the 3200 with a mark 11:23.2, a new JV boys mark in that event. The 1600 relay team of Zaragoza, Catalan, Curtis Holabird and Johnny Lucero teamed to place

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Photo by Eric Lucero

Fabiola Hernandez takes a swing. Hernandez was part of a hitting rally at the game versus Sutter last week.

## Varsity softball team keeps spirits high

By ERIC  
AND LAURA LUCERO  
Express sports  
correspondents

The Winters High School varsity softball team lost to the Wheatland Pirates 18-0 on Tuesday, April 19, at the Winters Middle School. Jillian McDowell pitched the first two innings for the Warriors before being relieved by Renee Penunuri.

"Jillian pitched exactly how we wanted her to," said coach Kukui Hughes. "She frustrated their batters with her changeup pitching style."

Hughes likes to look at the positive after losing to the Pirates 26-0 in their first meeting.

"I'm not sure the girls understand what a huge victory it was to frustrate the top-

ranked team."

On Friday, April 22, the Warriors hosted Sutter in another Butte View League contest and lost 7-12 in the ninth inning to the Huskies. The Warriors trailed 0-5 in the fourth inning until Emilie Kimble hit a double, stole third, then scored off Jessica Graham's RBI.

The Huskies scored one more in the top of the sixth to make it a 1-6 Sutter lead. That's when the momentum changed for the Warriors. Kimble hit a double into right field then scored again on Graham's two-run homerun to deep center field.

The Warriors continued the rally with hits from Adriana Lizarraga, Fabiola Hernandez,

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## Warriors win two

By ERIC  
AND LAURA LUCERO  
Express sports  
correspondents

The Winters High School varsity baseball team got revenge on the Wheatland Pirates on Tuesday, April 19, after suffering a 10-6 loss earlier in the season. Jacob Thorne took the mound for the Warriors and recorded his second league win as he threw the first six innings before being relieved by Nathanael Lucero. Thorne struck out four batters and left with an 8-5 lead. Lucero came in and gave up two runs before striking out a Wheatland batter to end the game with an 8-7 victory.

At the plate, the Warriors did a good job of hitting the ball with Nick Hedrick coming up big with a three-run homerun. Hedrick batted 2 for 4 and scored a run. Thorne helped himself out at the plate batting 2 for 3 with two RBI and a run scored. Danny Campos batted 2 for 4 with a double and two runs scored. Sebastian Salas also batted 2 for 4 with a RBI and three runs scored. Nick Medina batted 1 for 2 with a run scored and Kannon Smith batted 1 for 2 for the Warriors.

On Friday, April 22, the Warriors played host to Sutter and picked up another BVL win with a 5-0 victory over the Huskies. Lucero won his fifth game of the season with his second shutout against the Huskies as he struck out six batters and threw a complete game.

Thorne continued to hit the ball well as he led the Warriors, batting 2 for 4 with a RBI. Medina batted 1 for 2 with two RBI. Alex Thomson batted 1 for 2 with a walk and two runs scored. Lucero also batted

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## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

### Nick Ramos



Nick Ramos, a senior on the Winters High School track team is this week's athlete of the week. Ramos, known mostly for his record-setting time in the 300 hurdles, changed events last week and still came up with a quadruple win for the Warriors in a Butte View League meet

with Wheatland. Ramos won the 110 hurdles with a time of 16.7, the 100 meters in 11.6, the 200 meters in 24.4, then placed first in the long jump with a leap of 20'3".

Ramos then placed first in the 110 hurdles at the Ramsey Invitational on Saturday, April 23, with a time of 15.9.

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Courtesy photo  
Sierra Thomas outdistanced the field in the shot put event at the Ramsey Track and Field Invitational on April 23.

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second in the event.

On April 20 Wednesday, Winters hosted rival Wheatland in Butte View League dual-meet competition. For the first time in six years, the varsity boys topped Wheatland 71-46, while the Wheatland girls upset the previously undefeated Winters girls' team 53-70.

Highlights of that meet included a rare individual quadruple by senior Nick Ramos. Ramos won the 110 hurdles (16.7), the 100 (11.6), the 200 (24.4) and the long jump (20' 3").

Senior Jerry Feltis launched a huge personal best in the shot put with a second place toss of 39'11.5", nearly five feet above his previous best. Teammate Jesse Adams was third in the shot put with a mark of 34'10.5". Adams had an aerial show of his own in the discus with a second-place heave of 120'11". Teammates Feltis and Jesse Beckett were also over 100 feet in the discus. Senior Richard Anstead won the high jump (5'2") and team captain Cameron Lovell placed second (5'0"). Junez won both the 800 and 1600 and joined teammates Lovell, Josh Sorvari, and Robert Warren in the victorious 1600 relay. Warren also won the 300 hurdles in his first-ever race in that event. Thrower David Damon pulled off a

first-place finish in the 3200 in 15:55.1 (Damon lowered that mark to 14:59.0 three days later at the Ramsey Invite).

For the varsity girls, Cooley won the 1600 and 800 and joined Yehle, McCoy, and Carner in a victorious 1600 relay. Their time of 4:42.8 was a season-best mark. Thomas won the shot put in 32'4", and teammate Mayte Herrera was third in a personal-best 28'2.5". Thomas was third in the discus. Yehle won the 100 and 300 hurdles and nabbed a third place in a competitive triple-jump. Despite a leg injury, junior Erica Jordan grabbed second place in the high jump in 4'0".

For the JV boys, sophomore Curtis Holabird won the 400 in 1:02.9, the 100 in 13.2 and the 200 in 27.3. Holabird teamed with Zaragoza, Catalan and Figueroa to also win the 1600 relay. Zaragoza led teammates Lucero and Figueroa in winning the 800 in 2:26.3, and he led Catalan and Lucero in winning the 1600 in 4:57.7. Catalan won the long jump in 18'2" and Zaragoza was second with 17'7".

For the JV girls, Purvis won the 1600 and teammate Krista Blandin was second. Blandin added a second-place finish in her first attempt at the long jump. Purvis also won the 800, while teammate Julia Millon, back from an extended illness, placed third.

## Warriors put a Thorne in Tigers side

By ERIC  
and LAURA LUCERO  
Express sports  
correspondents

The Winters Warriors varsity baseball team played a solid game of defense behind the pitching of junior hurler Jacob Thorne on Tuesday, April 12, at Oroville. Thorne threw a complete game against the Tigers with seven strike outs and came home with a 5-1 BVL victory.

"Jacob did a great job for us," said coach Jeff Ingles. "He seemed to get stronger towards the end."

The game was at a stalemate with a 0-0 score going into the bottom of the fourth inning until the Tigers were able to cross the plate on a past ball. That seemed to be enough to wake up the Warriors' bats as Alex Jurado started off a rally in the top of the

fifth that would be capped off by a bases loaded triple from Nick Hedrick.

Jurado started the rally with a base hit followed by another single from Kannon Smith. Thorne loaded the bases before Hedrick came up and hit a line drive to right field. The fielder tried to catch the ball in the air then backed off and let the ball get by him. Nathanael Lucero then drove in Hedrick for the Warriors' final score.

Hedrick led the Warriors batting 2 for 3 with three RBI, a triple and a run scored. Danny Campos batted 1 for 2 with a RBI and a run scored. Smith and Jurado both batted 1 for 3 with a run scored, while Lucero had a RBI and Thorne scored a run.

On Friday, April 15, the Warriors six-game winning streak came to an

abrupt end as they took a pounding from the league leading Gridley Bulldogs in a 4-19 loss at Hugh Randolph field. Lucero picked up his first loss of the season as he threw the first three innings before being relieved by Jorge Franco. Winters gave up three runs in the first inning then three more in the top of the third but came back in the bottom of the inning to close the gap to 3-6. Gridley then hit a three run home run and never looked back.

Hedrick once again led the Warriors batting 2 for 3 with a double, a RBI and a run scored. Smith also batted 2 for 3 with a double. Brenden Benson batted 1 for 2, while Sebastian Salas batted 1 for 3 with a run scored.

The Warriors are 2-3 in BVL action and hosted Sutter on Friday, April 22.

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McDowell and Penunuri to even the score at 6-6. The Huskies scored one more run on an error in the seventh inning. But the Warriors answered with Kimble walking, then stealing her way to third before being scored on a hit by Lizarraga to tie the game at 7-7. After a scoreless eighth inning, the Huskies scored five more unanswered runs in the ninth to seal the victory.

Graham led the Warriors at the plate with four hits, a home run and three RBI. Penunuri had three hits, a RBI and two stolen bases. Kimble had three hits and three stolen bases and Lizarraga also had three hits. Consuelo Prado had two hits, while McDowell and Hernandez each had on hit for the Warriors. "This was a great game," said Hughes. "Even the umpire yelled 'great game.' This was our most exciting game yet."

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1 for 2 with a walk and a run scored. Brenden Benson batted 1 for 3 with a RBI and a run scored, Salas Batted 1 for 4, while Smith picked up the other run for the Warriors.

## Raffle benefits softball team

The Winters High School softball team is holding a raffle to help with equipment and various other items, such as a summer camp, for next year's team. The team has a goal of upgrading their uniforms and purchasing a pitching machine.

Raffle tickets are \$10 each for a chance to win

\$250 and \$1 each for a chance to win \$50. Tickets are available from softball players through May 6 and will also be available on Youth Day. If all goes well, we should be able to purchase our own "upgrade" uniforms and equipment for the pitching machine.

## Three wrestlers place in championship

Chris Hurst and brothers Zachary Linton and Cody Linton all placed well in the Mt. Diablo Wrestling Association Championships held last week at College Park High School in Pleasant Hill.

Hurst, who joined the team late in the season, went to his first tournament with a strong showing. He placed second in both Freestyle and Greco Roman.

"He wrestled very, very well," said coach Rod Johnson, "It's probably the best he's ever wrestled".

Also placing second in Freestyle was Zachary Linton. His only loss for the day was by decision almost pinning his opponent in the final seconds of the last round.

Cody Linton placed first in freestyle with his last match being his toughest

## Girls lose close game

By ERIC  
AND LAURA LUCERO  
Express sports  
correspondents

The Winters High School varsity softball team lost a close game on Tuesday, April 12, as they traveled to Oroville to play a Butte View League game. The Warriors played tough through the first four innings as the score remained tied at 0-0.

In the fifth inning, the Tigers put one on the board then scored two more in the sixth to beat the Warriors 3-0.

"We played a good game," said coach Kukui Hughes. "They got a couple of hits late in the game and took advantage of them."

Jessica Graham pitched a solid game for the Warriors as she struck out five batters. Tiffany Spivey, Ashley Kraitz and Vanessa Vasquez each had one hit for the Warriors and a stolen base.

On Friday, April 15, the Warriors hosted the Gridley Bulldogs and suffered a 2-10 loss. Graham had the offensive highlight for the Warriors as she blasted a two-run home run that drove in Spivey for the Warriors' only scores.

"Jessica had a beautiful hit," Hughes said. "If we had a fence on our field it would have easily gone over."

Defensively, Hughes was impressed with the play of Fabiola Hernandez.

"Fabiola had the defensive plays of the game. She

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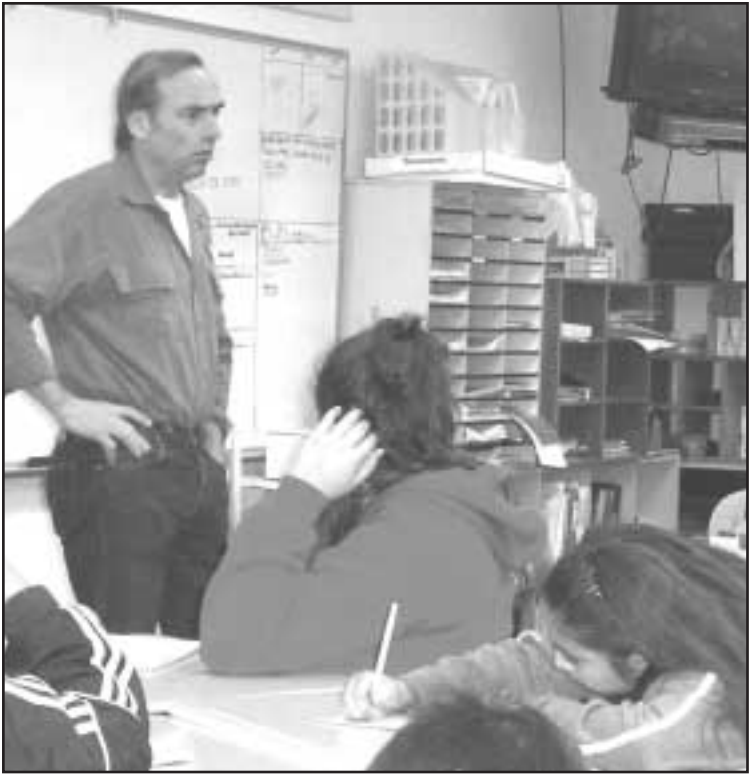
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# Schools



Courtesy photo  
Architect Eric Doud talks to students at Shirley Rominger Intermediate School about the art, science and math involved in designing buildings.

## Local architect shares skills

By JESSICA BASSETT,  
JACOB LUCERO and  
AUSTIN BRICKEY  
Special to the Express

What would our world be like without architects? Streets would zigzag all over the place. Houses would be in funny shapes and bridges might go halfway across the Putah Creek and then abruptly stop. So we thought it would be fun to talk to an architect and learn about what they do. One of the busiest architects in Winters is Eric Doud. He came to talk to our class about architecture and a bit about himself.

Eric has created the designs for such places as the new Steady Eddy's and Jeff's. He has also done the design for Mayor Martinez's home, Berryessa Gap, and many more great buildings in and outside of Winters. Since Eric is so talented in his work, he gets to travel to many different places, such as Italy, Spain, France and

quite a few other places. Eric was born on July 5, 1950 and he grew up in the state of Colorado. When finishing his senior year, he went to Colorado University. He made a portfolio of drawings to be accepted to college and to show all his past work.

"You're never too young to start a portfolio. It doesn't matter how young you are, because some of his best work was done when he was young," he told us.

After his years in college, Eric received a master's degree and became an architect.

Eric brought in some of his drawings. He showed us that an architect has to be artistic and be able to use math skills, too. Creating homes for people that work well and look good is more complicated than we thought.

Eric could not have chosen a better career than architecture. Now we know more about Eric Doud and think we understand a bit about architecture!

By GARY BEALL  
Express correspondent

Concern about proposed changes in special education and continued support for John Clayton Kinder School highlighted an April 19 public meeting to gather input to help Winters Joint Unified School District with its restructuring plans.

Parents presented school superintendent Dale Mitchell with a petition containing 269 signatures expressing their desire to protect the uniqueness of the kindergarten program by keeping it at its current site. Mitchell presented the petition and a list of 32 suggestions and comments gleaned from the public input meeting that was attend by approximately 50 people to

school district trustees at their meeting on April 21.

The suggestions/comments emphasized parent concern about proposed reductions in the district's special education program and more testimonial about the value of keeping the kindergarten program unchanged, but they also included a smattering of support for moving the kindergarten program as an alternative to cutting special education and support for leaving the Wolfskill Continuation High School site at its present location.

Mitchell also presented trustees with four restructuring alternatives developed by the district's restructuring committee. Those plans include various scenarios for budget cuts, includ-

ing special education and other staff cuts. Two plans include moving the kindergarten program to Waggoner Elementary School and making Waggoner a K-3 school. A parent at the board meeting presented Mitchell with cuts that could be combined in all four plans which she said could save the district \$384,000 without having to move either the kindergarten or Wolfskill programs.

Trustees will formally be presented with recommendations from the district restructuring committee and from the superintendent for in-depth discussion at their May 5 board meeting. Mitchell told board members they will be asked to take action on a restructuring plan at their May 19 meeting.

"The decisions that

you make regarding our financial status will impact the future stability of our district and our employee relations," Mitchell told the trustees.

He commended the district's employee associations for their collaboration in dealing with the district's budget problems, but emphasized that one of the district's goals is to recruit, develop and retain quality employees and that they needed to be fairly compensated.

Because of budget shortfalls associated with declining enrollments, the district needs to trim ongoing expenses by at least \$157,000 for the 2005-06 school year and another \$110,000 for the 2006-07 year.

## Youth Day 2005 officials chosen

The following Winters High School students were elected and appointed to Youth Day official positions: Elected officials are: Kaely Romney-(senior) mayor, Jackie Correa-junior city council member, Sarah Cooper-sophomore city council member and Sarah Warren-freshman city council member.

Appointed officials are: Mason Wilhite-police chief, Vasey Coman-fire chief, Jordan Shugart-city clerk, Helen Millon-city manager,

Danny Campos-redevelopment director, Cara Patton-public works director, Carlos Figueroa-treasurer/finance director, Kim Rollsjudge, Erica Jordan-city attorney, Courtney Campos-Chamber of Commerce president, Nicole Rheuby-student general chairman, Vasey Coman-student general chairman, Lauren Sebastian-Kiddie Parade general chairman and Angie Griffin-assistant Kiddie Parade general chairman.

## Youth theater workshop offered

Starting on Wednesday, July 6, the Davis Musical Theatre Company will hold its annual Summer Youth Theater Workshop for 7-18 year olds. The Beginning Workshop will be on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. through noon and the Advanced Workshop will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays, also from 10 a.m. through noon. The workshop runs through Aug. 3.

The acting part of the workshop will be taught by Jan Isaacson, and the music part of the workshop will be taught by Helen Spangler. The beginning students will learn the basics of acting, singing, dance steps vocal projection and other basic performing skills through theater games, improvisation and beginning scene study.

Advanced students will sharpen their skills in monologues and scene work. Advanced students

will also learn techniques of building and strengthening the voice, dance techniques, putting together a resume and audition techniques. Each workshop will culminate with a recital of songs and scenes.

The Beginning recital will be Thursday, Aug. 4, at 7 p.m. The Advanced recital will be on Friday, Aug. 5, at 7 p.m. The students in the Advanced workshop will also perform their monologues. The cost of the workshop is \$150, and there will be a parent meeting on Wednesday, July 6, at 6 p.m.

For mare information email: info@dmtc.org or call DMTC, 756-3682, then press 3#.

## 4-H Club meets in May

The next Winters 4-H meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 3, at St. Anthony's Parish Hall. We will be talking about record books and there will be sign-ups for elections. Spring Show conflicts with Youth Day. There will not be a float because of the conflict, but there will still be the annual pizza fund-raiser.

Call Amy Purvis, 795 1934, to help out.

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## Yolo Hospice offers free bereavement group for kids

The Yolo Hospice Children's Art Support Group is taking registrations for its upcoming bereavement group. There will be a weekly group for children ages 5-11 years beginning Tuesday, May 3, and ending June 7, from 4:15-5:30 p.m.. The group will be led by an

experienced facilitator and will be held at Yolo Hospice, Mansion Square, 132 E Street, third floor, in Davis. Participation is free of charge and is open to the community.

Call Robyn Burris, 758-5566, to register or for more information.

Call 795-4551 to find out about online subscriptions.



# Features

## Intense thirst could indicate diabetes

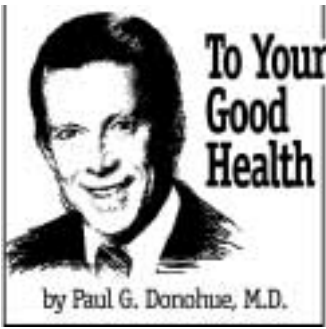
DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I am a 38-year-old, healthy male and the father of three children. In the past month I have developed an unbelievable thirst. I drink gallons of water, juice and pop every day. Naturally, I urinate more than usual. What could be causing this terrible thirst? I get up at night to drink. — J.K.

ANSWER: Diabetes immediately springs to mind. There are other thirst-provoking illnesses, but the No. 1 cause is diabetes, and it should be your No. 1 concern. The increased urination is partly due to the fluid you're drinking, but it's a sign of diabetes, too. Have you lost any weight? Weight loss is another sign. Get to the doctor quickly.

The diabetes booklet outlines the salient features of this disease. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue — No. 402W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order for \$4.50 U.S./\$6.50 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Since I had my gallbladder removed, I have had diarrhea. I traded one problem for another. My doctor tells me to live with it. Is there anything you know of that I could do? — B.K.

ANSWER: The gallbladder is a storage tank for bile made by the liver. When fats enter the intestine, the gallbladder sends a jet of bile into the intestine to aid in their digestion. Without a gallbladder, bile drips into the intestine on a constant basis. For some, the constant drip of bile irritates



the digestive tract and leads to diarrhea.

You might find that staying away from caffeine, alcohol, spicy foods, dairy products, fried foods and fatty foods lessens the trips to the bathroom.

Imodium, a common anti-diarrhea medicine, can often control bile-induced diarrhea.

Questran and WelChol, two medicines whose primary purpose is lowering cholesterol, can tie up bile and bring relief to many people with post-gallbladder diarrhea. So can the antacid Amphojel.

Don't surrender without a fight.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Do people get the same amount and value of vitamins in cereal as they would get from a vitamin pill? — N.S.

ANSWER: You get the amount of vitamin that's printed on the nutrition label. The vitamins in cereal are just as good as vitamins in a pill, as are all food vitamins.

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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## A few questions about spreading democracy

Recently those of us who follow American news have been hearing and reading much about the success of the American mission to spread the blessings of democracy. For those who believe that such a mission actually exists, here are a few of the many questions which come to mind.

What about Pakistan? What about Turkmenistan? What about Uzbekistan?

Pakistan's President General Pervez Musharraf seized power in a military coup d'etat in 1999, deposing the constitutionally elected Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif. As both head of the army and President of Pakistan Musharraf is essentially a military dictator presiding over a government which routinely and egregiously abuses Pakistanis. According to Human Rights Watch, this abuse includes arbitrary detention of political opponents and of members of the media, reportedly including torture of reporters. As part of the ongoing "war on terror" the Musharraf regime has employed collective punishment of civilians and "reports of extrajudicial executions (and) house demolitions abound." (Human Rights Watch). In addition, the Musharraf regime tolerates the black market supplying of nuclear weapons technology and materials to Iran, Libya and North Korea by the eminent Pakistani scientist Abdul Qadeer Khan.

Last year the U.S. voted \$300 million in military aid to Pakistan. Human Rights Watch calls the government of the former Soviet Republic Turkmenistan "one of the most repressive in the world." President Saparmurat Niyazov is president for life and is the center of a personality cult reminiscent of Stalinist North Korea. The citizens of Turkmenistan are isolated from dangerous influences of the outside world to the extent that even access to the Internet is being limited. Like North Korea, Niyazov tolerates no opposition, in the press or otherwise. All arts, entertainment and even science not



sponsored by the state are illegal.

Turkmenistan would seem, then, to merit at least a spot on the list of future beneficiaries of spread-by-invasion American style democracy. But where is the official U.S. outrage at the crimes which the Niyazov regime systematically commits against its own people? How many of us can even find Turkmenistan on the map? The blind eye which we are presently turning towards Niyazov's Turkmenistan recalls our apathy towards Saddam Hussein's Iraq in the 1980s when Saddam actually had weapons of mass destruction and used them on Iraqis and on Iranians.

Every major international rights organization agrees that torture is a hallmark of the government of Uzbekistan. Because of this, the U.S. "outsources" torture to Uzbekistan. The U.S. State Department 2004 Country Report on Human Rights Practices reports: "(Police and the NSS (National Security Service) routinely tortured, beat, and otherwise mistreated detainees to obtain confessions or incriminating information. Police, prison officials, and the NSS allegedly used suffocation, electric shock, rape, and other sexual abuse; however, beating was the most commonly reported method of torture. Torture was common in prisons, pretrial facilities, and local police and security service precincts... In February 2003, the U.N. Special Rapporteur on Torture issued a report that concluded that torture or similar ill-treatment was systematic." From the U.S. State Department 2003 Country Report: "There were numerous reports of severe mistreatment at Jasylyk (Prison), the most serious of which involved the 2002 deaths of Mirzakomil Avazov and Khushniddin Olimov, who

were likely tortured with boiling water."

Uzbekistan President Islam Karimov has won two elections recognized worldwide as sham elections. He tolerates no dissent. The government tightly controls the flow of information in the media. But unlike the member countries in the "Axis of Evil," Uzbekistan is in no apparent danger of invasion from the democratic and freedom-loving Bush administration. Rather, Karimov continues to receive millions of dollars of U.S. aid in return for allowing U.S. access to an Uzbek military base for the "war against terror."

In addition to taking a closer look at just a few examples of contemporary U.S. support for brutal and repressive governments we would do well not to forget the tradition of American support for dictatorships in the past: Iran, the Philippines, Chile, most of Central America and, of course, Saddam Hussein's Iraq. The U.S. has also undermined and/or helped destroy democracy in Guatemala, Chile, Nicaragua, Venezuela, Palestine, Viet Nam and Iran. These are only partial lists but they are enough to make one suspect that perhaps U.S. foreign policy is, in reality, based on pursuit of perceived strategic and economic interests to which George W. Bush's self-appointed and divinely inspired mission to spread freedom is incidental if not irrelevant.

## Pleased to meet you



**Name:** Rachel Sewill  
**Occupation:** Sales Associate at WalMart  
**Hobby:** Drawing and painting  
**What's best about living in Winters:** "It's really pretty."  
**Fun fact:** Takes in injured and unwanted cockatiels.

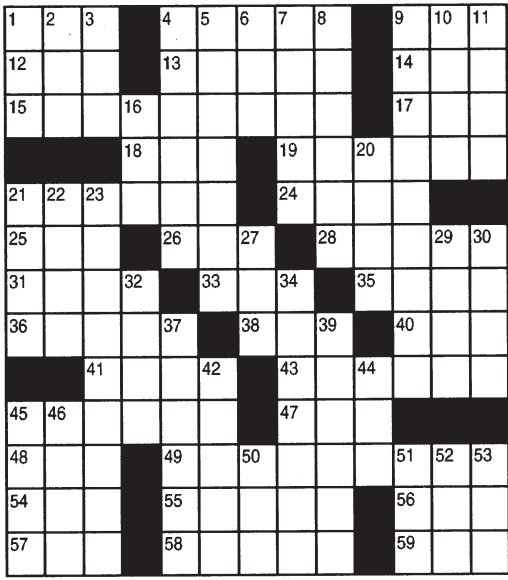
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- Navigation hindrance
- "Wham!"
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- Bobby of hockey fame
- Time between vernal equinoxes
- "Norma -"
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- To a great extent
- Toolbox item
- Verve
- Inventor Whitney
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- Tendency
- Pinochle play
- Flop
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- Speck of land
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### HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

**FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.**

Differences: 1. Hand is missing 2. Container is missing 3. Diploma is different 4. Sleeve is shorter 5. Curtain is missing 6. Glasses differ

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# Nuestras Noticias

## El Santo Petróleo

Así como los animales beben agua en los ríos sin sospechar de donde desciende el caudal que calma su sed, ni si alguna vez dejará de llegar a su alcance, así nosotros, nos detenemos en una estación, a cada aviso de carencia de la aguja del auto que marca el nivel de gasolina, colocamos la manguera en la boca de abastecimiento del vehículo, y apenas nos preocupamos, cuando vemos el precio del galón unos centavos más que el precio del día anterior.

No tenemos la idea de cuantos muertos de ayer y de hoy hicieron posible que el transporte vehicular en los Estados Unidos, no sea un privilegio de ricos como sucede en América Latina, sino de la gente común y de cualquiera que necesite de cuatro ruedas para llegar a su trabajo.

El consumo es la dinámica de la economía americana, no importa que sea consumir hasta el viento si se puede atrapar, empacar y poner un precio. Por décadas los fabricantes de automóviles en Estados Unidos, han hecho caso omiso a las advertencias de que el petróleo, que es de donde se extrae la gasolina, es un recurso no renovable, es decir, que no se puede reproducir una vez se haya acabado.

Para ellos, mientras no haya otro combustible, la gasolina será el mejor negocio, y poco importa que los vehículos tengan un alto cilindraje, puesto que, el americano gana suficiente con que mantener rodando su vehículo.

Para los años 50, Estados Unidos producía más del cien por ciento del petróleo que consumía. El resto lo exportaba. Pero hoy produce menos del 45 por ciento de sus necesidades básicas, y el resto hay que importarlo de los países árabes, de Venezuela, de México, y otros pequeños productores del llamado crudo, el que por el ritmo que lleva el consumo, está más cerca de cocinado que un cerdo en la fogata.

Aunque a usted le parezca un presagio fatalista, peor que las pesadillas de resaca de Nostadamus, al ritmo al que deberá producirse el petróleo en unos 10 años, como consecuencia de la terminación de los pozos de Texas, en 35 años entraremos en la etapa de consumo final de ese producto, del que dependemos hasta para cepillarnos los dientes. El 85 por ciento de la energía que se consume en el mundo proviene del petróleo y otros hidrocarburos, y sólo el 7 por ciento proviene de fuentes hidroeléctricas y otras vías alternativas.

Si no se aumentan los niveles de producción, se estima que Iraq y Arabia Saudita podrían seguir produciendo petróleo durante más de 80 años. Pero como la producción petrolera del mayor consumidor que es Estados Unidos, se está reduciendo porque sus pozos se están quedando vacíos, la demanda subirá y tanto Iraq como Arabia Saudita, se verán obligados a subir la producción, lo cual llevará al pronostico de los 35 años.

Se estima que los estudios realizados sobre la existencia de petróleo en el planeta han sido completados, que todos los pozos existentes están contados y que sólo queda duda de la existencia de crudo sin investigar en Nigeria, Groenlandia y posiblemente en el Golfo de México.

No es una casualidad, que una de las acusaciones de la supuesta existencia de armas de destrucción masiva, incluyera a Nigeria como proveedor de uranio enriquecido a Saddam Hussein.

Actualmente existen en el mundo reservas de 2 millones 900 mil billones de barriles de petróleo, y el mundo consume 44 millones de barriles por día. Según un informe de la EIA, publicado en el 2004, Estados Unidos aumentará sus importaciones de 12 millones de barriles por día, a 21 millones, para llegar a 28 millones de barriles por día en el 2025.

Desde que la producción de petróleo en Texas comenzó a decaer en los años 70, comenzó la dependencia de los Estados Unidos del petróleo extranjero, el cual controlan en un 69 por ciento los países miembros de la llamada OPEP (Organización de Países Productores de Petróleo) entre los que están Iraq, Irán, Nigeria y Venezuela, todos ellos países a los que el gobierno de Bush ha considerado “enemigos de la paz”.

Debido a la destrucción que dejó la guerra, los pozos de Iraq no están produciendo ni a un tercio de su capacidad, mientras los demás miembros de la OPEP mantienen controlada su producción, para mantener estabilizados los precios. Saddam Hussein dejó de ser el niño mimado de Washington, cuando en los años 80, pasó la concesión de la explotación de los pozos de Iraq, que estaban en manos de compañías norteamericanas e inglesas, (entre ellas la suplidora de insumos Hallibur-

ton, de la que el Vicepresidente Dick Cheney fue presidente) a una serie de compañías francesas y alemanas. Y se convirtió en un demonio, cuando en 1990 invadió la región petrolera de Kuwait, que había sido parte de Iraq y se independizó, con la que hubiera controlado cerca del 60 por ciento de la producción de petróleo de la OPEP.

Irán sigue siendo considerado un “enemigo peligroso” y las tropas norteamericanas están ubicadas en casi todas sus fronteras: las de Iraq, Afganistán, Pakistán y Turquía.

Hugo Chávez en Venezuela, es considerado un “subvertidor de la región” y soporte de grupos guerrilleros de Colombia; y Nigeria un “estado protector de terroristas”.

Pese a que en países como Brasil, ya es común el uso del Gasohol, que es una mezcla de alcohol extraído de la caña de azúcar con gasolina, como medio para reducir la dependencia del petróleo, Estados Unidos, no ha dado un solo paso en ese sentido.

En el 2003 se esperaba que el gobierno del presidente Bush, abriera licitaciones en las universidades del país para buscar alternativas energéticas al petróleo, pero no lo hizo.

Si en los Estados Unidos comenzaran a utilizarse otras fuentes de energía, la industria petrolera sufriría bajas considerables y entraría en una pendiente que la llevaría al fondo, no de los pozos petroleros, sino al de sus arcas financieras. Por ello es más rentable pensar en la vía de controlar los yacimientos existentes, para garantizar un suministro continuado sin tocar las reservas petroleras de Alaska, las cuales representan el 17 por ciento de la reserva mundial, que promover el uso de energías alternativas.

Lo que quiero decir es, que las guerras por el petróleo continuarán produciéndose con cualquier clase de pretexto, aunque para fortuna de quienes las arman, existen los terroristas cuyo papel de bandido, no puede ser más oportuno.

Si desaparecen los terroristas puede que vengan nuevos “tiranos” y si no, extraterrestres.

Así la vida de estas empresas se prolongaría por lo menos 50 años más, gracias a que con la misma indiferencia que las especies de la fauna disfrutaban de los manantiales, continuamos sin cuestionar el origen de nuestras facilidades de transporte.

Department would appreciate your membership as a volunteer firefighter/emergency medical responder.

To be a volunteer firefighter, you'll need more than just a desire to help people. You'll also need courage and dedication, enthusiasm and a willingness to learn new skills and face new challenges.

If you are interested in finding out more about this unique and rewarding way to serve your community, call the Winters Fire Department, 795-4131.



### First 5 Solano, celebrando la semana del niño

La asociación first 5 Solano, esta dedicada a promover, apoyar y mejorar el desarrollo temprano de los niños, al hacer uso de recursos y programas en la comunidad que apoyan la salud de los niños, apoyan a las familias y a la comunidad. First 5 trabaja para que al poner a los niños en contacto temprano con las letras, darle apoyo a los padres, a la educación, acceso a planes de salud, y oportunidades a los preescolares. los niños están preparados para ir a la escuela, ayudara a las escuelas a que estén preparadas para los niños, y comprometerá a los padres a ser los primeros y mejores maestros.

La semana del niño es un tiempo para reconocer que las oportunidades de los niños son nuestras responsabilidades, y nos compromete a todos nosotros para que los niños experimenten un desarrollo temprano, ayudándoles en los hogares, en los centros de cuidado de niños, en la escuela y en la comunidad.

Los niños son nuestra responsabilidad.

First 5 Solano te ayuda para que puedas tener contacto con agencias y programas que dan servicios a los niños en nuestra comunidad.

Children's Network, una sola voz por los niños del condado de solano.

Solano Family and Children services, Promueve el bienestar de los niños y las familias del condado de Solano.

Solano County Office of Education, sus programas incluyen escuelas comunitarias, programas de entrenamiento, educación especial.

Child Star, agencia que presta servicios a las familias de los condados de

napa y solano.

Child Heaven, Inc, ayuda a prevenir y detener el abuso de los niños.

Matrix Parent Network, ofrece apoyo a padres con niños discapacitados.

Solano Child Abuse Prevention Council, protege a los niños, al informar a la comunidad, en como mantener a los niños alejados de los peligros.

SKIP, aseguranza para los niños del condado de Solano.

Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano, ofrece dispensas gratis a familias de bajos recursos.

Solano Child Care Plannig Council, trabaja para mejorar el acceso y calidad en el cuidado de los niños del condado.

Office of family Violence Protection, seguro desde el comienzo.

Youth and Family Services, ayudan a madres y mujeres embarazadas con problemas de drogas, terapia para la familia, y servicios de apoyo para familias que tienen personas en la cárcel.

Planned Parenthood, Servicios de planeación familiar.

Solano County Health and Social Services-WIC, comida para mujeres y niños.

Families First, dan servicio de consejería en los hogares, y apoyan con servicios cuando un niño se tiene que ir de la casa.

The children's Program, ayuda en el desarrollo temprano, con métodos apropiados para niños de 4 años, para ayudarlos a realizar la transición al Kindergarten.

Vacaville Family Resource Center, ayuda a los residentes de Vacaville a encontrar viviendas accesibles.

## Reclutamiento de bomberos voluntarios

El departamento de bomberos de Winters esta reclutando candidatos para llenar los posiciones como bomberos voluntarios. Estos bomberos deben estar disponibles para responder a emergencias ya sea de su casa o de su trabajo. El departamento de bomberos ofrece protección contra incendios así como otros servicios de emergencia, sin dejar de nombrar los servicios de prevención de incendios, educación y otros servicios de seguridad para la ciudad y la región. Para enlistarse como voluntario no se necesita experiencia, se les dará entrenamiento y se les proveerá el equipo necesario.

Actualmente el departamento de bomberos cuenta con cuatro bomberos permanentes, y 25 bomberos voluntarios. Todos estos bomberos tienen un papel muy importante en la protección a la ciudad y al distrito al proveer a la comunidad con los beneficios de una comple-

ta protección contra incendios sin los costos asociados si se tuviera personal de tiempo completo.

Debido al crecimiento de nuestra ciudad, el departamento de bomberos necesita mas ayuda. Si tu tienes el deseo de ayudar a la comunidad, crees en la excelencia al realizar un trabajo, consideras que el respeto y la apreciación son suficiente recompensa por el trabajo que tu haces, entonces el departamento de bomberos te invita a unirte a ellos.

Para ser un bombero voluntario, necesitas no solamente el deseo de ayudar a la gente, sino también coraje y dedicación, entusiasmo, y el deseo de aprender y enfrentar retos. Un punto importante es que debes saber hablar y escribir ingles.

Si quieres saber mas en como ayudar y servir a la comunidad, llama al departamento de bomberos, 795-4131.

## WRESTLE

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match this season. Cody was ahead 8 to 4 in the third round when he threw his under hook twister to pin his opponent in the final seconds. Cody wanted to wrestle Greco but there were no opponents for him to wrestle. The kids' next tournament will be Freestyle State in San Jose, May 6-8.

## GIRLS

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was outstanding in the field," Hughes added. "Fabiola also laid down a beautiful sacrifice bunt to advance Adriana Lizarraga from first to second base."

Renee Penunuri pitched for the Warriors and had six strike outs.

Graham led the Warriors at the plate as she had two hits with a home-run, two stolen bases and two RBI. Penunuri and Spivey each had two hits and two stolen bases, while Lizarraga had one hit for the Warriors.

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# Classified Ads - The Market Place for Winters

## Help Wanted

Situation wanted. Property caretaker needs trailer hook-up. Call 916-912-0706 and ask for Levi or 530-758-0591 ask for Dixie.

Pest Control Technician. Licensed and unlicensed may apply. Branch 2. Confidentiality guaranteed. Starting salary-unlic-\$12 an hr. benefits & IRA. Mail responses to Shelby's Pest Control P.O. Box 72, Chico, CA 95927.

13-4tc

## Help Wanted

Departmental Aide position: Lake Solano County Park is accepting applications for part-time positions. Applicants will be required to collect park fees & rent boats. Need own transportation, must be at least 16 years old and be able to pass a background examination. \$7.63/hr. April - October. May be required to work weekends and holidays. P/U applications at park.

13-2tp

## Help Wanted

Maintenance Supervisor, full time, salary, benefits. Supervise maintenance for three restaurants in Winters. Fax resume to (530) 795-5570, drop off or pick application at 10 Main Street, or e-mail to jrpickereel@charterinternet.net.

13-3tc

Horse ranch/handyman. Stall cleaning, fencing, etc. Must have experience & speak English. Part-time. Near Lake Solano Park. 795-2129

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## Help Wanted

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## Congressman calls attention to national debt

Congressman Mike Thompson (D-Napa Valley), who represents the Winters area, today placed a debt clock in front of his Capitol office in an effort to call attention to the nation's mounting national debt. The clock, which will be updated daily, last week read \$7.671 trillion in national debt, which equals a \$27,000 share for each American.

"Congress has the responsibility to reign in our out-of-control debt," Thompson said. "These debt clocks will remind members of Congress and visitors that we must act to restore fiscal responsibility to our government. It will be harder for members of Congress to ignore our growing debt when they are faced with it each day."

By next week more than

two-dozen members of the Blue Dog Coalition, a group of fiscally responsible Democrats, will be displaying debt clocks outside of their offices.

Earlier this year, Thompson joined the Blue Dogs in releasing the following 12-Step Budget Reform Plan to get America's fiscal house in order:

- 1) Require a balanced budget
- 2) Don't let Congress buy on credit — Restore PAY-GO
- 3) Put a lid on spending
- 4) Require federal agencies to put their fiscal houses in order
- 5) Make Congress tell taxpayers how much they're spending
- 6) Set aside a rainy-day fund
- 7) Don't hide votes to raise the debt limit
- 8) Justify spending for pet projects
- 9) Ensure that Congress

reads the bills it's voting on

10) Require honest cost estimates for every bill that Congress votes on

11) Make sure new bills fit the budget

12) Make Congress do a better job keeping tabs on government programs

"Members of Congress and the White House need to start behaving like American families, we need to pay for what we pass," Thompson added. "These common sense budget reforms would bring fiscal responsibility back to the federal government. The growing debt clock outside my office will highlight the urgent need for reform."

For more information, go online to <http://mikethompson.house.gov> or write to him at 231 Cannon Building, Washington, DC 20515-0501.

## Artists sought to enter work in KVIE auction

Area artists are invited to support public television and enter their original work of art in the "KVIE Art Auction 2005" juried competition for exposure and a possible cash award. Selected art will be featured in a live televised broadcast on KVIE Public Television's Channel 6, planned for Sept. 30, and Oct. 1 and 2. This art has the potential of being seen by 100,000 viewers, art enthusiasts, and collectors throughout the Central Valley and Sierra, who watch this three-day live event.

Based on their broad expertise in the making, promotion and presentation of the arts and their extensive artistic backgrounds and knowledge of our regional arts community,

Gregory Kondos, a world renowned artist and Muriel Johnson, Director of the California Arts Council, are the judges for this 2005 auction.

This competitive and open "Call For Artists" not only attracts the very best work by artists in the Central Valley and Northern California, but also attracts respected sponsoring galleries. Many great regional art collections were started with art purchased through this prestigious auction. The complete "KVIE Art Auction 2005" collection will include works from the juried open call, along with pieces from selected galleries and from a group of established collectable local artists.

Submit artwork in one of the following categories: oil or acrylic on board or canvas, watercol-

ors, other works on paper (including original and giclee prints, with certificate of authenticity), pastels and drawings, photography, computer-generated art, sculpture, and fine crafts (clay, fiber, wood, metal, wearable art).

Cash prizes totaling \$2,900 will be awarded including a \$500 "Best of Show Grand Prize," \$200 first place award and \$100 second place award in each category.

Art submissions must be delivered to the KVIE studios on June 10, 11 and 12, 2005. Call (916) 641-3594 by May 31 to indicate intent to enter and to receive an official entry form. A "Call for Artists" brochure and entry form is also available online at [www.kvie.org/artauction](http://www.kvie.org/artauction).