

Apples of Gold
JOY—I know what happiness is, for I have done good work.

Happy Thanksgiving

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Blizzards fall to Falcons

Brookshire speed proves too much for Winters in 53-27 regional loss

In regional competition at Pflugerville last Friday evening, the Blizzard game plan was to keep the ball from the Brookshire Royal Falcons and score while doing so.

The Blizzards doggedly tried to follow the plan but inadvertently kept giving the ball to the Falcons. Losing four fumbles and one interception proved to be the downfall in the 53-27 loss for Winters at J.B. Connally stadium.

The Falcons wasted no time showing their speed after receiving the kickoff, scoring in only four plays from their own 35-yard line. With only two minutes gone in the first quarter, Brookshire led 7-0.

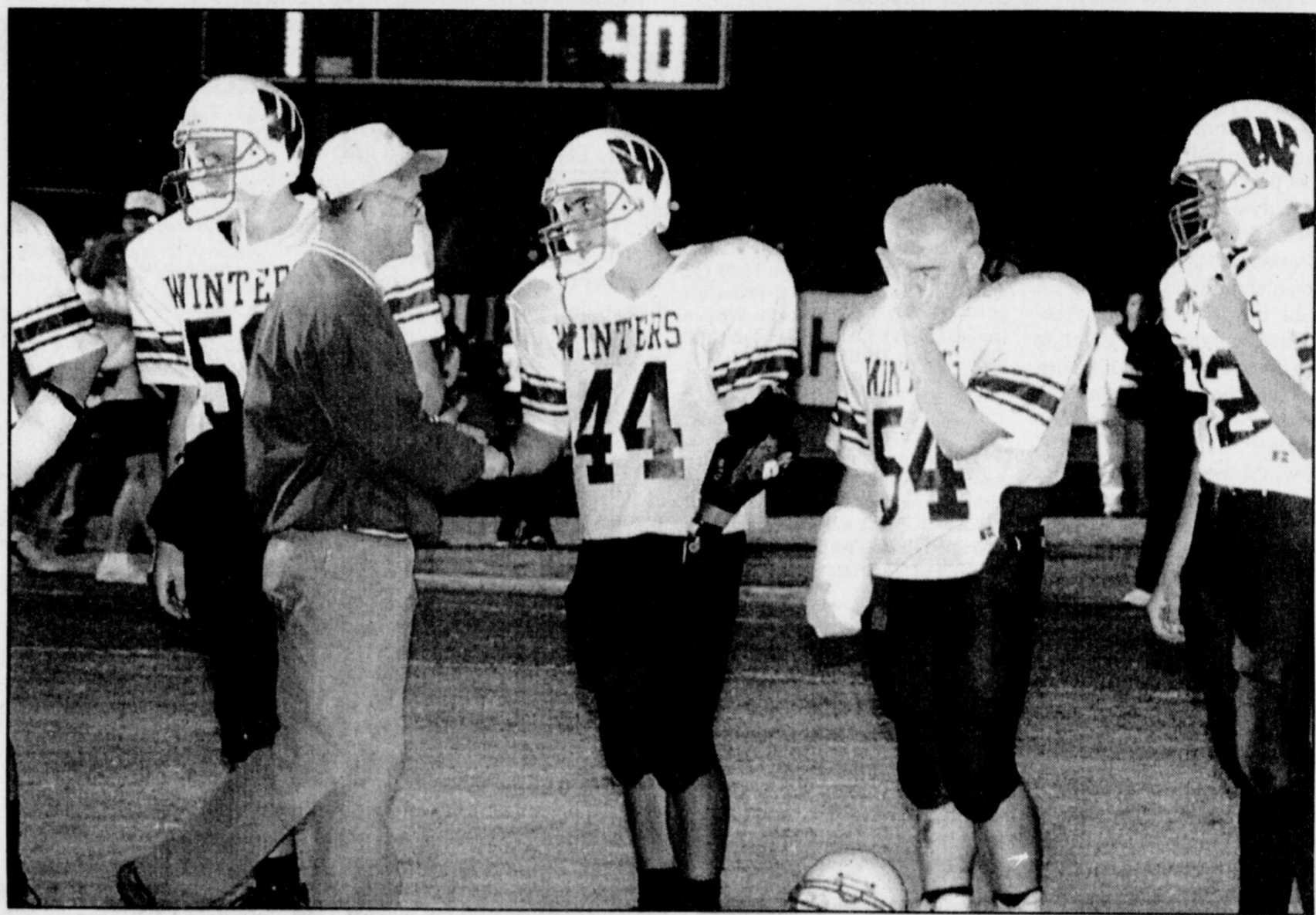
Winters came right back and ran their ball control offense with Wes Calcote carrying the major part of the load. Scoring a touchdown on a 70-yard, 17-play drive,

the Blizzards took seven minutes off the clock and tied the ball game with a 2-yard run by Calcote and the extra point kicked by Josh Minzenmayer.

Up to this point, the Blizzard game plan was working. The Blizzard defense overcame some playoff jitters and forced the swift Falcons to use nine plays before scoring again in three and a half minutes. Winters was forced to punt on their first possession after the kickoff. Brookshire took the ball on their own 42-yard line, and three plays later, Blizzard Justin Calcote intercepted the pass and gave Winters the ball on their own 43-yard line.

Mixing passing and rushing, the Blizzards got to the Falcon 6-yard line but could not put it in the end zone. Brookshire again showed their speed with a 94-yard

See BLIZZARDS, pg. 5



COACH ROBIN BYRD shakes the hand of his son, Kirk, during an emotional ending to the Blizzards' 1999 season. Although Winters garnered over 400 offensive yards in the regional contest, the Blizzards fell 53-27 against a very speedy team from Brookshire Royal. The Blizzards ended the year with a 9-3 record. Other players shown are senior John Bahlman #50, senior Craig Conner #54, and freshman Shane Colburn #32.

Parent Involvement Day—



THIRD GRADER KASI LEWIS gets a great big hug from "Granny" Carolyn Belk as the two wait in line for a delicious turkey dinner during Parent Involvement Day in the Winters ISD. Last Friday approximately 400 parents and loved ones joined students in the classroom as well as the cafeteria.

Recent crime sprees hit home

Winters resident arrested for forgery in counterfeit money scheme

One Winters resident and two out-of-town residents have been arrested and charged by the Winters Police Department (WPD) for forgery in connection with the manufacturing and passing of counterfeit monies.

Brandon Titus, 18, of 608 Floyd Street in Winters, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and forgery. Forgery is a third degree felony and punishable by a fine of up to \$10,000 and a prison term of no more than 10 years and no less than 2 years.

Under warrant, WPD, in con-

junction with the U.S. Secret Service, searched Titus' residence finding counterfeit monies, narcotics paraphernalia, copied handicapped placards, and a felony amount of cocaine. All items were confiscated during the search.

Also confiscated and subject to forfeiture were a Gateway 2000 computer and all its accessories and a 1992 Mazda 4X4 pickup. Titus was identified as the subject manufacturing the counterfeit monies including \$5, \$10, and

See COUNTERFEIT, pg. 6

Vandals strike six area businesses; crimes still under investigation

Six area merchants have been vandalized in the past week, according to Winters Police Chief Carey Ballentine.

Four downtown businesses were hit sometime after midnight on Thursday, November 18. Textronics and Bedford-Norman Insurance Agency on West Dale and Hatler Insurance Agency along with Winters Flower Shop on South Main, all suffered damage to the front of their businesses.

Textronics had one plate glass window broken out. Three VCRs and two televisions were taken in the break-in. It is not known what was used to break the window.

Across the street, Bedford-Norman suffered one broken 55" X 13" window to the left of the front door. With jagged glass remaining in the frame on the left side, at least two to three inches wide, owner George Mostad sur-

mised the vandal must be small-framed to fit through the opening. Drawers were opened, but nothing was taken inside the business.

Janice Pruser at Winters Flower Shop had to replace a shattered glass front door as a result of the crime. Hatler Insurance on the opposite side of the street had the front door kicked in, splintering wood in the bottom of the door and pulling the door frame from the wall. Though both places were rummaged through, nothing was reported missing.

Two nights prior to the downtown break-ins, Lawrence Brothers IGA, just north of town, had a glass door broken on the south end of their building.

Sometime between 6 p.m., Monday and 7:20 Tuesday morning of this week, Bob Loyd L.P. Gas on East Parsonage had the east front door of their business

See VANDALS, pg. 6

"Light Up A Life"—

Hospice Holiday Tree will begin November 29

Winters will once again sponsor "Light Up A Life" with a Hospice Holiday Tree located at Main Drug in Winters. The tree will be in place beginning Monday, November 29.

Each donation of \$10 or more will place a dove on the tree. The names of those honored will be displayed on doves adorning the tree.

Donations may be made in memory of a loved one; in honor of the birth of a child; or in honor of someone special.

The holiday season is a special time of caring, sharing, and celebrating life. Hospice Care celebrates life every day by working to make each day of life the best possible for our patients and their families.

Honor someone or the memory of someone special and help Hospice help others. Hospice's work with the terminally-ill in our community is dependent on your generosity.



TEXTRONICS, located at 120 West Dale, uses plywood sheets to temporarily replace a large plate glass window broken during a rampage of burglaries discovered early Nov. 15. At least four downtown businesses were damaged by the vandals.

WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

- Nov. 25-Senior Citizens Activity Center Closed
The Winters Enterprise Closed
THANKSGIVING DAY
- Nov. 26-7:30 p.m., Cowboys for Christ, Drasco Senior Citizens Activity Center Closed
SCHOOL HOLIDAY
- Nov. 27-9 a.m., Christmas in Olde Ballinger
- Nov. 29-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
6 p.m., Weight Watchers, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
6 p.m., City Council, City Hall
7:30 p.m., School Board, WISD Administration Bldg.
Hospice Holiday Tree Begins, Main Drug
- Nov. 30-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
Noon, Lions Club, Community Center
5-6:30 p.m., Pioneer Club, First United Methodist Church
7 p.m., WVFD
- Dec. 1-7 a.m., WABIC, Chamber Office
11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
6 p.m., Chamber Directors, Chamber Office
Winters Stock Show Entries Due
- Dec. 2-10 a.m., 39+, First United Methodist Church
10 a.m.-Noon & 1:30-3 p.m., Immunization Clinic, TDH
11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
3 p.m., Friends of Museum, Hale Museum
5 p.m., Hale Museum Board of Directors, Hale Museum
7 p.m., Winters Squares, Community Center

Oil Bidness

By Reg Boles ©1999



It seems the proposed 700 mile pipeline from Houston to west Texas is a little bit nearer reality. And, just in time for the impending gasoline price rise due to crude's upward march! With supplies and prices tighter, it would only help to have another source for refined products.

But, not so fast—there are still a few hurdles to overcome. The latest is the final independent environmental impact assessment which is due by the end of the year. This is another of the roadblocks set up by various parties over the last two years in the path of the effort to put this dormant pipeline back into service. You may recall that this line was once a crude gathering line from west to east and is being proposed for use in reverse by shipping gasoline and other products from east to west.

The environmental assessment was agreed to by the pipeline partners as part of a lawsuit brought by the City of Austin (and joined by other groups). The suit expresses concern that the line passes near residential areas and traverses over the Edwards aquifer. Austin, which has multiple gasoline supply lines serving its citizens, claims that the pipeline could be at a level of risk "unacceptable to its citizens".

Now, the Federal Department of Transportation and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) are involved in providing oversight for the independent analysis being done by an Austin consulting firm. The results are to provide an evaluation of the safety of the current pipeline design and make suggestions as to how safety could be improved ("mitigation measures"). The assessment was supposed to settle the situation once and for all, but an alarming trend is developing.

The City of Austin is raising concerns that the assessment is "not being handled properly in the context of what is important" to its citizens. Now, one might be of the mind that any agreement to use the referenced firm should not have been agreed if there was concern about their credentials, but this is politics, after all. Further, doesn't it seem a bit presumptuous that a City government would know more about assessing pipeline risk than a company who specializes in such things.

Although adamantly opposed at one time, the pipeline partners are basically resigned to having to pay for mitigation measures, even to the extent of having to re-route the line around Austin. The partners are also paying the \$2 million bill for the independent review.

Without mitigation requirements, the partners estimate that the line could be operational by mid-year 2000. The positive side-effect to the delay for the environmental assessment is that the partners are able to extend the line links to give it capability to take gasoline all the way to Phoenix, Arizona, if necessary.

Of course, the primary concern of Texans is to provide much-needed competition to the central- and west-Texas markets. Prices in those areas are commonly 10 cents (or more) higher than eastern Texas markets despite its proximity to a significant

portion of oil production in the state. Many of you readers may not be aware of its impact, but, if it becomes operational, you will notice a difference in availability of gasoline product types and a noticeably lower price for what you burn in your vehicle in many cases.

We'll see how this progresses. We have been watching it for most of the two years since it was announced. If I were a betting man, I wouldn't expect this thing to go ahead before 2001, and the possibility exists that it may not go until 2002.

Wheels of progress move slow, especially when too many disinterested parties are allowed to influence the result.

See you next time.

HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY

COMPLETIONS

Nolan County

Water Exploration has completed the Pace #303X in the Sprague Field (12 miles SE of Sweetwater) at an initial rate of 40 BOPD & 1 BWPD in the Flippen (perms 3728-34). Loc. is 660 FNL & 1300 FWL of Sec. 3, Blk. X, T&PRR Sur., A-402.

Runnels County

T&K Petroleum has completed the Andergram Unit #3 in the Andergram Field (8 miles S of Winters) at an initial rate of 8 BOPD & 5 BWPD in the Palo Pinto (perms 3446-76). Loc. is 1688 FSL & 3948 FEL of GC&S Sur., A-615.

STAKINGS

Callahan County

F. Wylie, Jr. Has staked two wells in the County Regular Field, 10 miles N of Putnam (Depth 750). The F. Wylie, Jr. #1-122 is loc. 630 FNL & 150 FWL of Sec. 122, University Sur., A-1024. The F. Wylie, Jr. #2-122 is loc. 1150 FNL & 1350 FEL of same Sec.

Concho County

LeClair Operating has staked two wells as Wildcats, 5 miles NW of Eden (Depth 2600). The Coker #1 is loc. 800 FNL & 1218 FSL of H. Habeneicht Sur. No. 1997, A-361. The Sorrell #1 is loc. 3000 FSL & 1407 FEL of L.E. Becton Sur. No. 80, A-1675.

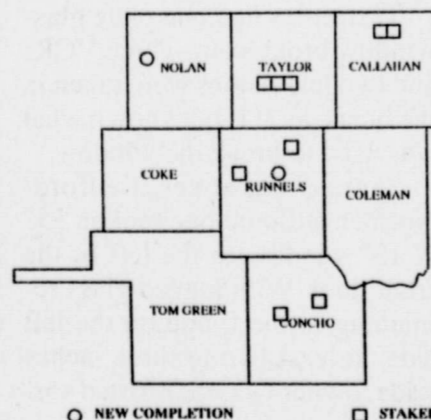
Runnels County

Benson & Schoen Oil Co., Inc. has staked the Killough Unit #1 in the North Winters Field, 2 miles N of Winters (Depth 4550). Loc. is 646 FSL & 1359 FEL of J. Warner Sur. No. 86.

Hopewell Operating has staked the Virdeen #1-G in the North Norton Field, 12 miles SW of Winters (Depth 4500). Loc. is 2309 FSL & 467 FEL of Blk. 34, W.H. Smith Sur. No. 599, A-179.

Taylor County

L.C.S. Production company has staked three wells in the County Regular Field, 3 miles W of Tuscola (Depth 4999). The Boyd #1 is loc. 1944 FEL & 2025 FNL of Sec. 35, Blk. 1, SPRR Sur., A-280. The Boyd #2 is loc. 2160 FEL & 775 FNL of same Sec. The Graham-B-#2 is loc. 955 FNL & 675 FEL of Sec. 5, Blk. 3, SPRR Sur., A-312.



NADINE BEDFORD (left) SHARES HER "BABY DOLL" with resident Velma Simpson during a program at the Senior Citizen's Nursing Home last week. Mrs. Bedford and Elaine Miller brought numerous dolls to help celebrate Universal Doll Month with the nursing home residents.

Sr. Citizens Activity Center News

By Janet Cason, Director

Giving thanks—

Thanksgiving is a time to remember the special people in our lives—the thoughtful people who brighten our days all year through.

They are the fun-loving people with whom we share laughter, good times, and fond memories—the wonderful people who have touched our lives as few can...

Thanksgiving just seems like a good time to let you know how special you all are.

Our Thanksgiving Dinner was celebrated on November 10, and we had a great turn out. We would like to thank Bill Spiller and First American Bank for donating turkeys.

Memorial donations given in memory of T.J. Shields were made by Mark and Susan Jacob. Donations in memory of Dick McNeill, Josie Hoppe, and T.J. Shields were made by Ronald and Mary Lynn Presley.

A special thanks to the Wingate Lions Club for their generous gift to our Meals on Wheels program.

Thanks also to all the churches and businesses that volunteer to deliver our meals. We couldn't do it without them.

God Bless You! Have a wonderful holiday.

Card of Thanks

To the Wingate friends of Gayland Broadstreet, a special thanks for the flowers, prayers, and support during this time of our loss.

The Gayland Broadstreet Family

Card of Thanks

To all the friends and loved ones of Gayland Broadstreet, a special thanks from Gayland's family for your support and prayers during this time of our loss. And especially to Brother Barry Taylor, First Baptist Church, and Mike and Linda of Winters Funeral Home.

Joyce Broadstreet

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Obituaries

Joe Carson

WINTERS—Joe Carson, 77, died Saturday, November 20, 1999, at his residence.

He was born July 27, 1922, in Dallas. He served in the United States Navy from 1945 to 1948 and moved to the Winters area in the 1950s. He married Dorothy Liggins in Winters.

Mr. Carson was a farmhand for Walter Adami for more than 19 years. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Liggins Carson of Winters; three sons, Tony Johnson, Gary Huffman, and Michael Liggins, all of Winters; and one brother, James Carson of Dallas.

Services were held at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 23, in the Winters Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend James Gehrels officiating. Burial was in Northview Cemetery in Winters, directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Carl H. Wood

BALLINGER—Carl H. Wood, 90, died at 6:40 a.m. on Thursday, November 11, 1999.

He was born October 13, 1909 to Samuel Horace Wood and Susan Ella Bull in Runnels County. He married Eunice Pearl Timms on February 13, 1929. She preceded him in death on October 23, 1999.

He was a deacon in the Seventh Street Baptist Church of Ballinger and a member of the Ballinger Masonic Lodge #643.

Survivors include a son, Elton Wood and his wife Louise of Kerrville; a brother, Ray Wood of Kingsland; three sisters, Nettie McMillan of Odessa, Winona Watson of Palcois, and Jean Heck of Booneville, Indiana; five grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Services were held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, November 13, 1999, at Rains-Seale Funeral Chapel with Reverend John Rodgers officiating. Burial followed in Evergreen Cemetery in Ballinger directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

Ethel Mae Sawyer

DENTON—Ethel Mae Sawyer, 83, died Saturday, November 20, 1999, at the Denton Community Hospital.

She was born January 15, 1916, in Llano County, Texas, to John Stanley and Laura Melissa Smith Stanley. She attended public school in Winters and married Leo L. Sawyer on October 15, 1932, in Winters.

Mrs. Sawyer was a member of the Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her husband on February 21, 1974. Survivors include two sons, Stanley L. Sawyer of Denton and Gerry L. Sawyer of Littleton, Colorado; one sister, Noma Eoff of Winters; four brothers, Nolan Stanley, Delbert Stanley, and Dealon Stanley, all of Big Spring, and Quentin Stanley of Sugarland; four grandchildren; and three granddaughters.

Visitation was from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Sunday, November 21. Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, November 22, at North Main Church of Christ with Brian Briley officiating. Burial was in Lakeview Cemetery in Winters, directed by DeBerry Funeral Directors of Denton.

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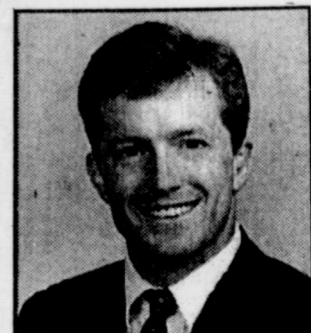
Troy L. Carter, M.D.

Surgical & Medical Diseases of the Eye

Dr. Troy Carter, a member of Texas Midwest Eye Center in Abilene, has joined with North Runnels Hospital and Dr. Mike Bacigalupi, to offer cataract surgery in Winters. Patients can now be evaluated, have surgery with complete post-op care and never leave Runnels County.

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From The Well

By
Pastor Jim Hanson



Pastor Jim Hanson

Happy Thanksgiving! It is a wonderful thing—that our nation sets aside one day a year for all of us to thank God—in our churches and in our homes. I always feel good about “gathering together to ask the Lord’s blessing.” To sing,

“Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices—Who wondrous things has done, in Whom His world rejoices; Who from our mothers’ arms has blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.” That’s truly a mouthful! Rather, a heartfelt. The hymn was written by Martin Rinkart, pastor of the Lutheran Church in Eilenberg, Germany.

These were incredibly hard times. Eilenberg was a walled city, and became a frightfully overcrowded refuge for political and military refugees during the 30 Years War. The plague of 1637 hit the town, leaving 10,000 people dead. At that time, Rinkart was the only minister remaining to care for the sick and dying. He buried thousands that year. And—that’s when he wrote the hymn. A song of thanks and praise to God. Makes one think...about thanksgiving.

Like the story I read a few weeks back. “A mother and her 4-year-old daughter were strolling through an open air market. As the little girl stared at a large pile of oranges, a generous vendor took one from the table and gave it to her. ‘What do you say to the nice man?’, the mother asked her daughter. The little girl looked at the orange, then thrust it toward the man and said, ‘PEEL IT!’”

Another piece I read—“Whatever happened to thanks?” — said some things that I have noticed, too. “Do you notice how hard it is getting for people to say ‘thank you?’”

“What has happened to our kids? It’s like it embarrasses them to say ‘thanks.’ I was talking to our city manager the other night. We were walking and griping at the same time. I told him that next summer at our family reunion I wanted to gather the whole clan and threaten them—“No more gifts from grandpa and grandma until you learn how...and do say ‘thank you!’” He agreed.

But then, last night when I came home late and turned on the answering machine, the first words I heard were, from a little girl’s voice, “Grandpa—thank you for the card. Thank you for the check. Thank you for the birthday confetti. I love you.” So, maybe it’s more than the kids. Maybe—just maybe we all need to learn to say “thank you,” again.

For we are all—so blessed. God is so good to us. His love has been poured out so generously. It will never run out. We can never use it up. Remember Pastor Rinkart—in the midst of a plague—praise! In the midst of turmoil—thanks!

And—for sure—our food. So abundant. So truly inexpensive. (The farmers and ranchers are paying for our food—we need to do something about that. Soon.) Someone has written:

- Recommended daily fat intake....80 grams.
- Average American’s fat intake on Thanksgiving Day....229 grams.
- Amount of butter to provide some amount of fat....3 sticks.
- Recommended daily calorie intake....2,000 calories.
- Average American’s calorie intake on Thanksgiving Day....4,500 calories.
- Amount of T.N.T. necessary to produce 4,500 calories....9 pounds.

So—before you sit down to eat your nine pounds of T.N.T.—say, out loud, a prayer of thanks to God. And, before you settle in for football, thank Him again...for the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies. “Count your blessings—name them one by one.” See what God has done.

And, for sure, cultivate the “attitude of gratitude.” Give thanks as much as you can. To the clerks at the store. To the friends you have. To strangers. To the teachers at school. For sure to those you love. And, for sure, the cooks! “Now thank we all...our God.” Amen.



GENEVA EMMERT, LOUISE CECIL, AND NADA McMILLAN, (l-r) residents of the Senior Citizen’s Nursing Home, listen intently to a program presented by Nadine Bedford and Elaine Miller to celebrate Universal Doll Month. Last Wednesday, the two ladies brought baskets of all sizes and types of dolls for the residents to enjoy.

Support the Winters Area Chamber of Commerce.

A thankful heritage—a message for Thanksgiving

by Don Taylor
co-author of *Up Against the Wal-Marts*

Thanksgiving, as we know it today, started nearly 380 years ago. In 1621, Plymouth Colony Governor William Bradford declared a time of recreation, rest and feasting to show gratitude for the harvest as meager as it was.

President Lincoln proclaimed the official holiday in 1863. An Act of Congress in 1941 set the official thanksgiving celebration date as the fourth Thursday of November.

There is a great contrast between that first Plymouth thanksgiving celebration and the one you’ll soon enjoy. We have so much more to rejoice about.

You see that first celebration was really a celebration of survival. The pilgrims had crossed the great ocean, separated themselves from family and friends and did not know for certain what the winter would bring.

Summer had not been easy. The work was grueling, the lifestyle one of meager subsistence. Yet, they rejoiced to be alive.

By fall they had carved a little clearing in the woods. They had made a new beginning in an unfamiliar world. They had brought a dream with them. They believed that God had helped them move toward their dream of establishing a new commonwealth, a new Nation. A place where freedom of thought and expression were welcomed. Where freedom of worship and political views were guaranteed for all.

This was why their hearts were thankful that first Thanksgiving day. They had endured the initial hardship and believed their dream would endure the winter season and live on and on.

Please remember that everything we enjoy today as Americans, as individuals, and as a Nation we owe to those who endured hardships to make the dream come true. Should we not celebrate that dream again this year? Let’s thank God for the dream, the diligence and the day.

Local churches to give JESUS video to every home on Sunday, Dec. 5

The churches of the Winters area are working together through the Winters Ministerial Alliance to place a gift of JESUS video in every home in North Runnels County.

The JESUS video is the story of the life of Jesus Christ. The motion picture, produced by John Heyman, was filmed in more than 200 locations in the Holy Land and was originally released by Warner Brothers.

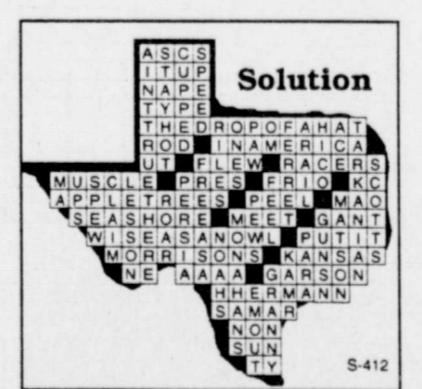
The film has been translated into more than 520 languages and

shown in over 230 countries around the world. Over 2 billion people worldwide have seen the movie—more than any other movie ever produced.

Members of area churches will be distributing the film on Sunday afternoon, December 5. You are encouraged to watch the film with your family.

If you are interested in helping with this project or if you have questions, please contact your pastor or the Winters Ministerial Alliance, P.O. Box 201, Winters, Texas, 79767.

Thank you for reading The Winters Enterprise.



Music and fun for children

The Abilene Philharmonic Orchestra will be hosts of a Children’s Christmas Concert & Party, Saturday, December 4, from 10 a.m. til noon at the Abilene Civic Center.

The concert will feature Maestro Shinik Hahm conducting the Philharmonic Orchestra. Special guests will be the Abilene Philharmonic Youth Orchestra.

Pictures with Santa, fun with Patches the Clown, singing of carols, and refreshments are planned in conjunction with the concert.

Admission is free. For more information, call 677-6710.

Classifieds Get Results

Letters to the Editor

Coordinator thanks volunteers for making Christmas project successful

Dear Jean,

I again want to thank the generous people who helped me meet the October 15th deadline for the Christmas project for the children of the Henderson Settlement Mission in the Appalachian Mountains.

We were able to send 128 dolls plus so many stuffed animals, toys, puzzles, games, cars, and trucks that we were unable to keep count.

We also sent three boxes of costume material to a lady in Indiana who sews all of the clothes for Barbie dolls.

I want to thank Elaine Miller, Mary Cortez, Teresa Davis, Rhonda Cook, Landa Grohman, Martha Armbricht, Linda Dry, Tammy Young, Hattie Minzenmayer, Rose Alatorre,

Betty Easterly, Mrs. Leo Freeman, and Estelle Bredmeyer, all of Winters.

My thanks also go to friends Mattie Braussard and her sister Clothilde Hill of Louisiana, Lena Jehle of Midland, Toni Fannin of Abilene, and Margaret Pruser of Ballinger.

Janice Kuck of Kenton, Ohio, serves as a collection agent for the mission. She sends her thanks to all the generous people of this area who have helped in any way. We will continue to collect the dolls—in any condition, stuffed animals, toys in good condition, and money for postage for next year’s project.

I appreciate all the help you have given this Christmas project. Sincerely,
Nadine Bedford

Writer wants law enforcement officers to have “respectable salary”

Dear Editor:

During October 1999, Texas lost four law enforcement officers to senseless, violent deaths. Why? Because they did their job; they answered the call.

According to an FBI report in a front page story in the *San Antonio Express-News*, October 17, 1999, the most dangerous job in law enforcement is that of a rural deputy sheriff. They are required to enforce all laws—federal, state, county, and city—not just local ordinances.

Do you know that many of these rural deputies (and police officers in small communities) earn less than \$22,000 per year? Because they earn so little, most of them must moonlight on their days off just to provide basic needs for their families.

It’s time we Texans step up and answer our call. Because Texas is one of the fastest growing states, and we want our state to be safe, it’s up to us to see that all law enforcement officers are paid a respectable salary.

It’s up to you and me to write our state representatives and state senators to demand that Texas either provide a base salary for full-time law enforcement officers or a stipend to bring up those wages that are below the poverty line.

As parents of a law enforcement officer in rural Texas, my husband and I realize that there will always be danger in that job, but we would like to improve the quality of their lives.

We need your help. We need people from all 254 counties in Texas to pass around petitions and get signatures from their fellow citizens to present to our state legislature when it meets again in January 2001.

If you would like to join a real Texas “posse,” send a legal-sized, self-addressed, stamped envelope, and I will send you the appropriate petition, information about how to obtain signatures, and directions for delivery of your petition.

Send your request to me, Betty Harper Murphy, P.O. Box 102, Fort Stockton, Texas, 79735, or e-mail your request to bharpermurphy@hotmail.com. Together our “posse” can round up the signatures needed to get our legislature’s attention.

Soon we will celebrate Thanksgiving. Let us also give thanks for all those who willingly serve us as law enforcement officers. Let us remember our fallen heroes in those ranks and let that memory move us into action to improve the quality of lives for their fellow officers, those who are still answering the call.

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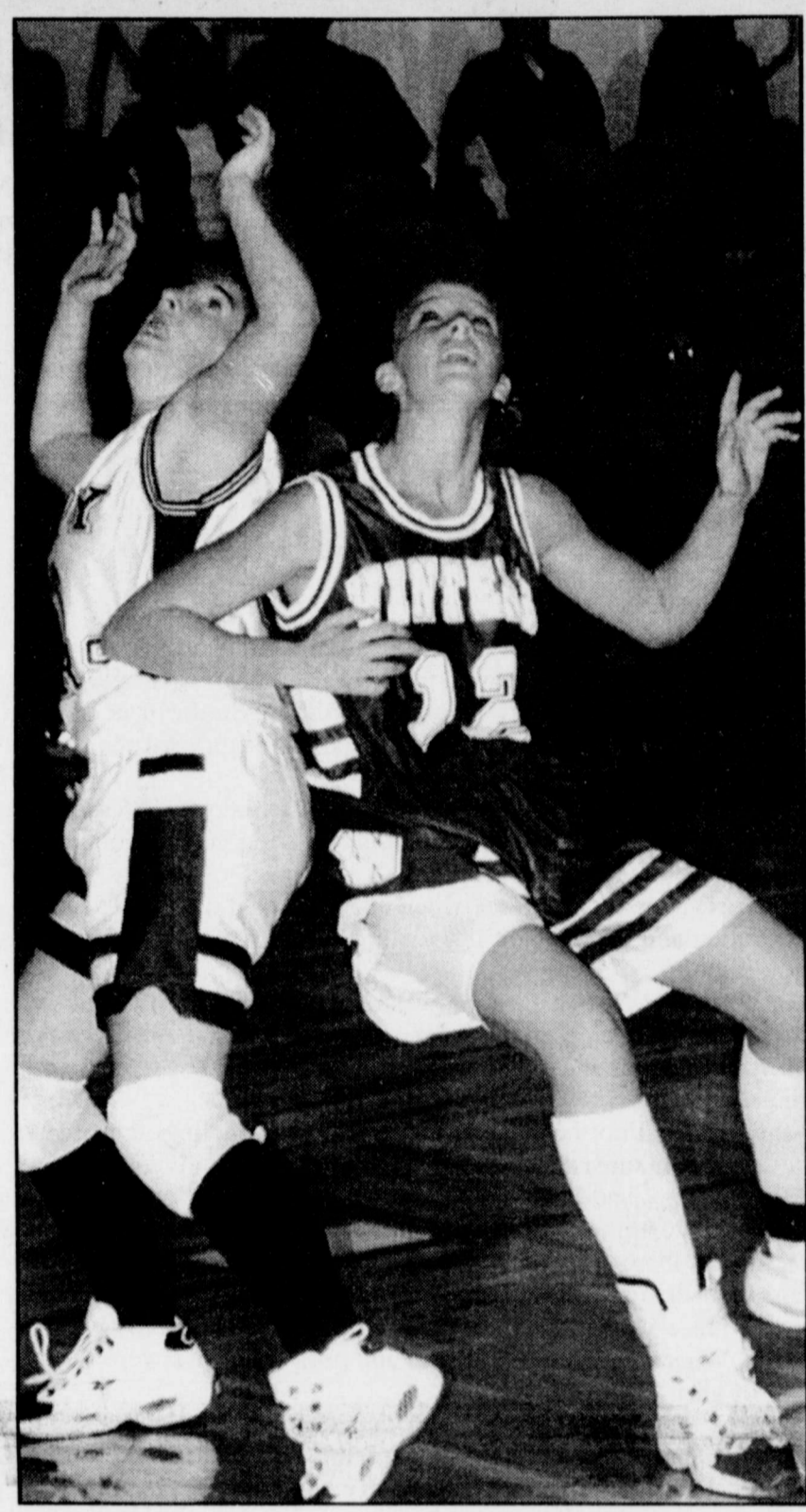
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KELLI SLIMP blocks out the Hamlin Lady Piper during Lady Blizzard varsity action last week.

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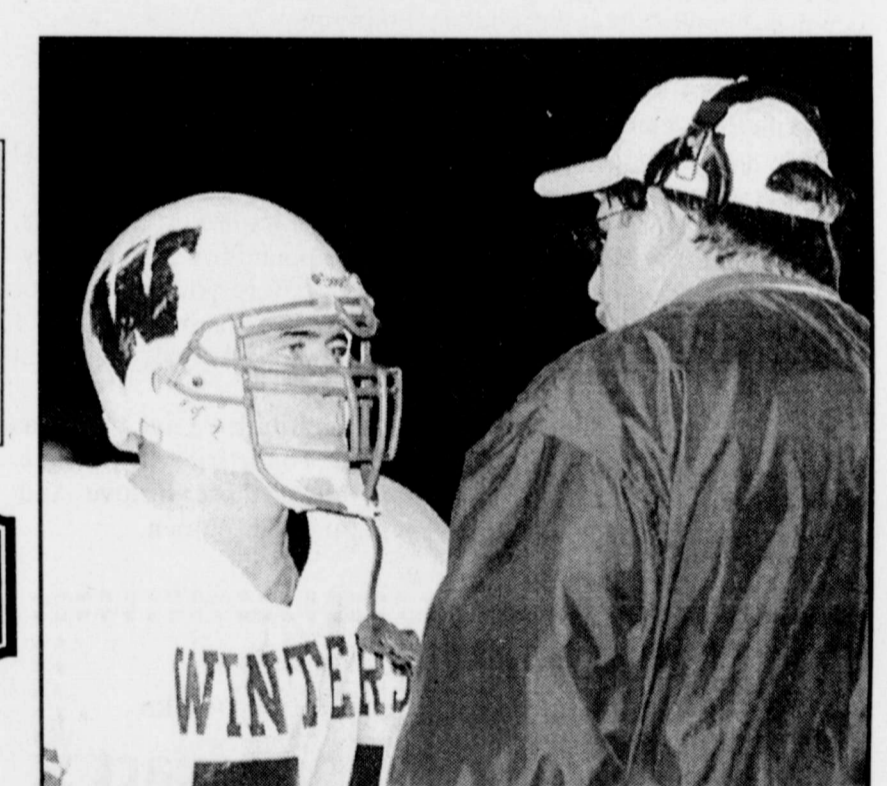
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Student Council News

Projects continue; thanks offered The Winters Student Council would like to thank everyone that was involved in the Veteran's Day flag ceremony.

Winters Christmas Parade Saturday, December 4, 1999 Schedule of Events 8:30 am-Rock Hotel: Judges & Chamber prepare for Sno-Queen Contestants



CRAIGH CONNER, WHS senior, listens intently to defensive coordinator Charles Murphy during Friday night's action against Brookshire Royal.

Table with 6 columns: Team, Coach, Date, Points, Rebounds, Steals, Assists for 7th Girls 'A', 7th Girls 'B', 7th Boys Blue, 7th Boys White.

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drive in only six plays and a touchdown coming on a 45-yard run. The PAT was missed, and the score was 20-7 in favor of the Falcons with 3:40 left in the half.

Coming out for the second half, the Blizzards felt they were still in the hunt, but a fumbled kickoff return gave the Falcons the ball on the Winters 34-yard line. From there, the Falcons took only two plays to score to increase their lead 26-7.

Winters took the ensuing kickoff and with a 2nd and 4 from their own 35-yard line, threw two incomplete passes and was forced to punt. Brookshire drove the ball 56 yards, scoring with 5:10 left in the third quarter and pushing their lead to 34-7.

Disaster struck the Blizzards again as the next kickoff return was also fumbled and the Falcons scored in two plays from the Winters 30-yard line, making the score 40-7, and the situation looked pretty bleak for the Winters squad.

But true to Blizzard pride and courage, Winters took the short kickoff on their own 43-yard line, and started a nine-play scoring drive. Wes Calcote started the drive with a 14-yard run, Oscar Luz caught a 9-yard pass, Chris Yanez caught a 5-yard pass, then Calcote ran again for 16 more yards. Minzenmayer connected with Aaron Pritchard for 17 more yards, and Luz snagged the 5-yard touchdown pass with the extra point added by Minzenmayer.

With 1:40 to go in the third quarter, the score stood at 40-14.

But the Blizzard defense just could not contain the Falcons' quickness and speed as they covered 63 yards in four plays to increase their lead 47-14.

Once again the Blizzards rallied and put together a 60-yard drive in only three plays. Calcote

carried for nine yards, Luz caught the pass for 17 yards, and Aaron Pritchard brought in the 32-yard touchdown pass, and the scoreboard showed 47-21.

The Blizzard defense forced the Falcons to punt on their next possession but Winters started their next drive deep in their own territory on the 7-yard line. Again mixing the pass and run, passing to three different receivers and Calcote running between, the Blizzard offense scored on Calcote's 1-yard run with 2:08 left in the ball game.

And with their "never-say-die" attitude the Blizzards still had hopes of a win being only 20 points down.

The onside kick worked exactly as it was drawn up. Samson Jackson kicked the rolling, tumbling football right into the chest of a Falcon and the ball bounced back toward the oncoming Blizzard rush. Freshman Shane Colburn pounced on the ball for Winters at their own 45-yard line while teammates blocked the frantic Falcons.

Justin Calcote caught the 10-yard pass on the right side, followed by an 18-yard pass on the left side, setting up the Blizzards with a 1st and 10 on the Falcons' 17-yard line. A holding penalty was called on the next play to make it 1st and 20 for the Bliz-

zards. Minzenmayer scrambled for a 10-yard gain to get back the penalty yardage. On 2nd and 10, Minzenmayer dropped back to pass and had to scramble because of the Falcon rush and the ball was knocked loose.

Disaster struck again as the ball hit the ground and bounced up into the hands of a Brookshire defender who raced 77 yards for the touchdown. Blizzard Matt Angel gave a heart-pounding chase, falling just inches short of making the tackle. This score sealed the Blizzards' fate and dashed hopes for a regional championship.

Head Coach Robin Byrd said he thought there were four plays in the game that significantly aided Royal's cause. The first was when Winters dropped the pass in the end zone on a 4th and 1 from the seven yard line in the second quarter, giving Royal the momentum to drive 93 yards to score for a 14 point swing.

The second and third costly errors were the fumbles on the kickoffs in the third quarter.

The fourth was the Winters fumble, and Royal returning it for the touchdown late in the fourth quarter.

Without those 25 easy points, Winters was only one touchdown behind.

"They couldn't stop us from

scoring but we couldn't match their speed. I'm proud of our kids for staying in the ball game," said Byrd.

"As for the season, considering the changes at the beginning of the year, we came a long way. We had an unproven quarterback, receivers from the junior varsity, a rebuilt offensive line, and moved backs to linemen and ends. On the defensive side, we had inexperienced people in the secondary. The kids responded well to the changes and accepted what

was best for the team.

"With a limited number of seniors, we had good leadership with only three or four on each side of the ball. We had a lot of fun and we'll try to do it again next year," concluded Byrd.

Defensive coordinator Charles Murphy said, "I really want to make sure the kids know how much I appreciate their efforts. I think they did their best. I also appreciate the fan support all season and everybody who came to the Friday night's game."



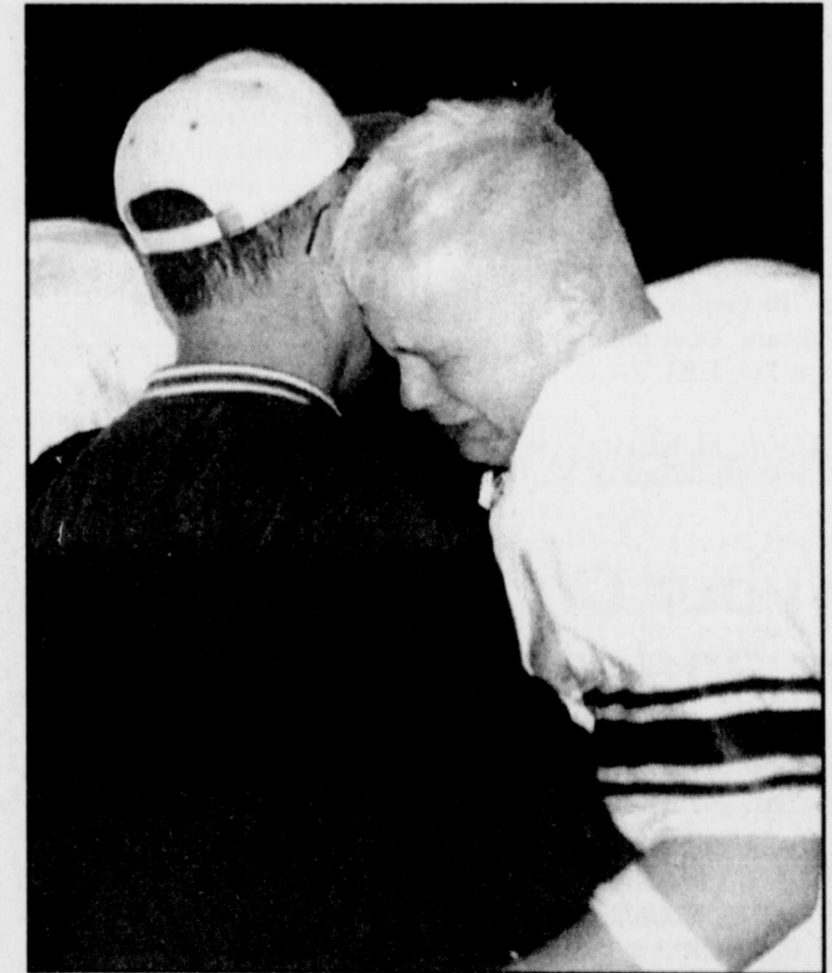
WES CALCOTE stiff-arms the defender as he carries for precious yardage against the Royal Falcons at Pflugerville.



A BUNCH OF BLONDE BLIZZARDS politely show off their new hair color and their unity for the season during the last pep rally of the year. Nine seniors helped lead the Big Blue to the 1999 regional playoffs.



OSCAR LUZ goes high to snag the pass and beat the Falcon defender for a big gain in the regional contest.



AARON TAYLOR, WHS senior, lets loose some emotions as he gets a grateful hug from head coach Robin Byrd following the Blizzards' loss to Brookshire Royal in regional competition.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY		
	Winters	Brookshire Royal
First downs	24	25
Rushing yards	28-88	49-455
Passing yards	340	19
Total yards	452	499
Comp-Att-Int	27-39-1	1-8-2
Punts-Ave.	3-47	1-31
Fumbles-lost	5-4	3-1
Penalties-yards	6-56	8-68
SCORING SUMMARY		
By Quarters		
Winters	7, 0, 7, 13	— 27
Brookshire Royal	14, 6, 27, 6	— 53
FIRST QUARTER		
Brookshire Royal	Sean Eason 17-yard run (Willie Sierra kick)	
Winters	Wes Calcote 2-yard run (Josh Minzenmayer kick)	
Brookshire Royal	Willie Carter 3-yard run (Sierra kick)	
SECOND QUARTER		
Brookshire Royal	Gary Flores 40-yard run (kick failed)	
THIRD QUARTER		
Brookshire Royal	Joey Lewis 30-yard run (run failed)	
Brookshire Royal	Carter 12-yard run (Carter run)	
Brookshire Royal	Lewis 30-yard run (pass failed)	
Winters	Oscar Luz 5-yard pass from Minzenmayer (Minzenmayer kick)	
Brookshire Royal	Flores 5-yard run (Will Presley kick)	
FOURTH QUARTER		
Winters	Aaron Pritchard 32-yard pass from Minzenmayer (Minzenmayer kick)	
Winters	Wes Calcote 6-yard run (pass failed)	
Brookshire Royal	Curtis Thomas 77-yard fumble return (run failed)	

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THE ANNUAL ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW on Nov. 13 was a big success with a wide variety of talented vendors including Tami Belew Richards (standing at left with her grandmother Effie Corley) with her jewelry from The Silver Avenue. At right are Chamber directors registering guests who took advantage of the magnificent weather.

Chamber announces winners of Taste of West Texas Cook-off and Halloween Boo-tique

by Carolyn Scarborough, Chamber of Commerce secretary

To those of you who missed out on the Arts and Crafts Show and "Taste of Texas Cook-Off" sponsored by the Winters Area Chamber of Commerce, you missed some beautiful decorations and gifts, wonderful entertainment, games, and some excellent food.

The cook-off was kind of sparse in the entry category, but the food was just great. First place in the brisket category went to Ronnie Bethel of Coleman; second place, Beckey Stewart of Coleman; and third place, Dewayne Saverance of Coleman. In the Pot O'Beans contest, first place went to Beckey Stewart, 2nd place to Dewayne Saverance,

and third to Ronnie Bethel. The wild game category only had two entries with Dewayne Saverance's dove coming in first. An elk roast by Ronnie Bethel took second.

Disappointingly, there was only one entry from Winters. A special thanks to Tammy Jackson for the entry.

The Chamber directors would like to thank all who participated to help make this event a success. A special thanks to Karen Heart from Abilene, and Danny Hamilton, Jackie Isham, and Goldie Kilpatrick, all of Ballinger, for their beautiful music. One more very special thanks to our three judges in the cook-off, Marilyn Egan, Joyce Weems, and Joan Davis, all local "real" judges. We appreciated them donating their time to help us with

our event.

The Halloween Boo-tique was so much fun with a lot of spooks and goblins running around. The costume contest winners were as follows:

Age 0-5

1st, Joseph Deandra
2nd, Gabriella Martinez
3rd, Megan Blackshear

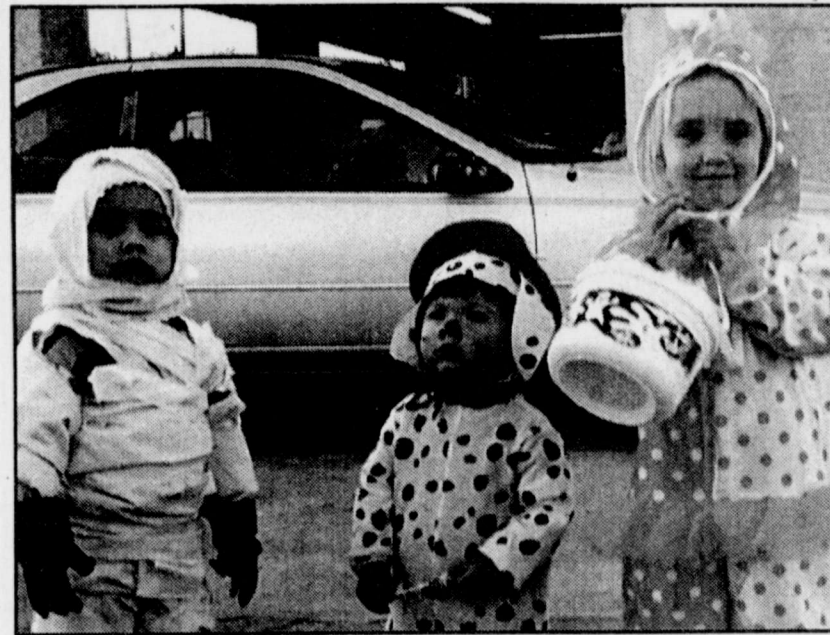
Age 5-8

1st, Kelsea Esquivel
2nd, Kaitlyn & Kailee Johnson
3rd, Robert Coppage

Age 9+

1st, Kendra Esquivel
2nd, Camille Kruse
3rd, Erica Roman.

Remember the Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 4. Get your entry form now and enter a float, riding club, car, or bicycle decorated with the theme "Cowboy Country Christmas."



FIRST, SECOND, and THIRD PLACES, AGE 0-5, in the Chamber's Halloween Boo-tique were, respectively, (from left) Joseph Deandra, Gabriella Martinez, and Megan Blackshear.



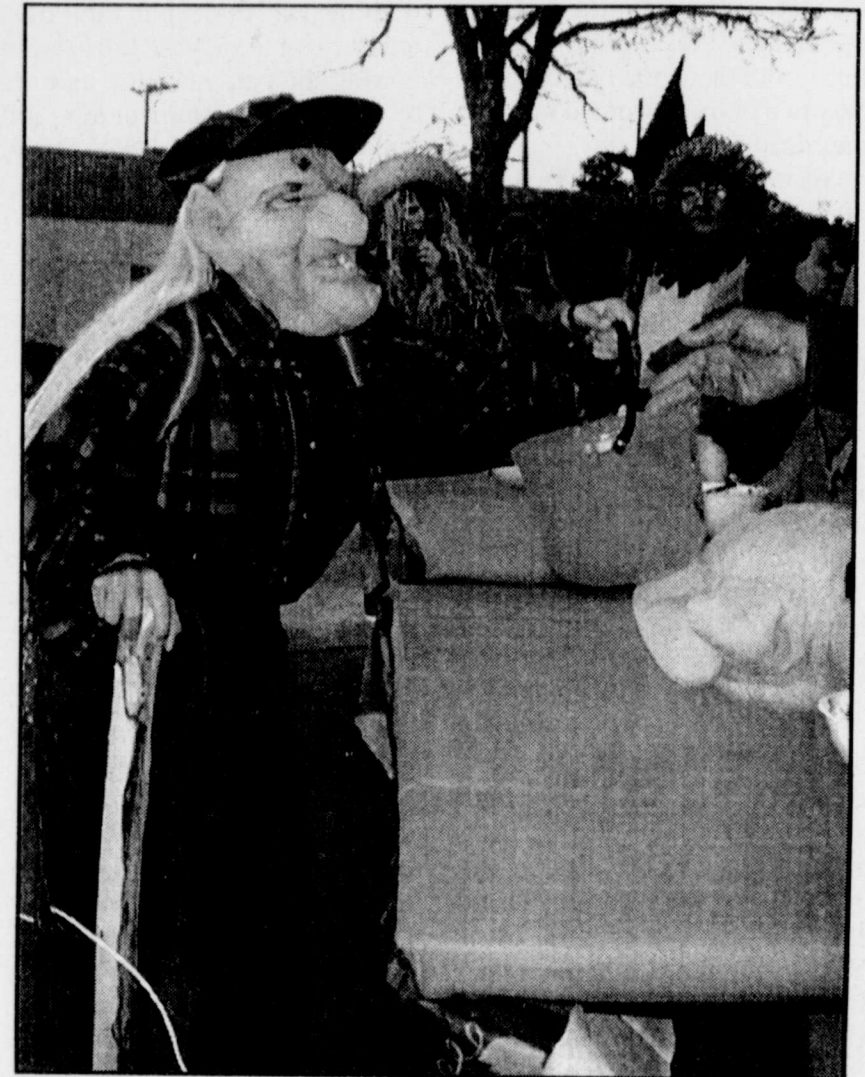
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RONNIE BETHEL, BECKEY STEWART, and DEWAYNE SAVERANCE (left to right) each walked away with cook-off wins in more than one category. Ronnie took 1st place in brisket, 2nd in wild game, and 3rd in beans. Beckey won 1st in beans and 2nd in brisket. Dewayne took 1st in wild game, 2nd in beans, and 3rd in brisket. Be thinking on entries for next year.



EXTENDING THEIR JUDICIAL DUTIES outside of their workplace are "Taste of Texas Cook-Off" judges (from left) Joan Davis, Marilyn Egan, and Joyce Weems. This was the first year for the cook-off sponsored by the Winters Area Chamber of Commerce.



YOUNG AT HEART, A LITTLE OLD AND SCARY IN APPEARANCE is Kendra Esquivel. Kendra won first place in the Halloween Boo-tique Costume Contest for ages 9 and over.

VANDALS, continued

broken out with a rock. The vandals used a cutting torch to burn off the hinges, knob, and dial of a safe; however, they were unable to open it. Nothing was reported missing.

This is the second significant act of vandalism in the downtown area in the past five months. All of these crimes are still under investigation by the Winters Police Department. Ballentine wouldn't speculate as to whether the crimes could be related.

At least one area victim offered a message to the would-be-thieves. Mostad, whose business also suffered damage in a July 6 incident, had this to say:

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WHOM IT MAY CONCERN—My business has been broken into twice in the last five months. From now on, if you are that interested in my offices, please call me and I'll come down and open up the place for you to look at, instead of breaking out windows and tearing down my doors. I am keeping no valuables, particularly cash, in my office."

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Food drive to be rescheduled

Due to the fact that so many citizens drove to Pflugerville to support the Blizzards on Friday night, November 19, the Scouts Annual Food Drive planned for Saturday, November 20, was rescheduled.

The new date will be announced in the near future. Please read *The Winters Enterprise* and listen to KRUN for details.

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COUNTERFEIT, cont'd.

\$20 bills.

Also arrested were James Christopher Keller, 19, of San Angelo and Santiago Jose Soto, 18, of Bronte. The pair attempted to pass counterfeit bills at Pizza Hut Express in the 700 block of north Main in Winters, but fled before police officers arrived.

However, a description was obtained and the two were located by the Ballinger Police Department. Approximately 22 ten dollar bills and 4 five dollar bills were found on the subjects. The bills were counterfeit.

The Winters Police Department had been investigating the case for the past 2 1/2 weeks, according to Ballentine, and had called in the Secret Service believing they would have principal jurisdiction. Since the case was not deemed to be of the magnitude handled by the Secret Service, WPD developed all the information and made all arrests. They will handle the case at the state level in District Court.

The three were booked into the Runnels County Jail, but are currently free on \$10,000 bond each.

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Give Thanks

First grade students and teachers at Winters Elementary share what "they are thankful for..." as we celebrate the last Thanksgiving of this century.

MRS. PARRAMORE'S FIRST GRADE CLASS

I'm thankful that God gave the pilgrims food and that we have water to drink. I'm thankful that I have a nice mom because she makes me happy. She gives me hugs and takes us out when I make good grades.

Alonso Flores

I am thankful for my mom and my dad. They take care of me. I'm thankful for my dog and her puppies. They always jump on me and want to play. I'm thankful for my grandpa and grandma because I like to go see them.

Kari Gallimore

I am thankful that I get to play baseball and soccer. I'm happy that we have a new house to live in and I got a new bed. I have new clothes and shoes. I'm thankful for my family and that my brother Nathan can go to school now.

Ashley Dela Cruz

I am thankful that I have a dog to play with and take care of. I'm thankful for my family because they take care of me.

Javed Briley

I am thankful for my mom because she takes care of me and helps me clean up my room. I care about my Dad and my sisters and my cat.

Dustin Martinez-Coswold

I am thankful that I got to play soccer. I'm glad my brother came to stay with us. I'm thankful for all of my family because we take care of each other and we play. We get to go up in the treehouse and it's fun.

Jesse Butler

I am thankful for my mommy and that I'm happy all the time. I'm thankful that my papa gets to be a policeman. I'm happy that I have my grandpa and nana and my baby cousin Blake. I'm glad my grandpa got A.C. the cat because I like to pet it.

Kayla Hightower



I am thankful for my daddy and my mom, my grandma, and grandpa, and my cats and dog. I'm happy when all my family gets together so I can see everybody. My aunts take me to the park to play. I like to play with my cousins. Sometimes my grandpa takes me and my brother to the cornfield and it's fun.

Hannah Lugo

I am thankful for my mom and my dad, my grandpa and grandma, and my aunts and uncles. They all come to my house to eat for Thanksgiving. I'm glad we have good food to eat.

Amber Blackshear

I am thankful for my family because they take care of me, and that we have food to eat. I'm glad that I can go to school and that I have friends to play with.

Kaitlyn Johnson

I am thankful for my kittens and dog, but he ran away. I'm thankful for my grandma because I like to go see her and when she was sick I helped take care of her. I'm thankful for my grandpa because he takes me to the lake.

Raymond Rodriguez

I am thankful for the pilgrims and the Indians. I'm thankful that we have food to eat and that my mom and dad take care of me. I'm glad that my pawpaw gets me from the bus when I get to go over, and then my memaw gets me a snack and a Dr. Pepper.

Cent Bryan

I am thankful for my dog Cooter and for the chicken I had last year. I'm thankful for my mom, my grandma, my pawpaw, and my dad because they are my family and they take care of me. I'm happy to have my friends to play with.

Alex Sudduth

MRS. COLBURN'S FIRST GRADE CLASS

I am thankful for school, homework, recess, because we get to play and my friends. I'm thankful for my mom and dad.

Justin Trevino

I am thankful for my brother, Kevin, because he lets me go hunting with him and lets me use his b-b gun when mine is broken, for my sister because she shares her candy with me, for my mom because whenever I get sick she helps me, for my dad because when I fill a bucket with trash he gives me \$2, for my cats because when I shoot a bird they go get it and I feed it to them, my dog because he sleeps with me and my friends.

Kelton Bredemeyer

I am thankful that I go swimming, for my mom because I just love her, for my dad, for my grandma because she buys me clothes and for my big brother Oscar because he plays football with me.

Joseph Soto

I am thankful for my grandma and grandpas, my new puppy, my family, my kitten, and my other big dogs. I am thankful that I get to go to school and learn a lot and do fun things and for my teachers.

Zannie Stimp

I am thankful for like carrots and hamburgers. I'm thankful for my mama and my dad, my brother, and granny and pawpaw. I'm happy that I have my dog to play with, and sometimes a kitten comes to visit and play too.

Wesley Hagle

I am thankful for my birthday, my dad, my sister, Shelly, my mom, me, my dog, Bingo, my doll, and that I can take care of my grandma.

Jocelyn Soto

I am thankful for my friends because I get to play with them. I'm thankful for school because we get to learn, for my parents, for my grandma, for my teacher because she teaches us, football and baseball.

Derek Smith

I am thankful for God because he loves me, for all my friends and for all my family because they buy me things and let me ride my bike. I'm thankful for turkey and dressing, football and for all my friends to play with me.

Estevan Nava

I am thankful for Thanksgiving, beans, my mom, my cousin, Michael, blackeyed peas, meat, my sister and brother, and my dad. I'm thankful I get to eat.

John O'Brien



I am thankful for friends because I can play with them, for movies, for apples, for toys, for my mom and dad.

Bibiana Mendoza

I am thankful for my friends Kaitlyn, Kaitlee, Reagan, Zannie, Cheyenne, Haleigh E., Tyler, Haley K., and Miranda, my parents, and school because it is too fun and my brother, Wiley, my sister, Ashley.

Abby Guy

I am thankful for Jesus, my family, my friends, my teacher, my car, my home, and my school.

Haleigh Edge

I am thankful for candy, playing, my Mom, my dog, and my cat.

Justin Bryson

I am thankful for my puppy, for my friends because I like to play with them, for my mom because she loves me and for my dad because he loves me too and plays football with me.

Nico Campos

I am thankful for my mom and dad because I love them and they're nice, for my brother and for my sister Patricia because she helps me with my homework. I'm thankful that I get to jump rope, go to school and play outside.

Bianca Cavilla

I am thankful for Jesus because He gives me salvation, for my family because I love them dearly and enjoy them a lot, and for my job because I love working with children.

Mrs. Colburn

I am thankful for my mom, my dad, my sister, Heather, God, all the people in my classroom, my teacher, Mrs. Cavazos, the whole school, P.E., our playground, and all the people on earth.

Tyler Lincoln

I am thankful for my teacher, Mrs. Cavazos, Abby, Tyler, my brothers: Christopher, Jared, my sister, Andrea, Mom, Dad, school, my friends, Mrs. Parramore, Mrs. Colburn, and Mrs. Sneed.

Cheyenne Smith

I am thankful my family, my house, my classroom, the students, and my pets.

Kailee Johnson

I am thankful for my dad being here, the birds flying, my mom, my sister, Jessica, my brother, Ben, and the sky not being gray.

John Smith

I am thankful for Derek, my dad, my mom, Dalton, my dog, Cutie, Kailee, Kelsea, Tyler, Shelby, Alexis, J.J., Scott, Jose, John, Efen, T.J., Miguel, Cheyenne, Nelly, my classroom, my pictures that I draw, the music room, reading for AR, the other three first grade classes and teachers, and Mrs. Cavazos.

Devon Shachelford

I am thankful for my papa, my mama, my brother, Elvis, and the sun.

Efen Urzueh

I am thankful for my mom, my Tia Chrissy, Conchita, my brothers, Angel and Richo, my grandma, and my grandpa.

Nelly Espino

I am thankful for Mom, Dad, my brothers: Anthony and Jason, my dogs: Angel and Blue, Tyler and Tiffany.

Scott Cury

MRS. SNEED'S FIRST GRADE CLASS

I am thankful for all the poor people, whole world, all the animals (snakes and everything), Grandma (she's very old), family, my Bo Bo, Stephanie, Jager, McMaw, Paw Paw, my mom and dad, my two sisters Kaitlyn and Kailee, for God (he sends the bad people to the devil and he's evil, and the good people to heaven with Him). I am thankful for both Paw Paws (2) and all the old people, for all my friends, my house, plants that grow, for the people that are sick, I thankful for doctors, mothers and dads, and medicine to make you feel better.

Dillion Wayne Lindley

I am thankful for my little cat, Angel (she's a pest though), my friends at school (they are always nice to me). I am thankful for my sister playing Barbie with me whenever I tell her to do so. I am thankful for my teacher teaching me to learn like math, science, and phonics. I am thankful for my cousins, Mrs. Colburn, my balcony, my mom for cooking, my dad for getting us lots of money (my mom doesn't get much, my dad works at Ballinger and does).

Regan Newsom

I am thankful for God because he made us, the turkey because they are good to eat, mashed potatoes because I like them, and macaroni and cheese because they are good! I am thankful for my dog Beevo or Beebo (it doesn't matter). He's very hyper. I am thankful for my cats (be sure to add the "s"). We have 7 cats. My horse is really trained. I am really glad I have him. I am thankful for my mom (she cooks alot) and my dad because he just works hard around the house. I am thankful for the football players because they play hard.

Wesley Dray Clifton Richards

I am thankful for my mom and dad because they give me stuff. I am thankful for animals, my Grandparents, my cousins Tana, Jesse, and Josh. I am thankful for my new house because Addie moved there. (Her real name is Addison). I am thankful for my dog and cat (Shilo is the cat, Little Leonard the dog), my garden, all my friends, my brother and sister, Winters, and school you learn stuff.

Kaley Kaczyk

I am thankful for my cousin Angelica because she is special to me. My grandma, Marey, she cooks a lot of things for our family. My brother Rico, he picks up stuff for me and I pick up stuff for him. My baby brother Albert Jr. he plays with me and I play with him. My mom she buys stuff for us. My dad Albert he takes us out to eat at Burger King and Sonic. My Grandpa Roy cooks chicken and beef. My cousin Yesenia because she lets us get on her back. My cousin Alonso he lets up play with his toys. Arselia lets us listen to music. My cousin Matthew lets us play with his bike.

Sarah N. Campos

I am thankful for God because he's nice, Mother Nature (she's trees), people, teachers Mrs. Sneed because she's nice and she helps us learn, my Grandma Dianne Torres (because she's really nice), Jesus, kids, friends, (because friends are nice and they share), for Sarah (because she's really really nice), horses, dogs, cats, birds, apples, deer, skateboards, and that's all I'm thankful for.

Miranda Torres

I am thankful for friends because they play with me. I am thankful for school, it will help me learn to read. I am thankful for my family Jesse, Joshua, Jeremiah, and me. (and my Grandma and Grandpa).

Jared Cortez



I am thankful for cokes, my mom, my uncle Mike, my dad, my brothers Billy Ray and me. My sisters Stephanie, Crystal, and Cassandra. I like bananas!!! I am thankful for apples, pizzas, fries, and hot dogs.

Raul Perez

I am thankful for turkey because it is good for my body. I like to eat a feast with my family. I am thankful for my friends because they like to play with me. I am thankful for because he takes care of me.

Kody Perry

I am thankful for school because it's fun and hard. I am thankful for my friends because they are nice and play with me. I am thankful for my hairclips because they feel good in my hair. I am thankful for my new shoes because they are brand new.

Lisa Renea Dees

I am thankful for houses because you can live in them. I am thankful for clothes because you can wear them. I am thankful for all the people because they can move. I am thankful for turtles because they can live in the water.

Robert Coppage

I am thankful for my bike because I got a new one and I can ride it. I am thankful for my puppy Trixie because she does tricks. (I taught her tricks like jumping). I am thankful for my family, my dad Charles, my mom Tasha, my sisters Audreona, and Desirea.

C.J. Johnson

I am thankful for my mom, my dad, my friends, my family, my teacher Mrs. Sneed, my dogs, my brother Marcus, my sisters Sarah and Kayla. I am thankful for books to help me learn to read.

Caroline Rodriguez

I am thankful for Christmas because I get some presents. I am thankful for my grandma because she cooks for my mom and dad and me and my brother. I am thankful for school because I want to learn so I can be smart. I am thankful for my mom and dad because they are nice to me. I like my brother Donovan because he plays with me sometimes.

Devon Martinez

I am thankful for God, my husband Randall and family, Steve, Stacey, and Susan, church, Winters Elementary School and the children and teachers/staff I work with on a daily basis, all my friends, Winters, Texas (the best place to live)! I am thankful to have the freedom we have in the great USA!

Mrs. Sneed



THE WOLVES CONCLUDE THE YEAR with a presentation of certificates, trophies, and a pizza party at the City Park. Team members are (front, from left) Anthony Lara, Rico Campos, Nikolas Kraatz, (back) Assistant Coach Manie Esquivel, Joey Salinas, Andy Garcia, Kelsea Esquivel, Scottie Tubbs, and Coach Pattie Esquivel. Coaches give a special thanks to Regina Fenwick, all parents, and especially team members for making the season enjoyable.

Rebekah Class participates in Food Pantry project

The Rebekah Sunday School Class discussed their November project relating to the Winters Food Pantry during their monthly meeting in the home of Mrs. Pyburn Brown.

Class President Mrs. Ken

Rosson presided. Emily Pendergrass gave a very inspiring devotional. Visitation was discussed and a report was given by members who had made visits.

Refreshments were served to Mrs. Patty Rosson, Pat Ambrose,

Doxie Lou Marks, Dorotha Laughon, Darlene Sims, Jo Poe, Joyce Krause, Emily Pendergrass, Lillian Cooper, Billy Ruth Bishop, Vandalyn Josey, Betty Paschal, Virginia Schwartz. Hostesses were Virginia Brown and Teresa Briley.

Financial Focus

By Jimmy Newsom

IPOs being offered to the public for the first time

Some investors regard investing in stocks as "playing the market." In fact, all stocks are not created equal. Each company that issues stocks has a unique history of growth, earnings and paying dividends. Thus, each stock offers a different level of risk as well as reward.

Blue chip stocks are issued by the world's largest and best-known companies. These companies have established track records, including years of growth in both sales and earnings. Of course, that doesn't mean investing in these stocks presents no risk; every stock experiences volatility. What it does mean is that if held for the long term, five years or more, history shows the odds are in your favor that your investment will grow in value.

One of the riskiest stock investments is initial public offerings, or IPOs, as they are frequently called. An IPO is a stock that is being offered to the public for the first time. In many cases, the stock is issued by a newly established company, which makes the future of the stock very

uncertain. A case in point is Netscape Communications, a company that manufactures software for navigating the Internet. When the stock was issued, it grabbed headlines across the nation. In a single day, the stock, which was offered to institutions at \$28 a share, rose to \$71 per share — one of the largest single-day gains ever recorded for a new stock. By the end of the week, however, the stock had fallen to \$58 per share.

Because of their risk and volatility, IPOs are unsuitable for many investors. If, however, you are interested in adding this type of investment to your portfolio, here are two tips to keep in mind.

1. Do your homework before investing any money. Request a copy of the company's prospectus, and read it carefully. This document will provide the information you need to make an educated decision as to whether or not you should invest.

2. If you do invest in an IPO, invest only as much money as you can afford, both financially and psychologically, to lose.

If that sounds a bit harsh, it should. History has not been kind to new companies and the stocks they issue. A 1997 Dunn & Bradstreet study showed that 42 percent of all businesses fail during their first five years. Of those that survive five years, 25 percent fail after six to 10 years, and an additional 33 percent fail after 10 years.

Those seeking to achieve long-term goals, such as providing for a child's college education or securing a comfortable retirement, have achieved much more consistent results by choosing high-quality stock mutual funds and the individual stocks of well-established companies with proven track records of growth in sales, earnings and dividends than those who have chosen more aggressive stock investments such as IPOs.

In short, investing in a quality stock investment is a calculated risk that can offer handsome rewards. Investing in an aggressive stock that has no established history leaves your financial future largely up to chance.

Cousin Eddie clan ready for annual holiday pilgrimage; reflects back on last year's trek

by Deb Pritchard

The best I can figure, there's about six weeks left until Christmas. Of course the holidays, for this family, means yet another pilgrimage to the north country—Indiana.

As I begin to think about the 1,150 mile trek, it causes me to remember. It causes me to remember Cousin Eddie kind of memories.

With seven kids and only one suburban, we've always been pretty packed in there—kinda like sardines, and there's no room for the mustard sauce. We've got the "happy bubble" on top, crammed with Christmas presents.

Johnny just despises the "happy bubble"—a cargo carrier which was a wedding present from my brother and sister-in-law. He says it makes us look like "The Griswold" in Chevy Chase's *Family Vacation* movies.

You know—did he ever stop to think that we're a spectacle to start with? We pull into a restaurant and all four doors open on the "burban" and kids just come tumbling out—and they don't stop. Like one of those 1960's college pranks of how many coeds can fit in a Volkswagen type of thing.

If there are big picture windows in the eatery, you can watch little old ladies gasp and count 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6....as they put their hands to their mouths and shake their heads.

Personally, I get a kick out of walking by their table with kids hanging all over me and lean down to whisper "we left one at home....and she has a husband!" They nearly choke on their chili.

To top it all off, invariably some busybody will stop at the table and say "are all these children yours?" Well no—we're just four states from home as evidenced by our Texas license plates and we thought it would be really fun to travel cross-country with a gaggle of children of various ages and sizes. I mean, what do you say?

I do admit though, we are one of those families who has to count and do a roll call after every stop to make sure we don't leave anyone, or that someone didn't get out to go to the bathroom after all. We have a fear of leaving one of the kids at a gas station and not discovering it for two or three hundred miles. (Heaven knows their siblings would never mention it.)

Speaking of restroom breaks, back to the original story—we're loaded to the gills and off we go! Wanna guess how far we make it before our first stop? You've got it....Tuscola. Johnny already needs a diet coke and to relieve

himself of the one he drank between Winters and Bradshaw.

Now even I must admit that it's pretty bad when your children are complaining of stopping too much and begging to go more than one hour between stops. I do want to emphasize though, that this is one thing I don't complain about—actually I'm thankful.

Since I have a bladder the size of a field mouse's and Johnny's can acquire a gallon of liquid in 60 minutes or less, I don't have to beg my husband to stop for potty breaks.

My oldest brother, on the other hand, is out to set a land speed record for the shortest travel time between Winters, Texas and Noblesville, Indiana. He may stop only three times (and that's pushing it) between here and there. Well I'm sorry, but he'd be swimmin' if we were passengers in his vehicle.

So....potty break number one out of the way, we cruise along makin' fine time before we stop for our first meal in..... You've guessed it—Clyde. Actually, have you ever been to the Whataburger there off of I-20?

It was one of our "discoveries" that the boys absolutely love. It has all kinds of 'stuffed wildlife,' like deer, quail, pheasant, fox, raccoon, rabbits, turkeys, lizards, grasshoppers, and more. They are showcased throughout the entire place and really quite neat—especially if you're a hunting enthusiast.

Once back in the ole 'burb' with all noses accounted for, we're on our way. By now I'm pretty much exhausted—one would never guess why (or at least my husband doesn't). Maybe it was the fact that school let out for the holidays less than 18 hours before and I had baked and made many, many pounds of cookies and candies for the kids to give their teachers for Christmas....

Supervised everyone packing their own suitcases (of course everyone except "just-give-me-a-paper-bag-and-I-can-take-care-of-myself-Johnny")....

...had all the vital organs on the suburban serviced....loaded the thing by myself "because there's no way all that #\$\$@&* stuff is going to fit in there"...fixed a snacking survival kit that would rival any care package sent to servicemen overseas (even though we don't need all that #\$\$@&* stuff if we don't have it, they won't eat it)....

Not to mention, stopped the mail, secured the house, typed feeding instructions for the menagerie of show animals in our backyard....need I go on?

As I was saying before I strayed from the subject just a bit—I was a little drowsy and by now we've driven a good 300 miles and my dear husband hasn't said a word other than to grunt in response to my questions.

So I close my eyes (of course I have sunglasses on so he can't see me) and commence to start a little snooze. Don't you know, not two minutes later he "wants to talk." Then he gets all huffy because I'm short with him and just want a little nap.

"You always say I don't talk and now I want to talk and all you want to do is sleep. Did you bring any 'snackies?'" Three hundred miles with nary a word.... complained and moaned incessantly that we didn't need snackies....AGGGGGHHHHHHH!

SOOO after a thoroughly enlightening conversation with my dear, dear husband—"did you bring any nuts? what about chips? how about those peanut butter things you make?" can you reach the cooler in the back seat? I sure do need something to wash these things down with"....

By now we're now nearing a major metropolitan area—I can tell by the way his knuckles are turning white from his death grip on the steering wheel. He hates the "big city." We are far enough out that I begin to remind him of the exits we should take.

WELL.... "I think I've been this way enough to know what I'm doing" he snarls, as he gives me that go to 'devil land' look. Why don't you just set over there and take a nap?"

Okeedokee! You've got it Ace. (This is where I "clam up"—I learned it from my mother.) I take a nap—after all, he told me to. Just a few miles farther, and I can detect those ole wheels just a spinning in his head, (kinda like when he gets stuck in the mud checking his oil wells, and goes nowhere real fast) and my eyes are still closed.

Being his manly self, he waits 'til the last possible minute to ask, "which exit is it we take here?" I just shrug my shoulders and say I don't know—you've been this way enough times; you know what you're doing.

That wasn't the thing to say. "###%#@\$#, we're gonna miss our exit because you have to be a smart a....WHICH ONE IS IT?" (Silence) "Fine! We'll just get lost...because you've got to be a.... NOW! (I shout) as he scrambles to cross three lanes of traffic at rush hour in Little Rock, Arkansas....

To be continued.



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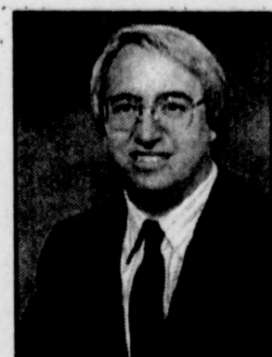
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Santa's Santa Fe Christmas in San Angelo

The historic Orient-Santa Fe Depot in San Angelo announces the third annual Santa's Santa Fe Christmas.

Held in conjunction with San Angelo's famous Christmas light festival along the Concho river, the depot will be transformed into a Christmas wonderland with operating model train layouts underneath brightly decorated Christmas trees.

A special visitor from the north may also make an appearance!

The dates are December 3-19 (closed on Mondays and Tuesdays) and December 27-28. The times are 6:00-9:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 4:00-9:00 p.m.

Admission is \$3 for adults and \$1 for children under age 12.

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Crews News

By Hilda Kurtz



Hilda Kurtz

"There's a bigger fool than the fellow who knows it all. It's the fellow who will argue with him."

Hopewell Baptist Church had a good attendance on Sunday. Chris Shields of Abilene was a visitor. After services, all enjoyed an early Thanksgiving dinner together.

The LeLon Bryans had their family over on Sunday for an early Thanksgiving. Those present were Dewitt and LaRue Bryan of Winters, Brent and Dawn Bryan and sons Scott and Clent of Winters, Cheryl and Kayla Pritchard of Lubbock, Kelly and Vicki Blackberry and sons Alex and Andrew of Glen Cove. The LeLon Bryans also enjoyed the Winters and Brookshire Royal game near Austin on Friday night.

Jimmy and Frances Chapman and Garrett and Katie of Ballinger and Lee and Judy Harrison of Winters had lunch and spent Sunday with Selma Wilkerson.

Brenda and Richard Chambers of Oak Creek spent Friday with Pat and Earl Cooper.

Carolyn Webb visited her granddaughters Jennifer, Stephanie, Amanda, and Ashley Webb in Austin. Carolyn also attended Jennifer Webb's dance class performance at the Round Rock High School Fall Show on Saturday night.

On Sunday, Carolyn visited son Gene and Michelle Webb who had just married on November 3 in Maui, Hawaii. Carolyn came home sometime Sunday.

On Tuesday, Carolyn Webb and Margie Jacob had lunch together at Taylor's in Ballinger. Later they stopped by the Noble Faubions for a visit.

On Saturday, Beverly VanZandt, Carol Kozelsky, and Margie Jacob were in Abilene and stopped by to see Ervin Ray Wessels at Abilene Regional Hospital.

On Sunday, Bud and Jeannie Minzenmayer hosted a Thanksgiving supper in their home for the 42 players. Present were

Herbert and Evelyn Jacob, Margie Jacob, Hattie Minzenmayer, James and Lorene Halfmann, Jerry and Francis Holle, and Roy and Anita Schafer. Visitors were Arnold and Agnes Fuchs. Winners were James and Lorene Halfmann and Anita Schafer.

Carol Kozelsky and Beverly VanZandt attended the community choir concert in Winters on Sunday night.

Visiting Lillie Winchester were some of her relatives during the week from Oklahoma.

Juanita Shields grandson Chris Shields of Abilene spent the weekend with her. On Tuesday Juanita drove to Brownwood to see her Aunt Pauline Thompson who is in the hospital there.

Walter Pape spent Sunday with Harvey Mae and Noble Faubion from Santa Anna.

Eileen Cartwright, Tiffany Prater, and Melvena Gerhart attended the Taste of Home cooking school at the Abilene Civic Center on Thursday night.

Marvin and Melvena Gerhart and family were in Menard to help her mom celebrate her 88th birthday. All attended the Veterans Parade in Menard. Later they took brother Jack Wright to San Angelo to catch the plane on his way to Saudi Arabia.

Selma Wilkerson, Carolyn Webb, and Melvena Gerhart attended the workers conference of the First Baptist Church in Bronte on Monday night.

Bryce and Brendan Mikeska of Wingate spent Friday night with Nana and Papa Gerhart.

Hildegard and Hilda had a nice long phone visit on Friday with sister Josephine out in California.

Linda Duggan attended the bridal shower honoring Kristy Workman and Richard Andrews in Ballinger on Sunday. On Sunday evening those helping Linda celebrate her birthday were Dale, Will, and Leslie Duggan, Kyle and Katy Grigsby, Becky and Elwood Brown, Chauncey, Susan, and Brandon Mansell, Bob and Janice Pruser, and Harm, Cynthia, and John Glass.

Many more Happy Birthdays kiddo! Hildegard Schovajsa spent Friday with me and planned our family Thanksgiving while doing odd jobs.

Santoya completes navy's basic training, graduates Class A School

Victor Santoya Jr., a 1999 graduate of Winters High School, completed basic training on September 14, 1999, at the Naval Training Center in Great Lakes, Illinois. He graduated November 16 from Class A School in Meridian, Mississippi, with a grade average of 90.4.

Seaman Santoya will be leaving November 30, 1999, for Miramar, California, where he will be stationed until December 30, 2001, working in Personnel Services.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Santoya Sr.; the brother of Misty, Tia, and Vickie Santoya; and the uncle of Marshall Don Seates.



Victor Santoya Jr.

Dunnam, Tyler married at North Richland Hills

Jessica Dawn Tyler and Dustin Wayne Dunnam exchanged vows at North Richland Hills Baptist Church in Fort Worth on Saturday, October 2, 1999. Reverend Paul Paschall officiated the 2 p.m. ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip J. Tyler of North Richland Hills and the granddaughter of P.J. Tyler of San Angelo and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Turk of Austin.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Dunnam of Graham and the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Grady Dunnam of Winters and the late Mr. and Mrs. R.D. King.

Matron of honor was Shannon Stevenson of Fort Worth. Bridesmaids included Daniele Loke of Fort Worth, Keri Vaughn of Richland Hills, Amanda Driggers of The Colony, Keri Nelson of Cedar Hill, Jessica Quadlander of Austin, all friends of the bride; and Robin Daws of Olney, sister of the groom.

Marlee Ingham of Colorado Springs, Colorado, friend of the bride, served as flower girl. She was escorted by ringbearer Bucky Daws of Olney, nephew of the groom.

Casey Griffin of Lewisville

served as best man. Groomsman, all friends of the groom, were Regan and Ryan King, both of Abilene; Wyatt Pettus of Dallas; Jason Smith of Arlington; Trent Kelley of Denton; and Adam Crossan of Grapevine.

Candlelighter was Joel Tyler, brother of the bride. Ushers were Jared and Jordan Tyler brothers of the bride; and Justin Bullock of Graham, friend of the groom.

After the double ring ceremony, the bride's parents hosted a reception in the church atrium. The groom's parents hosted a rehearsal dinner at Diamond Oaks Country Club in Fort Worth.

The bride is a 1999 graduate of the University of North Texas where she earned a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies. She is employed by Birdville ISD as a third grade teacher at Stowe Elementary School in Fort Worth.

The groom graduated from Graham High School in 1994 and the University of North Texas in 1998 with a degree in construction engineering. He is employed by Drees Custom Homes of Las Colinas.

After a honeymoon cruise to the Bahamas, the couple resides in Fossil Creek in Fort Worth.

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, November 14, 1999, through Saturday, November 20, 1999. Winters Police Officers:

- observed a 1970 Ford van being driven erratically on N. Main Street. The van was stopped after driving onto the curb. The driver had a strong odor of alcoholic beverage on his person and was asked to perform field sobriety tasks. The driver was unable to perform the tasks and was arrested for driving while intoxicated. Seven children were found in the van ranging in ages from 5 months to 5 years. None of the children were properly secured and the driver, Raul Tamez Ochoa of Winters, was arrested for seven (7) counts of endangering a child.

- contacted a 24-year-old male of Winters in the 400 block of S. Main Street and found him to be intoxicated. The male was issued a citation for public intoxication and escorted to his home across the street.

- received a report of possible sexual assault on N. Concho. Investigation revealed that an assault by contact had occurred. Charges are pending against the suspect, a juvenile male of Winters.

- received a report of vandalism in the 500 block of W. Pierce. A female of Winters reported finding the glass front door and window broken out of her home. This is under investigation as criminal mischief.

- received a report of a dog bite victim in the 900 block of Manning. A 7-year-old girl was bitten in the face by a neighborhood dog. The dog was taken to the dog pound for a ten day quarantine and observation.

- received a report of a vicious dog in the 700 block of W. Pierce running loose. The dog and its owner were located in the 700 block of Alexander and the owner, a 34-year-old female of Winters, was issued a citation for animals at large.

- received a report of a domestic disturbance in the 200 block of Paloma. A female of Winters was observed to have injuries to both arms. The female alleged being assaulted by subject known to her. A 30-year-old male of Winters, Kenneth R. Gray, was arrested for assault causing bodily injury during family violence.

- received a report of vandalism in the 900 block of N. Main. Glass to an entry door was found to be broken apparently by a rock found at the scene. This case is under investigation as criminal mischief Class B.

- received a report of burglaries occurring at businesses in the 100 block of S. Main and the 100 block of W. Dale. Evidence has been recovered and there are several leads. This case is under investigation as burglary of a building.

- received a report of a large fire in the 500 block of Alexander. A 41-year-old male of Winters stated he was burning a backyard shed to kill off snakes. The fire department was contacted and, approximately 30 minutes later, the fire was safely out. The male was issued a citation for illegal burning violation of city ordinance. **Burning inside the city limits is prohibited at all times except for cooking purposes.**

- stopped a 1985 Jaguar after observing a mechanical violation. The driver, Elizabeth Garcia of Winters, was found to have outstanding warrants out of McCullough County for theft by check. She was arrested and taken to Runnels County Jail.

- received a report of counterfeit monies being passed in the 700 block of N. Main. The subjects fled before officers could arrive, but a description was obtained and the subjects were located by the Ballinger Police. The subjects were identified as James Christopher Keller of San Angelo and Santiago Jose Soto of Bronte. Approximately 22 ten dollar bills and 4 five dollar bills were found on the subjects. These bills were counterfeit. Both subjects were arrested for forgery and taken to Runnels County Jail.

- issued a search warrant on a residence in the 600 block of Floyd Street from information obtained in an ongoing investigation and evidence received 11-18-99. This was done in conjunction with the U.S. Secret Service. More counterfeit monies, narcotics paraphernalia, copied handicapped placards, and a felony amount of cocaine were confiscated during the search. Also confiscated and subject to forfeiture were a Gateway 2000 computer and all its accessories and a 1992 Mazda 4x4 pickup. Brandon Titus of Winters was identified as the subject manufacturing the counterfeit monies. Mr. Titus was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and faces charges for forgery.

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:

Winters Police Department—754-4121
 Ballinger Police Department—365-3591
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CONVICTED SEX OFFENDER



Juan Anthony Ochoa, Jr.

24-yrs-old Male

1617 CR 207 Winters, TX

Convicted of sexual assault of a child

Victim: 14-yrs-old female

DECLARADO CULPABLE DE LA OFENSA DE ASALTO SEXUAL



Juan Anthony Ochoa, Jr.

Un hombre de 24 años de edad su residencia es 1617 CR 207, Winters, Tejas. Fue declarado culpable de la ofensa de asalto sexual. La víctima fue una hembra de la edad de 14 años.

Official Records

County Court Dispositions

Curtis A. Johnson, hindering a secured creditor, pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to six months in county jail, probated to six months, fined \$200 plus \$235.23 court costs, 50 hours community service.

Santos N. Espinoza, theft of merchandise by check, pleaded guilty, fined \$100 plus \$210.25 court costs, \$15 hot check fee, restitution \$45.13.

Mary Margarita Castañeda, sale of alcoholic beverage to a minor, pleaded nolo contendere, fined \$500 plus \$210.25 court costs, sentenced to six months in county jail, suspended.

Criminal Cases Filed

November 15

Betty C. Hardwick, Baird, filed for failure to yield right-of-way, appealed from city court.

Charles Lynn Wilson, Winters, filed for fleeing a peace officer.

Jason Eric Ventress, Winters, filed for assault.

November 16

Patricia Ann Cody, Coleman, filed for possession of marijuana.

Lisa Keeney Dyer, Coleman, filed for possession of marijuana.

November 17

Gilbert Gauna, Ballinger, filed for driving while intoxicated.

Charles Lynn Wilson, Winters, filed for driving while intoxicated, subsequent offense.

Marriage Licenses

November 18

Troy Wayne Oleson and Donna Jean Rose

District Court Divorces Granted

November 19

David Ray Ferguson and Dorothy Jean Ferguson

Divorces Filed

November 19

Mary H. Trevino and Ben Trevino, Sr.

Civil Cases Filed

November 12

Hugh B. Edmondson vs. Thomas K. Payne dba TKP Petroleum, Inc., damages

Justice of the Peace Precinct 1

Felony Cases Filed
November 16
 Charles Perry Blackshear, filed for transporting a controlled substance into a correctional facility.

November 18
 Jeremiah Jade Shockley, filed for burglary of a building.

Criminal Cases Filed
November 12

Aaron T. Wilde, filed for theft by check.

Robin Wright, filed for theft by check.

Ted Jones, filed for theft by check.

Jose L. Zuniga, filed for theft by check.

November 14

Brad Binder, filed for minor in possession of alcohol.

November 15

Anthony Niblett, filed for theft by check.

Arnold Silva, filed for theft by check.

Leslie A. Gardner, filed for theft by check.

Filberto Soto, Jr., filed for theft by check.

Elena Aleman, filed for theft by check.

Emiliano A. Torres, filed for issuance of a bad check.

Jeffrey L. Baker, filed for issuance of a bad check.

Erin Sonderlick, filed for issuance of a bad check.

Raquel Silva, filed for issuance of a bad check.

November 16

Donald Bruton, filed for public intoxication.

November 17

Mary Smith, filed for theft by check.

Demetrio Luna, filed for theft by check.

Kevin Head, filed for theft by check.

Teresa K. Winger Baird, filed for theft by check.

Ricky Doan, filed for theft by check.

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ACROSS

1 state Ag Service
 5 TXism: "cough" _____ (pay)
 6 back of the neck
 7 UT library has Gutenberg Bible produced with moveable _____
 8 TXism: "at _____ (impulsive)"
 18 _____ and reel
 19 Tocqueville's "Democracy" _____
 20 Austin university
 21 TXism: "_____ off the handle" (ragged)
 22 TX A.J. Foyt, et al.
 24 biceps
 29 Gov. Bush's desired job in 2000 (abbr.)
 30 Pearsall is its seat
 31 this Costner travels across TX _____
 32 fruit producers in TX Hill Country (2 wds.)
 34 take the skin off a TX ruby red
 35 Tse-tung _____
 36 Padre Island _____ National _____
 37 Wise Co. Antique Auto Swap _____
 38 ex-Cowboy Kenneth aka "The Shark"
 39 TXism for "smart" (4 wds.)
 41 TXism: "_____ on the back burner" (delay)

DOWN

1 TXism: "if it _____ ain't a cow in Texas!"
 2 TXism: "his axles _____" (active)
 3 prairie drinking glass: _____ hand
 4 word with limit or bump
 9 TXism: "that chaps my hide!"
 10 Washington's "folding money"
 11 TX Perot is a south- _____
 12 Gov. _____ Roberts
 13 black-footed _____ is now extinct in TX

42 Dr Pepper began at Old Corner Drug Store in Waco
 43 Abilene was named for a cattle town in this state
 44 to Waco from Austin
 45 Andrews H.S. class
 46 Ft. Worth actress Greer George _____ built hospital near Rice Univ.
 47 TX pianist Olga _____ off
 50 all TX restaurants have _____-smoking areas

51 TXism: "make hay while the _____ shines"
 52 TX rodeo champ Murray _____

14 TXism: "skinny as _____"
 15 in Hamilton Co. on hwy 281
 16 king topper in poker
 17 ex-Spurs coach "Tark the Shark"
 21 "_____ bird"
 23 TX-born composer Joplin, et al.
 24 first female gov.: _____ Ferguson
 25 "_____ and downs"
 26 to emit forcefully
 27 big winners get paid at a lottery _____ center

28 TX teacher offering 29 ancient Iran
 30 TXism: "I _____ like death warmed over"
 33 crowd sound
 34 church benches
 35 Aggie Randy who was 1st to shot put more than 70 feet

37 seat of Ward Co.
 38 roses played at TX Willie's Farm Aid IV
 40 TX oilman Jack Grimm searched for _____ Ark
 41 North Texas Skeptics group doubt the _____ normal
 43 Amarillo TV station
 46 TXism: "_____ was slow, but she was old" (hurry up)
 48 TXism: "smoke" _____ (find)

Solutions for this puzzle appear in this issue.

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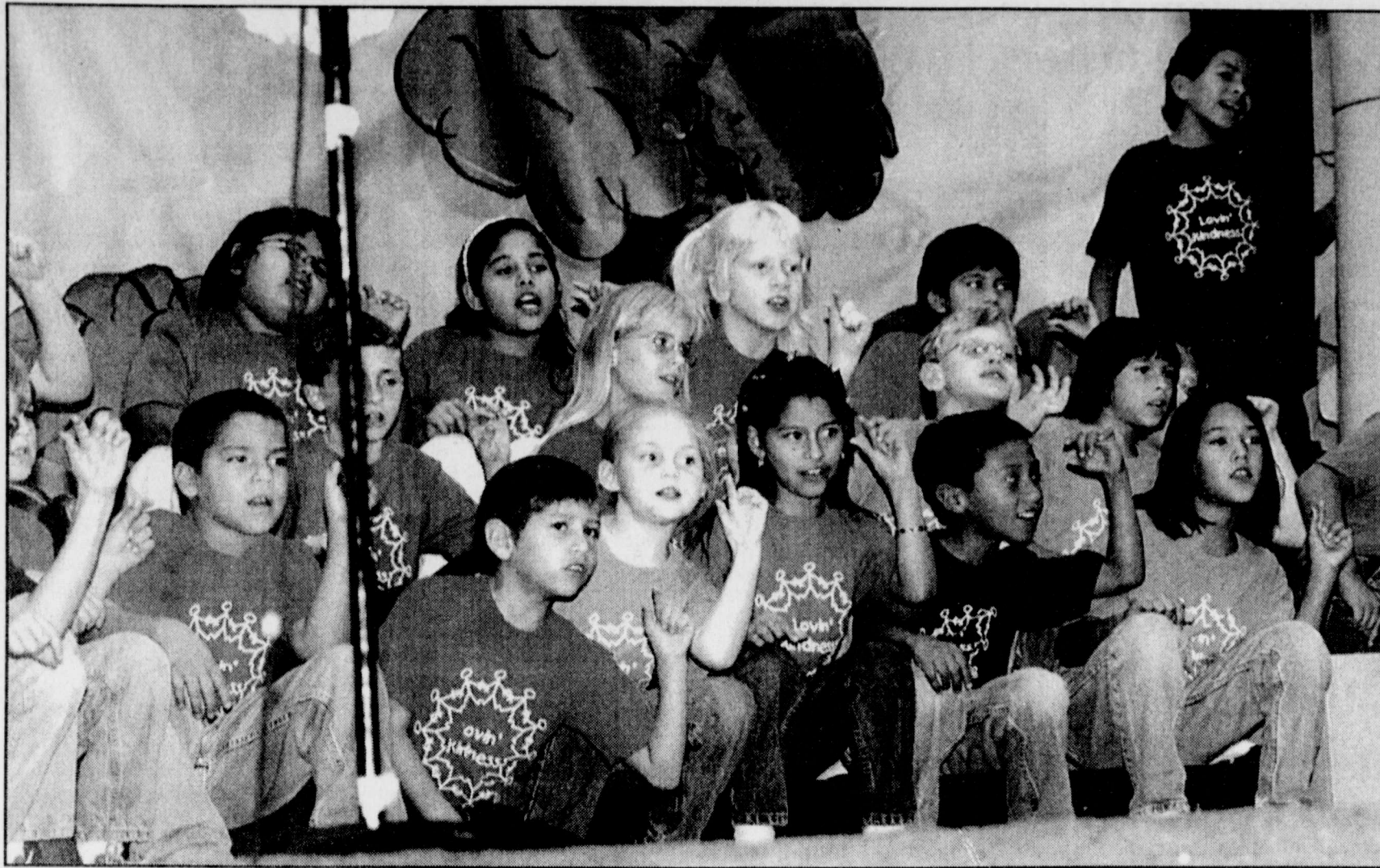
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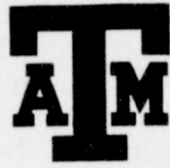
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'SHOW A LITTLE LOVE' say these third grade singers during their entertaining performance on Nov. 16, under the direction of elementary music teacher Fran Kidwell. Assisting Mrs. Kidwell were third grade teachers Regina Newsome, Linda Mitchell, Kathy Pringle and Karen Mills.

Local Aggies express opinions on bonfire: the tragedy and the future



Charlie Brown Class of 1973

(local contract pumper)

It was a tragic accident that no one could foresee. With lives lost, it should at least continue as a memorial to those who lost their lives. I wish something could be done this year to honor those who died. I heard someone suggest that maybe they could build twelve small piles and burn them as a memorial this year.

Bonfire will never be the same again but I hope they don't discontinue it.

I worked on bonfire three years and that is really an experience. It doesn't mean much to most people. You really have to be an Aggie to understand it.

In 92 years, it's only the second time the bonfire has even fallen and the first time for any fatality. With all the excellent engineers at A&M, they can figure out something to make it safe.

Marta Hollowell, Class of 1982

(teacher at WHS)

In 92 years, this is the first time this has happened. I have no doubt that the tradition will continue. If they don't have it on campus,

somebody will have one off campus.

It was just a sad, freaky thing that happened but we can't go around being afraid all the time.

Charles Murphy, Class of 1974

(coach, teacher at WHS)

The accident was just a terrible thing. I just really couldn't believe it. My heart really goes out to those people who were there and are affected by it.

About future bonfire: I think not as it has been, but I think they can scale it back a little bit, and make it safer. But it definitely should continue. It's an incredible experience that unless you've been a part of, it's hard to understand.

Keith Boles, M.D. Class of 1989

(medical doctor in Winters)

I feel extremely sad, of course. I can't think of any other words to express my feelings.

I still think it's too soon to make a decision as to whether to continue bonfire or not. I think that if they figure out a better way to construct it, maybe even make

it smaller, then it might be alright.

The whole situation is tough. If it had been my son who died in the accident, I'd have a hard time wanting another bonfire. But Aggie traditions run so deep, and with the proper engineering and supervision, I think it would be okay to build it again.

Mandie England Class of 1977

(private entomologist)

I think the accident is absolutely heartbreaking. As a mom, I can't imagine raising your children then sending them off and have something like that happen.

I definitely think bonfire should continue. I think we've got 89 years of good track record. While what happened was tragic, I think those kids who were working on it would want it to continue. It's an important part of A&M tradition and that's one of the reasons why you go to A&M — the tremendous traditions.

Ray Alderman Class of 1948

(ranching, retired milling)

The accident is absolutely devastating to us. Aggies are close-knit, like family. I am deeply saddened for the families of those

young people who died.

But Aggies don't give up that easily. All you have to do is walk through the halls and see pictures of all the Aggies who have died in military conflicts and you can see what a dedicated group the Aggies are.

There's a tremendous amount of spirit and that's what A&M is all about.

I was 17 years old in 1943 and got to work on only one bonfire before I joined the military. When I returned to A&M from the service, only members of the corps were allowed to work on the bonfire.

But it's a 92-year-old tradition that's not just a regular bonfire. Tremendous bonding takes place during the event and it's become a symbol of unity and togetherness.

While the accident is of course very tragic, there have been many times and events that were probably not very safe — such as the three times the bonfire was fire bombed, or when it was built to a height of 109 feet. But I've played games of touch football at A&M where people could be killed.

Of course, A&M has the best engineers in the world, so with some professional modifications, I see no reason that bonfire shouldn't continue because when you live in Aggieland, you live the spirit.

Sidewalk drive at 65% of goal

by Randall Conner, Winters Area Business & Industrial Corporation

The Winters Sidewalk Improvement Project has reached 65% of the \$44,000 goal as of November 22, 1999. Target date is December 1 to reach the goal.

The \$44,000 goal is the matching portion to be raised by the Winters community in order to receive Highway Enhancement Funds through the Texas Department of Transportation. The Sidewalk Project will rebuild the downtown sidewalks along Main Street and Dale Street and will include landscaping and beautification of the downtown area.

The Winters Area Business and Industrial Corporation is asking all businesses and individuals to give what they can to this project. This can do more to revitalize our downtown than anything else we can do.

Please send your check or pledge today to Winters Area Business and Industrial Corporation, P.O. Box 211, Winters, Texas 79567.

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C.A.R.R. representatives shown are, from left, Ruby Johnson and David Kent, both Board Members; Jennifer Brudney, Community Service Coordinator; J.R. Salazar, Interim General Manager; Emma Smith, Driver and Tamara Cope, TxDot, Public Transportation Coordinator.

C.A.R.R. purchases new vehicle for use in Runnels County

City and Rural Rides is proud to announce the purchase of a 2000 Ford Crown Victoria to be utilized for its customers in Runnels County. The new vehicle was purchased with local funding.

City and Rural Rides (C.A.R.R.) is the Rural Public Transportation provider in Runnels, Shackelford, Stephens, Eastland, Co-

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Extension News & Views

By Rick Minzenmayer, Extension Agent-IPM

Fall ideal for planting trees and shrubs

Finally, fall is here, the weather is becoming slightly cooler, and gardeners are slowly migrating back outdoors after record-breaking heat this summer. Now is a perfect time to add a new tree or a grouping of shrubs to the landscape. Or perhaps you have an area in the landscape that needs "remodeling" or rejuvenating. The fall may be the best season to plant, surpassing even the spring.

Many people prefer January through March for planting, but the fall months of September through December have distinct advantages. Fall planting follows the heat of summer, and precedes a cool winter season. Trees and shrubs planted use this to good advantage. Plant roots grow anytime the soil temperature is 40 degrees or higher, which may occur all winter in Texas. During the winter months, the root systems of the fall-planted specimens develop and become established. When spring arrives, this expanded root system can support and take advantage of the full surge of spring growth.

Fall planting is the optimum time to plant balled and burlapped trees and shrubs. Balled and burlapped plants have ample time to recover from transplanting and proliferate roots before spring growth begins. Remember however, all bare root plants, including roses and pecan and fruit trees should be planted in late winter

when they are completely dormant.

When buying plants for your landscape, be sure to get health, well-grown plants. Always buy from a reputable dealer. Those in the plant selling business year-round depend on repeat customers, and only by selling customers quality plants can there be assurance of future business. Beware of plant bargains. They can easily turn out to be real headaches. A bargain is no good if it dies. The price tag, especially the cheapest one, is not the best guide to quality.

All plants have growth requirements. Think about the plant's needs before you invest. Is it adapted to your area's soil? Will it grow in sun or shade? Does it need a wet or dry location? Is it cold hardy? Some nurseries have this type of information on tags beside the plant. If not, ask a nursery professional or the county Extension agent.

'Plan before you plant' is always a good rule of thumb. Whether you are planting a single plant or an entire landscape, plan first, then plant. Good planning is a worthwhile investment of time that will pay off in greater enjoyment of attractive and useful home grounds, and in increasing the value of your home. It's much easier to move plants on paper than to dig them up after planting

in the wrong places. A plan saves many planting mistakes.

Every plant in the landscape should serve a purpose. Ask yourself if you want a plant for screening, for privacy, or for shade. How large will it be five years from now? Plants, like people, grow up. Remember, that a small one-gallon size plant will look entirely different after a few years growth in your landscape.

Plant properly for success. Here are a few guidelines on getting the job done right:

1. Dig a hole large enough in diameter so that the root system has at least six inches of clearance on all sides. The root ball should rest on a solid soil foundation, so don't dig the hole much deeper than the ball.

2. Plant the tree or shrub slightly above the level of the surrounding soil, to allow for settling and increased soil drainage.

3. Carefully place the tree or shrub in the hole. Handle the plant by the root ball, not the trunk. A broken ball of earth can mean a dead plant. Always remove any container before you plant.

4. Backfill the hole, using only the native soil removed from the

hole; do not use amendments when planting large shrubs or trees. Fill the hole, and firm the soil around the roots to eliminate any air pockets.

5. Do not fertilize your tree or shrub after planting. Wait until early in the spring to do this, and even then, go lightly. Heavy applications of fertilizer may burn and injure the root system, and could possibly kill the plant.

6. Watering has been and remains paramount in transplanting. At the time of transplanting, soak the root ball and surrounding soil. A thorough watering seven to ten days dramatically increases the success ratio. More frequent watering may encourage root rot. Remember more trees and shrubs fail from overwatering than from underwatering.

7. Before calling it a day, add four to six inches of mulch around the base of newly planted trees and shrubs. This helps to keep down weeds and conserve soil moisture. Use pine bark, composted grass clippings, or leaves.

Fall is for planting. Visit your nursery today to beautify and add value to your home.

Runnels County Pecan Show scheduled for December 7

The 1999 Runnels County Pecan Show will be on Tuesday, December 7, in the Runnels County Farm Bureau Meeting Room in Ballinger, according to Runnels County Extension Agent Mike Mauldin and Anthony Lange, Horticulture Committee Chairman.

Mauldin says that pecans are probably grown by more people in Runnels County than any other crop, and a pecan show is an excellent way to learn about pecans. Everyone is encouraged to participate in this year's show.

Pecans may be entered at the County Extension office in the County Courthouse Annex in Ballinger, Citizens State Bank of Miles, Alderman-Cave in Winters, the Norton Gin, Ballinger Feed and Seed, or the West Texas State Bank in Rowena. No entry will be accepted later than noon on Friday, December 3, 1999.

Each single entry should consist of not less than 45 pecans of the same variety. They should not be cleaned or rubbed to the extent

that the shape or color is altered. They should be packed in a paper or plastic bag with the exhibitor's name, address, and variety of pecan, if known.

With the short crop this year, Runnels County Horticulture Committee will not charge an entry fee to enter the pecan show as has been charged in the past. Exhibitors are limited to one entry of each named variety they grow. However, a grower may enter as many seedlings, known hybrids, or natives as he wishes.

Divisions will be: Commercial, Classic, and Variety Seedling.

Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected from each division. Plaques and rosettes will be presented to the Champions and rosettes to the Reserve Champions.

The public is invited to attend open house and public viewing of the entries from 1:00-3:00 p.m. on December 7 at the Runnels County Farm Bureau Meeting Room.

First Deer—



JENNIFER YATES, 10, killed her first deer on Saturday, November 6, 1999, in Runnels County, hunting with dad Alfred Yates and using a 6 MM Remington. The 5-point buck field dressed at 85 pounds.

Winters stock show entries due by Wednesday, Dec. 1

Winters Junior Livestock Show entries are due to Roy Shackelford, WHS Ag. Science teacher, by Wednesday, December 1, 1999.

Entries may be turned in to Shackelford at the high school.

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