



Happy New Year

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## I'm Dreaming of a White (Day After) Christmas



FROSTY THE SNOW CAT? stood proudly on Main street with builders (left to right) Sherry Cavazos, Chad Hardy and Dominic Reyes. Approximately four inches of snow fell the day after Christmas.

## Rock Hotel brick sponsors still needed

The response to the Rock Hotel brick campaign has been excellent. However, about 70 bricks (\$3,500) are still needed to reach the goal of \$42,000 required to obtain the matching grant.

Due to early publication and distribution of the January 1 edition of *The Winters Enterprise*, members of the Z.I. Hale Museum and Rock Hotel urge readers to respond by the December 31, 1997 deadline. It is very important that the needed additional

funds be reported by December 31. If you plan to purchase a brick, please do not hesitate a minute longer.

The Z.I. Hale Museum Board is very appreciative of the Winters community for its support to this challenge to raise the funds necessary to complete the Rock Hotel.

The Museum Board has selected approximately 100 bricks of historical significance to the community which they would like

to include in the brick walkway. Sponsors for almost half of these have already been secured, but sponsors are still needed for about 50 of these bricks.

If you or your organization would like to sponsor any of these, please contact Julie Springer, Randall Conner, or Bill Spiller. Cost is \$50 per brick for sponsorship.

A list of bricks needing sponsors may be found on page 6.

## Byrd, Whittenburg named coach, player of the year

Nitsch, Luz, Conner also on All-Big Country Team and Standard-Times All West Texas Team

Coach Robin Byrd and quarterback Kenny Whittenburg have been named Coach of the Year and Player of the Year, respectively, for the *Abilene Reporter-News* All-Big Country Class 2A football team.

Coach Byrd, in his fifth year at Winters, surprised many football fans and sports writers as he coached the oft-ailing Blizzards past heavily-favored Stamford in bi-district play, then overwhelmed defending state champion Lockney for the area championship.

Luckily, quarterback Kenny Whittenburg managed to stay healthy throughout the season to lead the Big Blue. The 6-0, 175 lb. junior completed 116 of 233 passes for 1,850 yards with 22 touchdowns and only seven interceptions.

He was a unanimous choice for District 8-2A Offensive Player of the Year.



Coach Robin Byrd

Whittenburg is also a member of the National Honor Society at

Winters High School and an active member of the First Baptist Church.

Also named to the prestigious team are Bear Nitsch, Ricky Luz and Dennis Conner.

Nitsch, a 190 lb. senior, had 12 solo tackles, 43 assists, 1 fumble recovered, 2 fumbles caused, 2 quarterback sacks, and 1 knocked down pass. He was selected as 1st team defensive lineman and 1st team offensive lineman in Class 8-2A All-District selections.

Ricky Luz received 1st team wide receiver and 1st team defensive secondary and 1st team wide receiver All-District honors. See BLIZZARDS, pg. 4

## Primary election filing continues through Jan. 2

Filing for the 1998 primary elections for county offices continues through Friday, January 2, 1998.

Prospective candidates for county offices must file and pay a filing fee with the respective party chairman for the Republican or Democratic party. Independent or write-in candidates should file with County Judge Marilyn Egan at the Runnels County Courthouse.

Runnels County Democratic Chairman is Martha Zertuche, 9703 US Highway 67, Ballinger, TX 76821, phone 365-3775 (home) or 365-2575 (work). Republican County Chairman is William J. "Bill" Cervenk, 2718 CR 400, Ballinger, TX 76821, phone 442-4431.

The first primary will be March 10, 1998, with any runoff to be held April 14, 1998.

As of Monday, the following had filed as candidates in the Democratic Primary:

- Marilyn Joyce Egan, Runnels County Judge
- Margaret Louise Smith, Runnels County Treasurer
- Loretta K. Michalewicz, Runnels County District Clerk
- Elesa Ann Ocker, Runnels County Clerk
- Keith Collom, County Commissioner, Precinct #2
- Jeryl Priddy, County Commissioner, Precinct #2
- Denny Heathcott, County Commissioner, Precinct #2
- Greg Lange, Justice of the Peace, Precinct #1
- Raymond Anderson, Justice of the Peace, Precinct #1
- Joyce Weems, Justice of the Peace, Precinct #2

As of Tuesday, no one had filed in the Republican Primary.

## "Downhome Cooking" workshop set for Wednesday, January 7

Another "Downhome Cooking" workshop will be held Wednesday, Jan. 7, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. in the Winters Housing Authority Meeting Room.

This free-of-charge nutrition program, to be conducted by Patricia Hohensee - County Extension Agent, will focus on food buying on a budget, healthy eating habits, and simple food preparation.

This workshop is the third in a series that is being done as part of Runnels County's "Better Living for Texans" project. The project focuses on providing basic nutrition education to limited resource families.

Participants will receive complimentary recipe handouts and samples of recipes.

## Egan announces her candidacy for re-election as county judge

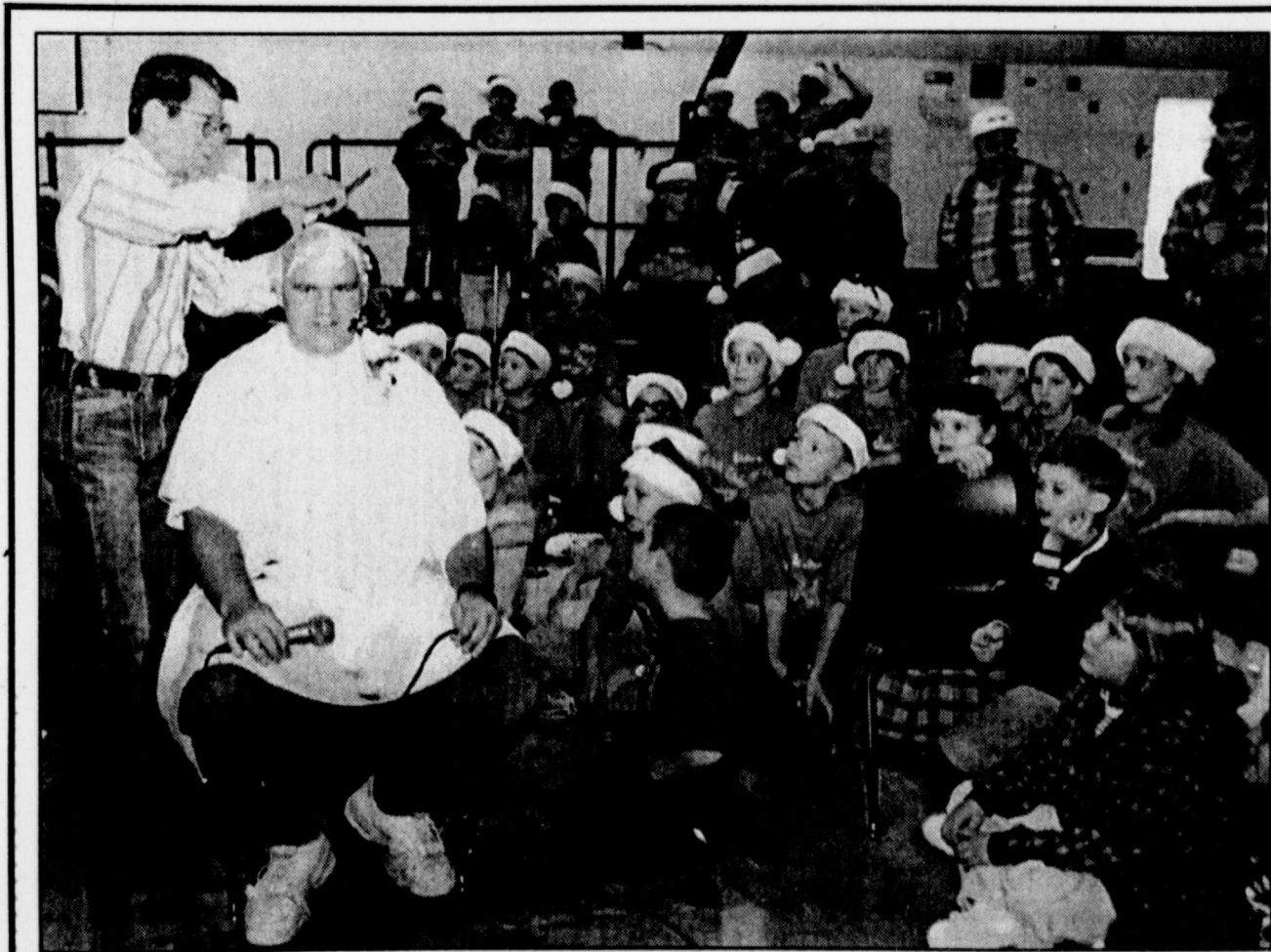
Runnels County Judge Marilyn Egan announces her candidacy for re-election to a full term as county judge.

Egan was first appointed County Judge by Runnels County Commissioners in September, 1995 to replace Michael Murchison, who resigned from the position. Judge Egan was

elected to finish out the term in the November, 1996 general election.

Egan has worked for attorneys for many years, working for the late E. B. Underwood for 19 years, then worked for David B. Read in his law office in San Angelo for five years.

She is married to Jerry Egan and is the mother of one son, Patrick and grandmother to two grandchildren, Slade and McKenzie.



"BALD IS BEAUTIFUL, BALD IS BEAUTIFUL" mutters elementary principal Terry Wyatt as he gets the last of his hair shaved off by local barber Raymond Lindsey while members of the Elementary Select Choir watch intently. Wyatt, Michael Davis and Virgil Horton received their new "do's" as a challenge to elementary students to reach a goal of reading 13,000 books by December 15. Progress was recorded on a Bald-O-Meter posted in the hallway at school and students exceeded their goal by reading 14,219 books since August. Highest readers were Jacie Frierson, kindergarten; Amber Garduno, 1st grade; Susan Sneed, 2nd grade; Luke England 3rd grade; Krystal Gibbens, 4th grade; Amber Leverett, 5th grade and overall top reader; and Briana Parramore, 6th grade.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

- Jan. 1-NEW YEAR'S DAY, Happy New Year To All!
- Jan. 2-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- Boll Weevil Foundation Director Nominations Due
- Last Day to File Candidacy for March Primary Election
- Jan. 3-7:30 p.m., Stargazing Party, San Angelo State Park
- Jan. 5-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 7 p.m., Knights of Columbus
- 7:30 p.m., Ballinger Masonic Lodge
- Jan. 6-CLASSES AT SCHOOL RESUME
- 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- Noon, Lions Club, Community Center
- 4 p.m., Friends of Hale Museum
- 5 p.m., Museum Directors
- 7 p.m., WVFD
- 7 p.m., American Legion
- 7:30 p.m., Winters Squares, Community Center
- Jan. 7-9:30 a.m.-Noon & 1:30-3 p.m., Immunization Clinic, TDH
- 10-11 a.m., "Downhome Cooking" Workshop, WHA
- 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 5:30 p.m., Chamber Directors
- 6-9 p.m., GED Classes, IA Bldg., Room A, WHS
- Hearing Services, North Runnels Hospital
- Jan. 8-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal



# Oil Bidness

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When it comes to the power of the individual, the oil and gas business has a special place. The unique power of individuals in this business are creating historic opportunities as we speak.

It's true. In no other business does the individual carry as much potential for profit vs. loss and growth vs. bankruptcy.

O.K., some stockbrokers can lose your entire fortune in one afternoon, but, among productive members of the business community, there is no comparison.

For instance, a geologist may be responsible for choosing a location for a new well. The choice is the product of information, insight, and luck, but the individual geologist makes the decision.

Imagine that this is the last location a company has the funds to drill. If he/she is correct, then the company could go on to drill hundreds more with mega-profits and long-term success. If he/she is incorrect, the company may die on the spot.

The same can be true of an engineer, a field supervisor, a pumper, or even a roughneck. All have the potential to create success or failure that may have a large monetary impact.

Now, with the employment demand curve being turned upside down in the oil business, there is great potential for those very individuals to throw their weight around.

Recall, the end of the 1980's and the early 1990's when the oil and gas companies began to shed workers. Efficiency and maximum productivity were the key phrases, not only in the oil business, but in the entire business world.

The unique power of the individuals in the oil and gas business have now given the single workers the opportunity to turn this power into respect, stability, and monetary gain. In fact, small groups and individual workers are already flexing their muscle to demand a piece of the action, guaranteed contracts, and higher pay.

With the possible exception of the computer business, oil and gas professionals have the unique challenge of being the first group of workers to turn the tables on their employers and demand more stability and a piece of the profits. It is, after all, a supply and demand situation. Where it was too many workers in the 1980's, it is now too few employable workers.

This means the tables should be turned. But, if history is any type of teacher, we better do it quick because who knows what will happen next.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY COMPLETIONS

**Coleman County**  
Caddo Operating has completed the Taylor Motor Co. #18-D in the County Regular Field (3 miles W of Trickham) at an initial rate of 10 BOPD & 1 BWPD in an unidentifed zone (perfs 1071-73). Loc. is 1000 FNL & 1550 FEL of E. Votaw Sur. No. 224, A-674.

**Runnels County**  
Brent A. Wagman has completed the Halfman #1 in the West Norton Field (2 miles N of Norton) at an initial rate of 15 BOPD & 20 BWPD in the Palo Pinto (perfs 4095-4102). Loc. is 4822 FEL & 9307 FNL of L.g.e. 271, Burnett CSL Sur., A-19.

**Tom Green County**  
MJM Oil & Gas has completed the A.H. Duff Estate -A- #9 in the Dove Creek Field (12 miles SW of Christoval) at an initial rate of 30 BOPD & 35 BWPD in the Canyon (perfs 6440-6509). Loc. is 760 FNL & 660 FEL of Sec. 1198, T&TRR Sur., A-8681.

## STAKINGS

**Callahan County**  
Fossil Operating has staked the Sanger #1 in the County Regular Field, 4 miles SW of Eula (Depth 1950). Loc. is 1970 FSL & 150 FEL of Sec. 52, LAL Sur., A-1188.

Sabre Oil & Gas has staked the Jacobs -B- #3B in the R.D. Raughton Field, 6 miles SW of Putnam (Depth 4200). Loc. is 1911 FWL & 732 FSL of Sec. 319, Blk. 5, SPRR Sur., A-373. RULE 36.

Spence Energy has staked the George #63-2 as a Wildcat, 5 miles NE of Baird (Depth 3700). Loc. is 1450 FNL & 2425 FSL of Sec. 63, BAL Sur., A-984.

**Coleman County**  
Delray Oil has applied to re-enter M. Priddy #1 in the Rachel Field, 2 miles E of Talpa (Depth 3600). Loc. is 330 FEL & 21990 FNL of Sec. 107, ETRR Sur.

**Concho County**  
Bowerman Exploration has staked the Choate/Sorell Unit #1 in the Arena Field, 7 miles SW of Eden (Depth 4000). Loc. is 56 FWL & 935 FSL of C&MRR Sur., A-1068.

**Nolan County**  
Oryx Energy has amended the loc. of the Southwest Nena Lucia Unit #1221 in the Nena Lucia Field, 8 miles SW of Maryneal (Depth 7500). Loc. is 594 FWL & 604 FNL of Sec. 123, Blk. 1A, H&TC Sur.

**Runnels County**  
DBO Oil has staked the R. Allen #12 in the D. Richardson Field, 3 miles NW of Hatchel (Depth 4450). Loc. is 467 FSL & 1917 FWL of Sec. 45, Blk. 63, HT&B Sur., A-293.

Pioneer Exploration has staked the Cree Sykes -C- #3 in the Cree Sykes Field, 6 miles N of Crews (Depth 5700). Loc. is 950 FNL & 1100 FWL of Sec. 10, HT&B Sur., A-641.

**Taylor County**  
Midland Oil and Gas has staked two wells. The B. Cassidy #1 is a Wildcat, 3 miles SW of Elm Dale (Depth 4300). Loc. is 467 FWL & 431 FNL of Sec. 21, Blk. 8, SPRR Sur. The J. Proctor #1 is in the

# Obituaries

## John Steve Stubblefield

**NORTON**—John Steve Stubblefield, 92, died at 4:52 a.m. Saturday, December 27, 1997, at his residence.

He was born September 17, 1905, in Runnels County, Texas, to John Henry Stubblefield and Minnie Webb. He married Bennie Robinson on February 9, 1929, in Ballinger.

Mr. Stubblefield was a farmer, a member of the First United Methodist Church in Ballinger, and a charter member of the Norton Lions Club.

Survivors include his wife, Bennie Stubblefield of Norton; one sister, Ruby Cowan of Mesquite; and numerous nieces and nephews. Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, December 29, at Rains-Seale Chapel with Reverend Ferris Akins officiating. Burial was in the Old Runnels Cemetery in Ballinger, directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

## Ola Myrtle Green

**COLEMAN**—Ola Myrtle Green, 90, formerly of Ballinger, died at 5:05 p.m. Tuesday, December 23, 1997, at Coleman.

She was born August 1, 1907, in May, Texas, to William Jack Marler and Nellie Mae Crawford. She married Reverend William "Osie" Green on April 8, 1925, in Ballinger.

Mrs. Green was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church in Coleman.

She was preceded in death by her husband on March 2, 1987. Survivors include two daughters, Mona Sue Cortez and Willene Elder, both of Ballinger; one brother, Leroy Marler of Ballinger; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Visitation was from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Thursday, December 25, at Rains-Seale Funeral Home in Ballinger. Graveside services were held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, December 26, at the Evergreen Cemetery in Ballinger. Reverend Roger Hammonds officiated. Burial was directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

## Jose DeLaRosa

**WINTERS**—Jose DeLaRosa, 65, died Monday night, December 22, 1997, at his residence.

He was born February 7, 1932, in San Antonio and lived there until his marriage to Andrea Martinez on April 21, 1971, in Chickasha, Oklahoma.

Mr. DeLaRosa worked in the shipping department at Dry Manufacturing until his retirement in 1994. He was a member of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife, Andrea DeLaRosa of Winters; five sons, Joseph DeLaRosa of San Antonio, Edward Rocha of Belle Chase, Louisiana, Aaron Paul Reyna of Winters, and Margarito Rocha and Martin Rocha, both of Chikasha, Oklahoma; five daughters, Sylvia Reyna of Dumas, Martha Benitez, Annette DeLaRosa, Janie DeLaRosa, and Cindy DeLaRosa, all of San Antonio; one brother, Florencio DeLaRosa of San Antonio; one sister, Lucy Balbonado of Winters; and fifteen grandchildren.

Rosary was held at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 24, at the Winters Funeral Home Chapel. Mass was at 2:00 p.m. Friday, December 26, at Mt. Carmel Catholic Church with Father Sam Homsey officiating. Burial was in Lakeview Cemetery in Winters, directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Arturo Reyna, John La Point, Adam Farias, Roland Garza, David Garcia, and Carlos Yancz.

## Annie Holtman

**ROWENA**—Annie Holtman, 92, formerly of the Olfen community, passed away at 12:50 p.m. on Sunday, December 28, 1997, at the Meadow Creek Nursing Home in San Angelo.

She was born September 25, 1905, in Westphalia, Texas, to Joseph Kahlig and Matilda Rieger Kahlig. She married Ben Holtman on September 8, 1925, in Westphalia.

Mrs. Holtman lived in the Olfen community most of her life and was a member of St. Boniface Catholic Church prior to moving to Rowena and becoming a member of St. Joseph. She was a member of the Catholic Daughters of America and Christian Mothers of Olfen.

She was preceded in death by her husband on September 21, 1979; her parents; and three brothers, Irwin, Leo, and Joe Kahlig.

Survivors include two sons, Wilfred Holtman and his wife Mary Ann, and Ray Holtman and his wife Jane, all of Rowena; a sister, Tillie Smetana of Temple; three brothers, Clarence Kahlig of San Antonio, Ben Kahlig of Westphalia, and George Kahlig of Temple; seven grandchildren; and thirteen great-grandchildren.

Rosary was held at 7:00 p.m. Monday, December 29, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rowena. Funeral mass was held at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, December 30, at St. Joseph with Reverend Father Stephen Kennedy officiating. Burial was in the St. Boniface Catholic Cemetery in Olfen, directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home of Ballinger. Grandsons served as pallbearers.

## Reverend Sam Partee

**BIG SPRING**—Reverend Sam Partee, 73, died Tuesday, December 23, 1997, in a Big Spring hospital.

He was born May 10, 1924, in Hill County, Texas, and married Rose Best on July 3, 1964, in Bradshaw. He grew up and attended school in Colorado City. He was a veteran of the United States Navy serving during World War II.

Rev. Partee was affiliated with the Central Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church and pastored United Methodist Churches in the Central Texas area until retiring in 1990.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Sam and Callie Partee; two brothers, Kenneth and Cecil Partee; three sisters, Lottie Williams, Helen Calloway, and May Westfall.

Survivors include his wife, Rose Partee of Big Spring; three daughters, Patricia Vanover, Jeanette Ross, and Becky Rodriguez, all of Odessa; three sons, Tommy Partee of Sumpter, Oregon, Devin Partee and Richard Partee, both of Abilene.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, December 27, at First United Methodist Church with Dr. Ed Williamson, pastor, officiating. Graveside services were at 3:00 p.m. Saturday, December 27, at Bradshaw Cemetery in Bradshaw, directed by Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to Permian Basin Rehabilitation Center, 620 N. Alleghany Ave., Odessa, TX 79761.

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## Senior Citizens Activity Center Menu

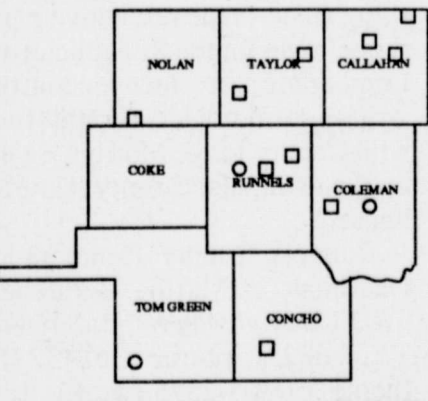
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Jan. 5 thru Jan. 9  
Subject to change

**Monday, Jan. 5:** Goulash, macaroni & cheese, mixed greens, cornbread, and fruit.  
**Tuesday, Jan. 6:** Soft tacos, pinto beans, coleslaw, cornbread, and rice pudding.  
**Wednesday, Jan. 7:** Chicken spaghetti, tossed salad, mixed vegetables, rolls, and cake.  
**Thursday, Jan. 8:** Sloppy Joe, French fries, ranch style beans, cookies, and ice cream.  
**Friday, Jan. 9:** Sliced barbecue brisket, potato salad, pinto beans, cornbread, and apple crisp.



Big Easy Field, 6 miles E of Abilene (Depth 3700). Loc. is 2338 FNL & 1722 FEL of Sec. 58, BAL Sur., A-1240.



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## Help arrives for New Year's resolution

If you are one of the many who will pledge to quit smoking for your New Year's resolution, the American Cancer Society wants to help you.

The American Cancer Society is introducing a new "Stop Now—Here's How" quit kit in time for smokers attempting to begin the New Year smoke-free. The quit kit is available free of charge and can be ordered by calling the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345.

The new kit provides information and describes methods of quitting smoking that can help people achieve a healthier lifestyle. The kit contains quit tips, a self-help guide, relaxation exercises, facts on nicotine replacement, non-nicotine replacement, and other alternative methods of quitting.

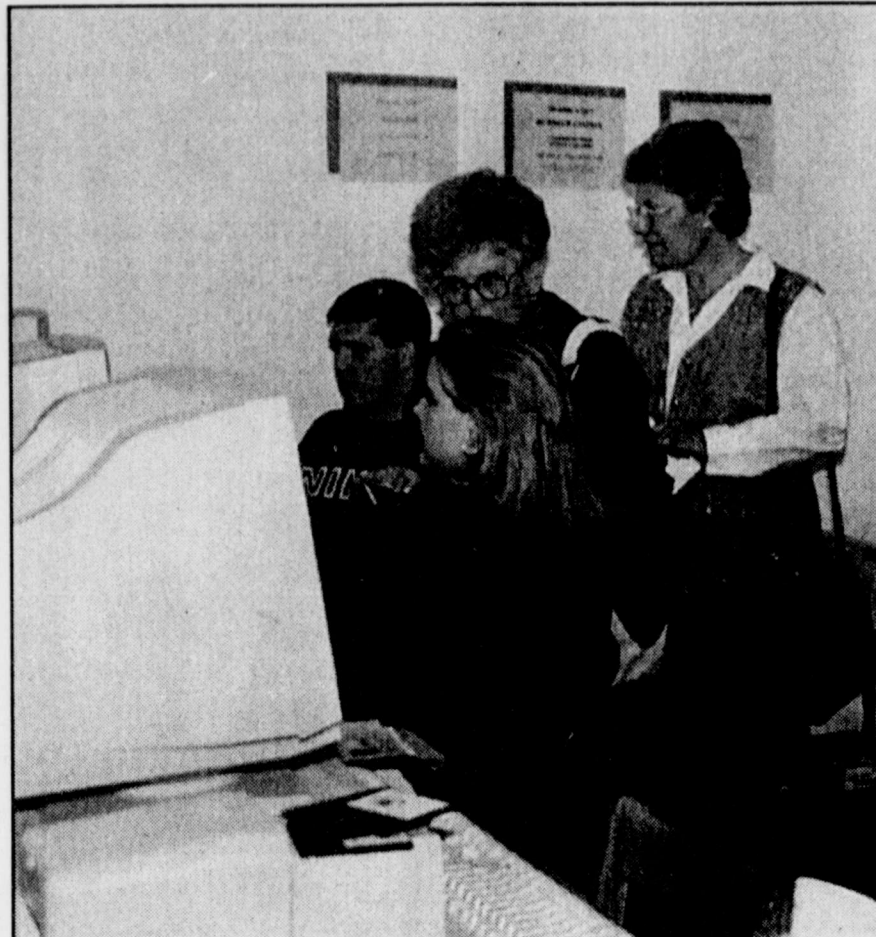
"We know that about 90% of successful quitters do so on their own. We also know quitting smoking is not easy, so we want to provide the "Stop Now—Here's How" quit kit to assist smokers

who are trying to stop," stated Allen Henderson, PhD, chair of the American Cancer Society's Tobacco Control Committee in Texas.

According to surveys, smokers often try to quit more than once before they succeed, with 70% of ex-smokers making one to two quit attempts, and 22% making 3-5 quit attempts. Smokers should not give up trying, since most ex-smokers cycle through the quitting process several times before becoming long-term quitters.

People who quit smoking live longer lives than those who continue to smoke. "If you or someone you know tried to quit during the American Cancer Society's Great American Smokeout, but didn't quite make it, New Year's offers another chance to begin the year on a healthy note," offers Henderson.

For more information from the American Cancer Society, visit our website at [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org) or call 1-800-ACS-2345.



SHARING THE INTERNET during the recent open house at Winters Public Library were instructors (seated) Kevin Conner and Robyn Parramore assisting Marthiel Russell (standing left) and Ruth Cooper. The library is one of thirty Texas libraries selected by Texas Rural Communities, Inc. to participate in "YuleNet '97: Bringing Home the Net for Christmas." This special program, offered through Jan. 10, is provided by TRC, in cooperation with the Texas Rural Education Center with support from the Tocker Foundation.

### Winters Public Library now on-line Offering training on how to surf the Internet

by JOYCE KRAUSE, librarian

Great things are happening at the Winters Public Library.

Our new computers are on-line and available for public use. This will enable us to more adequately meet our mission to provide the latest information and education for the citizens of Winters.

These computers were obtained by the Winters Independent School District TIF Grant. This grant provides computers for schools and libraries. Thank you Winters I.S.D. for including us.

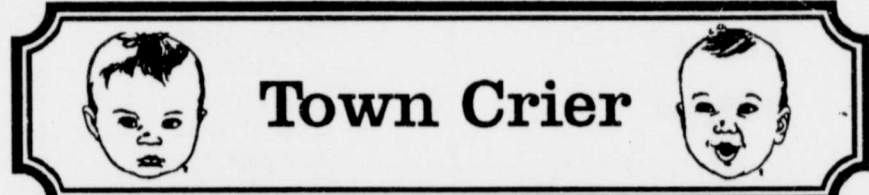
Training on how to search the Internet for information or just for fun is provided by Kevin Conner and Robyn Parramore. These students were trained by Rural Communities, Inc. on-line at college. They will receive a small salary to be paid by Texas Rural Communities and the City of Winters. There are still some slots open for training. Come in and sign up for

YuleNet '97.

YuleNet '97: "Bringing Home the Net for Christmas" is a grant program from Texas Rural Communities, Inc., funded by the Tocker Foundation. This foundation is Texas-based and their main purpose is to help libraries of Texas.

The Texas Rural Communities, Inc. has further provided some software for our two trainers to develop a Winters Community website. This is a free service for you provided by the Winters Public Library and made possible by the Tocker Foundation.

Come in and sign up today for your training session. It does not matter whether you intend to get on the Internet or even if you have a computer. You may use the computers in the Winters Public Library if you are a cardholder of the library.



### Town Crier



Jack Currie Drechsler

Kimberly and Steve Drechsler of Arlington are proud to announce the birth of their son, Jack Currie Drechsler.

Jack Currie was born at 2:05 a.m. Thursday, November 15, 1997. He weighed 9 lbs. 1 oz. and was 20-1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Danny and Carolyn Slaughter of Ballinger and Gerhard and Inge Drechsler of Arlington.

Great grandparents are Mary Jim Currie of Paint Rock, and Ivan and Ann Slaughter of Ballinger.

### Health Notes

At North Runnels Home Health our focus is providing the best care possible for patients and helping them care for themselves. We believe the more our patients know, the better care they can receive.

#### High Blood Pressure

##### How Is High Blood Pressure Defined?

Your blood pressure changes constantly to adjust your circulation to your activities. It increases during exercise and decreases during sleep. However, during rest a normal reading is a systolic blood pressure less than 140 and a diastolic pressure less than 90.

A person is diagnosed as having high blood pressure if the blood pressure stays at 140/90 or more. The doctor usually will not make this diagnosis until you have been checked more than once and your blood pressure is high each time.

People over age 65 often have systolic pressures between 140 and 155, even when the diastolic pressure is normal. Systolic high blood pressure is caused by arteriosclerosis, or hardening of the arteries.

##### How Does High Blood Pressure Cause Damage?

As part of the normal aging process, the arteries harden and become less elastic. But high blood pressure speeds this process up, so that a person age 40 may have arteries closer to those of a 65-year-old person. The arteries no longer "cooperate" by expanding when blood pumps through them. This raises the pressure inside the arteries. Your heart is forced to work harder and harder to pump that 5 ounces of blood. Over a long period, the heart enlarges and the blood vessels to the brain and kidneys become damaged. This combination of heart enlargement and damaged blood vessels greatly increases the risk of heart attack, stroke, and kidney failure.



Alice Torlan, LVN

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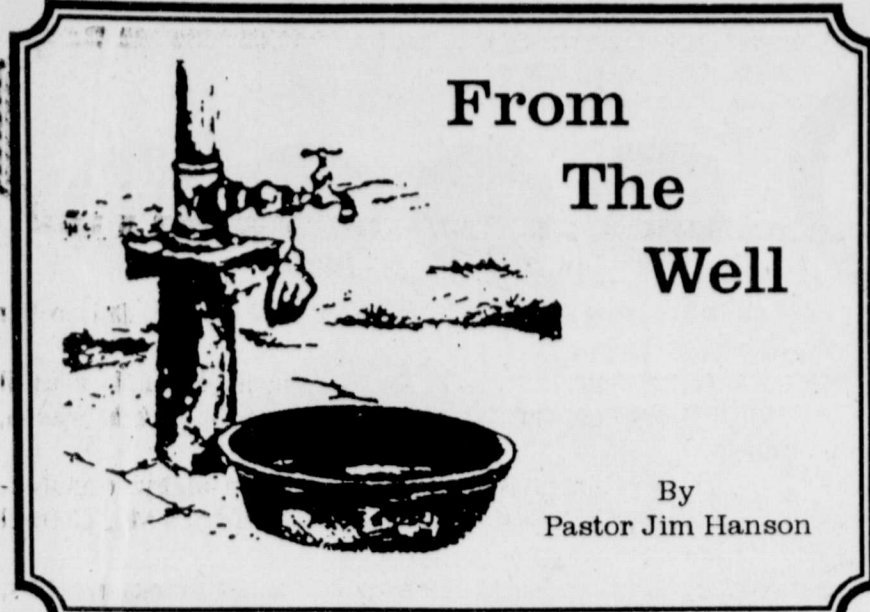
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## From The Well

By  
Pastor Jim Hanson



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I've been reading some Christmas letters. Old ones. Some written as early as the '50s. Special ones. These were written by my dad. Typed...he would sit down at his portable L.C. Smith typewriter and hunt and peck until the page was full. Then...mimeographed.

(Remember what we had to do to make copies before copiers?) Then he and mother would fold them, put them in the envelopes, address them, stamp them, and get them to the Post Office early in December. It was quite a production.

The letters always contained at least three ingredients. The first was a kind of revelation of my dad's thoughts and feelings. You never had to ask him where he was at — he told you. So too with his writing. Up front. Open — right from the well. Then, a report on his family. Where we were and what we were doing. And always, a little sermon of some kind from his heart to ours.

He had no illusions about his annual letter to several hundred people — fellow pastors, family, friends — old and new. Like the letter he wrote that started out:

"Dear Folks, Notice we did not say friends, just folks. Frankly, it's hard to know who are your friends. Through the year, someone says, 'We look for your Christmas letters,' while others in just as kind a voice say, 'Don't write any more of those junky letters.' So, we write to people. No one needs to open the envelope, but the canceled stamp will buy a glass of milk somewhere — only not in America."

In one letter, written in '57, he shared some of his frustration about this missile. "Dear Folks. Every year about this time I suggest to Mother that we send a nice, lovable tender greeting for Christmas. What a change that would be! This year I even suggested that we get a sentimental snapshot, where we could hold hands over our infant T.V. set — so it would look modern — and then try to get a snowdrift into the background, so it would still be realistic. This thought did not survive either, for Mother said, 'We can't take a picture with the kind of haircut that you get.' Guess she is right, and that probably guarantees you will not get a snapshot next year either, for it would take more than a year, with all the modern formulas for growing hair, to bring forth one luxuriant hair on any of the arid spots on my dome. And besides this, when we took our last picture, the grandchildren said, 'Grandpa is sure funny looking.' So here we are — same typewritten mimeographed sheet — and the same old blamey."

As he approached retirement, he wrote this, "When you begin forgetting where you parked your car, and your necktie gets in the way of your dinner, and your teeth jump up and down when you start hollering in the pulpit, it's time to think of another way of carrying on."

After he did retire, he wrote this to the question, "How is it to be retired?" "Well, you are nobody's boss, and that's humiliating. You can't tell anybody anything because you are among the whose-through in America." Such a man!

His comments on the family were always short, but full of joy. He really enjoyed counting up the numbers of his grandchildren. He writes, "The family tree branches out. One more wonderful grandchild this year." "Our family was with us for about six hours last August. It was much too short, but it was precious and much appreciated." And another, "What a thrill to watch all these grandchildren grow!"

In 1953, his letter began with this short sermon. "Dear Folks, I've been hunting all year for something high and lofty that we might greet you with this Christmas, to really impress upon you our wisdom and understanding in these precarious days, but I landed just where I belong, reading a Kindergarten Christmas Program. These verses are really something. All of the clap-trap is out of the way and we are down to the real meaning of Christmas. With Christ's blessing and care we have everything for all time." And then he quotes:

"No Christmas joy is brighter, no Christmas cheer more true,  
Than all the joy we're wishing this Christmastide for you.  
May Christ the Savior bless you with gladness from above,  
And tenderly enfold you within His arms of love."  
I couldn't say it better. Precious memories...unfolded. Fulfilling. Thank you, Dad, for writing.

"An investment in knowledge pays the best interest."  
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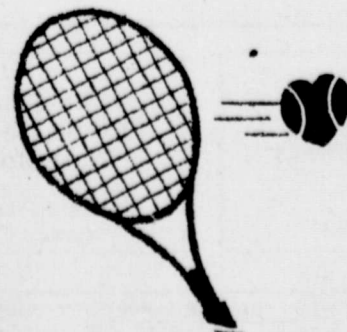
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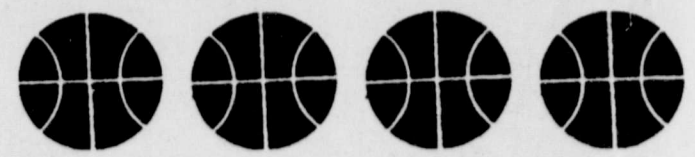
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Student Holiday  
**Tuesday-Jan. 6**  
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Apple Juice  
**Wednesday-Jan. 7**  
Cereal  
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**Thursday-Jan. 8**  
Pancakes/Syrup  
Cereal  
Juice  
**Friday-Jan. 9**  
Cheese Toast  
Cereal  
Apple Juice

### Lunch

**Monday-Jan. 5**  
Staff Development Day  
Student Holiday  
**Tuesday-Jan. 6**  
Pizza  
Corn  
Tossed Salad  
Pineapple Chunks  
**Wednesday-Jan. 7**  
Taco/Meat/Cheese  
Tossed Salad  
Red Beans  
Chocolate Pudding  
**Thursday-Jan. 8**  
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The tees are gray with "Men in Blue" featured in white letters, outlined in blue, on the front. Also included are "1997 Winters Blizzards." Scores of this year's games are listed on the back of the tee. Please contact Susan Conner at 754-5760 or Renee Calcote at 754-5600 if you would like to purchase a t-shirt.

In the event of inclement weather, Winters Independent School District will announce late starts or closings in association with the following stations:

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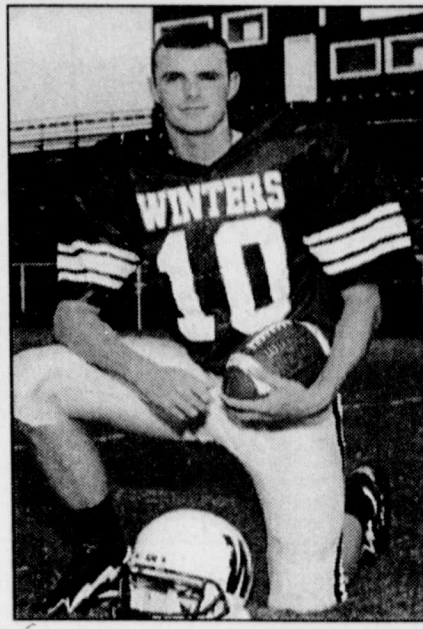
## Blizzards, continued

ors. The 160 lbs. senior had 45 receptions, 766 yards, 7 touchdowns, 20 solo tackles, 39 assists, 3 fumbles recovered, 2 interceptions, 3 knocked down passes. He is a member of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church.

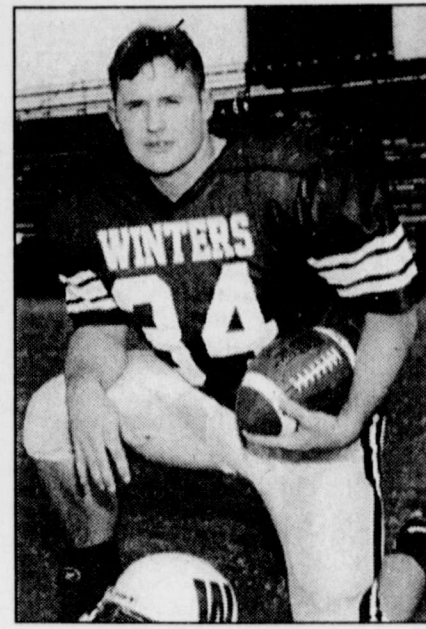
Rounding out the honors is Dennis Conner, a 6-0, 200 lb. senior who was named District 8-2A Defensive Player of the Year. Despite being hampered with an injury the last few games, Dennis had 35 solo tackles, 74 assists, 2 fumbles recovered, 4 fumbles caused, 2 sacks, and 1 knocked down pass.

Conner is also a member of the WHS National Honor Society and attends First Baptist Church.

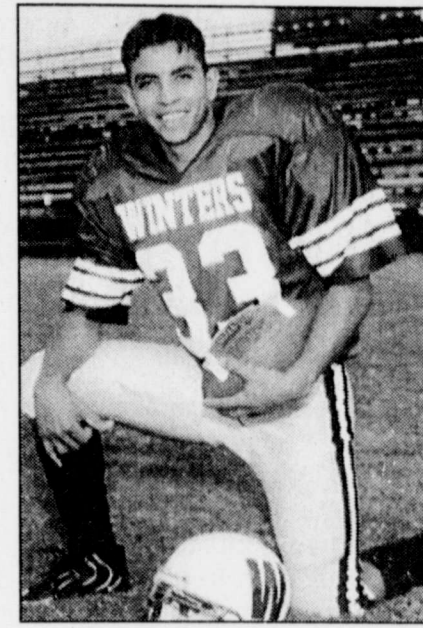
Whittenburg, Nitsch, Luz and Conner have also been named to the San Angelo Standard-Times All-West Texas football team: Whittenburg as quarterback, Luz as wide-receiver, Nitsch as offensive lineman, and Conner as linebacker.



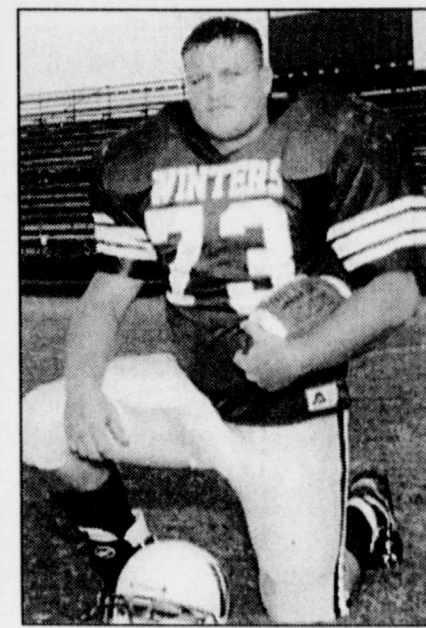
Kenny Whittenburg



Dennis Conner



Ricky Luz



Bear Nitsch

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The state of Delaware is named for Lord De La Warr, the governor of Virginia in 1610.

## Immunization Clinic set for Wednesday, Jan. 7

The Winters office of the Texas Department of Health has scheduled their January Immunization Clinic.

The clinic will be conducted Wednesday, Jan. 7, 1997, from 9:30 a.m.-12:00 noon and 1:30

p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Location is in the Professional Building, Suite 108, on Grant Street Entry.

For more information, call 754-4945 between the hours of 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Monday-Friday.



4-H REPORTER AMY HEATHCOTT and PRESIDENT MICHAEL PREWIT show some of the many items collected during the annual 4-H Challenge this holiday season.

## 'Tis the season to be giving

by AMY HEATHCOTT, reporter

The Second Annual 4-H, FFA, FHA Challenge was held at the beginning of December. For the second year, the FFA came out on top in a landslide victory, or should I say food slide.

The FFA collected over 1600 points in food items. The 4-H and FHA Club members provided a lot of new toys and clothes.

Everyone made a good showing and thank you to all who supported and participated.

The Winters 4-H Club gathered Tuesday, Dec. 9, to spread a little holiday cheer to their adopted grandparents at Our House Retirement Home and the Senior Citizens Nursing Home.

Four-H'ers also made gift baskets for special people who help them throughout the year. We

certainly appreciate everything and everyone who has supported the club throughout the year.

The annual 4-H Holiday Hop was held Monday, Dec. 22, at the SPJST Hall in Rowena. The evening was filled with boot scootin' and holiday cheer. Six Winters 4-H'ers and two guests attended the hop. The music was provided by Chad Halfmann, former Miles 4-H'er, and the refreshments were provided by the Runnels County Council. Every 4-H family was asked to give a \$5 donation to be donated to the Concho Valley Home for Girls.

Best wishes for the New Year.

Words of Wisdom: Forgive and forget. A new year has come, and with that a new beginning.



Photo courtesy of First State Bank  
**ONE IS NEVER TOO OLD TO TELL SANTA WHAT IS WANTED FOR CHRISTMAS** say 14-year-old Meagan Galvan Nitsch (in Santa's lap); Meagan's mom, Lisa Nitsch; and friend Ann DeBerry (right). Santa, aka Tony Appuglies, was photographed at least 120 times Tuesday, Dec. 23, at First State Bank, according to bank personnel.

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KACI MCQUISTON of the junior varsity Lady Blizzards shoots for two against the JV Lady Eagles of Eldorado.

**Winters area host families needed for International students**

Foreign high school students are scheduled to arrive soon for academic semester homestays, and the sponsoring organization needs a few more local host families.

According to Pacific Intercultural Exchange (P.I.E.) Executive Director, John Doty, the students are all between the ages of 15 and 18 years, are English-speaking, have their own spending money, carry accident and health insurance, and are anxious to share their cultural experiences with their new American families. P.I.E. currently has programs to match almost every family's needs, ranging in length from a semester to a full academic year, where the students attend local high schools.

P.I.E. area representatives match students with host families by finding common interests and lifestyles through an informal in-home meeting. Prospective host families are able to review student applications and select the perfect match.

As there are no "typical" host families, P.I.E. can fit a student into just about any situation, whether it be a single parent, a childless couple, a retired couple or a large family.

Families who host for P.I.E. are also eligible to claim a \$50.00 per month charitable contribution deduction on their itemized tax returns for each month they host a sponsored student.

For the upcoming programs, P.I.E. has students from Spain, Germany, Poland, Russia, Finland, Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Paraguay, Australia, New Zealand, Yugoslavia, Belgium, China, Ghana and many other countries.

P.I.E. has also been invited to participate in a special government-funded program to bring scholarship students from the Newly Independent States of the former Soviet Union to the United States.

P.I.E. is a non-profit educational organization that has sponsored more than 18,000 students from 40 countries since its founding in 1975. The organization is designated by the United States Information Agency and is listed by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET), certifying that the organization complies with the standards set forth in CSIET's Standards for International Educational Travel Programs.

Doty encourages families to contact the program immediately, as it will allow the proper time for the students and hosts to get to know one another before they actually meet for the first time.

Winters area families interested in learning more about student exchange or arranging for a meeting with a community representative may call P.I.E., toll-free, at 1-800-631-1818 or via the internet at <http://www.picusa.org>.

The agency also has travel/study program opportunities available for American high school students as well as possibilities for community volunteers to assist and work with area host families, students and schools.



SPORTING A NEW LOOK FOR THE NEW YEAR are good-natured dads (L to R) Virgil Horton, Michael Davis and Terry Wyatt. The peeled gentlemen answered a challenge presented to elementary students to meet a goal of reading 13,000 books this semester as part of the Accelerated Reading program.



RACHEL DAVIS is unable to contain her laughter as she watches local barber Raymond Lindsey "remove" her dad's hair. And Rachel was kind enough to offer her Santa hat to her dad Michael.

**Sgt. Ricky Torres receives Medal of Commendation**

Marine Gunnery Sgt. Ricky S. Torres, grandson of Virginia T. Castillo of Winters, recently received the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal while assigned to Headquarters and Service Battalion, 3rd Marine Expeditionary Force, Okinawa, Japan.

While serving as maintenance chief, Torres coordinated his platoon's maintenance repair training program. He also provided unmatched operations support during combined arms exercises throughout the Pacific. Additionally, while supporting a counter-drug operation, his platoon apprehended 2,000 illegal aliens and seized more than 6,000 pounds of illegal drugs.

The 1981 graduate of Winters High School joined the Marine Corps in June 1981.

**Special Blizzard Tidbit: Did you know that Crayola Crayons make a "Blizzard Blue" crayon?**

When I was a boy on the Mississippi River there was a proposition in a township there to discontinue public schools because they were too expensive. An old farmer spoke up and said if they stopped building the schools they would not save anything, because every time a school was closed a jail had to be built. — Mark Twain

**Consider this as you start a new year:**

- When Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone in 1876, it did not ring off the hook with calls from potential backers. After making a demonstration call, President Rutherford Hayes said, "That's an amazing invention, but who would ever want to use one of them?"
- Thomas Edison was probably the greatest inventor in American history. When he first attended school in Port Huron, Michigan, his teachers complained that he was "too slow" and hard to handle. As a result, Edison's mother decided to take her son out of school and teach him at home. The young Edison was fascinated by science. At the age of 10 he had already set up his first chemistry laboratory. Edison's inexhaustible energy and genius (which he reportedly defined as "1 percent inspiration and 99 percent perspiration") eventually produced in his lifetime more than 1,300 inventions.
- When Thomas Edison invented the light bulb, he tried over 2,000 experiments before he got it to work. A young reporter asked him how it felt to fail so many times. He said, "I never failed once. I invented the light bulb. It just happened to be a 2,000-step process."

from *Chicken Soup for the Soul*

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## Poe's Corner

By Charlsie Poe

### A letter from Cliff

Season's Greetings from the Cliff Poe House, December 18, 1997:

Our hope is that you are well and enjoying the holidays. We are at a new location as of November 22: 3123 Bay Spring Drive, League City, Texas 77573, home phone 281-535-0910, church line 281-334-5211.

We moved twice this year - once in July and then again last month - but Matt keeps finding us and coming home anyway. Enter our new address in ink because we don't plan to move 'til the rapture!

Trinity Church is doing well. We hope you enjoy receiving our newsletter and ask that you continue to pray for us as we seek to reach the unchurched in the South Shore/Kemah area of League City. The biggest outreach that we have attempted yet will be the *Road to Riches Adventure* that we will be hosting at the League City Civic Center, January 2-4. The Finance Team has included an office and a part-time secretary's salary in the



Charlsie Poe

budget for 1998. Hallelujah!

Jeani has entered a convent - literally. She is still employed at UTMB in Galveston which acquired St. Mary's Hospital and her group moved into the "nunnery." Each office is a former dorm room, so everyone has their own restroom and a sliding glass door onto the courtyard. She continues to be the Administrative Assistant to Dr. Kate Moody in Open Gates/Dyslexia Programs.

Matt is home from Hardin-Simmons for the holidays and is working at Academy - in the athletic shoe department, of course. It is great to see him and his friends who have been hanging around the house again. Currently, he is planning to be a coach and teacher

and has geared his studies toward that end. He decided to drop off of the HSU basketball team and is playing intramural sports and plans to pledge a fraternity in the spring.

Bethanie did get her driver's license in May and we found a '92 Toyota Corolla for her to drive. She has had an eventful year with an appendectomy last March, knocking her out of softball, and another bout with a problem that landed her in the hospital in the fall. But she is doing well now and continues to enjoy singing with her school group, our church praise team, and occasionally at other places by invitation like the Houston Baptist University student worship, Quest. She is taking correspondence courses along with her regular school work and plans to graduate this coming May - a year early. She is ready, but Daddy's not!

We will be coming home during the holidays and would love to hear from you, or better yet have you visit us.

May your Christmas be Christ-filled and joyous, and may your '98 be great!

Love, Cliff, Jani, Bethanie, and Matt

### Stargazing Party to be held Jan. 3 at San Angelo

A "Stargazing Party" will be conducted January 3 at the San Angelo State Park, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Telescopes will be provided for those attending.

Participants will have the chance to see Neptune, Venus, Mars, Saturn and the moon up close.

There will be fees in addition to the park entry fee. The tour fees are \$2 for non-members, \$1 for children 12 and under, and free for Texas Conservation Passport (TCP) members.

If you have any questions, call 915-949-4757 or 915-229-3416.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS met recently with guest Nadine Delacruz (far left) present. Directors include Moseitta Mills, Maudella Reeves, Jean Owens (standing), Betty Pinkerton, and Betty Thomason. Not pictured are directors Bill Spiller, Ouida Nichols, Brenda Burton, Nina Hale, Jim Hanson, Gary Torian, Keith Thomason, and librarian Joyce Krause.

### Bricks needing sponsors

Town named for J.N. Winters, 1890, chartered 1894. Community band org. 1901 by Charlie Grant. Winters State Bank org. 1906, Jno. Q. McAdams. City Council organized 1909, J.W. Copeland, Mayor. WHS football organized 1923. Halcomb & Jackson Drug, 1st nickelodeon, 1924. Winters Public Schools est. 1889, N. Main & Truett. 1962 Blizzards AA Football Semi-finalists. 1963 Blizzards AA Football Regionals. Blizzard Band Sweepstakes 10 years, Robert Gans, Dir. Winters Centennial celebrated 1990. Abilene and Southern Railroad arrived 1909. Agriculture, cotton, wheat, grain sorghum, cattle, & sheep. Oil discovered 1949. Manufacturing industry #1 mfg capacity per capita in Tx. Runnels County org. 1-12-1880, Ballinger county seat. First gas station circa 1910, O.D. Dillingham. First telephone, Dr. Fred Tinkle, before 1910. Dr. Fred Tinkle delivered 4000th baby, 1947. First light plant, 1910, A.F. Roberts. First Miss Winters, Imogene Davis, 1932. Paul Harvey spotlights 75th anniversary, 1965. First store, 1890, F. Platte. First mfg. JR Dry & Sons, Johnny, C.A., Hal, Charles-1946. Willie Shoemaker, Jockey, born Content, 19xx. Meeks-Jackson Confectionary est. 1905. Lee Bedford Well, 1st city water, 1908. In memory of Area Veterans who gave their lives in service. In recognition of all who served in Armed Forces of United States. The Chick-Inn, 19xx-19xx. Last Indian battle (Kiowas) near Wingate, 1874. Blue Gap Post Office, 16 miles east, est. 2-14-1879. Ft. Chadbourne, 15 miles NW, est. 1852. Coronado prob. visited Winters area, circa 1545. Chadbourne Ranch est. 1876, Col. Thomas Odum. Parramore Ranch est. 1879, Jim Parramore, "WH4." First bale of cotton near Content, 1887. Winters Post Office est. Mar 7, 1891. Tinkle Park est. 1925. Winters Ind. School Dist. incorporated May 25, 1907. First touchdown, Nov 8, 1923, vs. Ballinger by Jim Fields. The Glacier est. 1925. Winters Cotton Oil Mill Co. 1909-1939. More cotton shipped than any other town in US, 1910. First C.C. hole-in-one, Skinny Owens, 1927. First traffic lights, 1926. Winters High School built 1926, renovated 1982. First water tower erected 1927. First "talkies," Mar 21, 1929, Queen Theatre, The Trail of '98. Winters Red Cross org. Apr 9, 1934, very active WWII. First school buses, 1935. Winters Public Library est. 1954 by Myra Glover. Bethel Baptist Church (First Baptist) org. 3-22-1890. Church of Christ org. 1898. Presbyterian Church org. 7-23-1901.

### Official Records

County Court Criminal December 19  
Gregorio Flex Barquera, Winters, filed for driving while intoxicated  
Steven Joseph Lynn, Ballinger, filed for driving while license suspended  
Billy Paul Herron, Lawn, filed for possession of marijuana  
Christopher Lee Cutright, Lawn, filed for possession of marijuana  
Stephen Joseph Freeman, Ballinger, filed for possession of drug paraphernalia  
December 29  
Jason William Boggess, Ballinger, filed for possession of drug paraphernalia, driving while intoxicated  
Carl E. Scott, Snyder, filed for possession of marijuana

### San Angelo State Park "calls the wildlife" Jan. 24

Visitors get to sit quietly and watch as a park naturalist calls in predators during the "Call of the Wildlife," Jan. 24, at San Angelo State Park.

This will be from 7-10 a.m., and those attending need to meet at the South Shore entrance.

Fees include \$2 for non-members, \$1 for children 12 and under and attendance is free for Texas Conservation Passport (TCP) members.

Reservations are required. To make reservations, call 915-949-4757.

### Petroglyph Tour set at Texas park

There will be a Petroglyph Tour January 17 from 1-3 p.m. at San Angelo State Park. Tourists will visit the site of a prehistoric Native American village and see Native American rock art.

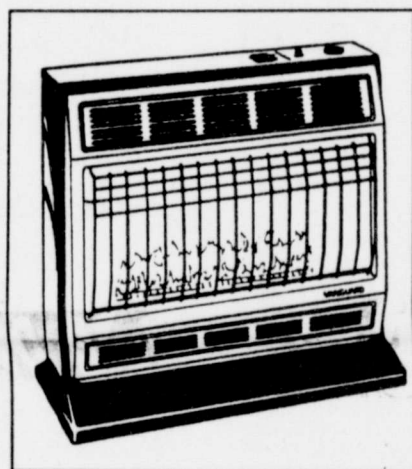
In addition to the park entry fee, the tour fees are: free to Texas Conservation Passport (TCP) members, \$2 for non-members, and \$1 for children 12 and under.

Reservations are available, but not required.

Contact 915-949-4757 for reservations or if you have questions.

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- TXism: "\_\_\_ hombre" (mean)
- Houston Olympic gym coach Karolyi
- TXism: "light as a cinch on \_\_\_ horse"
- \_\_\_ to Texas
- TXism: "don't give a hoot \_\_\_ holler"
- ex-owner of the Houston Oilers
- TXism: "joined his shadow in the dirt" hard-to-get-rid-of part of TX Pantex's old warheads
- TXism: "that'll \_\_\_ nicely"
- "three" south of the border
- TX Pat Toomay's "On \_\_\_ Given Sunday"
- this David starred in film "Silhouette" sat in a TX town
- how TX cattle are sold
- \_\_\_ Pepper
- TXism: "mad \_\_\_ eyed cow"
- TXism: "\_\_\_ to" (intend)
- TXism: "it's root hog \_\_\_"
- national name of Dallas Cowboys
- TX Pride's "My Eyes Can See Only As \_\_\_ You"
- TXism: "want it \_\_\_ could spit"

- TXism: "sour enough \_\_\_ pucker a pig"
- covered with gold
- TX Clint Black's "We Ourselves"
- TX Jim Reeves' "\_\_\_ Losing You?"
- pickup motors
- to Houston from Dallas
- TXism: "a shy dog don't get \_\_\_ biscuits"
- belonging to Doc Holliday's "Big Nose" girl friend
- TX band
- The Wheel
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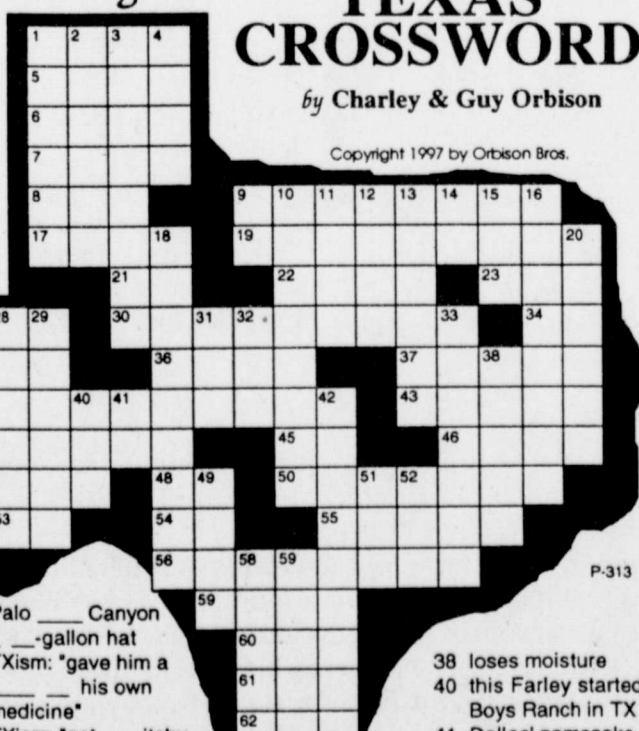
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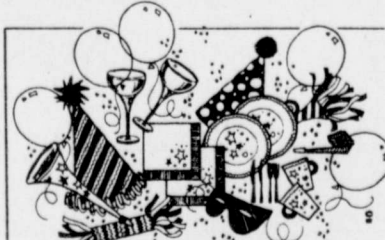
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- Palo \_\_\_ Canyon
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- "I must get \_\_\_" (early to bed)
- ex-Maverick coach
- Aubato (init.)
- TXism: "clean \_\_\_ \_\_\_hound's tooth"
- North \_\_\_ TX
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- good to eat
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- Dallas' namesake Alexander (init.)
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- "Treasure of Castle \_\_\_" (Pecos Co.)
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- full trucks
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Solutions for this puzzle appear in this issue.



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Mrs. Tyge Payne

## Marie Pritchard, Tyge Payne united in marriage Dec. 20

Marie Pritchard and Tyge Payne were united in marriage by the Rev. Glenn Shoemaker on Saturday, December 20, 1997, in the First Baptist Church of Winters.

The bride is the daughter of Johnny and Deb Pritchard of Winters and Leta Pritchard of Houston. Don and Carol Payne of Post are the parents of the groom.

Grandparents of the bride are Bobbie Cleveland of San Antonio and the late Bill Cleveland, Jack and Lucille Pritchard of Wingate, and Jack and Mildred Chapman of Noblesville, Indiana. Eldon and Margie Wright of Levelland are the groom's grandparents.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a candlelight Duchess satin wedding gown by L'Amour.

The sleeveless sheath features a jewel neckline and sleeve edges bordered with a wide band of clusters of pearls in a starburst design and crystal sequins. A single strand of pearls edges this decoration.

The front and back bodice is covered with Alencon lace in a floral design. The lace is heavily embellished with miniature pearls, clusters of crystals, and strands of pearls.

The basque waist falls into a slim, fitted skirt. The bottom of the skirt is heavily applied with Alencon lace trimmed with pearls and crystal sequins.

A cathedral length detachable train is attached at the back waistline. The train also features Alencon lace appliques, pearls, and sequins.

Barbie Chambers served as her best friend's Matron of Honor. Misty Pritchard and Mandy Pritchard, sisters of the bride, and Camie Payne, sister of the groom, served as bridesmaids.

Don Payne was his son's Best Man. Serving as groomsmen were Donny Payne and Tray Payne, brothers of the groom, and Cody Pritchard, brother of the bride.

Darcy Marshall and Dana Jack, friends of the bride, served as

candlelighters. Sanda Hoyd, also a friend of the bride, read a scripture. Angela Davis, friend of the groom's family, sang "The Father Says I Do" and "How Beautiful." Susan Conner played piano and organ. DecAnna Chapman, aunt of the bride, registered guests while Kayla Pritchard and Jessica Pritchard, cousins of the bride, greeted guests.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the Winters Community Center which was decorated with Christmas trees, lights, and candles. Cheesy Jackson barbecued brisket, sausage, and beans and was assisted by Robert Parramore.

Serving in the house party were Beth Bradley, Barbara Heathcott, Linda Mitchell, Cindy Cathey, Jeanie Wheat, Helen Grantham, Landa Grohman, Dawn Bryan, Bill Cathey, and Mike Mitchell. A host of Winters girls served the wedding party and family tables.

The bride's cake was red velvet with cream cheese icing done in lace with fresh roses and greenery. The cake was made by Carol Kozelsky. Dawn Bryan made red, ivory, and chocolate rose mints. Lynda Billups and the house party served at the bride's table which was decorated with ivory tulle and red candles with gold accents.

The groom's table was decorated in red tulle with glass blocks and ivory candles. Elizabeth Bolden, Jolene Bolden, and Traci Payne served pound cakes and coffee. The band Soumash of Abilene provided dance music for the evening.

The couple will honeymoon in Cancun and reside in Lubbock.

Marie is a graduate of Winters High School and Texas Tech University and is currently employed by Southwest Coca-Cola. Tyge is a graduate of Post High School and Southwestern Oklahoma State University. He attends Texas Tech and is employed by Owens Healthcare and Tech.

## "Congress stole the trust funds" and other myths

Part 4 in a series of columns about Social Security by CHARLIE STENHOLM

For a Federal program that has been around more than 60 years and is considered one of the most successful programs ever enacted by the government, it is surprising that so many myths, half-truths, and misconceptions have been around as long as they have. Let's set the record straight on some of those.

**Myth #1: When the Social Security system was first established, a contract was made with the American People, ensuring us that our financial needs would be met in our old age.**

Frank Bane, of the original Social Security commission, noted that "We never meant for Social Security to be considered a program to provide for any worker's complete retirement. It was meant to be a cushion, a supplement to whatever a person had, and it was assumed that by retirement all workers had been either able to lay aside a good sum for the years ahead or an accommodating family that would provide for their later years.

"But over the years, the administrators of the program and the politicians lost sight of this fact and somehow the program has become one to provide for the almost complete support of retirees."

**Myth #2: I have been paying into an individual trust fund account that the government is holding for me until my retirement.**

Many view the government as simply an agent administering an insurance policy, with Social Security taxes flowing into special individual accounts. Such is not the case.

The Social Security program works on a pay-as-you-go basis. Taxes paid by today's workers are used immediately to pay ben-

efits for today's retirees.

Individual trust fund accounts have never existed.

**Myth #3: Congress has stolen money from the Social Security Trust Funds.**

The Social Security Act always has required that surplus Social Security taxes be invested in Government or Government backed securities.

This is like buying a U.S. Savings Bond. When people buy bonds, they lend their money to the government in exchange for a promise that the money will be returned with interest.

Surplus Social Security taxes are credited to the Trust Fund accounts. The Treasury then issues bonds to the Social Security Administration. These bonds are promises to repay the money with interest and, in fact, the bonds are repaid.

Since 1789, the United States Government has never defaulted on a promised payment. It is not about to start doing so now.

**Myth #4: I'll never get back all that I paid into the Social Security System.**

Because the information used to calculate actual retirement benefits vary from person to person, individuals recoupment time varies as well. However, most retirees who have paid Social Security taxes throughout their working years are able to recoup their contributions within three to six years. When considering this, it is important to remember that it is increasingly possible for an individual to live one-third of their adult life as a retiree—perhaps 20 years or longer.

Rep. Charles Stenholm represents the 17th District of Texas. He co-chairs the House Public Pension Reform Caucus.



Louise and Wilber Waggoner

## Waggoners celebrate 70th wedding anniversary

"We've always been sweethearts," giggled Louise Waggoner when asked when she first met her husband of seventy years.

"I was in third grade in Star when Wilber and his family moved there. He started going to school with me and we've just been together ever since," added Louise.

Wilber Waggoner was born September 24, 1908, in Ranger. Louise Hamilton was born December 14, 1909 in Star. They were married on December 10, 1927 at the Presbyterian parsonage in Winters, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Waggoner were honored with a catered luncheon on Saturday, December 13, 1997, in the fellowship hall of First Baptist Church of Winters. The celebration was hosted by the couple's sons, Norman Dee Waggoner of Tulsa, Rodney Waggoner of Plano, and Bruce Waggoner of Deer Park.

Wilber and Louise also have nine grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren.

Wilber is retired after working 35 years as Water Superintendent for the City of Winters. Louise is a retired licensed vocational nurse and worked many years for the Winters Hospital. They have been members of the First Baptist Church since moving to Winters in 1943.

Of prime enjoyment to the Waggoners has been their involvement in square dancing with memberships in Country Cousins, Key City Squares and Wagon Wheel Squares, all of Abilene, and the Winters Squares.



**HAPPY  
NEW  
YEAR**

## Ortiz, Tubbs married in double-ring ceremony

Marcela "Marci" Abigail Ortiz and Derek Blane Tubbs were married Saturday, December 27, 1997, in a double-ring ceremony performed by Justice of the Peace Joyce Weems.

Marci is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Heriberto Ortiz of Winters. Derek is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Tubbs, also of Winters. "It's Your Love" by Tim McGraw and Faith Hill was the feature song of the wedding.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride's floorlength candlelight white A-line dress was trimmed in lace with white and burgundy flowers.

Amanda Elizabeth Ortiz of Winters served as Maid of Honor. Bridesmaids were Michelle Reyna and Heather Tubbs, both of Winters.

The bride's attendants wore dresses of a light burgundy color and carried white flowers.

The bride attended Winters High School and will continue her high school education in Denver, Colorado, beginning January of 1998.

Derek is a 1996 graduate of Winters High School and has been accepted by Colorado Aero Tech, Denver, Colorado. He begins training January 19, 1998.

The couple will be at home in Denver, Colorado.

Best Man was Richie Dale Tubbs of Winters.

Groomsmen were Joe Ortiz and Oliver Ortiz, both of Winters.

Marcus Cole Tubbs served as ring bearer. Flower girl was Daisy Martinez.

A reception was held in the home of the groom's parents with Jo Ann Tubbs and Martha Ortiz serving as hostesses. The table was covered in a white tablecloth. A burgundy centerpiece was used as an accent

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## Texas Railroad Commission stresses space heater safety review for fall and winter

Anticipating "frost on the pumpkin," the Texas Railroad Commission says it is a good idea to review safety guidelines for propane gas-fueled space heaters at the outset of cold weather.

Colder fall and winter weather means Texans again will be relying on such heaters to provide warmth to specific areas of the home. In recent years, propane gas-fueled space heaters have grown in popularity because they offer high energy efficiency and fuel savings.

There are two types of space heaters: direct vent or vent free. Direct-vent heaters require outside air to support combustion and are typically installed on outside walls. Be sure to check the location of the outside vent to make sure it is free of debris.

Vent-free space heaters rely on inside air to support combustion

and vent directly into a room. Newer types of unvented space heaters must have an oxygen-depletion sensor, which will automatically turn off the unit should oxygen levels in the room drop below a specified level.

The Texas Railroad Commission, the state's chief energy agency, says space heaters should be checked periodically by a local propane delivery company. A trained technician will inspect the unit and clean the control compartments, burner and check for proper operation.

Homeowners should also become familiar with the "rotten egg" odorant that has been added to propane gas for easy identification.

If you do smell gas, whether the heater is operating or not, follow these steps: do not touch any

electric switches, light matches or use the phone; exit the structure immediately; if there is an outside tank, turn off the gas valve; telephone your propane supplier or fire department from a neighbor's phone.

The Railroad Commission also suggests that homeowners who fuel furnaces and appliances with propane contact their local dealer about having their propane delivery account put on "automatic," so there is always an adequate supply of gas no matter how cold the weather or treacherous the road conditions.

For more information on how safely to stay warm with propane this winter, look under "propane/gas" in the Yellow Pages for your nearest dealer, or call the Commission's Alternative Fuels Division at 1-800-64-CLEAR.

## Crews News

By Hilda Kurtz



Hilda Kurtz

*I'm grouchy when I wake up in the morning. I really have the blues.*

*I'm so depressed, as a matter of fact, I'm cheered up by this news.*

Nila and Therin Osborne met Bro. Oscar and Janie Fanning of Abilene in Winters on Monday night. They drove to Robert Lee and visited awhile with Janie's mother and later went to see the Robert Lee lights.

On Christmas eve, they spent time with the McGallian family in Wingate. Also visiting was Louise Osborne. After supper, all exchanged gifts.

On Christmas day, Wesley, Karen, John, and Stefanie McGallian and Louise Osborne visited with Nila and Therin Osborne.

The Bill Mathis family spent the holiday in Denton with her parents and relatives.

My rain gauge had 2/10 inches of moisture from melted snow.

With Carolyn Webb during the holidays were son Gene Webb and daughters Ashley and Amanda; Gen and Linda Webb; Geneva and Andrew; Kerr and Mitchell and a friend, Kim Nathan.

On Friday, Jennifer and Stephanie Webb of Austin were here and will remain here a few more days. Mr. Al Prewit of Burnet is hunting and visiting.

All of Margie Jacob's children and their families were home for Christmas. They are Sharon and Jerry Engler of Brownwood; Brenda Jacob of San Angelo; Kristi Ellis of Eden; Jodie, Justin, and Bryce Busenlehner; Beverly, Corey, and Brad VanZandt; and Carol, Mike, Kathryn, Scott, and Jeanna Kozelsky.

On Saturday, Brenda and Margie were in Brownwood visiting with Father Zientek. Later they had lunch with Sharon and Jerry Engler. All attended the Winters-Brady girls basketball game in Brady. Margie's granddaughter helped Winters win.

After spending the holiday with her mom, relatives, and friends,

Brenda returned home to San Angelo on Sunday morning.

Melvina and Marvin Gerhart had their families over for the holidays. Present were Brett, Sherrie, Bryant, Braden, Bryce, and Brendon Mikeska of Wingate; Scott and Melissa Gerhart of Winters; and Keith and Cathy Gerhart of Abilene.

I guess one can say the family of Wilbert and Fairy Allcom had a reunion on Christmas this year in their home. Present were Lynda and Johnny Denson of Weatherford; Jennifer, Steve, and Jonah Christiansen of Des Moines, Iowa; Isaa and Jerrie Denson of Amarillo; Johnny, Joanie, Mark, and Christie Mathis of Springfield, Missouri; Eugene and Gaye Mathis of Knoxville, Tennessee; Michelle Paschal; and Donald, Donna, Lisa, and Dennis Allcom of Sterling City. It is hoped all will be back next year.

Christmas day with Harvey Mae and Noble Faubion were Lynn and Carol Faubion of Fort Worth; Rodney and Valerie Faubion; Mary Louise Donovan; Kenny, Eileen, Jeremy, and Tiffany Cartwright of Alpine; Bernice Faubion of Abilene; and Carolyn, Wayne, and Chad Kraatz. The Cartwright family spent several days, and Valerie Faubion came Saturday with date loaf candy.

Coming to see Josie and Bill Hoppe during the week were Deanna Bates of Arizona, Joanna Hoppe of Dallas, and Pauline and Martha Ambrecht.

On Saturday, Doris Woods' family all gathered in her home. Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Larry Calcote and Wes of Winters; Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Cameron, Jana, and Steve of Brownwood; Mr. and Mrs. Maloey Bryant, Robert and Douglas of Abilene; Jim Calcote and Lucy of Abilene; Doug and Michelle and children of Cisco; Aaron Calcote and Laci Key of Weatherford; and Frances Mincey.

Doris Woods' sister, Beth Brantley of Fort Worth, is home recuperating after surgery. Doris' son-in-law, Larry Calcote, is also recuperating at home after surgery this past week in Dallas.

It was a great Christmas day at my home. We enjoyed dinner, games of cards, and exchanging gifts. Before your knew it, it was time to go home. RC and Mary Kurtz; Hildegard and Calvin

Schovaja; Janice and Randall Kurtz; Darrell, Sherry, Keegan, Camille, and Caitlyn Kurtz were here.

Raymond Armbricht and Emily Parks were out at her farm Wednesday. They came by to see me. We had a special nice visit. I hope they surprise me again.

Lanny Lacy of Granbury Lake visited with Pat and Earl Cooper. On Friday night, they spent time with Brenda and Richard Chambliss at Blackwell for supper and Christmas fellowship. Also Doddie and Ed Drake of Winters came.

Adeline Grissom was hosts, or you could say had an open house, to the Grissom families on Christmas day. Those who came were Phyllis and Von Byrd and son Jeff and daughter Jennifer of San Antonio, Steve and Penny Grissom of Fort Worth, Bill and Sharon of Colorado City, granddaughter Ariel of Midland, Rickey and Patsy Grissom and their children Corey and Alice of Abilene, DeAnna, Rebecca, Wanda and Wendell King of Crews, and Katherine and Luke Grissom of Crews.

The day after Christmas Nancy Spill, Bob and Marian Green, and Albert and Alta May Spill visited with Bill and Josie Hoppe.

With Carolyn and Jerry Kraatz during the holidays were Kyle, Karen, and Jonathan Kraatz of San Angelo; Keith and Chrissy Kraatz; Shawn, Amy, Brandon, Nicholas, Kara, and Lucas Kraatz of North Carolina; Melinda Kraatz of Austin; and Wayne and Zachary Kraatz of Bradshaw.

Hopewell Church visitors on Sunday were Scott Talbert and his wife of Oklahoma, Mrs. Pumphrey of San Antonio, David Talbert of Ballinger, and Selma Wilkerson. After services, all enjoyed dinner and visitation in the home of Nila and Therin Osborne. Others present were Ruth Byrd of Ballinger; Harp and his three children, Alayna, Shelby, and Brennan of Stanton; Juanita Shields; Mildred Morrison; Melvina and Marvin Gerhart; and Bro. Ferris and Ramona Akins.

After the night services, treasurer Melvina Gerhart was honored with a party, ice cream, and cake.

Our sympathy to the relatives of Mr. Steve Stubblefield whose funeral was Tuesday in Ballinger. He is the brother of Dee Faubion.

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### Women have more infections than men

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The lining of the urethra and bladder protect against infections by producing antibodies which kill bacteria. Women who lack this protection will get infections more easily. This is determined by genetics. A woman's immunity may also be hampered by diabetes and other chronic illnesses. Careless hygiene and use of bubble baths are other factors which contribute to infections.

### The body has mechanisms to fight infection

Once the bacteria get into the bladder, the body still has mechanisms to clear the infection. The body secretes pus cells to fight the bacteria and the bladder empties frequently which limits the number of bacteria present.

These mechanisms do not work if there are bladder abnormalities such as a diverticula or reflux of urine back up to the kidneys, or if there is a catheter or bladder stone present.

One of the main precipitating events causing infections is intercourse. Bacteria can be forced up the urethra and start an infection. It is always wise to empty the bladder after intercourse, and women who get recurrent infections can take a prophylactic antibiotic after intercourse.

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## January 1st brings "tax"ing time of year

This time of year usually brings about fond memories of family...and not so fond memories of taxes due. However, if there is one thing to be thankful for, it is that Texans may enjoy one of the lowest tax rates in the United States.

If you compare per capita (how much tax the average person is paying) or the average tax per thousand dollars of income, Texas ranks about 35th in the nation, said Dr. Judith Stallmann, economic development specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. "So that makes it a fairly low tax state overall," Stallmann added.

The ranking is based on the amount of money each person pays to the state in terms of sales, property, and other types of taxes. However, in the sales tax category, Texas' tax is comparatively high. It is six and a quarter cents on the dollar. Local governments can add another two cents to that.

"When you take it up to eight and a quarter because of some of the local options, that's getting up there pretty high," Stallmann said.

Stallmann is one of the authors of a new Extension bulletin that chronicles taxation in Texas and explains how the different taxes work. It addresses the fairness and effect of taxes on people of different incomes.

Also, it addresses whether a tax provides adequate revenue or if it has to be constantly re-adjusted to get the revenue that's needed for the basics of government.

The bulletin addresses how easy a tax is to administer. For instance, the corporate franchise tax is complicated.

"It's either a tax on net worth or it's a tax on what is called earned surplus which is basically profits and the salaries of executives. Businesses have to calculate that tax both ways and then they have to pay the higher of the two," she explained.

That is one tax Stallmann expects the legislature to consider revising. Currently, the state is holding hearings to evaluate Texas' tax laws.

Stallmann also expects Texans to pay more in fees and licenses. There is a nationwide trend toward increased fees and licenses.

"An example of a fee or license that we're all familiar with is our driver's license, but there's hunting licenses as well," she said.

College tuition is an example of a fee.

"We're beginning to rely more upon those as sources of revenues to run some specific services that the state provides," she said.

You can get a copy of Stallmann's bulletin, "Texas Taxes: A Fact Book," through the Extension Service or by logging onto Stallmann's homepage on the Texas A&M University Department of Agricultural Economics website or by logging onto the Agricultural Communications website.



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## Hunter's Camp

With Don Haley

### Angels among us

"Oh I believe there are angels among us... sent down to us from somewhere up above. They come for you and me, in our darkest hour to guide us with a light of love....."

If you listen to country music, you will hear that song quite often, especially this time of year. It's about special people, everyday people, blessed by God in helping to make this world a better place. They're everywhere if you just look around.

Formyself, like other husbands, I only have to look across the breakfast table to find it, to see exactly what that song is talking about.

My wife is sitting there, as pretty as the morning.

But only for a moment. Then it's off to do what she does best, being the caring, genuinely good person that she is. Not just for me and our family, but for anyone,

everyone. So good, in fact, that others view me in a much better light just because I'm married to her. It's the kind of like goodness by association.

Just why she ever had anything to do with me or why she loves me still is something that I ponder almost daily.

The first time I saw her, I thought she was the most beautiful girl I had ever seen and I knew right then that I was going to love her.

I still feel the same way, except, like most husbands, I don't tell her enough how beautiful she is, don't show her enough how much I need her and how I feel blessed that she chose me to share her life.

And, like the other wives, her greatest beauty does not lie only in the way she looks, but in how she is, in what she is, and all that she does.

Husbands are a funny lot and most of us get much better than

we deserve - a woman who will love us in spite of ourselves.

We come to expect so much, yet we often give so little of the little things, like telling her how nice she looks, how good she smells; like sending her flowers for no other reason than because, or holding her close and whispering how much you truly do love her.

As husbands, we gripe and whine and complain and whimper and laugh and cuss and hunt and fish and play and do our thing, always knowing we have someone who will catch us if we fall, and sometimes, we fall hard.

Also as husbands, we have a tendency to take all that a wife is so much for granted. More often than not, we're pretty one-sided in our wants and thoughts and deeds.

And it's not that we try or even want to be that way, I think it's just how God made us somehow.

Maybe that's why God said that no man should be alone.

I guess He saw to it that we

would have someone to love and to love us, to help us be better than we could ever be by ourselves, to walk with us down life's road as far as it will go.

The Good Lord made each one special and she does everyday what only she can do - healing with a touch, strengthening with a word, helping turn a dream into a life, a house into a home.

Sometimes, for a tortured moment, I try to imagine just one day without her and I cannot even bear to think of it.

Thank you Lord for bringing her to me, for bringing them to us.  
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The first mechanical drill was designed about 1495, historians say, by Leonardo Da Vinci.

## Ballinger Junior Livestock Show asks for support

The 1998 Ballinger Junior Livestock Show will be held in the Ballinger Community Center Friday, January 16, and Saturday, January 17.

The show will begin at approximately 5:00 p.m. on Friday, and Saturday's activities will kick off at 8:00 a.m. and be followed by a noon barbecue meal. The premium sale of animals follows.

The stock show is sponsored by the Ballinger Junior Livestock Show Association (BJLSA) and is a result of many months of caring for the animals by exhibitors. The show would not be possible without the financial support of area businesses and residents.

It is hoped that your support will continue to make the Ballinger Junior Livestock Show a very exciting and competitive event that merits your special attention.

Contributions may be mailed to BJLSA, P.O. Box 423, Ballinger, Texas 76821. Please mail contributions by January 9, so that you may be recognized on the contributor's list.

For more information, contact Janette Dankworth, president of the Ballinger Junior Livestock Show Association.

Thank you for your support.

## Congressional intern application deadline set for January 9

Congressman Charles W. Stenholm reminds college students and educators that the deadline for the 1998 Washington, D.C. Internship Program is January 9th.

Interns will get the chance to work in the Congressman's Washington office for one month next June or July. The interns work with the legislative staff helping constituents and in other areas of

the daily operation of the office.

The internship program is open to college and university students from the 17th Congressional District and those who are now attending school in the district.

Teachers and administrators also may apply for the opportunity. Those who are selected will receive a \$1,000 stipend to help with living and travel expenses.

You can get information and applications for the program in the Abilene district office in the One City Center Building in downtown Abilene or by writing: Mr. Raymond McDaniel, Jr. Chairman, Intern Selection Committee, P.O. Box 543, Abilene, Texas 79604.

The completed applications must be postmarked by January 9. The committee will select finalists by February 20th. The committee will interview the finalists in Abilene on March 14th and make selections then.

If you have questions, please call Congressman Stenholm's Abilene office at (915) 673-7221.

## Rainbow Trout to be stocked

On January 9, 1998, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department will stock rainbow trout (8-13 inches long) at Nelson Park and Buffalo Wallow at Abilene State Park.

At Nelson Park, trout will be stocked in the small pond below the big lake at the zoo. Nelson Park is located on South 11th just west of Loop 322, across from the fairgrounds.

Abilene State Park is located about 20 miles south of Abilene off of FM 89.

Please call the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for more information at (915) 692-0921.

## Sharp asks Texans to rate state government's customer service

"Taxpayers who contact a state government agency should expect excellent customer service. They should be assisted quickly, receive helpful and accurate information, and leave knowing that their state government works for them," State Comptroller John Sharp said.

"Unfortunately, some state agencies forget who their customers are. Other agencies have elaborate customer service programs based upon what they think their customers want, but they've never asked what their customers really want. I've decided to ask what the public really wants from state government," Sharp said.

A brief postage-paid questionnaire is enclosed in the latest issue of Sharp's award-winning monthly magazine, Fiscal Notes. Computer users with Internet access may complete the survey electronically at the Comptroller's "Window on State Government" site, <http://www.window.state.tx.us>.

The survey, called "The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly," is intended to identify which customer services matter most to the public. Responses to the survey will help Sharp develop Texas Performance Review recommendations for the 1998 Legislature to improve customer service throughout state government.

"I'm especially interested in 'best' and 'worst' customer service stories from people who have dealt with state government in the past year. We can try to improve the 'worst' situations and use the 'best' as customer service examples for all state agencies to follow," Sharp said.

Customer service will be a major focus for state agencies in the coming months. While Sharp surveys taxpayers about their expectations of state government, a provision in the state budget requires selected state agencies to undergo a customer service self-examination process. These agencies are to report to the Legislature on who they believe their customers are, and how satisfied their customers are with the services.

"For years, the Legislature has been asking state agencies to trim their staffs and their budgets, and to do more with less. Some agencies may have sacrificed customer service in the process," House Appropriations Committee Chairman Robert Junell said.

"State government can be lean without being mean. By comparing the results of the Comptroller's customer service survey with the Legislature's survey of state agencies, the gaps in customer service should be very clear to us. We will use the information to ensure that state agencies put their customers first," Junell said.

Sharp's survey asks respondents to rate state government on a variety of customer service factors: Is the information accurate? Are the employees friendly? Do they respect customers' needs? Are the waiting periods or the lines too long? Are the locations accessible? Is telephone assistance courteous and efficient? Is service available via e-mail? Is there an effective complaint process?

A copy of the customer service survey is printed below. Please feel free to complete and return the survey to Comptroller Sharp.

## Runnels County Rumors

From the United States Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Stabilization & Conservation Service

**ELECTION RESULTS**—Area 2 held an election for a county committee member in December and the results follow:

Bud Busher, county committee; Bill Bredemeyer, first alternate; Linda Duggan, second alternate; and Hugh Edmondson, community committee member.

The county committee will meet in January to elect chairman and vice-chairman for the 1998 year.

**1998 ADVANCE PAYMENTS**—Those of you who didn't update your 1998 farm program contract shares by Dec. 31, 1997, will receive all your payment in September, 1998.

**NEW FINAL FCIC DATES**—The FCIC final planting date for oats in Runnels County has been moved to February 15.

The final reporting date for oats has been moved to February 28, 1997.

**COTTON LOANS**—FSA Price Support loans on eligible cotton, sorghum, and wheat are available through the USDA office. This includes seed cotton loans for harvested cotton in modules.

**NAP**—Forage crops, including small grain grazing crops, are eligible for disaster protection under the Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program. To get eligible and to stay eligible, those

of you who produce these crops must timely file acreage and production reports with this office.

The acreage reporting deadline for forage crops is 15 days prior to the beginning of grazing or baling the crop.

Those of you who intend to graze your wheat this winter should begin filing acreage reports at this time.

**INSURANCE REQUIREMENT**—Please be reminded crop insurance coverage must be obtained on all insurable crops in which each producer has an interest to remain eligible for USDA benefits unless an insurance waiver is on file.

Most producers have a waiver on file even though they have insurance.

All previous year crop insurance policies automatically rollover and are in effect unless canceled by the producer by each crop applicable cancellation date.

All FSA policies have been transferred to reinsured companies and private agents. Please be reminded all crop insurance agents offer "buy up" and "cat" levels of coverage.

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### How Well Does Texas State Government Serve You?

State Comptroller John Sharp wants to know how you view customer service in Texas state government—your experiences, observations, and suggestions for improvement.

How can you help? Please take a minute to fill out this survey and drop it in the mail. If you prefer, an electronic version of this survey can be filled out at the Comptroller's Window on State Government - <http://www.window.state.tx.us/service.html>.

- How do you view customer service provided by Texas state agencies as a whole? (circle one)  
Excellent      Good      Fair      Bad
- Tell us about your best and worst customer service experience with a Texas state agency in the last year. Please be specific about what you liked and did not like. (use a separate sheet if needed)  
Best: \_\_\_\_\_  
Worst: \_\_\_\_\_
- How would you rate state government in the following areas? (circle one)

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Bad
(a) Accuracy, reliability of information				
(b) Friendly staff				
(c) Respect for customers' needs				
(d) Time waiting for services/lines				
(e) Accessibility of locations				
(f) Telephone assistance				
(g) E-mail access				
(h) Complaint processes				

4. Other suggestions or comments you would like to make (use a separate sheet if needed):  
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