

## Thieves strike sour note

◆ Middle school music room suffers another robbery

By MOLLY DAVIS  
Staff writer

History is repeating itself. But not in a good way.

Winters Middle School received a shock over the weekend when teachers and students discovered that the mu-

sic room had been broken into yet again, a mere three months after the last break in.

The very same room that was robbed between Sept. 2-3. The same school that just received new instruments to replace the ones stolen. The very same thing happened again, like a perverse reenactment of the comedy "Groundhog Day."

Only, this isn't funny.

According to the police report, the music room was entered between Friday, Dec. 5, and Sunday, Dec. 7, by slightly more sophisticated thieves. Because many items were removed, including a large drum set, officials believe that more than one person was involved.

The perpetrators attempted to drill through the lock on the music room door, but when

that failed, they broke the window and made off with the drum kit, electric guitar, stereo receiver and other items, totaling a loss of at least \$1,500, according to Police Officer Albert Ramos.

Music teacher Lynne Secrist was reeling by the news that she once again had to go through her classroom to de-

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Photo by Debra Lo Guercio

Justin Hyer is this year's Winters Youth of the Year. He is the son of Kim and Dave Hyer, and has a sister, Tess.

## Hyer named Youth of Year

By DEBRA LO GUERCIO  
Express editor

It's no surprise that this year's Winters Youth of the Year is Justin Hyer. What's surprising is that he actually had time in his busy schedule to show up at the Community Center on Dec. 2 to accept his award.

Although Justin is only a junior at Win-

ters High School, his resume of accomplishments and activities is already three pages long. He is a multiple Academic Decathlon award winner in both his freshman and sophomore years, has multiple awards in swimming and track, and has been the Athlete of the Week, Rotary Stu-

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## 'Tis the season

Photos by  
Debra Lo Guercio

Carson Lowrie (above) tells his Christmas wish secrets to Santa at the community Christmas tree lighting, held at Rotary Park on Saturday, Dec. 6. The evening's festivities included Christmas carols, visits with Santa, and a live nativity scene. Erika Garcia (middle) got the starring role as Baby Jesus in the St. Anthony Church live nativity scene, staged on East Main Street. Playing the role of the Virgin Mary was her sister, Alexis Garcia. Carolina Saavedra (left) and Julio Colchado were among the AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) students who helped make fresh evergreen wreaths on Saturday morning at the Winters High School ag site to sell at the FFA Christmas tree sale on Dec. 6 and 7. The annual event is a major fund-raiser for the Winters FFA.

## Amgen Tour to begin in Davis

By CHRIS SAUR  
McNaughton Newspapers

The hits just keep on coming.

It was exciting when it was announced that the Amgen Tour of California was going to come through Davis for what amounted to less than five minutes as part of one of the stages.

Then — after two years of watching the world's top riders speed through the town — there was more excitement when Davis was selected in July as the host city for a stage of the tour, which is considered the elite cycling race in America.

A month after that, seven-time Tour de France champion Lance Armstrong announced he would join the field.

But wait, there's more...

The Tour of California announced a logistical change today that should create even more excitement. Sacramento's portion of the race, on Saturday, Feb.

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## Reserve police officers are needed

The Winters Police Department is seeking interested Winters residents and surrounding areas who would like to join the police department as a reserve Winters police officer.

Anyone who is interested in developing an active and exciting career as a reserve officer with a modern, community-oriented organization, and who is also a graduate of a California POST Academy Level I or II Reserve Academy can contact Sergeant

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### FUTURE SUBSCRIBERS

**NATHANIEL JOSEPH PAGANO** is the newborn son of Chanelle and Nathan Pagano of Winters. Born on Nov. 23, 2008 at 2:59 a.m. at North Bay Medical Center in Fairfield, he weighed 6 pounds, 7 ounces and was 19.5 inches long. He joins two sisters, Isabella, 3, and Emma, 2. Maternal great-grandmother is Carol Steffen of Winters. Paternal grandparents are Donna and Joe Pagano of American Canyon, and paternal great-grandparents are Nancy and Dick Mulrone of Southern California, and Virginia and James Pagano of Houston, Texas.

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### WEATHER

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

Date	Rain	Hi	Lo
Dec. 3	.01	57	38
Dec. 4	T	58	40
Dec. 5	.01	60	35
Dec. 6	T	64	36
Dec. 7	T	58	38
Dec. 8	.02	52	40
Dec. 9	T	54	32

Rain for week: .04  
Season's total: 2.55  
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## OBITUARIES

### Jose “Conce” Acosta

Jose Concepcion Acosta, 88, better known as Concepcion Acosta or simply “Conce,” passed away on Dec. 2, 2008.

He moved to Winters from his hometown of San Martin Hidalgo, Jalisco, Mexico in 1948. He worked on local farms getting to know many of the original owners of farms in the area. Once he established his home in Winters, Conce traveled back to Mexico to marry Natividad Montano (Nati), a young woman with whom he had a five-year courtship, mostly through clandestine correspondence because Nati had a very protective father and brother. Nati and Conce ultimately married on Jan. 30, 1952. After their wedding Conce and Nati lived the remainder of their lives in Winters.

The couple raised three children Eva, Raquel and Abel, instilling in them a love of family, a great faith in God and a love for education that led to their children obtaining graduate and doctorate degrees despite the fact that Conce and Nati had minimal formal education themselves.

Conce and Nati were most happy when their grandchildren Isaac and Kristina Escoto, Ileana and Victoria Acosta, Rebeca, Ruthi and Ruben Hays visited. Conce, who tended to be stoic and reserved, loved to play with his grandchildren to the point of even playing with dolls with his granddaughters.

He was a man of deep faith. He was one of the original members of St. Anthony Parish in Winters. He was fond of recalling that the original St. Anthony would celebrate mass on the second floor of Winters City Hall before St. Anthony Church was ever built.

Conce lost the love of his life, Nati, on Nov. 23, 2006. Nati and Conce were just weeks shy from celebrating their 55th wedding anniversary. During their marriage, they were godparents and “compadres” to innumerable persons in Winters, the local area and Mexico. They were also surrogate “grandparents” to many children that enjoyed being with them.

A rosary was held for Conce on Dec. 7, 2008 at St. Anthony Catholic Church. The funeral mass took place at St. Anthony on Dec. 8, what would have been his 89th birthday. He was interred alongside Nati at the Winters Cemetery.

### Joe Zane, Sr.

Joe Zane, Sr. passed away at his home Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2008. Born April 10, 1921 in Woodland California to Neil and Norma (Blevins) Zane, he was 87 years old. He graduated from Woodland High School in 1939 and attended UC Davis.

In September 1942 he joined the U.S. Marine Corps, a group that held his steadfast loyalty. Honorably discharged in November 1945, he came home to marry the love of his life, Louise Hollingsworth, on Feb. 20, 1946. He was a farmer, with a farmer's love of the rhythms of the seasons. He farmed row crops and orchards for 35 years before moving on to manage orchards for Mariani Nut Company for 15 years. He was on the Board of Sugar Beet Growers from 1953 to 1961, and served as a board member of the Yolo County Archives until 2007.

Family members say he was known for his loyalty, generosity, wit and love of family. His many friends and family will miss him dearly.

He is survived by daughter Becky Ewert and husband Corky, son Neil Zane, daughter Mary Parrish and husband Dennis, and son Joe Jr. and wife Wendi; grandchildren Beth Teague and husband Jim, Justin Ewert and wife Sara, Joshua Ewert, Isaac Parrish and wife Challo, Stella Parrish, Logan Zane, and Stuart Zane; Great-grandchildren Kirsten and Aaron Teague, Zach Rickard, Julie and Brianna Ewert, Victoria and Natalie Parrish, and Isaac De La Torre; sister Jean Bickle and husband Ken, brothers-in-law Jack Meek and Robert Hollingsworth, sister-in-law Ann Sandstrom and husband Marc, and brother-in-law Jim Hollingsworth and wife Karen.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Louise Zane; parents Neil and Norma, brother Neil Zane, niece Louise Bickle, and sisters-in-law Phyllis Meek and Georgine Reitow.

Graveside services will be held at the Woodland Cemetery, 800 West St., on Monday, Dec. 15, at noon, followed by a reception at Hotel Woodland, 436 Main Street. Memorials donations may be directed to the Elderly Nutrition Program/Meals on Wheels, 40 North Street, Woodland, CA. Kraft Brothers Funeral Directors are assisting the family with arrangements.

## Weekly Winters police report

### Nov. 3 to Dec. 5

~ On the 600 block of Snapdragon Street, victim's debit/VISA card was fraudulently used to make internet purchases. Loss: \$143.

### Nov. 23-25

~ 3:30-6:30 p.m., on the 400 block of Anderson Avenue, a church window was broken by a thrown rock.

### Nov. 30

~ 3 p.m., Eric Christo-

pher Elledge, 20, of Napa was issued a notice to appear for being an unlicensed driver, driving at an unsafe speed and failing to have a front license plate affixed to a vehicle.

### Dec. 1

~ 11:16-11:26 a.m., on the first block of Grant Avenue, two Winters juveniles, ages 15 and 16,

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# YESTERYEAR



File photo  
In March, 1957, winners of silver awards in the American Trust Company's annual farm program competition for Future Farmers of America, were the Winters boys pictured above. Left to right: Howard Draper, Bob Thomson, Dale Hansen, Tom Thomson and John Muller.

50  
YEARS AGO

January 1, 1959

The concrete lining of the 40-mile Putah South Canal has been completed, according to Ed Horton, project engineer for the Solano Project.

W.E. Cody purchased the building on Railroad Avenue owned by the late Clarence G. Wright with a bid of \$2,765. His offer was accepted in a Superior Court hearing in Woodland earlier this month.

S. Kozen, of the Wolfskill District, caught a 32 pound, 13 ounce striped bass in Suisun Slough that had escaped from Harry Kato a few days earlier. Kato told Kozen and “Bud” Kato about the big one that broke his line, so the three went fishing again. When Kozen landed the big one, it still had Kato's hook in its mouth.

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation has warned ranchers leveling land along Putah Creek below the Diversion Dam that the Monticello Dam will not eliminate the flooding of the overflow channel.

Mr. and Mrs. John Clayton left on Sunday for Portland, Oregon, where they planned to spend a week visiting their son and his family, the Charles Claytons.

Mrs. Viola Sale spent Christmas in Santa Rosa with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sale.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Brewer and their children, Gary and Marsha, and Mr. and Mrs. Phil Brewer, all of Roseberg, Oregon, spent the Christmas holiday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brewer and Dale.

65  
YEARS AGO

December 31, 1943

A dam at Devil's Gate in Putah Canyon is one of the sites proposed under the new power and water development project being considered at Washington, D.C. under post-war plans.

A watch, two fountain pens, cash in the sum of \$35 and several packages of cigarettes were stolen from Mrs. Alice Black's liquor store Tuesday night. No liquor was stolen.

Mr. and Mrs. Roe Judy of Esparto were hosts at a Christmas dinner Saturday that included all the J.R. Briggs children except Sgt. Yolo Briggs. With hosts were Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Briggs, Caldwell Briggs and sons and Mrs. Vivien Devin of Knights Landing; J.E. Briggs and son of Oakland; Mrs. Yolo Briggs, Winters; Pfc. Fenley Briggs of Hamilton Field; Mrs. F. Briggs of Woodland, and Mrs. D.O. Judy of Sacramento.

First Class Seaman Jack Burton returned Wednesday to San Francisco, after a seven day furlough, where he will await assignment.

Sgt. Foss Moore of El Paso, Texas, spent a week's furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Moore. Mrs. Moore who accompanied him home, will remain here.

Lt. and Mrs. Eugene Ireland of San Francisco were weekend holiday visitors and Sunday dinner guests with Mr. and Mrs. O.C. Holmes.

Holiday dinner guests at the G.M. Vasey home were Mrs. Vasey's relatives, mother, Mrs. E. Bell, Chico; sister, Mrs. Geo. Striker and family, Hayward and brother, Granville Siler and family of Berkeley.

100  
YEARS AGO

January 1, 1909

Flocks of wild ducks and geese in large numbers made Sunday night sleepless in Winters.

Ed Dafoe of Geyersville, is visiting relatives here this week.

Frank Brock has returned to his studies at the Polytechnic in Oakland.

Adrian Overhouse has returned to Sacramento where he is in the employ of the Earl Fruit Co.

Dr. and Mrs. F.W. Anderson spent Christmas at the Davisson home in Guinda.

The Winters Musical and Dramatic Club will give an entertainment Tuesday and Wednesday nights in Rummelsberg's Opera House.

Mr. and Mrs. J.N.B. Wyatt gave their annual Christmas and family reunion dinner at their home on Christmas day.

Miss Maybel Sackett returned Monday from the normal school at Stockton. She successfully passed the examination and is now a full fledged teacher.

# Berryessa drops .17 of a foot

The level of Lake Berryessa dropped by .17 of a foot during the past week with a reduction in storage of 2,827 acre feet of water, according to Mickey Faulkner of the Solano Irrigation District.

He reported Tuesday morning that the lake was 413.51 feet above sea level, with storage computed at 1,125,834 acre feet of water.

The SID is diverting 55 second feet of water into the Putah South Canal and 40 second feet is flowing in Putah Creek at the Diversion Dam.

Evaporation on Lake Berryessa averaged 21 acre feet of water per day during the week.



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# Council meeting sets new speed record

By MOLLY DAVIS  
Staff writer

If the Guinness Book of World Records had a record for shortest city council meetings, no doubt the Winters City Council would have won that title on Tuesday, Dec. 2. The meeting began promptly at 7:30 p.m. and was over by 7:35 p.m., bringing lots of laughs to the few people present.

All councilmembers and staff were present at the meeting. The only staff comments came from Cecilia Aguiar-Curry, who mentioned receiving a request from a citizen to look

into getting speed bumps put on Hemenway Street, to deter speeding, and from Tom Stone, who mentioned the up-coming Winters Wonderland celebration.

“Saturday is the big holiday Christmas festival. I hope to see you all there!” Stone said.

The festival started at 10 a.m. on Dec. 6, at the Community Center, where the Friends of the Library held their holiday festival, followed by the community Christmas tree lighting at 5:30 p.m. at the gazebo in Rotary Park.

Seeing how there were no citizens in at-

tendance, the public comment was opened and closed rather quickly.

Both items on the consent calendar (the minutes from the last meeting and a claim against the city, which will be referred to Yolo County Public Agency Risk Management Insurance Authority for review) were approved unanimously.

Finally, the only discussion item was a recommendation from staff to correct and re-number conflicting sections of the municipal code. Basically, the ordinance reorganizes the names and numbers of

ordinances.

“In our past ordinances we inadvertently designated numbers that were already in use,” explained City Attorney John Wallace.

Again, there were no public comments, and the item passed unanimously.

Mayor Michael Martin adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m. City Manager John Donlevy pointed out that the entire meeting had taken just over five minutes.

Councilman Stone summed up everyone’s feelings, saying, “That was beautiful.”

## Lane and ramp closures scheduled on Interstate 80

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has scheduled several nighttime closures on various Interstate 80 lanes and ramps between the American Canyon and Green Valley Road exits in Solano County from Thursday, Dec. 11 through Sunday, Dec. 14, the lane and ramp closures will take place from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. and will affect both eastbound and westbound traffic on I-80.

On Friday, Dec. 12, the closure in the westbound direction of I-80 will be in one lane from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. the next morning.

The closures will enable Caltrans to replace failing concrete slabs on that segment of the roadway.

The on-and off-ramp closures are as follows:

~ Red Top Road eastbound and westbound on-and-off ramps on I-80

~ Eastbound State Route 12 on-ramp from eastbound I-80.

~ Green Valley Road on-ramp from eastbound I-80

~ Green Valley Road off-ramp from westbound I-80

~ On-ramp from northbound I-680 to westbound I-80

~ American Canyon Road on- and off-ramps from eastbound and westbound I-80.

Changeable message signs and detour signs for each closed ramp will be in place. Motorists can expect traffic delays during this operation and are advised to use caution when traveling through the area. For more information, visit [www.Pave80.com](http://www.Pave80.com).

## Council meets Tuesday

The Winters City Council will meet on Tuesday, Dec. 16, at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall. The agenda includes:

~ Public hearing regarding a resolution rescinding Resolution 2006-03/Establishing a Citywide Habitat Mitigation Program, and adopting the amended Citywide Habitat Mitigation Program.

~ Introduce and waive the first reading of an ordinance regarding the second amendment to the development agreement between the city and Granite Bay Holdings/Winters Highlands, LLC (Winters Highlands Subdivision).

~ Resolution establishing a formal procedure for processing

General Plan amendment proposals.

~ Chamber of Commerce request to waive past due and future rent at the Community Center for the Chamber of Commerce office.

Acting as the Community Development Agency, the council will address the following agenda items:

~ Resolution to submit the annual Redevelopment report to legislative body, State Controllers Office and State Housing & Community Development Department for fiscal year ending June 30, 2008

~ Facade improvement application from Winters Printing Company for facade improvement at 310 and 310 1/2 Railroad Avenue and alley.

## THIEVES

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clare which items were stolen. Thankfully, she pointed out, the room was not vandalized, but rather the thieves had an agenda — just taking specific items and leaving.

Luckily, the equipment was covered by insurance. The community will not have to suffer the financial loss of its generous donations that replaced the last round of stolen instruments.

Still, it’s astonishing that such a crime would be committed again, so soon. Pam Scheeline, WMS principal, said the whole district is devastated, and the crime is an insult to “a program that is so valued here.”

The school plans to replace the window with a non-breakable glass like that used in airplanes. Scheeline said that other ideas to improve security include installing outside security lights, a motion sensor light, various alarms and cameras, and a different lock system.

Since the band room is set back from the rest of the classrooms to accommodate for the noise, it is not as secure as the other buildings. So, another thought Scheeline had was to move the room and possibly make band a “zero period” class, which would start earlier in the morning and not disrupt the other students and teachers.

“We’re looking at any way we can to prevent this from happening again,” Scheeline said.

She praised the rapid response of the police department and facilities coordinator, as well as Secrist.

“Ms. Secrist is marvelous,” remarked Scheeline, and said she admired her ability to

remain upbeat and positive through such a crisis.

Besides looking at new options for increased security of the music room, the school district has come up with other ways of coping during this time, like borrowing instruments from other districts until the insurance kicks in and the items can be replaced.

This is good news for the band, because their holiday concert will not be disrupted by their loss. The show will go on as scheduled, Tuesday, Dec. 16, at 7 p.m. at the Community Center. Shirley Rominger Intermediate School will loan their drum set to the middle school band.

In addition, the school district is offering a \$1,000 reward for “information leading to the arrest and the conviction of the person or persons that broke into the band room at the Winters Middle School.” Information can be submitted anonymously, but in such a way that the informant would receive the reward.

Dr. Pat Lewis, interim superintendent, added that the district is “happy to have tips,” and that the district will press charges.

“It’s very disappointing that thugs would steal from children,” Lewis said. “(They’re) stealing from not just the kids, but from the community (as well).”

This is the third time this year that the middle school music room has been broken into, with instruments stolen each time. The district and police officials are urging the community to report anything that may be of help in bringing the thieves to justice in this repeated attack on the music room. Reports can be made by calling 795-6112.

Street. New reserve officers will gain experience and become competent in a law enforcement environment, and give something back to their community, says Van Houten.

## OFFICERS

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Terry VanHouten, 795-2261, ext. 123, or come by the Winters Police Department, 318-A First



# Opinion



## DEBRA LO QUERCIO BECAUSE I SAY SO

**L**AST WEEK, I COMMISERATED with a Davis mom who deposited her teenage son in Nebraska in a fit of desperation. True, her situation was more serious than mine — her son had become violent and threatening, whereas my boy was merely a human tornado. The threat of violence was that mother's tipping point. I never actually tipped — just teetered a lot.

Besides circumstances, there was another key difference. The Davis mom couldn't find any local agency to help her, whereas I fortunately found a support group for other parents of human tornadoes. Emotional support can be the difference between teetering and tipping.

The Davis mother's plight made me think back to my college days, when I was determined to become a clinical psychologist. (Life, however had other plans.) I was taking counseling courses, which require you to get out and practice what you're learning on someone other than your fellow students. I cut my counseling teeth at a Davis youth shelter called Diogenes Youth Services. And, yikes, I just ticked off the years and realized that was 30 years ago. Apparently I got old while I wasn't looking.

Anyway.

I started out at Diogenes as a crisis hotline volunteer, worked my way up to doing shifts in the shelter, then overnight shifts, eventually became paid staff, and finally, a caseworker/program coordinator. Diogenes went through several budget-driven evolutions and by the time I moved on, the crisis shelter/group home model was replaced by a small network of emergency foster homes for teens who needed a cooling off period, or were runaways, or who had problems that weren't quite big enough for Child Protective Services or law enforcement to step in. Yet. That was Diogenes' target population: the teens who fell through the cracks, the ones labeled "601" in the juvenile justice system: out of control but not candidates for Juvenile Hall. As I said — yet.

Although the program model changed, the availability of free counseling for Yolo County teens and their families remained, as well as a 24-hour crisis line, where there was always someone to listen, offer helpful feedback and connect a caller either to a Diogenes caseworker, or to a specialized agency like Suicide Prevention or Planned Parenthood. Besides a sympathetic ear, hotline workers had at their fingertips a thorough list of local resources for people to get help. But somewhere along the line, the Davis-based arm of Diogenes Youth Services just closed up shop.

So what has filled the space left by Diogenes? Or has anything? Where's the emergency crisis line? Who's in charge? Where's the complete list of local resources? Or are there any? How can it be that a desperate mother couldn't find any help — in Davis of all places! If help exists in Yolo County, it's not doing a very good job of making itself visible, or accessible.

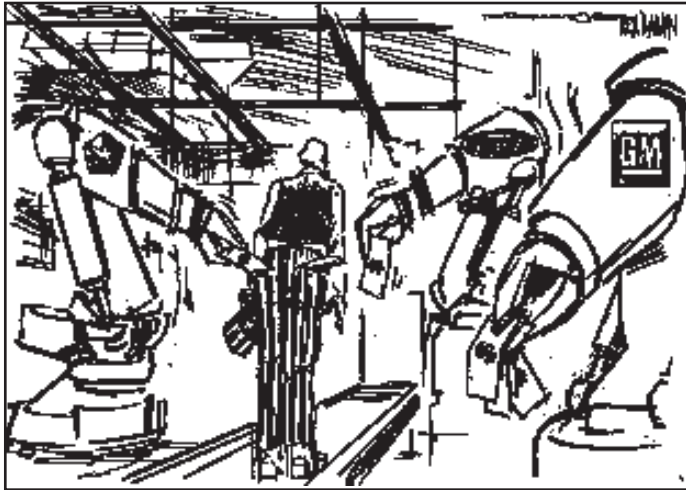
I googled, and discovered a thread of Diogenes Youth Services still exists in Sacramento, with a youth shelter in Elk Grove, counseling services and a hotline. Their outreach director, Steven Burns, told me that Yolo County residents can still get free counseling services on site, and that Davis teens can still be transported by Diogenes staff to the shelter, but only on weekdays during business hours. Beyond Davis city limits, however, other Yolo County teens will have to find their own way to the shelter. But at least the crisis line is still there: (800) 339-7177.

I chatted a bit with Steven about my ancient history with Diogenes Youth Services, and bemoaned the new logo — a bridge — in place of the philosopher Diogenes' lamp. Not only was he unaware that the logo was ever a lamp, he also didn't know the history of the agency's name, so I told him the story as it was told to me (and resisted beginning it with "C'mere, Sonny..."): The fledgling agency needed a name, and a teen in one of the drop-in "rap" sessions said, "How about naming it after Diogenes? He was always looking for an honest man." What this had to do with crisis hotlines, free counseling and youth shelters still isn't quite clear to me, but that's how it went down. Or so the story goes.

Back to the present: If exasperated mothers from affluent towns must drive 1,200 miles to get some help, something's very wrong with this picture. Despite the Sacramento hotline, it seems to me that Yolo County needs its own 24-hour crisis hotline, manned by volunteers with a current list of all local social services resources. And by local, I mean Yolo — not Sacramento or Solano — County.

There should be a phone number anyone can call when they're sad or scared, or about to drive 1,200 miles out of sheer desperation. And if such a crisis line exists, please let me know. I'll do my best to shine a light on it. Or a lamp, if you will. The philosopher Diogenes was right — you need a lamp in daylight to find an honest man. Or some help when you really need it. Like when you're teetering and fear you'll tip.

**OUT OF OFFICE COUNTDOWN:** 5 weeks left!



## LETTERS

### They made festival fantastic

Dear Editor,

The Friends of the Library would like to once again thank everyone who helped to make our Holiday Family Festival a wonderful event this year. We had a great turn out, a nice steady flow which kept the festival humming. Children young and old were able to enjoy themselves, creating crafts, enjoying the entertainment and visiting with Santa.

The success of our event was due to the efforts of many dedicated volunteers and the support of our wonderful community. We appreciate all of the merchants who donated generously to our Raffle Tree. Our first place prize winner this year was Pat Thompson, other winners were, Kristin Schroeder, Janice Koch, Janet Ward, Chris Jones and Carol Holdstock.

A hearty thanks also goes out to all of the teachers, students and community members whose performances also helped to make our festival so special. This year we invited the community members and businesses to decorate our wreaths. We hung all of these beautiful creations up during the Festival and folks came in to place their bids on them. The varieties of styles were amazing and the happy winners of the auctions went home with beautiful wreaths. Thank you to all of those that took the time to decorate a wreath.

Mrs. Claus's Café was busy all day serving up great lunches and treats, with the generous donation of yummy foods from Randy Oates and the Oates' Country Store. A big Ho Ho thank you goes out to Santa and his lovely Elf who took time during this busy season to come and visit the children of Winters.

Thanks again to everyone in the Winters community who supported the Friends of the Library and helped to make our Family Festival a joyous fun event. All of our efforts are truly valuable when we see the good time had by all.

The Winters Friends of the Library is a volunteer organization that raises money to support extra library hours, library programs, and new books. We also put on community events such as our Holiday Festival. We meet the first Monday of every month at the library, and we welcome new members. For more information call the volunteer coordinator, 795-2201.

**CAROL SCIANNA**

### Wreaths were all so beautiful

Dear Editor:

"Stunning!" "Clever!" and "They're all too beautiful to choose!" were just a few of the many compliments I heard about the 28 Holiday wreaths that various community groups, local artists, and supporters of the Friends of the Library made to be auctioned at the annual Family Holiday Festival.

While it was indeed very difficult to choose, the judges selected three winning wreaths. Sarah Jewel's wreath adorned with flowers and fruits from her yard won for "most beautiful." The elegant wreath that had the "most people bidding" was designed by Diane Cary. It had a beautiful poinsettia and maroon ribbon.

A bidding war erupted near the end of the auction for a charming wreath with miniature tea cups and tea bags created by Diane Lis of Steady Eddy's. The winning price, which was "the highest bid" for the whole auction, was \$61.

I would like to thank all of you who made wreaths and all who bid on them for making this such a successful fundraiser in support of the new library.

**SALLY BROWN**  
WfOL President

### Thanks for giving generously

Dear Editor,

The members of the Winters Theatre Company wish to thank our friends and patrons for their support of our recent production of "A Christmas Carol" and for their generous donations in support of Christmas baskets for the needy in Winters.

Special thanks go to "Mother-in Chief" Jenny Ramos, who supervised our young cast members as they collected donations. These youthful actors were Ivan Martinez, Cate Lautzenheiser, Elaina Hupe, Annie Ramos, Atlas Martinez, Grace Ferguson, Olivia Bristow, Julia McHugh, Lauren Hupe, Brittany Welty, Emilia Orosco, and Allyson Freckman.

**HOWARD HUPE**  
Board of Directors  
Winters Theatre Company



## CHARLES R. WALLACE A QUICK OPINION

**A**N INTERNET STORY: "John Smith started the day early, having set his alarm clock (made in Japan) for 6 a.m. While his coffeepot (made in China) was perking, he shaved with his electric razor (made in Hong Kong). He put on a dress shirt (made in Sri Lanka), designer jeans (made in Singapore) and tennis shoes (made in Korea). After cooking his breakfast in his new electric skillet (made in India) he sat down with his calculator (made in Mexico) to see how much he could spend today. After setting his watch (made in Taiwan) to the radio (made in India) he got in his car (made in Germany) filled it with gas (from Saudi Arabia ) and continued his search for a good paying American job. At the end of yet another discouraging and fruitless day checking his computer (Made In Malaysia) Joe decided to relax for a while. He put on his sandals (made in Brazil) poured himself a glass of wine (made in France) and turned on his TV (made in Indonesia), and then wondered why he can't find a good paying job in the United States."

I would like to know where things are made before I buy them, especially food. I'd like to know if the grapes I'm eating came from Yolo County or Peru. I wouldn't buy something made in China if there was an option for the same product made anywhere else, even if I had to pay a little bit more.

With all of the stories in the news about contaminated food coming from overseas, I can't believe there isn't a sign saying made and inspected in the United States hanging over more products. Reading about baby formula really hits home. One problem is that you aren't sure where something is manufactured when the label says bottled in New Jersey. If the wine bottle says product of Yolo County, you expect the grape vines to be in Yolo County, not just bottled in West Sacramento, which I think is illegal. If the wine industry can police itself, so should the rest of the food industry, clothing industry or electronic industry.

Maybe at heart I'm an isolationist. I'm convinced that the world needs our products more than we need their cheap knock-offs. If an U.S. company wants to move jobs overseas, fine, just label their products as made in China, Malaysia or whatever. They shouldn't get tax credits for being a U.S. company; make them pay out of country taxes like out of state students have to.

Some of our financial institutions were in trouble and the government (we the people) bailed them out. Now our auto dealers are having problems competing, with some of the blame landing on the union employees. Shame on them for wanting a decent salary, health care for their families and a pension.

I'm not sure why the auto industry is in such trouble, besides people not having enough money to buy new cars. There have always been small cars for sale, but no one wants to drive one. Look around. People like their pick-ups and SUVs. Ford gave us just what we wanted when they came up with their F-150, and they sold a ton of them. Chevy saw a demand for larger family vehicles and gave us Suburbans. Dodge Chargers are still a hot car and who didn't want a Pontiac GTO?

With the price of gas heading for \$1.25 big cars won't be far behind. I'm sure fuel mileage will be an issue for most car purchases, but until gas hits \$4.50 again, watch out for large vehicles if you're driving a Yugo.

Some of the automakers problems aren't in their control. Most of the world's automakers don't have to worry about paying for health care for their employees, because most industrialized countries have national health care and a higher standard of living I might add. We pay nearly twice for our healthcare as other countries and they live longer. Go figure.

Should the government bailout the big three "American" automakers? If you look up the value of Ford Motor Company, you could buy all of their stock for about \$8 billion. They want the government to give them a line of credit for about \$15 billion. I don't get it.

The newspaper business doesn't look that great either. The Chicago Tribune, owner of the Los Angeles Times and other papers, just filed for bankruptcy protection. You needn't worry about the Express or McNaughton Newspapers, we have no debt, which is what is bringing down the major newspaper chains. But if the Express does get into financial trouble, I'm sure the federal government will be more than happy to give me a billion or two.

Looking back through time, where were the bailouts for the buggy whip people, or the carbon paper makers? How about typewriter salesman or vinyl record producers? Mother's Cookies are no more. Where was the government when we needed them?

I'll repeat, if a Winters merchant doesn't have what you want for Christmas, you don't need it.

Have a good week.

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on page A-6

"All things are subject to interpretation;  
whichever interpretation prevails at a given  
time is a function of power and not truth."  
~ Friedrich Nietzsche



# LETTERS

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## Some Winters slogan suggestions

Dear Editor,

Being somewhat of a repressed sloganeer; I wish to contribute some suggestions to the Winters slogan contest.

Since my arrival in Winters a couple of years ago, I have had the good fortune of engaging in many conversations with persons of vast intellect. I assume that this is due to Winters being so proximate to UC Davis, home to many who fancy themselves intellectual.

Having come from Oakdale, whose official slogan is “Oakdale, cowboy capitol of the world,” I naturally thought of “Winters, smartest little city in the world.” Problem is, Oakdale’s official slogan attracted a lot of pseudo cowboys who basically contributed pickup truck congestion and anti social behavior to the community. Winters could similarly attract the wannabe intelligentsia — and do we really need more Prius drivers texting their way through the downtown obstacle course, one hand on the latte and one on the BlackBerry? We would first need to attract some more body shops, a few more police officers, and some lawyers. And also buy a spare truckload of those Chinese pedestals protecting the corners at Railroad and Main.

Walking through downtown Winters on a quiet afternoon, you can observe the 19th century Midwestern style buildings, the trance-like stares of the pedestrians, the suspicious comments to strangers (i.e.: “hello”), and the eerily attentive shopkeeper... the quintessential small town ambience we all love... but it can feel quite surreal and it sure reminds me of an old Twilight Zone episode. Perhaps “Winters, gateway to the Twilight Zone” is our slogan. If we want tourism... er, notoriety (translation: sales tax revenue)... this is the one. Please send the prize to the above address which I request that you don’t print so I don’t get my tires

slashed.

Having survived the recent election vitriol, I am amazed and encouraged by the tolerance of this community for fringe political and religious beliefs of the “unable to substantiate with tact and logic” variety. We could attract new residents, tourists and investment if we publicized the fact that certifiably crazy people are allowed to walk the streets and get published in the local newspaper. How about: “Winters, your little secret is safe with us”?

Seriously; living in Winters allows one to eat and drink locally in an environmentally sustainable manner. We have locally grown fruits and nuts (another potential suggestion that I will leave to my fellow sloganeers) and especially, wines to rival the best that the Napa Valley can offer. We should honor our local vintners and challenge the assumed Napa Valley wine supremacy with: “Winters, the more you drink, the better it gets”.

I can see it on the water tower.

**GARY “SLIM” DAVIS**

P.S. I have some more suggestions, but I will be in hiding for a while.

## Riled rodents inspire slogan suggestions

Dear Editor,

I read academic science journals because it's my job. And often it's a chore to wade through them and then turn them into plain English for my students. But every now and then there's a nugget that I can polish up and share with the whole community. In this case it's the whole Winters community.

There are a lot of rodents in the world. Once upon a time I didn't like any of them, until we had kids. Then the kids wanted hamsters and rats. My opinion of hamsters changed a lot when our hamster escaped from her cage and disappeared. About a week later we found her the length of the house away, in a nest made of socks, supplied with hamster food brought cheekful by cheekful from the cage and stashed. Then the rats turned out to be clever and full of character too. So I am a rodent fan from way back. But

that's prejudice, not science.

It turns out that there are killer ground squirrels. And what they kill is rattlesnakes. A gang of ground squirrels will surround a rattlesnake and yell at it. Then they kick sand in its face. A gang of ground squirrels can kick so much dirt that they can almost bury a rattler. And then they will run up to the rattlesnake and nibble it to death.

Of course, ground squirrels kill rattlers because it's good for ground squirrels (almost half of baby ground squirrels are eaten by rattlesnakes). But they do humans a favor in the process.

So where do these heroic creatures live? The research I was reading was done by biologists from UC Davis, and they found that the meanest killer ground squirrels live right here in Winters! So we don't just have an Earthquake Festival and a newspaper publisher who rides a Harley. Our city has the meanest rattlesnake-killing ground squirrels on the planet!

Humans wouldn't dare to gang up, unarmed and unprotected, against a giant venomous snake that could eat them in two gulps. They'd send for a knight in armor or a bazooka.

But a Winters ground squirrel can take a rattlesnake bite full in the face and come up laughing. It can survive a dose of rattler venom that would kill a human. Ground squirrels from other places just don't have what it takes. Shasta ground squirrels curl right up and die.

Winters ground squirrels aren't just hairy heroes. They are smart and sneaky too. There's a reason why they tease the rattlers into rattling. The squirrels can tell from the sound whether the rattler that's half-hidden in the grass is big and warm and fast and dangerous, or whether it's small and cold and just right for beating up on.

Now all this is fun science. But maybe there's something in it for us. Just think what the bragging rights could do for us if we play it right.

To begin with, our city slogan needs a makeover. “The Gateway to Monticello Dam” doesn't compare with “Killer Ground Squirrel Capital of the World!” We could have City Mascots. Chip and Dale, make

way for Chop and Tail! How about Billy and Martin? (if anyone else remembers the feisty manager of the Oakland A's who used to kick sand on umpires' shoes.)

We could have a Killer Ground Squirrel Festival and a Ground Squirrel Queen with big shiny teeth. We could sell cute cuddly little killer ground squirrel toys, and T-shirts with rattlers on them, saying “Snake bitten in Winters.” And we could name the new high school sports teams the Killer Ground Squirrels and give the cheerleaders little fluffy tails to shake.

I'd be prepared to bet that no-one has yet registered [www.killer-groundsquirrel.com](http://www.killer-groundsquirrel.com), which will be our gateway to world fame (and fortune). All this puts us so far ahead of Davis, whose biological heritage seems to consist of toads who can't even find the toad tunnels the city built for them. Disney or Dreamworks won't go to Davis to film an epic on lost toads, but they could easily turn up in Winters to film our little all-stars.

Whether we make a lot of money or not, no-one can take away our new pride in our city and its famous furry inhabitants. Everywhere we go, we can spread the word. All around us we have the world capitals for onions, garlic, artichokes, and so on: toxic vegetables, all of them. Winters has world champions we can really boast about: hard-working, brave, clever, and cute. Their fame rests on what they are and what they do, not just because we happen to grow them.

Maybe, like me, you've always wanted to live in

the world capital of something. Now you do. Aren't we special? Isn't science wonderful?

**RICHARD COWEN**

## A quote for our times

Dear Editor,

I found this quote that seems so very appropriate for us at this time. Nations decline during periods when people become complacent, and consumed with a desire for wealth.

“Oswald Spengler, the great historical theorist, in ‘The Decline of the West’ gives the following characteristics of a declining civilization: worship of money; loss of idealism, such as capable and good men staying away from politics; the lessening of national pride as people become more concerned with only their private affairs; a preponderance of the great

cities; a general desire to limit the number of children; the loss of respect for representative government; and the substitution of ‘unparliamentary methods’ such as ‘economic pressure, and above all the strike’; anti-national peace movements which mean the abdication of the nation not in favor of everlasting peace; and when these have set in, the rise of dictators. I leave you with this analogy between these characteristics and our present culture in this country.” (Oswald Spengler, Today and Destiny Vital Excerpts from the Decline of the West of Oswald Spengler, arranged by Edward F. Dankin — Ernest L. Wilkinson, BYU commencement address, Aug. 21, 1970, page 6)

I read this weeks ago and it has stuck with me. I felt that I should share this.

**KATHY WILLETT**

## Putah Creek Committee to meet

The Winters Putah Creek Committee meets on Monday, Dec. 15, at 7 p.m. in the City Council chambers at City Hall, 318 First Street. The agenda includes the kiosk/sign; private ownership easement update; city website update; and plantings and trail improvements.



# Community

## No humbugs here



Photo by Jeff Rawlinson

Reverends Les Tilden (far right) and Bob Badgley accept a gift from young cast members who collected donations from Winters Theatre Company members, who paid tribute to Charles Dickens and his concern for the needy by collecting donations following the recent performances of “A Christmas Carol” at the Winters Community Center. The donations, which totaled over \$1,000, were presented to the Winters Ministerial Alliance, which provides Christmas food and gift baskets for Winters residents who need help during this time of year. Cast members presenting the gift included, from left, (front) Atlas Martinez, Annie Ramos and Elania Hupe, and (back) Ivan Martinez and Lauren Hupe. (Cast members not pictured, Cate Lautzenheiser, Grace Ferguson, Olivia Bristow, Julia McHugh, Brittany Welty, Emilia Orosco and Allyson Freckman.)

## Wish you were here

Courtesy photo  
Winters residents David Kelley and Anietta Tice didn't forget to take their Winters Express along when they took a vacation in Costa Rica from Nov. 22-29 for a week. They held up a copy of Winters' only local newspaper for a photo while visiting the central coast town of Quepos, Costa Rica, near Parque Nacional Manuel Antonio overlooking the Pacific Ocean from an observation tower in the middle of a rain forest.



Photo by Weylin Eng

Aimee Eng and Joe Born have been selling their Winters chestnuts at Bay Area farmers markets and in Davis.

## Winters chestnuts ready for roasting

By MOLLY DAVIS  
Staff writer

Winters Chestnuts has harvested their first crop this year, under the ownership of Weylin and Rose Eng, and the management of Joe Born. Ready in time for the holidays, the farm can help ring in the good cheer. The harvesting began at the Russell Boulevard ranch just east of Winters in mid-September, and continued into mid-October.

The biggest markets for fresh chestnuts are located in the bay area, especially in Oakland and Berkeley. However, the Akida Market in Davis also carries Winters chestnuts.

According to Born, who supervises the pro-

duction and distribution of the chestnuts, he “knew that the first year would be a learning year,” and that the company knows “next year how to cut (their) costs and be more efficient.”

While chestnuts are usually associated with the holidays and the dreamy idea of “chestnuts roasting on an open fire,” certain cultures eat them year-round, which gives Winters Chestnuts the unique challenge of finding different ways to sell their chestnuts.

In the meantime, while Born works on finding more vendors to sell the chestnuts, those interested in purchasing some can contact him directly at (510) 612-0549.

## AMGEN

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14, will be a prologue, and the official race will start with Stage 1 in Davis on Sunday, Feb. 15.

In Sacramento, the cyclists — who also will include two-time defending champ Levi Leipheimer — will race a 2.4-mile time trial to determine rankings.

In Davis, the race teams will line up downtown, on C Street between Third and Fourth streets, and complete two exhibition laps. Then, the riders will head west on Russell Boulevard, and the race officially starts when they cross Arthur Street in West Davis, and continues westward through Winters.

“The first time people will be able to see all the racers and all the teams at the same time will be in Davis,” said Bob Bowen, public relations manager for the city of Davis.

According to a news release from AEG, the presenter of the Amgen Tour of California, the festivities will begin in Central Park at approximately 10:30 a.m. Fans will get to watch each team check in on the stage.

This check-in period should be a good chance for cycling fans to get up

close and personal with some of the most famous cyclists in the world before the noon start time.

“They have just blown by in the past few years, but now they are going to be around for a while,” Bowen said. “Based on the excitement of the last two years when they just blew through, this is really going to be an exciting event.”

Last week also marked the release of the course information for the entire length of the race. Already considered cycling's most successful stage race in the United States, the 2009 Tour of California has been expanded to cover more than 750 miles from Sacramento to San Diego County.

Stage 1 will head west from Davis to Winters and beyond. After 20

miles of flat roads, riders will climb up a short but steep section leading to the Monticello Dam.

Another long, flat section along Lake Berryessa will take the riders to a second climb up Howell Mountain Road. That will be followed immediately by a fast descent into Napa Valley. After one more climb and descent, the cyclists will finish the stage with circuit laps in downtown Santa Rosa.

For more information on the race, go to <http://www.amgentourof-california.com>. To get involved in planning or to become a financial sponsor, contact the city managers office at (530) 757-5602. A Web page will also be up soon at <http://cityofdavis.org>.

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# Crèche display, music planned

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints invites the Winters community to celebrate the Christmas season and the birth of Christ with a community Crèche display and Christmas music on Saturday, Dec. 13, at 6 p.m. at the church, located at 435 Anderson Avenue next to Winters Middle

School. A seasonal music program will be performed by local musicians and vocalists at 7 p.m. A Crèche is a nativity scene which is often displayed in homes during the Christmas season. Many table Crèches will be displayed from a wide assortment of artists and countries.

Members of the community are invited to include their own Crèches. Anyone who would like to display a nativity, participate in the music program, or receive additional information can contact Mark Tippetts, 795-1046, or David Hudson, 787-4045.

## HYER

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dent of the Month and is in the top six finalists for the student position on the California State Board of Education.

Justin is a lifeguard at the Bobbie Greenwood Swim Center, a swim instructor and served as an intern for Yolo County Board of Supervisor Duane Chamberlain. He's also been the class president for all three of his years at Winters High School, and is involved with Block W, student government, the Academic Decathlon honors team, Warriors 4 Christ, the California Scholarship Federation, Interact (Rotary Club for Teens) and the high school drama club.

But wait, there's more.

Justin also volunteers at the local food closet at First Baptist Church, at the Putah Creek cleanups, at the football concessions stand, at the Community Thanksgiving Dinner and on the Winters High School Beautification Project.

And there's still more: He does all this, and maintains a 4.0 grade point average, and if that's not enough, he's probably about the nicest kid you could ever hope to meet.

Justin says he stays this busy simply because he wants to.

"I enjoy everything I've done and am doing. I'd rather do a bunch of stuff and be myself than be sitting at home with a lot of extra time."

Now that he's been named Youth of the Year, he'll have to update his impressive resume with his new accolades. However, he's quite humble about being chosen.

"It's a great honor. I don't do any of the stuff I do to get recognized, but it's very nice that they did."

A willingness to help out just because it's the right thing to do and not for the credit is something he learned from his grandfather, Jim Hyer, who Justin says

has quietly volunteered behind the scenes for years. And he adds, not only does his grandfather do things, he does them well.

"He always makes sure he does a thorough job. He runs the food closet at the First Baptist Church, volunteers at the church and helped put together the (Winters High School) softball fields and baseball fields.

"I'm inspired by him. He does it without wanting recognition, despite not always getting a pat on the back or a 'thank you' for the job. I'd like to live my life like that."

Justin says doing one's best is one of his core values.

"If I'm not going to do something right, I don't do it at all. I try to give 110 percent in everything I do. I want to live with no regrets."

As for the busy schedule of activities, Justin says it's all a matter of perspective.

"Being involved in all these things, I've gotten to experience different aspects of life. I try to take advantage of everything that's presented to me. By doing so, it give me a better sense of direction about where I'm headed in my life."

He adds that all these experiences give him a sense of making a difference, and that he gets great satisfaction in knowing he's helped others, "even when I'm not in the spotlight." He says it doesn't matter whether the job is large or small, it's just doing it that's important.

"I know that by playing some small part, I will have impacted the community in some small way."

Justin describes the volunteer spirit as "a calling."

"It's my calling to help out and lend a hand. I feel like I'm personally led in that direction."

He adds that spending time and effort to benefit his community is important in a small town like Winters, and recognizes how doing so matters and contributes to the quality of life here.

"I love the sense of

community in Winters. I love that people are willing to say 'hi' and to wave to you when they see you, and that people care enough to give you the time of day."

Justin plans to take all the values, experiences and skills he's learned while growing up in Winters and carry them forward after he graduates in 2010. He hasn't committed to a firm career path, but says he's enjoyed his experiences working with local politicians and government officials, particularly Yolo County Judge Tim Fall, his counterpart while serving as last year's Youth Day Judge. Justin says that while getting to know Fall while serving as Youth Day Judge, he noted that Fall "loves his job, and has a sense that he's making a difference, and doing it in a fair and balanced way."

Justin is considering pursuing a bachelor's degree in political science one day, and possibly a law degree after that. He says an education like this "will take me in a lot of directions that I've wanted to go," and that a career in the FBI or politics will allow him to "voice the opinions of the people." Ultimately, he may decide to become a real-life judge himself, like his Youth Day mentor.

"I would like to get into a government position where I'd be serving the people, or maybe the FBI or the justice system."

He's not sure about the exact angle, but Justin thinks government or politics is the best choice for him. He enjoyed his volunteer work with local government officials, and "really liked being in the political environment."

"I think (politics or government) would fit me pretty well, and I'd still feel like I'm making a difference."

Making a difference, now and in the future. That's what this year's Youth of the Year is all about.

## Once upon a time...

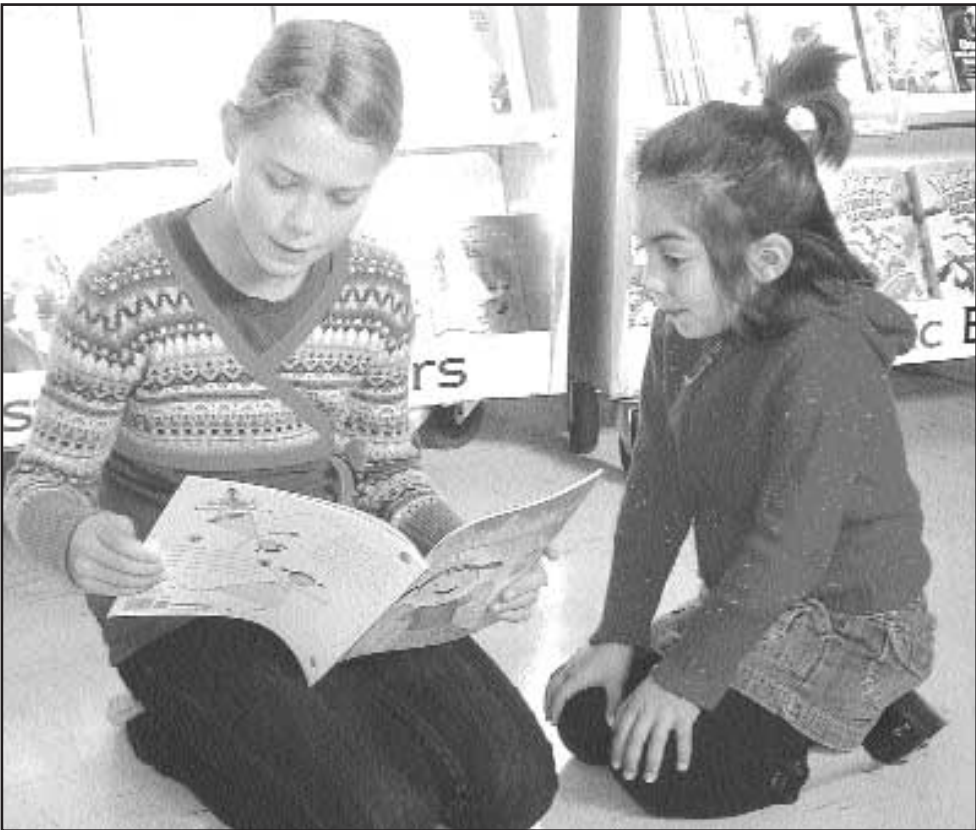


Photo by Debra Lo Guercio  
**Logan Kreun (left) spent part of Saturday morning reading a story to Amaya Jimenez at the Winters Friends of the Library Holiday Festival, held at the Community Center on Saturday, Dec. 6. The WFoL sponsored a Scholastic Book Fair at the festival, and a portion of book sales earned credits for new books for the Winters Library. The books sales earned \$274 in new book credits.**

## Weeds topic of meeting

The Solano County Weed Management Area will hold its annual meeting on Jan. 8, from 9 a.m. to noon at Rush Ranch Nature Center at 3521 Grizzly Island Road in Suisun City. Speakers will address a variety of topics related to the identification and control of troublesome and noxious weeds common in Solano County.

Eradication of medusahead and perennial pepperweed, identification of A-rated noxious weeds, potential problems associated with basal bark herbicide applications, and current laws and regulations will be discussed.

The meeting is free and open to the public. Private landowners, farmers, ranchers, and resource management agency personnel are all welcome.

To register for the meeting, contact Katherine Holmes by e-mail at Katherine.Holmes@ca.nacdn.net or by calling (707) 678-1655, extension 118.

## Celebration of Virgin of Guadalupe planned

A celebration of the Virgin of Guadalupe is planned on Friday, Dec. 12, at St. Anthony Parish Hall, located at 500 Main Street. There will be children's dancing at 4:45 a.m., a mariachis and mass with mariachi music at 5 a.m., a breakfast of chocolate and bread from 6-8 p.m. A Rosario de Clausura will take place at St. Anthony Catholic Church at 6 p.m.

Give your town a Christmas present! Shop in Winters!



# Entertainment

## Slow Food Yolo hosts Winter Holiday Party

Slow Food Yolo members, guests and prospective members are invited to a fun, annual holiday tradition, Slow Food Yolo's Annual Winter Holiday Party, on Saturday, Dec. 13, 5-7 p.m. at the home of Randii MacNear.

MacNear, award-winning manager of the Davis Farmers Market and her partner have just completed building a stunning house in the heart of Yolo County, with sweeping views of the Blue Ridge mountains as well as orchards and fields. Take the time not only to come to a fun party but to see this spectacular home. The party provides a time to go glitzy and bring a bottle of Yolo County wine and an appetizer to share, reflecting the winter season in Yolo County.

The event will include a wrap-up of the 2008 Slow Food Yolo events, and plans for 2009 (including the fifth annual Davis Village Feast in Central Park).

Tickets are \$10 per member and guest. More information and directions are at [www.slowfoodyolo.com](http://www.slowfoodyolo.com) or 304-3147.

[www.wintersexpress.com](http://www.wintersexpress.com)

## Extravaganza features Studio C dancers

Winter is coming and with it comes the Studio C School of Dance's annual Christmas show. This year over 40 dancers, ages 3-18, are putting the final touches on their upcoming Winter Extravaganza. Blending a variety of dance styles from tap to hip hop, and jazz to classical ballet, this year's performance sparkles with holiday cheer. This year's Winter Extravaganza is the first performance directed by Studio C's new owner, Marissa Wright.

The performances take place at the Winters Community Center on Friday, Dec. 12, at 7 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 13, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 14, at 2 p.m. There will be delicious desserts to enjoy and holiday gift baskets to

## Holiday festivities planned at Davis Farmers Market

Holiday festivities are planned at the Davis Farmers Market Saturday mornings in December from 8 a.m. to 1p.m. in Central Park at 4th and C Streets in Davis.

"Gift Basket Central" will return this year at the north end of the pavilion. Shop the market and your items will be wrapped in a complimentary gift basket. This free service will be available through Dec. 20.

Market crafts will be available at the north end of the market featuring a variety of hand-made items including dolls, photography, beeswax candles, lapidary arts, holiday wreathes, fresh lavender and cedar sachets, pottery, metal and wood work, basketry, paintings, jewelry, and more.

New products at the market include fresh chestnuts, mandarins and crab. Many of the sellers have their unique holiday gift packs ready. Giant and petite poinsettias, candy, candied nuts, honeys, kettle corn, specialty oils and dressings and smoked salmon will continue to be available at the market throughout December.

For more information, visit [www.davisfarmers-market.org](http://www.davisfarmers-market.org), or call 756-1695.

## Middle school band still ready to rock!



Courtesy photo

Despite the recent break-in at the middle school (see page A-1), the chorus and bands will present their annual holiday concert at the Community Center on Tuesday, Dec. 16, at 7 p.m. Admission is free. Some of the songs the students will perform include Silver Bells, Ukranian Bell Carol, and A Winter Sleigh Ride. Soloists include Malaya Vosburg, Samantha Nicholson and Alyssa Winslow. Pictured left to right: Drum Major Natalie Roberts, Yesenia Zarate, Cristina Chavez, Tim Davey, Tim Tweedt and Sarena Cliche.



Courtesy photo

Performers in Studio C's Winters Extravaganza include, from left (back) Alex Matheson and Mariah Moron; (middle) Angalina Tunstall, Mora Williams and Dominic Cin-tas; (front) Hunter Freeman and Angel Tunstall.

win as raffle prizes. Ticket prices are \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors and children under 12 years of age. For more information

## Winter Wonderland coming to Town Square

A Winter Wonderland in Town Square is planned in historic downtown Vacaville on Saturday Dec. 13, from 12-4 p.m. Holiday excitement will be happening with music, song and even a visit from Santa. This event is free to the public and is being hosted by the Downtown Vacaville Business Improvement District.

Entertainment includes the Phoenix Rising Irish Dancers, J&S Performing Arts doing their holiday production, the band D.O.C., , P.U.R.E, and the Hula Halau' O Ku' Ulei Dancers. Many of the Downtown Merchants will be hosting open houses and more than 25 restaurants will be open for holiday dining..

For more information, call (707) 451-2100.

## Indoor holiday market

An indoor Holiday Market at the Farmers' Market is planned on Saturday, Dec. 13, from 9 a.m. to noon, at the Esparto Fire Department on Yolo Avenue across the street from the Esparto Park. Rain or shine, wind or calm, visitors can shop for the holidays in indoor comfort.

Bring in a coupon for free fruit while supplies last. To get a free coupon, visit [www.capayvalleyfarmersmarket.com](http://www.capayvalleyfarmersmarket.com) or 787-3319 for more information.



# Sports

## Football players awarded

By ERIC LUCERO  
Express sports

The Winters Warriors football program held their annual awards banquet on Monday, Dec. 1, as both the JV and varsity players received their certificates and emblems. Coach Daniel Ward also acknowledged individuals that received awards including nine players that were named to the Butte View All League team.

Max Mariani, running back, and Aaron Geerts, linebacker, were also the team's MVPs. Taylor Brickey and Jesus Quirarte, offensive line, and Billy Rotenkolber, linebacker, made the first team.

Making honorable mention were Steven Warren, Zach Higgins at quarterback, Jesse Reneaux and Jesse Hellinger at defensive line. Hellinger also re-



Photo by Eric Lucero

This year's football award winners included, from left (front) Jacob Lucero, Zach Higgins, Bjorn Kulseng, Jesse Reneaux, Steven Warren and Miguel Del Rio;. (back) Billy Rotenkolber, Taylor Brickey, Ryan Hoftstrand, Jesus Quirarte, Kyle Tobler and Jesse Hellinger.

ceived the Iron Warrior award. Brickey was given the inaugural Jack Delbar Coaches Award. Miguel Del Rio received the John Kamerrer Coaches Award, Bjorn Kulseng was given the

Paul Zinselmeir Coach-es Award and Ryan Hofstrand earned the Block W Senior Scholar Athlete Award.

For the JV team Tony Brever was named Most Outstanding Offensive

player, Thomas Boswell was named Most Outstanding Defensive player and Jacob Lucero received the Coaches Award for the Most Outstanding Freshman player.

## Hellinger named MVP

By ERIC LUCERO  
Express sports

The Winters High School wrestling team traveled to Orland to compete in the very competitive Doc Petersen Invitational Tournament on Saturday, Dec. 6. Jesse Hellinger led the Warriors as he started off his season right where he left off last year by winning another MVP award. Hellinger dominated his opponents on his quest for not only getting back to the state tournament but winning it.

"Jesse is definitely capable of winning state," said coach Tim Hausler. "He knows how to raise his level of competition and what it takes to get

there."

Billy Rotenkolber also had a good tournament placing third.

"Billy's only loss was to the wrestler that won the tournament," Hausler said. "Billy had a good showing."

Cody Linton wrestled well and placed fifth, along with Chris Calderon who placed sixth and Trevor Wright had a good tournament going 2-2.

"I was very pleased with the team performance," Hausler said. "They all scrapped and worked hard. Burt Masem, Catherine Hasbrook, Jackson Waldron, Kendrick Moore, Austin Brickey who went 1-2 and Joe Sousa all looked good."

## Crisp takes over JV boys basketball team

By ERIC LUCERO  
Express sports

The Winters High School JV boy's basketball team is off to a great start under the head coaching of Tom Crisp. The Warriors are 3-1 after losing their season opener to Dixon by a score of 52-47. Winters had a slow start against the Rams but shook off the jitters after falling 21-9 in the first period.

Winters turned things around and actually

took the lead late in the fourth but were unable to protect the ball down the stretch.

"In the first half they had two players that were doing most of their scoring," said Crisp. "Under the suggestion of coach Ben Geerts we changed up the defense and even though we hadn't worked on it in practice it worked very well. Sam Newman did a great job of driving the ball to the basket and drawing fouls and

played great pressure defense along with Niko Doyle."

Newman led the Warriors with 18 points, Skyler Geerts scored 11 points, Doyle had nine, Kevin Hyde had six, Keli Callison had two and John Botro had one.

The Warriors were back on the court on Thursday, Dec. 4, as they traveled to Arbuckle to compete in the Pierce High School round

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## Varsity boys basketball pick up first win

By ERIC LUCERO  
Express sports

The Winters Warriors varsity boy's basketball team had a rough start last Tuesday, Dec. 2, in the season opener at home against Dixon. Winters lost 77-45 to the Rams.

Aaron Geerts led the Warriors with 13 points and made three of four three point shots to help. Vince

Doyle scored nine points, Jules Damey, Ed Latimer and Eric Ruggles each scored five points, Max Mariani, Jeronimo Aguilar and Maurice Ackridge each scored three, while Jose Ceja scored two points for the Warriors.

The Warriors competed in the Pierce Tournament, held Dec. 4-6, and started with a 38-49 loss to Wil-lows. The Warriors

were down by just four going into the fourth period but were out scored 15-8 in the final period.

Geerts led the Warriors in scoring with 12 points. Ackridge followed with nine points, had four assists, two steals and pulled down 13 rebounds. Doyle and Damey both scored six points, while Aguilar

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## Girls soccer falls to Esparto

The Winters Warriors girl's soccer team lost their season opener to visiting Esparto on Tuesday, Dec. 2, at Shirley Rominger Intermediate School by a score of 1-2.

Danielle Murphy scored the Warriors only goal off an assist from Alex Panattoni in the second half.

## Warrior boys soccer takes Sutter

By ERIC LUCERO  
Express sports

The Winters Warriors boy's soccer team tied their season opener at home against Esparto on Tuesday, Dec. 2, at Shirley Rominger School.

On Thursday, Dec. 4,

the Warriors decided they didn't like the tie, so they traveled to Sutter and shut out the Huskies 7-0 in their first league game.

Winters scored early and often as they put five on the board

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## PISANI'S ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



## Maurice Ackridge

Maurice Ackridge, a senior on the Winters High School varsity basketball team, is this week's athlete of the week. Ackridge averaged a double-double for the Warriors during their tournament at Pierce High School on Dec. 4-6. He averaged 15 points and 13 rebounds in the tournament for the Warriors, including one game when he scored 20 points, and pulled down 14 rebounds, six steals, two blocks and one assist.

## Now Offering Wheel Alignment



# Schools



**LAST MONTH, THE FIRST** of many successful events to be put on by the City of Winter’s Teen Committee took place. This teen committee was recently created by WHS senior Amy Avellar as her senior project. Amy has big plans for her committee this year, which were kicked off with last month’s teen Jam Night.

In the beginning of the year, Amy was having troubles coming up with an idea for a senior project. Luckily for her, she was approached by city employees Traci Nakamura and Beth Curry, who asked if she would be interested in heading this committee. Amy’s goal for this committee is to create events in the community for teens to participate in. She is the head of this committee and has responsibility for all of the events that are put on. While Winters is growing, it is still lacking any entertainment for teenagers. Through this committee, Amy hopes that she will be able to create events where teens can have fun.

The Teen Committee’s first event took place at the Winters Community Center. Amy said of the event, “Jam Night was a great event. It was at the community center. It started at 6 p.m.. with our first performance. The first band to play was Italia Conte, a band comprised of three boys, one being Ivon Villa, a former WHS student. Once they were done playing their set, the UC Davis Breakdancing Club performed. They were amazingly talented. It was a great way to transition between bands.”

“The second band was The Fifth Jovian. This band is made up of all Winters teenagers, Joey Sanders, Steven Lanfranco, and Nick Hawley. Both of these bands were great! They did a fabulous job of interacting with the crowd and had great stage presence.”

WHS junior Maya Tice said that she had fun dancing on the dance floor with her friends. Senior Lilian Boisrame thought Jam Night was, “a really cool and different experience for teens in this town, the bands and dancers were excellent.” Senior Ray McIntire said “the bands were good, and there was a mellow atmosphere” Both Lilian and Ray agreed that they wished that there had been a larger turnout, and hopefully more students will take advantage of the Teen Committee’s next event.

Amy is still looking for WHS students to be a part of this teen committee and is in the process of creating an application for students to apply. Anyone who is interested in thinking of and planning fun events for teens can pick up an application at City Hall or contact Amy at amy\_avellar@yahoo.com.

## Taking his list, checking it twice

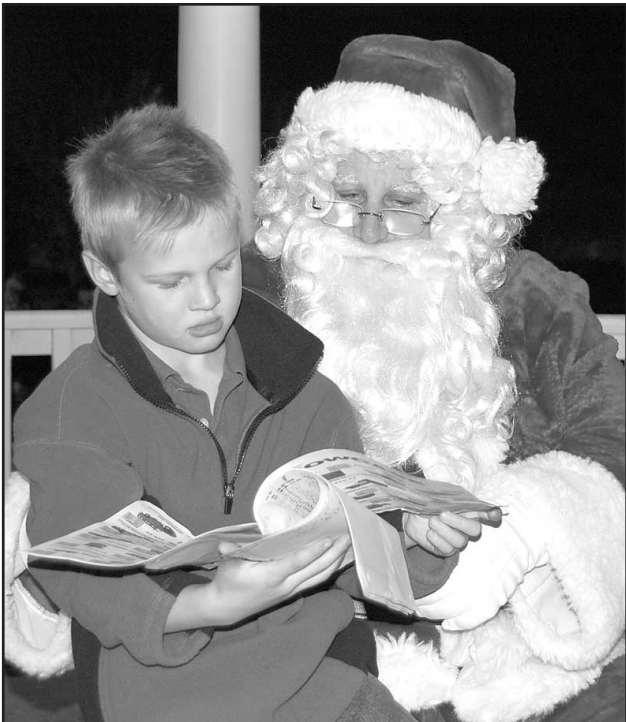


Photo by Debra Lo Guercio  
**Jack Bratset came prepared for his visit with Santa, and brought along his Christmas wish list, complete with photos, to the community Christmas tree lighting on Saturday, Dec. 6. Disaster was averted when Jack and his parents arrived in town and discovered they’d left the list at home, and had to go all the way back to get it. They live near Lake Berryessa. But they returned in time to make Jack’s requests known to Jolly Old St. Nick.**

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## Crafty brothers



Photo by Debra Lo Guercio  
**Brothers Andrew and Lucas Peters, clad in matching stripes, were busy making Christmas ornaments at the Winters Friends of the Library Holiday Festival, held at the Community Center on Saturday, Dec. 6.**

**Only 14 days left before Christmas!  
Remember to shop locally!**

## School board meets Thursday

The Winters School Board will meet on Thursday, Dec. 11, at 6:30 p.m. in the Walnut Room at the School District Office, located at 909 W. Grant Avenue. The following items are on the agenda.

- ~ Election of board president, board clerk, and appointment of board secretary.
- ~ Approval of dates and times of regularly scheduled board meetings for the 2009/10 school year.
- ~ Approval of resolution; certification of signatures.
- ~ Collect information regarding board representatives on district committees for 2009.
- ~ Recognition of 2008 board president Jay Shepherd.
- ~ Recognition of Winters Middle School students Logan Fox and Justin Nitzkowski.
- ~ Public input on non-agenda items.
- ~ Consider acceptance of independent auditor’s report for June 30, 2008.
- ~ Consider approval of firm to do phone survey regarding possible parcel tax.
- ~ Third month ADA report, 2008/09.
- ~ Consider approval of firm to do superintendent search.
- ~ Update on status of state mid-year cuts.
- ~ Informal review of Governance Team’s Performance.



# CRISP

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robin tournament. The Warriors dominated their competition as they averaged 70 points a game and went 3-0 in the tournament.

In game one against Pierce, the Warriors won 60-35 with 10 players putting points on the board. Doyle led all scorers with 20 points, followed by Geerts with 14, Botro had eight, Newman had five, Jacob Lucero and Hyde each scored three, Jesse Crabtree, Eddie Nieto and Jesus Quirarte each had two, while Callison had one point for the Warriors.

On Thursday, Dec. 5, the Warriors played Colusa and had another big victory with a 63-30 win over the Redskins.

“Colusa played mostly zone and our post players, Callison, Lucero, Juan Tovar, Botro and Quirarte did an excellent job of rebounding and scoring inside,” said Crisp. “It helps that we have some good outside shooters to draw the defense out. We had five different players make three point shots.”

Doyle led the Warriors again in scoring with 12 points, followed by Lucero and Geerts with eight. Botro scored seven points, Callison had six, Nick Mariani scored five points, Nieto and Tovar each had four, Newman scored three, while Crabtree, Hyde and Jesse Carabez each had two points for the Warriors.

In the final game of the tournament, the Warriors took it to Biggs High School with an 88-34 blowout. Once again the Warriors showed their depth with 11 players scoring.

“We were a little out of position and a step slow at first,” Crisp said. “But our third quarter man press was very effective.”

The Warriors outscored Biggs 33-5 in the third period and 19-5 in the fourth to put the game out of reach.

“I would like to see us a little more patient on offense at times,” Crisp said. “But we are trying to get them to fast break when the opportunity presents itself. It will take a while for them to understand the game tempo and when to push and when to back off.

“We have talent and depth in all positions, so it is a little more difficult trying to find the right combinations that will make us most successful. This is the kind of depth you get at larger schools when you have 30 or more players trying out and you get to pick and choose the best from that group. It is a good problem to have.

“In the Pierce Tournament we were much deeper and more athletic than any team we played. In the Dixon Tournament the competition will be much tougher, but that is what you want in the preseason — play against teams that expose your weaknesses so that you have time to work on them before league.

“Although I helped with the boys’ JV team a couple of years ago, it has been four seasons since I was a head coach. This is a unique opportunity to coach two players, Jacob Lucero and Skyler Geerts, whose fathers I coached back in the ‘old days.’ I doubt if my coaching style has changed much. But the focus on JV is more on improving their basic skills, eliminating bad habits and generally preparing them for the varsity level. I really enjoy teaching the basics so it is a good fit for me.”

# WIN

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scored two points.

On Friday, Dec. 5, the Warriors took on Biggs and handled them pretty easily with a 58-31 victory. The Warriors held just a three-point lead at the half but coach Jason Davis made the right adjustments during the break as the Warriors came out on a mission. Winters outscored their opponent 22-0 in the third period and put the game away early.

Ackridge had another big game as he scored a double-double. Ackridge put 20 points on the board, pulled down 14 rebounds, and had six steals two blocks and one assist. Geerts put up 12 points, Latimer scored eight points, Doyle had five, Damey scored four, Aleksandar Jankovic scored three, while Zach Pangburn, Aguilar and Ruggles each put in two points for the Warriors.

In their final game of the tournament, the Warriors played Live Oak and couldn’t recover from a low scoring performance in the second period and lost 56-26 on Saturday, Dec. 6.

Ackridge continued to be the work horse as he pulled off another double-double scoring almost half of the Warriors points with 17, grabbed 11 rebounds, three steals and had one assist to lead the Warriors. Latimer and Geerts both scored five points, Damey had four, Doyle and Pangburn each scored two, and Ceja scored one.

# Swim team celebrates successful year



Courtesy photo

The Winters High School swim team had another successful season this year, capturing both boys and girls league championships. The team included, from left (front) Tess Hyer, Shannon Sinkovich, Mallory Dunn, Sydney Stewart, Austin Freed, Katie Clark, Ashley Shaw, Zoe Adams and Sarah Stephens; (second row) Ashlynn Neil, Sierra Kreun, Cheyenne Burrall, Cheyenne Powell, Maya Tice, Meghan Hyde, Jessie Freckmann, Brandon Masteller and D. J. Tice; (third row) Coach Kevin Chester, Justin Hyer, Oscar Jaramillo, Eric Cardenas, Freddie Lewis, Carlos Lona, Lauren Atherton, Clinton Freed, Morgan Fjord and Jamie Andersen; (back row) Jameson Shugart, Ethan Johnson, Anderson Bouwens, Tyler Berg, Till Schweiser, Woody DeVries, Kevin Hyde, Alec Bouwens, Roco Romero and Justin Rominger.

# BOYS

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in the first half and added two more in the second.

Freshman Omar Herrera had a big impact on the game as he scored a goal, had three assists and had 15 steals. Fernando Cervantes scored

a goal, had one assist and nine steals.

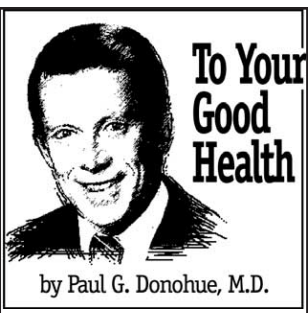
Dagoberto Fierros scored a goal and had an assist and Orlando Rodriguez did the same having one goal and one assist. Estaban Moreno scored one goal, Fabian Carrillo scored a goal, Salvador Rodriguez had an assist and Ray McIntire had 12 steals.



# Features

## Treating frostbite

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My father emigrated from the Soviet Union after World War II. As a young man, he lost three fingers to frostbite, but he didn't like to talk about it. I live in a region that has harsh winters and often wonder about frostbite. How do you treat it? — O.S.



ANSWER: Frostbite is an apt term, as ice crystals actually form in the tissues where it happens. The crystals do some of the damage, as does a loss of water from affected cells. However, the greatest amount of damage comes from the disruption of blood supply to the frozen area.

Frostbite can happen anytime the temperature is below 32 F (0 C). It can happen at higher temperatures when the wind is blowing hard. Fingers, toes, hands, feet, chin, nose and ears are the most exposed parts of the body, and they are the ones most likely to be frostbitten.

Frostbitten skin should be warmed in a water bath with a temperature between 99 and 102 F (37 to 39 C). Don't begin the rewarming process if there's a chance of refreezing, which causes greater damage than the first freeze.

With first-degree frostbite, the skin turns red and swells, and people complain that it hurts. Rewarming the skin brings about full recovery.

In second-degree frostbite, the skin becomes white, and people feel little pain. In about 12 to 24 hours, blisters appear and even three to 10 days after recovery, the affected area still throbs and aches but should be functional.

In third-degree frostbite, the entire depth of skin is frozen and is black and dry. This degree of frostbite generally indicates loss of the skin and frozen tissues.

If you're interested in a small book packed with information on cold injuries, take a look at "Hypothermia, Frostbite and Other Cold Injuries" by Gordon Giesbrecht and James Wilkerson, printed by The Mountaineers Books.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: The big toe on my right foot is giving me trouble.

I can hardly bend it, and it hurts at the base of the toe. What is this, and how do I fix it? — R.R.

ANSWER: It could be a condition called hallux rigidus — in English, "rigid big toe."

The big toe is essential in walking and running. It initiates the forward propulsion of the body. Every step taken puts great stress on the big toe. In time, the joint that joins the big toe to the foot can develop arthritis. An arthritic joint stiffens the toe and makes it hurt.

Anti-inflammatory drugs like ibuprofen relieve pain and inflammation in the joint. When pain lessens, contrast baths can be useful. You need two buckets. One has hot water; the other, cold water. Put the affected foot in the bucket with cold water for 25 seconds and then into the bucket with hot water for the same length of time. Keep doing this for three to five minutes a couple of times a day.

Shoes with thick soles take some of the shock off the big toe when walking or running. Cushion inserts do the same.

If the toe makes walking pure torture, see an orthopedic surgeon. You might need surgical correction.

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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## Obama may charm us all

We have a new president, a jolly good fellow that nobody can deny.

History shows us that because we live in a two party system, the presidency alternates between each of the two major parties time and time again. Obama has raised expectations to a new level and generated optimism we haven't seen for a very long time. This is not a bad thing because optimism wins over pessimism hands down. But will we ever have a Republican president again?

It won't ever be McCain unless medical science raises the lifespan of Americans to 100 or beyond (so you thought he was 100 already?). It could even possibly be pretty perky Palin after she stands up to the Russians for wanting parts of Alaska back, but I don't think so. Obama may find some inconspicuous government job for her in the spirit of bipartisanship and keep her there in the deepest recesses of hell. Maybe he could even find a place for her husband Todd so they could live together in Washington with her, where he could keep an eye on both of them. It often snows in Washington D.C. in the winter, and maybe there could be dogsled races to Philadelphia when both places get frozen over.

But humor aside, there are hardly any presidential politicians that have been able to keep his campaign promises after getting into the hot seat. We may get out of Iraq, but Afghanistan may prove to be more difficult to manage, and in four years we could still be impossibly bogged down there doing a thankless expensive job no one expected. I am reminded of Lyndon Johnson, a Civil Rights

### YOU HEARD IT HERE FIRST

ROBERT FISCHER



achiever whose dreams of a Great Society with social justice for all went down in flames as he unwittingly became preoccupied with the Vietnam War.

The mark of a successful politician is to make promises and then to find an acceptable way to explain why the promises could not be fulfilled. Bill Clinton was a talented talker and was good at this, but Obama is an even exceptionally better speaker than Clinton and he will continue to inspire us as no one else can by the rectitude of his rhetoric. He may even rival Abraham Lincoln, a man he clearly admires and even quotes, and may end up replacing him on the five dollar bill someday in the far future.

Even if he stumbles and falls, we should not let him get on the wrong side of our opinions. Every four years we pick a president and then for the next four years pick on him. He deserves, after what he has accomplished, not to be torn apart and lambasted by Rush Limbaugh radio talk show clones. He has to get the benefit of our doubt. Let's give Barack a break!

I am not sure about if he can keep his promises or not because I'm not sure exactly what he has promised, other than to assure us that we'll get there. Everyone has their own hopes about what he's going to be able to do. He didn't talk about the poor so much as he did "the middle class," and avoided discussing the issues of im-

migration or why we have to incarcerate in prison so many people, topics he might have been asked about if there had been the dozens of the town hall meetings McCain had originally proposed.

I sincerely hope the inevitable letdown or disappointment will not be too severe as he settles down into the day to day routine of sitting at his White House office desk. He will be constrained by severe budgetary problems and have little room to maneuver. He'll have to move toward the center or even the center right as Clinton did before him. A lot of old Clinton people, out of work and the limelight for the last eight years, will be moving into some key positions.

California is as liberal a state as they come (after Massachusetts), but even in such a progressive state as ours something like Proposition 8 was still able to squeak by. He'll be the president of a flock of liberals in a national sea of liberal pretenders. He won't be able to please everybody.

Although I knew he had California sewn up and I could safely vote for someone else (the Green Party candidate, strong backed Cynthia McKinney), I admit I am pleased with Obama and hope we all still can be even after his honeymoon with the American people is over.

### Pleased to meet you



Name: Eric Guzman

Occupation: U.S. Army

Private

Hobby: Soccer

What's best about living

in Winters: Everybody

knows everybody.

Fun fact: I'm really good at making people laugh.

The Garden Bug
The word vane comes from the Anglo-Saxon fane, meaning "flag". During warfare, fabric pennants showed archers the direction of the wind. Later, the cloth was replaced by metal and carefully balanced to turn in the wind. Once produced individually by artisans, small factories sprang up to meet the demand for them during Victorian times.
Weathervanes
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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your Arian penchant for impatience shows, as you consider passing a problem-prone project on to someone else. Best advice: Stay with it and work out those snarls yourself.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Even patient Bovines can be frustrated when carefully made plans go awry. But crank up that "stick-to-it-ivity" you do so well, and you'll soon find that your schedule is back in sync.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your aspect favors using more resourceful means in dealing with a workplace situation. Some discreet checking around could help shed light on the root cause of the problem.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You show an unusually strong streak of stubbornness in rejecting suggestions from friends and/or family members early in the week. But you become more receptive by the weekend.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The Big Cat might find a gentler approach more effective when dealing with those who resist needed changes. Remember, the word "persuasion" starts with the sound "purr."

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A disappointing experience with someone you felt you could trust can be painful. But there just might be more to this situation than you're aware of. Press for an explanation.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Changing your views about something you believe in isn't easy. But you might reconsider as the facts come in. Keep your mind open, even if you're uneasy about what you might learn.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You might have to do some serious shifting of gears to get your project back on track. But cheer up. Your hard work starts to produce some positive results by the week's end.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) An unsettling mood at the start of the week soon lifts and gives way to a more positive attitude as you find fun and friendship beginning to dominate your aspect.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A delay in firming up holiday plans could work to your advantage. Use this time to scout out possibilities that might be more in line with what those close to you would prefer.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Some people might question some of the new friends you've welcomed into your life. But your ability to see beyond the obvious helps you recognize how special they are.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Financial matters can be especially tricky this week. It's best to follow a conservative investment path for now, and wait for a more fortuitous time to take a bolder approach.
BORN THIS WEEK: Your warmth, your humor and your genuine concern for others make you someone people love to keep close to their lives.

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### King Crossword

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# Nuestras Noticias

JUAN FERNANDEZ

## EVENTOS Y COMENTARIOS HISPANOS



### ¿Fin de un camino áspero?

No cabe duda que todos estamos sintiendo los efectos de lo que oficialmente el gobierno ya ha llamado “Recesión,” los expertos en economía no lo estaban diciendo a diario, el país estaba en una recesión, los síntomas estaban a la vista, pero el gobierno lo declaro oficial un año después, y ahora al final de la presidencia de Bush, la economía del país sigue estancada, esperamos con animo que el Barack Obama pueda con el paquete que Bush le esta dejando.

La crisis por la que ahora estamos pasando no nació ayer, esta crisis ya se estaba gestando años atrás, y nadie hizo nada por evitarla, el gobierno de Bush se hizo de la vista gorda, su gobierno tuvo poca supervisión en las grandes empresas financieras, su mensaje a las grandes corporaciones era, hagan lo que quieran, mi gobierno no esta mirando nada.

¿Cómo es posible que nadie, ni personas ni instituciones, dieron alguna señal de alerta con los prestamos hipotecarios que se estaban ofreciendo? ¿Quién, o quienes fueron los culpables? ¿Porque nosotros y nuestros hijos tenemos que pagar los malos manejos financieros?

Todavía existen muchas preguntas sobre los prestamos hipotecarios que estaban condenados al fracaso. ¿Que banco o que financiera empezó a ofrecer estos prestamos? ¿Cómo fue posible que se pudieran alterar ingresos de las familias para poder calificarlos en la compra de una casa? ¿Acaso la ley no considera eso como un fraude? Muchas preguntas y pocas respuestas.

Más de tres millones de personas han perdido sus casas. Hay más de siete millones de personas que le deben más al banco que el valor actual de sus viviendas. Más de un millón de personas han perdido sus empleos este año. Muchos más seguirán. Y Bush, la verdad, no parece saber qué hacer. Lo bueno es que pronto podrá irse a su rancho a Texas. En donde tendrá tiempo para hacer un examen de conciencia.

Bush penso que aventando y regalando dinero a los bancos, iba a poder apaciguar los problemas, pero hasta el día de hoy, el gobierno ha regalado mucho dinero, y los dueños de casas en problemas con sus hipotecas, no han visto una real solución a sus penares.

La fórmula del rescate de Bush es muy simplista. ¿Perdiste dinero? No te preocupes. Yo te lo regalo. O te lo presto y ya luego verás cómo pagármelo. El problema es que el plan de rescate de Bush no ataca el origen de la crisis ni ayuda directamente a la gente que está perdiendo sus casas. Y así como han estado a punto de desaparecer la aseguradora AIG y Citigroup, otras empresas más, grandes y pequeñas, corren el riesgo de seguir el mismo y tenebroso camino.

¿Bush tiene derecho a disponer del dinero como si fuera de él? Ese dinero que ha estado regalando, es dinero que nosotros como contribuyentes vamos a pagar, y, además, esta endeudando a nuestros hijos. Y cuando ya no sabe de donde sacar, se pone a imprimir billete verde como si fuera de papel. Su legado está tapizado de errores.

Para poder disponer de todo este dinero, hizo lo que sabe hacer muy bien, meterle miedo a la gente, les metió miedo a los congresistas, y estos le autorizaron su plan, plan que no ha funcionado.

Afortunadamente Obama ha empezado a formar su gabinete, y que bueno que aunque todavía no es presidente, por lo menos sus decisiones lo van a ayudar a no encontrarse con un país hecho polvo.

Obama anuncio en conferencias de prensa, lo que él haría al llegar a la Casa Blanca y nos presentó a los expertos financieros, que saben mucho más que él, y que lo ayudarán a salir de este caos. Obama vendió confianza. Y solo entonces se calmaron los mercados. La gente lo oyó y le creyó.

Credibilidad. Eso es lo que tiene Obama y que no tiene Bush. ¿Cómo creerle a Bush cuando se inventó una guerra diciendo que había armas de destrucción masiva en Iraq y luego no aparecieron? ¿Cómo creerle a Bush cuando dice que su gobierno no condona la tortura y luego aparecieron las imágenes de los abusos en la cárcel de Abu Ghraib? ¿Cómo creerle a Bush cuando dejó que Nueva Orleans se ahogara?

Hemos caminado un camino áspero con Bush los últimos años de su gobierno, ha perdido la confianza y la credibilidad del pueblo americano, esta pasando a la historia como el presidente más impopular de los últimos tiempos en Estados Unidos.

¿Podremos con Obama recorrer un camino menos áspero? No lo sabemos, lo que sí es cierto es que por lo menos merecemos, tenemos derecho a tomar un camino diferente, un camino que nos regrese a todos a seguir viviendo el sueño americano, que por ahora se ha convertido en pesadilla. Les deseo una buena semana.

## Costo de la colegio

Hablando de dinero para la educación de los hijos, parece que muchos padres sobrestiman el costo del Colegio y piensan que necesitan ahorrar el monto total. Y esto en la practica no es cierto. Lo cierto es que el estudiante termina pagando el Colegio con una combinación de sus ingresos, ingresos de sus padres, becas parciales, subvenciones, prestamos, etc.

El propósito de la ayuda financiera es cubrir la brecha entre lo que las familias pueden pagar por los estudios y lo que cobran los planteles. Las familias necesitan entender el proceso para obtener la mayor ayuda financiera.

Para obtener cualquier tipo de ayuda financiera con fondos federales deberán llenar la Solicitud Gratis de Ayuda Federal para Estudiantes (FAFSA). Es posible que también le pidan que llene formularios específicos de cada institución. Lo bueno es que usted sólo tendrá que llenar un formulario de FAFSA y uno de CSS/PROFILE por cada año, ajeno a cuántas escuelas usted solicite entrada, porque las solicitudes que usted envíe van a una misma compañía de análisis de necesidad, y esta envía los informes a usted y a los colegios que usted indique.

Así que mientras tu llenes tu solicitud de entrada, tus padres deberán cotejar sus documentos financieros. La fecha más temprana en la que puedes presentar el FAFSA es el 1 de enero de su último año de secundaria. La mayoría de los colegios dan un plazo para solicitar ayuda fi-

nanciera a principios de febrero, así que solicita la ayuda lo más pronto posible después del 1 de enero.

Hay dos formas de llenar el FAFSA. Lo puede hacer “en línea” en [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) o puede presentar una copia en papel, que podrá conseguir en la oficina de ayuda financiera de su Colegio, o llamando al 1-800-4-FED-AID. La mayoría de los administradores de ayuda financiera prefieren el método “en línea” porque reduce el tiempo del trámite a la mitad.

Si usted presenta el FAFSA en línea, cerciórese de obtener un Número de Identificación Personal (PIN), de manera que esté listo para llenar el formulario lo antes posible después del 1 de enero. La presentación del FAFSA es gratis cuando usted lo hace mediante [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov), así que cerciórese de escribir la dirección correcta del sitio web. Algunos sitios web con nombres similares le cobrarán una cuota por presentar su solicitud.

Si no tiene claro algún asunto, o tiene dificultades para llenar el FAFSA, por favor comuníquese con la oficina de ayuda financiera de su Colegio o el Departamento de Educación de EEUU, en el 1-800-4-FED-AID.

El paquete de ayuda financiera que usted acepte durará por un año. Si usted se toma cuatro años para terminar el Colegio, tendrá que hacer el proceso para la ayuda financiera cuatro veces. Cada año tendrá que llenar un nuevo FAFSA y los otros formularios.

## Programa paisano

Recuerde que cuando viaje a México, el gobierno tiene en operación el programa paisano, que esta en vigencia hasta el 9 de enero del 2009.

La Secretaría de Gobernación, a través del Instituto Nacional de Migración, ha implementado a este programa con la finalidad de proteger a nuestros paisanos y orientarles durante el viaje y estancia que realizan a México en la temporada de fiestas de fin de año, así como para el regreso a sus sitios de residencia.

En el Operativo de Invierno 2008 participarán más de mil observadores distribuidos en módulos fijos y más de 400 puntos de observación que estarán ubicados en los Centros de Importación e Interacción Temporal de Vehículos (CIITEV), centrales de autobuses, aeropuertos internacionales, presidencias municipales, puentes internacionales, garitas de abandono, casetas de peaje y establecimientos comerciales de diversa índole donde comúnmente los paisanos realizan paradas durante su viaje por México, quienes informarán y orientarán a nuestros paisanos sobre los trámites, servicios, derechos, obligaciones y programas de asistencia que el Gob-

ierno

Federal dispone para ellos en esta temporada.

La Administración General de Aduanas del Servicio de Administración Tributaria elevará la franquicia terrestre de 75 a 300 dólares para que los paisanos puedan ingresar con un mayor volumen de mercancías.

La Secretaría de la Función Pública reforzará la coordinación con sus supervisorías regionales, para inhibir y sancionar aquellas prácticas que estén fuera de normatividad y con este fin tendrá el número de denuncia 01 800 386 24 66.

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## Sinlogismos de Sofocleto

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Es que no saben dónde llevarse a la pareja. La unanimidad es la opinión del que manda. Para los verdugos, el trabajo es la muerte. El piropro es un equilibrio entre la oferta y la demanda. No hay guerra civil.

La bofetada es un aplauso unilateral. En política siempre existe el peligro de pertenecer a las mayorías. Los escultores siguen viviendo en la Edad de Piedra. Me gustan los reincidentes porque no cambian de idea.

El hombre regresa cuando ya no es el mismo que se fue. Las ventajas del nudismo saltan a la vista.

La filosofía consiste en decir refranes con palabras difíciles. Se necesita mucho ingenio para cometer un pecado original. Sólo quien ha comido ajo puede darnos una palabra de aliento. Lo malo de la experiencia es que nos enseña a golpes.

## Transición a televisión digital en febrero

Grande cambios para las emisoras televisivas. El 17 de febrero de 2009, se les exigirá a todas las estaciones de televisión a no transmitir de manera analógica y sólo continuar de manera digital, esto se denomina transición a televisión digital (DTV).

La transición DTV se considera un momento histórico en la evolución de TV. Las estaciones de televisión pueden ofrecer a los televidentes imagen mejorada y calidad de sonido, y nuevas opciones de programación. Ya que la señal digital es más eficiente que la analógica, permite que las estaciones transmiten varios programas al mismo tiempo. Esto significa que las compañías pueden ofrecer a los consumidores más opciones de programación. Todas las transmisiones digitales también nos permitirán mejorar las comunicaciones de seguridad pública y conducirá hacia una nueva era de servicios inalámbricos de avanzada tales como la extensa implementación de banda ancha inalámbrica.

No todos se verán afectados por la transición DTV de la misma manera: Si recibe las estaciones locales emisoras a través de un proveedor como TV

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Si posee una TV digital (una TV con sintonizador digital incorporado), usted ya está preparado para el cambio. (Si su TV tiene más de 10 años, es probable que no sea digital. Si tiene menos de 10 años, consultar con el manual o preguntar al fabricante).

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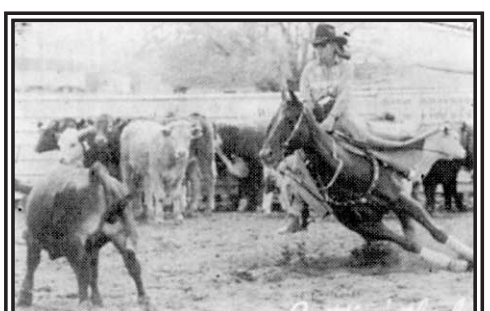
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