

# Who is this?

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## Let me think about this



Photo by Rory Linton  
 Carson Lowrie takes a moment to think about his next move while wrestling in the Crazy Wolf Classic, held on Sunday, Jan. 13, in Roseville. Carson and 19 of his teammates from the Winters Kids Club Wrestlers traveled to the match, and brought home 11 medals. (Story on page B-1.)

## Cutting school

u Trustees approve program cuts

By ELLIOT LANDES  
 Staff writer

This years’ school district restructuring and cost reduction process reached its conclusion at the Jan. 17 meeting, as the board approved, with changes, the superintendent’s proposed list of budget reductions. The goal of restructuring was to save the district \$487,800 for the next two years, to cover reduced revenue from the state due to declining enrollment. This gloomy process took place as even greater storm clouds loomed — the threat of \$505,000 more in cuts due to the state’s budget crisis.

This is the second restructuring operation in three years, in response to enrollment that has declined 15 percent over the course of seven years. The last one in 2006, which closed the Wolfskill site and moved the kindergarten from

the John Clayton site was sharply controversial, with parents talking of recalling school board members, and teachers talking of resigning.

This restructuring process started last October with a new committee that visited sites, interviewed teachers, parents and students, and held public workshops in conjunction with board meetings. The committee produced an exhaustive menu of 124 potential changes, from which the superintendent created his proposal.

Superintendent Mitchell’s draft proposal from the Dec. 20 meeting would have eliminated block scheduling at the high school and impacted the senior project program. Along with other cuts, it would have reduced a few staff positions and enough costs to take care of the full two years worth of restructuring.

It faced strong opposition from staff and students at the high school,

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## FUTURE SUBCRIBERS

**AUSTIN JAMES JARAMILLO** is the newborn son of Rick and Tina Jaramillo of Ione (formerly of Winters). He was born on Nov. 15, 2007 at 7:59 a.m. at Good Samaritan Hospital in San Jose, and weighed 7 lbs. 8 oz. and was 20.25 inches long. He joins big sister, Savannah Rae, 3. Maternal grandparents are John and Sue Fee of Hidden Valley Lake. Paternal grandparents are Carol Jaramillo of Los Gatos and Bob Jaramillo of San Jose.

**MARILY A. HUERTA** is the firstborn child of Margarita Andrade and Jose Huerta of Winters. Born at Kaiser Hospital in Vallejo on Jan. 19, 2008 at 3:39 a.m., she weighed 8 lbs., 12 oz., and was 20.5 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Maria Caravez and Jesus Rincun of Winters. Paternal grandparents are Jose C. and Gueelia Huerta of Lincoln.

\* **RACHEL VIOLET ROMINGER** was born on Sunday, Jan. 20, 2008, at 1:32 p.m. at Sutter Davis Hospital to Robyn Jean and Bruce James Rominger of Winters. She joins brothers Justin, 16, and John 2. Rachel weighed 7 lbs, 13 oz. and was 21 inches long at birth. Maternal grandparents are Neal and Peg Rutger of Woodland. Paternal grandparents are Richard and Evelyne Rominger of Winters.

## No water meters for Winters for now

By JUSTIN COX  
 Staff writer

Contrary to what had become popular belief, Winters will not be required to implement a metered water-billing plan after all. In what city staff described as a “loophole” in the Urban Water Management Plan Act of 1983, it was revealed that a metered system is not mandatory until 3,000 customers are being served or until 3,000 acre feet of water are de-

livered per year. Once that number is reached, the city will have five years to set a metered system in motion. Winters currently serves about 1,300 customers.

City staff presented an alternative timeline for the implementation of the system at the Jan. 15 council meeting. With a great deal of research already completed and California’s future water situation relatively unknown, they have decided to move forward with the plan anyways, with a

slightly modified timeline.

“Water is going to become the number one issue in California,” said City Manager John Donlevy. “And we have no way of promoting conservation. There’s no incentive.”

Staff’s plan, which suggests the city proceed with the installation of meters and begin billing in 2010, was ultimately passed unanimously, although a modification

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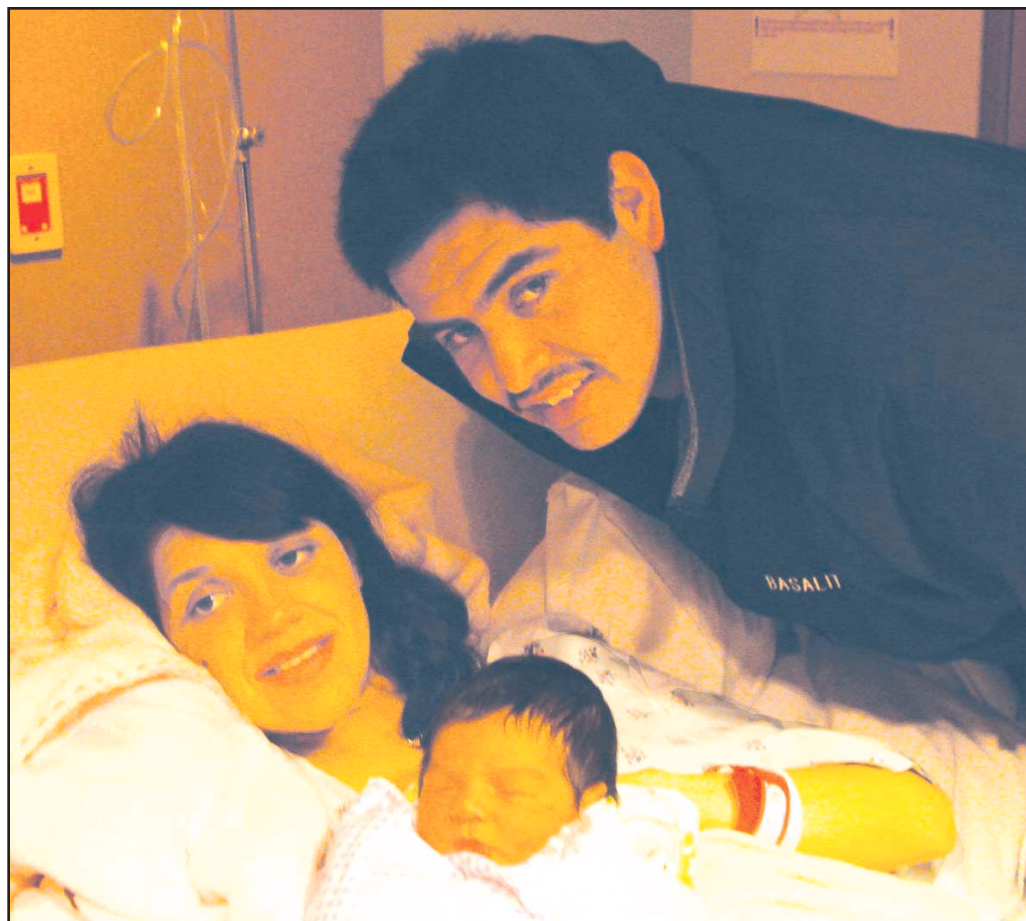
## Marily Huerta is first Winters baby of the year

By DEBRA LO GUERCIO  
 Express editor

Marily A. Huerta is the official First Winters Baby of 2008, according to the rules of the annual Winters Express First Baby Contest. Marily was born on Saturday, Jan. 19, at 3:39 a.m. at Kaiser Hospital in Vallejo. She was 8 pounds, 12 ounces, and was 20.5 inches long.

Marily is the firstborn child of Margarita Andrade and Jose Huerta of Winters. Andrade works as a forklift driver for Mariani Nut Co. Huerta is a laborer at Basalite in Dixon.

Marily and her parents will win the following prizes from the merchants participating in the annual contest: \$20 gift certificate from Pacific Ace Hardware, \$15 gift certificate from the Putah Creek Café, \$25 gift certificate from The Buckhorn, \$20 gift cer-



Courtesy photo  
 Marily A. Huerta is the firstborn child of Margarita Andrade and Jose Huerta of Winters, and also the official First Winters Baby of 2008.

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**Longs Drugs, Round Table**  
**Lorenzo's Market,**  
**Winter Home Improvement**

(Supplements are sent to Winters, Woodland, Davis, Capay Valley, Dixon, Vacaville and Fairfield.)

## WEATHER

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

Date	Rain	Hi	Lo
Jan. 16		62	36
Jan. 17		58	45
Jan. 18		60	31
Jan. 19		61	31
Jan. 20		61	36
Jan. 21		56	35
Jan. 22	.89	48	36

**Rain for week: .89**  
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**Last year to date: 4.95**  
**Average to Jan. 22: 11.36**



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# OBITUARIES

## Arnie McBurnett

Arnie McBurnett of Winters passed away in Sacramento on Jan. 19, 2008. Born in Abilene, Texas, on May 11, 1961, he was 46 years old. He enjoyed fishing with his sister, Shane.

He is survived by his parents, Loretta Ramos and John McBurnett; sisters, Shelly Pardi, Shane McBurnett and Dawn Mayes; brother, Jason Ramos; nieces, Andrea Mayes Duran, Leah Mayes, Jenna Mayes, Taylor Mayes and Ashley Pardi; nephews, Christopher Mayes and Jonathan Pardi; great-niece, Alexandria Duran.

Graveside services are planned for Monday, Jan. 28, at 1 p.m. at the Winters Cemetery. Father Chuck Kelley will officiate.

## Myrtle Francis Ichtertz

Myrtle Francis Ichtertz passed away at home in Winters on Jan. 20, 2008. Born on Nov. 6, 1917 in California, she was 90 years old. She worked for Yolo County Housing for 17 years and retired in 1978, organized bus trips to Reno for 20 years, and served as a 4-H leader.

She is survived by her daughters, Gaylene Anderson and Joan Larsen; grandchildren Eric Anderson, Brian Anderson, Michael and Kim Larsen, and Lanisa and Jeff Howerton; great-grandchildren Kylie, Alexis and Makaila Larsen, and Annabella and Jens Howerton.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 58 years, Albert G. Ichtertz in 1998, and her parents, Sadie Oleta Little and George McClandon Little.

Private services are planned in Winters. Memorial contributions may be made to Yolo Hospice, the Winters Fire Department or the charity of donor's choice.

# Weekly police report

### Jan. 5

~ Feliciano Valdez, 35, of Vacaville was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol with a blood alcohol content of over .08 percent and driving with a suspended/revoked driver's license. Valdez was booked at the Winters Police Department and released to a sober adult on a notice to appear.

~ Samuel Joseph Rodriguez, 52, of Vacaville was arrested for possessing controlled substance paraphernalia. Rodriguez was booked at the Winters Police Department and released on a notice to appear.

### Jan. 9

~ Daniel Garibay, 20, of Winters was driving northbound on Hemenway Street. Garibay drove his vehicle off a straight course and struck three parked vehicles. Garibay left the scene of the accident and drove to his passenger's residence on Niemann Street. The registered owner of one of the parked vehicles and a witness heard the collision and followed the suspect vehicle. They found the suspect vehicle parked on Niemann Street, saw the damage to the vehicle and confronted the driver and his passenger. The police arrived on scene and the driver and passenger fled on foot. As a result, Garibay was arrested for two counts of hit and run, driving under the influence of alcohol with a blood alcohol content of over .08 percent and resisting/obstructing a police officer. The passenger, Oscar Armando Ochoa, 21, of Winters was arrested for re-

sisting/obstructing a police officer. Both were booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to the Yolo County Jail for incarceration.

### Jan. 11

~ Daniel Joseph Maguire, 53, of Winters was pulling into a parking space directly in front of the Round Table Pizza. Maguire's foot slipped off of the brake and depressed the accelerator causing the vehicle to proceed forward into the building.

### Jan. 13

~ On the 500 block of Manzanita Way, property was stolen from a garage and shed. Loss: \$3,000.

### Jan. 14

~ On the 800 block of Jefferson Street, parties were involved in a domestic dispute.

~ A found bicycle was turned over to police.

~ Philip Martin Breckenridge, 23, of Winters surrendered himself on an outstanding Woodland Police Department bench warrant charging him with failure to appear on previous charges of driving under the influence of alcohol, driving at an unsafe speed and failure to appear. Breckenridge was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to the Yolo County Jail for incarceration.

### Jan. 14-15

~ On the 200 block of Niemann Street, a female victim was allegedly date raped. Investigation con-

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# YESTERYEAR



File photo by Debra Lo Guercio  
**At the January, 1995 annual Winters District Chamber of Commerce Banquet, Gloria Marion was installed as president, and was handed the gavel by the outgoing president, Cecil Padilla (right).**

**50**  
YEARS AGO

**February 6, 1958**

Heavy rains during the past week in the watershed of Putah Creek caused the level of Lake Berryessa to raise nearly six feet during the past week with 41,974 acre feet of water added to the reservoir.

Max Johnson, field engineer for the Solano Project, is being transferred to the Trinity Project.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Sidwell are leaving to take up residence in Spanish Flat, where Mr. Sidwell will be employed.

Bob Islip returned to St. Mary's College after spending the past week with his mother, Mrs. Adeline Islip.

Mrs. Glenn Kidder was awarded a life membership in the Winters Parent-Teacher Association at the Founder's Day program, given Tuesday night in the elementary school auditorium.

Friendship Circle of the First Christian Church will meet Monday evening, February 10, in the home of Mrs. J.R. Sellers.

Dr. E.A. Young this week took out nomination papers for reelection to the Winters City Council, in the election to be held in April.

Miss Charlotte (Lily) Long, of Sacramento, visited old friends here yesterday. Miss Long was a local resident about 25 years ago.

Bob Schroeder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lin Schroeder, has enrolled at the University of California at Davis.

Miss Frances Walters of San Francisco visited over the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D.B. Walters.

Dick Pugh is up from San Jose State College for a visit with his mother, Mrs. Wm. R. Pugh.

**65**  
YEARS AGO

**February 5, 1943**

The first wedding bells in 1943 where both participants were local young people sounded Monday in Reno, where Miss Alicia Conard and William Duncan pledged mutual vows.

Charles Graf Jr. has received his call to report for U.S. Navy duty, Tuesday, February 9. He will be sent to Santa Ana for training.

Vernon Charles Bruhn, son of Vernon Bruhn was among the first group of 17 year-old Coast Guard enlistees, Friday in Sacramento. He left Saturday for training in Alameda.

Past president Leland Stith presided at the meeting of the Service Club Monday, President Perry Thornberry having been confined to his home by illness.

The Student Jr. Council of the Grammar School met Tuesday and elected new officers. They are Beverly Merchant, president; Mary Lipscomb, vice president; Claudia Moore, secretary, and Joe Nunes, treasurer.

Mrs. E.F. Edell attended funeral services Tuesday in Sacramento for her cousin, Frank Newman.

Ernest Rice, employed in the ship yards at Richmond was a Sunday visitor at home.

Because the cost of production of the Winters High School Poppy is so high this year, the Poppy staff decided to raise the price of the annual this year from 50 cents to 75 cents.

Miss Wallace's journalism class is learning how to write editorials and is working on the February edition of the "Warrior."

# Berryessa at 422.15 foot level

Tuesday morning Lake Berryessa was at the 422.15 foot level with storage computed at 1,273,424 acre feet of water, according to Ken Emigh of the Solano Irrigation District.

He reported that 45 second feet of water is being diverted into the Putah South Canal and 25 second feet is flowing in Putah Creek at the Diversion Dam.

Evaporation on Lake Berryessa averaged 55 acre feet of water per day during the week.

**115**  
YEARS AGO

**February 4, 1893**

Dr. and Mrs. E.K. Caldwell of Fruitvale are visiting in Madison and Winters.

Invitations have been issued by Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Baker to their golden wedding reception at their home, Saturday evening, February 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brinck went to San Francisco via Napa Tuesday, to return Saturday.

The inclement weather of last week delayed very much the work on the concrete bridge, but it is now going on satisfactorily.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wolfe observed the golden wedding, on Monday, February 3. They came to Winters in 1875.

Mrs. C.L. Gates of Vacaville is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John McCoubrey.

D.O. Judy left Wednesday a.m. for Columbia, Mo., where he was called by the serious illness of his sister.

We noticed W. J. Pleasants, the prosperous Pleasant Valley fruit grower, in town on Wednesday last.

Col. Samuel Taylor came up from Alameda last Saturday, to look after the work on his mansion. He was accompanied by J.W. Statler, one of the officials of the Northern Pacific Railway.

The Germans of Winters and vicinity held a meeting in Seaman's Hall last Sunday, for the purpose of organizing a congregation to be known as the German Evangelical Congregation. The rules laid down by Rev. Young were unanimously adopted. The congregation then elected trustees and officers, Henry Kettenburg, William Doll and L. Sager were elected as trustees.

Under the direction of H.B. Cooper culverts and drains have been put in on the blocks cornering on Main and First streets, this week.

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# Planning commission to meet on Feb. 12

The Winters Planning Commission will hold its February meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall council chambers, 318 First Street. The Planning Commission usually holds its monthly meeting on the fourth Tuesday of the month.

For more information, call 795-4910.

# Putah Creek group to meet

The Winters Putah Creek Committee will meet on Monday, Jan. 28, at 7 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall, 318 First Street. Agenda items include discussion of the Master Plan, a Proposition 12 schedule update and a stewardship update.

# BABY

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tificate from Bella Boutique, \$25 gift certificate from Velo City, \$20 gift certificate from Pizza Factory, \$50 savings account from First Northern Bank, Sunday brunch for two at Tomat's, baby's first hat from Regalare, a flower arrangement from Chris' Florist, a dozen donuts from Lester Farms Bakery, baby's first prescription from Eagle Drug, baby jacket pattern and material from Cloth Carousel, 10 video rentals from Warrior Video, one year subscription to the Winters Express, and a free lube, oil and filter from Ron Dupratt Ford.

# POLICE

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tinues.

**Jan. 15**

~ On the 400 block of Village Circle, parties were involved in a domestic dispute.

~ On the first block of Main Street, officers responded to a hold-up alarm. The alarm was activated accidentally.

~ On the 300 block of Railroad Avenue, an unlocked bicycle was stolen. Loss: \$250.

**Jan. 15-16**

~ Spray paint was used to write graffiti on the pavement of the Railroad Trestle Bridge. Damage: \$300.

**Jan. 17**

~ On the 100 block of Abbey Street, parties were involved in a domestic dispute.

**Jan. 19**

~ John Eduardo Alanis, 19, of Winters was issued a notice to appear for being an unlicensed driver and having an audible stereo heard from over 50 feet from the vehicle.

~ On the 200 block of First Street, officers responded to an audible alarm. The front door of the business was found unlocked. The officers cleared the building and secured the door.

~ On the 100 block of Martinez Way, a window of a residence was broken with an unknown object. Damage: \$250.

**Jan. 20**

~ Lorenzo Arce, 37, of Winters was arrested for being intoxicated in public and unable to care for his safety or the safety of others. Arce was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to the Yolo County Jail for incarceration.

# Is your thyroid to blame for illness?

By **KENNETH L. NOLLER, MD**  
**President**  
**The American College of**  
**Obstetricians and Gynecologists**

The thyroid is a small gland in the neck that produces hormones that regulate metabolism, heart rate, body temperature, blood pressure, weight, and energy level. When the thyroid is not functioning properly, producing too little or too much hormone, it can wreak havoc on all the organs in the body.

Thyroid disease affects 1-4 percent of women in the US, but it may be initially overlooked because its symptoms often develop slowly or seem to be related to lifestyle or other health problems.

Hypothyroidism develops when there is not enough thyroid hormone being released into the body. It is usually caused by an inflammation of the thyroid gland but can also be caused by taking too much medication to control an overactive thyroid or by a low-iodine diet.

Symptoms of hypothyroidism can include fatigue, decreased appetite, changes in menstrual periods, loss of sex drive, constipation, muscle cramps, brittle nails, and hair loss. It can be treated with medication that slowly raises the level of thyroid hormone in the blood. Most people with hypothyroidism must take medication for the rest of their lives and have their blood checked regularly.

Hyperthyroidism, or an overactive thyroid gland, is most common in women ages 20-40 and is frequently caused by a disorder called Graves'

disease. It can also develop when too much medication is taken to control an underactive thyroid.

Women with hyperthyroidism may experience fatigue, weight loss, nervousness, rapid heart beat, increased sweating, heat intolerance, changes in menstrual periods, more frequent bowel movements, and tremors. Antithyroid medication may be prescribed to reduce the amount of thyroid hormone in the body. Medication to control rapid heart beat may also be recommended.

Uncontrolled thyroid disease during pregnancy can lead to preeclampsia (high blood pressure during pregnancy), irregular heartbeat, heart failure, early separation of the placenta, and birth defects. Fortunately, when thyroid disease is well controlled, most women can have healthy babies.

Some women who had normal thyroid function during pregnancy may experience postpartum thyroiditis, which is typically a short-term condition.

ACOG recommends thyroid testing for pregnant women who exhibit symptoms of thyroid disease or who have a personal history of thyroid disease. Women age 65 and older and women with a strong family history of thyroid or other autoimmune diseases, such as diabetes or rheumatoid arthritis, should also be screened.

For more information, the ACOG Patient Education Pamphlet "Thyroid Disease" is available in English and Spanish at [www.acog.org/publications/patient\\_education](http://www.acog.org/publications/patient_education).

## Blood pressure checks offered

The general public may have blood pressure checks every Wednesday in the Sutter Davis Hospital lobby (2000 Sutter Place, Davis) from 10 a.m. until noon. This service is free and provided by the hospital and the auxiliary.

# Class helps caregivers of mentally il

The Family-to-Family Education Course, 12 classes for care givers of those who suffer from a serious brain disorder or mental illness, begins on Feb. 11 and runs through April 21 in Woodland on Mondays, 6:15-9 p.m.

The program, developed by NAMI National is in its eleventh year in Yolo County, helps care givers understand the biology of serious brain disorders and gives helpful suggestions on developing effective communication while

dispelling the confusion that surrounds these illnesses.

The class is limited to 16 persons and registration is required. For more information or to register, call NAMI-YOLO, 756-8181 and leave your name and a contact number.

# Grief support group offered

Yolo Compassionate Friends invites all parents and adult siblings who have suffered the loss of a child to attend their meetings.

The mission of The Compassionate Friends is to assist families toward the positive resolution of grief following the death of a child of any age and to provide information to help others be supportive.

For more information, call the local chapter, 759-7865, or Tom or Barbara Frankel, 753-5471.

## Walk or bike to work — it's free exercise!



# Opinion



## DEBRA LO GUERCIO BECAUSE I SAY SO

**ONE OF THE QUICKEST** WAYS to get off on the wrong foot with me is by sending a letter or email that begins with “Please educate yourself...(on this topic about which I know far more than you, lowly columnist).” Please educate yourself. Please go \*\*\*\* yourself. That’s my immediate reaction.

It’s such an insult. “Please educate yourself” is a thinly veiled version of “Jane, you ignorant slut.” It’s meant to establish one’s own clearly superior intellect. Funny, most “Please educate yourself” correspondences come from one community in particular.

Davis, I’m looking at you.  
Just a friendly observation.

The latest “Please educate yourself” sneer came scribbled on a photocopied blurb about Israeli doctors performing adult circumcisions on African males, and touting “recent studies” showing that such circumcision reduces the chances of contracting the AIDS virus by 60 percent.

Sixty percent by removing the foreskin, eh? Wonder what sort of results we’d get if we lopped off the whole thing! Dang near 100 percent, I reckon! But whack off the entire organ? That’s unthinkable! Unless of course we’re talking about African girls, and then it’s perfectly okay. All we need is a sharpened rock, a greedy, toothless crone, and four people to hold down the girl’s legs and arms while her body convulses in agony. And maybe a fifth person to cover her mouth so we don’t have to listen to all that screaming.

Interesting note: the title of this blurb is “Tikkun Olam” Circumcision, for which Ms. Superior provided a translation: “Mending the World” Circumcision. Hmmm. I rather doubt we can mend the world and free it from testosterone-fueled violence through circumcision. But castration might do the trick. Tikkun Olam Castration. Has a nice ring to it.

Alongside this blurb was a handwritten note: “Please educate yourself regarding cervical cancer and the cleanliness of penises with a tight cover of foreskin.” (Insert aforementioned reaction here.) Apparently saggy foreskins aren’t an issue?

Well, ignorant slut or not, it doesn’t mean I don’t go and check things out. I Googled around and found evidence both supporting and refuting the circumcision/cancer link. One report posted by the British Journal of Cancer began by confirming that cervical cancer seemed to be statistically low amongst Jewish women. However, the report notes that when Jewish women are removed from the study group and non-Jewish women who have circumcised partners are compared to non-Jewish women who don’t, the link between cervical cancer and uncircumcised partners disappears. In other words, the low rate of cervical cancer in Jewish women is more likely linked to a pork-free diet than a foreskin-free sex life.

A further study concluded “no association between cervical cancer and lack of circumcision of the husband.” The report went on to note that even if a link were to be suspected between cervical cancer and an uncircumcised partner, that the presence of the foreskin is not the issue, but the presence of bacteria may be. The study emphasizes that removing the foreskin isn’t the only way to maintain genital cleanliness. All we need is a little good old soap and water, applied on a regular basis.

So, I educated myself and discovered I was right. We don’t need to lop off part of a boy’s penis to ensure cleanliness, we just need to teach him proper personal hygiene. Not bad for an ignorant slut.

As for the circumcision/AIDS connection, turns out the World Health Organization and UNAIDS are asserting that amongst heterosexual, uninfected males, circumcision does indeed appear to reduce the contraction of AIDS by 60 percent. Sadly, for women, there’s no such correlation. An infected partner is an infected partner, and it matters not if the virus was injected via a circumcised or uncircumcised source.

This report, posted at [www.webmd.com](http://www.webmd.com), emphasizes that circumcision is only part of a comprehensive AIDS risk-reduction program. It doesn’t replace safe sex, delay of onset of sexual relations, abstinence, reduction of penetrative sex, reduction in number of partners, and provision of condoms to both males and females, along with education on their use.

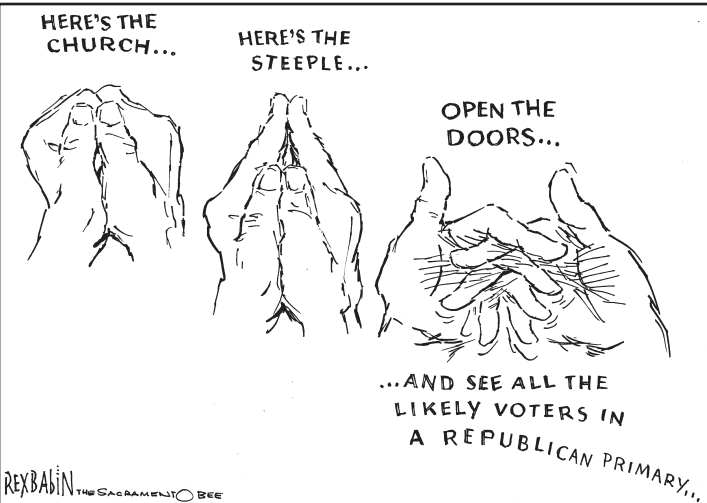
Notes the medical director of the WHO’s AIDS team, “Male circumcision should now be considered as an additional strategy for HIV prevention in the context of comprehensive prevention programs.”

That medical director’s name? Dr. Kevin De Cock.

I just can’t top that.

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**Weekly Out of Office Countdown:** Oops! In the midst of working on the Sia Amma appearance at The Palms, I forgot last week’s countdown. I’m back up to speed: 52 weeks until we uproot the Bush.



## LETTERS

### Lots of silent auction items

Dear Editor,

This year’s Winters Chamber of Commerce Year in Review features some awesome silent auction items, that have been graciously donated by area businesses, individuals and artists. Bidding on a silent auction item is easy. There is a minimum bid for each item noted on a list by each item. Put your name on the list with your own bid, and check back to make sure you still have the winning bid by the bidding deadline.

The following items are up for bid at this Saturday’s event, which takes place from 6-9 p.m. at the Winters Firehouse, located at 10 Abbey Street:

Dinner for four at the Buckhorn, mountain bike from Velo City, handblown glass vase from Nancy S. Meyer/Gateway Realty, rustology rooster from Briggs & Co., meal for 10 delivered to your home or business from Ludy’s Main Street Barbecue, bracelet from Jiley’s Studio; birthday swim party for 10 including barbecue, decorated cake, games and lifeguard from Cecilia Aguiar-Curry; Valentine’s Dream cake plate and treats from First Northern Bank, dragonfly yard art from an anonymous

donor, outdoor artwork print from Eagle Drug, Venetian art glass necklace from Jack Tanner/Winters Travel, 30 minute back/neck massage from Debra Lo Guercio - Certified Massage Therapist, Spiritual Burden Basket from Classic Video/Winters Participation Gallery, English pottery from Winters Antiques, 12-volt Skil drill from JDS Builders, two one-hour sports massages from Mark Baker – Certified Massage Therapist; three-hour tour of Stebbins Cold Canyon Reserve from Jeff Falyon, a premium bottle of wine from John Carbahal, auto service from Barbosa’s Auto and Tow, Valentine Basket, a Mary Kay spa basket from Jen Antoniou – Mary Kay Consultant, four tickets to “Bus Stop, red wine wreath glasses and Harry & David truffles from the Winters Theatre Group and a pass for one monthly show for two for the 2008 season from The Palms.

Make your best offer and don’t forget to bring your checkbook. All silent auction items are tax deductible.

**NANCY MEYER**  
Board member/silent auction coordinator  
Winters Chamber of Commerce

### Fond memories of Martin

Dear Charley,

Just a comment on Bob Martin, an old friend and schoolmate. We called him Bobby back then. He was a handsome, sweet boy from a great family. As a man, he was tall, still handsome, with amazing blue eyes. He was also, brave and heroic in his illness.

He set the bar high for his family and friends as he dealt with this cruel disease. He retained his dignity and his sense of humor to the end, all the while showing concern for those around him. He is what life is all about. He lived honestly and true and left a wonderful legacy for his family.

People like Bob are why I love Winters. His sister Janet is part of a group we lovingly call The Winters Girls, a ya ya sisterhood that became of age decades ago. We don’t meet often as a group but when we do, reminiscing is so much fun because we were fortunate enough to grow up in Winters in the ‘50s. Janet was Bob’s nurse his last two years and the relationship went beyond family ties. It was truly awesome to witness.

Like many others, my prayers and thoughts are with the Martin family at this time.

**JOYCE BISHOP MORRIS**

### Sanders had her in stitches

Dear Editor,

Here is my letter at last lauding the sideways humor of the Features page columnist Donald Sanders, who had me in stitches laughing at his bid to nominate himself for Citizen of the Year in Winters. Very nicely done.

When I finally finished laughing and wiping my eyes, I made my husband sit down and listen while I read it aloud, stopping

to let him guffaw as needed. It took awhile to finish, but we were both very happy afterwards and still laugh over his valiant and doomed attempt to find the Chamber of Commerce (Shouldn’t it be with the commerce?!).

Please pass on my thanks to him for his effort and his willingness to make me laugh.

**JO CRESCENT**

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**CHARLES R. WALLACE**

## A QUICK OPINION

**JUST VOTE NO.** The February 5 election may still be a couple of weeks away, but it isn’t too soon to discuss the ballot initiatives. Prop. 91 is a transportation initiative that the legislators took care of earlier this year and doesn’t need to be passed. Prop. 92 sets the fees paid at junior colleges but doesn’t care where the funding is coming from. It will come from the other grade levels, which are already being cut by a governor who can’t balance his own check book. Prop. 93 is trying to change our term limits, but it just makes things worse. If we want to change the legislators, let’s go back to a part time state government. If they aren’t in Sacramento, we don’t have to pay for their staff or bad initiatives.

I have nothing against gambling, but I don’t think we should be counting on gamblers to make up for our poor lawmakers in Sacramento. If we really cared about gambling revenue we would legalize it like Nevada did and build some casinos just outside of Sacramento or Truckee. Who would drive to Reno when you could stop before you had to chain up.

The Southern California Indian tribes have built casinos closer than Las Vegas, but Vegas is still the king in the entertainment world. Prop. 91, 92 and 93 would allow four Indian tribes to have as many slot machines as Lost Wages. There is just something wrong with this picture.

**GIVE A POUND, YOU’LL FEEL BETTER.**

Monday is another blood drive, and with all the news about a blood shortage, now might be a good time to give. If you haven’t given in the past, this is a good opportunity to try. It only takes about an hour, and there are free cookies and juice. Just show up at the Community Center between 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. with a picture ID. You have to be over 18 or have your parents permission, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health. There is no upper age limit to give blood.

Of all the things you can do to help someone out, I can’t think of anything better than being a blood donor. Maybe 40 years from now they can have my parts, too, but for now, I let them have a pint at a time.

Late night radio stations are always playing advertisements for blood cleaning drugs. If you believe the ads, you can rid yourself of all types of blood disorders, impurities or whatever else ails you. These drugs, or treatments, are all being sold by modern day snake oil salesmen. Think of your blood like the oil in your car. If you really want to cleanse your blood, change it once in a while. Blood Source will only take a pound at a time, but over the years, you’ll have cleaner blood than if you are still using the old stuff you were born with.

If Blood Source comes to Winters 5 times a year and you have about 20 pints of blood circulating around from your toes to you ears, every 4 years you’ll be as good as new.

Just something to think about.

**IF YOU REALLY WANT TO GET AWAY,** try Calistoga. Friends invited my permanent tenant and me to go with them to “the coast,” in their 5th wheel. 5th wheel is fancy for a trailer. I might add that Mike and Rita’s is a nice trailer. The coast turned out to be the fairgrounds in Calistoga. It was a new experience for both Sherri and myself.

There were other trailer people waiting for us at the fairgrounds and all seemed to enjoy the life of wandering tourists. Most of the group is retired and meet up, someplace, every month. From a retired Pac Bell employee to a retired city manager, they all seemed happy and got along well together.

The fairgrounds are nice enough. There is a small golf course, a racetrack that doesn’t look like it’s been used in while, pavilions and the normal fairground buildings. Downtown Calistoga has come a long way over the years. It is still a nice place to visit and you can walk from shop to shop, if you have the time.

We spent our day driving to wineries. The three we stopped at were all well staffed and customer friendly. It has been awhile since I’ve been wine tasting and I’d heard that the wineries now charge for tasting. The \$10 fee was cheap for the entertainment value, the nice glass that you get to keep, the sips of wine and the friendly company.

Sleeping in a trailer took some getting used to. I’m not used to heat and there are more lights in a kitchen than you think. The evening campfire was nice and having a kitchen and bathroom was a lot better than a tent and sleeping on the dirt. I passed up the chance to ride motorcycles with the group and voted to head for home and watch a couple of football games. Watching Brett Farve have a bad day made me think I should have stayed with the trailer clan and rode around the hills of Calistoga.

Have a good week.





# Colony collapse addressed at local honey bee workshop

By JUSTIN COX  
Staff writer

One out of every three bites of food taken by humans has been made possible by the work of pollinating insects, most commonly bees. Located in the heart of Northern California’s agricultural industry, Winters and its surrounding areas are highly dependant on the services these insects provide. With bee colonies abruptly disappearing since 2006 due to a little-understood phenomenon now known as Colony Collapse Disorder, crop pollination has become of increasingly special concern.

Farmers whose operations depend heavily on pollination are now saddled with the responsibility of either identifying the source of this disorder or finding ways to attract natural pollinators to assist in the pollination of their crops since Colony Collapse Disorder has had major commercial effects on the agricultural bee industry.

Local farmers and area residents interested in ColonyCollapse Disorder attended the Enhancing Habitat for Crop Pollinators in Yolo County workshop, held in Winters on Jan. 17 to hear the latest news about disappearing bees.

“Native bees can play a very important role,” says Katharina Ullman, California Pollinator Conservation Coordinator for the Xerces Society, a non-profit organization promoting the conservation of invertebrates. “You can provide resources and boost populations so that [pollinators] do work for you- diversify flowers and diversify bees.”

While scientists and professors study the causes of the wavering bee population, various practices, such as the strategic growing of hedgerows, may be implemented in the mean time to attract beneficial insects.

A hedgerow, according to Jude Hobbs, author of A Guide to Multi-Functional Hedgerows, is an old English term referring to narrow strips of agriculture that grow along field borders, fence lines and water ways. The intention is to provide habitat for a large variety of mammal, bird, reptile and insect species, many of which are beneficial predators of plant pests. They usually consist of a wide variety of trees and shrubs of various shapes, sizes and functions.

“There is no question this is the direction we should be taking,” says John Anderson of

Hedgerow Farms. “It started as a hypothetical dream, but it really works.”

“Hedgerows provide habitat and food for beneficial insects,” says Rachel Long, farm advisor at the UC Cooperative Extension, pointing out that by strategically locating them adjacent to crops that require pollination, a diverse group of natural insects will eventually settle in the area and positively affect nearby agriculture.

Wendy Rash of the Natural Resources Conservation Service points out that hedgerows do not have the typical manicured look of “ something out of Sunset Magazine.” Instead, they serve as small pockets of wild plant life, intended to mimic a natural habitat, attracting beneficial insects. Hedgerows are actually wild and natural looking by design.

While Colony Collapse Disorder has gained mainstream media attention over the past year, it’s not the first time pollinating bees have experienced sudden declines in population. According to Eric Mussen, Extension Api-culturist at UC Davis, Tracheal Mites killed about half of America’s worker bee colonies in 1984 and Varroa Mites caused similar disrup-

tion in 1987.

“We don’t currently have an answer,” he says of this most recent situation. “People have their fingers crossed. If the death rate continues like it has in the last 15 months, we’ll have a possible crisis.”

He notes that scientists are continuously looking for ways to address the causes of such problems, noting that another way to approach the problem is by interbreeding the bees to the point that they are more resistant to such disorders.

Only time will tell what will ultimately come of Colony Collapse Disorder. But with its causes still largely unknown and local demand for crop pollination so high, it seems that the implementation of hedgerows and the attraction of native pollinators is a smart first step.

Anderson says that while the initial construction of hedgerows requires regular attention and some extra time, “after a few years, there is almost no maintenance.”

To learn more about hedgerows and the benefits of native pollinators, visit the Xerces Society at [www.xerces.org](http://www.xerces.org) or the Natural Resources Conservation Service at [www.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov).

## Blood drive planned Monday

The Winters community will host a BloodSource blood drive at the Community Center on Monday, Jan. 28, 3-7 p.m. Donating blood is safe, easy and takes about an hour. Donors must weight at least 110 pounds, be at least 17 years old (16 with a parent’s consent) and be generally healthy. There is no upper age limit for blood donations.

BloodSource is offering everyone who gives blood at any of their blood drives a chance to win a two-night hotel stay in Napa or Lake Tahoe, valued at \$500. One donor’s name will be drawn each week in January, for a total of four winners. For more information, call 995-4420, ext. 11009

## Free Round Table pizza coupon offered for blood donors

This February and March, anyone who visits a BloodSource center or mobile blood drive to donate blood will receive a coupon for a free personal one-topping pizza from Round Table Pizza. BloodSource and Round Table Pizza have worked together to help main-

tain a safe and plentiful blood supply for Northern and Central Californians each winter for the last four years.

Blood donations help patients being treated for accidents, routine surgeries and diseases such as cancer, heart disease and hemophilia.

Giving blood is easy, safe and takes less than one hour, but only about 5 percent of the estimated 60 percent of eligible Americans donate blood.

To be a blood donor, you must be in generally good health, at least 17 years old (16 with par-

ent’s consent) and weigh 110 pounds or more. There is no upper age limit for donating blood. Prospective donors must bring a photo ID. To make an appointment, call (866) 822-5663.

To learn more about BloodSource, visit [www.bloodsource.org](http://www.bloodsource.org).

# Community

## Stone, Fridae up for re-election

By JUSTIN COX  
Staff writer

County-wide elections will take place on June 3. In addition to addressing various local propositions and measures, the ballot will address the council seats currently occupied by Mayor Woody Fridae and Councilmember Tom Stone, whose four-year terms are coming to an end.

Fridae and Stone have until March 7 to decide if they will run for re-election. Those seeking to run for the city council must file all necessary paperwork between Feb. 11 and March 7. If either Fridae or Stone decide not to run, the filing period will be extended to March 12 and those interested in running will be given the five extra days.

If Fridae decides not to run, Mayor Pro-Tempore Mike Martin will assume his position at the meeting immediately following the election. The mayor pro-tempore position will then be filled by the highest vote-getter from the June 3 election.

Those wishing to run for city council must be 18 years or older, registered to vote in Yolo County and live within the city limits.

All necessary documents and information are available at City Hall. These documents, in addition to general information, will include a section for each potential candidate to construct a personal statement, which will ultimately appear on the June 3 ballot.

For more information, call City Clerk Nanci Mills at 795-4910, Extension 101.

## Babb and Pitts plan to marry



LORI ANN BABB AND JEFFREY MARK PITTS

Lori Ann Babb and Jeffrey Mark Pitts have announced they plan to wed on July 19, 2008 in Chico. The bride to be is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Evert Babb and the late Delphine Babb of

Corning. She is a 1990 graduate of Corning High School and a 1997 graduate of Chico State University, and works in pharmaceutical sales.

The groom to be is the son of Debbie and

Richard Pitts of Winters. He is a 1996 graduate of Winters High School and a 2001 graduate of Chico State University. He is also employed in pharmaceutical sales.

## Yolo County landfill fees adjusted

The Yolo County Planning & Public Works Department, Division of Integrated Waste Management has announced adjustments to fees charged to customers disposing of unwanted materials at the Yolo County Central Landfill (YCCL) and Esparto Convenience Center (ECC). The new fee schedule, effective Jan. 16, represents the first change in fees in 10 years, and is expected to help the division provide better customer service, reduce illegal dumping and recover costs.

Customers of Yolo County disposal facilities will find that some fees have increased, some have been added and others have decreased. For example, to discourage illegal dumping, fees for microwave ovens have been eliminated, and bulky items such as sofas, large chairs and mattresses will be included in the flat fee rate and with no

additional charge.

“By eliminating fees for items frequently found tossed along county roads, such as sofas and mattresses, we hope to encourage customers to instead bring these items to our disposal facilities rather than dumping them on our rural roads,” said Deputy Director Linda Sinderson.

For other items, fees were added to enhance customer service, while others were increased to assist in recovering costs based on weight, bulk and difficulty of handling. Televisions, computers and all electronic waste, as well as batteries, used oil, cardboard, paper, mixed beverage containers and other materials will continue to be accepted for free daily at YCCL, and all but residential paint and e-waste are accepted for free at ECC.

Some of the fee increases include flat fees for all vehicles. At YCCL,

full-sized pickup and mini-pickup loads of waste will be raised from \$12 to \$15, and \$10 to \$12, respectively—still lower than other comparable facilities in the region. Flat fees for mini-pickups at ECC will be raised from \$12 to \$17.

Some of the new fees added include fees at YCCL for daily acceptance of business or commercial latex paint at \$1, \$4 and \$20 per 1-quart, 1 and 5-gallon containers, respectively, and the issuance of certificates of destruction for \$10.

For more information, visit [www.yolocounty.org/recycle](http://www.yolocounty.org/recycle) or call 666-8726.

## Fortnightly Club welcomes Donlevy

By AUDREY THURMOND  
Special to the Express

The members of the Winters Fortnightly Club welcomed both the New Year and their speaker, City Manager John Donlevy, at the meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 8. Donlevy presented the group with a number of demographic and descriptive statistics of Winters that helped to form a current picture of the city and to understand its future needs.

He spoke with pride of how the city “weathered the storm” in early January and of how the Bobbie Greenwood swim-

ming pool had come about “by working together.”

Donlevy shared the city’s Strategic Plan and left the group feeling better informed and hopefully as positive as he is about the city of Winters.

The business meeting was led by president Darlene Benson and covered plans for this year’s fund raiser — a fashion show and luncheon to be held on Sat., March 15, at the Community Center.

The club received a note of thanks from last year’s scholarship recipient, Jessica Jordan, who is attending St. Mary’s College.

**Getting married? Just had a baby? Graduated from college?**  
**Announce it in the Express — it’s free!**  
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## Putah Creek winter restoration events planned

The Putah Creek Council has cancelled its Winters creek restoration day planned for Saturday, Jan. 26, due to anticipated wet weather. It will be rescheduled some time in February. Another creek restoration event is planned on Saturday, Feb. 9, to plant the flats of native grasses that were raised as part of our Adopt-A-Flat Program.

Volunteers who participated in the Adopt-A-

Flat Program and seeded flats can bring their flats on Feb. 9 for planting or contact the Putah Creek Council to make arrangements for us to pick-up your flats if you cannot make the planting date.

Volunteers will meet at the Dana Abel Grove, the intersection of Hopkins

Road and Levee Road, on the UC Davis Riparian Reserve.

Additional information and directions, including maps, will be available on the Putah Creek Council website under Upcoming Events: [www.putahcreekcouncil.org](http://www.putahcreekcouncil.org).

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# METERS

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was made to the order of its execution. A rate study, which will consider the cost of both metered and non-metered programs, will now be the city's first step. From there a comprehensive schedule and implementation program will be put together.

"A non-metered system is inequitable," said Donlevy. "The low water users are subsidizing the high water users."

With the installation and purchase of the meters expected to be around \$800 per household, some members of the community have their concerns.

"I suggest this be tabled for tonight," said Winters resident Gail Wingard. "Citizens

should have a say in whether the meters be installed, in a ballot measure, perhaps.

In a written statement, Wingard suggested that \$800 will pose an especially difficult hardship for senior citizens and low-income members of the community, also citing a lack of communication between City Hall and senior citizens.

"This [metered system] seems to me something that senior citizens might be interested in," said Mayor Woody Fridae, noting that the current system has everybody paying equally, no matter how much water they use. In other words, a senior couple living in a one-bathroom home is paying the same amount as a large family with three bathrooms and a swimming pool. Fridae suggested that while the initial installation will certainly have a cost, bills will more appropriately reflect water usage, which is likely to be far lower for a senior citizen. Councilmembers and staff also pointed out that a payment plan will be developed so as to make this conversion possible for low-income families.

So, while the meters are not yet required by law, plans to get them operational in the near future remain intact.

"We all have to be conscious," said Councilmember Cecilia Aguiar-Curry. "Whether it's a financial or ecological decision, we have to think about the future. Water is only going to get more and more expensive."

Donlevy added that with the wavering economy and the inevitability of future inflation, it's in our best interest to move forward now, especially since we've already done so much work.

"Staff will be looking for ways to make this easier," said City Business Officer Shelly Gunby. "We don't want this to be an elephant on someone's back."

The city will conduct an aggressive public outreach campaign on water conservation as the plan continues to develop. In addition to educating the community as to how to save water, all households will receive a "mock bill" every month during the year leading up to the initiation of the new billing system. This will allow them to compare the metered cost to the flat rate and adjust accordingly if necessary.

"This is the responsible thing to do," said

Fridae. "It's the equitable thing to do, whether we are required to or not. It shows leadership to do so."

## Angel Investing

In an effort to establish new community development opportunities, the city has been in conversation with Golden Capital, a company whose angel investing program intends to advance the city economically by introducing Winters as a potential place of business.

Angel investing is type of high-risk investing focused on startup companies with a potential for very high return. Golden Capital's program would make Winters part of a group with Woodland, Davis, West Sacramento and Yolo County, with the intention of investing locally in an effort to foster economic growth. Each community would be expected to pay \$5,000 per year to participate in the program.

At the Nov. 29 council meeting, it was decided that the city should look into the possibility of paying \$2,500 per year, rather than the full \$5,000, because of our comparatively small size. Community Development Director Cas Elena pitched the idea to the surrounding communities and, while they didn't overtly dismiss the idea, they weren't entirely receptive either. Staff recommended at the Jan. 15 council meet-

ing that Winters participate as a full partner with hopes of drawing equal attention as the other communities.

"You aren't going to get the opportunity to dance if you don't first get into the dance," said City Manager John Donlevy, apologizing in advance for the analogy. "If you want to go to the dance, you've got to pay for the ticket. This buys us a seat at the table."

The program would make Winters a part of an internet database that will be available to a wide variety of local businesses. The idea would be to attract attention and potentially bring those businesses to Winters. The program would also consist of multiple events attended by local investors and business. These events would be hosted locally by the participating communities, although there is no guarantee any of them will be hosted in Winters.

"Sure, we could get a ticket to the dance," said Mayor Pro-Temp Mike Martin. "But we could walk in the door and just sit on the sidelines. With the players we're dealing with, I don't think we'll be getting too many dances."

Martin's point was that with the small size of Winters in comparison to the others involved, Winters could easily go unnoticed, while Davis, Woodland and West Sacramento, all of which

have a far deeper pool of resources, dominate the database and host all events. For this reason, the council remained apprehensive about paying an equal portion.

"I agree with some of the councilmembers," said Mayor Woody Fridae, who moved to approve the plan for the full \$5,000 per year. "But I feel this is a tool that will enable [Elena] to make some connections and do her job. I think we need to support her. I think we should go for it in the full amount."

With Councilmember Tom Stone not present, the vote resulted in a 2-2 tie, with Fridae and Martin approving and Cecilia Aguiar-Curry and Harold Anderson voting against it.

"It's a great opportunity," said Aguiar-Curry. "But I can't really justify it. I'm teetering."

"Who's going to invest if you don't have the infrastructure?" said Anderson, citing that even if businesses were to become interested in Winters, the city would have a difficult time providing a place for them.

The council ultimately voted unanimously to further pursue the possibility of going in at \$2,500 per year. They noted that as a community one-tenth the size of the others involved, Winters is still committing to pay half the amount as the others.

The council meets again on Tuesday, Feb. 5.

## Class addresses sustainability

Some say that in light of global warming and other environmental problems, sustainability, not better weapons or struggles for power or material accumulation, is the ultimate challenge to the energy and creativity of the human race. Thus, Green Sanctuary will offer Choices for Sustainable Living, an eight-session course exploring the meaning of sustainable living and the ties between lifestyle choices and their impact on the earth.

Topics include how the ways our society functions affect the earth, ecological principles, foods, buying, community, business and the economy.

The class is free, but each participant is required to buy the \$16 class textbook. Participants must read the first chapter before coming to the first class. To enroll and get a textbook, call 753-2581.

of Davis, 20274 Patwin Road in Davis. Using a discussion format, class participants will explore the meaning of sustainable living and the ties between lifestyle choices and their impact on the earth.

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# Nuestras Noticias



JUAN FERNANDEZ

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## FAFSA ayuda para estudiantes

Miles de estudiantes en este país que están en su último año de la escuela secundaria, desean asistir a un colegio o universidad, pero muchas veces el factor económico los detiene, porque creen que la universidad es muy cara para las posibilidades de su familia. Cada estudiante debería tener la oportunidad de asistir a la universidad sin importar su situación económica.

Muchas de nosotros los padres por lo general no estamos informados o familiarizados con las diferentes formas de ayudas económicas que pueden recibir nuestros hijos, muchos no sabemos como solicitar esa ayuda tan necesaria cuando nuestros hijos quieren inscribirse en la universidad. Al no haber estudiado en Estados Unidos, no sabemos qué hacer cuando nuestros hijos están a punto de terminar la secundaria o preparatoria y deben decidirse por una carrera o profesión que no pueden costear.

El primer paso que deben tomar es llenar el formulario FAFSA (Solicitud Gratuita de Ayuda Federal para el Estudiante) antes del 2 de marzo de cada año escolar. Los estudiantes todavía pueden presentar el formulario FAFSA después de la fecha límite; sin embargo, se hace más difícil recibir los fondos disponibles por el gobierno federal. El gobierno utiliza esta información para ponerla en una base de datos de computadora y así luego asignar la ayuda financiera. La ayuda federal puede ser destinada a cualquier universidad/colegio del país.

La Oficina de Ayuda Federal para Estudiantes, una dependencia del Departamento de Educación de Estados Unidos, es la encargada de crear, distribuir y tramitar los formularios de FAFSA que se utilizan para determinar qué estudiantes pueden beneficiarse.

¿Qué es FAFSA? FAFSA es la puerta que lleva a la ayuda financiera para el estudiante y su familia. Es la primera cosa de importancia que debe hacer una familia para iniciar el proceso de descubrir para qué tipo de ayuda es elegible, FAFSA es un formulario con muchas preguntas sobre la persona, sobre sus finanzas y sobre la familia. La utilizan los centros de educación superior para una serie de cosas, no sólo para ver la elegibilidad de recibir ayuda federal, sino que también ayuda a determinar la elegibilidad para programas estatales y de otro tipo.

La solicitud la pueden presentar las personas que están pensando en inscribirse en una universidad o en un colegio, de dos o de cuatro años.

Si su hijo o hija esta planeando asistir a la universidad, llene la solicitud, el formulario es un poco largo y tedioso, pero bien vale la pena llenarlo, ya que con esta información, el gobierno federal determina cuanta ayuda económica necesita la familia, para mandar a sus hijo a la universidad.

El formulario se puede llenar en línea, en el Internet, o en papel. Una vez enviado, al poco tiempo recibirá una carta llamada Student Aid Report (Reporte de Ayuda Estudiantil, SAR), donde se explicará a la familia la ayuda que puede recibir para educación y con cuánto dinero se espera que contribuya, es decir, la Expected Family Contribution (Contribución Esperada de la Familia, EFC) o la manera de calcular la capacidad de una familia de pagar por la educación superior.

Para este proceso se considera a un estudiante como dependiente incluso si tiene 18 años o más. No depende sólo de su edad, sino también de si se mantiene a sí mismo. Hay personas de 19, 20 y 21 años que siguen incluidas en las declaraciones tributarias de sus padres como dependientes. Si el estudiante es plenamente independiente, si no recibe ayuda alguna de sus padres, si presenta sus propias declaraciones tributarias, puede llenar FAFSA por su cuenta.

FAFSA no es ni una beca ni es un préstamo, pues es sólo el formulario que inicia el proceso para conseguir ayuda. No se concede dinero en el proceso, por lo tanto no se tiene que reembolsar nada por presentar FAFSA. Lo que se necesita es verificar lo que le envían del centro de estudios que acepte al estudiante, pues esto le dará una indicación sobre el tipo de préstamo (loan) para el que es elegible y para qué tipo de subvenciones o subsidios (grants).

Hay subsidios federales [dinero que no se tiene que devolver] disponibles para familias Según la necesidad. Cuando se llena este formulario, puede que se descubra que uno es elegible para la Pell Grant, que otorga varios miles de dólares en ayuda que no necesita reembolsarse. También se puede descubrir que es elegible para un préstamo—casi todo el mundo puede conseguir préstamos subsidiados federalmente—, es decir, este formulario no es la solicitud en sí, sólo le dice a uno para qué es elegible.

Lo importante es saber que hay ayuda federal disponible para familias en todo tipo de situaciones. Incluso la ayuda puede consistir en un trabajo en el campus que pague un Buen salario que pueda usarse para los costos de educación. Toda familia es elegible para un cierto tipo de ayuda”, Los Requisitos son: Ser ciudadano o residente permanente.

Para rellenar FAFSA necesita tener a mano —entre otros— los siguientes documentos: Número de Seguro Social o identificación de extranjero registrado; Número de licencia de manejo, si la tiene; Declaraciones tributarias (declaración de impuestos); Documentos referidos a asistencia que reciba la familia (welfare, ayuda temporal para familias necesitadas o cualquier tipo de ayuda); cuentas bancarios —si las tiene—, etc. Registros de ingresos no tributables: por ejemplo, beneficios del Seguro Social, de veteranos para el solicitante y sus padres. Información sobre ahorros, inversiones y negocios suyos y de los padres.

## Visas de Turista

Como inmigrantes, la mayoría de nosotros tiene familiares y amigos en México, en donde ellos tienen su trabajo y su vida hecha, y muchas veces se da la oportunidad de que vengan de visita a este país, por medio de una visa de turista. Pero en los últimos años las embajadas americanas en México, que son las que dan la visa, han puesto muchas restricciones, por motivos de seguridad.

Hace poco un amigo trato de conseguir una visa de turista para venir a los Estados Unidos, lo primero que tuvo que hacer fue una cita, y pagar \$130 dólares. Preparo toda la documentación que le pidieron, hizo copias de todo, y se presentó el día de la cita. Una vez en la embajada, un guardia lo paso a la ventanilla correspondiente, le hicieron las preguntas de rigor, y le pidieron sus documentos. Tenía todo. Bueno, casi. Le pidieron un comprobante de domicilio, y para su mala suerte no tenía nada que acreditara su domicilio. El empleado del consulado fue tajante: “No se puede hacer nada”.

Así, sin más, le negaron la visa. No valieron explicaciones. No valieron muestras de otros documentos, de ingresos, de trayectoria laboral. Nada. La decisión era terminante: No le iban a dar la visa. Punto. Bastó menos de un minuto para decidir.

Todos sabemos o hemos sabido de casos similares de rechazo de parte de los funcionarios consulares americanos. Es muy común en todo el mundo que les nieguen la visa americana a extranjeros, sobre todo en México.

Día a día, después del 11 de septiembre de 2001, los consulados y embajadas americanas de todo el mundo se han puesto más estrictos con los requisitos para solicitar visa. (Lo más duro es tener que pagar los como 100 dólares, 130 dólares empezando el mes de enero, por solicitud, sin que le den garantía de que al final le van a dar la visa. Y si se la niegan, el dinero no es reembolsable.)

Más aún, a pesar de que a usted le vaya bien, y le den la visa, ésta no es garantía de que lo dejarán entrar a Estados Unidos. Ahí, en letras pequeñas pero muy claras, el sello dice que la autorización para entrar o no es “a discreción del agente de Inmigración que lo reciba en el puerto de entrada”.

“A discreción”. Esa frase significa que, en la frontera, aeropuerto o cruce, el agente de inmigración es el amo absoluto de su destino. Él y sólo él decidirá si le hace válida la visa y lo deja entrar, o le niega el paso y hasta le puede quitar o cancelar el documento que tanto le costó sacar. No importa que usted proteste, se enoje, o patalee: Si el agente sospecha que usted es “persona non grata”, nomás no lo deja pasar. Así nomás.

Es cierto que la ley americana le da todo el

poder al agente aduanal para dejarte pasar, o rechazarte, pero esto puede dar lugar a abusos y atropellos. ¿Qué tal, por ejemplo, si un día un agente se levante de malas, y le caigamos mal, sin deberla ni temerla? Nos va a mandar por un tubo. Y como todo está a “discreción” de él, no importa que traigamos todos los documentos, No nos autoriza y ya. Se nos acabó la ilusión.

No es justo, cierto. Pero es una realidad. Y hay que aceptarla.

Por principio, hay que entender que la misión de los funcionarios del consulado no es darle a usted o a mí, como extranjeros, una visa. Al contrario: Su trabajo es precisamente negarla. Los funcionarios del consulado no fueron contratados de mayordomos, para ponerte el tapete de “Welcome” y darte todas las facilidades para entrar a su país. Al contrario: Ellos son filtros. Su trabajo es NO dejar pasar. Si no a todos, por lo menos a los menos posibles. Si no, ¿para qué los contratan? Si les van a dar visa a todos, mejor que abran la frontera y ya.

¿Que los americanos se beneficien en su economía con nuestras visitas, con nuestra emigración, con nuestra fuerza de trabajo? Totalmente de acuerdo.

Pero muchos de los electores americanos no piensan igual. Y ellos son los que votan.

La realidad es que los que estamos aquí, somos extranjeros, y el estar aquí no es un derecho, es un privilegio que este país nos ha concedido, así que no tengamos esa idea de que el venir aquí como turista es muy fácil, es difícil, y mas difícil se pondrá. Al final de cuentas el dueño es el que manda, si Estados Unidos nos abre las puertas, ellos tienen la ultima palabra, y si nos la cierra negándonos la visa, ellos son los dueños.

Cuando un familiar o un amigo vaya a solicitar una visa en México, lo mejor que usted puede hacer es darle los siguientes consejos: dígame que respire profundo. No repele, no se pele. No se frustre. No es bueno para su salud, y causa úlceras. Enojarse no resuelve nada.

Mejor junte todos sus papeles. Lleve todo lo que le pidan. Prepárese con tiempo. Llegue puntual a la cita, y no haga escándalo. Adviértale que no espere buenas noticias. Las personas detrás de esa ventanilla, de ese escritorio, solo hacen su trabajo. Y tomarán su decisión, nos guste o no.

Dígale no espere nada de ellos. O mejor aún: Espere lo peor. Estése preparado para que le nieguen la visa. Si se la dan, qué bueno, será una agradable sorpresa. Y si no, pues de todas maneras ya estaba preparado, por si acaso. La decepción será menos dolorosa. Como doloroso será perder los 130 dólares.

## Nuevas licencias de conducir

La semana pasada el gobierno federal presentó los reglamentos que van a regir la expedición de nuevas licencias de manejar y tarjetas de identidad, que según dijeron van a ser a pruebas de falsificaciones y fraudes, tratando de combatir a los terroristas y estafadores, y de paso a los inmigrantes ilegales. Todo es parte del programa conocido en inglés como “Real ID”, aprobado por el Congreso en 2005 cuyo objetivo es evitar que posibles terroristas e indocumentados puedan adquirir licencias de conducir.

A su vez los estados deberán empezar a trabajar, para empezar el proceso de cumplir con todos los requisitos de seguridad que ha establecido el gobierno federal, en lo que se refiere a licencias y documentos de identidad. El programa establece que para el año 2017, los gobiernos estatales tendrán que haber completado la emisión de licencias de conducir y cédulas de identidad a prueba de fraude.

El primer problema que se tendrá es ver si los estados van a trabajar de acuerdo al programa Real ID, porque empezando por California, ya ha asegurado que no va a colaborar como lo

quiere el gobierno federal. Y si las licencias que otorguen los estados no cumple con lo que pide el gobierno federal, no serán aceptadas como documento de identidad federal. Y si no es aceptada por el gobierno federal, no podremos subirnos a los aviones o entrar a edificios federales, a menos que presenten documentos de identidad adicionales o sean sometidos a una revisión secundaria.

Los solicitantes en cada estado deberán presentar al Departamento de Vehículos Motorizados (DMV) documentos que comprueben su identidad y su estatus legal en EE.UU., tales como pasaportes, tarjetas de Seguro Social, recibos de sueldo o certificados de ciudadanía, entre otros. Y el departamento de vehículos tendrá que ver que los documentos sean legítimos.

Según el cronograma de “Real ID”, los conductores menores de 50 años tienen plazo hasta el 1 de diciembre de 2014 para obtener las nuevas licencias, y el resto en un plazo adicional de tres años. El gobierno federal pondrá a disposición de los estados mas de 300 millones de dólares para la ayuda de la implementación de los nuevos documentos.

## Pagina web del tribunal ofrecido en español

Yolo Superior Court lanzó recientemente una versión española de la pagina web del tribunal. Esta nueva opción contiene la mayor parte de la misma información que puede ser conseguida acceso a en la página principal del tribunal que incluye calendarios, diarios, información de causa penal, las direcciones a todas ubicaciones del tribunal, así como una opción en la web del pago para multas de tribunal.

El sitio web proporciona los recursos para litigantes de represen-

tentes y contesta muchas preguntas que tendran sobre del tribunal. Hay también conexiones a otros sitios web de California, inclusive la Oficina Administrativa de los Tribunales Auto Sitio web de Ayuda (también disponible en español), The California State Bar, y la página web del Condado de Yolo.

La conexión para conseguir acceso al sitio web en español puede ser encontrado en el fondo rincón de la pagina de Yolo Superior del Tribunal localizada en [www.yolo.courts.ca.gov](http://www.yolo.courts.ca.gov).

## Cuentos en español para niños

Los amigos de la biblioteca de Winters presentaran, Cuentos en Español para niños que se llevara a cabo todos los miercoles de las 10 a.m. asta las 10:30a.m. Estos eventos seran en la biblioteca de Winters, 201 First Street. Durante esta actividad tendra cuentos, obras de teatro y canciones para los

niños.

Esta actividad es para niños pequeños, estudiantes preescolares, y sus padres/abuelos. El asistir la actividad le ayudara a su hijo/a entender ingles.

Este programa es patrocinado por First 5 de Yolo para ayudar a los niños de la comunidad.

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# SCHOOL

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and a few board members said they'd rather delay than act immediately, a prospect the district staff sought to avoid.

Mitchell's final proposal eliminated the controversial change to the high school program. A price will be paid — this plan cuts only enough for one year as opposed to two, and the district will have to start the restructuring process all over again this fall. The superintendent's change did produce one desired result: the board acted instead of delaying.

With the prospect of huge additional cuts announced by the governor just a few weeks ago, the painful round of cost cutting next fall would have happened anyway, only now everything is twice as bad.

The general fund changes, amounting to \$256,029, include:

- ~ Reducing employees' rollover reserve, saving \$40,000.
- ~ Reducing non-personnel general fund expenditures, saving \$58,805.
- ~ Receiving credit due to a timely E-rate application, saving \$4,500.
- ~ Turning off computers on weekends, saving \$12,000.
- ~ Consolidating facilities and transportation director positions, saving \$68,645.
- ~ Eliminating a business services technician position, saving \$44,403.
- ~ Moving district secretary costs to a restricted fund account, saving \$10,868.

On a proposal by trustee Rob Nickelson, the board chose not to reduce the Wolfskill counselor position by 20 percent and not to reduce a grounds keeper position by 25 percent. Instead, the board chose to cut the funding for travel and conferences, saving \$29,619, \$8,000 more than the position reductions would have generated.

Nickelson, who has spoken against the senior project program in past meetings, also moved to terminate the program. High school principal George Griffin was present for this meeting, and reviewed the cost savings, which he estimated as \$4000 from lottery funds. The motion failed for lack of a second.

The board also approved the superintendent's proposal to use one-time funds to continue a number of positions for which regular funding has disappeared or declined. The positions include half-time intervention teachers at Waggoner and SRIS, part time medical positions such as nurse, clerk, therapist and psychologist and two custodial positions.

Trustee Tom Harding asked about using one-time funds.

"It's been hammered into our heads that we don't use one time funds for ongoing programs," said Harding.

Mitchell agreed with the wisdom, but answered there is more one time funding than usual.

"If you don't do this, you will have to take action to eliminate every one of those positions," said Mitchell, "because those positions are not supported by the general fund."

## State to cut funds

Mitchell discussed the governor's proposed cuts to school funding, due to the \$14 billion budget shortfall.

"I need to remind you," said Mitchell, "the context for the restructuring and cost reductions has to do with declining enrollment. There was no attempt to determine

what might happen at the state level as regards the budget."

The analysis of the governor's comments in December by School Services and the school boards association shows a possible 2.4 percent reduction in regular school funding, known as the "base revenue limit," replacing what would have been a 4.9 percent cost of living increase. The total value would be \$234,000 for 2008/2009, according to Mitchell's comments.

Additionally, there would be a 6.5 percent reduction in funding for special education funds, bringing the total up to \$283,000. Added to that would be a cut in categorical funds of \$284,000. Categorical funds are outside the control of the board.

"We will have to come back to the board to discuss additional reductions," said Mitchell. "In May we will have a financial revise from the state. The board will need to take action by June 30 on the budget for 08/09. All our sources indicate it is highly unlikely the state will have adopted the budget prior to when you as a board have to adopt the budget for the district. The county office will hold the district accountable for preparing a budget based on the information that is available at the time."

Trustee Matt Brickey asked about the total cuts for 08/09 if the governor gets his way. Mitchell answered \$505,000.

"But that's not for sure," said Nickelson.

"It might not be for sure, but we know there might be cuts," said trustee Mary Jo Rodolfa.

"So that's doubled the cuts we've been talking about for two months," said Brickey.

"I do know," said Mitchell, "you will have to take action based on what we do know. If there are no changes in the governor's May revise, you will have to take action based on (the governor's proposed) \$283,000, just in the general fund."

"What we've been talking about for the past several months," said Rodolfa, "are reductions due to declining enrollment. What is coming out of the state are actual cuts. Even if we had the same number of students, the state would be giving us less."

In other words, the restructuring process does not cut costs per student, but the governor's intended cuts actually will.

Director of Educational Services Emilie Simmons made a plea for stable financial planning.

I want to urge you to take some action to put in some fiscal stability in an unstable environment," said Simmons. "It's really hard to plan programs without knowing what our resources are to work with. And I urge you to find the funds for the coordinator of educational options."

"We are at a place where I am encouraged. We are seeing some momentum to work on truly closing the achievement gap. I would hate to see us lose that momentum again."

## Recognitions

The district recognized student Mattielyn Long, with applause and a plaque.

"Mattie is an outstanding student, as well as an outstanding office aide," said high school principal George Griffin. "She's a founding member of the Interac club, which is a new service organization. She's a positive member wherever she is, and she is a pleasure to be around."

Another plaque and a round of applause went to departing city plan-

ning director Dan Sokolow.

"We have very much appreciated the leadership that you have provided the school district," said Mitchell, "to stay in communication regarding status of housing developments and the impacts on the schools."

The district recognized two members as representatives of the Music

Boosters.

"There's lots and lots of people," said Griffin, "that work hard and donate in order to help this group help our music program. Thank you for helping us continue to offer a quality music program."

The next school board meeting takes place on Feb. 7, at 6:30 p.m., at the school district office.



# Entertainment

## ‘Bus Stop’ opens March 7

The Winters Theatre Company production of “Bus Stop” begins on Friday, March 7, with a gala opening at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center. The show continues Fridays and Saturdays, March 8-15, at 8 p.m., and on Sundays, March 9 and 16, at 2 p.m.

Admission is \$9 general, \$6 seniors and students. Admission to the gala opening is \$11. For tickets or more information call 795-4014.

## Blues night to benefit KDRT

Join local favorites, The Bill Scholer Blues Band with special guest, Barry “The Fish” Melton for an all-star blues jam on Saturday, Jan. 26, 6:30-9:30 p.m. at the Odd Fellows Hall, 415 Second Street in downtown Davis.

Enjoy wine, appetizers, beer and blues, while helping to support local media. KDRT 101.5FM community radio and The Flatlander, Davis’ independent newspaper, are partnering to host this event to increase awareness and support for preserving local media for local voices.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students and children, and will be available at the door, at Armadillo Music (758-8058) and can be purchased at the KDRT website at [www.kdrt.org](http://www.kdrt.org).

For more information, call KDRT Station Manager Jeff Shaw, 757-2419, or Event Coordinator Diane Buchanan, 756-5878.

## Ulrich featured at Performers Circle

Village Homes Performers Circle will meet on Monday, Jan. 28, from 7:15-9 p.m. at the Village Homes Community Center, 2661 Portage Bay in Davis. This free event is for performers of all levels and listeners. It is held on the fourth Monday of each month. The featured act performs from 8:30-9 p.m.

Featured performer Michael Ulrich sings original narratives that follow outsider heroes off the beaten path. With humor at turns subtle and barefaced, Michael’s songs prove that gravity and fun can profitably co-exist. Following the ambitious and protean pop of The Beatles, Elvis Costello, XTC and Bob Dylan, Ulrich sings wry tales of solitary wanderers, tropical boatmen, suburban guerrillas, and secret agents of improbable virtue. Joining Ulrich are keyboardist Alex Culang, guitarist Ryan Fitzgerald and singer Teresa Eggers.

This is a free event. For more information, call 759-8479.



Courtesy Photo

**Mark Olson will perform at The Palms on Monday, Feb. 4, joining Lost Highways recording artist Mary Gauthier.**

## Olson to join Gauthier at The Palms

Mark Olson will perform at The Palms on Monday, Feb. 4, joining Lost Highways recording artist Mary Gauthier. He was the founding member and songwriter for the Jayhawks, pioneers of the alt-country movement. He left the band as their biggest single, “Blue,” was still climbing the charts so that he could live a simpler life

in Joshua Tree with his wife Victoria Williams.

Earlier this year, he released his first solo album, “The Salvation Blues,” to incredible acclaim. With deeply personal lyrics penned during an introspective journey on the trains and walkways of Europe, Olson has entered an entirely new phase in his musical career, and the critics agree that it’s a

great one. Among others, the Village Voice calls it “Olson’s finest, most fully realized work,” and Harp pegs this “Olson’s best since his Jayhawks days.”

Tickets are \$, and are available at Pacific Ace Hardware and at the door. For more information about Olson, visit [www.myspace.com/markolsonmusic](http://www.myspace.com/markolsonmusic).

## West Valley Chorus presents ‘Tribute to Broadway’

The West Valley Chorus, representing the Davis-Vacaville’s chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society, will present its annual performance, “Tribute to Broadway,” on Friday, Feb. 1, at 7:30 p.m. at the Veterans’ Memorial Auditorium in Davis and Saturday, Feb. 2, at the Vacaville Performing Arts Auditorium in Vacaville at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m.

The show features the 35 member chorus (Ollie Brilhante, director); the

perennially hilarious comedy quartet Atonic Explosion; the regionally acclaimed female ensemble Encore; and the chorus’ own chapter quartets, High Rollers and Berryessa Gold. The show is rated Family Friendly and features musical and comedy entertainment.

Tickets for the Davis performance are available at Armadillo Music, 205 F Street in Davis, 758-8058. Tickets cost \$12 for adults, \$10 for students and seniors, \$10 apiece

for block of eight tickets.

Tickets for the Vacaville performance are available at the VPAT box office, (707) 449-6217, Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and will also be available for one hour prior to the show. Tickets for the 7:30 performance cost \$15 for adults, \$12 for students and seniors, and \$10 apiece for blocks of eight. Tickets for the matinee cost \$12 for all seats.

## Events coming up to attend around Yolo and Solano County

**Feb. 1:** Guitarist, singer, and songwriter Roger McGuinn is an American music icon. Best-known as the mastermind behind the pioneering folk-rock band the Byrds and 1960s hits including “Mr. Tambourine Man,” “Turn, Turn, Turn,” and “Eight Miles High,” McGuinn’s brilliant rock and roll arrangements of traditional folk material and unique guitar style

have influenced generation after generation of musicians. McGuinn will perform at 8 p.m. in the Mondavi Center’s Jackson Hall on the UC Davis campus. Tickets are available 754-2787 or online at [MondaviArts.org](http://MondaviArts.org).

**Through Feb. 2:** The John Natsoulas Center for the

Arts will present its first Trompe L’Oeil Ceramic Artists Exhibition, one of the most rare and exuberant survey shows of contemporary trompe l’oeil ceramic artists in the United States. The gallery is located at 521 1st Street in Davis. For more information, call Nancy Resler, 756-3938.

## Film festival has environmental themes

Lightening the Load, a free festival featuring films hoped to educate and inspire people to work for a better future, will be held in the UU Church of Davis Library, 27074 Patwin Road on Saturday, and Sunday, Jan. 26-27. Four films will be shown:

~ Jan. 26, 2:15 p.m.: “The End of Suburbia,” about development of housing patterns in the US and implications for the future as we reach the peak and decline of oil and other resources.

~ Jan. 26., 4:15 p.m.: “The Power of Community: How Cuba Survived Peak Oil,” an uplifting look at how the Cuban people adapted when the Soviet Union collapsed and left Cuba with access to 80 percent less petroleum-based products. A brief discussion time will follow both movies.

~ Jan. 27, 12:30 p.m., “Kilowatt Ours: A Plan to Re-Energize America,” an overview of how energy is produced and some of the ways that towns,

school districts and individuals have cut their energy use and saved big bucks by doing so.

~ Jan. 27, 1:40 p.m., “What a Way to Go: Life At the End of the Empire,” about coming to grip with peak oil, climate change, mass extinction, population overshoot, etc. A brief discussion time will follow the movie.

During the break between the two films each day, there will be water tasting (bottled vs. filtered vs. Davis water) to challenge taste buds. Free popcorn will be served. Be green and bring two cups — one for the water tasting and one for popcorn. The films are appropriate for junior high students and up. The public is welcome. The film festival is presented by the UCD Green Sanctuary Committee: “Striving for environmental justice and sustainability.”

**Getting married? Just had a baby? Graduated from college? Announce it in the Express — it’s free! Call 795-4551 for assistance**



# Sports

## Find A Cure Night was successful

By ERIC LUCERO  
Express sports

Winters High School held their second annual Find A Cure Night on Friday, Jan. 18, at Young Gymnasium prior to the Warriors varsity boys' basketball game. The annual event is held in memory of Jared Davis, a 2005 Winters High School graduate and co-team captain of the 2005 section championship team. Jared passed away on Aug. 8, 2006 at the age of 19, following a battle with aplastic anemia.

Ben Geerts, assistant coach and "second father" to Davis spoke to the crowd before the game and talked about what type of person Jared was. Geerts thanked the Winters High School administration and athletic department for allowing all proceeds to go to the Jared Davis Scholarship Fund and thanked the visiting team Las Plumas High School for participating.

"It was a successful event," said Geerts. "It was tough to get through but I think it went well."



Photo by Eric Lucero

The Davis family (from left) Sue, Ross, Zach and Ashley Davis stand with the jersey that Jared Davis wore his senior year at Winters High School.

Jared's family was also there in honor of their son and brother. Jared's father Ross, mother Sue, his sister

Ashley and twin brother Zach attended. When asked to describe her son, Sue said, "Jared truly believed in One

Ego." One Ego was the motto for the 2005 championship team, a motto that Jared lived by on and off the court.



Photo by Eric Lucero

Cody Romero flies high above a Las Plumas defender as he drives to the basket for a shot on Friday, Jan. 18.

## Warriors play with heart on Find A Cure Night

By ERIC LUCERO  
Express sports

The Winters Warriors varsity boy's basketball team may have lost to the visiting Las Pumas High School team on Friday, Jan. 18, but not from a lack of effort or desire. The Warriors lost 37-49 to the Thunderbirds but showed how the game is supposed to be played. The game was played in loving memory of Jared Davis on Find A Cure Night and the Warriors couldn't have played with more heart. From the moment they came out of the locker room until they walked off the floor they gave the Thunderbirds all they could handle. If the Warriors can bottle that energy and passion for the rest of their games they will definitely put more vic-

tories on their record.

Aaron Geerts led the Warriors with 14 points, followed by T.J. Johnson with 10, Kelven Leverett and Kevin Rowell each had four points, Donnie Garcia scored three and Alex Huizar scored two points for the Warriors.

Winters started the week off on the road as they traveled to Orland on Tuesday, Jan. 15. They had a tough time against the Trojans, one of the top teams in the league, with a 40-63 loss.

Garcia led the Warriors with 11 points. Maurice Ackridge, Jules Damey and Leverett all scored six points. Rowell scored five points. Huizar scored three points. Miguel Del Rio scored two points, and Geerts put in one point for the Warriors.

## Where are they now?

By ERIC LUCERO  
Express sports

Here are a few former Winters High School athletes that are still enjoying playing a sport at the next level for the fall and the Winter sports. If anybody knows of a former Winters High School student that is playing a sport beyond high school please let the Express know.

J.D. Hellinger, a 2002 Winters High School graduate, is in his junior year as quarterback for the Humboldt State University football team.

Natalie Cooley, a 2006 Winters High School graduate, is in the middle of her sophomore season on the Solano College women's basketball team.

Lauren Yehle, a 2007 Winters High graduate, is in her freshman season on the Shasta College women's basketball team.

## Winters Kids Club Wrestlers take home 11 medals

By RORY LINTON  
Special to the Express

The Kids Club Wrestlers brought home three firsts, two seconds, five thirds and one fourth place at the Crazy Wolf Classic, held in Roseville on Jan. 13.

"Winters had 20

wrestlers entered and 11 placed. That's quite an accomplishment for a young program" says KCW board member and assistant coach Dan Nicholas "Coach Rod Johnson has done an excellent job with these kids."

"The club has grown to

24 kids in the 5th grade and younger program this year" says vice president and high school coach Tim Hausler. "Our goal is to see 50 kids on our mat next year".

Placing in first was Mason Rodriguez 3-0, Morgan Nicholas 4-0 and Zachary Linton 4-0. Gary

Molina 1-1 and Chaz Mathews 3-1 placed second. Receiving third place medals were Mark Camarena 1-2, Christian Cushman 2-2, Luis Diaz 2-1, Jacob Lowrie 2-2 and Wil Maldonado 1-2. Taking fourth was Eduardo Diaz 1-2.

## Little League sign-ups

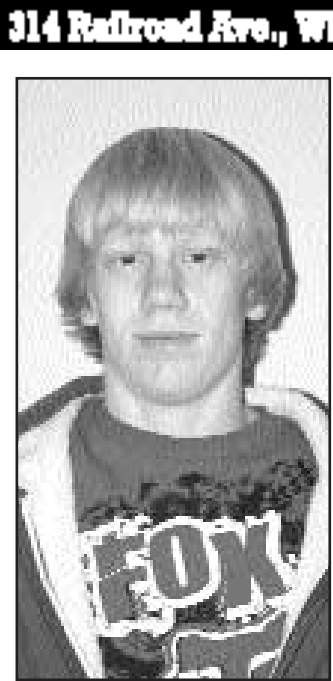
Late registration for this year's Winters Little League baseball and softball season is planned on Thursday, Jan. 24, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Winters Firehouse, located at 10 Abbey Street. The late registration fee is \$60 per player. The parent participation fee is \$50.

For more information, call Jenny Rodriguez, 383-8488.

Thanks to all those who helped during Find A Cure Night.

## CODY'S ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

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## Kevin Hyde

Kevin Hyde, a player on the Winters High School freshman boy's basketball team, is this week's athlete of the week. In the Warriors' first two league games, Hyde averaged 17 points a game for the Warriors.

"Kevin was shooting the ball well and hits some big three pointers for us," said coach Matt Baker. "But he has really helped us out defensively. He has had to match up with the other teams best ball handler in the last few games and did a great job."

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# Schools

## *It's Sock Hop time!*



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**It's Sock Hop time!** Helping to spread the word are, from left (back) Logan Ray and Zach Seelye, and (front) Camryn Hamilton and Corinne McKenna. The annual Winters PTA Sock Hop takes place on Friday, Jan. 25, from 6-8 p.m. at Shirley Rominger Intermediate School. All students in grades K-5 are welcome, and must be accompanied by a parent. There is no charge to attend, and prizes will be awarded for the best '50s style costumes.

## Public health officials remind parents that shots aren't just for babies

By DEEDEE GILLIAM  
Director of Public Health  
Nursing  
Special to the Express

This week, January 20-26, is Preteen Vaccine Week in California. This week highlights the importance of immunizations and regular doctor visits for 11 and 12 year olds. Yolo County health officials want to take this opportunity to remind parents that children need immunizations at different ages until adulthood and that preteen aged children have immunization requirements.

"California's youth are our greatest asset, and protecting their health is our responsibility," said Dr. Bette Hinton, Yolo County Health Officer. "Ensuring they get immunized and see a doctor regularly not only protects their health today; it also teaches them the importance of good health for the future."

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), and the Society for Adolescent Medicine (SAM) recommend that all 11 and 12 year olds go to a preteen check-up. This doctor's visit is also a great opportunity for parents, preteens, and their health care providers to discuss other preventive measures such as eating right, importance of regular physical activity and standing up to peer pressure.

The CDC recommends the following vaccines for 11 and 12 year-olds: a meningococcal shot and a Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis) booster. They also recommend immunization

against human papillomavirus (HPV) which is for girls only. It is also a good time for preteens to get caught up on any childhood immunizations they may have missed such as a second chickenpox shot. Flu immunization is also recommended for anyone who wants protection for the flu and is especially important for preteens with chronic health conditions such as asthma or diabetes or those who have contact with infants and young children.

"Many parents have not seen the devastating effects of diseases that were common a few decades ago such as polio, diphtheria, and measles. Thanks to vaccines, these diseases are rarely seen in the United States today. However, we need to continue to prevent serious diseases by immunizing our communities. Over the last five years, anywhere from five to over 100 cases of whooping cough (pertussis) were reported in our county," added Hinton.

Whooping cough is one of the most common respiratory diseases among teens. It causes a severe cough that can last weeks or months and can sometimes cause pneumonia or hospitalization. The

Tdap vaccine helps protect preteens and teens against this disease. It can also protect their families and close contacts.

Meningococcal infection can be very serious. The infection can rapidly progress to meningitis, pneumonia, and even death. About 10 percent of teens who get the disease die from it and another 15 percent will have long-term disability because of it.

The HPV vaccine protects girls from developing cervical cancer in adulthood. The vaccine is given as three shots over six months, and can be given at the same time as the other recommended vaccines.

Parents of preteens are urged to schedule an appointment with their child's doctor to make sure their immunizations are up-to-date. If your preteen does not have health insurance, or is only partially insured, the Yolo County Children's Alliance can assist in finding out if the child is eligible for health insurance. They can be reached at (866) 607-4030.

For more information, visit [www.GetImmunizedCA.org](http://www.GetImmunizedCA.org).

## Free children's nutrition class offered

Woodland Healthcare is offering a free health education class about healthy nutrition for kids at its Davis Medical Office, 2330 West Covell Boulevard in Davis. Twenty-five million children and teens are either overweight or on the brink of becoming overweight, according to the National Health and Nu-

trition Examination Survey.

"Healthy School Nutrition," presented by Woodland Healthcare Registered Dietician Laurie Kamigawachi, will be offered from 6:30-8 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 28. Are your kids eating a healthy breakfast and lunch, now that they're back to school after the

holidays? In this seminar, learn nutrition tips for healthy meals, creative snacks and guidelines for healthier fast food choices.

For more information, or to register for this class, call 669-5570.

For more information about Woodland Healthcare, visit [www.woodlandhealthcare.org](http://www.woodlandhealthcare.org).

## Babysitting, CPR classes offered for youth

Free American Red Cross Babysitting and CPR classes will be offered for youth in Winters during February and March.

An Infant & Child CPR for Babysitters will be held on Saturday, Feb. 2, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., followed by a Babysitter Training class on Saturday, March 15, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Both classes will be held at the Winters Fire

Station, 10 Abbey Street.

These classes are open for youth between the ages of 11 and 15. They are free to those who enroll, and are made possible by a grant from the Anderson Family Foundation.

Upon completion of the classes, students will receive an American Red Cross Infant & Child CPR certification, as well as a Babysitter

Training certificate. Students can enroll in one or the other, or both classes.

Call the Red Cross, 662-4669, to register or register online at [www.yc-arc.org](http://www.yc-arc.org). Youth must be pre-registered, and space is limited. The American Red Cross is located at 120 Court Street, Woodland.

## ROTARY CLUB OF WINTERS *STUDENT OF THE MONTH*

# Justin Hyer



Mrs. Constance Coman presented the Rotary Student of the Month award to Justin Hyer at a recent Rotary meeting. Mrs. Coman commented about what a "fantastic student and person Justin is." She went on to say that he supports her class with his intelligence and shares his knowledge with his fellow students. Justin is active in sports teams and is one of the top students in his class. "Justin is a sophomore but he will be a community leader someday," Mrs. Coman told the lunchtime crowd. Justin's parents, David and Kim Hyer, were present for his recognition.



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# freshman split league games

By ERIC LUCERO  
Express sports

The Winters High School freshman boy's basketball team played two league games last week starting with Orland on the road on Tuesday, Jan. 15. The Warriors played a tough game and had to take some tough calls and lost by one at the buzzer.

"This was a tough game for us because we could have played a lot better," said coach Matt Baker. "We never really played with the intensity we are used to. Defensively, we weren't able to dictate the tempo of game that we wanted to. In the end, we let the home team hang around too long and were beat by a three point basket in the last sec-

onds."

The Warriors lost 42-43. Kevin Hyde had another big night scoring 16 points to lead the Warriors. Sebastian Mahnke scored 10 points, Sam Newman and Tony Breavor each scored six, while Dago Fierros and Zach Higgins each put in two points for the Warriors.

They played at home on Friday, Jan. 18 and hosted Las Plumas for another league game and picked up a 40-30 victory.

"We had something to prove to ourselves coming off the one point loss to Orland," Baker said. "I felt like we played with intensity on both ends of the court right from the start which set the tone for how

we wanted the game to be played. I was really proud of the way the second group played. They were able to come into the game and play really good defense, giving our starters a good amount of rest. Defensively I felt that Tony Brever, Juan Tovar, Dago Fierros, David Damey, and Jesse Carabez did an outstanding job."

Mahnke led the Warriors in scoring with 14 points. Hyde scored seven points, Higgins scored six, Fierros scored four, David Damey scored three points, Newman and Breavor each scored two, while Jesus Quirarte and Juan Tovar each scored one point for the Warriors.

# Warriors tough on the mat

By ERIC LUCERO  
Express sports

The Winters High School wrestling team is still small in numbers but tough on the mat. The Warriors traveled to Orland on Wednesday, Jan. 16, and put up a tough match as a team with three wins by pin and three defeats.

Taylor Brickey, Jesse Hellinger and Billy Rotenkolber all pinned their opponents. Burt Masem, Steven Pine and Cody Linton lost their

matches but didn't go down easy.

"All three of them did a good job," said coach Tim Hausler. "They wrestled hard against tough opponents."

The Warriors then competed in the Foothill Ascics tournament on Saturday, Jan. 19, with over 80 teams competing.

"This was a major tournament with very tough competition," said Hausler.

Hellinger placed sixth and didn't finish the tournament due to

a knee injury. Rotenkolber went 2-2, Brickey went 1-2, while Pine and Masem went 0-2.

"Burt Masem lost in his matches but he actually had a great tournament," said Hausler. "He had some very tough matches and has improved so much that it was very exciting to watch him."

The Warriors hosted their second dual meet on Wednesday, Jan. 23, against Las Plumas High School at Shirley Rominger School at 6 p.m.

## Playing their best

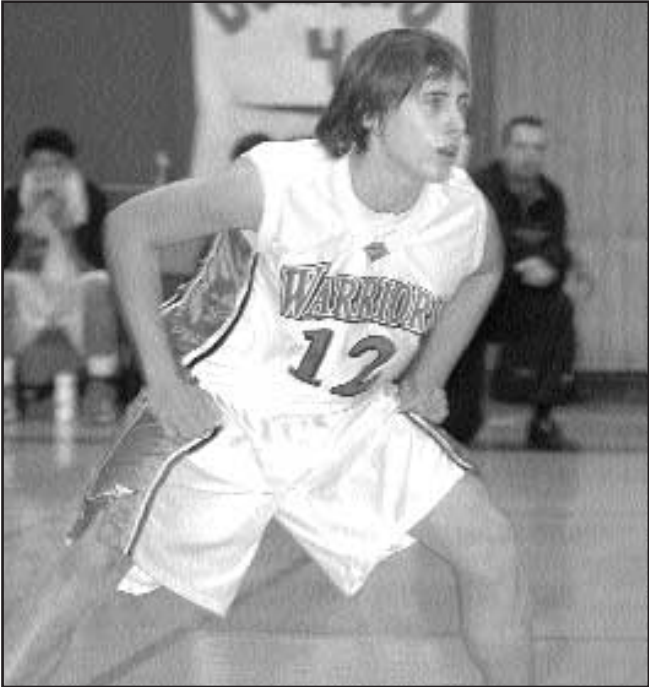


Photo by Eric Lucero  
T.J Johnson, the starting point guard for the Winters Warriors varsity team gets in a defensive position on Friday, Jan. 18, against visiting Las Plumas.



Photo by Eric Lucero  
Kevin Hyde blocks the shot of a Las Plumas shooter on Friday, Jan. 18.

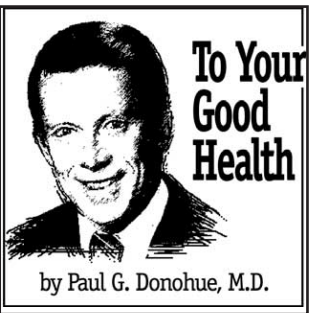
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# Features

## Urinary infection? Blame your colon

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I spent five days this month in the hospital with a urinary tract infection. The medical team could not tell me where I caught the infection. One answer was that the E. coli germ, which we have in our bodies, travels to other parts of the body and infects them. I am now at home. —P.M.



ANSWER: The “urinary tract” is the kidneys, the ureters (the tubes draining urine from the kidneys to the bladder), the bladder (the storage receptacle for urine) and the urethra (the drainage channel from the bladder to the outside world). Lower urinary tract infections are infections of the bladder, urethra or both. They usually can be treated at home with antibiotics. Their symptoms are frequent urinations, burning upon urinating and pain in the low abdomen.

Upper urinary tract infections involve the kidney. They are more serious and have more dramatic signs and symptoms, like high fever, chills, sweats and flank pain. They are mostly treated in the hospital with intravenous antibiotics.

Where did your infection come from? Probably from your colon, which teems with bacteria. E. coli is one of those bacteria. E. coli can often be found on the skin of the rectum and in adjacent structures. From there, it’s not a great distance to the urethra, the bladder’s drainage tube. Once it enters the urethra, it ascends into the bladder, and from there it can reach the kidneys.

An enlarged prostate, because it blocks bladder drainage, sets up men for urinary tract infections. Women get more of these infections than men because their urethras are shorter, and bacteria can travel up them easily. In fewer instances, bacteria from a distant body infection, like an abscess, can travel via the blood to the kidneys and start an infection.

The booklet on urinary tract infections discusses this topic in greater depth. Readers can order a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue — No. 1204W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL

32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Canada with the recipient’s printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery. \*\*\*

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I caught my fingers in a closing door. Two fingernails have turned black. I don’t want my nails pulled off. How can I get them back to normal? —S.F.

ANSWER: If the black is pooled blood, a doctor can bore a tiny hole into the nail and let it out. If the blood has congealed, it has to stay there and you have to wait until it’s absorbed by the body, which will happen in time. That might take a couple of months. If the nails themselves have become discolored, then it takes six months for a new nail to grow from the base to the nail tip. \*\*\*

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I recently had a stroke. I had been massaging my head with a hand-held massager in the area where the stroke occurred before it happened. Did that cause the stroke? —M.

ANSWER: No, it did not. It was purely coincidental that you suffered a stroke and had been using a hand-held massager. \*\*\*

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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## What would Millard Fillmore do?

January 7 was the birthday of one of our most obscure presidents, Millard Fillmore. As we face the current crisis of war and foreign policy, we might wonder how Millard Fillmore — were he to be the president today — might manage the nation’s affairs.

He was considered a do-nothing president, ranking at the bottom of all U.S. presidents (in a dead heat with George W. Bush). He inherited the presidential office upon the unexpected death of war hero and ex general Zachary Taylor and was immediately faced with an increasing sectional crisis over slavery involving what to do with the territory acquired from Mexico in 1848.

Fillmore took a diplomatic approach to soothe a divided nation, believing negotiation was preferable to armed conflict. He threw the weight of his office in favor of the Compromise of 1850, which kept the Civil War at bay for a decade.

Were he in office today I believe he would open up a dialogue with Iran

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ROBERT FISCHER



and other countries of the Muslim world. His support in opening up relations with Japan in 1853 would be reflected at present by using gentle persuasion to defuse conflicts and unrest around the world today. I believe that were he here to do these things, he would be called a vacillator, wishy washy and having no backbone. Like Jimmy Carter, he would be accused of being unable to take the bull by the horns.

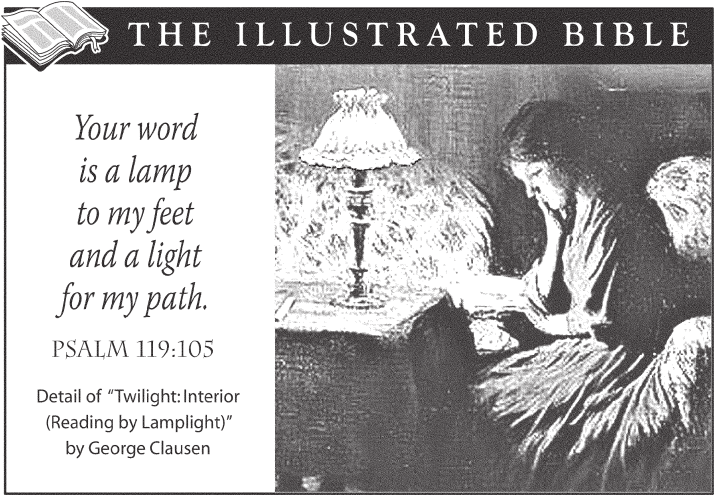
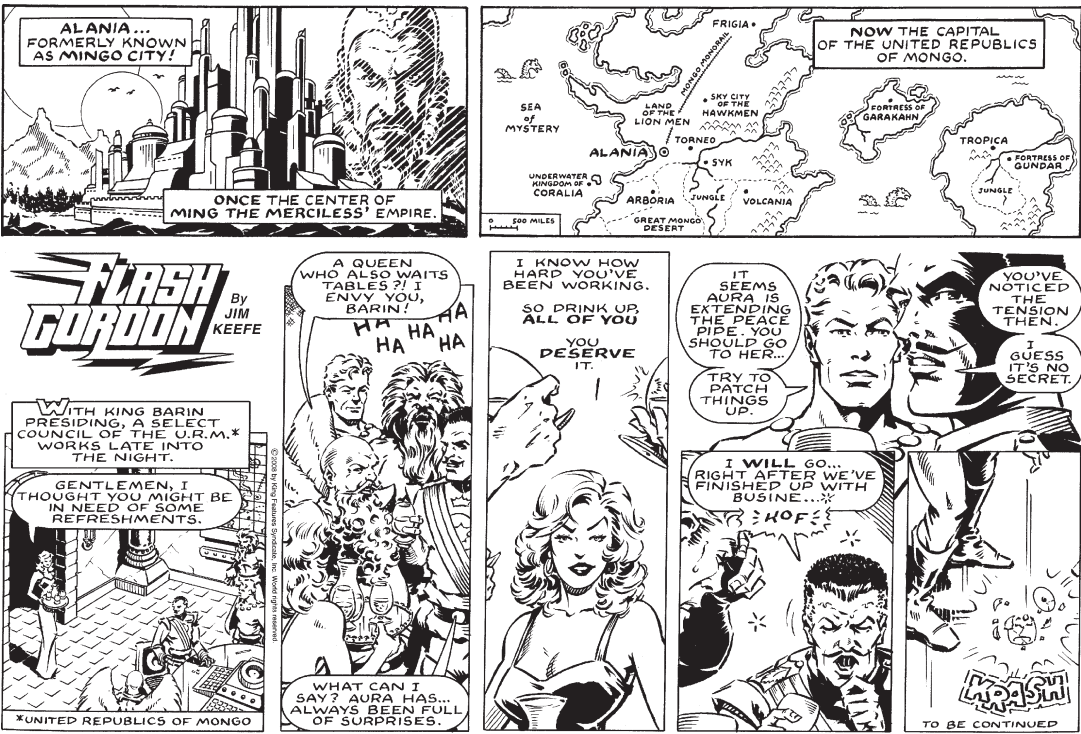
After years of confrontation and Bush’s butt kicking, which is endangering our financial health and tarnishing our reputation, a lot of us feel dialogue is better than living dangerously. Fillmore would be competing well now with Democratic party challengers for the nomination in 2008, were he to be in the running.

He was in the running

for another stint as president in 1852 but did not even secure the nomination of his own party, paving the way for the next two indecisive presidents that were to follow him, Franklin Pierce and James Buchanan, who both lacked the diplomatic skills needed to derail the slide to a disastrous and bloody Civil War. (I might ask at this point where were today’s Republican candidates in 2004 to try and deny G.W. Bush’s shoo-in as the his party’s nominee?)

I believe if Fillmore were president today, he would not be putting his head in the sand but be out actively trying to bring all sides to the table.

In any case, he’s was lot better than what we got now. I feel he has been the victim of American history’s biggest bum rap. You heard it here first.



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## Pleased to meet you



**Name:** Jenny Rodriguez  
**Occupation:** Spending time with my family  
**Hobby:** Dental assistant at Vaca valley Dental  
**What’s best about living in Winters:** “Everyone’s willing to help each other.”  
**Fun fact:** I was blackmailed into being the “Who’s this” person of the week.

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**Salome's Stars**  
**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Guess what, Lamb? You’re about to experience a new perspective on a situation you long regarded quite differently. What you learn could open more opportunities later.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) The Bold Bovine is tempted to charge into a new venture. But it might be best to take things one step at a time, so that you know just where you are at any given point.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) It’s a good time to go on that fun getaway you’ve been planning. You’ll return refreshed, ready and, yes, even eager to tackle the new challenge that awaits you.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) The Moon Child loves to fantasize about magical happenings in the early part of the week. But the sensible Crab gets down to serious business by week’s end.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) What goes around comes around for those lucky Leos and Leonas whose acts of generosity could be repaid with opportunities to expand into new and exciting areas of interest.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Your concern about your job responsibilities is commendable. But you need to take some quiet time to share with someone who has really missed being with you.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Aspects favor getting out and meeting new people. And as a bonus, you might find that some of your newly made friends could offer important business contacts.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) You might take pride in wanting to do everything yourself. But now’s a good time to ask family members to help with a demanding personal situation.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Pay more attention to the possibilities in that workplace change. It could show the way to make that long-sought turn on your career path.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Your need to succeed might overwhelm obligations to your loved ones. Ease up on that workload and into some well-deserved time with family and friends.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Love rules for amorous Aquarians who can make good use of their ability to communicate feelings. Don’t be surprised if they’re reciprocated in kind.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Fishing for compliments? No doubt, you probably earned them. But it’s best to let others believe they were the ones who uncovered the treasure you really are.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** Your good works flow from an open, generous heart. Nothing makes you happier than to see others happy as well.

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## King Crossword

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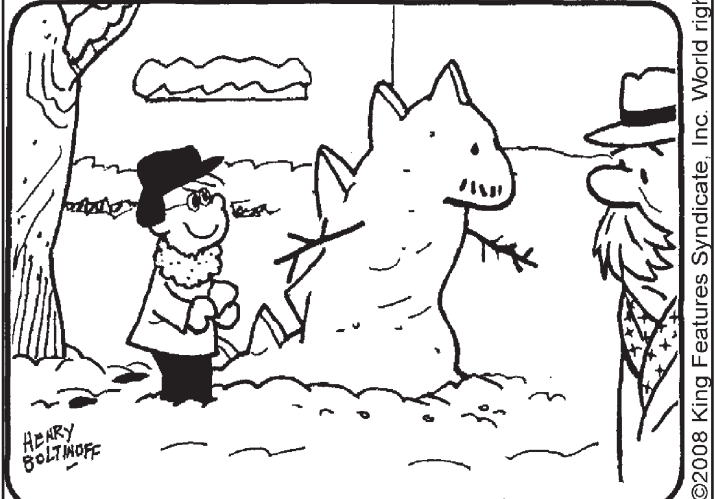
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## HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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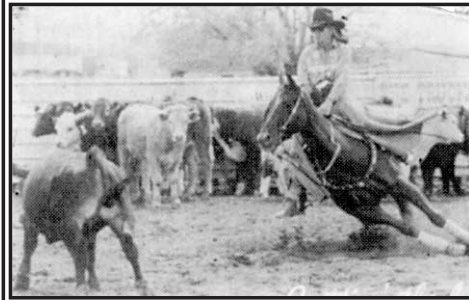
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