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## Auto accident kills two Winters men

Two Winters residents were killed instantly in a one-vehicle accident about 10:00 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27.

Pronounced dead at the scene were Mario Albert Esquivel, 33, and Nicholas Trevino, 31.

According to Scott Warren of the Department of Public Safety in Ballinger, Esquivel was driving the 1994 Ford Ranger pickup at a high rate of speed, heading north on FM 382, about 12 miles east of Winters. At the intersection of 382 and FM 1770 (Novice Road), the vehicle apparently crossed 1770 and left 382. The vehicle struck an embankment, became airborne and landed on its top after going through a fence.

The pickup then caught fire and was noticed by a passing motorist who called via cell phone to 911. The motorist was unable to get close enough to help the victims due to the fire.

Officer Warren said neither men were wearing seatbelts.

Warren was assisted by DPS Officer James O'Shields of Coleman, the Runnels County Sheriff's Department, the Winters Police Department and the Winters Volunteer Fire Department.

Rosary for Mr. Esquivel and Mr. Trevino was held Tuesday evening at Winters Funeral Home. Mass was held Wednesday morning at Mt. Carmel Catholic Church with Father Sam Homsey officiating.



**A FIERY CRASH** of this 1994 Ford pickup resulted in the deaths of Mario Albert Esquivel, 33, and Nicholas Trevino, 31, of Winters. The two were killed when their pickup struck an embankment, became airborne and landed upside down before bursting into flames. The accident occurred Sunday about 10:00 p.m. about twelve miles east of Winters near the intersection of FM 1770 and FM 382.

## WTU to close 47 payment offices including Winters and Ballinger

Several West Texas Utilities (WTU) employees in the Runnels County area are in limbo following an announcement by the company last week.

The release, which said WTU is announcing operational changes to position the company for the start of retail competition in Texas, broadly outlined some of the changes which will be made in the operation of the company.

Forty-seven communities will be closing their merchandise sales showrooms and payment offices. Of the 47, twenty-one are in the Big Country. In addition to Winters and Ballinger are Abilene, Albany, Aspermont, Baird, Bronck, Cisco, Clyde, Cross Plains, Hamlin, Haskell, and Knox City. Others are Merkel, Munday, Rising Star, Robert Lee, Rotan, Santa Anna, Stamford, and Throckmorton.

Kevin McMahon, area manager for the company, said his job

and those of seven clerks in six towns in his area had been announced as being "affected by the changes."

He said as far as he knew the offices in his area would remain open until September. After that time, no customer transactions will be performed at the offices (this includes bill payments), although the service people will remain at each of the locations. He noted that customers will continue to have company access through its Customer Service Center, which provides service 24-hours a day, 7 days a week via a toll-free telephone number.

"A new organizational chart will be out in April and those of us affected by the changes will have an opportunity to bid for jobs within the new organization at that time," McMahon said.

"We will be discontinuing our merchandise program by the end See CLOSINGS, page 2

## World Day of Prayer to be celebrated March 3

The World Day of Prayer 2000 will be celebrated at the First United Methodist Church in Winters on Friday, March 3, at noon.

World Day of Prayer is an international movement uniting Protestant, Roman Catholic, Orthodox, and other Christian women and men in informed prayer and prayerful action.

A time of worship, prayer, and fellowship will be observed. Lunch will be served. Everyone is invited.

## In conjunction with Texas Public Schools Week, March 6-10—

### Open House at Elementary School, March 7

Winters Elementary School will celebrate Texas Public Schools Week, March 6-10, with an Open House on Tuesday, March 7.

There's no better time to find out what is happening in your local schools. It's free. It's fun!

At 6:00 p.m., parents of 3rd through 6th grade students are invited to TAAS Night in the Winters Cafeteria.

Visitation for grades pre-kindergarten through 6th will be from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in individual classrooms.

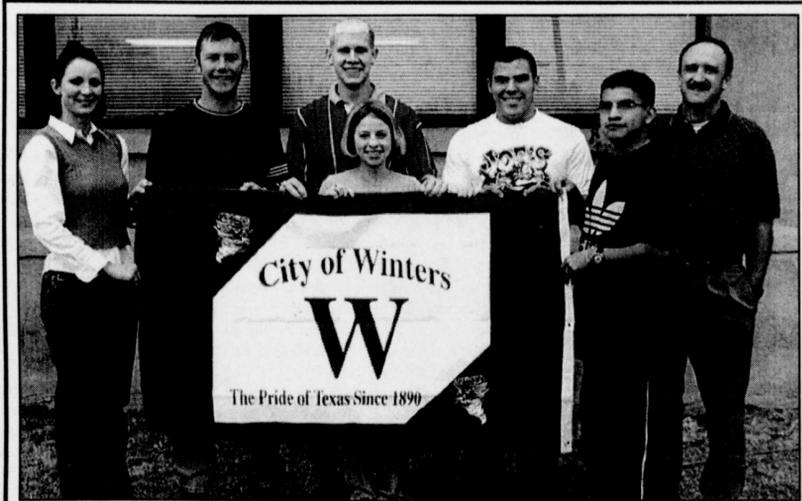
Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact Winters Elementary School at 754-5577.

## Time out, ref—



**LANE GIBBS, age 4, may have attended one basketball game too many as he catches a few winks during one of about 280 games played by Winters school athletes this past season. Shown with Lane is his sister, Tana, age 8. They are the children of Kenny and Saffron Gibbs.**



**CITY OF WINTERS FLAG** was unveiled and raised during ceremonies at City Hall on Feb. 21. The flag was designed by these students in David Hale's WHS calculus class, (l-r) Jana Presley, Matt Angel, John Bahlman, Shelley Meyer, Kirk Byrd, and Arthur Martinez, along with Mr. Hale, in response to a contest offered by the City of Winters. The students were acknowledged and thanked by city officials and other dignitaries on hand for the service. The flag will be flown at City Hall along with the U.S. and Texas flags.

## Council approves funds for water wells

In a continuing effort to provide water to the citizens of Winters and the surrounding area, members of the Winters City Council unanimously approved to spend an estimated \$32,026.50 during the regular meeting of the Council Monday, Feb. 28.

Jack Davis, Jr., Water Superintendent, reported that White Drilling of Clyde, Texas, on request by the Winters City Council, drilled twenty holes around Elm Creek Reservoir in an attempt to find water. Of these twenty holes, ten were found to have water. After pump testing, the wells were found to average approximately 25 gallons per minute each for a total of 360,000 gallons per day.

According to Davis, this

amount is approximately a third of the city's water consumption at this time.

After the wells are tested for chemicals and minerals and ap-

proved for human consumption, the test holes will be turned into water wells at a cost of approximately \$2,000 each. Each of the

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A detailed breakdown of expenses for providing this water is as follows:

• \$19.00 per foot x 60' x 10 wells =	\$11,400.00
• 10 pumps and controls @ \$662.12=	6,621.20
• Piping for wells @ .50 per foot X 10=	300.00
• Electrical wire in wells @ \$0.21 per foot X 10 =	126.00
• Well seals @ \$8.83 X 10 =	88.30
• Piping to tie wells together 3,000' @ \$0.45 per foot =	1,350.00
• Piping to supply water to intake 6" c/200 pvc @ \$2.77 per foot =	9,141.00
• Electrical wire to tie in pumps at wells 3,000' @ \$1.00 per foot =	3,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$32,026.50</b>

## Trustees vote to increase cheerleader squads

With several concerned parents in attendance, school board members voted at a called meeting Monday evening to increase the number of cheerleaders for the 2000-2001 school year.

The motion carried to increase one cheerleader per grades 11 and 12 to the high school squad, and increase one cheerleader per grades 7 and 8 to the junior high squad, making a total of eight cheerleaders on each squad.

Cheerleader tryouts will be March 22.

Voting for the motion were Allen Andrae, Jerry Sims, Gary Moore, Ronald Presley, and Larry Walker. Present but not voting was board member Jack Davis, Jr.

Also present for the meeting were Superintendent Mike Harris, Business Manager Jimmy Butler, and Principals Tammy Bright and Bill Cathey.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

- Mar. 2-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 2 & 6 p.m., Census Testing, Winters Housing Authority
- 7 p.m., Winters Squares, Community Center
- 6:30 p.m., Emmaus, Lutheran Church
- Registration for New 7th Graders
- Mar. 3-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- Noon, World Day of Prayer, First United Methodist Church
- 7:30 p.m., Cowboys for Christ, Drasco
- Mar. 5-9:30-10:15 a.m., Marriage Enrichment Class, Church of Christ
- Mar. 6-9 a.m.-4 p.m., WIC, Winters Housing Authority
- 10 a.m.-Noon & 1:30-3p.m., Immunization Clinic, TDH
- 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 6 p.m., City Council, City Hall
- 6 p.m., Weight Watchers, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 7 p.m., Band Boosters, Band Hall
- 7:30 p.m., Ballinger Masonic Lodge
- Public School Week Begins
- Mar. 7-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- Noon, Lions Club, Community Center
- 3 p.m., Friends of Hale Museum
- 5-6:30 p.m., Pioneer Club, First United Methodist Church
- 6 p.m., TAAS Night 3rd-6th, School Cafeteria
- 6:30-7:30 p.m., PK-6th, Elementary Open House
- 7 p.m., Project Graduation, School Cafeteria
- 7 p.m., VA Representative, American Legion Hall
- 7 p.m., Artists Guild, Kasper Home in Ballinger
- 7 p.m., WVFD, Fire Station
- Early Voting Applications Due
- Mar. 8-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 7 a.m., Industrial Board, Chamber Office
- Mar. 9-10 a.m., Triple L Club, First Baptist Church
- 10 a.m., 39+, First United Methodist Church
- 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center

## Oil Bidness

By Reg Boles ©2000



Hey, psssst! Want to hear an investment secret?

No, it's not a "dot.com" IPO, and it's not some obscure emerging market company in the far east.

The secret? Invest in oil and gas producing companies.

Not very glamorous, and not very popular judging by the current share prices of producing companies.

Two things seem to be at work here: (1) many analysts believe that the risk of lower prices makes oil and gas companies a risky investment in any event, and (2) many observers believe current elevated prices are ready for a big fall.

This view has prevailed since late last year. Share prices recovered from lows seen early 1999 when product prices were at their worst, but they never quite reached a level that was commensurate with the level of recovery seen in oil and gas prices. Even while companies reported record earnings, recently, share prices dropped.

Now, as petroleum prices remain stubbornly high despite expectations for additional OPEC production, share prices continue to drop with some barely above Spring 1999 prices (when oil prices were at their lowest). Major companies are lower, major independents are lower, and smaller independents are basically ignored.

Majors are punished because refining margins suffer when prices are higher. Large independents are punished because they have no hedge against lower prices, and smaller independents are below the radar for most analysts. Plus, conventional investments, like oil and gas companies, are suffering from a general lack of investor interest for anything that doesn't rely totally on the internet for revenue.

The offshoot is that many (I didn't say all) oil and gas producing companies are undervalued in the market. That value is not just based on the expectations for share price appreciation (read: growth) but the cash flow and profit poten-

tial of the companies even if product prices moderate for currently high levels.

This is the opposite of the expectations for internet companies which have little profit but huge expectations for growth. For high-tech companies, the lure is the dream. For oil and gas companies, the lure should be the reality of big profits at any price above \$18 per barrel.

No one seems to be biting right now. Maybe that means something...

### HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY

#### COMPLETIONS

##### Coke County

L.C.S. Production Company has completed the Stowe-Altura #1 in the Fort Chadbourne Field (8 miles N of Bronte) at an initial rate of 24 BOPD & 65 BWPD in an unidentified zone (perms 5530-60). Loc. is 330 FNL & 450 FWL of J.A. Monteith Sur. No. 2, A-1423.

#### STAKINGS

##### Concho County

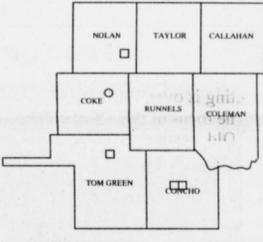
The Pickens Co. has staked two wells in the Brady Mountain Field, 5 miles N of Eden (Depth 3350). The Elizabeth Sue #2 is loc. 2008 FSL & 1307 FWL of Sec. 11, IRR Co. Sur., A-504. The Stansberry Heirs #4 is loc. 500 FSL & 1700 FWL of L. Taylor Sur. No. 16, A-1668.

##### Nolan County

Chisholm Exploration has staked the Texaco Fee #5 in the Mulberry Canyon Field, 5 miles NE of Nolan (Depth 4100). Loc. is 2164 FSL & 2310 FWL of Sec. 69, Bk. 5, T&PRR Sur.

##### Tom Green County

Sha-Jam Operating has staked the Ruth #1 in the South Harriett Field, 5 miles NE of San Angelo (Depth 5500). Loc. is 1116 FNL & 504 FEL of S.R. Bostick Sur. No. 5, A-4926.



## Social Security retirement age to be raised gradually to 67

The Social Security retirement age is going up and the effects will be felt for the first time this year. "Most people do not know changes were made sixteen years ago in the Social Security Amendments of 1983. The full retirement age for those born in 1938 or later was raised in gradual steps from age 65 to 67," said Fredi Franki, Social Security manager in San Angelo.

"The change was part of a package of changes made by a bipartisan Congressional committee to curtail program expenses," Franki said. "People are living longer and are drawing Social Security benefits longer, creating unanticipated costs for the Social Security system."

If you were born before 1938,

you will still be eligible for your full Social Security retirement benefit at the age of 65 and reduced benefits as early as age 62. However, those born in 1938 who retire "early" this year (age 62) will find their benefit amount of reduction increased from 20 percent to 20.8 percent.

Beginning in 2003, full retirement age for those born in 1938 or later will increase. For example, the full retirement age for those born in 1938 will increase to 65 years and two months.

"There are disadvantages and advantages to taking your benefit before your full retirement age, so contact Social Security before you decide to retire," urges Franki.

## Census 2000 expands test dates, times

Census 2000 has expanded its testing dates and times.

Testing will be conducted in Winters at the Winters Housing Authority Meeting Room at 2:00 and 6:00 p.m. every other Thursday beginning February 17. Scheduled dates are Feb. 17; March 2, 16, & 30; and April 13 & 27.

Testing continues in Ballinger every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m. on the third floor of the Runnels County Courthouse.

Please bring a drivers license and social security card!

### Card of Thanks

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to the many friends and family who expressed their sympathy and helped us during the loss of our loved one.

Special thanks to the Winters Nursing Home staff and to the Wingate Baptist Church. The family of Douglas Overman

### Card of Thanks

Bill and I want to thank our friends who visited in the hospital with us and the ones who have visited us at home.

Also, for the food brought to our home, for the cards, prayers, phone calls, and remembrances. A special thanks to Bro. Barry. We feel we are blessed with wonderful friends.

Bill and Pat Russell

### Emmaus to meet

Runnels County Emmaus will meet Thursday, March 2, 2000, at 6:30 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church in Winters.

For more information, contact Nancy Thompson at 754-4016.

### CLOSINGS, cont'd.

of September," said WTU President and General Manager Paul Brower.

"A changing business environment and changing customer needs are reshaping our business. WTU will continue to work in partnership with communities through its economic development activities, volunteerism, contributions and customer service. The company is following an industry trend in making use of new technologies to provide more options in customerservice," Brower said.

McMahon said because of the new state law affecting competition, the company must separate its operations. The service people will be employed by the "wires" company and there will also be a "generating" company, along with a company which sells the electricity. "We really don't know for sure how all this will shake out until we are able to see the new organizational charts in April," he said.

### Senior Citizens Activity Center Menu

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**March 6 thru March 10**  
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**Monday, March 6:** Chicken & dumplings, pear & cottage cheese, English peas, crackers, and pudding.

**Tuesday, March 7:** Salmon croquette, beets, hominy, cornbread, and cake.

**Wednesday, March 8:** Liver & onions, mashed potatoes, green beans, cornbread, and pie.

**Thursday, March 9:** Ham & gravy, lima beans, mixed greens, cornbread, and rice pudding.

**Friday, March 10:** Mexican cornbread, coleslaw, pinto beans, chips, and dessert.

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## Obituaries

### Nicholas Trevino

**WINTERS**—Nicholas Trevino, 32, died Sunday night from injuries received in a one vehicle accident. He was born June 7, 1967, in Abilene and lived in Winters all his life. He graduated from Winters High School and married Maria E. Lopez on May 26, 1990 in Winters. He was employed by John's International and was a member of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife Maria Trevino of Winters; his parents, Pablo and Rachel Trevino of Winters; three brothers, Paul Trevino, Danny Trevino, and Eddie Trevino, all of Winters; and three daughters, Linda Lee Trevino, Crystal Marie Trevino, Bianca Nichol Trevino, all of Winters.

Rosary was held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, February 29 at the Winters Funeral Home. Mass was held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 1, at Mt. Carmel Catholic Church in Winters with Father Sam Homsey officiating. Burial followed in Lakeview Cemetery under the direction of Winters Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Jack Hood, Eddie Trevino, Danny Trevino, Thomas Lopez, Jr., Eddie Mata, and Robert Castillo.

### Mario Albert Esquivel

**WINTERS**—Mario Albert Esquivel, 33, died Sunday night from injuries received in a one vehicle accident.

He was born June 23, 1966, in Los Angeles, California, and moved to Winters as a child. He graduated from Winters High School. He married Sarah Lopez on November 18, 1993, in Ballinger and was employed by Dry Manufacturing Company. He was a Catholic.

Survivors include his wife Sarah Esquivel of Winters; his mother, Guadalupe Esquivel; one brother, Harvey Esquivel of Ballinger; two sons, Mario Esquivel, Jr. and Fabian Esquivel all of Winters; three daughters, Joelda Esquivel of Ballinger, Sabrina Esquivel of Winters, and Vanessa Santoya of Ballinger.

Rosary was held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, February 29, at the Winters Funeral Home. Mass was held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 1, at Mt. Carmel Catholic Church with Father Sam Homsey officiating. Burial followed in Northview Cemetery under the direction of Winters Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Louis Esquivel, Philip Esquivel, John Esquivel, Chris Esquivel, Steve Esquivel, and David Esquivel.

### Magness Marie (Maggie) Simpson

**WINTERS**—Magness Marie (Maggie) Simpson, 80, died Sunday, February 27, 2000, at the Senior Citizens Nursing Home in Winters.

She was born December 6, 1919, in Alba and came to Runnels County in 1920 and has lived in Winters since. She married Iliis B. Simpson on January 13, 1940, in Winters.

Mrs. Simpson was a homemaker and a member of the Assembly of God Church.

Survivors include her husband, Iliis B. Simpson of Winters; two daughters, Patricia Ann Ferguson of Ada, Oklahoma and JoAnn Shaller of Vernon; three grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 29, 2000, at the Assembly of God Church in Winters with Reverend Dale Griswold and Reverend Bob Jones officiating. Burial followed in Lakeview Cemetery in Winters directed by the Winters Funeral Home.

### Curry Cecil Brookshier

**Horison City**—Curry Cecil Brookshier, 83, died Friday, February 25, 2000.

He was a 25 year resident of Horizon City and a 1935 graduate of Ballinger High School. In 1939, he graduated from Texas A&M University and married Margie England Brookshier on August 27, 1939. He is the son of the late Arch and Minnie Brookshier.

Mr. Brookshier was a Vocational Agricultural teacher, Texas A&M Extension County agent, and a rancher. In 1952, he was in the Foreign Service with USAID, serving in Afghanistan for five years, Chile for six years, Pakistan for seven years, and Lima Peru for four years.

In the last three countries, he served as Chief of Agriculture. In Pakistan, he was a key figure in a project called "The Green Revolution" which enables Pakistan to be food grain sufficient.

Following his retirement in 1974 he started a pecan orchard in Van Horn and owned Brookshier Pecan Farm Joint Venture. He was president of Horizon City Kiwanis and a member of Vista Ysleta United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Margie Brookshier; two daughters, Maudilee Brookshier Davis and Annisa B. Carter; one son, Kyle C. Brookshier; seven grandchildren, four great-grandchildren; and a brother, Gordon Brookshier.

Graveside services were held Tuesday, February 29, at 11 a.m. in Garden of Memories Cemetery under the direction of Rains-Seale Funeral Home in Ballinger.

## Runnels County sets hours for early voting

Weekend early voting will be conducted Sunday, March 5, 2000, between the hours of 12:00 noon-5:00 p.m. at the County Clerk's office in Ballinger and also at the County Tax Branch office in Winters.

Early voting will continue in the County Clerk's office through Friday, March 10. Office hours

are 8:30 a.m.-12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Applications for a ballot to vote by mail will be accepted through Tuesday, March 7.

You may contact the County Clerk's office at 365-2720 for more information.

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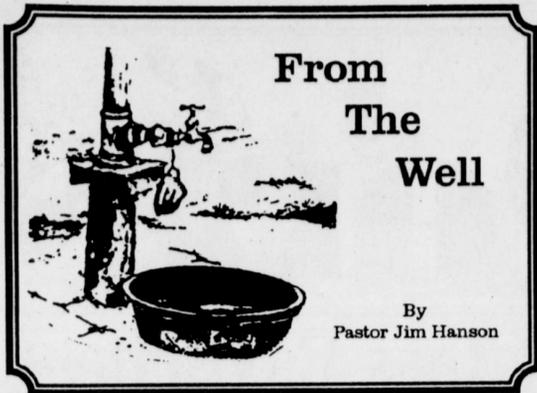
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## From The Well

By Pastor Jim Hanson



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The other day I was talking to a man who was concerned about water. Most of us are becoming concerned about water these days. Who owns the water? Who has the water rights? The folks who live in the city — who wash their cars 4 times a week, run their showers for 10 minutes a time, fill their swimming pools, water their lawns, use huge amounts for their industries, wash their streets? Or the folks who live on the farm. On the land. Who are much better at conserving water?

He was concerned. And, so was I. They outvoted us because there are so many more of them. They get the representation. He said, "It's not fair because rural people are water conservationists. They know how precious water is. Their city cousins think water comes from a tap and whenever you turn it on...it's just there."

Well, not so. We know better. We know that "In spite of all its accomplishments humanity exists because of six inches of topsoil and the fact that it rains." We see the land go dry, and the creeks, and the tanks, and the lakes dry up. And it is scary.

When I was a kid, growing up, we had water. But my mother was a water conservationist. When she washed clothes, she started with the washing machine full of hot water. She washed the light and white stuff first. Then put them through the ringer — squeezing the water back into the machine. Then went in the darker, heavier clothes. And, wrung those out too. Last the greasy, really dirty clothes. All with one washer tub full. Two tubs of rinse water — but that water wasn't changed either. And — when the wash was done the water went to the garden.

When we took baths — it was on Saturday night. We four boys would line up — usually the smaller guys got in first. I guess we weren't as dirty. But all four used the same water.

When we were on Aunt Suzie's farm we really learned how to conserve water. For, down on the farm, there was no running water. We had to carry it. In buckets.

From the well to the house. From the well to the barn. The buckets of water were heavy. You didn't throw it around. Same way with drinking water. You drank from the dipper until it was empty. And, after washing dishes, you carried the water outside and watered the flowers and sometimes the trees with it.

When we did get running water, you were taught to always put the stopper in the drain before you turned on the tap. You could not afford the luxury of running the water without catching it and holding it. We were all water conservationists.

I don't remember when it was that we first got a shower in our house. I think I must have been 15 or 16. And mother always reminded me (1) to rinse, (2) turn off the shower and soap and shampoo, (3) turn it back on and rinse. No continuous shower. It wasted water. And water was precious.

Someone once said, "Don't use more water than you can carry." Not so any more.

Maybe that's why it's so dry. We give no thought...or thanks for the water.

The facts are that we are running out of it. And, we need to rediscover how precious it is. By conserving it. Recycling it. Using it carefully.

Can you imagine how much water the city of Winters could save if:

1. We ran just one cup of water. And used it to brush our teeth. Instead of running it down the drain.

2. We showered just 3 times a week, and did it like my mother taught me. (Like the Navy.)

3. We washed our dishes in the dish pan. Rinsed them. And used our dishwashers as drying racks. And then took the dishwater to water our plants and flowers.

4. We didn't wash our clothes after on wearing — but wore them several times before washing.

5. We never ran water down the drain, always plugged the drain. And used the water in the sink.

6. Dry washed our cars. My wife used to be able to wash our car with 3 buckets of water. And then I took over. And practically immersed our car with water. Dumb.

I'm sure there are other things we could do — to conserve and recycle our water. Not only would we be conserving water, but we would be nourishing our souls. This "grass roots" volunteer movement of water conservation would help us nourish the "roots" of our hearts and minds. We would begin to see how precious a gift water is. And, before we took a drink, or washed our body, or cleaned our car, we would automatically say, "Thank you, God...for water." And by blessing Him, we would be twice blessed.



THINGS ARE REALLY LOOKING UP for these cute members of First United Methodist Church Wee Care Pre-School during a recent field trip. The group enjoyed watching the flag raising ceremonies as the new city flag was unveiled on Feb. 21 at City Hall. Accompanying the energetic group are leaders Jane Bourdo, kneeling at right, and Gail Williams, standing at right.

## North Main Church of Christ to host meetings on marriage enrichment

The North Main Church of Christ will begin a special class entitled "Making Majestic Marriages" this Sunday. It will begin from 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. every Sunday for the next three months.

"Every marriage can use a tune up," says Mark Edge, preaching minister for the church. "These enrichment sessions will be especially helpful for making a good marriage even better."

Yet, Edge states that troubled marriages can also find inspiration in these gatherings. "The fact is, even in a town the size of Winters, there will be marriages where there is tremendous pain. One thing that I desire to communicate to the husband or wife who feels trapped in a terrible marriage—there is hope. Besides, one of the basic messages of Christianity is that Christians are wounded healers. I hope that those of us who

have been healed can be allowed to help those who are hurting."

Edge emphasizes that those who wish to visit should not feel pressured to stay for the assembly which follows the marriage empowering discussion. "Obviously, we always love for visitors to join us for worship. But we realize that there are many people in this town who are not members of a church and frankly, don't want to be bothered by one. We want those people to feel comfortable to come and join us for the marriage-building period and then feel free to leave as soon as our meeting is over."

The focus of this effort will be the Old Testament book of the Song of Solomon. "Probably very few people realize that there is a book of the Bible dedicated to the themes of love, romance, marriage, and sex," Edge elaborates. "But the Song of Solomon is that book. Some have said it is the biblical book for our time. I tend to agree."

Those having further questions may call the North Main Church of Christ at 754-4183. The cost is free and no free offering will be taken at the session.

## County to accept proposals on courthouse architectural service

Runnels County Commissioners agreed to advertise for proposals for architectural services in connection with the Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program at a special meeting on Monday at the courthouse. Commissioners had heard previously from a firm which is interested in performing the architectural services and applying for a grant for the program on behalf of Runnels County.

Ballinger City Administrator Tommy New discussed with the court a letter from the Texas Military Facilities Commission concerning the National Guard Armory and land surrounding it. The City and County share a communications tower located on the land. The letter indicated the tower would have to be dismantled and moved because the TMFC plans to give the land to the U.S. Housing and Urban Development Commission.

Commissioner Ricky Strube told the group he had contacted James Beauchamp with Congressman Charlie Stenholm's office and he would be arriving to discuss the matter. Following Beauchamp's arrival, Administrator

New and County Judge Marilyn Egan gave him information on the matter. Beauchamp assured the city and county representatives he would check into the proposal and report back to them by the next Commissioners Court Meeting on March 13. No formal action was taken by the court.

Other matters on the agenda and their action included:

- Commissioners agreed to rent the use of a county-owned copier to the Regional Juvenile Probation Department at the rate of \$20 per month.

- Approved a resolution in support of a grant application by West Central Texas Regional Housing Finance Corporation for homebuyer's Assistance for low and moderate income families.

- Entered into a contract with Winters Public Library for payment of \$3,150 in support of their 2000 budget.

- Accepted a bid of \$1,000 on property held in trust for non-payment of taxes located at 802 North 10th Street, Ballinger.

- Approved a request of Coleman County Water Supply for an easement to cross County Road 183.

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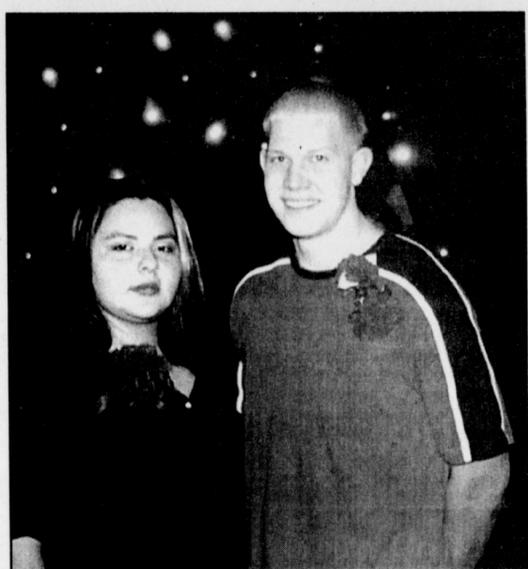
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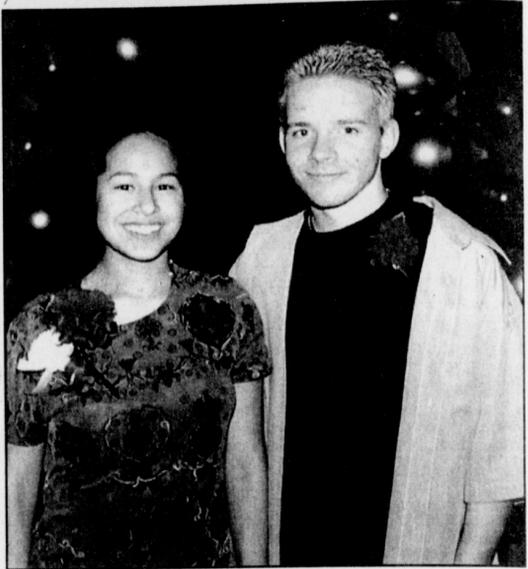
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**Monday-March 6**  
 Biscuits  
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**Tuesday-March 7**  
 Cinnamon Roll  
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 Juice  
**Wednesday-March 8**  
 Toast  
 Sliced Cheese  
 Juice  
**Thursday-March 9**  
 Waffle/Syrup  
 Oatmeal  
 Juice  
**Friday-March 10**  
 Banana Nut Muffin  
 Cereal  
 Juice
- Lunch**  
**Monday-March 6**  
 Burrito/Chili/Cheese  
 Tossed Salad  
 Corn  
 Coconut Cookie  
**Tuesday-March 7**  
 Chicken Fillet/Gravy  
 Mashed Potatoes  
 Green Beans  
 Vanilla Pudding  
 Hot Roll  
**Wednesday-March 8**  
 Nacho/Meat/Cheese  
 Refried Beans  
 Salad  
 Peach Cobbler  
**Thursday-March 9**  
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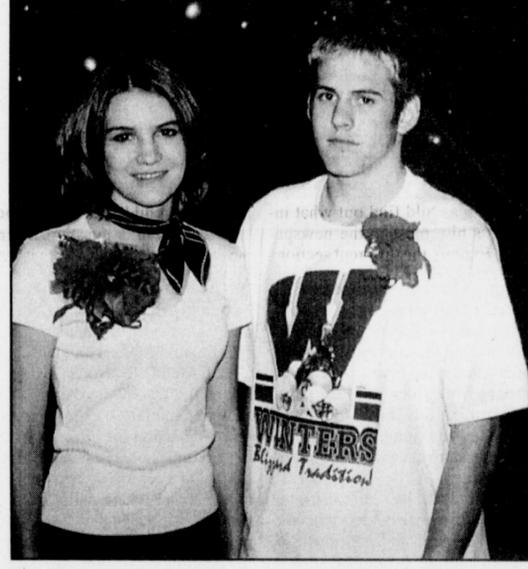
## 1999-2000 WHS Class Favorites



Chriselda Valles & John Bahlman  
 Seniors



Eileen Alvarado & Clay Trojcek  
 Juniors



Mandy Pritchard & Jeremy Hope  
 Sophomores



Laci Walker & Guy Slimp  
 Freshmen

### Blizzard varsity and JV track at Roscoe Saturday

The Blizzard varsity and junior varsity boys will compete in the Roscoe Track Meet on Saturday, March 4. Field events will begin at 9 a.m. and the 3200 meter run will start at 9 a.m. Running pre-lims will begin at noon and finals will be held at 3 p.m. or one hour following the pre-lims. The meet will be held at the track complex at Roscoe High School.

### Students win at Wylie UIL Academic Meet and Mail-in Writing Meet

Results of two UIL practice competition meets are in. The Winters UIL Academic competitors traveled to Wylie for a practice meet February 19. Twenty schools in Classes 1A-3AA participated. Among journalism awards, Clay Trojcek placed first in Headlines, Kelli Slimp received third in Feature Writing. Accounting team members Maria Chavez, John Bahlman, and Holly Woffenden received third place. Chavez also was awarded fourth place individually. First place team in Number Sense went to John Bahlman, Brian Pritchard, Arthur Martinez, and Raul Zermeno. Tracie Morrison took fifth in Literary Criticism. Also seven journalism competitors placed in the Winner's Circle UIL Writing Meet. This contest is mailed out to

- ### BLIZZARD ACTIVITIES
- SOFTBALL**  
 —Mar. 3, Wall, H. 4:30 p.m.  
 —Mar. 7, Miles, H. 4:30 p.m.  
**VARSITY BASEBALL**  
 —Mar. 2-4, Colorado City Tourney  
 —Mar. 7, Bangs, T. TBA  
 —Mar. 10, San Saba, H 4 p.m.  
**JR. VARSITY BASEBALL**  
 —Mar. 6, Wall, H. 4 p.m.
- GOLF**  
 —Mar. 6, Robert Lee, Girls  
 —Mar. 7, Robert Lee, Boys  
**JUNIOR HIGH TRACK**  
 —Mar. 3, at Wall, 3:30 p.m.  
 —Mar. 10, at Merkel, 3:30 p.m.  
**VARSITY & JV TRACK**  
 —Mar. 4, at Roscoe, boys, 9 a.m.  
**TENNIS**

- ### MARCH 2—MARCH 10, 2000
- Mar. 3 & 4, San Angelo, Team  
 —Mar. 10 & 11, San Saba, V-JV  
**BAND**  
 —Mar. 4, Junior High Contest, at Ballinger  
 —Mar. 9, HS Contest, Glen Rose
- EXTRA-CURRICULAR**  
 —Mar. 7, Elementary Open House, 3rd-6th Grade TAAS Night, 6 p.m., Cafeteria  
 PK-6th Room Visitation, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

### Project Grad 2000 meeting, March 7

Project Graduation 2000 has scheduled a parents meeting Tuesday, March 7, at 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Parents of seniors are invited and encouraged to attend.

### Dennis Conner inducted into honor society

Dennis Conner, a junior physics major, was among forty-one students inducted into McMurry University's chapter of Alpha Chi, a national honor society for juniors and seniors. The induction was held Tuesday, Feb. 22, at 5:30 p.m. in the President's Dining Room of the United-Methodist Campus Center in Abilene. Dennis is the son of Randall and Susan Conner of Winters, and is a 1998 graduate of Winters High School.

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 6:30 - 7:30 PK - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Room Visitation

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# Blizzards



**PROPER BRUSHING TECHNIQUE** is demonstrated to third grade students by Connie Smith, dental assistant with the Texas Department of Health. Ms. Smith presented programs to all students at Winters Elementary School during the recent National Dental Hygiene Week. Of special interest to fifth and sixth graders were her talks regarding the dangers of smokeless tobacco.

## Walker takes first place in Forsan tennis tourney

The WHS varsity boys tennis teams won second place at the Forsan tournament last Friday and Saturday, Feb. 26 and 27.

There were fifteen area schools participating with Colby Walker and Taylor Brown competing in singles for Winters High School. Aaron Pritchard and Craig Jacob paired up for doubles as did G. G. Hernandez and Jeremy Hope.

Colorado City's 3A doubles team edged out Pritchard and Jacob for third place, 6-3, 5-7, 6-4.

Walker took home a first place trophy by beating Ozona's number one player 6-1, 6-2 in the semi-final match, then finished off a state class A qualifier, Clint Schulke 6-2, 6-4 for the tournament title.

The varsity girls placed fifth with Scarlet McMinn winning the consolation championship 8-6 over Ozona.

Tennis coach Biff White said, "Being that we have no juniors or



**Colby Walker**

seniors on the girls' team, we played well."

Representing WHS in doubles play were Monica Hicks with Samantha Montgomery, sophomores, and Alison Calcote with Kemari Hale, freshmen.

## Newspaper in Education Week, March 6-10— Children can improve reading skills with newspapers

Reading a newspaper is an excellent way to sharpen children's reading skills and encourage reading for fun and information.

Help a child find out what interests him most in the newspaper. Explore the different sections together.

Turn off the television and read the newspaper as a family for 15 minutes every day.

Find an interesting news story or comic strip and cut the paragraphs or panels apart and then arrange them in logical order.

Ask a child to read a short editorial. Have him/her underline all facts with a blue pen and all opinions with a red pen.

Have a child pick a headline and turn it into a question. Then he can read the article to see if the question is answered.

Pick an interesting article from the newspaper and ask a child to read it to you.

Have a child select a movie, based on information from in the entertainment section.

## Baseball Scoreboard

**Team:** Varsity Boys  
**Coach:** Charles Murphy  
**Date & place of game:** 2-24-00 at Winters  
**Opponent:** Eula  
**Winning pitcher:** VanZandt  
**Losing pitcher:** Lujano  
**Lossing catcher:** Luz  
**Key plays:** Lujano 2RBI in 2nd inning.

	Runs	Hits	Errors
WINTERS	3	6	4
OPONENT	8	12	2

**Coach's Comments:** We left 10 runners on base. Twice we had bases loaded with less than two outs and did not score.

**Team:** Varsity Boys  
**Coach:** Charles Murphy  
**Date & place of game:** 2-26-00 at Winters  
**Opponent:** Jim Ned  
**Winning pitcher:** Ben Blaine  
**Lossing pitcher:** Arrowood  
**Key plays:** see coach's comments.

	Runs	Hits	Errors
WINTERS	14	11	5
OPONENT	13	9	3

**Coach's Comments:** We did a great job of not giving up. Things did not look good but we came back and won with six hits in the seventh inning when we had to. After giving up 7 runs in the 5th and 2 in the 6th we were trailing by 5 in the bottom of the 7th. Ben Blaine had a base hit, Will Blaine -basehit, Oscar Luz-base hit, Chris Yanez-base hit—down by 4 now—Chris Lujano hits a grand slam to tie the score at 13. Andrew Medina doubled, Justin Calcote singled to score Gary Woodbury (who was running for Medina). We win 14-13.

**Team:** Varsity Boys  
**Coach:** Charles Murphy  
**Date & place of game:** 2-26-00 at Winters  
**Opponent:** Jim Ned  
**Winning pitcher:** Oscar Luz  
**Lossing pitcher:** Maxwell  
**Key plays:** JB Josh Minzenmayer followed by 3 walks and hits by Calcote, Yanez & Lujano.

	Runs	Hits	Errors
WINTERS	11	11	4
OPONENT	6	8	5

**Coach's Comments:** We hit the ball much better. Much more confidence in all aspects of the game.

## 4TH SIX WEEKS ELEMENTARY HONOR ROLL & PRIMARY GRADE PARADE

Winters Independent School District 1999-2000

### FIRST GRADE

**CAVAZOS**  
Scott Curry  
Nelly Espino  
Kelsea Garcia  
Shelby Gehrels  
J.J. Herrera  
Kailee Johnson  
T.J. Johnson  
Tyler Lincoln  
Miguel Rodriguez  
Devon Shackelford  
Cheyenne Smith  
John Smith  
Efrain Vizuetz

### COLBURN

Kelton Bredemeyer  
Nico Campos  
Haliegh Edge  
Abby Guy  
Bibiana Mendoza  
Estevan Nava  
Zannie Slimp  
Derek Smith  
Joselyn Soto  
Justin Trevino

### PARRAMORE

Amber Blackshear  
Jarred Briley  
Jesse Butler  
Ashley Delacruz  
Alonso Flores  
Kori Gallimore  
Kayla Hightower  
Kaitlyn Johnson  
Dustin Oswalt  
Raymond Rodriguez  
Crystal Trevino

### SNEED

Sarah Campos  
Jared Cortez  
Lisa Dees  
C.J. Johnson  
Haley Kaczyk  
Dillion Lindley  
Devin Martinez  
Regan Newsom  
Kody Perry  
Drey Richards  
Miranda Torres

### SECOND GRADE

**LINCYCOMB**  
Josh Arispe

Sybil Bridgeman  
Lucy Butler  
Randy Carrillo  
Cindy Chavez  
Tia Davis  
Ursula Estrada  
Tana Gibbs  
Marcus Herrera  
Jason Laird  
Joshua Lee  
Anthony Martinez  
Jonathan Patton  
Lucero Ponce  
Coltyn Pritchard  
Kenneth Reel  
Chelsie Schmidt

### MEYERS

Jennifer Brewer  
Tiffany Cravens  
Jacie Frierson  
Aaron Grenwelge  
Ryan Hagle  
Jacinto Hernandez  
Shelby Knight  
Chelsy Lipsey  
Josh Lujano  
Ronak Patel  
Danielle Pinkerton  
Devon Rodriguez  
Joseph Stoeker  
Olivia Stout  
A.J. Tamez  
Jason Taylor  
Joby Winfrey

### OLIVER

Cody Bean  
Hayden Bergman  
Maritza Bowden  
Justin Childers  
Kristin DelReal  
Kevin Jackson  
Brianna Meseey  
Braden Mikeska  
Kathleen Mills  
Juan Ramirez  
Nicky Sanders  
Brandon Taylor

### THIRD GRADE

**"A"**  
Sonia Armendariz  
Kevin Bredemeyer  
Julie England  
Sandy Esquivel

### FOURTH GRADE

**"A"**  
Addison Bergman  
Kevin Cook  
Lillian Garcia  
Roy McBeth  
Cassi Mendoza  
Alex Newsom  
Adriana Rodriguez  
Susan Sneed  
Asenette Vasquez  
Shelby Walker

### FIFTH GRADE

**"A"**  
Kellyn Airhart  
Luke England  
Keegan Kurtz  
Anthony Ramirez  
**"A-B"**  
Matthew Awalt

Cory Fenwick  
Camille Kruse  
Colby Pritchard  
Brittany Woffenden

### "A-B"

Matthew Doty  
Luis Flores  
Raphael Galloway  
Jami Harris  
Juana Harrison  
Ryan Meyers  
Krystal Perry  
Aaron Rodriguez  
Dalton Shackelford  
David Stout  
Destiny Torres  
Marty Torres  
Vince Trevino

### SIXTH GRADE

**"A"**  
Adrienne Montgomery

### "B"

Amanda Blackshear  
Angelica Campos  
Aaron Colburn  
Paige Geistmann  
Krystal Gibbens  
Erica Lujano  
Jessica Meyer  
Armando Nava  
Kindy Walker

### "A-B"

Lucia Chavez  
Luke Hale  
Latisha Hildreth  
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### "B"

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Amber Toten

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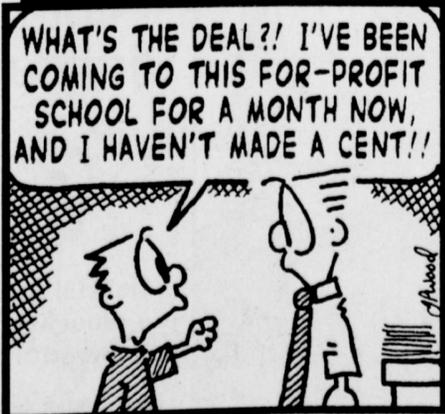
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**Junior high track meet at Wall tomorrow night**

Winters Junior High will compete in the Wall Track Meet on Friday, March 3. Field events will begin at 3:30 p.m. and the 2400 meter run will start at 3:40 p.m. Running finals will begin at 5:30 p.m. The meet will be held at the track complex at Wall High School.

**Correction**  
Justin Mendoza was inadvertently listed as Justin Medina in last week's powerlifting story, in the 132 lb. division. The Winters Enterprise apologizes for this error.



## Alison Beth Honig and Heath Andrew Watkins united in marriage on December 19, 1999

Alison Beth Honig of Los Alamos, New Mexico and Heath Andrew Watkins of Winters were united in Christian marriage in a double ring ceremony on December 19, 1999, at Shepherd King Lutheran Church in Lubbock. Reverend Melvin Swoyer officiated the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Emanuel and Carol Honig of Los Alamos, New Mexico. Parents of the groom are Fred and Brenda Watkins of Winters.

The couple was blessed to have four of their grandparents in attendance. They were Mrs. Lillie Presley of Winters; Mr. and Mrs. William Honig and Mrs. Crystal Walch all of Hondo.

The bride wore an elegant gown created in a white Italian matte satin. The sleeveless princess style bodice featured an open scooped neckline and delicate beading of pearls and crystals. The overlay bodice allowed a box pleated ball gown skirt to float softly to the hemline and sweep into a mid-cathedral length train. To compliment her gown she wore opera length gloves and satin ballet slippers.

The bride carried a bouquet of white roses, gardenias, and stephanotis which featured her great, great-grandmother's gold pocketwatch which had been given to her by her great-grandmother. Her cathedral-length veil cascaded down from a headpiece beaded with pearls and Australian crystals. She wore a pearl necklace and earrings given to her by her parents on her twenty-first birthday.

Kristen Honig, sister of the bride, of Los Alamos, New Mexico, was maid of honor.

Bridesmaids were Renae Honig, cousin of the bride, of Irving; Tina Ulibarri of Los Alamos, New Mexico; and Valerie Bester of Burnsville, Minnesota.

Each bridesmaid wore a navy, floor length, sleeveless gown with elbow length gloves. They carried a bouquet of white astrolemeria and burgundy roses accented with a burgundy bow.

The flower girl was Iuliana Walch, cousin of the bride, of Bellville. She wore a floor length burgundy gown made by her



Mr. and Mrs. Heath Watkins

mother with a headpiece of burgundy roses and ribbons. She carried a white basket from which she dropped burgundy flower petals.

Fred Watkins, father of the groom, of Winters served as best man.

Groomsmen were Matthew Rabinowitz of Richardson and Steven Honig, brother of the bride, of Los Alamos, New Mexico.

Reader and candlelighter was Heather Watkins, sister of the groom, of Winters. Registering guests was Nikki Ford of Dallas.

Ushers were John Berry and Mark Bounds of Lubbock and Blake Stevens of Lewisville. Vocalists were Amy Bery and Joy Loper of Lubbock who sang "The Wedding Song."

The house party included Carol Kozelsky of Winters; Ann Terhune of Arlington; Mary Bush of Lubbock and Nikki Ford of Dallas.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the Holiday Inn Lubbock Plaza. The bride's and groom's cakes were both made by Carol Kozelsky of Winters.

The bride's cake featured two tiers of red velvet cake and one of white cake. Burgundy roses cascaded down the three tiered creation which was topped with a miniature ceramic bride and groom.

The groom's cake was a chocolate cake featuring the seal of Texas Tech University. The groom's table also displayed a wooden sailboat, a favorite recreation of the groom.

After the reception, the bride and groom were sent away by their family and friends in a decorated car driven by the best man.

After a honeymoon in Cancun, Mexico, the couple will reside in Lubbock until May when they will move to Fort Worth.

## Hale Museum to develop outdoor ag exhibit

by Randall Conner

The Z.I. Hale Museum is developing an outdoor farm equipment display east of the Museum and in the area previously occupied by Onken Radiator Service.

Items for display need to be agriculturally related; more than 50 years old; fairly complete; and suitable for outside display.

The Museum hopes to develop an indoor display in the future for items that do not need to be outdoors and for smaller items.

If you have equipment that you would like to donate to the Museum for the exhibit, please contact Rodrick Bredemeyer at 365-6660, Tad Cason at 754-4895, Dale Duggan at 365-3145, Lange Brothers at 786-2121, or Randall Connor at 754-4542.

## Robert Bedford receives B.S. degree from Tarleton

Robert Matthew Bedford received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice during December 17, 1999, graduation ceremonies for Tarleton State University.

The service was held at Wisdom Gym in Stephenville.

Robert is the son of Nadine Bedford and the late John Boyd Bedford of Winters. He is a 1996 graduate of Winters High School.

Those attending the graduation, in addition to his mother, were Lisa Gray of Winters, Libby and Greg Zemanek of Dallas, Perry and Tonya Bedford, Isaiah and Alexis of Brady, Greg and Amy Jones of Round Rock, and Mike Bedford of Fayetteville, Arkansas.



## Tony Salinaz announces candidacy for County Sheriff

Tino P. Salinaz announces his candidacy in the Republican Primary March 14 for the office of Sheriff of Runnels County.

Salinaz has over 20 years of public service in law enforcement, beginning his career in the mid-'70's as a reserve deputy with the Tom Green County Sheriff's Department. He then moved to Amarillo where he worked for the Amarillo Police Department for 15 years.

While with the Amarillo Police Department he worked in the patrol division, detective division and service division. He received 10 department commendations and a life saving certificate for saving a human life while working with the Amarillo Police Department.

Returning to his hometown, he worked as a deputy for the Runnels County Sheriff's Department for 6 1/2 years.



homicide, interrogations, hostage negotiation, training officer, evidence collection and processing, juvenile law, sexual assault, traffic accident investigation and reconstruction, child abuse and neglect and recognition of child abuse, family violence and more.

Salinaz says, "I have served as an exemplary police officer for over 20 years. My goal is to lead the Runnels County Sheriff's Department into the next century with fresh ideas and new, effective leadership.

"I will have an open door policy, work to improve relationships with surrounding law enforcement agencies, ensure complete responsiveness to the citizen's needs and concerns, make sure the sheriff's department tax dollars are spent for the taxpayer's benefit and, working with you, the community, to form a solid partnership."

He holds an Advanced Proficiency Certificate from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education and has over 1000 Law Enforcement training hours. Those hours include criminal investigations,

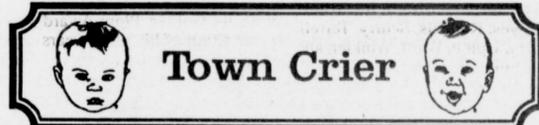
## Volunteers wanted for CAC

By Randall Conner

Volunteers are needed to help with a Census Assistance Center in Winters. The center will be located at the Winters Child Development Center, 601 West Pierce, and will be open from March 13-April 14 from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The center is to help people in the community who need assistance in filling out the census forms. Service organizations are providing workers in most communities, with each person working only one day per week. A four hour training is required for workers.

The Runnels County Complete Count Committee is sponsoring the Winters Census Assistance Center. Please contact Randall Conner at 754-4542 or Carolyn Scarborough at 754-5210 if you are willing to work in the center.



## Town Crier

### Lauren Nicole Shoemaker

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Shoemaker of Austin announce the birth of their new daughter, Lauren Nicole, born February 16, 2000. Proud big sister is Ashley Kathleen, age 6.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Mayfield of Austin. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Shoemaker of The Woodlands.

Paternal great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. W. L. England of Winters and Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Shoemaker of Commerce.

## 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. Please call North Runnels Hospital today to schedule an eye exam and cataract screening with Dr. Bacigalupi.



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**ACROSS**

- 1 TXism: "\_\_\_ as hen's teeth"
- 5 TXism: "beats anything I \_\_\_ saw"
- 6 TX Willie's 1st benefit: Farm \_\_\_
- 7 TX Swayze film: "Red \_\_\_"
- 8 TXism: "give \_\_\_ rest!" (shut up)
- 9 disorderly crowd
- 12 TXism: "all over but the shouting"
- 17 TX Nolan Ryan had \_\_\_ clause in last Ranger contract
- 19 Fiesta Texas' "Rattler": \_\_\_ roller coaster
- 21 TXism: "fast as \_\_\_ lightning"
- 22 this Tubb was the "Texas Troubadour"
- 23 take away the six-shooter
- 28 \_\_\_ in Peace"
- 29 TXism for pond
- 30 TXism: "call \_\_\_" (quit)
- 31 Denton's Ann Sheridan was the "\_\_\_ Girl"
- 35 Texas Crossword clue expression
- 36 TXism: "too big for \_\_\_"
- 42 TX cattle baron \_\_\_ Pierce
- 44 Aquarena Springs' \_\_\_ the Diving
- 46 estate inheritor can do
- 49 "truth" so. of the border
- 50 this Lanham was 22nd gov. of TX (init.)
- 51 this TX Charlie was Nub Oliver on "Evening Shade"
- 52 a Texan ski destination
- 53 west TX climate
- 54 Ripley's "Believe \_\_\_ Not"
- 55 TXism: "shoots eye bullets" (good shot)
- 57 Kristin was \_\_\_ mistress (she shot him, too)
- 58 Grand \_\_\_ Opry
- 59 TXism: "red \_\_\_" (liquor)
- 14 actor Drake of "Son of Belle Starr"
- 15 this Barbara was TX Hagman's "Jeannie"
- 16 UT has the \_\_\_ of Edgar Allan Poe
- 18 "Norma \_\_\_"
- 20 Redskins' Norv who was Cowboy coach (init.)
- 23 \_\_\_-bowl, TX
- 24 world communications co. (abbr.)
- 25 instrument of TX Ornette Coleman
- 26 TXism: "limp as \_\_\_ rag"
- 27 skin eruptions
- 32 TXism: "got knocked down a peg \_\_\_ two"
- 33 retired Cowboy receiver? (init.)
- 34 JFK's boat \_\_\_ 109
- 36 \_\_\_ Bissinger wrote "Friday Night Lights" about TX football
- 37 TX Trini's "If \_\_\_ Hammer"
- 38 cavalry swords
- 39 a Marx brother
- 40 TX Martha Hyer film: "The Sons of Katie \_\_\_"
- 41 "spic 'n \_\_\_"
- 43 TX Nolan (init.)
- 45 computer internal storage (abbr.)
- 48 TXism: "long in the tooth"
- 49 Jerry Jones and Jimmy Johnson?
- 56 TX Tanya's "Can \_\_\_ You Tonight?"

**DOWN**

- 1 TXism: "you're \_\_\_" (thinking alike)
- 2 one description of TX Howard Hughes
- 3 in Bowie Co. on 67 a pen name for TX Sandra Brown: \_\_\_ St. Claire
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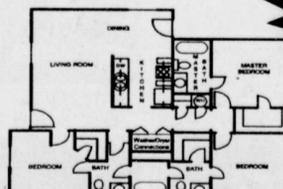
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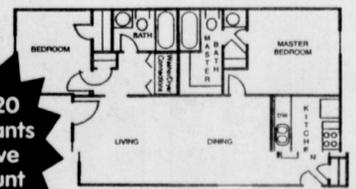
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## Crews News

By Hilda Kurtz

Advice is like cooking—you should try it before you feed it to others.

On Sunday, the Hopewell Baptist Church congregation enjoyed lunch between services. Visitors were Claude and Madeline Smith of Content and Chris Shields of Abilene.

Joe and Betty Pierce will be hosts for the community get-together and supper at the center on Saturday, March 4. They will prepare brisket and sour dough biscuits. Let's all come and if you like, bring your favorite dish or sweets.

Joe and Betty Pierce had a nice visit with daughter Jenny Doyle and grandson Pierce Doyle of Lowake.

Leona and Roy Matthis spent Saturday in Brownwood visiting Abe and Patsy Giles and Leona's sister Billie Denton of Brownwood at the lake.

Chris Shields of Abilene spent the weekend with Juanita Shields.

Enjoying supper on Sunday night with Selma Wilkerson were Jimmy and Frances, Garrett and Katie Chapman of Ballinger and a friend of Garrett's.

Visiting Connie and Georgia Gibbs during the week were Lynda and Travis Ford of Rising Star, Kenny, Saffron, Tana, and Lane Gibbs of Winters, Horace Gibbs of Rising Star, Doris Wood and Janelle Kothorn of Menard.

Lavonda Foreman of Kerrville and Weldon, Lisa, and Tye Foreman came by to see Coleman Foreman on the way to see their son Kenny and family in Oklahoma.

Marvin and Melvena Gerhart, Bernie McCoy of Abilene, and Nila Osborne were in Menard on Sunday evening to see Myrtle Wright.

Therin and Nila Osborne, Sue and Glen, had supper with Karen, Wesley, and Stefanie McGallian in Wingate during the week.

Will and Leslie Duggan had supper with Dale and Linda Duggan on Saturday. Also on Saturday, Linda and Dale were in Abilene and visited and had supper with Kyle and Katie and little son Kelton Grigsby. They also enjoyed meeting Kyle's parents Ronald and Martha Grigsby of

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League City.

During the week, visiting with Margie Jacob were Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Blubau and Sharon Engler of Brownwood.

On Friday night, Margie and Brenda Jacob, Beverly VanZandt, Carol and Mike Kozelsky, Fred and Brenda Watkins, and Sharon Engler met at Oxford Street in Abilene and enjoyed a birthday supper for Jerry Engler. Later the group attended the program on "A Life Worth Living." Dr. Robert Schuller Jr. and his wife were some of the speakers from Crystal Cathedral Ministries of Garden Grove, California.

Brenda and Margie Jacob were in San Angelo on Saturday. Brenda attended a birthday party for Cheryl Townson, and Margie visited and had dinner with Sybill Waller at the Rio Concho Manor. Later they played Spinner with Joyce Campbell, Winnie Powell, and Sybill's grandson Aaron Bowles. On their way home they stopped in Rowena to visit grandson Justin Busenlehner and wife Kristi.

Beverly VanZandt, Mike and Carol Kozelsky, and Margie Jacob attended the Ministerial Alliance prayer service at the Lutheran Church on Sunday night.

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## Official Records

### County Court Criminal Cases Filed February 17

Susan Schmidt, filed for theft of merchandise and/or cash by check

### February 23

Wanda Sloan, filed for theft of merchandise by check

### Dispositions

Dora M. Davis, theft of merchandise by check, dismissed, improper notice  
Ricci Ogle, theft of merchandise and/or cash by check, pleaded guilty, fined \$100, plus \$210.25 court costs, \$45 hot check fee and \$210 restitution

Guadalupe Landeros, theft of merchandise and/or cash by check, pleaded guilty, fined \$100, plus \$210.25 court costs, \$175 hot check fee, \$1,235.27 restitution

Mary Low, theft of merchandise by check, pleaded guilty, fined \$74, plus \$210.25 court costs, \$65 hot check fee and \$241.17 restitution

David Lee Alfaro, driving while license suspended, pleaded guilty, fined \$350, plus \$210.25 court costs

Juana M. Lopez, theft of merchandise and/or cash by check, pleaded guilty, fined \$100, plus \$210.25 court costs, \$35 hot check fee, and \$300 restitution

Belinda Rodriguez, theft of merchandise by check, pleaded guilty, fined \$100, plus \$210.25 court costs, \$15 hot check fee and \$20.76 restitution

Joe Floyd Calaway, two counts of assault, dismissed, insufficient evidence, community service restitution

Virginia Del Real, theft of merchandise by check, pleaded guilty, fined \$100, plus \$210.25 court costs, \$35 hot check fee, and \$193.42 restitution

Mickie M. Bubenik, theft of merchandise by check, dismissed, insufficient evidence, restitution paid in full

Ernest Stewart, theft of merchandise by check, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in county jail probated to 18 months, \$2,000 fine suspended pending payment of restitution of \$1,600, plus \$210.25 court costs and 24 hours community service

Steven Matthew Clevenger, possession of marijuana, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in county jail pro-

bated to one year, fined \$750 plus \$210.25 court costs and 24 hours community service

Tamela Jackson Wall, driving while intoxicated, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in county jail probated to two years, fined \$750, plus \$235.25 court costs and 50 hours community service

Juan M. Delarosa, theft by deception, pleaded guilty, fined \$289.75, plus \$210.25 court costs

Tina Medina, criminal mischief, dismissed, insufficient evidence

### Marriage Licenses Filed February 25

Kenneth Ray McLaurin and Juanice Damron Bullock

Benjamin Cozelle Dunn and Echo Malissa Dunn

### District Court Divorce Cases Filed February 21

Mary Katherine Scates v. Tommy Wayne Scates

Christopher Galindo v. Lydia Pena Galindo

### Civil Cases Filed February 22

First Select Corporation vs. Judy B. Garrett, suit on account

### Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 Criminal Cases Filed February 21

Charles B. Boyd, filed for issuance of a bad check

Demetrio Luna, filed for issuance of a bad check

Jason W. Martin, filed for theft by check

Kurt Leslie, filed for theft by check

### Small Claims Cases Filed February 23

Nicole K. Cook, dba Bright Beginnings, vs. Charles & Luce Hutchins, suit on account

### Civil Cases Filed February 23

Texas Department of Public Service vs. Michael James Frantz, administrative hearing, affirmative finding for the state

Texas DPS vs. Oscar Ricardo Sanchez, administrative hearing, affirmative finding for the state

## Sandra Kasper to present program Tuesday, March 7, to Artists Guild

The upcoming meeting of the Midwest Texas Artists Guild will be held Tuesday, March 7, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of member, Sandra Kasper, at 308 N. 8th Street in Ballinger (across the street from the First Baptist Church parking lot). Kasper, a self-taught multimedia artist works in experimental water media, acrylics, pastels, and oils and selects the best medium(s) to enhance the subjects of her work.

An artist for 10 years, Kasper's work has been exhibited extensively in Florida and national competitors and has had a representation in a number of galleries in south Florida and the Palm Beaches. Her paintings can be found in corporate collections in the United States and private collections in the United States and Europe. More recently her work has been accepted by Sable V Gallery in Galveston on the Strand and in Wimberly, Texas, as well as locally at the Ballinger Ice House Gallery.

Hugh Campbell will be giving a workshop in pastels at the Ballinger Ice House on March 3-4 and March 10-11 from 6-9 p.m.

## Farmers Tax Guides now available

The 1999 Farmers Tax Guides are now available in the Runnels County Extension Office.

The office is located in the annex building behind the courthouse, next to the driver's license office.

Anyone wishing to receive a guide should stop by the office Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-noon and 1:00-5:00 p.m.

## Workshops to analyze calf crop performance

Ranchers interested in completing a Standardized Performance Analysis (SPA) of their 1999 calf crops can attend workshops beginning in March.

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service is giving ranchers in the state the opportunity to complete this production and financial analysis by offering workshops in seven locations.

The workshops are as follows: March 14-15 in Amarillo, April 19-20 in San Angelo, April 26-27 in Ardmore, Oklahoma, May 4-5 in Laredo, May 9-10 in Vernon, May 24-25 in Victoria and June 7-8 in Paris.

The opening session will begin with an overview of the Texas Cow-Calf SPA. According to James McGrann, extension agricultural economist, ranch managers use the SPA to measure performance and manage improvements of their cow-calf operations. Presently, data for 151,000 cows are maintained on 215 Texas herds throughout this analytical tool.

Throughout the day, district extension specialists and county agents will assist producers in organizing their data for the analysis and using SPA production and financial software. Individual conferences will be held with ranchers the following day to interpret the SPA results.

The registration fee is \$150 per ranch and includes the software and educational materials. The fee is \$100 for ranchers who have completed the analysis in the past. Registered operators will be sent forms to organize their data before the workshops.

For further information and to register, contact James McGrann at (409) 845-1861 or jmcgrann@tamu.edu.

## 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, February 20, 2000, through Saturday, February 26, 2000. Winters Police Officers:

- stopped a vehicle on South Main Street for failing to maintain a single lane. The driver had a strong odor of alcohol on his person and was offered field sobriety tasks which he subsequently failed. The driver identified himself as George Zavala, but an I.D. check showed the driver was giving a false name. He was initially arrested for driving while intoxicated and failure to identify, but was later found to be an illegal alien. The charges were dropped against Jorge Baldomero-Zavala as he will face felony charges should he re-enter the United States within the next 10 years.

- received a report of a theft occurring in the 800 block of S. Main Street in which approximately \$5,000 in cash and merchandise were allegedly taken over a period of time. A possible suspect has been named and this case is under investigation as felony theft.

- received a report of a theft occurring in the 500 block of Van Ness Street. Sometime between the hours of 10:30 p.m. Wednesday to 4:30 p.m. Thursday a high pressure spray/wash rig was taken from behind a motor home. This case is under investigation as Class A theft.

- received report of vandalism in the 300 block of North Frisco Street in which the passenger window of a 1996 Ford pickup was broken out by person(s) unknown. No items were found missing from the pickup and this case is under investigation as Class B criminal mischief.

- stopped a vehicle on North Main Street for a headlight violation. A license check of the driver, Martin Medina Herrera of Dallas showed an outstanding warrant for theft. Mr. Herrera was arrested and taken to Runnels County Jail.

- stopped a vehicle on North Main Street for disregarding a stop sign and failing to maintain a single lane. The driver had an odor of alcohol on his person and was offered field sobriety tasks of which he subsequently failed. Noe Sanchez of Winters was then arrested for driving while intoxicated and taken to Runnels County Jail. Mr. Sanchez's blood alcohol content was over twice the legal limit.

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  
Sheriff's Department—365-2121

## Call report of the Winters Volunteer Fire Department

Members of the Winters Volunteer Fire Department responded to 6 emergency calls in February as reported by Chris Ozbirn, recording secretary for WVFD:

Feb. 8	12:45 p.m.-4:45 p.m.	Dispatched 2 trucks to 4 miles north of Winters on Hwy 83 right-of-way. Grass fire.
Feb. 11	11:05 a.m.-1:25 p.m.	Dispatched 2 trucks to FM 2111. CRP field on fire. Called Ballinger and Wingate for assistance.
Feb. 19	9:25 p.m.-9:45 p.m.	Dispatched 1 truck west of Winters off Hwy 153 on CR 334. Grass fire in ditch.
Feb. 19	11:30 p.m.-12:05 a.m.	Dispatched 2 trucks east of Winters on FM 2647. Grass fire in ditch.
Feb. 23	1:00 p.m.-1:15 p.m.	Dispatched 1 truck to 200 block of South Main. Pickup had flash fire while fueling up.
Feb. 27	10:15 p.m.-1:00 a.m.	Dispatched 3 trucks to FM 1770 and FM 382. Pickup fire.

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### RCSWCD seeking applicants who wish to attend Youth Range Workshop in Junction

Each June, the Runnels Soil and Water Conservation District is proud to sponsor a Runnels County 4-H and FFA student to the Range Workshop in Junction. The workshop recognizes outstanding students interested in agriculture, develops leadership, and provides advanced training in practical range, ranch, and natural resources management.

During the busy week-long workshop, students are actively involved in the study of range plants, wildlife, and proper conservation and management of resources. These studies include field trips to ranches, plant collecting, range judging, and leadership training. The Youth Range Workshop is conducted at the Texas A&M

Department of Ecology and Management under the direction of Dr. Barron Rector and sponsored by the Texas Section Society for Range Management. Any Runnels County 4-H or FFA member interested in attending this range workshop should contact their 4-H or FFA leader for an application.

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### Little Spouse on the Prairie

My wife and I are sittin' there, watchin' "Little House on the Prairie."

Pa and Ma (Charles and Carolyn) are in the wagon, comin' around the hill to Walnut Grove. Right behind, in another wagon, is Isiah and Grace.

"I wonder why the two wives are not riding together?," ponders my wife.

"Huh...what?," I say.

"Riding together in the wagon! To be realistic, the two women should be riding together," she says.

"Maybe they cain't drive the team," I educate her.

"Why couldn't they drive a team of horses as well as a man," she snaps.

"Maybe they just like sittin' next to their husbands," I tell her.

"I don't see why," she says.

"It probably wasn't any more fun then than it is now."

"I bet Charles Engals is boring Carolyn to death about the time he blasted away at some innocent little deer or elk or something."

"And Isiah Edwards is back there filling Grace with a bunch of lies about catching a 400 pound fish on a 6 pound line....."

"Well...they ain't invented malls and cars and telephones and MasterCard's yet," I tell her.

"So's maybe women had bet-

ter things to do than flap their jaws at one another like two loose bedsheets in a hurricane and runnin' all over town spendin' ever last dang cent....."

"So you think I spend too much money?"

"Does the dad-burn sun come up in the east?," I tell her. "Is fat meat greasy?...does grass grow green down by the waterhole?..."

"And you think I spend too much time talking on the phone?"

"I'm sayin' if you harnessed yore mouth and the mouths of yore yak-e-da-yak friends up to a generator, it would run New York City and have enough left over to light up Las Vegas!"

"You don't have a very high opinion of me or women in general, do you?"

"About the same as you do about men and huntin' and fishin', I reckon."

"You're walking on thin ice, Mr. Smarty Pants!"

"Whoop-te-do....and I'm gettin' purty tired of yore dum threats. Just whataya gonna do about it, Mrs. Smarty Pants!"

"Well...let me think...maybe I'll divorce you on the grounds of...let's see...you pick one!"

"Maybe I'll take the house, the furniture, all the money, your precious guns and deer heads and stuffed pheasants and dead ani-

mal pictures and arrowheads and anything else you hold dear!"

"And maybe I'll send my next husband an expensive hunting trips, paid for with your money and send you the photos with double prints!"

"I'd like to see you try," I tell her. "I got some grounds of my own, ya know."

"O.K. Bucko, you seem to be feeling your oats today, see how you like this one!"

"My mother, your mother-in-law, is getting mighty lonesome way off out there in East Texas."

"Maybe she needs to come live right here with us!"

"I've got an idea! We'll convert that spare bedroom you use for a trophy room into a nice room for her. That way, we can spend real quality time with each other every day and every night and....."

"Honey...Honey....I just come up with an even better idea!," I exclaim.

"Why don't you go call yore friends and invite 'em for one-a-them all day shoppin' trips you enjoy so much."

"Then you oughta take this here Visa Gold card and run all over town shoppin' and talkin' and spendin' and whatever makes you happy....."

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