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## Plug pulled on pool

By GARY BEALL  
Express correspondent

School district trustees, in a split 4-1 decision, voted on Dec. 8 to permanently close the failing swimming pool at Winters High School that served both school and city swim programs since 1959. The pool will be replaced with a new \$1.5 million facility that will be ready for use on March 1, 2007, at the earliest.

Action to close the existing pool followed two community meetings to discuss status of the pool and plans for a new one. A professional assessment of the pool placed repair estimates in a range from \$25,000 to \$60,000, depending on the option selected, to keep it operational for up to two more years with no assurances that it would stop leaking. District superintendent

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# Anderson is Citizen of the Year

By DAWN VAN DYKE  
Express city editor

Volunteer, public servant, youth advocate, Harold Anderson is all of those things and more. After years of giving quietly, steadily and unselfishly to the community, Anderson is being honored as the 2005 Citizen of the Year.

Most members of the community recognize him as a member of the Winters City Council, and anyone who drives down Hemenway Street on a regular basis has seen him spending hours maintaining and improving the Winters High School varsity baseball field. A member of Winters Rotary since the late 1980s, Anderson is always ready to take shovel in hand and work on the many local improvement projects the club undertakes.

Anderson was born in Napa, but moved to Winters at the age of five, growing up here with his brother, Ralph. His parents, Abe and Sybil Anderson, were active and respected members of the community. He graduated from Winters High School in 1961 and later obtained his law degree from the McGeorge School of Law. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War.

He opened his law practice in Winters and with his wife, Gaylene, raised his two sons, Eric and Brian. During the boys' child-



Photo by Dawn Van Dyke

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This year's Citizen of the Year, Harold Anderson, digs up weeds around the trees the Rotary Club planted at Putah Creek Nature Park.



Photo by Robbie Rubio

This fire on Thursday, Dec. 8, destroyed 60 percent of an Encina Drive home.

## Fireplace source of blaze

By DEBRA LO GUERCIO  
Express editor

An unattended fireplace was the source of a house fire in the Golden Bear Estates area west of Winters on Thursday, Dec. 8, destroying approximately 60 percent of the home.

According to Fire Chief Scott Dozier, homeowner Sergi Sonin was working in his study around 8 p.m. in a different area of the

large-two story home at 28301 Encina Drive when a flaming log rolled out of the fireplace and against a sofa, which went up like a torch. The fire was discovered by Sonin's wife, Barbara, when she returned home shortly thereafter.

Luckily, no one was injured, but by the time fire crews arrived and put the fire out, Dozier says 60 percent of the home was "a total loss" and the rest was heavily damaged.

Fire crews from Winters, Dixon, the Vacaville Fire Protection District, UC Davis, Willow Oak, Esparto, Madison and Capay responded to the two-alarm call. Dozier says the flames were so high, they were visible from Dixon.

According to Dozier, the home was insured, and the Red Cross and neighbors were on the scene to help the family out in any way possible.

## School board workshop to address budget

The Winters School Board will meet on Thursday, Dec. 15, at 6 p.m. in the Shirley Rominger Intermediate School multipurpose room. Agenda items include:

- ~ Recognition of Rominger students Norma Cervantez, Hector Melendez, David Duran and Katie Russell, and parent Victoria Arellano.
- ~ Workshop on district restructuring and expenditure reductions (6:30-8 p.m.)

- Action items**
- ~ 2004-05 California physical fitness results.
  - ~ First period interim report, standards and criteria report.

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## Winters teachers get new contract, raises

By GARY BEALL  
Express correspondent

Teachers in Winters schools, who have been working without a contract since last June, have a new three-year contract and an accompanying three percent raise retroactive to July 1. Trustees voted 4-1 on Dec. 8 to approve the contract, which already had been ratified by the teachers' union. It will expire on June 30, 2008.

The pay increases will cost the district \$192,145 in 2005-06. A one percent

increase will be added to the salary schedule on July 1, 2006 in lieu of the district's early retirement incentive program, which is being discontinued at the end of the 2005-06 school year.

Under the new contract, a beginning teacher with a bachelor's degree and no additional units will earn \$36,210. At the other end of the spectrum, a teacher at a newly created Step 26 with a bachelor's degree plus 90 units or a master's degree plus 30 units can earn \$70,068. Coaching and other extra duty

stipends, as well as bilingual and special education stipends, also increased by three percent and are in addition to the base salary.

Trustees also approved a contract with similar increases for the district's pupil personnel services employees. That contract will cost the district an additional \$20,025 for 2005-06.

Both contracts were ratified by a 4-1 vote. Trustees Kathy McIntire, Rodney Orosco, Mary Jo

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### WEATHER

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

Date	Rain	Hi	Lo
Dec. 7		59	35
Dec. 8	.03	51	41
Dec. 9		62	46
Dec. 10		70	35
Dec. 11		64	35
Dec. 12		60	39
Dec. 13		61	35

Rain for week: .03  
Season's Total: 2.90  
Last year to date: 8.53  
Normal to Dec. 13: 5.64

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