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LONG SUFFERING—A mistake is evidence that someone has tried to do something.

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Winters, Texas

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Winters man wounded in accidental shooting

A Winters man remains in serious condition at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene following a shooting accident on Dec. 29.

Bobby Rogers, 65, was traveling on Hwy. 153 on his way to Winters when he spotted a coyote in a nearby field about 3 miles from town. He drove into the field, stopped his pickup and as he was pulling the 25-06 rifle from beside him, the gun discharged, striking Rogers in the left leg behind the knee.

Rogers used his belt as a tourniquet and, realizing he was unable to use the clutch of the pickup, crawled to the edge of the highway where R. C. Kurtz of Winters found him. Kurtz, who did not have a cellular phone, drove for help for the bleeding man. Another motorist from Brownwood also stopped and stayed with Rogers until medical personnel arrived from North Runnels Hospital.

The victim was airlifted to Hendrick Medical Center where he underwent extensive surgery and received approximately 15 units of blood.

A family spokesperson said that in spite of the gravity of his initial condition, the patient is making improvements and has feeling in his left foot and toes. However, Rogers' condition remains very serious and he is expected to undergo additional surgeries and extensive physical rehabilitation.



GEORGE PRUSER'S 1992 CHEVROLET PICKUP at rest in the local wrecking yard. Grandsons Matthew and Daniel Stockman, ages 17 and 13 respectively, rolled the vehicle on Christmas morning. The teens were not wearing seat belts, and Matthew was ejected. He sustained a broken back and is now paralyzed from the waist down. Daniel received only minor injuries.

Accounts established to defray medical expenses for Virden

A local account has been established at Security State Bank, Winters branch, to help defray medical expenses for Toby Virden.

Virden has been diagnosed with cancer and will undergo chemotherapy for six to eight months and is in need of your assistance. He had worked for the Winters Police Department for approximately two years, the Ballinger Police Department for several years, and just recently began employment with the Coke County Sheriff's Department. Toby broadcasts Blizzard sports on the local radio station.

Accounts have also been set up at First National Bank of Ballinger and Ballinger National Bank.

Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Teens injured in one-vehicle rollover

Matthew Lee Stockman, 17, of Marble Falls, Texas, was seriously injured in a one-vehicle rollover that occurred at 8:30 a.m. on December 25, 1998. His brother, thirteen-year-old Daniel, was a passenger in the vehicle and sustained only minor injuries. The brothers are the sons of Richard and Laurie Stockman and the grandsons of George Jr. and Margaret Pruser of Winters.

According to Department of Public Safety Trooper Scott Warren, Matthew was traveling on County Road 209, south of Winters, at an excessive speed and lost control of the vehicle, a 1992 Chevrolet pickup owned by his grandfather. The pickup rolled three and a half times, ejecting Matthew. Daniel ran to a nearby residence to call for assistance.

Upon arrival to North Runnels Hospital by North Runnels EMS, Matthew was immediately First-Flighted to Hendrick Hospital in Abilene. It is reported that his spine was broken in two locations. According to a family member, Matthew is now paralyzed from the waist down. His physician has given him a 50% chance of recovery. Matthew remains in Hendrick Hospital at this time and is expected to return home soon to begin rehabilitation.

Warren said neither of the Stockman brothers were wearing seat belts at the time of the accident. Citations were issued for not wearing seat belts and driving at an unsafe speed.

Nominations for Man and Woman of the Year due January 11

Man and Woman of the Year nominations are due at the Chamber office by noon, Monday, Jan. 11.

Think of those persons who stand out in our community. These individuals should exemplify the following qualities: live in North Runnels County, be involved in community activities (civic, school, boards, church), possess strong family values, be well respected in the community, have willingness to help fellow citizens, and be successful in their chosen field.

Write a letter to the selection committee with your nominee's name and accomplishments, and send it or bring it by the Chamber office.

Winners will be announced at the Chamber Banquet on January 23.

"Feels like leaving family"



HUSBAND AND WIFE RETIRING AFTER NEARLY 70 COMBINED YEARS with the U.S. Postal Service are O.J. and Jackie Murray of Winters. O.J. began employment on May 3, 1960, as a sub-clerk carrier and progressed through various duties, all in Winters, including serving as Assistant Postmaster. Mrs. Murray began employment on January 9, 1968, and has served as sub-carrier at Santa Anna, Lawn, Ovalo, and Winters. J.W. Allmand (center), Fort Worth District Post Office Operations, presents extraordinary Meritorious Service Awards on the couple's last day of service, December 31, 1998. The Murrays' future plans include traveling, studying, and spending time with their four grandsons.

New postal rates effective Jan. 10

As of January 10, 1999, most postage rates will increase nationwide.

To send a one-ounce first class letter, your stamp will now cost 33¢. Each additional ounce will cost 22¢. Post cards remain at 20¢ each.

To send Priority Mail, the 2-pound flat rate is \$3.20.

For Express Mail, costs are \$11.75 per 1/2 pound. Insurance up to \$500 is included in this rate. Additional insurance may be purchased (up to \$5,000) for 95¢ per \$100.

See POSTAL RATES, pg. 2

1999 Winters Jr. Livestock Show set for Friday & Saturday

The 1999 Winters Junior Livestock Show will be conducted Friday and Saturday, January 8 & 9, at the Winters Show Barn.

All animals must be in the barn by 9:00 a.m. Friday. Weighing of market animals and checking registration papers of breeding animal follows at 9:30 a.m.

The rabbit, market lamb, breeding sheep, and market goat show will begin Friday afternoon at 2:00.

Saturday's event will begin at 8:30 a.m. with shows in this order: Market Swine, Breeding Swine, and Little Britches Pig Show.

And after a lunch break, Market Steer Show and Heifer Show commence.

All animals will be released at the end of the cattle show.

A complete schedule may be found on page 10.

Show superintendents are Jim West, general; Tim Meyer, assistant general; Johnny Pritchard, rabbit; Glenn Hoppe, Jr., assistant rabbit; Dennis McBeth, sheep/goat; Gary Schwartz, assistant sheep/goat; Roger Kruse, cattle; Terry Kruse, assistant cattle; Bill Bredemeyer, swine superintendent, Bill Mesey, assistant swine; See LIVESTOCK SHOW, pg. 8

Call in your Rehab '99 pledge to 754-4820

Members of the St. John's Lutheran Church, led by Rev. James Hanson, will conduct a phone bank for local residents during Rehab '99, West Texas Rehabilitation Center's fund-raising telethon, Saturday, January 9, 1999.

Residents are urged to call 754-4820 between 7 and 10 p.m. or go by St. John's Lutheran Church, visit with volunteers, and leave their donation in person.

Letters about the phone bank and the telethon have been sent to Runnels County residents with return envelopes for contributions.

"We're encouraging everyone to participate...either in advance or during REHAB '99 so we can send a message of support to West Texas Rehab Center which serves many of our own families and friends," Rev. Jim added.

Twelve television stations, including KRBC in Abilene, will televise the 29th annual show which originates live from Abilene Civic Center beginning at 7 p.m. The telecast also can be viewed nationwide via satellite.

West Texas Rehabilitation Center serves over 17,000 West Texans annually, including more than 220 from Runnels County.

WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

- Jan. 7-9:30 a.m.-Noon & 1:30-3 p.m., Immunization Clinic, TDH
- 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 6:30 p.m., Runnels County Emmaus, Methodist Church
- 7 p.m., Winters Squares, Community Center
- Jan. 8-9:30 a.m., Winters Jr. Livestock Show
- 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- Jan. 9-8:30 a.m., Winters Jr. Livestock Show
- Man/Woman of Year Nominations Due to Chamber Office
- 7-10 p.m., Rehab '99 Phone Bank, Call 754-4820
- Jan. 11-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 6:30 p.m., Weight Watchers, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 6:30 p.m., Project Graduation Meeting, WHS Media Center
- 7 p.m., "Meet The Teacher Night," WHS Auditorium
- 7 p.m., VFW & Auxiliary, Post Home
- Jan. 12-10 a.m., Commissioners Court, Ballinger Courthouse
- 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- Noon, Lions Club, Community Center
- 7 p.m., WVFD, Fire Station
- 7:30 p.m., Elm Creek Water Control, Chamber Office
- Literary & Service Club
- Woman's Club
- Jan. 13-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- College Fair, Winters High School Cafeteria
- Jan. 14-10 a.m., Triple L Club, First Baptist Church
- 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal

Oil Bidness

By Reg Boles ©1999



Sometimes, when I am as pessimistic as I can get about this business, somebody comes along and slaps me right upside the head.

I am quickly reminded that optimism has made many rich in our business, especially when that optimism rises from a sea of pessimism. If anything can be said about the state of things right now, it is that many are pessimistic in their outlook.

Many are getting out of the business altogether after being laid off. Several are taking early retirement, joyfully saying "adios" to a cyclical business that has been a roller coaster ride to rival any Six Flags ride, particularly the last 15 years.

Petroleum Engineering schools are losing students in droves after a huge push in recruitment over the last few years had finally begun to yield results. Scholarships go unused as students doubt that a business that lets new hires go after less than twelve months of employment will be worth the effort to pursue.

Prices are at all-time lows, government taxes are at their highest in decades, and the oil continues to be harder and harder to locate.

But, I was recently told of a man who lost it all several times in his career. Some of those losses were due to poor decisions and bad luck, but most were due to downturns in the industry that wiped out his accumulated equity.

Today, even with prices at their lowest, he can boast of being independently wealthy, a large benefactor of a high-profile university, and still looking for another deal in the oil patch.

He tells me that acquisitions are the name of the game today. In his opinion, there will be those who can get the money to buy properties and those that won't be around anymore. According to his crystal ball, the winners will find a way to take advantage of the situation at hand, survive until things turn around, and then prosper at the next up cycle.

He doesn't think he is the only person capable of understanding the situation, and he is sure there are those smarter than he is. He hasn't always been right, but he has been rich for 35 years.

HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY

COMPLETIONS

Callahan County
Sabre Oil & Gas Corporation has completed a plug back in the Jacobs #1 in the RG Field (6 miles SW of Putnam) at an initial rate of 25 BOPD & 80 BWPD in the Caddo (perms 3236-44). Loc. is 1625 FSL & 2335 FWL of Sec. 319, Blk. 5, SPRR Sur., A-373.

STAKINGS
Callahan County
R.E. Greene has amended the loca-

tion of the C. Ramsey #10 in the County Regular Field, 5 miles E of Putnam (Depth 1000). Loc. is 1570 FEL & 2219 FSL of Sec. 3156, TE&L Sur., A-481.

Saddle Creek Explorations, Inc. has staked the Slug #1 in the County Regular Field, 5 miles SE of Denton Valley (Depth 2300). Loc. is 750 FWL & 1990 FNL of Sec. 16, Blk. 7, SPRR Sur.

Coleman County
Crimson Energy Company, LC has amended the location of the Crimson-Wheeler #1 in the Santa Anna Field, 5 miles SE of Santa Anna (Depth 2803). Loc. is 2172 FNL & 5397 FEL of M. Martinez Sur. No. 751, A-489.

Concho County
Daubert Oil & Gas has staked the L.S. Cate #1 as a Wildcat, 2 miles S of Pashke (Depth 1999). Loc. is 467 FEL & 2500 FSL of Sec. 65, Blk. 70, H&TC Sur., A-483.

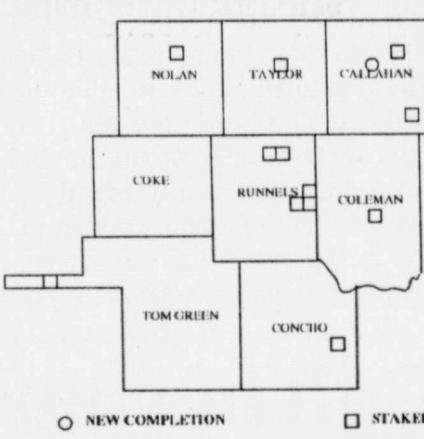
Nolan County
Nike International, Inc. has staked the WLP-Burwick #1 in the E.A. Field, 3 miles SW of Nolan (Depth 6500). Loc. is 467 FWL & 467 FSL of Sec. 249, Blk. 64, H&TC Sur., A-210.

Runnels County
Delray Oil has applied to plug back two wells and deepen another in the Southwest Talpa Field, 3 miles SW of Talpa. The R. Rush #11 is a plug back loc. 2311 FSL & 467 FWL of Sec. 110, ETRR Sur. (Depth 3790). The R. Rush #28 is another plug back loc. 2311 FSL & 2600 FEL of the same Sec. (Depth 3630). The R. Rush #1 is loc. 2600 FEL & 1378 FSL of the same Sec. (Depth 3652).

Wash Resources has amended a loc. and staked another. The Calcoite Unit #1 is in the North Winters Field, 3 miles NW of Winters (Depth 4700) and is loc. 642 FEL & 509 FSL of H&TC Sur. No. 87, A-318. The Davis #1 is a Wildcat, 7 miles N of Winters (Depth 4700). Loc. is 1667 FWL & 2300 FNL of J. M. Espinosa Sur., A-138.

Taylor County
Barbee has staked the J.L. Mallon #1 in the County Regular Field, 1 mile NW of Capps (Depth 2450). Loc. is 1888 FSL & 1353 FEL of W.B. Hardin Sur. No. 130.

Tom Green County
IP Petroleum Company has applied to deepen the Pfluger-AA-#4801 in the Lone Joe Deep Field, 21 miles SW of Sterling City (Depth 9300). Loc. is 660 FSL & 1750 FWL of Sec. 48, Blk. 7, H&TC Sur., A-2197.



In 18th century America, artists journeyed from town to town with paintings of men and women, complete in every feature but the faces. A person wishing to sit for a portrait had to select the body he liked best and let the artist fill in the missing hair and face.

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Obituaries

Frances Lamberth Campbell

WINTERS—Frances Lamberth Campbell, 92, died Tuesday morning, January 5, 1999, in the Senior Citizens Nursing Home in Winters.

She was born August 21, 1906, in Winters to Runnels County pioneers, John Anderson and Sarah Louise White Lamberth. She graduated as valedictorian of her 1923 Winters High School class and attended Abilene Christian College and Draughan's Business School. She married Doye Campbell in 1926.

Mrs. Campbell was first employed by Gardner's Clothing Store in Winters, then as manager of the women's department in Heidenheimer's in Anson for 15 years. She moved back to Winters to care for her aging parents and worked as manager of the women's department of Heidenheimer's in Winters. In 1951, she became co-owner of the Winters Fashion Shop with Eva Burns and then sole owner until her retirement in 1974 when she sold the shop to Joyce Bahlman. Mrs. Campbell was an active civic leader and a member of the Chamber of Commerce, being named Woman of the Year in 1977. She was a member of the North Main Street Church of Christ in Winters.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; one brother; five sisters; one son, James E. Campbell; and daughter-in-law, Marjorie Kennedy Campbell.

Survivors include one sister, Mrs. Roy E. (Kathaleene) Young of Winters; three grandchildren, Karl Campbell of Pineville, Louisiana, James Daniel Campbell of Pensacola, Florida, and Elizabeth Campbell Melton of Starke, Florida; eleven great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, January 7, in the Winters Funeral Home Chapel with nephew John Robbins officiating. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery in Winters, directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Nephews will be pallbearers.

Weldon Minzenmayer

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO—Weldon Minzenmayer, 61, formerly of Winters, died Sunday, January 3, 1999, at St. Vincent's Hospital in Santa Fe.

He was born August 7, 1937, to Bill and Katie Minzenmayer in Winters. He married Cassie Barron Perry on May 12, 1976 in Abilene.

Mr. Minzenmayer ranched in Winters and Chama, New Mexico most of his life. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Winters.

Survivors include his wife, Cassie Minzenmayer of Santa Fe, New Mexico; two sons, Curtis Minzenmayer of Abilene and Scott Perry of Fort Worth; one daughter, Malinda Minzenmayer of Dallas; his parents, Bill and Katie Minzenmayer of Winters; one brother, William Minzenmayer of Ruidoso, New Mexico; two sisters, Barbara Frierson of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Serena Miller of Cleburne; and several nieces and nephews.

Family visitation was at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 5, at the Winters Funeral Home. Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, January 6, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Winters with Reverend Mel Swoyer officiating. Burial followed in the Lutheran Cemetery in Winters, directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Bud Minzenmayer, Wilson Marks, James Spill, Oran Simmons, Gilbert Minzenmayer, and Bud Busher.

POSTAL RATES, continued

Rates for special services follow:

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Local box rental on a semi-annual basis (every 6 months) also increases. A small #1 box rents for \$22. A medium #2 box is \$32, while a large #3 is \$57 and a #4 drawer is \$97. These prices reflect an increase of from \$2 to \$11.

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Christine Lindeman

BALLINGER—Christine Lindeman, 75, died Saturday, December 26, 1998, at her residence.

She was born September 3, 1923, in Runnels County, Texas. She married Roland Lindeman on January 5, 1940, at Paint Rock.

Mrs. Lindeman was a homemaker, farmer, and rancher. She was a member of First Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband. Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Deanous and Dr. Bill Tatum of Ballinger, and Mickie and Larry Bubenik of Ballinger; one son, Mickell D. Lindeman of Ballinger; one sister, Margie Jones of Burleson; and six grandchildren, Janya Jackson of Irving, Stacy Rice and husband Darrell of Lake Worth, Regina Tatum of San Angelo, Michelle Lindeman of Ballinger, Sean Tatum of San Angelo, and Christopher Lindeman of Abilene.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, December 27, at Rains-Seale Chapel in Ballinger with Winford Gore officiating. Burial followed at Evergreen Cemetery in Ballinger, directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

Iris Mae Hale

BALLINGER—Iris Mae Hale, 70, died Monday, December 28, 1998, at Heritage Oaks Nursing Home in Ballinger.

She was born June 14, 1928, in Mabank, Texas. Ms. Hale was a homemaker.

Survivors include two sons, David Blythe of San Angelo and Charles Blythe of Ballinger; one daughter, Carmen Louise Fuller of San Angelo; six grandchildren; her stepmother, Gladys Nixon; and numerous brothers and sisters.

Graveside services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 30, at Evergreen Cemetery in Ballinger. Burial was directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home in Ballinger.

John E. Meadows

BALLINGER—John E. Meadows, 61, died Wednesday, December 30, 1998, at 5:38 a.m. at his residence.

He was born October 9, 1937, to Wheeler and Etta Meadows in Mountain Air, New Mexico. He married Winnie Wirfel in Ballinger in March 10, 1973. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean Conflict.

Mr. Meadows was employed by Safeway as a retail inventory controller for thirty-two years. He was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church in Ballinger and the Moose Lodge #550 in Richmond, California.

He was preceded in death by his father and a sister, Thyra Wallace. Survivors include his wife, Winnie Meadows of Ballinger; three daughters, Lorraine Dodson of Oregon, and Theresa Diaz and Sharyn Thollaug, both of California; his mother, Etta Meadows of Ballinger; two brothers, Phillip Meadows of Winslow, Arizona, and Jimmy Meadows of Gallup, New Mexico; four sisters, Bernice Haygood of Saltilla, Margaret Kirk of Ballinger, Virginia Holley of Gallup, New Mexico, and Phyllis McCoy of Flora Vista, New Mexico; and 4 grandchildren.

Rosary was held at 7:00 p.m. Friday, January 1, 1999, at Rains-Seale Chapel in Ballinger. Funeral mass was at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, January 2, at St. Mary Catholic Church with Father Hubert Wade officiating. Burial followed in the Garden of Memories in Ballinger, directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

Anne Dial Bomar

BALLINGER—Anne Dial Bomar, 102, died Wednesday, December 30, 1998, at 7:15 a.m. in the Heritage Oakes Estate in Ballinger. She received a Yellow Rose of Texas plaque from Governor George Bush on her 100th birthday.

She was born August 11, 1896, to Charles and Sally Josephine Williams Brown in Bastrop County. She married Wess Bomar, who preceded her in death in June of 1965.

Mrs. Bomar was a homemaker and had worked for Ballinger Independent School District. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Ballinger.

Survivors include four sons, Tom Bomar of Ballinger, James Bomar of Winters, Weldon Bomar of Cleburne, and Robert Bomar of Snyder; one daughter, Elizabeth (Dot) Schroeder of Ballinger; twenty grandchildren; and seventy great- and great-great-grandchildren.

Services were held at 3:00 p.m. Thursday, December 31, at First Presbyterian Church with Reverend Henry Chisholm officiating. Burial followed in the Talpa Cemetery, directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home of Ballinger.

Memorials may be made to the Ballinger Humane Society, the First Presbyterian Church, or a favorite charity.

Hugh Clinton "Clint" McClure

COLEMAN—Hugh Clinton "Clint" McClure, 79, died at 3:15 p.m. on Friday, January 1, 1999, at Brownwood Regional Hospital.

He was born September 24, 1919, near Santa Anna, Texas, to Vince Walter McClure and Mary Alice Newman McClure. He served in the U.S. Army as Staff Sergeant of the 823rd Air Evacuation Squad during World War II. He married Hazel Ryan on July 31, 1984, in Sweetwater.

Mr. McClure was retired and was a Baptist. Survivors include his wife, Hazel McClure of Coleman; three daughters, Anna Kay Orr of Douglasville, Georgia, Leta Yocham of Glen Rose, and Francene Priest of Dilley; one son, Gary McClure of Coleman; one stepdaughter, Kay Sharpes of Winters; one stepson, Rusty Ryan of Talpa; two brothers, Orin (Butch) McClure of Plainview and Gene McClure of Abilene; thirteen grandchildren; and nine-great-grandchildren.

Family visitation was from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Saturday, January 2, at Walker Funeral Home in Coleman. Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, January 3, at Walker Funeral Chapel with Reverend Jeff Robinett officiating. Burial was in Santa Anna Cemetery, directed by Walker Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Dr. Mike Newman, Milton Kennedy, Bill Bamber, Rick McClure, Walter McClure, and Waymon Upchurch. Memorials may be made to West Texas Rehabilitation Center, 4601 Hartford St., Abilene, Texas 79605-9989.

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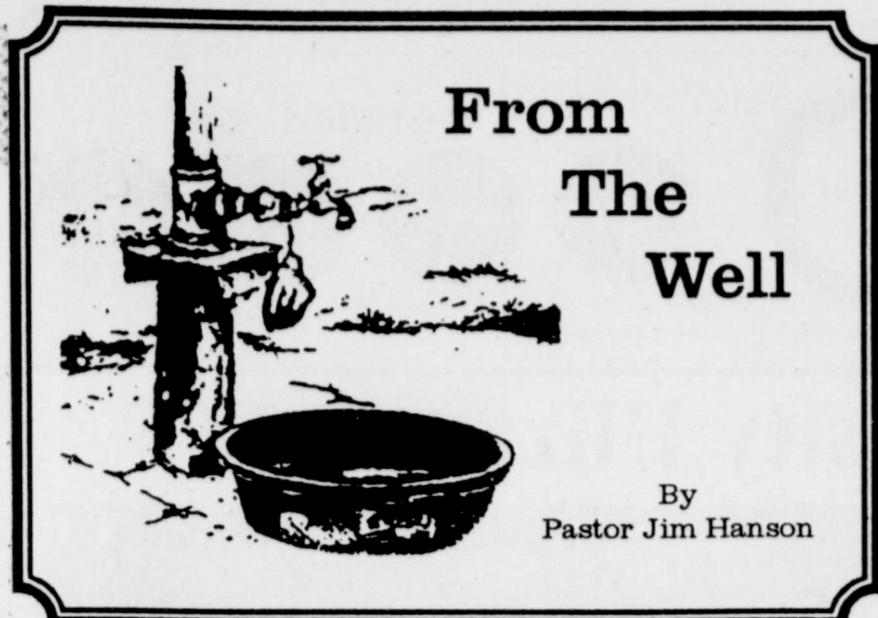
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From The Well

By
Pastor Jim Hanson



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Happy New Year! It's time for predictions. A time to look back over the past year. And a time to look ahead. Especially this year of 1999. The big one! Y2K. The Millennium. The year 2000. One should be able to come up with something profound. But, the

truth is, I don't feel very profound today. And, with all the overly optimistic projections of the future on the one hand, and all the gloom and doom predictions on the other, I have decided to share with you some quotations from one of my favorite books, "Holy Humor." And see if I can pull a chuckle or two out of you. A good way to start the year without fear.

First of all, a couple about preachers and the length of their sermons. I'm often reminded of mine... as being "too long." So here's a poem that tells the other side of the story.

He's an hour and a half early
For the football games,
And the last one
From the dressing room door.
He's oblivious to pain,
Or even to rain
When it's the tenth
And still tied is the score.
He's glued to the tube
When the sudden-death match
Takes another
Two holes for the win.
And it matters not
If the last second shot
Makes a third overtime
Go beyond ten.
But come Sunday morn,
As he sits in the pew,
This sports-loving spouse
Very soon
Begins to get nervous
If the one-hour service
Finds the pastor preaching
A minute past noon.

—Dona Maddux Cooper

Stillwater, OK

And, just to let you know that we preachers can laugh at ourselves—about how our sermons can be too long—even put people to sleep, here's one a Lutheran preacher told in a sermon.

A paramedic was asked on a local TV talk-show, "What was your most unusual and challenging 911 call?"

"Recently, we got a call from that big white church at 11th and Walnut," the paramedic said. "A frantic usher was very concerned that during the sermon an elderly man passed out in a pew and appeared to be dead. The usher could find no pulse and there was no noticeable breathing."

"What was so unusual and demanding about this particular call?" the interviewer asked.

"Well," the paramedic said, "we carried out four guys before we found the one who was dead."

Or how about this one, told by a Protestant preacher on his neighbor.

"My neighbor, the Rev. H.J. Dick, pastor of Emmaus Mennonite Church near Whitewater, KS, came to the end of a very heavy day at the New Year's Eve midnight service. Getting his tongue tangled, he announced: 'Let us now stand and sing, Another Dear Is Yawning.'"

And, this one told by a Catholic priest on one of his younger colleagues.

Eager to improve his sermons, a young pastor bought a tape recorder and recorded one of his Sunday morning services. After dinner, he put the cassette in the recorder, sat on the sofa, and listened to the tape.

The opening prayer, scripture readings, and hymns came forth nicely. Then came the sermon.

When he awoke some time later, the choir was singing the closing hymn.

You see, we're all in the same boat. Rather than blame somebody else—face up to the fact that God has a sense of humor, and, if you don't think so, take a good look at yourself in the mirror! And laugh!

And don't be afraid. Face the future with faith. If God entrusts His Church to preachers who preach too long and people in the pew who sleep through the sermons, and doesn't give up on us, why should we give up on Him? His book says in 1 John 4:17, "Perfect love casts out fear." Rejoice in the Lord always! And laugh in the face of fear.



WORKING TOWARDS HARMONY, COHESIVENESS, AND COOPERATION are members of the Winters City Council who don their new Blizzard blue shirts. The shirts are part of the soon-to-come complete uniform promoting motivation, positive attitude, team work, and unity. From left to right are Tommy Russell, mayor pro-tem; Steve Esquivel; Aref Hassan, city administrator; Mayor Dawson McGuffin; and Joe Gerhart. The public is always invited to attend council meetings held the last Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at City Hall.

City Hall's 1999 New Year's Resolution

by Mayor Dawson McGuffin

The elected officials, our city manager, and the city employees have done an excellent job during the year 1998. I wish them luck and give them our support for 1999.

Without the citizens of Winters, there wouldn't be city employees or city council. Therefore, it is our duty to wish happiness in 1999 for each and every resident of Winters, inside and outside of the city limits alike. I hope we all have a good year in 1999.

Make a good resolution for

1999. Our new year's resolution for the City Hall is to add to our active, positive attitude.

The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failure, than success, than what other people think or say or do. Attitude is more important than appearance, giftedness, or skill. It will make or break a company, a church, a home.

The remarkable thing is we have a choice everyday regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change the fact that people act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude.

I agree with Charles Swindoll when he said, "I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me, 90% how I react to it."

God bless our planet mother

earth, and all the creatures and resources on it, especially human beings that were created in his own image. God bless America, our great nation. God bless our lone star Texas. Most of all, God bless our city—the heart and soul of West Texas.

If there is anything we can do in the City Hall to make 1999 a better year for our community, please do not hesitate to share your active, positive ideas, along with a positive attitude with us.

The public is invited to attend.

Financial Focus

By Jimmy Newsom

CD rates: The long and short of it

When it comes to investing in certificates of deposit, some investors tend to be shortsighted. In an effort to minimize risk, they invest in short-term CDs and simply roll their money into other CDs as their investments mature.

This seemingly sound investment strategy unfortunately often exposes investors to another risk—being forced to invest your money at a lower rate of interest. This shortsightedness can have negative effects on the long-term performance of your CD investment.

For instance, consider the following two investors. Investor A invested \$50,000 in a one-year CD in 1992. When his CD matured he simply reinvested another \$50,000 into another one-year CD. He did the same the next three years.

Investor B divided \$50,000 equally among five CDs, a one-year CD, a two-year CD, a three-year CD, a four-year CD and a five-year CD in 1992. When each CD matured, he invested \$10,000 in a five-year CD.

| Investor A's Rate of Return (all 1-year CDs) | Investor B's Initial Rate of Return | Investor B's Rate of Return When Reinvesting |
|--|---|--|
| 1992: 3.30% | 1992: 1-yr CD: 3.30% | 1993: 5.20% |
| 1993: 3.40% | 2-yr CD: 4.00% | 1994: 6.35% |
| 1994: 5.05% | 3-yr CD: 4.60% | 1995: 5.90% |
| 1995: 5.40% | 4-yr CD: 4.75% | 1996: 6.25% |
| 1996: 5.55% | 5-yr CD: 5.35% | |

Over the five years the CDs were held, Investor B earned \$1,545 more in interest than Investor A. In addition, Investor B enjoyed a much steadier income stream; the difference of income between his best and worst years was \$705. For Investor A, the difference was \$2,125.

Of course, past performance is no guarantee of future results, but in most situations, Investor B's investment strategy will produce a more attractive return than Investor A's.

This investment strategy is called laddering maturities. By owning a portfolio of CDs that mature in successive years, you'll maximize return and minimize interest-rate risk. If interest rates rise, you'll have a CD maturing within a year to reinvest at higher rates. On the other hand, if interest rates decline, other CDs will still be locked in at the higher rate of interest, protecting part of your income.

Laddering doesn't completely eliminate the risk of interest-rate fluctuations, but it does allow you to earn dependable income over several years and still have money available when you need it. In the long run, you'll minimize risk without sacrificing return.

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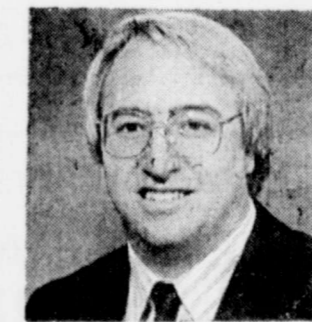
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CAFETERIA MENU

Jan. 11-Jan. 15
Subject to change

Breakfast

Monday-Jan. 11

Biscuit
Sausage
Juice

Tuesday-Jan. 12

Breakfast Burrito
Cereal
Juice

Wednesday-Jan. 13

Toast
Cereal
Juice

Thursday-Jan. 14

Pancakes/Syrup
Oatmeal
Juice

Friday-Jan. 15

Cheese Toast
Cereal
Juice

Lunch

Monday-Jan. 11

Pizza
June Peas
Corn

Banana Pudding

Tuesday-Jan. 12

Chicken Fried Steak/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes

Green Beans
Peach Half
Hot Roll

Wednesday-Jan. 13

Macaroni Meat Dish (Goulash)
Tossed Salad
Sliced Peas
Hot Roll

Thursday-Jan. 14

Beef Tips/Rice
Broccoli/Cheese
Sliced Peaches
Hot Roll

Friday-Jan. 15

Hamburger
French Fries
Lettuce/Pickles
Fruit

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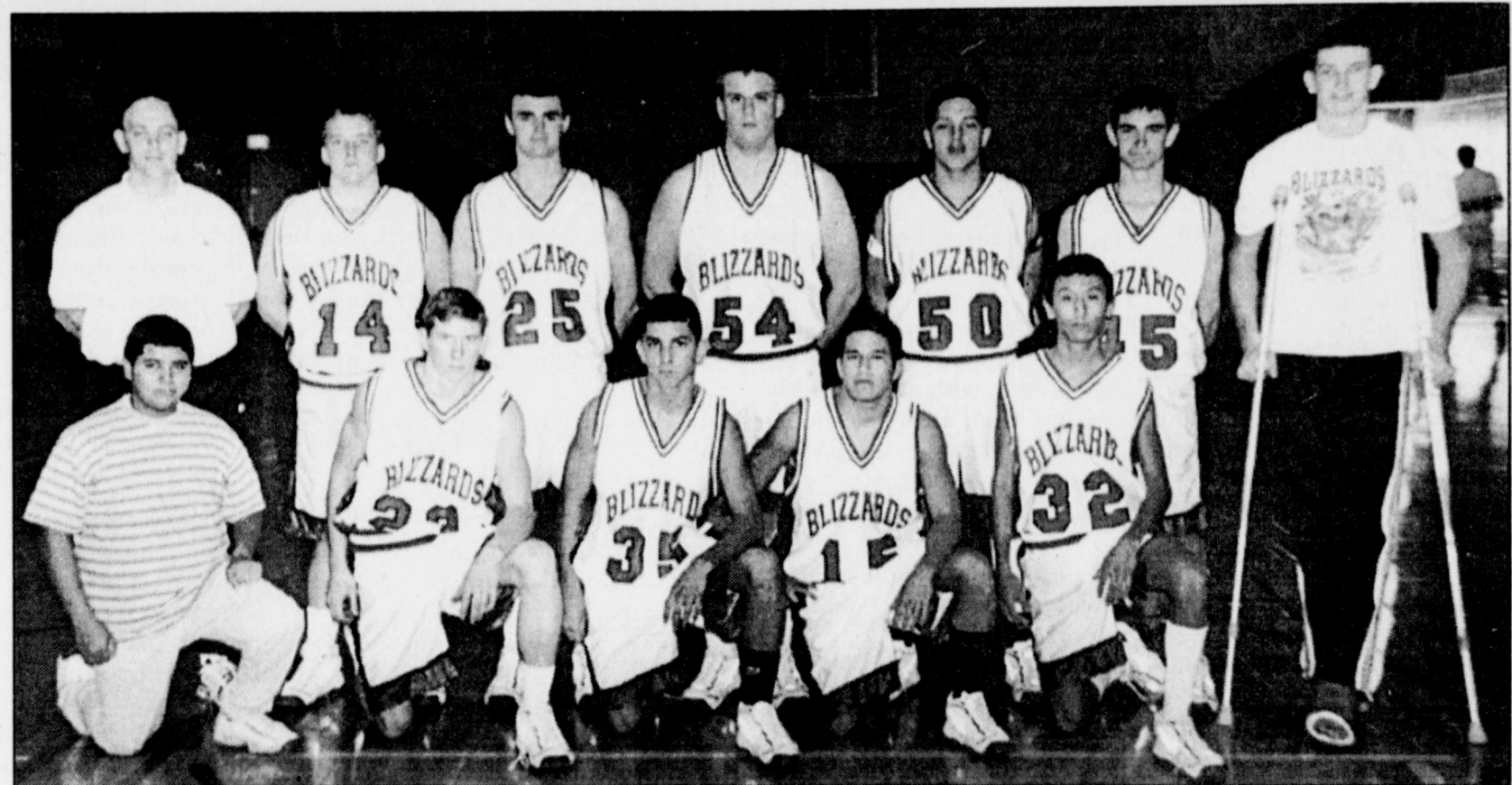
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1998-1999 Varsity Blizzards



Back, left to right:
Coach Robert White

#14 Chip White

#25 Kenny Whittenburg

#54 Jay Harris

#50 Joe Ortiz

#45 Aaron Pritchard

Inj. Josh Minzenmayer

Sr., Forward, 5'10"

Sr., Guard, 5'7"

Sr., Forward, 6'3"

Sr., Forward, 6'2"

Soph., Guard, 6'0"

Soph., Forward, 6'5"

Front:

Stats Raul Zermeno

#23 Larry Hoyle

#35 Oscar Luz

#15 Jeremy Alvarado

#32 Felix Portillo

Freshman

Sr., Forward, 6'1"

Jr., Guard, 6'0"

Sr., Guard, 5'7"

Sr., Guard, 5'11"

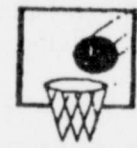
\$138.14 collected in pennies by Mrs. Raymond's class

The wagon full of pennies collected by Mrs. Raymond's class, counted out to be \$138.14.

As reported in the 1998 December 24 issue, the class with the help of the entire elementary had been collecting pennies to donate to Good Fellows in Abilene.

Also helping collect pennies and not pictured in the previous issue were Manuel Roman and Kim Jackson.

Basketball Hoopla



| Team: Varsity Boys | | Coach: Robert White | | | | |
|--|----|---------------------|---|---|-----|------|
| Opponent: Abilene | | Date: Dec. 28, 1998 | | | | |
| Place: Winters | | Place: Winters | | | | |
| POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER | | | | | | |
| WINTERS | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | TOT | FIN. |
| OPPONENT | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | TOT | FIN. |
| Free throws made: 19 of 35 for 54% | | | | | | |
| Player Name Points Rebounds Steals Assists | | | | | | |
| Chip White | 11 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Jeremy Alvarado | 3 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Larry Hoyle | 6 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Kenny Whittenburg | 17 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Felix Portillo | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Oscar Luz | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Aaron Pritchard | 0 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Joe Ortiz | 19 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Jay Harris | 4 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Colby Walker | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| *Denotes high point individual for Winters | | | | | | |

| Team: Varsity Boys | | Coach: Robert White | | | | |
|--|----|---------------------|---|---|-----|------|
| Opponent: Monday | | Date: Dec. 30, 1998 | | | | |
| Place: Winters | | Place: Winters | | | | |
| POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER | | | | | | |
| WINTERS | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | TOT | FIN. |
| OPPONENT | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | TOT | FIN. |
| Free throws made: 10 of 24 for 42% | | | | | | |
| Player Name Points Rebounds Steals Assists | | | | | | |
| Chip White | 6 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Jeremy Alvarado | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Larry Hoyle | 11 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Kenny Whittenburg | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Felix Portillo | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Oscar Luz | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Aaron Pritchard | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Joe Ortiz | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Jay Harris | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Colby Walker | 6 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| *Denotes high point individual for Winters | | | | | | |

| Team: Varsity Boys | | Coach: Robert White | | | | |
|---|----|---------------------|---|---|-----|------|
| Opponent: Early Tourney | | Date: Dec. 28, 1998 | | | | |
| Place: Early | | Place: Early | | | | |
| POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER | | | | | | |
| WINTERS | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | TOT | FIN. |
| OPPONENT | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | TOT | FIN. |
| Free throws made: 6 of 26 for 23% | | | | | | |
| Player Name Points Rebounds Steals Assists | | | | | | |
| Chip White | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Jeremy Alvarado | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Larry Hoyle | 7 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Kenny Whittenburg | 12 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Felix Portillo | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Oscar Luz | 2 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Aaron Pritchard | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Joe Ortiz | 6 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Jay Harris | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Colby Walker | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| *Denotes high point individual for Winters | | | | | | |
| Coach's Comments: Kenny Whittenburg was named to the All-Tournament Team. | | | | | | |

1999 Project Graduation to meet Jan. 11

Project Graduation will conduct a meeting Monday, January 11, at 6:30 p.m. in the Media Center of Winters High School.

All parents of seniors are encouraged to attend.

Basketball '99



Catch the Action

- Jan. 7—San Saba, TBA, 7G, 8G, JVG2,
- Jan. 7—San Saba, There, 5:00, 7B, 8B, JVB2
- Jan. 8—San Saba*, There, 5:00, JVG, JVB, VG, VB
- Jan. 12—Early*, TBA, JVG, JVB, VG, VB
- Jan. 14—Mason, TBA, 7G, 8G, JVG2
- Jan. 14—Mason, There, 5:00, 7B, 8B, JVB2

VG Varsity Girls VB Varsity Boys
JVG Junior Varsity Girls
JVG2 Junior Varsity Girls Second Team
JVB Junior Varsity Boys
JVB2 Junior Varsity Boys Second Team
8B 8th Boys 8G 8th Girls
7B 7th Boys 7G 7th Girls
*Denotes District Games

4-H Hamburger and French Fries Supper Tuesday, January 12

Winters 4-H will host a Hamburger and French Fries Supper during the Winters vs. Early basketball games Tuesday, January 12, beginning at 5:00 p.m., at the Winters School Cafeteria.

Tickets will be \$4.00 for adults and \$3.50 for children 10 and under.

All proceeds will go towards purchasing new playground equipment for the Winters City Park.

Everyone is invited to attend.

WHS to host college fair Jan. 13

Winters High School will be hosting a college fair on Jan. 13, 1999.

Parents and community members who might be interested in attending college or have other questions are invited to attend anytime from 1:45-3:25, and visit representatives from each school or organization.

Juniors and seniors will visit the fair from 1:45-2:25. Sophomores will then visit from 2:45-3:25.

Schools and organizations which will be represented on Jan. 13 include the following:

- Texas A&M University
- Texas Tech University
- University of Texas
- Angelo State University
- Western Texas College
- Cisco Junior College
- Hardin-Simmons University
- McMurry University
- Abilene Christian University
- Tarleton State University
- TSTC of Sweetwater
- West Central Texas Tech Prep
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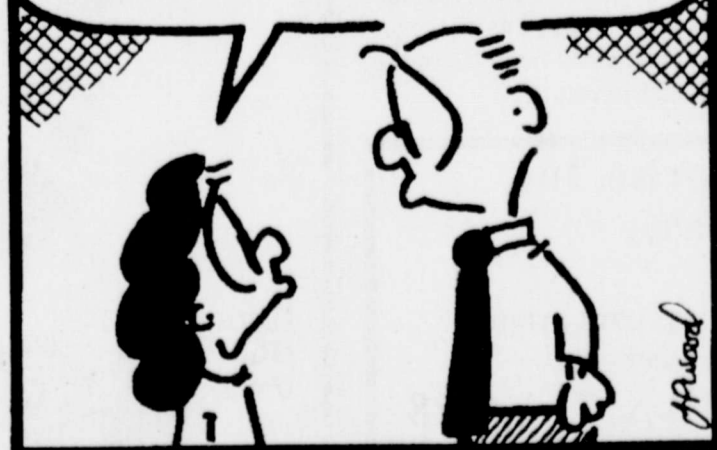
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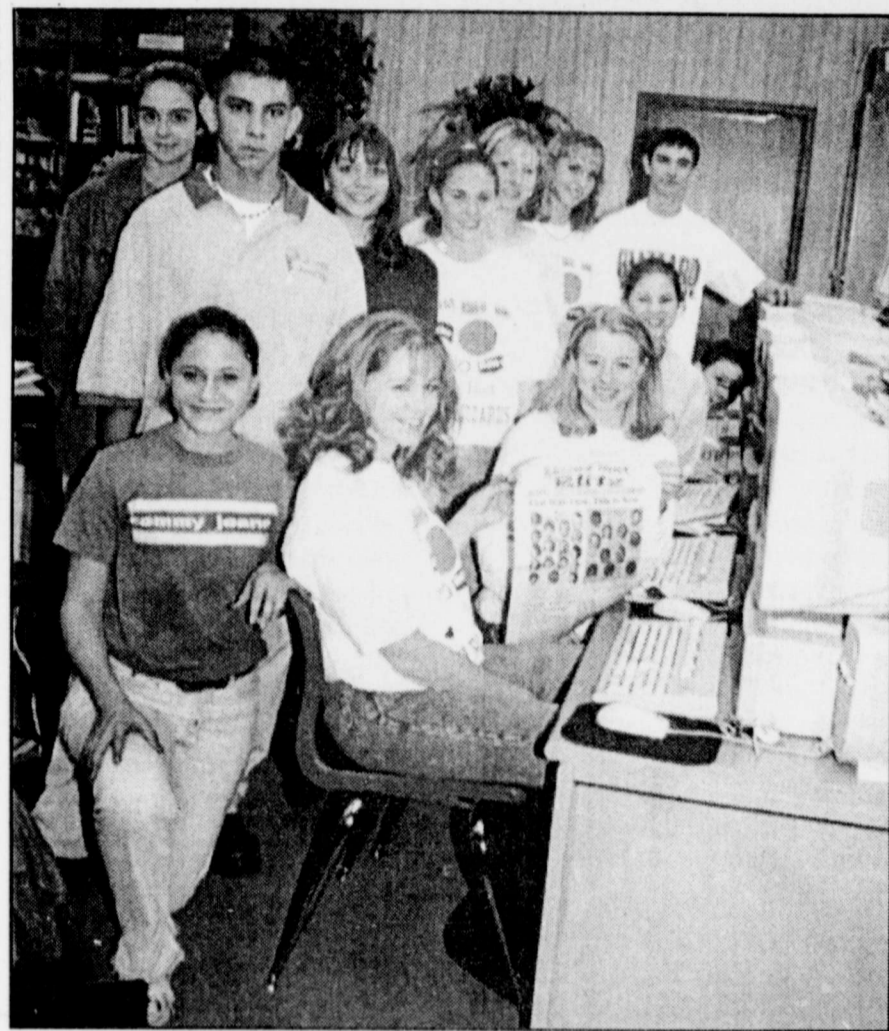
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PUTTING TOGETHER THE BLITZ are (clockwise, holding paper) Shelley Meyer, editor-in-chief; Kayla Colburn, co-editor; Desirae Hammersmith, reporter; Oscar Luz, artist; Theresa Cangioli and Misty Melton, sports editors; Kendra Hope, photographer; Brittney Tekell, reporter; Kelli Slimp, reporter; Aaron Pritchard, artist; and Clay Trojcek and Tami Thorpe, reporters. Not pictured is Brooke Tounget, reporter.

School newspaper available again

It's back! The Winters High School newspaper is once again in circulation. The newly named *Blizzard News* has been resurrected as a project of the journalism class.

The first paper at WHS was established in 1925 and was originally entitled *The Gale*. Milburn Curry, who currently resides in Fort Worth, was the first sports editor. He says that the student body voted in favor of the name which was introduced by advisor Merdyle Barber.

The Gale was discontinued in 1926 for some time due to economic hardship. "Paper was one of many items that became scarce during World War I," said Curry. Publication became sporadic,

according to 1959 Assistant Editor John Key. It continued off and on, up to the 60s and 70s, and then again in 1992. Key recalls that the paper was issued once a semester, except during football season when it was printed once a week.

Today's publication has stepped up to meet current demands with new technology. Back then, the *Gale* staff cut and pasted up their copy much like a puzzle. The news was printed in blue ink on white copy paper. The *Blitz* crew now lays out everything on the computer. The publication is then printed as a tabloid, measuring approximately 11"x17".

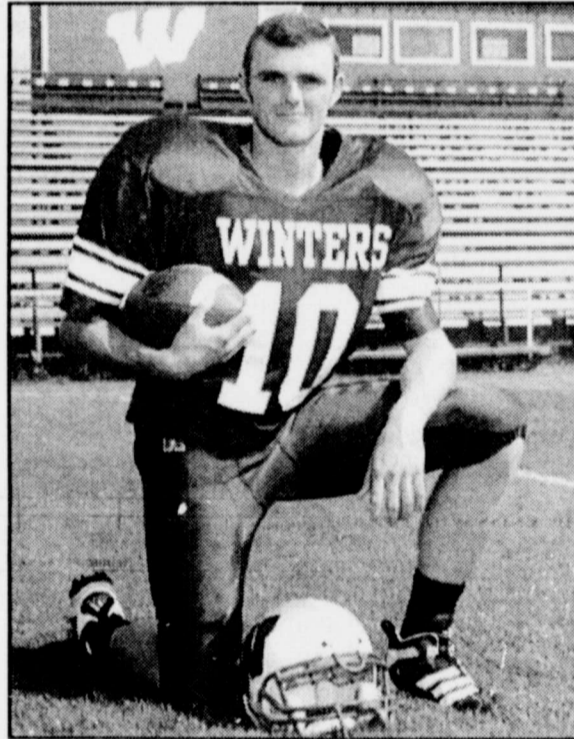
The *Blitz* is presently available free of charge once per semester. Your copy may be picked up at

the offices of Winters High School or *The Winters Enterprise*. Future plans are to publish six times per year, reports Advisor Cindy Davis.

Davis directs a staff of ten females and three males. Editor-in-chief is Shelley Meyer who is assisted by Kayla Colburn, copy editor; Misty Melton and Theresa Cangioli, sports editors; and Kendra Hope, photo editor. Reporters are Kelli Slimp, Desirae Hammersmith, Brooke Tounget, Brittney Tekell, Oscar Luz, and Tami Thorpe. Clay Trojcek and Aaron Pritchard serve as artists.

The *Blitz* is available to inform students of activities and discuss subjects of interest.

May school spirit help keep the *Blitz* alive!



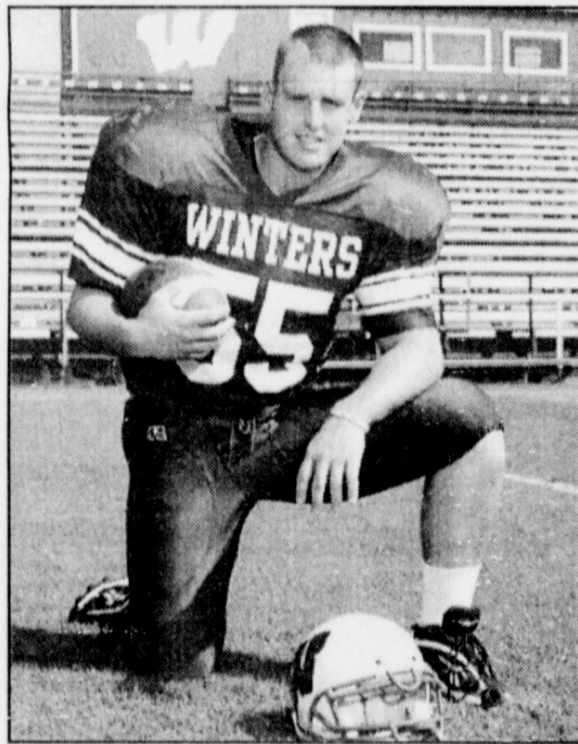
Kenny Whittenburg
WHS senior, 6'2", 185 lbs.

1998 Abilene Reporter-News
All-Big Country Football Team
Class 2A Player of the Year
for second consecutive year

1998 Abilene Reporter-News
All-Big Country Super Team
(defensive back)

1998 San Angelo Standard-Times
All-West Texas Football Team
Class 2A (quarterback)

1998 San Angelo Standard-Times
All-West Texas Super Team
(quarterback/defensive back)



Eric Tekell
WHS senior, 6'3", 245 lbs.

1998 Abilene Reporter-News
All-Big Country Football team
Class 2A (defensive lineman)

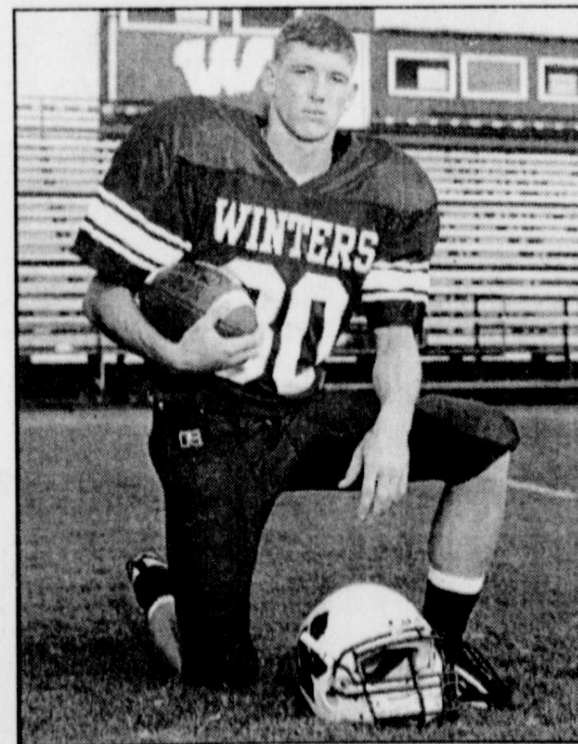
1998 San Angelo Standard-Times
All-West Texas Football Team
Class 2A (defensive lineman)



Michael Prewit
WHS senior, 6'2", 260 lbs.

1998 Abilene Reporter-News
All-Big Country Football team
Class 2A (offensive lineman)

1998 San Angelo Standard-Times
All-West Texas Football Team
Class 2A (offensive lineman)



Larry Hoyle
WHS senior, 6'2", 175 lbs.

1998 Abilene Reporter-News
All-Big Country Football Team
Class 2A (Secondary)



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Secondary School to host "Meet The Teacher Night" Monday, Jan. 11

Winters Secondary School would like to invite all parents and students to "Meet The Teacher Night" on Monday, January 11, 1999 at 7:00 p.m.

Parents and students will assemble in the auditorium for a short meeting. After the meeting, parents and students will follow the student's schedule. Ten minutes will be allowed for each period.

All parents and students are encouraged to attend.

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County Court Criminal
December 22
 Barbara A. Cletcher, Coleman, filed for theft of service by check
December 28
 Donald R. Whitlock, Ballinger, filed for hunting without landowner's permission, illegally hunting with a light
 Michael Wayne Watkins, Sikeston, MO, filed for driving while license suspended
 Sid Scarborough, San Angelo, filed for theft of merchandise by check
December 29
 Joe Paxton Adams, Winters, filed for driving while license suspended, two counts
December 30
 Starley Higgins, Jr., Winters, filed for theft of merchandise by check
 Tiffany M. Torrence, Irving, filed for theft of merchandise by check
Marriage Licenses
December 21
 Enrique Luz, Jr. and Teresa Ann Cabrera
December 23
 Steven Joseph Lynn and Terra Heather Hooper
 Kendall Zane Denton and Camille Badgett Sanders
December 28
 Jackie Dwayne Marrow and Dedra Malynn White
January 4
 Daryl Von Krug and Vicki Rutledge
District Court Civil Cases
December 23
 Wilbur-Ellis Company vs. Winters Seed Co., Inc. fka Farmers Seed and Supply, Inc.—account
December 29
 Michael D. Watkins vs. Bryan Scott Watkins and Stormie Watkins, both individually and dba S & S Trucking—damages
December 31
 Jere Lawrence vs. Complete Packaging

 "Real unselfishness consists in sharing the interests of others."
 —George Santayana
 "The cruelest lies are often told in silence."
 —Robert Louis Stevenson

ing Corporation—breach of commercial lease agreement
 Providian National Bank vs. Nita Bowman—account
Divorces Filed
December 29
 Gerald Leonard Parks vs. Dorothy Jo Parks
Divorces Granted
December 21
 Bobby Ray Ward and Tammy Kay Ward
Justice of the Peace Court Precinct #1 Criminal
December 10
 James R. Hogue, filed for untagged turkey
December 22
 Jon D. Ratliff, filed for hunting doves during closed season
 Cliff D. Blessing, filed for hunting doves during closed season
 Stephen D. Anderson, filed for hunting doves during closed season
 William D. Hicks, filed for improperly tagged buck deer
December 27
 Russell B. Smith, filed for improperly tagged buck deer
December 30
 Carin C. Mowrey, filed for theft by check
Felony Criminal
December 28
 Jose Gomez, filed for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon
Small Claims
December 28
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Crews News

By Hilda Kurtz



Hilda Kurtz

If at the end of a day you feel dogtired, maybe it's because you growled all day.

Have a good and happy new year! A small group enjoyed the stew and chili at the gym on Saturday night. All agree that it was the best ever. The Kenny Cartwright family will host the community supper on Feb. 6.

The McBeth visitors during the week originally came from Africa and are now living in Temple.

During the week with Josie Hoppe were Dawn and Clint Bryan, Elaine Miller, Billy Berhart, and Billy Holland. All enjoyed the lights in Abilene.

Rattlesnakes are still out. Elaine Miller killed one on New Year's Day.

Thelma Hoppe and Wayne Satterfield came out New Year's Day.

Spending Christmas and New Year's Day with Nila and Therin Osborne were Karen, Wesley, and Stefanie McGallian, and Louise Osborne.

With Linda and Dale Duggan were Roy Brown and sons Benjamin and Andrew; Dawn Murthy and son Duan of Ruidosa, New Mexico; Will and Leslie Duggan; and Katy Duggan.

Brenda Jacob of Midland spent the holidays with Margie Jacob. Carol Kozelsky and Margie Jacob spent Tuesday with Sharon Engler in Brownwood.

Carol and Mike Kozelsky, Jerry Engler, Bryce Busenlehner, and Margie Jacob helped Father Zientek celebrate his 66th birthday at a Brownwood cafe. All enjoyed the catfish feast. Many more happy birthdays, Father.

During the week with Harvey Mae and Noble Faubion were Amantina McAden, Eileen and Kenny Cartwright with Tiffany and Jeremy Prater, Carolyn Kraatz, Rodney Faubion, and Gene Faubion.

Spending the holiday week with Fairy and Wilbert Alcorn were Mack Gobman; Stan and Linda Gobman and daughter.

Present Christmas Day with Margie Jacob were Sharon and Jerry Engler; Jodie, Justin, and Bryce Busenlehner; Cookie, Corey, and Brad VanZandt; Kristi Ellis; and Carolyn, Mike, Scott, Jeanna, and Kathryn Kozelsky. All enjoyed the fried turkey that Justin prepared.

On Sunday, Margie, Mike, Carolyn, Kathryn, Scott, and Jeanna went to The Shed to enjoy dinner.

Spending Christmas Day with Leona and Roy Matthes were Marcene and T.C. Hall of Dallas, Pat and Abe Giles of Brownwood,

and Billye and Gene Fenton of Coleman.

Pat and Earl Cooper spent Christmas Day with Brenda and Richard Chambliss. Pat's brother, Lanny Lacy of Granbury, also spent the weekend.

Doris Wood spent New Year's Day with Mr. and Mrs. Maloezy Bryant.

Spending Christmas week with Linda and Dale Duggan were Rodney Faubion of Dallas, Justin Wiley of College Station, and Randall Conner and his brother-in-law and sister-in-law.

Christmas dinner was enjoyed among Becky and Elwood Brown; Katy Duggan; Will and Leslie Duggan; Bob and Janice Pruser; and Brandon, Amy, Chauncey, and Susan Mansell.

Spending most of Christmas in the home of Doris Wood were Maloezy Bryant and his family of Abilene, Doug Bryant and his family of Brownwood, Larry Calcote and his family of Winters, Jeff Cameron and his family of Brownwood, Frances Mincey of Big Spring, Jim Calcote and Lucy Rodriguez of Midland, John Hord of Wingate, Aaron Calcote of Weatherford, and Ronny Walters of Fort Worth.

Eileen and Kenny Cartwright, Jeremy and Tiffany Prater spent three Christmas days in Victoria.

Visiting with Josie Hoppe during the Christmas week were Pauline and Martha Armbrecht, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Denny, Alvina Armbrecht, Elaine and Dan Miller, Francine and J'Dan Miller, Bob and Marian Gueran, Nancy Spill, Glen and Melba Hoppe, Albert and Alta Spill, and Carl, John, and Louis.

Linda and Johnny Denson of Weatherford spent Christmas Day with Fairy and Wilbert Alcorn.

Abe Giles of Brownwood stuck his head in the door and wished the Alcorns a Merry Christmas, then was gone.

Dennis, Audine, and Roy McBeth spent Christmas in Lubbock with Sybil Tounget; Jona and Larry Sears; Jason, Rusty, and Jake Tounget. Roy stayed a few more days with cousin Jason in Lubbock.

Coleman Foreman had a nice phone visit on Christmas Day from brother Wayne of Arlington.

Coleman was home all day trying to get over some sort of infection.

Carolyn and Joe Webb, Edith Everett were in Austin during Christmas with their son Gene and four granddaughters. On December 28, those four grand-

daughters and Debra Webb came to visit through Wednesday.

Juanita Shields and Jennifer and Dave Hawesey of Houston spent Christmas Day in Abilene. They had dinner with daughter-in-law Rosalind Shields and grandkids. On Saturday, all came to be with Juanita and son Chris, who is spending a week or more.

After Sunday church services, Selma Wilkerson's luncheon guests were Doris Wood, Bro. Ferris and Ramona Akins and granddaughter Brennan Harp of Stanton.

H.B. and June Laudun of Austin spent New Year's Eve and Day and with Carolyn Webb and Edith Everett.

Hopewell Baptist Church congregation and the family of Ferris Akins surprised him on Sunday, December 27, with a celebration in honor of his 70 years of life and 50 years in the ministry. Following the worship service, lunch, catered by The Shed, was served to guests and members. The fellowship hall was beautifully decorated with red tablecloths and flowers to accent the red and white birthday cake with an open Bible and inscribed scriptures. The women of the church decorated and Laverne Goetz baked the cake.

A program with words of thanks to Ferris was given by family members and friends. A banner declaring 50 years of service, a plaque of appreciation, stained glass windows for his home (created by Donna McShan), and a video of his life was presented to Ferris by his children and wife.

In addition to members of the church, other guests were Rick, Suzanne, Adrienne, Meredith, and Glynis Akins of Salado; Andrea, David, Alayna, Shelby, and Brennan Harp of Stanton; Marty, Debbie, Danisha, Marleah, and Tilatha Akins of Snyder; Ferrisa, Brian, Chandler, and Brianna Childs of Marlin; Helen Randolph of Abilene; and Amy Humphreys of San Antonio.

Also Scott and Tracy Talbott of Booker; Bill and Glenda Akins of Stanton; Nell Newcomb of Stanton; Latane Robertson of San Angelo; Denise and Craig Collier of Leander; Hermand and Marie Lancaster of Abilene; Roy Epperson, Jim and Charlene Bickel, Sue and Rick Morrish, and Joe and Clydelle Selby, all from Ballinger.

As the holidays are always a busy time for visitations, please accept my sincere apologies for any misspelled or omitted names.

Girl Scouts have two new cookies

Sales underway now through January 18

The Girl Scouts have been selling cookies for 63 of the organization's 87 years. Last year, the nation's 2.5 million Girl Scouts sold nearly 200 million packages of cookies — enough to circle the earth! The 63rd annual cookie sale is debuting two new varieties of cookies: a natural reduced-fat Apple Cinnamon variety and a crispy natural-flavored Lemon Drop cookie with creamy lemon chips baked right in.

In all, there are eight varieties of Girl Scout cookies. Traditional Girl Scout cookies, including the popular Thin Mints; original Samoas (caramel and toasted coconut); Tagalongs (layered peanut butter and chocolate); Do-si-

do (oatmeal peanut butter sandwich); Striped Chocolate Chip (a real chocolate chip and pecan cookie with chocolate stripes and a bottom layer of chocolate); and Trefoil shortbread cookies return to the popular selection.

What do the cookie sales buy? For Girl Scout troops, the sale provides funds to support troop activities such as field trips, camping, and service projects. For the Heart of Texas Girl Scout Council, the sale provides funds to recruit and train adult leaders, maintain campsites, provide council-wide programs, and provide financial assistance so all girls can have access to the opportunities Girl Scouting offers.

Girl Scouts participating in the cookie sale learn to set goals, develop responsibility, practice money management, and learn to follow through on a commitment.

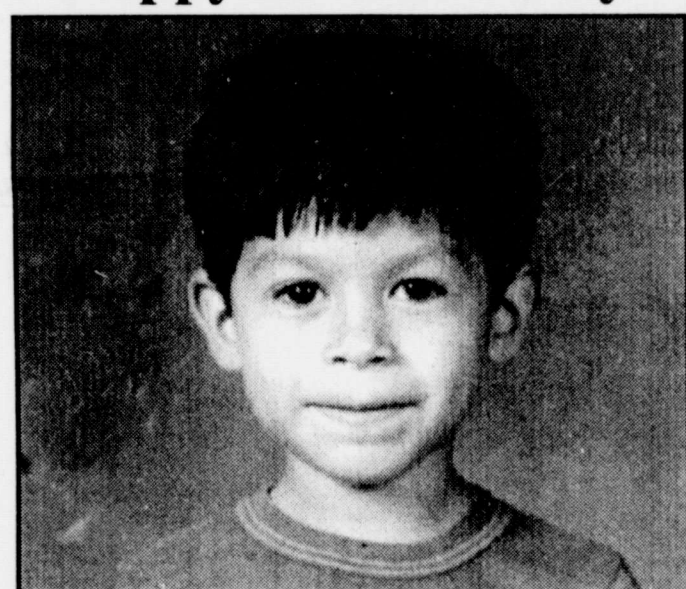
All cookie sale revenues remain within the local Girl Scout council. Girls will take cookie orders now through January 18 with deliveries scheduled between February 8 and March 1. Girls will be making direct sales and/or holding booth sales during the delivery period. The cookies will cost \$3 per package.

If you are not contacted and wish to purchase cookies, you may contact Susan Ripple at 754-5688 after 5 p.m. or you can call the council office at 1-800-346-3215.

"Integrity simply means a willingness not to violate one's identity."

—Erich Fromm

Happy 18th Birthday!



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Identity of birthday boy is revealed elsewhere in this issue.

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ACROSS

1 TXism: "___ as a stump"

5 TX Tubb's "Walking the Floor ___ You"

6 book about a Texan: "Queen Bess: ___ Devil Aviator"

7 how an Astro got to 2nd base

8 TXism: "___ as a three-dollar bill"

9 Queen ___ Fishing Pier in Cameron Co.

17 this Armstrong spoke from Tranquility Base to Houston

19 TXism: "ain't got ___ to chew" (tired)

21 Canadian h.s. class

22 of the mouth

23 TX Ross Perot's Vietnam concern

24 TX Greer Garson's "___ Curie" (43)

30 new Cowboy (2 wds.)

34 elected gov. in '06: ___ Campbell

35 TXism: "mad ___-eyed cow"

36 TXism: "at the drop of ___"

37 San ___ is named for the river it's on

39 there are several colleges in the Univ. of ___

43 horse gaits

45 to give life to

46 Wink's "Oh Pretty Woman" singer (init.)

47 Christmas song

48 made a hole in one

49 TXism: "rarin' ___ go"

51 spring rains can cause Rangers to ___ play

54 distress signal

55 TX electronics giant

56 Jack Ruby had a Dallas strip ___ joint

57 TXism: "big enough to shade an ___" (fat)

60 a hunk of bacon

61 bikini top

62 authorizes

63 TXism: "If I ___ any better I couldn't stand it!"

DOWN

1 this Sarah designed 1st Lone Star flag

2 home of Southwest Texas Junior College

3 seat of Bosque Co.

4 "I'm a born and ___ Texan!"

9 TX Freddie Fender's "Living ___ Down"

10 TX gunslingers or marble players

11 Houston has big ___ space industry

12 chicken's nose

13 LBJ was 1st congressionalman to ___ after Paarl Harbor

14 TX Crawford was Lucille ___ Sauer

15 famous TCU coach "Dutch" Meyer (init.)

16 TXism: "riled up"

18 middle name of TX billionaire Hunt

20 Gilmer hosts East Texas ___ boree

24 LBJ line: "___ fella 'Murkins"

25 TXism: "honest ___ the day is long"

26 TX Perot founded Electronic ___ Systems

27 Texas Stadium & the Astrodome

28 southern neighbor

29 he starred with TX Fass Parker in "Daniel Boone"

40 Palo Duro's ___ Monkey Railroad

41 Panna Maria's ___ Joseph's Museum

42 TX anglers catch large ___

44 TX Bush's son Neil was involved in ___ & scandal

50 petroleum products in Jefferson Co.: ___ Rim State Park

52 TXism: "flash in the ___" (one time)

58 TXism: "band an ___" (drink)

59 hooded jacket

Solutions for this puzzle appear in this issue.

Winters 4-H Hamburger and French Fry Supper

Tuesday, January 12 during Winters vs Early Basketball Games beginning at 5:00 p.m.

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Billups, Kizer married November 28

Lynda Sue Billups and Mark Philip Kizer were married Saturday, November 28, 1998 at First United Methodist Church in Winters.

Lynn and Diana Billups of Winters are the bride's parents. The bridegroom is the son of Philip and Phyllis Kizer of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Jessie Ruth Beaver of Ballinger is the bride's grandmother.

The Reverend Don Roath of Winters officiated at the candle-light double ring ceremony.

Escorted by her father, the bride wore a long, ivory, beaded traditional gown with long sleeves. It featured a sweetheart neckline with the back opening and straps crossing to form a heart. The beaded train was chapel length and the three-tiered veil was attached to a hand beaded head piece. She carried an ivory Wedding Blush silk rose bouquet.

Barbie Chambers of Knoxville, Tennessee, was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Amy Bingham, sister of the groom, of Dallas; Mindy Helal of Gainesville, Florida; and Marie Payne and Leslie Tucker both of Lubbock. Junior bridesmaid was Brigitte Billups, niece of the bride, of Abilene.

Bridesmaids wore navy blue empire waist gowns. Their bou-

quets were a smaller version of the bride's.

Flower girl was Brianna Billups, niece of the bride. Ring bearers were Truett and Sean Billups, nephews of the bride. All were from Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Bret Hobbs of Lubbock was best man. Groomsmen were Brian Bingham, brother-in-law of the groom, of Dallas; and brothers of the bride, Brett Billups of Green Bay, Wisconsin, Scott Billups of Abilene, and Kentt Billups of Amarillo. Junior groomsman was Heath Billups, nephew of the bride, of Abilene. Attire for the bridegroom and groomsmen was black classic tuxedos with ivory shirts.

Pianist/organist was Susan Conner and soloist was Audine McBeth, both of Winters.

Registering guests was Nancy Billups, sister-in-law of the bride, of Amarillo.

The reception was held in the church fellowship hall. The bride's three-tiered ivory cake was decorated with Wedding Blush roses, greenery and baby's breath. The groom's chocolate cake was decorated in a basket weave pattern and trimmed with fresh strawberries.

Serving the bride's cake was Cindy Billups, sister-in-law of the bride, of Abilene. Krissi Billups,

also a sister-in-law of the bride, of Green Bay, Wisconsin, served the groom's cake. Penny Wright, aunt of the bride, of Hamilton, served the coffee and Landa Floyd of Winters served the punch. Cousins of the bride, Gale Wagner of North Richland Hills and Susan Harrison of Houston, served at the hors d'oeuvre table. The bride's aunt, Gene Nichols of San Antonio, attended the gift table.

Serving in the house party were Peggy Hubbard, Beth Bradley, Gwen Andrae, and Kay Guy all of Winters; Vickie Harrison of Ballinger; and Linda Horwedel of Amarillo.

The groom's parents hosted the rehearsal dinner at The Shed in Wingate.

The bride graduated from Winters High School in 1989 and Texas Tech University in 1993. She is employed by The Owen Group Advertising Agency in Lubbock.

The bridegroom is a 1986 graduate of Plano High School and graduated from Texas Tech in 1991. He is employed by Merck Pharmaceutical Company in Lubbock.

The couple will live in Lubbock after a wedding trip to Lake Tahoe.



Mr. and Mrs. Mark Philip Kizer

Job Corps available in northern Texas

The Vinnell Corporation, a TRW Company, has taken over the Department of Labor's Job Corps service contract for the northern areas of the state of Texas from the Texas Workforce Commission effective December 1, 1998.

Mark Bottila, previously Texas Workforce Commission's Job Corps coordinator, has been hired to continue providing the program services of outreach, admissions, and placement.

Job Corps is America's leading residential employment training program. Since 1964, it has been training young adults for meaningful work opportunities. To be eligible you must:

- 1) be a young adult between the ages of 16 to 25,
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- 3) meet income requirements,
- 4) be ready, willing, and able to participate fully in an educational environment.

Job Corps centers provide dormitory living, meals, limited medical and dental care, living allowances, clothing allowance, cash bonuses, and a readjustment allowance.

Job Corps assesses student capabilities and physical dexterity during orientation, offers career training opportunities, encourages academic completion of high school requirements, and gives all students social skills training.

Successful graduates are recruited from the centers by local and national employers.

If you or someone you know could benefit from Job Corps, make an appointment to talk to Mark Bottila at (915) 672-4361, ext. 220, or call 1-800-977-3634.



A man's heart weighs about 11 ounces and a woman's heart about 9 ounces.

Card of Thanks

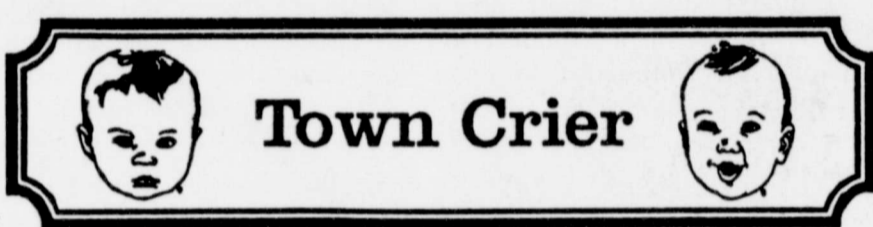
The family of Bill Graham wishes to thank our wonderful friends in the communities of Winters, Tuscola, and Ovalo. Your tremendous showing of love during this sad time has been overwhelming.

It's been a long trail but Bill is finally at rest. A special thank you to Hospice of the Big Country, To Carol and Virgil, the Bradshaw friends at the church, the Baptist Fellowship Hall Committee of Ovalo, and each and everyone of you, thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Gwen Adams
Bill Graham Family



The Pekinese was the royal dog of old China and at one time only people of royal blood could own the dog.



Audrey Noel Moore

Russell and Natasha Moore of West are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Audrey Noel Moore.

Audrey Noel was born at 12:08 a.m. on Christmas Eve, December 24, 1998, at Providence Hospital at Waco. She weighed 7 lbs. and 6 oz., was 19 inches long, and has dark brown hair.

Maternal grandparents are Garry and Faye Snuffer of Winters. Paternal grandparents are Gary and Mary Ellen Moore of Winters.

Great-grandmothers are Wanda Durham and Bennie Fine, both of Winters.

33 million workers to receive Social Security statement

Between October 1, 1998, and March 31, 1999, about 33 million workers between ages 40 and 47 will receive a "Personal Earnings and Benefit Estimate Statement" from Social Security.

About 24 million statements were mailed before December 15, 1998, with the remainder to

be mailed between January 15 and March 31, 1999.

The statements will display the year-by-year earnings that have been posted to workers' Social Security records and provide estimates of the Social Security benefits they and their families may be eligible for now and in the future.

As required by law, Social Security began mailing the forms in 1995 to individuals age 60 and older.

Beginning October 1, 1999, all workers age 25 and older will be receiving statements annually.

For information about the statement, visit this website www.ssa.gov/mystatement. For additional information about Social Security benefits, visit this website, www.ssa.gov or a local Social Security office or call this toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213.

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CCCS offers suggestions for post holiday debt, new year's resolutions

Did you buy lots of presents and make sure that everyone did not go hungry during the holidays? It may have felt good at the time to spend money, but now that the bills have started coming in you may be feeling stressed because there's no cash left to pay them.

"Fifty-three percent of people get carried away with gift purchases and overspend," said Marianne Gray, president of Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Greater Fort Worth, "as a result a cash-flow crunch in January will occur." CCCS can help you with a free counseling session to determine how to budget and decrease your overall debt.

Suggestions for holiday debt:

- Commit to managing your money every week. Write down everything that you spend for a month and look at ways you can cut back.
- Develop a budget and stick to it.
- Call creditors and utility companies if you are going to be late.
- Cut back on day-to-day spending. For example: eat out less often, mow the yard yourself, and limit long distance calls.
- Consider a part-time job to decrease debt.
- Have a garage sale of items that you are not using to increase cash flow.

• Start a Christmas savings account now for next year to avoid the same situation next year.

And as 1999 is ushered in, consumers contemplate their new year's resolutions for self-improvement. CCCS hopes people will look at their finances now, and start January off with a budget that will keep spending on track.

"Get into a savings habit and pay off debt," said Gray, "most Americans are wasting twenty to thirty percent of their money because of poor spending practices."

Suggestions for money success in 1999:

- Track your spending. Write down all your poor spending practices that you need to change.
- Create a budget. Construct a cash flow sheet showing income and outgoing expenses.
- Begin a savings plan. Start saving a dollar-a-day and all pocket change. It will average \$50 a month.
- Pay cash instead of using credit cards. Do not take on any new debt and pay off old debt.
- Have weekly family meetings on improving spending with other family members.

For information on CCCS or to make counseling appointments, consumers should dial toll-free 1-800-374-2227 or, for Spanish, dial 1-800-935-3328.

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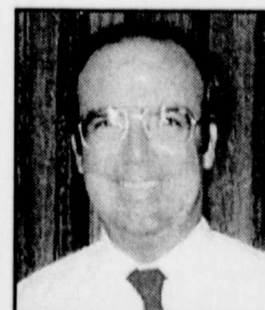
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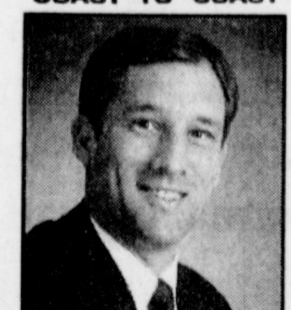
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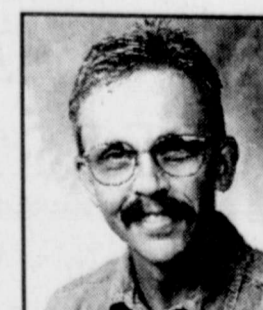
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Poe's Corner

By Charlsie Poe

Letters tell it all

"These are tidbits about my days with three little ones while Dan was in Europe," said Dollie Stanley.

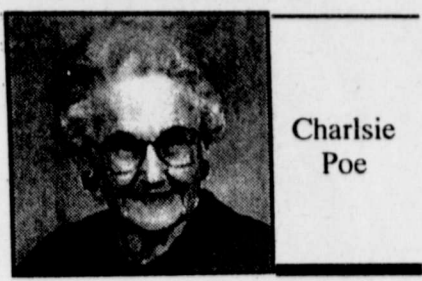
Jan. 11, 1962: I took Don and my sister, Nola Gene, to Amarillo so they could go to California. I picked up our passport pictures.

Jan. 12: Dear Dan, I'm writing you in the tub. I have a rash from nerves. Sherry went to bed crying with her stomach. David is on the pot, saying "I have big, fat pants." I wish you could hear him say "sweetpea." He uses his whole face when he talks.

Jan. 18: Kids are asleep. I'm not hearing much from Dan; I guess it was wrong for me to expect him to help me as I was trying to raise children on \$156.00 a month. I'll tell him the kids think their daddy can do no wrong, and they will never know that sometimes he hurts Mama's feelings pretty bad or that I'm worried.

Jan. 19: Don and I and the kids went to Amarillo base to get our passport pictures made. We were gone all day. We came home at 5 p.m. I fed Pamela, fixed dinner, and am waiting for orders from Dan so we can go to Berlin. Dan, I didn't want to tell you, but I've been ironing for \$1.00 an hour. This will help pay for the various shots that the children and I need. I still have a sore throat. The doctor said it was my sinuses. I asked him why I kept losing weight. He said it is the blood I'm carrying. He is sure when I get to Berlin, I'll be fine.

March 18: My report call came. We leave April 8. I also put Don and Gene's housekeeping supplies



Charlsie Poe

in storage. I feel sorry for Nola Gene as Don has to go to Christmas Island for a month on March 20. Dan had hernia surgery.

Don and Gene left me with house and car. When I got orders, I was to have all their equipment put in storage. Finally in April, I was going to Berlin. I got all of the Davises stuff done, and our shots and passports, etc. That was a job with three small children. We had to drive 50 miles to Amarillo for everything. From there, we flew to McQuire, New Jersey. We arrived late at night. Since the ban on dependents, there was no help and we were in a room on base quite away from the lobby.

Finally, I got settled in and put the kids to sleep. The next day, I had to take the three babies over to eat at the cafeteria. I put Pam, 5-months-old, in middle of the table. I placed Sherry, 4-1/2, and David, 3, on each side to watch her while I brought us some food.

We had to be over at the airport to leave at 10 p.m. that night. By the time we got through customs and the paper work, we got out about 1 a.m. We arrived in Frankfurt 12 hours later. Then we had to grab a place to go to Berlin.

The children were so good. We finally got to Berlin. I was tired and anxious to see Dan. My feet were hurting and after get-

ting settled in the car, I noticed that I had my shoes on the wrong feet!

Dan didn't have a place for us to live. He put us in this dump of a hotel. No laundry. Back then, we didn't use disposable diapers. I washed diapers in the bathroom and hung them out in our room to dry.

In about a week, Dan got us a fifth floor attic apartment. We had coal and ceramic heaters. I had to heat the hot water tank with coal. I didn't know anybody and couldn't speak German. After about three weeks of riding the bus to go to church, I met Elaine who had three children and lived not far from me.

We became good friends. We rented a two-bedroom apartment on the second floor, which beat climbing five flights of stairs with babies and groceries.

We moved in July. We had a bed, chest of drawers, couch, chair, and table. David and Sherry slept on an air mattress. Pam slept in a dresser drawer.

Our furniture arrived in August. The kids had bunk beds; Pam, a baby bed; and I had my wringer washer. I had been washing all of our clothes in a bathtub. Dan's uniforms had to be starched and ironed.

We did have some neat experiences there. We met many people and learned a lot about Berlin and its history. We heard President Kennedy make his speech in June. When he was killed in November, the people in Berlin mourned for him as we all did.

To be continued

Connor resigns as TNRCC general counsel; enters private practice

Geoff Connor, general counsel of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) since 1995, submitted his resignation to the three-member commission. His last day at the agency will be Friday, January 15, 1999.

Connor is joining the Austin office of Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer, and Feld to practice energy law, administrative law, environmental law, and to work in governmental affairs. The firm is based in Dallas with major offices in Austin, Houston, Dallas, Washington, New York, and London and employs more than 800 lawyers worldwide.

"This is a loss for the agency," said TNRCC Chairman Barry McBee. "Geoff was instrumental in helping guide this commission not only in matters of law but in matters of public policy. His expertise and wise counsel will be sorely missed."

Connor previously served as deputy general counsel to Governor William P. Clements Jr. and



GEOFF CONNOR
1981 WHS Graduate
Currently Practicing Law

as general counsel to Lt. Governor-elect Rick Perry. He is a graduate of the University of Texas Law School and is board-certified in administrative law.

Connor, 35, graduated from Winters High School in 1981.

LIVESTOCK SHOW, continued

and Penny Pritchard, Little Britches Pig Show.

Fifty-five exhibitors will show 121 head of animals.

Exhibiting rabbits will be Ty Cason, Wacey Cason, Jack Pritchard, and Jessica Pritchard.

Showing sheep are Jami Harris, John Heathcott, Robby Heathcott, Charlotte Horton, Georgetta Horton, Virgil Horton, Jeffrey Jordan, Camille Kruse, Steven Kruse, Keegan Kurtz, Ashley Laird, Jason Laird, Justin Laird, Brianna Mesey, Colby Pritchard, Collyn Pritchard, Jack Pritchard, Jessica Pritchard, Dalton Shackelford, and Devon Shackelford.

Goat exhibitors include John Heathcott, Robby Heathcott, Keegan Kurtz, Jack Pritchard, Jessica Pritchard, Dalton Shackelford, and Devon Shackelford.

Showing swine are Amber Garduno, John Heathcott, Robby Heathcott, Camille Kruse, Steven Kruse, Cody Pritchard, Colby Pritchard, Jack Pritchard, Jessica Pritchard, Clinton Schwartz, Meagan Schwartz, and Amanda Weed.

Competing for top honors with cattle are Matt Angel, Ryan Bland, Aaron Colburn, Shane Colburn, Chanda Hoppe, Jeffrey Jordan, Stefanie McGallian, Michael Prewit, Cody Pritchard, Mandy Pritchard, and Dalton Shackelford.

Awards will also be given for Junior Showmanship, kindergarten through 6th grades, and Senior Showmanship, 7-12 grades, in the sheep, goat, swine, and cattle divisions.

Commissioners still seeking computer software bids

What had expected to be a short special meeting of Runnels County Commissioners Court turned into a discussion of pros and cons of different computer software on Thursday of last week.

Commissioners met Thursday morning, December 31, with only two items on the agenda. The first item was to consider bids for computer equipment and software for the County Clerk's office.

Representatives of both companies submitting bids for the equipment and software were present at the meeting to discuss advantages and answer questions concerning their bids.

The apparent low bidder on bids opened December 15 was CourTech Systems with a bid of \$27,704.00 for hardware and software, with first year support included and support thereafter at \$3,000 per year. Apollo Software, Inc. had submitted a bid of \$35,790.00 for hardware and software, with a cost of support at \$3,800 per year.

Greg Adkins, with Apollo Software, Inc. out of Austin, told Commissioners that "price shouldn't be the only thing you look at for a system." He explained that their software was Windows® based, not DOS based. Adkins said, "DOS systems are rapidly becoming obsolete because Microsoft no longer supports the DOS based operating systems." He said Apollo's Windows® based system had been operating since September, 1998 in two Texas county clerk's offices and three district clerk's offices.

When asked by Commissioner Keith Collom if there had been problems, Adkins said there has, "as there is with any program. Because of anticipated problems and bugs in Windows 98®, we limited the number of customers we set up with the system until the bugs could be worked out."

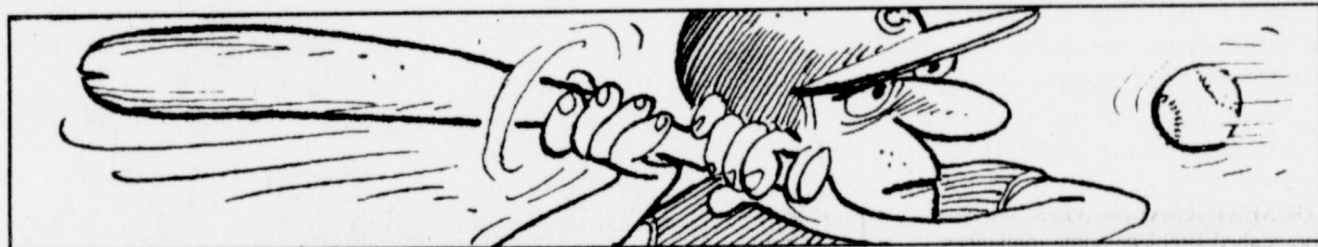
Adkins said, "Windows® is the leading operating platform in the country now and that's the reason we have converted our programs to Windows®."

Mrs. Bobbie Cox, representing CourTech, told Commissioners their system is DOS based but will run in the Windows® environment. "We just installed three new systems last month and have a total of 37 or 38 systems in counties in Texas."

Adkins then brought up the question as to whether CourTech's bid actually met bid specifications because they specified "a full Windows® operating system."

Commissioner Keith Collom asked both bidders whether they could meet the January 15 installation deadline specified in the bid specifications. Both answered that it would be nearly impossible to meet that deadline.

Collom then suggested it might be best for Commissioners to reject both bids and ask for bids again after "educating" themselves a little better on the subject. Commissioner Thurman Self made the motion to reject the bids and Collom seconded the motion which passed unanimously.



Baseball greats Hank Greenberg, Stan Musial and Robin Yount, all winners of the Most Valuable Player award, share another distinction: they're the only players to win the award at two positions. Greenberg won as a first baseman in 1935 and a left fielder in 1940; Musial as a left fielder in 1943 and a first baseman in 1948; and Yount as a shortstop in 1982 and a center fielder in 1989.

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Winters Police Department reports received and/or investigated from Sunday, Dec. 27, 1998, through Saturday, Jan. 3, 1999. Winters Police Officers:

- received a report of a disturbance that occurred in the 400 block of E. Pierce. Arrested for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon causing seriously bodily injury were Jessie Joe Ortiz, 21, of Winters; Gabriel James Ortiz, 23, of Winters; and Dustin Heath Frazier, 18, of Winters. The victim was transported by EMS to North Runnels Hospital and then transferred to a San Angelo hospital for further treatment.
- arrested Joe Paxton Adams, 50, of Winters, for driving while license suspended after a traffic stop in the 100 block of S. Main.
- received a report of suspicious people in the 600 block of Roberts. Officers issued a citation to two minors for minor in possession of tobacco products.
- received a report of a burglary of a motor vehicle in the 500 block of N. Main. This case is still under investigation.
- received a report of a burglary of a motor vehicle in the 900 block of W. Dale. This case is still under investigation.
- arrested Arturo Torres Reyna, 32, of Winters, for possession of marijuana and driving while intoxicated after a traffic stop in the 400 block of Redtree.

Runnels County Crimestoppers offers a cash reward for information which leads to the grand jury indictment or conviction of offenders and the caller does not have to give his or her name. To give a Crimestoppers tip, call your local law enforcement agency at:
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Legal Notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
 To Rosa Linda Ochoa and anyone concerned:
 Pursuant to Sec. 59.044 of the Texas Property Code, notice is hereby given that the contents of Storage Unit #27, Ace Mini Storage, 200 West Dale, Winters, Texas, will be sold to satisfy a contractual landlord's lien.
 The sale will be held at 10:00 a.m. at the above named location on Tuesday, January 12, 1999. 9-52(2tc)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
 To Ann Delila Fernandez and/or Pedro Sanchez Jr. and anyone concerned:
 Pursuant to Sec. 59.044 of the Texas Property Code, notice is hereby given that the contents of Storage Unit #26, Ace Mini Storage, 200 West Dale, Winters, Texas, will be sold to satisfy a contractual landlord's lien. The storage unit is held in the name of Pedro Sanchez (deceased).
 The sale will be held at 10:00 a.m. at the above named location on Tuesday, January 12, 1999. 9-52(2tc)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
 To the Public and Gayla McCollough, Pursuant to Section 59.044 of the Texas Property Code, notice is hereby given of the public sale of the contents of Boxes 20, 21, 49 of the storage facility located at the northeast corner of North Main and Novice Road in Winters, Tx. The storage is held in the name of Gayla McCollough and the contents will be sold to satisfy a contractual landlord's lien. The sale will be conducted at 10:00 a.m. at the above named location on Jan. 23, 1999. All items will be sold for cash. 10-1 (2tc)

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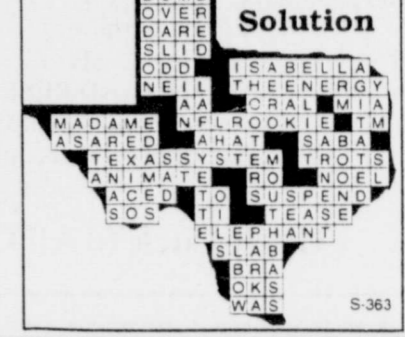
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STATE—Brick 3 BR, 2 bath, completely remodeled, well w/ pump, fenced, 1730'. **Price reduced, owner anxious. \$45,000.**

STATE-3 BR, 1 bath, lg lot, double C/P, 1540'. **\$30,000.**

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Winters Junior Livestock Show

FRIDAY, JAN. 8, 1999

2:00 p.m. Rabbit Show

1. Pen of three rabbits
2. Grand and Reserve Rabbit Pen
3. Bucks
4. CHAMPION AND RESERVE BUCK
5. Does
6. CHAMPION AND RESERVE DOE

2:00 p.m. Sheep Show

1. Lt. Wt. Finewool Lambs
2. Hvy. Wt. Finewool Lambs
3. Champion and Reserve Finewool Lamb
4. Lt. Wt. Finewool Cross Lambs
5. Hvy. Wt. Finewool Cross Lambs
6. Champion and Reserve Finewool Cross Lamb
7. Southdown Lambs
8. Champion and Reserve Southdown Lamb
9. Lt. Wt. Medium Wool Lambs
10. Hvy. Wt. Medium Wool Lambs
11. Champion and Reserve Medium Wool Lamb
12. GRAND AND RESERVE LAMB
13. Ewe (all breeds)
14. GRAND AND RESERVE EWE
15. Junior Showmanship (K-6)
16. Senior Showmanship (7-12)

2:00 p.m. Market Goat Show

1. Lt. Wt. Goats
2. Hvy. Wt. Goats
3. GRAND AND RESERVE MARKET GOAT
4. Junior Showmanship (K-6)
5. Senior Showmanship (7-12)

Good Luck to All Competitors

SATURDAY, JAN. 9, 1999

8:30 a.m. Swine Show

1. Lt. Wt. Duroc
2. Hvy. Wt. Duroc
3. Champion and Reserve Duroc
4. Lt. Wt. Hampshire
5. Hvy. Wt. Hampshire
6. Champion and Reserve Hampshire
7. Black O. P. B.
8. Champion and Reserve Black O. P. B.
9. White O. P. B.
10. Champion and Reserve White O. P. B.
11. Lt. Wt. Crossbred
12. Hvy. Wt. Crossbred
13. Champion and Reserve Crossbred
14. GRAND AND RESERVE SWINE
15. Gilts (all breeds)
16. GRAND AND RESERVE GILT
17. Junior Showmanship (K-6)
18. Senior Showmanship (7-12)

Little Britches Pig Show

Cattle Show

1. English Steers
2. Champion and Reserve English Steer
3. European Steers
4. Champion and Reserve European Steer
5. GRAND AND RESERVE STEER
6. English Heifers
7. Champion and Reserve English Heifers
8. European Heifers
9. Champion and Reserve European Heifers
10. GRAND AND RESERVE HEIFERS
11. Junior Showmanship (K-6)
12. Senior Showmanship (7-12)



SEAN BYRNE (at right), formerly of Winters, has been working with Peter Fenn a television personality and political media consultant in Washington, D.C.

Sean Byrne working with Washington political pundit

Sean Michael Byrne, formerly of Winters, has been in Washington, D.C. this fall working for television personality and political media consultant Peter Fenn.

Byrne, a junior at Texas Lutheran University, has spent the fall semester working for Fenn's media firm, Fenn and King Communications, producing television and radio advertisements for political campaigns.

Fenn & King's clients include the house minority whip David Bonior, the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, and the American Hospital Association which placed ads in the 17th Congressional District supporting Congressman Charles Stenholm

in 1998.

Byrne, who is majoring in political science at Texas Lutheran, says he has enjoyed working with Fenn, who is a frequent commentator on MSNBC and Fox News.

Byrne plans to enter the field of political management when he graduates from Texas Lutheran in 2000. He hopes to return to Texas after graduate school in Washington and work on behalf of democratic candidates in the state.

When asked about the results of the 1998 elections, Byrne says that Fenn & King's clients "fared about the same as other candidates around the country. The incumbents won and the challengers didn't."

Ten free flowering trees from Arbor Day Foundation

Ten free flowering trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during January 1999 as part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

The ten flowering trees are 2 White Flowering Dogwoods, 2 Flowering Crabapples, 2 Golden Raintrees, 2 Washington Hawthorns, and 2 American Redbuds.

"These compact trees were selected for planting in large or small spaces," John Rosencow, the Foundation's president, said. "They will give your home the beauty of lovely pink, white, and yellow flowers—and also provide winter berries and nesting sites for songbirds."

The trees will be shipped post-paid at the right time for planting between February 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The six- to twelve-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's bi-monthly publication, *Arbor Day*, and "The Tree Book" with information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE FLOWERING TREES, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by January 31, 1999.

Quarterly sales increase 2.4%

As reported Dec. 10, 1998, by the office of State Comptroller John Sharp, gross sales for Runnels County increased 2.4 percent for the second quarter of 1998 as compared to the same reporting period in 1997.

Sales for the first quarter of 1998 totaled \$47,055,421 as compared to \$45,952,671 for the same period in 1997.

Use tax purchases include \$118,888 while \$12,855,431 is subject to state sales and use tax.

For the second quarter, there were 267 reporting outlets in Runnels County in 1998 and 289 in 1997.



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"Good afternoon, Wal-Mart." Yes ma'am, is this here the fur department?

"One moment, sir and I will connect you to women's wear."

"Women's wear, this is Darlene, how may I help you?"

"Yes, ma'am, I wanna buy my wife a fur coat for Christmas, but I waited 'til now figurin' they'd be on sale. Do you have them furs in mink or what?"

"I'm sorry sir, but we don't carry mink coats."

"Well, how 'bout chinchilla, she might like that just about as good."

"No sir, we don't handle fur coats, I'm sorry."

"That's mighty disappointin', cause I had my heart set on gettin' her one 'a them furs. Guess I shouldn't have waited for the sale."

"I'm very sorry, sir, but you would have to go to a larger town to find a mink or even a mink stole."

"Whoa... now hold on a minute ma'am, I thank you got the wrong idea. I don't aim to buy nothin' stole. I got close to fifty dollars here and I want to get her somethin' nice from a real store."

"That's very sweet, sir, I'm

sorry we could not help you..."

"When do you reckon you'll get in another batch of them fur coats?"

"We won't be getting in any fur coats, sir."

"Dang... I wonder if that ole' government trapper has got any furs left. But there ain't many minks or chinchillas in these parts. He might have some coyote though and coyotes got fur. Do you thank my wife would like a coyote coat?"

"I heard some guys talkin' once about a stable mink, so I reckon I could ask that trapper to set some snares around the horse barn... but I ain't never seen no minks around the stable. Do you reckon them stable minks only move about at night?"

"That's sable mink sir, not stable."

"Sable... OK... where would a feller find them sable minks?"

"You could probably get them from Neiman-Marcus."

"Neiman Marcus... I don't know no Neiman Marcus. What's his daddy's name, maybe I would recollect him then?"

"Sir, Neiman-Marcus is in Dallas."

"Well, heck-fire, no wonder I don't know him. Couldn't never find him way up there even if I did."

"Sir, there's a hyphen between the names."

"Huh... what's a hyphen?"

"It's like a dash, sir... Neiman Dash Marcus. Do you understand?"

"Yea, I reckon I do. It's like a little nickname. Neiman musta been on the track team. They got one 'a them guys in the NFL. His name's Cordell Stewart on the Pittsburgh Steelers. Only, instead of Dash, they call him Slash, cause he usta play Quarterback/Runnin' back. Get it? Slash..."

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