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PEACE—There is no conflict between the old and the new; the conflict is between the false and the true.

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## New "File of Life" project coming to Runnels County

Runnels County will soon be among thousands of counties in 46 states who have a nationally recognized "File of Life" program in place. The program recommends all households, especially medical at-risk households, adopt a system of having medical histories readily available in case of emergencies.

The "File of Life" is a red, boldly labeled magnetic pouch that affixes to your refrigerator door. The pouch holds a card that gives a person's emergency medical information, such as insurance policy and social security numbers, health problems, medications, dosages, allergies, recent surgeries, religion, doctor's name, and a health care proxy. One card is needed per household member.

Medical emergency service personnel are alerted to a household's "File of Life" by a small 2" x 3" sticker that is to be placed at the primary entrance to the home. Runnels County EMS personnel in Ballinger and Winters are supporting the adoption

of the "File of Life" program here.

Bobbie Collum, North Runnels EMS director, endorses the program for the county. She commented, "The card eliminates the risk of the patient, who, in a frightened state may forget to mention something very important."

The program is being sponsored by the Runnels County Family and Community Education Clubs. In support of the project along with Mrs. Collum are Martha Crawford and Brenda Workman, representatives of Runnels County FCE Clubs, and Runnels County Extension Agent Patricia Hohensee.

The FCE Club has handled the ordering and assembling of the files and will be making them available to the public for a \$1 charge. "Files of Life" will be available at the County Extension Office at 600 Strong Avenue in Ballinger and at KRUN Radio Station. Club members will be making the files available at upcoming community events and at the senior nutrition sites across the

county in the near future.

The "File of Life" program is a spin-off from a previous "Vial of Life" program where a small vial containing medical information was kept in a particular place in the refrigerator. Back then, EMS personnel encountered problems with condensation inside vials, as well as the task of having to search cluttered refrigerators for the health information.

The current "File of Life" system is very visible and readily available. A home's refrigerator is an easily distinguished and prominent spot in the home.

A personal wallet-size version of the "File of Life" will also be available. Keeping these on your person or in an automobile glove compartment could pay dividends in a medical emergency.

The "File of Life" provides a substantial prevention step that senior citizens and medically challenged households can take advantage of. Those living alone can receive assurance that their medical needs can be best served.



THE FILE OF LIFE PROGRAM is being kicked-off in Winters and Runnels County. (left to right) County Extension Agent Patricia Hohensee and Runnels County FCE Club representative Brenda Workman are shown with North Runnels EMS Director Bobbie Collum and FCE County Council Chairperson Martha Crawford. The project is intended to insure the best possible medical care in times of emergency and is sponsored by the (FCE) Family & Community Education Council.

## Christmas In April seeks volunteers for workday

Christmas in April has been set for Saturday, April 10, 1999. This year eight Winters families will receive assistance from the program.

CIA provides home improvement for low income and elderly families solely through organized volunteer work one Saturday each April. Materials and supplies are either donated or purchased with monies from donations and fund-raising.

House captains for 1999 are Larry Walker, Scott Gerhart, Phillip Colburn, Bob Lindley, Blas Lugo, and Lanny Bahlman.

There are opportunities for volunteering in many areas including carpentry, plastering, plumbing, electrical, painting, roofing, baby-sitting, assisting with volunteer breakfast and evening meals and snacks.

If you do not specialize in any one area, house captains will be happy to find a job for you. Individuals interested in volunteering

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## WISD trustees renew contracts

During the regular meeting of the board of trustees of the Winters Independent School District on March 8, trustees voted to renew the professional personnel listed below under terms of term contracts and probationary contracts for the 1999-2000 school year.

Term contracts were renewed for Jerry Awalt, David Evans, Marta Hollowell, Dorothy Reed, Martha Shepard, Chris Bearden, Charles Murphy, Robert White, Regina Newsom, Mary B. Ahrens, Melissa Boyd, Sherry Cavazos, Lou Ann Hatler, Brilla Magee, Cathy Oliver, Colleen Radillo, Cheryl Sneed, Cindy Davis, Nancy Evans, John Key, Sharon Rice, Lori Smith, Kenneth Fowler, Chad Russell, Vanessa Clifton, Connie Tounget, Becky Airhart, and Elizabeth Bryan.

Also Karen Colburn, Marlene Hogan, Jody Meyer, Chris Parramore, Bette Raymond, Teresa Tekell, Laura Dees, David Hale, Susan Mostad, Roy Shackelford, Reesa Wilkins, Chuck Lipsey, Biff White, Charlotte Jackson, Shelly Hayes, Naida Barker, Cheryl Butler, Josephine Davis, Frances Kidwell, Melinda Meyers, Joanie Prado, and Nicki Russell.

Also Ral Dees, Melissa Gerhart, Antonio Ramirez, Mindy Shaw, Beth Wortham, Shane Mobley, Darrington White, Karen Mills, Debra

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## Runnels County under outdoor burn ban

County Commissioners, on Tuesday, March 9, passed an order prohibiting outdoor burning in Runnels County. Commissioners had been requested to pass the burn ban by several fire departments in the county due to the extremely dry conditions and high winds which have been experienced recently.

The order prohibits the burning of any combustible material outside an enclosure which will control all flames and/or sparks. It does not prohibit a controlled burn, provided the nearest fire department is notified of the burn.

Violation of the order will result in prosecution with a fine not to exceed \$1,000 and/or up to 180 days in jail.

Commissioners felt the limited rainfall received on Sunday night prior to the Tuesday meeting was

not enough to help the situation.

Commissioners approved the recommendation by County Clerk Elesia Ocker to accept the low bid by CourTech Systems on a computer system for the clerk's office at a cost of \$29,829.

In other business, commissioners approved the bid of Caterpillar to trade in a 1996 road grader

and purchase a 1999 Caterpillar grader for a difference of \$14,500. The road graders are from Keith Collum's Precinct 2.

Bids were also accepted from Sanco Materials of San Angelo for topping rock at \$10.21 per cubic yard f.o.b. the plant. The asphalt bid of Koch Materials at

\$.53 per gallon f.o.b. the plant was accepted by Commissioners.

Sheriff Bill Baird presented two proposals for a new telephone system for the soon-to-be-completed County Jail. The lowest priced proposal was \$3,997 for a system with eight lines which,

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## Today — Rock Hotel to host St. Patty's luncheon

The Rock Hotel is sponsoring a St. Patrick's Day luncheon on Thursday, March 18. Serving will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The menu includes an Irish baked potato with Leprechaun trimmings, shamrock salad, pot of gold cake, and tea or coffee.

Tickets are \$4 for the meal. Takeouts will be available. All proceeds from the meal will benefit the hotel and museum.

## Junior class to host catfish dinner Sunday

The Junior class of Winters High School is hosting a catfish dinner on Sunday, March 21. Proceeds from the dinner will be used by the class for projects such as prom.

The meal will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the school cafeteria. The menu includes catfish, cole-slaw, pinto beans, french fries, cherry cobbler, bread, and tea. Adult tickets are \$5 while children 10 and under are \$3.50.

The class is also selling discount cards good for reduced or free products from businesses in Winters and the surrounding communities. Cards are \$5 each and may be purchased at the catfish dinner or from any junior class member.

## Plans for new post office "back in the works"

According to Bob Tipton, Real Estate Specialist with the United States Postal Service, plans can now go forward in building a new post office in Winters.

Initial plans were begun in July, 1998, but ran aground when a question of environmental safety arose. However, thorough testing was done to ensure that no contamination or other causes are present to prevent the site from being acceptable.

Initial plans call for a 5,100 sq. foot building in the 200 block of south Main street.

According to Tipton, the next

steps are to finalize the site selection report for approval by the USPS contracting officer, then prepare the site adaptation plans by an architect.

Upon receipt of the site adaptation plans, the USPS will prepare a solicitation for construction. After the solicitation closes, the USPS will evaluate offers and will award the project (pending acceptable offer).

Tipton adds that at the present time, this action remains tentative, pending a suitable lease contract that can be awarded to a qualified builder.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

- March 18-10 a.m., "Down Home Cooking" Workshop, Housing Authority
- 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Rock Hotel St. Patrick's Day Luncheon
- 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 6 p.m., Women's Service League, FUMC Fellowship Hall
- March 19-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- March 20-5:30-7:30 p.m., Norton Lions Club Pancake Supper, Norton Community Center
- 8 p.m.-12:00 a.m., Western Dance Club, ODHS Hall Rowena
- March 21-11 a.m.-1p.m., Junior Class Catfish Dinner, WHS Cafeteria
- 2-4:30 p.m., Gospel Singing, West Texas Ranch for Christ, Blackwell
- 3 p.m., WHS One Act Play, Public Performance, HS Auditorium
- March 22-9 a.m.-4 p.m., SS Rep., Winters Housing Authority
- 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Eastern Star/Masonic Lodge Dinner, Rock Hotel
- 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 5:15-6:30 p.m., 4-H Meeting, Catholic Church Fellowship Hall
- 7 p.m., Wingate Masonic Lodge
- 7 p.m., Freshman Orientation (Class of 2003), HS Auditorium
- March 23-9 a.m.-5 p.m., Pecan Shortcourse, Goldthwaite
- 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- Noon, Lions Club
- 7 p.m., WVFD/WVFD Auxiliary
- March 24-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 1 p.m., Jr. High Cheerleader Tryouts, HS Cheerleader and Mascot Tryouts, HS Gym
- 7 p.m., Evangelism Rally, First Baptist Church, Bronte
- March 25-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal



WINTERS SCHOOLS were recently honored with the Texas Successful School Awards, receiving \$1,958 on the elementary level and \$1,037 on the high school level, based on TAAS test results. Presenting the awards to Allen Andrae (center), WISD Board of Trustees president, are Tammy Bright, elementary principal, and Charles Kidwell, high school principal.

## Oil Bidness

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Picking up where we left off last time, we continue our discussion of the NYMEX and how some feel it is causing problems.

We covered why the advocates of change at the NYMEX crude oil trading pits think there is undue and damaging influence of speculators in today's market. Now, we see where change is recommended by critics of the current system as voiced by my friend who cornered me to hear his side of the argument.

In all cases of suggested change, the root problem in the mind of my friend is volatility. Severe and rapid changes in the price of crude oil, such as we have seen over the last year to eighteen months, have significant effects that roil the industry. Smaller operators and independents are particularly vulnerable because this group cannot survive even a short period with price drops similar to those experienced recently.

Beyond the independents, even the majors suffer. The oil and gas business is long term and funds the future from the profits of today. When current profits are squeezed, projects that require development far in advance of actual cashflow may be postponed or abandoned.

At the NYMEX, volatility is fueled by speculation. This is not unique to oil markets, as speculators can contribute to volatility in any market by reacting to the slightest perceived change in sentiment. The guy making his case to me boiled it down to two "most important" ideas.

The first problem in the mind of NYMEX critics is price movement on sketchy information. It really irks oil and gas company bosses that speculators don't understand more about the industry. They resent that snapshots, such as API inventory volume numbers, are often price drivers. Speculators will, of course, react to such information because they are afraid of getting caught long on a position that is dropping in price or short on a position that is rising in price.

Critics, such as my friend, spend a lot of time on this argument that prices should not be driven by incomplete or wrong information. My opinion is that, while regrettable, this is exactly how prices are determined for most commodities. Ask any trader, including stock traders, and they will quote that sentiment, right or wrong, is the primary driver on a daily basis for markets. They will likely recommend that someone interested in how prices move should read books on the behavior of mobs and crowds to understand better what drives markets. I, to say the least, was unmoved by the critics' argument that market movements on sketchy or unsubstantiated information was somehow uniquely unfair. I certainly don't know how the problem could be solved in any event.

The second problem is more concrete. My friend pointed out to me that the margin requirements on oil contracts were about half that for stocks. Speculators can buy and sell contracts on credit while actually using actual personal equity that is less than a quarter of the real cost of the contract. This obviously adds to the volatility of prices as small amounts of money can move significantly large contract volumes.

While the change advocates liken this small margin requirement to a "crack-like addiction to speculation," I am not so convinced. While, I would agree that margin requirements should be equivalent across the board for fairness reasons, I am not sure that the effect is so pronounced. Speculators are already "addicted" to volatility. They have to be because their horizon for making money is hours, not years. It is the same in any market, oil or otherwise. Higher margin requirements might dampen the effect but nothing will halt speculation and the associated volatility.

In summary, I can see that, while many of the points made by NYMEX critics have an intellectual basis, the advocacy for change in the rules of the marketplace will not likely result in elimination of the downside of an open and transparent market. But, I will continue to listen with a more open mind as the case is made for making the oil trading pit a fair and reasonable place to do business.

### HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY

#### COMPLETIONS

None This Week

#### STAKINGS

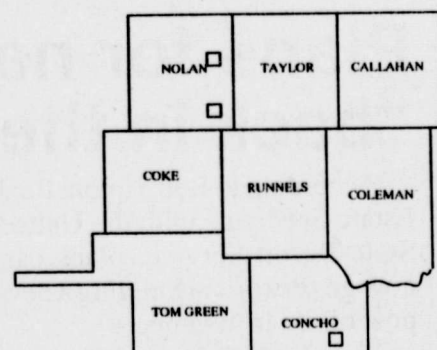
##### Concho County

Fossil Operating has staked the Letcher #1 as a Wildcat, 5 miles SE of Eden (Depth 3400). Loc. is 960 FEL & 1900 FNL of Sec. 115, Blk. 72, T&NO Sur., A-885.

##### Nolan County

Patterson Petroleum has staked the Alexander Heirs #3 in the South Lake Trammel field, 2 miles NE of Maryneal (Depth 5200). Loc. is 562 FNL & 3843 FWL of Sec. 115, Blk. X, T&PRR Sur., A-507.

Walter Exploration has applied to plug back the Robtann -D- #1 in the Sprague Field, 12 miles SE of Sweetwater (Depth 3750). Loc. is 1701 FSL & 1656 FWL of Sec. 4, Blk. X, T&PRR Sur.



○ NEW COMPLETION □ STAKING

## Obituaries

### Albert Wuistingner

WINTERS—Albert Wuistingner, 88, died Friday March 12, 1999, in a local nursing home.

He was born March 14, 1910 in Mills County. Albert was raised in a family of 13 brothers and sisters. He married Nora Tischler January 5, 1936 in Mills County. They lived there until moving to Runnels County in 1942.

Mr. Wuistingner worked for the C.L. Green Mill retiring in 1975. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church.

He was preceded in death by one son Jessie Ray Wuistingner. Survivors include his wife, Nora Wuistingner of Winters; one son Norman Wuistingner of Grand Prairie; two daughters, Patsy Seigler of Akin, South Carolina; Mary Coleman of Winters; one sister, Mary Nelson of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; fifteen grandchildren; and thirteen great-grandchildren.

Visitation was held at 6:00 p.m. Sunday, March 14 at the Winters Funeral Home. Services were held at 3:00 p.m. Monday, March 15, in St. John's Lutheran Church with Reverend James Hanson officiating. Burial followed in the Lutheran Cemetery directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Shawn Bean, Clint Beck, Michael Wuistingner, Monty Wuistingner, Johnny Rae Hughes, Gary Halfmann, Don Garrett, and Jessie Wuistingner.

### Ben Tischler

WINTERS—Ben Tischler, 85, died Saturday March 13, 1999 in an Abilene hospital.

He was born June 20, 1913 in Hamilton County. He married Hattie Janner in 1929 in Priddy, and she preceded him in death in 1946. He later married Marjorie Stafford on August 3, 1949 in Portales, New Mexico and she preceded him in death March 24, 1996.

They moved to Runnels County in 1949 settling in Wingate where he farmed for 20 years. In 1969 they moved to Winters and he was employed by Dry Manufacturing Company retiring in 1982. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church.

Survivors include four sons, Gilbert Tischler and wife Judy of Texas City, Milton Tischler of Buffalo Gap, Billy Tischler and wife Benji of Lampasas, and Douglas Tischler and wife Suzanne of Dallas; one daughter Linda Dry and husband Rick of Winters; one sister Nora Wuistingner of Winters; thirteen grandchildren; and twelve great-grandchildren.

Visitation was at 6:00 p.m. Sunday, March 14 at Winters Funeral Home Chapel. Services were held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, March 15, at St. John's Lutheran Church with Reverend James Hanson officiating. Burial followed in the Lutheran Cemetery, directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Randy Tischler, Mike Tischler, Steve Tischler, Wayne Tischler, Chris Dry, Clayton Tischler, Mark Tischler, and Jason Young.

### Joyce A. Bradbury

BALLINGER—Joyce A. Bradbury, 66, died at 11:10 a.m. Friday, March 12, 1999, at Ballinger Memorial Hospital.

She was born March 25, 1932.

Ms. Bradbury was a retired dietician for the Ballinger nursing homes. She was a member of the Pentecostal Church in Ballinger.

Survivors include her husband, M.L. Jarrett of Ballinger; three daughters, Pamela Joyce Krieger of New Castle, Delaware, Kathryn Ralston of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Caroline Zamber of Waukesha, Wisconsin; one son, Craig D. Bradbury of Entagreen, Indiana; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, March 13, at the Evergreen Cemetery in Ballinger. Burial was directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home of Ballinger.

Memorials may be made to the National Kidney Foundation of Texas.

### Cleo Lopez Reyes

BALLINGER—Cleo Lopez Reyes, 70, died Friday, March 12, 1999, at Abilene.

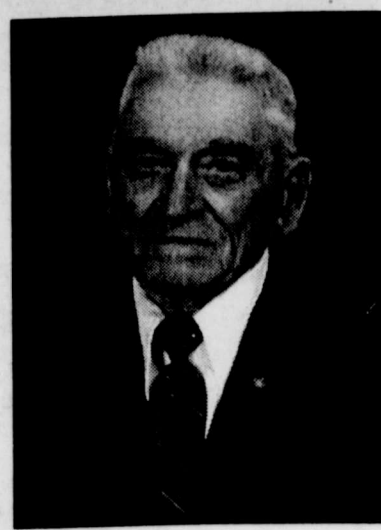
He was born August 22, 1928 in Paint Rock. He married Josie Hernandez in Melvin on April 22, 1951.

Mr. Reyes was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Ballinger. Survivors include his wife, Josie Reyes of Ballinger; two sons, Johnny Reyes of Ballinger and Danny Reyes of San Jose, California; one daughter, Vicki Jalomo of Ballinger; two brothers, John Reyes of Ballinger and Paul Reyes of Abilene; five sisters, Beatrice DelaGarza of Ballinger, Mollie Rodriguez of Abilene, Maria Escobar of Chicago, Illinois, Elida Lozano of Anson, and Carolina Anaya of Lubbock; one nephew Raymond Hernandez of Ballinger; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Rosary was held at 7:00 p.m. Sunday, March 14, at Rains-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral mass was at 2:00 p.m. Monday, March 15, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Ballinger with Father Hubert Wade officiating. Burial followed in the Latin American Cemetery in Ballinger, directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home of Ballinger.

### Albert Frederick Grohman

SUGAR LAND—Albert Frederick Grohman, 77, died Saturday, March 6, 1999, in Lavaca County.



He was born March 19, 1921, in Rockdale. He married Lillian Urban. He served in the U.S. Army and the U.S. Air Force Reserves. Overseas tours included being in Germany during World War II, and he was awarded a Purple Heart for his services.

Mr. Grohman was employed by the Imperial Sugar Company in Sugar Land until his retirement after 47 years. He was a member of American Legion Post 271 in Rosenberg, Sugar Land Volunteer Fire Department, and the American Veterans Association.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lillian Urban Grohman; his father, Frederick Wilhelm Grohman; his mother, Mary Helmeke Grohman; and one sister, Emma Thompson.

Survivors include four brothers, Charlie and John Grohman of Winters, Henry Grohman of Senora, California, and Paul Grohman of Abilene; one sister, Daily King of Caldwell; and numerous nieces and nephews including David Grohman, Fred Merrill Grohman, Albert Grohman, Laura Grohman, and Freddie Grohman of Winters, Kay Ann Grohman, Jim Grohman, and Mary Lou Jones of Abilene, Bertha Brown of Clyde, Elizabeth White of Austin, Paul Grohman Jr. of Pearland, Susan Warren of Caldwell, Paul Smith and James King of Rosenberg, and Bo Thompson of Virginia.

Visitation was held from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday, March 8, at Garmany & Carden Funeral Home in Rosenberg. Services were held at 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 9, at Garmany & Carden Funeral Home with Reverend Herb Beyer officiating. Burial followed at Greenlawn Memorial Cemetery in Rosenberg, directed by Garmany & Carden Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Ronald, David and Paul Smith, nephews of Mr. Grohman; Billy Duvalle, Matt Dylla, Vernon Miller, Gary Olive, Marion Raska, and Bill Walker, all good, longtime friends. Honorary pallbearers were members of the Sugar Land Fire Department.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or Saint Peter Lutheran Church in Hallettsville, Texas.

### Leona Niehues Franke

ROWENA—Leona Niehues Franke, 89, died at 1:15 a.m. Monday, March 15, 1999, at Ballinger Memorial Hospital.

She was born June 29, 1909, in Olfen to Bernard Niehues and Amalia Matthesen Niehues. She married Anton J. Franke on January 29, 1929, in Olfen.

Mrs. Franke was a homemaker and a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, St. Ann's Altar Society, Christian Mothers, and San Angelo Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary Post 1815.

She was preceded in death by her husband on July 22, 1970; two brothers, Arther and Walter Niehues; and two infant children, Anton and Leona Franke.

Survivors include three sons, Wilfred Franke and wife Floy of Christoval, Harold Franke and wife Dolores of Rowena, and Leon Franke of San Angelo; three daughters, Rose Marie Franke of Ballinger, Eileen Weller and husband Duane of Merced, California, and Sylvia Rollwitz and husband Billy of Rowena; one brother, Werner Niehues and wife Ruby of San Angelo; three sisters, Adela Hoelscher and Alma Hirt, both of San Angelo, and Olga Hoelscher of Kansas; sixteen grandchildren; twenty great-grandchildren; four stepgreat-grandchildren; and five stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

Rosary was at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 16, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rowena. Funeral mass was held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, March 17, at St. Joseph Catholic Church with Father Stephen Kennelly officiating. Burial was in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Rowena, directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home of Ballinger.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or a favorite charity.

### Wanda L. Denson

BIG SPRING—Wanda L. Denson, 64, died Friday, March 12, 1999, at a Big Spring hospital.

She was born January 2, 1935, in Runnels County, Texas, and married B.H. Denson on December 13, 1951, in Winters.

Mrs. Denson worked as office manager for Gibson's for over 20 years and then wrote for the *Big Spring Herald* and the *Odessa American*. She was an LVN and worked for Best Home Care. She was a member of Eleventh and Birdwell Lane Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by one son, Tad Denson; her father, Robert Floyd Condra; and one sister, Helen Capestro.

Survivors include her husband, B.H. Denson of Big Spring; two sons and daughters-in-law, Rick and Elaine Denson of Midland and Kerry and Twila Denson of Big Spring; her mother, Bertha Condra of Big Spring; one sister, Fay Condra Smith of Wall, New Jersey; grandchildren, Shane Denson and wife Jacklyn, and Seth, Zach, Charles, and La Donna Denson; many nieces and nephews; and special friends, Shirley and Junior Dorn of Colorado City.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Monday, March 15, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Minister Rodney Tedford officiating. Graveside services were at 3:00 p.m. Monday, March 15, at Wingate Cemetery, directed by Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

### Richard Holder

MIDLAND—Richard Holder, 61, died Friday, March 12, 1999 in a Midland hospital.

He was born November 17, 1937 to Doyle and Barbara Atkins Holder in Wilmeth. He joined the U. S. Marine Corp. in 1954.

Mr. Holder was a painting contractor and was last employed with Midland Memorial Hospital.

He was preceded in death by a son Tony Holder.

Survivors include one son, Richard Holder and one daughter, Kelley Holder.

Graveside services were at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 16, in Wilmeth. Arrangements were under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home in Midland.

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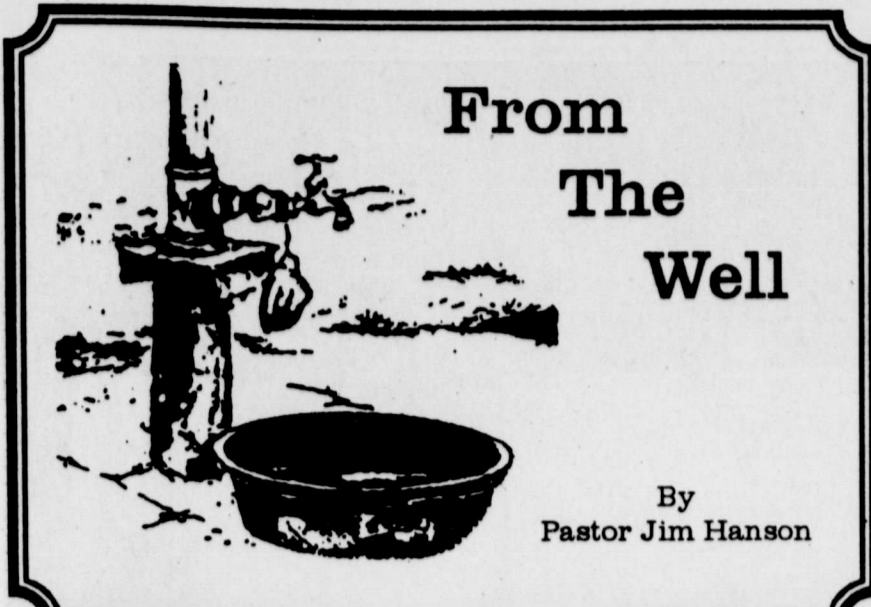
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## From The Well

By  
Pastor Jim Hanson



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I've been thinking about "signs of the times." As the year 2000 approaches, many folks are looking for signs. Signs of the second coming of Jesus. Signs of "the end." All kinds of questions about "signs."

Father Sam has a bumper sticker that is a dandy sign. "Read your Bible, Prepare for your finals." I like that. A good reminder...at any time. Another friend of mine has one that simply says, "Jesus loves U," and the "U" is in the middle of a red heart. He only drives his pickup and R.V. 45 miles per hour: his bumper sticker is easier to read! When I was a kid and we were going on a trip somewhere, there would be some small road signs that caught my attention ever so often. One was advertising Wall Drug, a drug store located out in the wilds of western South Dakota. Years later—when Ramona and I were living in Montana, we stopped there. So did many other tourists. Obviously, it paid for those folks to advertise. In a simple, direct way. Readable...and inviting.

The others were those "Burma-Shave" signs, that had a limerick or two to catch your attention. Used to make me sit up and look for another as the miles went by.

And then—ever so often were some "religious signs"—signs like "Jesus Saves," or "Repent, He is coming Soon." Or others like that. I often wondered why people would put up or write such signs. It didn't seem quite right to me. Like an intrusion into my travel.

Not any more. Those folks, whoever they are, were simply going public with their religion. Taking it out of their churches and putting it "out on the highways and byways." I remember reading one that said "Prepare to meet your Maker" as I was driving 65 miles an hour around a curve that was marked with a road sign that said 50. As I screeched my tires and lurched around the corner—I thought to myself—"That was a good sign. I need to slow down."

And, then, the other day, I read about a Fort Lauderdale advertising agency that launched a billboard campaign (including the inside and outside of buses) that included 17 different "messages from God." These were sponsored by an anonymous client and were white lettering on a totally black billboard which lined the freeways.

Let's meet at My House Sunday before the Game.—God  
C'mon Over and Bring the Kids.—God  
What Part of "Thou Shalt Not..." Didn't You Understand?—  
God

We Need to Talk.—God  
Keep Using My Name in Vain and I'll Make Rush Hour  
Longer.—God

Loved the Wedding, Invite Me to the Marriage.—God

That "Love Thy Neighbor" Thing, I Meant it.—God

I Love You...I Love You...I Love You...—God

Will the Road you're on get you to My Place?—GOD

Follow Me.—God

Big Bang Theory, you've got to be kidding.—God

My Way is the Highway.—God

Need Directions?—God

You think it's Hot Here?—God

Tell the Kids I love them.—God

Need a Marriage Counselor? I'm Available.—God

Have you read my #1 Best Seller? There will be a test.—God  
I need a "sign," ever so often. Signs like these. Inviting. Encouraging. Causing me to slow down. To think. To believe. Like the Bible—"This shall be a sign unto you." They are, for me.

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## Social Security Rep. in Winters on March 22

Garland Gregg, representative for the San Angelo Social Security Office, has scheduled his March visit to Winters. He will be at the Winters Housing Project Office on Monday, March 22, between 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Your Social Security matters can be handled just as quickly by telephone. For help when you first want to sign up for Social Security or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits, call (915) 949-4608. The office is open every weekday (Monday through Friday) except holidays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you just need information or are already receiving benefits, call 1-800-772-1213 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. every weekday except holidays.

If desired, write to the office at P.O. Box 3808, San Angelo, Texas 76902.

## COUNTY, cont'd.

according to Baird, could not be expanded in the future. He said, "I recommend we install the higher-priced system at a cost of \$5,430.03. According to GTE, this system is expandable up to 275 lines and should be good for our use for many years to come." Commissioners approved the higher cost system to be paid from the county's contingency fund.

Two lease contracts were approved, the first an agreement between the county and Joyce Bahlman, Charles Bahlman and Lanny Bahlman for the MHMR offices located in Winters at a rate of \$200 per month.

The second lease approved was a one year extension of the lease to the Texas Department of Human Services in the Courthouse Annex at \$350.03 per month.

Other agenda items and their action included:

- Appointments were completed to the County's salary grievance committee.

- Easements for crossing three county roads were granted.

- Tax abatement requests from Alderman-Cave and Jimmy E. Smith, D.V.M. were approved.

## When did it get there? Your post office knows

If you want to know when it got there, the Winters Post Office now has the service to provide you with the delivery status of domestic expedited and package products. For as little as 35-cents, the new Delivery Confirmation provides the date, time, and ZIP code delivery status of Priority Mail and Parcel Post. The service will be available nationwide on March 14.

"Delivering Confirmation is an outstanding value added service," said Trish Fisher, OIC. "The service is affordable, easy to use, and gives peace of mind to customers who need to know when their shipment arrived."

Delivering employees scan bar coded labels when delivery is made. Date and time is stored in the scanner's memory to be later downloaded on postal host systems where it can be accessed by customer.

Customers receive information on the date and time of delivery and the ZIP code where delivery was made by calling 1-800-222-1811 or logging onto the Postal Service web site at www.usps.com. Delivery information which includes attempted deliveries, forwarded or returned shipments is updated each evening.

Retail rates are 35-cents for Priority Mail and 60-cents for Parcel Post. Lower rates are available for customers who can send and receive Delivery Confirmation information electronically. For these customers, there is no charge for Priority Mail and a 25-cent charge for Parcel Select, Parcel Post, bound printed matter, special standard and library rates.

may pick up a form at *The Winters Enterprise* or contact Audine McBeth for more information.

Christmas In April is a fun way to spend a day with friends and fellow community members while helping those in need of assistance.

**A cheerful look brings joy to the heart, and good news gives health to the bones.**  
Proverbs 15:30

## Senior Citizens Activity Center Menu

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March 22 thru March 26  
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**Monday, March 22:** Chicken pot pie, Jello salad, green beans, cornbread, and brownie.

**Tuesday, March 23:** Mexican cornbread, pinto beans, coleslaw, chips, and pear.

**Wednesday, March 24:** Steak & gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, and chocolate cake.

**Thursday, March 25:** Goulash, beets, hominy, cornbread, and glorified rice.

**Friday, March 26:** Salmon croquettes, baked beans, fruit salad, cornbread, and cookies.

## Card of Thanks

To our many friends —  
Our most heartfelt thanks to each of you for the prayer chains, visits, food, flowers, cards, and hugs that you so generously bestowed on us.

A special thanks to the clergy, Rev. Jerry Shields and Rev. Winford Gore, for the many visits and for the lovely service.

Thanks to Rev. and Mrs. Barry Taylor for their visits and prayers at the hospital.

Our loved one has gone to be with God, but he will be in our hearts always. We will remember him for his love of family and friends. It is this and God's love that has sustained each of us through this sad time.

May God's blessings be with you always.

**The family of Newt Blackerby**  
Betty Blackerby  
Kelly, Vicki, Alex, & Andrew Blackerby  
Brenda, Mark, Sally, & Susan Hiler

## CHRISTMAS, cont'd.

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## 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.

### COMMON COLD

Colds are so common they are almost impossible to prevent completely, but there are some precautions you can take to lessen your chances of coming down with one.

#### "Iron" It Out

Iron not only sounds tough, it is known to be a great immune booster as well.

- ♦ Iron is an important ingredient in enzymes, hemoglobin, and myoglobin, the oxygen-carrying molecules in the blood your body uses to fight disease.
- ♦ The recommended daily allowance of iron is 10 mg. for males and 15 mg. for nonpregnant and lactating women. Pregnant women need as much as 30 mg.

#### Think "A" First

There are some key vitamins that play an important role in your immune system's response.

- ♦ Vitamin A is known to maintain mucous membrane secretions, one of the body's defenses against infection.
- ♦ Sources of vitamin A include calves' liver (3 oz. = 4,359 RE\*), raw carrots (1 cup = 3,094 RE), raw spinach (1 cup = 376 RE) and whole milk (1 cup = 76 RE).

\*RE = retinol equivalent

#### There's an "E" in Prevention

To help boost your immune system and help fight off colds, be sure to eat a variety of foods that are high in vitamin E.

- ♦ It reduces the production of prostaglandin E<sub>2</sub>, which is known to inhibit immune function.
- ♦ Vitamin E can be found in such nutritional sources as safflower oil margarine (1 Tbsp. = 12.5 mg.), safflower oil (1 Tbsp. = 5.9 mg.), soybean oil (1 Tbsp. = 3.8 mg.), and peanuts (1 Tbsp. = 0.7 mg.).

#### Calling All Copper

The body uses copper in many proteins and enzymes, some of which are required for the proper use of iron.

- ♦ Copper is also used by some enzymes required for breathing, which can be compromised when you have a heavy cold.
- ♦ Rich sources of copper include cashews (1 cup = 3.0 mg.) and pumpkin seeds (1 cup = 1.9 mg.) Chicken liver (3 oz. = 0.31 mg.) and salmon (3 oz. = 0.06 mg.) contain copper, but in lesser amounts.

Remember, patients always have the right to choose their Home Health Agency.

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of the new  
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Saturday, March 27, 1999  
3 P.M. to 6 P.M.  
200 South Hickory Hill Drive  
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## Scotopic Sensitivity affects reading and writing activities as well as depth perception

by Deb Pritchard  
First of a series

*Do you lose your place, mis-read or skip words? Do you use your finger or marker to keep your place? Do you inadvertently repeat or reread lines? Do you avoid reading or reading aloud? Do you have trouble understanding or remembering what you read? Do your eyes get red and watery? Does reading make you tired? Do you prefer to read in a dim light?*

The list could go on and on: 29 questions in fact. It is unlikely you have answered yes to all these questions, but if you answered yes to three or more, you might be suffering from Irlen Syndrome or Scotopic Sensitivity.

In layman's terms it is a perceptual problem with the way the brain receives the message from the eye about what you are seeing, caused by a sensitivity to light. It can affect reading and writing based activities as well as poor depth perception.

Some symptoms might include a sensitivity to glare, sunlight, headlights or street lights. Fluorescent lighting may be especially difficult. Reading on high gloss white paper like text books and magazines may prove difficult. The print may appear too bright.

There may be difficulty reading print, numbers or musical lines because of changes. Problems include print that shifts, shakes, blurs, moves, doubles, disappears or swirls in circles.

There is an inability to read groups of letters, numbers or words at the same time. Reading speed is reduced.

Finally, poor depth perception might include difficulty in judging distances, getting on escalators, catching balls or bumping into things.

Scotopic sensitivity can affect attention span, energy level, motivation or work production as well as problems with handwriting, copying from a book or board, and depth perception problems.

When left undetected, those individuals with the syndrome might be viewed as underachievers with behavioral, attitudinal or motivational problems. They often appear bright but fail to produce to a level considered appropriate and may have been labeled "dumb", "stupid" or "lazy".

My parents and I knew something was wrong. Some teachers and others said I was 'slow'—that I needed to be in special education," said Kourtney Cathey.

"They wanted me tested for ADD (Attention Deficit Disorder) and put on Ritalin."

Kourtney was diagnosed her third grade year with Irlen Syndrome and dyslexia. Her mother Cindy began the dyslexia program in 1992 for the Winters ISD.

Today she serves 42 dyslexic students and 50 students with scotopic sensitivity. She left the main stream classroom to meet the special needs of these students.

Homework was always a struggle and reading extremely difficult. "The words were not in order, or they'd be blurry. Sometimes I'd have to chase them—they were running off the paper," Kourtney said.

"I knew this probably wasn't normal, but I didn't tell anyone. I was afraid they'd make fun of me or think I was weird—I mean trying to tell someone the words in your book are just running off the page."

Cindy realized the problem one evening while Kourtney read her homework. "Mom watched my eyes when I read. They went from the top of the page to the bottom to the side. She asked me what I was doing. I told her I'm chasing this word that's running off the page."

After talking with John Key about her problems, Kourtney's mom and dad Bill, learned about a scotopic sensitivity clinic in Houston. When they made a trip for a doctor's visit for sister Hollie (unrelated to Kourtney's problem) they scheduled an appointment.

The screening confirmed the sensitivity. Afterwards, she was given colored overlays to place over reading pages. When one would improve her ability to read it was noted.

Eventually all the overlays were grouped together creating a very dark purple color. From this, filters or lenses for glasses were shaded.

Overlays are a stop-gap mea-

sure for a person with Irlen Syndrome. They can improve reading efficiency and comfort as well as increase reading speed and improve reading comprehension.

However filters (glasses lenses) may be necessary for the person who experiences perceptual difficulties in other areas. This might include copying from a board, depth perception, or driving.

Kourtney remembers her filters coming in the mail. They were rather large to enable her to have glasses made in the style she desired.

She took one outside and looked through it. Both she and Cindy said she was amazed. "The trees have leaves on them," she told her mom. "Kourtney, they've always had leaves," Cindy said. "No mom. They've always been a brown blob to me—like they were dead."

Once her glasses were made, they were returning from Abilene and Kourtney kept moving the glasses up and down on her nose looking through them and then over them. Of course Cindy admonished her and told her to keep her glasses on.

Kourtney said, "No mom—the road isn't going into the air anymore." Cindy pulled to the side of the road. "What do you mean the road isn't going into the air anymore?"

"The road has always gone up into the air—now it doesn't (it's level)." "Why didn't you tell me?" Cindy said. "Mom—I didn't know. I didn't know it wasn't supposed to." Tears still come to Cindy's eyes when she tells this story.

Kourtney said she'd always go to check the cows with her dad. After getting the glasses she remembers informing her dad that a certain cow now had spots. Of course, Bill told her that cow had always had those spots.

All Kourtney ever saw was solid colored cattle. The same with Easter dresses. She said Cindy always got the girls dresses with prints or florals. For Kourtney they were a solid color—until the glasses.

To be continued.



JENNIFER LUJANO, CRYSTAL TREVIZO, AND DON DAVIS win 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places respectively in the Runnels Soil and Water Conservation poster contest for Winters ISD.

## Runnels SWCD announces contest winners

Each year, the Runnels Soil and Water Conservation District (RSWCD) is proud to sponsor the Conservation Poster and Essay Contest for area students. Themes for the poster contest were "Wonders of Wildlife" and "In the Children's Hands." In all, 183 conservation posters were received from students in the Ballinger, Winters, Olfen, and Miles school districts.

Ribbons were awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each grade level at each school district. Other

deserving posters and essays were given Honorable Mention ribbons. In addition, posters from each grade level from all the schools were combined and judged to select the overall district winners.

Cash awards in the amount of \$25, \$15, \$10, respectively were presented by the RSWCD to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place overall district winners. Also, the 1st place overall district winner will represent the Runnels SWCD at the San Angelo Area Awards Ban-

quet. At the banquet, the 1st place overall winner will receive an engraved plaque signifying his/her accomplishments in conservation education. The winning conservation poster and essay will also be forwarded to compete in regional competition.

The RSWCD would like to thank the many administrators, teachers, and students who helped make this year's poster and essay contest educational and fun for all who took part.

## Winters Eastern Star and Wingate Masonic Lodge sponsor chicken fried steak lunch

The Winters Chapter of Eastern Star and Wingate Masonic Lodge are sponsoring a chicken fried steak fundraising luncheon on Monday, March 22.

The luncheon will be held at the Rock Hotel from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tickets are \$6 and takeouts will be available.

Catered by The Shed, the meal includes chicken fried steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, corn, bread, and tea.

## WISD TRUSTEES, cont'd.

Whittenburg, Christy Bearden, Cynthia Cathey, Landa Grohman, Troylene Lincycumb, Linda Mitchell, Wanda Pringle, and Ann Shackelford.

Probationary contracts were renewed for Marsha Fowler, Cheryl Kruse, Sherry Pollan, and Robert Yerigan.

Non-teaching professional contracts were renewed for Terry Wyatt, J'Lynn Cooper, Bill Cathey, Mary Wilkerson, Ketta Garduno, Brenda Bahlman, and Geoff Murphy.

Resignations were accepted from Stephanie Borecky and Jane Ellen Watkins effective the end of the 1998-99 school year.

Present for the March 8 were board members Allen Andrae, Ronald Presley, Larry Walker, Rodrick Bredemeyer, and Michael Davis, Superintendent Mike Harris, Business Manager Jimmy Butler, Principals Tammy Bright and Charles Kidwell, Athletic Director Robin Byrd, and Curriculum Director Terry Wyatt.

In other action, the board discussed the disposal of the wood from the old gym floor. No single party wants the entire floor so the board discussed having all three interested persons dispose of the floor at the same time and divide it among themselves according to their own personal decisions. Bids will be put out in April for new flooring to be installed during the summer months.

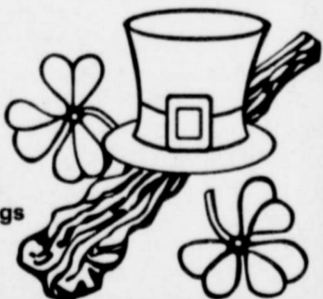
Trustees were informed that the elementary school received \$1,958 while the high school received \$1,037 from the Texas Successful School Awards based on the TAAS test scores from 1997-98. No decision was made on how the award money will be spent.

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## St. Patrick's Day Luncheon

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Thursday, March 18  
11AM—1 PM

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Tea or Coffee



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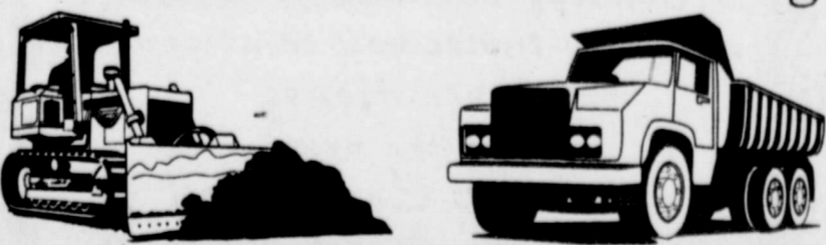
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VARSITY BLIZZARDS '99 BASEBALL SCHEDULE			
DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
March 19	Early	Here	4:00
March 23	Hamilton	There	5:30
March 26	Mason	There	7:00
March 30	Coleman	Here	4:00
April 2	Open		
April 6	Bangs	There	5:00
April 9	San Saba	Here	5:00
April 12	Early	There	7:00
April 20	Hamilton	Here	5:00
April 23	Mason	Here	5:00
April 27	Coleman	There	5:00

JR. VARSITY BLIZZARDS '99 BASEBALL SCHEDULE			
DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
March 18-20	Grape Creek Tourn.	There	TBA
March 26	Mason	There	4:30
April 8	Haskell	There	4:00
April 10	Haskell	Here	12:00
April 12	Wall	Here	4:30
April 19	Wall	There	4:30
April 22-23	Coleman Tourn	There	TBA
April 26	Clyde	Here	4:30

## Racket News

### WHS competes at San Angelo in first team tennis tourney

Boys fare well, girls play close matches

The WHS tennis team participated in a team tennis tournament on March 5 & 6 in San Angelo.

Team tennis combines boys and girls scores with members playing six singles matches and three doubles matches. Also, in team tennis, each team plays only one school and the team with the best record after ten matches advances. The top two teams go to state.

WHS teams consisted of Angela Jacob, Lori Bredemeyer, Monica Hicks, Samantha Montgomery, Scarlet McMinn, Tracey Burns, and Fallen Perrie. Also, Colby Walker, Chip White, Barrett Brown, Justin Calcote, Aaron Pritchard, Jeffrey Jordan, and Josh Lincycomb.

The first opponent was Ozona. The Blizzards then faced Forsan in Eldorado and Christoval in San Angelo.

The WHS boys team won 25 out of 27 matches. While the girls didn't have any wins, they had some very close matches going into split sets, according to Coaches Biff and Deb White and

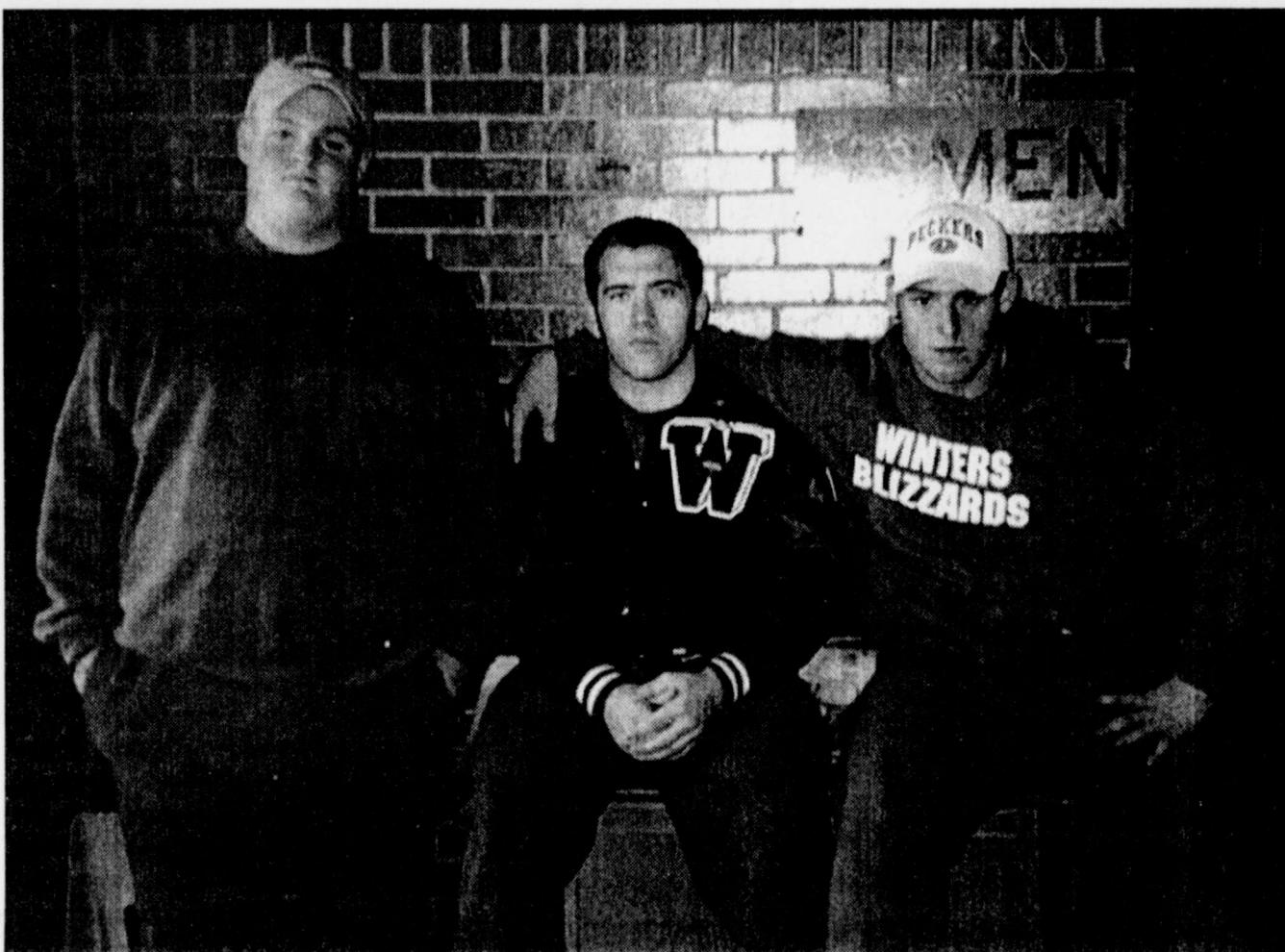
Assistant Renee Calcote. Boys doubles players were Chip White and Barrett Brown, Justin Calcote and Aaron Pritchard, and Colby Walker and Josh Lincycomb. Against Ozona, the boys team racked up wins in both doubles and singles play, except for Walker, who lost in singles in a very exciting split set match.

The girls doubles players were Monica Hicks and Samantha Montgomery, Scarlet McMinn and Tracey Burns, and Angela Jacob and Lori Bredemeyer.

Fallen Perrie and Jeffrey Jordan made up the only mixed double team, and won all three of their matches.

"All of these young women and men played hard and gave their best efforts in the tournament, especially since this was the first team tennis tournament Winters has ever participated in," said Coach White.

Individual tennis starts this weekend, March 19 and 20, in Big Lake.



CHRIS HOPPE, CRAIG CONNER, AND ERIC TEKELL competed last Saturday in the Regional Powerlifting Meet held at Colorado City. Both Conner and Tekell placed second in their weight divisions and will advance to state competition at Ft. Hood on Saturday, March 27. Hoppe finished eighth in his weight class. The Blizzard lifters are coached by Shane Mobley.

### BLIZZARD ACTIVITIES MARCH 18-25, 1999

<p><b>SOFTBALL</b> —March 19, Hermleigh (District) Here, 4:30 p.m., VG —March 23, Loraine (District), Here, 4:30 p.m., VG</p> <p><b>TRACK</b> —March 19, Roscoe, Jr. High —March 20, Coleman, VG, VB, JVB</p> <p><b>GOLF</b> —March 22, at Goldthwaite, Boys —March 23, at Hamilton, Girls</p> <p><b>BASEBALL</b> —March 18-20, Grape Creek Tourney, JV —March 19, Early, Here, 4 p.m., —March 23, Hamilton, There, 5:30 p.m., V</p>	<p><b>TENNIS</b> —March 18, Rotan, Here, JV —March 19-20 at Big Lake, V</p> <p><b>CHEERLEADING</b> —March 24, 1 p.m., HS Gym Junior High Tryouts High School Tryouts</p> <p><b>UIL</b> —March 23, District Literary Competition, Elementary and Jr. High at Bangs —March 25, District One Act Play, in Winters</p> <p><b>EXTRACURRICULAR</b> —March 21, Junior Class Catfish Dinner, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., School Cafeteria —March 21, One Act Play, Public Performance, 3 p.m., HS Auditorium —March 25, Area FFA Judging, Contests, in Stephenville</p>
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### Correction

In the March 11 edition of *The Winters Enterprise*, we incorrectly reported that Rachel Davis had won the essay contest in conjunction with the DARE program at Winters Elementary School. The overall best essay award was presented to Kathryn Hatler.

We also identified a Blizzard baseball coach as Chuck Lipsey. The coach is Chris Bearden.

*The Winters Enterprise* sincerely apologizes for this error.

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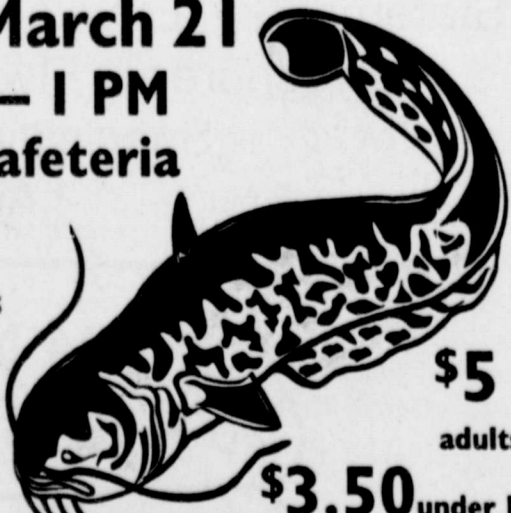
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**Sunday, March 21**  
**11 AM—1 PM**  
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bread  
tea

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### CAFETERIA MENU

March 22-March 26  
Subject to change

**Breakfast**  
Monday-March 22  
Biscuit  
Sausage  
Juice

Tuesday-March 23  
Breakfast Burrito  
Cereal  
Juice

Wednesday-March 24  
Toast  
Cereal  
Juice

Thursday-March 25  
Pancakes/Syrup  
Juice

Friday-March 26  
Cheese Toast  
Cereal  
Juice

**Lunch**  
Monday-March 22  
Pizza  
June Peas  
Salad  
Banana Pudding

Tuesday-March 23  
Chicken Fried Steak/Gravy  
Mashed Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Peach Half  
Hot Roll

Wednesday-March 24  
Macaroni Meat Dish (Goulash)  
Tossed Salad  
Sliced Apricots  
Hot Roll

Thursday-March 25  
Beef Tips/Rice  
Broccoli/Cheese  
Sliced Peas  
Hot Roll

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### Watch for "Think Child Safety" decals on WTU service trucks

West Texas Utilities Company has implemented the state recognized "Think Child Safety" program throughout its 53,000-square mile service territory. WTU service trucks now display the "Think Child Safety" decal on each side of the vehicles' rear quarter panels. The brightly colored decal lets children know that the employee driving the truck is someone they can trust to help them and stay with them during an emergency.

Company vehicles displaying the decals are designated as Mobile Safety Vehicles and are equipped with two-way radios or cellular phones to call for emergency assistance. Each driver is trained in CPR techniques and first aid.

Stewart Dodson, a paramedic for the city of Paris, Texas, developed the "Think Child Safety" program in 1990. He recognized the need to raise safety awareness among children to reduce injuries and deaths. The Mobile Safety Vehicle became a project extension of the original program in 1993 by incorporating community-based companies and services that have high visibility and public trust. These added resources expand the ability to render aid and speed response time in an emergency.

"We are very pleased to be involved with the 'Think Child Safety' program. WTU has the equipped vehicles and qualified employees to allow us to provide yet another valuable service to our customers," said Paul Brower, WTU general manager and president. "We want children and adults to know they can rely on us when they need help," he added.

Get in on the excitement—

## Learn martial arts from the instructors at Miller and Morgan Martial Arts Academy

Miller and Morgan Martial Arts Academy celebrated a ribbon cutting on Thursday, February 25, 1999, and is now open for business.

Located at 122 S. Main, the academy provides instruction in martial arts six days a week, Monday through Saturday, from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Classes are available in one and a half hour sessions with 30 minute breaks between classes.

Instructors are Casey Miller and Raymond Morgan of Abilene.

Mr. Miller is a 1996 graduate of Trent High School and is a 5th degree black belt. He started martial arts at the age of 4 at Master Lims Tae Kwan Do in Abilene. "Master Lims, Master Hong, and U.S. Kickboxing Champion Sifu James Cox gave me the motivation and inspiration to teach self-discipline, which is what martial arts is all about," says Miller. He currently has 14 years experience, holds three city championships and a place on the Texas Tae Kwon Do Team. He has participated in tournaments at Abilene, Arlington, San Angelo, and internationally at Korea.

Mr. Morgan graduated Adult Ed in 1998 and is a 1st degree black belt who started learning martial arts when he was 10-years-old. He took a leave of absence from martial arts to become a Flight Sergeant in the Civil Air

Patrol, but is now dedicated to teaching the art. He and Casey have been studying together for

Boxing (Kung Fu), Jujitsu, Shotokan Karate, Cardio Karate or aerobic kicking, and Tai Jitsu (all from Japan).

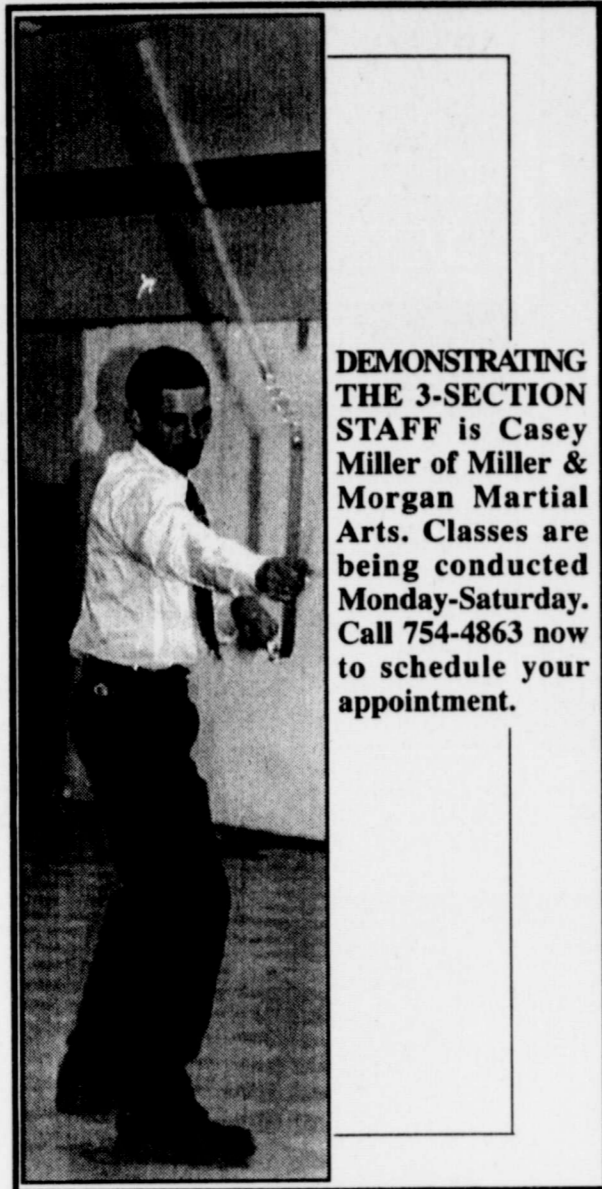
Miller stresses that each style has its own unique discipline. "We teach discipline — respect for self, others, and the environment first," he exclaims. "Self-defense is part of this, and we want to be able to teach you to prevent someone from hurting you without hurting them." He adds that his class instruction includes background on the martial arts, discipline, and then the movements. "We want the kids to be friends, and not just kick, punch and then leave."

Unlimited classes are \$30 a month or \$15 every two weeks. A uniform is also required in order to be able to practice the arts correctly, according to Miller.

Anyone can participate, ages 3 and up. "This is not something that is just for kids," states Miller. "Adults can be included and should think about self-defense motivation since the recent local attack on the girls. One does not have to be athletic to do martial arts."

As an added incentive, Miller and Morgan Martial Arts is offering a 15% discount to students listed on the "A" or "A-B" Honor Roll.

Please call 754-4863 for inquiries or to schedule an appointment.



**DEMONSTRATING THE 3-SECTION STAFF is Casey Miller of Miller & Morgan Martial Arts. Classes are being conducted Monday-Saturday. Call 754-4863 now to schedule your appointment.**

about four years.

Many different styles of martial arts are practiced in today's world and are based upon usage: kicking, throwing, grappling, or sport. Most styles come from overseas and include, but are not limited to, Tae Kwan Do (Korea), Kajejumbo (Hawaii), Kickboxing (U.S. & Thailand), Chinese



**NEITHER RAIN, NOR SLEET, "NOR...HAIL," SAID JERRY SIMS, Winters postal letter carrier, last Friday as the area enjoyed some very much needed precipitation. Sims was able to sport his rain gear as the Winters and Wingate communities saw an inch or better from Friday's rain to go with the 1/2 inch plus on Monday morning. Friday's storm included hail anywhere from pea to golf ball sized hail, though there were no reports of damage.**

### Letter to the Editor

## Please pray for rain

Dear Mayors:

I am asking all the Mayors of the cities and towns of West Texas, specifically of the 29 counties that cover the Catholic Diocese of San Angelo that I cover as Bishop, to proclaim for our local communities, March 21, 1999 as a day of prayer for rain in all of our churches during the Sunday services.

West Texas is in great need of rain. We are God's people, and we are told by Christ his son, that whatever we ask for with confidence will be granted—"Ask and you shall receive." I encourage you to please proclaim Sunday, March 21, 1999 as a day of prayer for rain.

**Bishop Mike**

Bishop Michael Pfeifer, OMI  
Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of San Angelo



## Volunteer income tax sites open

Need help in filling out those tax forms? A total of 70,100 North Texans received free tax help at more than 300 Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) sites last year.

VITA/TCE offers free tax help to people who cannot afford to pay a tax preparer.

To find out more information about the nearest free tax help site and hours of operation, call the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program at 214-767-1428 or the Tax Counseling for the Elderly program, toll-free at 1-888-227-7669.

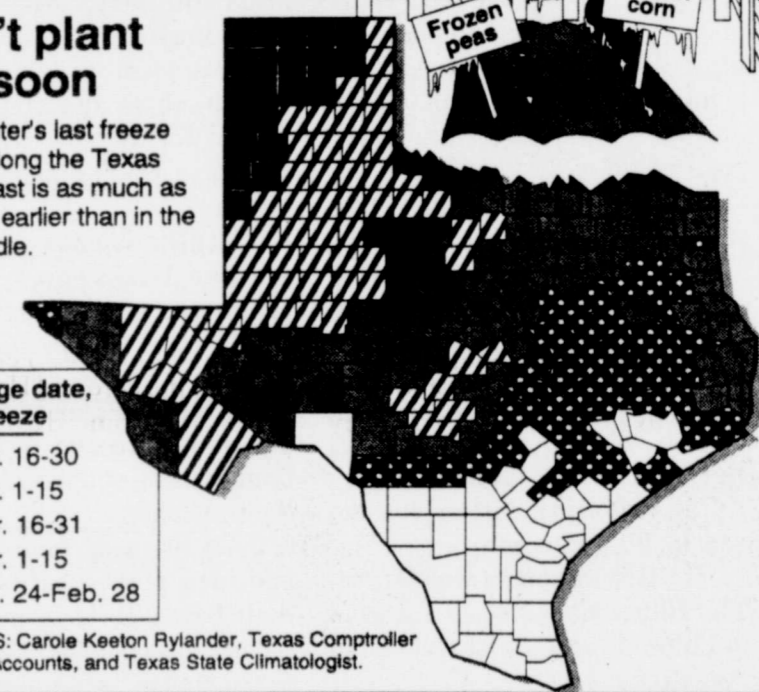
## Keeping an eye on Texas

### Don't plant too soon

Winters' last freeze along the Texas Gulf Coast is as much as 96 days earlier than in the Panhandle.

Average date, last freeze
Apr. 16-30
Apr. 1-15
Mar. 16-31
Mar. 1-15
Jan. 24-Feb. 28

SOURCES: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, and Texas State Climatologist.



## Free flowering dogwood trees

Ten free white flowering dogwood trees will be given to each person who joins the National Arbor Day Foundation during March 1999.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

"White flowering dogwoods will add year-round beauty to your home and neighborhood," John Rosenow, the Foundation's president, said. "Dogwoods have showy spring flowers, scarlet autumn foliage, and red berries which attract songbirds all winter."

The trees will be shipped post-paid at the right time for planting between March 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 "Arbor Day", the Foundation's monthly publication, 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 DOGWOOD TREES, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by March 31, 1999.

## Senior Social Development Program Offered at Ballinger Memorial Hospital

'Home alone' is a reality for many senior citizens and disabled individuals. Sometimes the isolation and losses are so significant, the individual experiences depression and anxiety.

Ballinger Memorial Hospital has established a new program to assist individuals experiencing depression and other stresses that interfere with a person having a rewarding life. Senior Social Development is a program for individuals that are having stress too severe to manage. The goal of the program is to restore the overwhelmed person to a balanced life.

The program offers individualized treatment, support and education for family members and caregivers, transportation and meals. The team of professionals offers a brief oriented approach with focus on individual strengths of each patient. The services extend beyond the care of the patient to include support and education for the family and caregivers. The patients attend the program 3 days a week from 10:00 am to 2:30 pm for a period of 4 to 6 weeks.

Transportation will be provided for anyone who needs it without cost to the patient or family. Nursing home residents can take part in this program and return to the facility in the afternoon.

Medicare and most insurance companies cover the expenses of the program.

For more information about the program, call Pat Watkins, RN, Program Director or Robert Vernor, Administrator at 365-2531.

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## Dance

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Jose Reyna, DJ  
\$5 per person

## Poe's Corner

By Charlsie Poe

# The wisdom of youth

Children are fresh and original in their thinking. They can also give very quick answers.

One three-year-old was told she had beautiful blue eyes and asked where she got them.

Her answer was quick and to the point. "They came with my head," she said.

Let me share with you this delightful piece written by Danny Dutton, age 8, from Chula Vista, California, for his third grade homework assignment to "Explain God." It was published in the church bulletin by the pastor.

"One of God's main jobs is making people. He makes them to replace the ones that die so that there will be enough people to take care of things here on earth. He doesn't make grown-ups, just babies. I think because they are smaller and easier to make. That way, He doesn't have to take up His valuable time teaching them to talk and walk. He can just leave that to mothers and fathers.

"God's second most important job is listening to prayers. An awful lot of this goes on. Like some preachers and things, pray at times besides bedtime. God doesn't have time to listen to the radio or TV on account of this. Since He hears everything, not only prayers, there must be a terrible lot of noise in His ears unless He has thought of a way to turn it off. God sees everything and hears everything and is everywhere, which keeps Him pretty busy. So you shouldn't go wasting His time going over your parent's head asking for something they said you couldn't have.

"Atheists are people who don't believe in God. I don't think there are any in Chula Vista. At least there aren't any who come to our church.

"Jesus is God's Son. He used to do all the hard work like walking on water and performing miracles and trying to teach people who didn't learn about God. They finally got tired of Him preaching to them and they crucified Him.



Charlsie Poe

But He was good and kind like His father and He told his Father that they didn't know what they were doing and to forgive them and God said OK.

"His Dad (God) appreciated everything He had done and all His hard work on earth so He told Him He didn't have to go out on the road anymore. He could stay in heaven. So He did.

"And now He helps His dad out by listening to prayers and seeing things which are important for God to take care of and which ones He can take care of Himself without having to bother God. Like a secretary only more important, of course. You can pray anytime you want and they are sure to hear you because they got it worked out so one of them is on duty all the time.

"You should always go to church on Sunday because it makes God happy. And if there's anybody you want to make happy, it's God. Don't skip church to do something you think will be more fun like going to the beach. This is wrong, and besides, the sun doesn't come out at the beach until noon anyway.

"If you don't believe in God, besides being an atheist, you will be very lonely, because your parents can't go everywhere with you, like to camp, but God can. It is good to know He's around when you're scared in the dark or when you can't swim very good and you get thrown into real deep water by big kids. But you shouldn't just always think of what God can do for you. I figure God put me here and He can take me back anytime He pleases.

"And that's why I believe in God."



ALLYSON WILLBORN shares her school work with family members during the recent Winters Elementary Open House. She is a student in Cheryl Sneed's first grade classroom. The event was part of Public Schools Week activities.

## Official Records

### County Court Criminal Dispositions

Kenda Bailey, theft of merchandise by check, pleaded guilty, fined \$100, plus \$184.25 court costs, \$35 hot check fee, \$107.73 restitution

Loyd Wayne Neill, driving while intoxicated, second offense, pleaded guilty, sentenced one year county jail probated to two years, fined \$1,500 plus \$224.25 court costs, 100 hours community service, \$108.66 DPS restitution

Benjamin Diaz, driving while intoxicated, dismissed, defendant indicted in another case

Mitchell Lee Caffey, driving while intoxicated, pleaded guilty, sentenced six months county jail probated to one year, fined \$750, plus \$224.25 court costs, 50 hours community service

Raul Lopez, driving while intoxicated, second offense, pleaded guilty, sentenced one year county jail probated to two years, fined \$1,500 plus \$224.25 court costs, 100 hours community service

### Criminal Cases filed

March 8 Robert W. Bowen, Ballinger, filed for theft of merchandise by check

Jerry Lee Alvarado, Winters, filed for assault

Arturo Torres Reyna, Winters, filed for driving while intoxicated, subsequent offense

Patrick Eugene Pruitt, Mertzon, filed for driving while intoxicated, subsequent offense

March 10 Misty Cole Keeney, Mertzon, filed for theft of merchandise by check

March 11 Tawnia Swafford, Miles, filed for theft of merchandise by check

David Lee Alfaro, Ballinger, filed for driving while intoxicated

### Marriage Licenses

March 9 Oscar Delgado Cervantes and Maria R. Perez

March 10 Jerry Don Patton and Margarita Campos Scates

### March 12

Byron Alan Stephenson and Stacia Ann Stapp

### District Court Divorces Filed

#### March 8

Dwain E. Valentine and Dorothy Valentine  
Roberto R. Garcia Jr. and Lucia Maria Rangel

#### March 11

Brandon Glenn Killough and Ginger Ann Killough

### Divorces Granted

#### March 4

Leland Shane Bilbrey and Kimberly Shay Bilbrey

### Justice of the Peace Court Precinct 1 Small Claims

#### March 9

Jim W. Jones, doing business as Ballinger Memorial Co., vs. Evelyn Bicknell, exec., Gladys Boswell Est., account

## Legal Notice

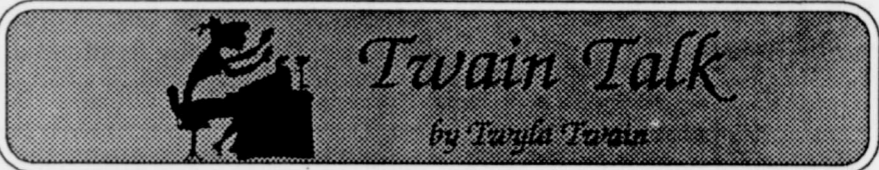
### Legal Notice

The Winters I.S.D. is accepting sealed bids until 2:00 p.m., April 9, 1999, for the sale of real property known as the Crews Gym. Bid specifications may be obtained from the Business Office, 603 N. Heights, Winters, Texas, 79567 or by calling (915)754-5574. Bids will be opened and read publicly on April 9, 1999 at 2:00 p.m.

Winters I.S.D. reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to award bids in the best interest of the district. 10-11(2)c

### BID NOTICE

The City of Winters is accepting sealed bids on a 1980 Chevrolet dump truck and a 1962 Caterpillar loader to be sold as is. Bids will be accepted at City Hall, 310 S. Main, Winters, Texas, 79567, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Bid deadline is 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 24, 1999, at which time bids will be opened. The bids will be reviewed and awarded by the City Council at their regular meeting on Monday, March 29, 1999, at 6:00 p.m. The City reserves the right to accept and/or reject any or all bids. 10-9(3)c



## A real Academy Award performance

Are you gonna watch the Academy Awards show?

You know, it's that highfalutin' shindig where all the ladies spend more money on their makeup than some third-world countries live on for a year.

And some of their hairdos remind me of when I used to ride with my head out the car window and I developed a good wind tunnel look.

I must admit that I enjoy watching bits and pieces of the program. But I must also admit that my motives aren't totally honest. I don't really care who wins "Best Key Gripper on a Foreign Film Shot Underwater By a Tattooed Man in A Speedo Using a Camera Made From Recycled Aluminum Cans."

No, I just like to see what all the Barbie Doll ladies are wearing and how they manage to breathe and walk while wearing a size 2 everything.

And I also wait with baited breath for one - just one - of those perfect ladies to step on the front of their dress and yank it down to her waist causing her to walk like Groucho Marx.

Or let's have one fall off her 6-inch high heels, turn an ankle and fall to the floor, writhing in pain and flailing from side to side.

Or, and this gets better all the time, if one would turn an ankle and fall into the folks walking or standing next to her and the whole group falls to the floor like dominoes. Now that would be entertaining!

No, I'm not bitter or jealous. I just don't see how those ladies look so nice for such a long period of time, especially if there's ever a meal involved. I guess they never tried to use a spoon to eat a pickled peach that rolls all over your plate before being launched airborne onto the lap of the person across the table.

## Western Dance Club seeking new members

Rowena Western Dance Club is a small group of couples, young and old, who enjoy dancing to western swing music and have been having 5 or 6 events each year for many years. Now the club is wanting to expand its membership and is looking for other interested couples in this area.

On Saturday, March 20, the Rowena Western Dance Club is sponsoring a dance at the ODHS Hall in Rowena. Music will be provided by Terry Sneed and the Up the Creek Band of Winters. The band will play from 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight.

Admission is \$5 per person, \$10 per couple.

The public is invited to attend.

If you are interested in being a member of this club and associating with the group, please come and visit the club on Saturday.

And wouldn't it be a hoot if one of those celebrities was eating a cherry tomato and with one bite just happened to shoot tomato seeds down the front of her dress.

This happened to a friend of mine who was attending a really fancy banquet. You know, the kind of meal where you get more than just a plastic fork rolled in a paper towel, and the centerpiece is not a fake flower stuck in a beer bottle.

So anyway, after she squirted the tomato seeds down the front of her dress, she headed for the restroom to make necessary repairs.

Unfortunately, she forgot about the large bow in the back of her dress that somehow managed to get dipped in the commode. For her, the term "toilet water" took on a whole new meaning. She managed to stay backed up against the blow dryer long enough to get out a lot of the water but unfortunately melted a couple of places in the genuine netting of her dress.

And because she was under the blowdryer for so long, all her makeup that she so carefully had put on using her best trowel had slid down about two inches on her face. So what if her eyebrows were now below her eyes. Let's not get picky!

She finally pulled herself together and made an elegant entrance back to the banquet. As a hush fell over the room and all eyes fell on her, she felt a sense of accomplishment because she figured that she must look pretty good after all.

But her confidence was short-lived as her hubby informed her that she was dragging about four feet of toilet tissue on her shoe.

Now that's entertainment worthy of an academy award.

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### ACROSS

- TX JoBeth Williams film: "His Song Continues"
- this Karolyi coached Mary Lou in Houston
- overseer of TX Olympians (abbr.)
- TXism: "to the dogs"
- TX Dan Jenkins' "Life \_\_\_ Ownself"
- TXism: "aggressive salesman"
- lunch time
- tasty competition in the TX Citrus Festival
- this flew over TX: fleur-de-lis
- decorate the tree
- TXism: "a little horse trading"
- TXism: "smooth as a baby's \_\_\_"
- \_\_\_ Rio del Norte: western city's 1st name
- Corpus Christi's Harbor Bridge is on \_\_\_ 181
- robbery in the Gulf
- TXism: "a hand" (help)
- designer Cassini who was married to TX Gene Tierney
- TXism: "fits \_\_\_ in a can"
- cheesy treat
- Gov. Peace who resigned office
- \_\_\_ Lago, TX
- nocturnal insect

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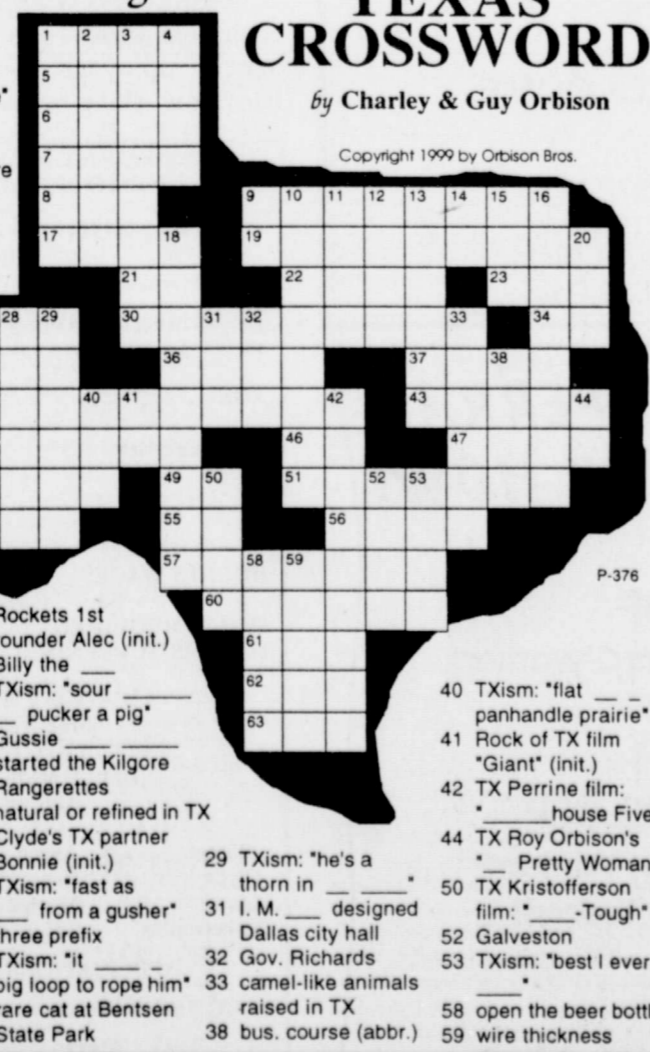
- TXism: "snug as a rug"
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- \_\_\_ Leon mapped much of TX in 17th century
- defensive aerosol
- news wrangler
- TXism: "he \_\_\_ in the saddle" (experienced)
- aviation prefix
- TXism: "just a \_\_\_" (little)
- TX Audie Murphy's biography: "No \_\_\_ the Bullet"
- Rockets 1st rounder Alec (init.)
- Billy the \_\_\_
- TXism: "sour \_\_\_ pucker a pig"
- Gussie \_\_\_ started the Kilgore Rangerettes
- natural or refined in TX
- Clyde's TX partner Bonnie (init.)
- TXism: "fast as \_\_\_ from a gusher"
- three prefix
- TXism: "it \_\_\_ big loop to rope him"
- rare cat at Bentsen State Park
- TXism: "he's a thorn in \_\_\_"
- I. M. \_\_\_ designed Dallas city hall
- Gov. Richards
- camel-like animals raised in TX
- bus. course (abbr.)
- TXism: "flat \_\_\_ panhandle prairie"
- Rock of TX film "Giant" (init.)
- TX Perrine film: "\_\_\_ house Five"
- TX Roy Orbison's "\_\_\_ Pretty Woman"
- TX Kristofferson film: "\_\_\_ Tough"
- Galveston
- TXism: "best I ever \_\_\_"
- open the beer bottle
- wire thickness

### The Original

## TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison

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Solutions for this puzzle appear in this issue.

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TV puppet Howdy Doody had a sister. Her name was Heidi Doody.

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### Industrial Production Index decreases

As reported March 4, 1999, by the Research Department of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, the Texas Industrial Production Index fell a seasonally adjusted 0.5 percent from December to January. January's level was 1.6 percent below the year-ago figure. Changes in major components of TIPI between December 1998 and January 1999:

- ◆ Overall manufacturing output decreased 0.3 percent. Durable goods decreased 0.1 percent. Nondurable goods decreased 0.6 percent.
- ◆ Mining decreased 1.2 percent.
- ◆ Utilities increased 0.2 percent.

Changes in major components of TIPI between January 1998 and January 1999:

- ◆ Overall manufacturing output increased 1.4 percent. Durable goods increased 1.7 percent. Nondurable goods increased 1.2 percent.
- ◆ Mining decreased 8.7 percent.
- ◆ Utilities decreased 3.2 percent.

## Crews News

By Hilda Kurtz



Hilda Kurtz

The difference between looking good and looking is 20 years and 20 pounds.

On Sunday, Joe and Betty Pierce held open house in their new home in Crews for the members of Hopewell Church. A barbecue and sausage lunch was served. Those attending were Bro. Ferris and Ramona Akins, Wilbert and Fairy Alcorn, Coleman Foreman, Marvin and Melvena Gerhart, Therin and Nila Osborne, Juanita Shields, Mr. and Mrs. David Talbott, Carolyn Webb, Selma Wilkerson, Doris Wood, and Dennis, Audine, and Roy McBeth. Helen Alexander did not get to come but sent a delicious cobbler.

We are all so proud to have Joe and Betty as neighbors.

Dale Duggan's parents, Mary and Jerry Duggan of Waco, visited Wednesday and Friday. On Thursday, they were in San Angelo to see Dale's uncle, Albert Lockett. On Sunday, Dale and Linda Duggan, Susan and Chauncey Mansell, Elwood and Becky Brown were in San Angelo at the San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo. Susan won 1st and 2nd on her two paintings.

My sister, Josephine Mittlesteadt of Baldwin Park, California, had a nice, long phone visit with me on Sunday morning. She was glad to have her husband home after receiving treatment in the hospital. He will be taking treatment again in two weeks.

Visiting Margie Jacob during the week were Emma Marks of Winters; Ramona Akins; Carolyn Webb; Sharon and Jerry Engler of Brownwood; Beverly, Corey, and Brad VanZandt; Mike and Carol Kozelsky; Kathryn Kozelsky of Abilene; Scott Kozelsky of Col-

lege Station; and Jeanna Kozelsky of Corpus Christi.

Helping Carl Miller of Clyde celebrate his 40th birthday Sunday with all the trimmings in the home of Josie Hoppe were Elby Miller; Dawn, Brent, and Clent Bryan; and J'Dan and friend, Vickie Osmman. Dawn and Clent came Saturday, and we all mixed up some shamrock cookies for St. Patrick's Day. All turned out pretty and are good.

Roy and Leona Matthies were in Brownwood Tuesday to see their great-grandson, Hunter of Dallas, who is visiting with Pat and Abe Giles in Brownwood. Nila Osborne and Mrs. Denise Talbott dropped in for a visit during the week with Leona.

Selma Wilkerson spent Tuesday in Ballinger with grandson, Jerry Chapman.

Eileen Cartwright and daughter Tiffany were in Fort Worth Saturday and Sunday to attend a modeling convention. While there, they visited with Carol Faubion. Eileen also prepared the Faubion's dinner on Sunday. Harvey Mae can eat once again and really enjoyed the meal.

Lynn and Carol Faubion spent Friday with Harvey Mae and Noble. Walter Pape of Santa Anna came on Saturday.

Eileen and Tiffany visited Aunt Mary Louise Dunnivan on Wednesday in Winters. They did odd jobs including some shopping.

Doddie and Kalyn Drake and Brenda Chambliss spent Sunday with Pat and Earl Cooper. As I write, they were playing dominoes.

Stephanie McGallian of Wingate spent Tuesday night with Nila and Therin Osborne. Nila and Therin were in Ballinger on Wednesday and went by to see Dee Faubion. On Friday, Nila and Therin visited Oscar and Janie Fanning in Abilene.

On Saturday night, Wanda King enjoyed her phone visit with daughter Melinda of California. All are well and the weather is

nice.

On Wednesday evening, Bro. Akins, Therin Osborne, and David Talbott had a friendly visit with Wanda King.

Carolyn Webb spent Saturday in Austin with her son, Gene Webb, and Ashley and Amanda. They celebrated Amanda's 10th birthday.

Donald and Donna Alcorn of Sterling City spent Wednesday with Fairy and Wilbert Alcorn.

Donnie and Nancy Gibbs of Menard spent Saturday with Georgia and Connie Gibbs.

Visitors at Leona and Doris Bryan's were David Talbott; Ferris Akins; Therin Osborne; Cheryl Bryan; LaRue Bryan; Brent, Dawn, Scott, and Clent Bryan; Kelly, Vicki, Alex, and Andrew Blackerby; Rex, Cheryl, Kayla, and Kinley Pritchard; Ronnie Denton; and Shane Briley.

## College of the State Bar honors Geoffrey Connor

Geoffrey Scott Connor of Austin was among the 4,100 attorneys to be recognized as members of the College of the State Bar of Texas during its Annual Awards Luncheon on Feb. 13 in Austin. Connor and this distinguished group of attorneys accounts for less than 8 percent of the 63,500 attorneys licensed to practice in Texas.

The College was created in 1982 by the Supreme Court of Texas to recognize members of the State Bar who voluntarily attain an extraordinary number of continuing legal education credits each year.

To qualify for membership, attorneys must complete 80 hours of continuing legal education (CLE) within a three-year period or 45 hours during the current year. To maintain membership in the College, an attorney must complete at least 30 hours of CLE each year, twice the number of hours required of all lawyers in Texas.



## Town Crier



### Brandon Sage Amidon

Autumn Rain Amidon proudly announces the arrival of her baby brother, Brandon Sage Amidon.

Brandon Sage was born Thursday, December 31, 1998, at 9:46 p.m. in Brawley, California. He weighed 7 lbs., 7 oz. and was 20 inches long.

Proud parents are Scott and Melinda (Sims) Amidon of Brawley, California.

Grandparents are Wanda and Windell King of Crews, John and Carolyn Sims of Abilene, Linda Bristow of Burnet, and the late Danny Amason.

Great-grandparents are Adeline Grissom of Ballinger, Halley Sims of Winters, the late Kat Grissom, and the late Floyd Sims.

Aunts are Kris Rives of Ballinger, and Sheila Ellett, Shana and Sasha Amason, all of Burnet. Uncles are Chris Rives of Ballinger, Joe Riley Sims of San Angelo, and Howard Ellett of Burnet. Cousins include Kasey Sterling Rives of Ballinger, Bree and Matt Hayley and Tera Ellett of Burnet, Dari Amason of Burnet, and Skylar Amason of Burnet.

## Happy Saint Patrick's Day or "Beannachai Feile la le Padraig"

by Monica O'Mara  
Special to The Winters Enterprise

Most people in Texas have heard about Saint Patrick and his association with Ireland, but few know much about the history of this familiar saint. Contrary to popular belief, St. Patrick was not a native Irishman. It is thought that his place of birth was either in Wales or in Brittany, France.

He was taken as a twelve-year-old slave to Ireland in 432 A.D., where he was sold to Milcu, the High King. For years, he tended sheep and pigs on Slieve Mish, a mountain in County Antrim in Northern Ireland. Then one night the Lord appeared to him in a vision, and told him that a ship awaited him at the coast and would take him back to his homeland.

Patrick left Ireland and began his many years of theological study. He became a priest, and later a bishop, traveling extensively throughout Europe and converting people to Christianity. His love for the Irish people never diminished though, and he vowed to return to Ireland to spread the word of Jesus amongst the pagan people there. He established churches throughout the country, and to this day many exist on the original sites, one of the most famous being St. Patrick's Cath-

edral in County Armagh.

Legend has it that St. Patrick banished all snakes from Ireland, and even today none exist there. Though I've lived in Ireland most of my life, I never gave much thought to how he disposed of them, but after living here for the past few years, I now believe that the good Saint sent them all (at least the rattlesnakes) to West Texas!

People wonder about the significance of the shamrock. It is said that when Saint Patrick was trying to explain the intricacies of the Trinity to the people, he picked up a shamrock and explained, "One plant, three leaves. One God, three Persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit."

So even after more than 1,500 years, Saint Patrick is still remembered and celebrated in every corner of the world and none more so than Ireland.

By the way, a pinch if you don't wear green? — strictly a delightful, if slightly painful, American custom. And the leprechauns with their pots of gold? — of course they exist!!

Wear the green, and have a good one!

## Police Beat

The information below is taken from reports on file with the Winters Police Department. Some of the information is provided to police by citizens, and in some cases, police have not finished investigating the reports. These reports make up a small percentage of the total calls the Department receives and responds to each week.

Winters Police Department reports received and/or investigated from Sunday, March 7, 1999, through Saturday, March 13, 1999. Winters Police Officers:

\* arrested Bonny Duwain Gray, 31, of Winters for assault after officers received a report of a disturbance in the 400 block of State Street.

\* issued a citation to Austin Lee Hord, 20, of Winters for animals at large after officers received a report of dogs running loose and killing goats. A second citation was issued to a motor whose dog was also running loose and killing goats.

\* arrested Joe Lozano, 32, of Winters for two outstanding warrants out of Dallas.

\* received a report of a theft in the 500 block of E. Truett in which a bicycle was stolen.

\* arrested Jason RC Walker, 22, of Winters on a Runnels County warrant for assault in the 100 block of N. Grant.

\* received a report of criminal mischief done in the 500 block of Lamar.

\* received a report of a disturbance in the 300 block of E. Truett. Separation was made and no charges were filed.

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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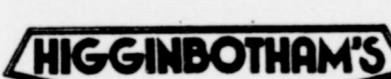
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### NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF NORTH RUNNELS WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION

The 22nd Annual Membership Meeting for North Runnels Water Supply Corporation will be Monday, March 22, 1999, at 7:30 p.m. in the Winters Community Center.

Included on the agenda is the 1998 Financial Statement Audit to be presented by Harold Shelburne, CPA. Also, the ballots for the three directors will be counted and revealed.

The director's terms for Lanny England, Dub McMillon, and Doug Bryan expire at this meeting.

Seeking re-election is incumbent Lanny England. Other candidates for election are Rick Ikeler, Rick McClure, Rodney Gordon, and Duane Geistmann.

Dub McMillon and Doug Bryan, who have served on NRWSC Board since 1993, will not seek re-election.

The board of directors, employees, and members of the corporation would like to express their appreciation to Dub and Doug for their outstanding contribution to the water system.

New officers for the year will be elected at the annual meeting. Presently serving as officers are Lanny England, president; Dub McMillon, vice-president; and Dennis McBeth, secretary/treasurer. Present directors are Gary Bryan, Gary Jacob, Doug Bryan, Billy Joe Colburn, Rick Minzenmayer, and Ed Bredemeyer.

There will be a drawing for door prizes and refreshments will be served.

All members of the corporation are urged to attend this annual meeting.



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## TxDOT offers wildflower hotline for Texas motorists

Motorists searching for the best wildflower locations along Texas highways now have help at their fingertips.

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The toll-free hotline, 1-800-452-9292, will provide callers with automated information on the best locations for wildflower along the 77,000 mile Texas highway system.

Nature gets a helping hand each year from TxDOT maintenance employees. "Some of the hardest working landscapers you

will ever find are TxDOT maintenance employees. They sow 60,000 pounds of wildflower seeds along Texas highways each year," said Herb Neimann, TxDOT's director of landscape design.

Where it doesn't impact motorist safety, TxDOT also delays mowing highway right of ways in many locations to allow for the growth and reseeding of wildflowers.

"We want the wildflowers to grow and be enjoyed," Neimann said. "Taking a drive to view spring wildflowers is pretty much a Texas tradition. Hopefully, it will be a good show this year, but we need some rain."

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## HOUSTON LIVESTOCK SHOW 1999



MANDY PRITCHARD (center) was awarded \$100 for her winning essay in the beef scramble heifer competition recently at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Mandy is shown at the calf scramble awards banquet with sponsors Merv Albert and Diana Atchison of Technical Consulting in Houston.

## Area livestock exhibitors finish show season in Houston and San Angelo

Area Winters FFA and Runnels County 4-H members exhibited livestock recently at the Houston and San Angelo Livestock Shows.

Mandy Pritchard was awarded \$100 for second place with a 1,500 word essay entitled "Why I chose the Shorthorn breed for my beef heifer scramble project". The award was presented during the Beef Scramble Banquet held in Houston at the Sheraton Astro-dome.

"The Calf Scramble Banquet recognizes and rewards the accomplishments of the scramble certificate winners who have excelled during the past year," said Joe Matthews, chairman of the all-volunteer Calf Scramble Donor Committee. Her award was one of many presented.

In Houston beef heifer competition, Mandy placed third in the Junior Shorthorn show and seventh in the Calf Scramble Short-horn show with the calf she purchased with a \$1,000 scramble certificate.

Chanda and Chris Hoppe each placed second in their classes with Simmental heifers. Ryan Bland finished third with his Simmental heifer.

Matt Angel placed sixth in his class of Polled Hereford heifers while Jeffrey Jordan finished eighth with an Angus heifer.

Cody Pritchard, Michael Prewit, and both Hoppes exhibited market steers and Robby and John Heathcott exhibited market swine to round out the competition in Houston.

Chanda Hoppe showed the

champion Simmental in the San Angelo heifer show. She won two first place honors before being named champion. Prewit exhibited a fifth place Simmental heifer and Jeffrey Jordan placed second with an Angus heifer.

Robby Heathcott exhibited market swine. Mandy Pritchard was successful in calf scramble competition winning a \$100 purchase certificate.

The Winters FFA Livestock Judging Team placed sixth in judging competition. The team consisted of members Chanda Hoppe, Jeffrey Jordan, Stefanie McGallion, Georgetta Horton, Robby Heathcott, and Travis Grohman. Jordan was named sixth high individual in the contest.

## Winters 4-H Club to meet Monday

The Winters 4-H Club will meet Monday, March 22 at the Catholic Church Fellowship Hall. The meeting will be held from 5:15 to 6:30 p.m.

The program for the meeting entitled "Daddy will you take me huntin'?" will be presented by Cody Pritchard and Scott Bryan.

Community service will be the raffle of a Dankworth ham. Mem-

bers are encouraged to sell 50 cent chances before Monday's meeting. Drawing for the ham will be at the end of the meeting.

Refreshments are to be provided by Tamra, Travis, and Trenton Grohman, Leslye and Paige Geistmann, Amber and Allan Green, and Clint and Maegan Schwartz.

### Six CEU's offered—

## Concho Valley Cotton Conference slated for March 30 in San Angelo

The Concho Valley Cotton Conference will be held on Tuesday, March 30 at the San Angelo Convention Center.

The program is co-sponsored by Texas Agricultural Extension Services and Southern Rolling Plains Cotton Growers Association. The event runs from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Topics of interest include "Insect Pest Outlook," "Perennial Weed Control," "Ultra Narrow Row Cotton," "Economics of Br on Dryland," "Market Outlooks on Cotton & Grain Sorghum," "Plant Populations on Br Cotton," "Twin Buttes Dam Project Status," "Herbicide

## Pecan Shortcourse to be held in Goldthwaite

The 1999 Central Texas Pecan Shortcourse will be held on March 23, 1999, in the Mills County Civic Center in Goldthwaite, Texas.

The event begins with registration and viewing of exhibits between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. Program presentations begin promptly at 9:00 a.m.

A tremendous slate of guest speakers will discuss a diversity of pecan production and management topics.

First on the program agenda is a presentation by Dr. Mark McFarland, Extension soil fertility specialist. Dr. McFarland will discuss "Pecan Fertilization Practices."

Beginning at 9:45 a.m., Dr. Larry Stein, Extension horticulturist, will discuss "Irrigation and Water Quality."

Next on the program and beginning at 10:30 a.m. will be a presentation by Burgess Cook, TDA representative, centering around "Pesticide Laws and Regulations."

Commercial exhibitor presentations will be given between 11:30 a.m. and 12:00 noon.

Lunch will be provided on site from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.

The afternoon session begins with a presentation by Allen "Zan" Matthies and deals with "Pecan Pheromone Use—A New Approach."

Dr. George Ray McEachern, Extension horticulturist will discuss "Native Orchard Management" beginning at 1:45 p.m.

"Marketing and Value Added Products" will be discussed by Mr. John Begnaud, Extension horticulturist.

At 3:15 p.m., Dr. Chip Lee,

Extension plant pathologist, will discuss "Pecan Disease Management," and concluding the presentations will be Dr. Nancy Roe, Extension horticulturist. Dr. Roe will discuss "Orchard Design, Spacing, and Pruning."

The event concludes with completion of CEU paperwork between 4:45 and 5:00 p.m.

A request from CEU credit approval has been submitted to TDA but has not yet been approved. Producers interested in CEU credit may call the Mills County Extension Office at (915) 648-2650 to get this information as the date approaches.

A \$7 registration fee will be taken at the door. The fee includes the cost of the noon meal.

It is hoped that Central Texas pecan growers will make plans to attend the 1999 shortcourse.

## Cotton Marketing Workshops to be held in March

The Extension Service will be holding a series of Cotton Marketing Workshops throughout West Texas during the month of March.

Such a workshop will be held in Abilene on March 26. The location is the Taylor County Extension office, which is located on the grounds of the Taylor County Expo Center.

The session will run from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The speakers will include Dr. Carl Anderson, Professor and Extension Economist; Cotton Marketing Specialist and Dr. Jackie Smith, Professor and Extension Economist-Lubbock.

Topics will include an Introduction to Futures and Options, Estimating Cost of Production and Break Even Prices.

Also included will be Marketing Alternatives, Current Pricing Strategies and Price Outlook.

To register for the workshop, contact the Taylor County Extension Office at (915) 672-6048 or Dr. Jackie Smith at (806) 746-6101.

The registration fee is \$30.00 and includes a meal plus an extensive set of materials.

Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid or accommodation are asked to contact the Taylor County Extension Service at 672-6048 one week in advance of the program.

## Extension News & Views

By Patricia Hohensee, Extension Agent-HE

## Runnels County citizens invited to open forum on community issues

What are the issues and concerns that need to be addressed in Runnels County to help the citizens and our total county in the years ahead? What can be done to assure a better quality of life and prosperity in the 21st century as we plan for the future?

"Everyone interested in a better future for themselves, their family and their community is encouraged to participate in the Texas Community Futures Forum on March 25 at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall in Ballinger," said Mike Mauldin and Patricia Hohensee, County Extension Agents.

The Forum is being conducted in every county as a statewide effort of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service of the Texas A&M University System to bring together a diverse group of individuals, groups, and organizations to identify issues and concerns.

Once needs are identified, focus teams will be organized to develop specific plans of action.

"We want to get broad-based input into this process so that a plan can be developed for the future of each county and Texas as a whole," said Dr. Chester P. Fehlis of College Station, Extension Service deputy director.

"We especially want other local, state, and federal agencies and

organizations to participate. Many of the needs and concerns of people can best be addressed through partnerships with other groups and organizations.

The Futures Forum process will help the Extension Service develop its long-range plan for the next four years—2000 to 2003, Fehlis said.

However, he emphasized that the true goal is to facilitate the identification of common issues and define a process whereby these issues can be solved to create a better economic, environmental and social situation in communities across the state.

He noted that participating agencies, groups and organizations can better focus on issues and programs related to their missions and interests and the needs of the local people.

"We view this as a partnership effort with all of us working together for the future of Texas," Fehlis said.

So, if you want to have a voice in the future of Runnels County, be sure to attend the Futures Forum on March 25.

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## SBA disaster loan filing deadline approaching

Businesses in some Texas counties have until March 23, 1999 to file applications for low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). The SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loans are available for businesses dependent on farmers and ranchers sustaining crop losses from drought that occurred from June 1, 1997, through July 8, 1998, and continuing; and flooding, hail, and high winds that occurred on May 25, and May 26, 1998.

Farmers and ranchers are not eligible for these SMA loans. However, nurseries that are victims of drought disasters can apply.

Businesses in the following counties are eligible to apply: Drought: June 1, 1997 through

July 8, 1998 and continuing Texas: Entire State Flooding, hail, and high winds: May 25 and May 26, 1998

Texas: Coke, Concho, Irion, Menard, Reagan, Runnels, Schleicher, Sterling, and Tom Green.

Applications and further information can be obtained by calling the SBA toll-free at 1-800-366-6303 or TDD 817-267-4688 for the hearing impaired.

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