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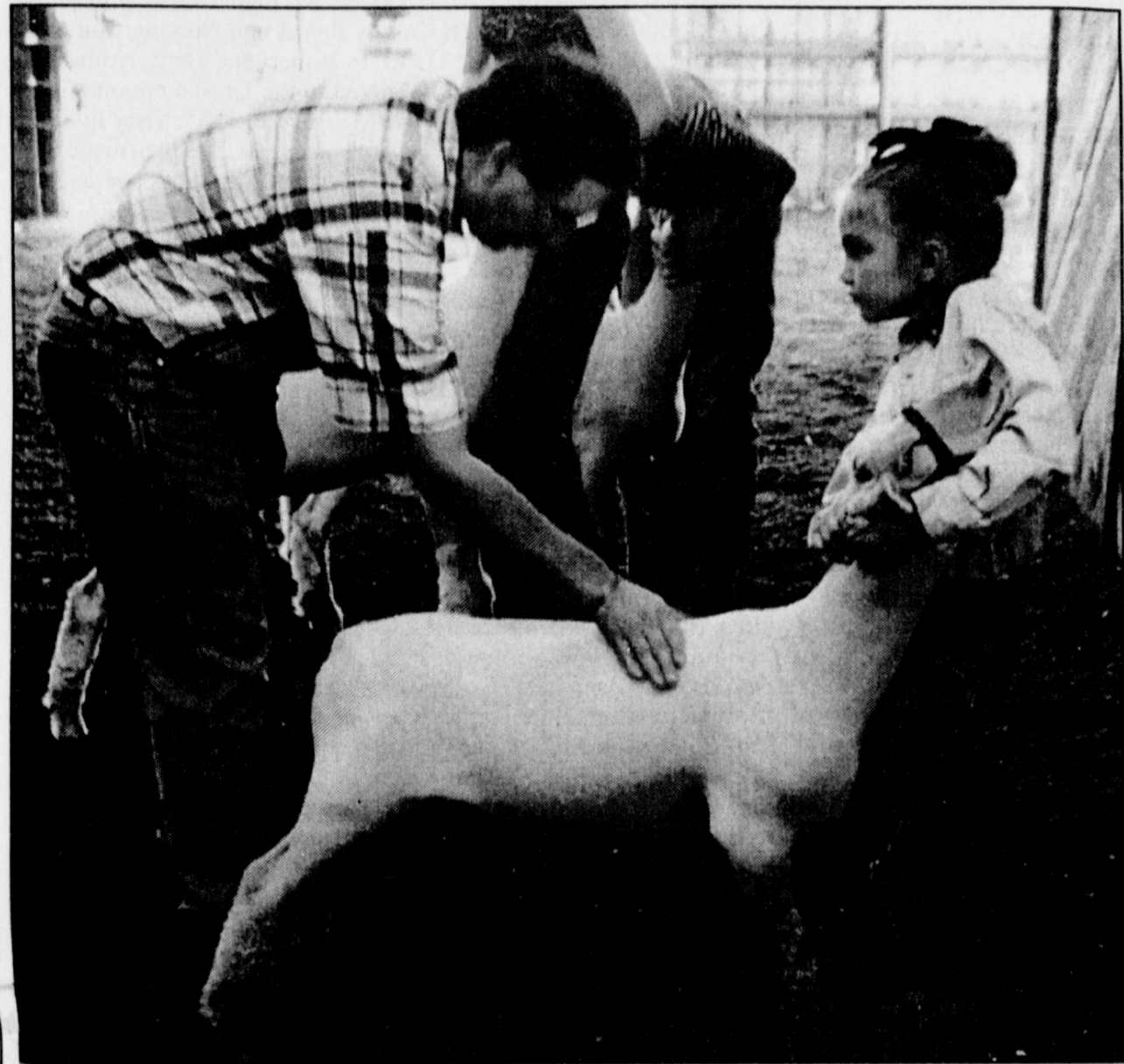
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## Taking care of business...



...AND SHE DOES MEAN BUSINESS, is southdown exhibitor Devon Shackelford as she awaits Judge Chad Coburn's decision at the Fourth Annual Summer Classic held at the Winters stock show complex last Saturday. Ms. Shackelford is the daughter of Roy and Ann Shackelford of Winters. Coburn is the County Extension Agent in Sterling County and a former assistant agent in Runnels County. For results of local interest and more photos see page 10.

## WISD trustees accept two resignations

During their regular meeting Monday night, trustees of the Winters Independent School District accepted resignations from Shelly Hayes and Colleen Radillo.

Hayes, an elementary PE coach and secondary basketball and softball coach, has been with the WISD since 1996.

Radillo has been a speech spe-

cialist with WISD since 1997.

Trustees also held a budget workshop during their meeting of July 24.

Present for the meeting were trustees Allen Andrae, Jack Davis, Jr., Gary Moore, Bob Prewit, and Larry Walker, Superintendent Mike Harris, Business Manager Jimmy Butler, Elementary Principal Tammy Bright and Second-

ary Principal Bill Cathey.

## Tuesday evening— Baseball awards ceremony slated for August 1

Winters Community Baseball will hold their annual awards ceremony on Tuesday, August 1, at 8 p.m. at the softball field in Winters City Park. Members from all teams are encouraged to attend.

All uniforms and equipment should be turned in that evening. The \$5 uniform deposit will be returned upon receipt of the uniforms.

Anyone unable to attend but still having a uniform to turn in should contact Mincey Briley at 754-4987.

## Important dates for WISD students and parents

Several important dates have been set for Winters ISD students as plans are finalizing for the start of a new school year.

**Elementary Registration**  
Winters Elementary will hold a late registration on Tuesday, August 1, at the elementary school. Staff will register children in Pre-K through the sixth grade who are new to the community, or who missed the pre-kindergarten and kindergarten roundup.

**Schedule Pickup**  
Students in grades 8 through 12 may pickup class schedules on Tuesday, August 1. Seniors are scheduled for 1 p.m.; Juniors at 1:30 p.m.; Sophomores at 2 p.m.; Freshmen at 2:30 p.m.; and 8th graders at 3 p.m. Students are to report to the high school lobby at their designated times.

**Senior Portraits**  
Seniors will have their portraits made for the yearbook by Wayne

## Sales Tax Holiday August 4-6 to save dollars for Texans

Texas families have an opportunity to stretch their clothing budgets during the second annual Sales Tax Holiday, August 4-6, Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander said.

"On the first Friday, Saturday, and Sunday of August, no state or local sales tax will be charged on most clothing and footwear priced under \$100," Comptroller Rylander said.

The timing of the Sales Tax Holiday is intended to help parents outfit their children for the new school year. However, the tax break is not limited to children's school clothes. Highlights include:

- Most clothing and footwear priced under \$100 is exempt from sales taxes. Consumers may purchase as many tax-exempt items as they wish.

- Clothing and footwear used primarily for athletics or protective wear, such as golf cleats or football pads, are not tax exempt. However, athletic clothes that are commonly used as street wear, such as tennis shoes, baseball caps

and jogging suits are eligible for the tax exemption.

- Not included in the Sales Tax Holiday are accessories, such as jewelry and watches, and items that are carried rather than worn, including handbags, briefcases, wallets, and backpacks.

"This year, I am able to make one administrative change. Customers who put clothes and shoes costing less than \$100 on layaway during the Sales Tax Holiday weekend will be permitted to take those items out of layaway at a later date without paying sales tax," Comptroller Rylander said. "This will allow hard-working families with limited budgets to pay for their purchases a little bit at a time and still receive the tax break."

"In the future, I think backpacks should be tax exempt, because kiddos need them for school," Comptroller Rylander said. "I also would like the Sales Tax Holiday to include fabrics, buttons, zippers, and other items people use to sew clothes, and I would like to see the Sales Tax

Holiday last a couple of weeks, instead of just three days. But any change in the list of tax-exempt items or the number of tax-free shopping days must wait until the Legislature meets next year."

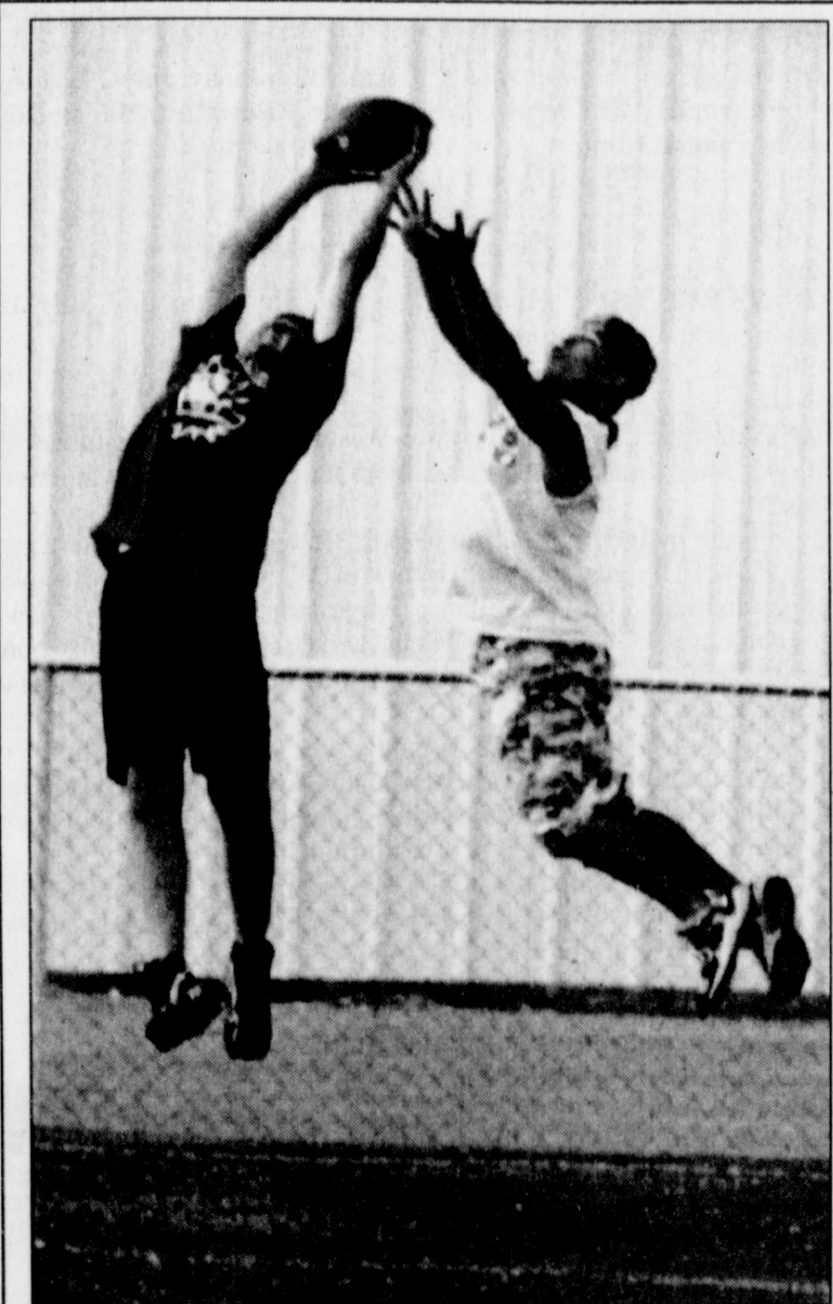
Last year, Texans spent more than \$400 million on tax-exempt clothes and shoes during the three-day Sales Tax Holiday, saving more than \$32 million in sales taxes. Retailers statewide reported crowds comparable to the Christmas shopping season.

The Sales Tax Holiday applies to all state and local sales taxes. Local communities were allowed to opt out of the event this year, if they notified the Comptroller by March 31. Only Sunset Valley, a small community near Austin, chose not to waive local sales taxes. Qualifying purchases will be exempt from the state sales tax.

For more information about the Sales Tax Holiday and a list of tax exempt and non-exempt items, see the Comptroller's web site at <www.window.state.tx.us> or call the tax assistance hotline at 1-800-252-5555.



Z.I. HALE MUSEUM/ROCK HOTEL OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS include (back row, l-r) Randall Conner, Edna England, Theresa Patterson, Alton O'Neal, Jr., Dan Killough, Bobby Mayo, Mike Pumphrey, Judy Biddix, and Charlsie Poe. Front row Jewel Kraatz, Nina Hale, Betty Gray, Kay Colburn, Phyllis Boles and Martene Smith. The Museum will host a Rogers Hornsby Day on August 5. See page 3 for details.



GOING HIGH FOR THE CATCH is Jeremy Hope (left), WHS junior, during the final 7-on-7 summer football competition at Blizzard stadium. Fall football gets underway with practice beginning August 7 for Winters High School athletes.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

- July 27-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 5 p.m., Hale Museum Board, Rock Hotel
- July 28-7:30 p.m., Cowboys for Christ, Drasco
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- Country Peddler Show, Abilene
- July 29-9 a.m.-10 p.m., Class of 1958 Reunion, Winters Community Center
- Country Peddler Show, Abilene
- July 30-6 p.m., Fifth Sunday Singing, Second Baptist Church
- Country Peddler Show, Abilene
- July 31-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 6 p.m., City Council, City Hall
- 7 p.m., VFW & Auxiliary, Post Home
- Aug. 1-8:30 a.m., Alternative Crops Conference, Wall
- 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Late Registration, Winters Elementary Students
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- Noon, Lions Club, Community Center
- 1 p.m., Senior Schedule Pickup, WHS Lobby
- 1:30 p.m., Junior Schedule Pickup, WHS Lobby
- 2 p.m., Sophomore Schedule Pickup, WHS Lobby
- 2:30 p.m., Freshman Schedule Pickup, WHS Lobby
- 7 p.m., American Legion
- 7 p.m., WVFD, Fire Station
- 8 p.m., Baseball Awards Ceremony, City Park
- Aug. 2-7 a.m., Industrial Board, Chamber of Commerce
- 8:30 a.m., TMCN Economic Development Conference, Abilene
- 9 a.m., Senior Portraits, WHS Auditorium
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 6 p.m., Chamber Directors, Chamber Office
- Aug. 3-9 a.m., 7th Grade Orientation, WHS Auditorium
- 10 a.m.-Noon, Immunization Clinic, TDH
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 7 p.m., Winters Squares, Community Center

## Oil Bidness

By Reg Boles ©2000



Thinking about buying and selling properties? While there can be loud arguments about whether one should buy with prices where they are right now, there is, never-the-less, a revolution of sorts that is opening doors for all property traders in this business.

And, yes, it IS all about the Internet. Property market websites are opening at a rapid clip.

At the risk of being cliché, I must say that the newest Internet web sites allow participants in the oil and gas properties market to sit quietly at their computer and make (or spend) big bucks. It pains me to act like the rumbling herd in regard to something that has saturated every facet of our lives these days, but it is true. The Internet has something special to offer the property buyers and sellers out there.

There are at least 15 or more Internet sites out there that post properties for sale or trade. These sites are accessible by just about anyone with Internet access, but the level of detail that is available to a casual surfer is much less than that of a registered user. However, on most sites, you can peruse the location and general information about properties for sale.

Some are larger than others, in terms of number of listings, but all have something to offer for someone in the market to buy or sell. Most do not charge the buyers and several don't charge anybody, hoping for ad revenue or other product enhancements that a buyer or seller would have to pay for to generate revenue.

The more effective sites have links to service suppliers, information databases, even evaluation reports on properties for sale. A potential buyer can, theoretically, evaluate the property while on-line, without having to use a pencil and paper and without having to travel to some remote location to look at data. There are even ways on some of the sites to chat with current owners of properties to ask real-time questions.

The beauty is that a company, big or small, can get on these web sites and search for properties of interest, screen them, evaluate them if they meet screening criteria, and make a bid. This can all be done without having to "hear about a property at a cocktail party" or exposing oneself as an interested party that might cause a competitive disadvantage.

Most of the sites require that bidders be serious and have bank backing (either a loan approval or a certain amount of money on deposit). This is confirmed by contacting the bidder's banker, which must be disclosed in the

registration in most cases.

Otherwise, the registration process is relatively painless and easy for just about any bidder to qualify for bidding rights.

Sellers can also easily list properties for sale, with many sites not asking for a commission. The websites can provide support and marketing of the properties, beyond just a listing, for a fee in the typical setup. After all, if there are no properties to sell, there would be no buyers visiting the site.

It seems this is just another case where the Internet's potential is just peeking above the waves. Stay tuned on this one. We will follow it closely to see how effective the sites turn out to be for the long term.

Oh, yeah. Next week, check this space for some of those Internet addresses.

### HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY

#### COMPLETIONS

##### Taylor County

DWR Oil Company has completed a re-entry into the Guitart -B- #1312 in the Miracle Field (4 miles S of Tye) at an initial rate of 15 BOPD & 40 BWPD in the Tannehill (perms 2364-74). Loc. is 5129 FSL & 3448 FEL of Subd. 13, W.R. Willis Sur. No. 122, A-421.

#### STAKINGS

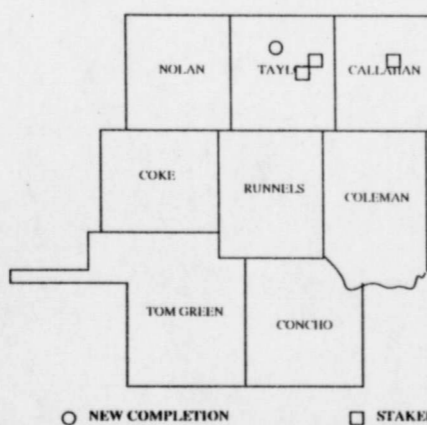
##### Callahan County

Tracker Mineral has staked the J.W. Evans-B- #8 in the County Regular Field, 7 miles S of Clyde (Depth 1500). Loc. is 1119 FSL & 1206 FSL of Sec. 5, BBB&C RR Co. Sur.

##### Taylor County

Gray Oil & Gas, Inc. has staked the E.L. Thornton #3 in the County Regular Field, 3 miles S of Potosi (Depth 2000). Loc. is 450 FWL & 1913 FNL of Sec. 57, LAL Sur.

Susanna Corporation has staked the T.A. Russell #10 in the North Tuscola Field, 2 miles N of Tuscola (Depth 4700). Loc. is 330 FWL & 1384 FSL of Sec. 20, Blk. 1, SPRR Sur.



## Chamber Memo

### Chamber seeking hunting leases for free listing; October concert slated

by Carolyn Scarborough, Chamber secretary

Hunting season is drawing near and we should be thinking about welcoming hunters into our town. Hunters can and do bring in outside money to our community.

You can have your deer, quail, dove, or turkey hunting lease listed free of charge at the chamber office.

There are usually two to three hunters per week contacting the Chamber for a list of leases and we only have one listed. We would do well to have more listings to bring in more hunters to the area.

What can you lose? It's free!

The Chamber has planned an outdoors concert for October 14 out at the lake. We are bringing in Kelly Spinks from the Brownwood area. He is a country & western artist with an album on Krista Records.

We will be getting out more information in the next few weeks so make plans to attend.

The Chamber would like to welcome Donna Smith as our newest director. She will be a wonderful asset to the group.

## In Appreciation

### Card of Thanks

We would like to thank Dr. Biddix and his staff, North Runnels Hospital, Senior Citizens Nursing Home, and all who brought food and sent flowers and cards.

A special thanks goes to Mike Meyer and Linda Dry.

May God bless you all.  
Dottie Butler and the family of Walter (Bill) Butler

### Card of Thanks

A special thanks to Dr. Kenneth Leckie; the Hospice of San Angelo team especially Debbie Bishop, Teresa Hamilton, and Bro. Paul Terry; the staff at Runnels County Rehab and Nursing Home; and Joni and Steve Gray for their time, patience, and love.

The family of Lucy Aline Pearce

### Card of Thanks

Thanks so much to all of you for your many kindnesses shown to us in our time of greatest need. It helped more than we can ever say.

A special thanks to Dr. Lee, all those at North Runnels Hospital, the ambulance crew, and to Mike and Linda at the funeral home.

All of you with your flowers, memorials, gifts, cards, phone calls, food, visits, prayers, and all your many ways of expressing your concern and love have touched that special place we have for just you in our hearts.

We give a very precious "thank you" to Pee Wee Gehrels. Your words, care, and love are so wonderful!

Again, thanks to each and everyone of you.

With our thanks, love, and prayers,  
The family of Cody Paske

## Obituaries

### Cody Paske

WINTERS—Cody Paske, 76, died Thursday, July 20, 2000, in a local hospital.

He was born January 2, 1924, in Hatchel and lived around Rowena and Olfen, moving to Winters in 1945. He married Dorothy Mae Watson on September 25, 1945, in Winters.

Mr. Paske worked at the Winters City Power Plant for 29 years and WTU for 11 years, retiring in 1989. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Mae Paske of Winters; one son, Roy Lynn Paske of Lamesa; one daughter, Patricia Elaine Peterson of Smith Center, Kansas; one brother, Steve Paske of Itasca; one sister, Pauline Briley of Winters; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services were at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, July 22, in the Winters Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend James Gehrels officiating. Burial was in Lakeview Cemetery in Winters, directed by Winters Funeral Home.

### Lucy Aline Pearce

BALLINGER—Lucy Aline Pearce, 87, died Thursday morning, July 21, 2000, in the Runnels County Rehab and Nursing Home.

She was born January 31, 1913, to Robert and Betty Bridwell in East Texas. She and her family moved to the Drasco community in her teens. She married James Orville Pearce in 1935. They lived for short periods in the Bradshaw and Houston areas, and then made their home in the Crews community for 22 years. In 1969, she and her husband retired from farming and moved to Ballinger.

Mrs. Pearce was a housewife, a position she dearly loved, and a true working partner to her husband. She also worked at Twilight Acres Nursing Home for six years. She was an active member of the Crews Methodist Church, working in the WMU and Sunday School. After moving to Ballinger, she moved her membership to the First United Methodist Church of Ballinger.

She was preceded in death by her husband; one son, James Donald Pearce; three brothers, Leon, E.W. (Red), and Willie Bridwell; and one sister, Mozelle Redwine.

Survivors include one daughter, Bonnie Swan; one brother, Bobby Bridwell and wife Freda; four grandchildren and their spouses, Jody and George Ann Swann, Teresa Swann and Sheryl Simpson, Bruce and Kay Taylor, and Mike and Kristi Manrose; four great-grandchildren, Brandy Swann, Bruce and Zachary Taylor, and Hayden Manrose; one brother-in-law, Vernon Pearce and wife Tommy; four sisters-in-law, Bessie Buchanan, Doris Bradshaw, Jerry Bridwell, and Flora Bridwell; and numerous nieces and nephews. Also surviving is her cat, Buffy, who has been her devoted companion for 16 years.

Services were at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, July 23, in the Rains-Seale Funeral Chapel in Ballinger with Reverend Young Houston officiating. Burial was in the Bradshaw Cemetery, directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

### Foy D. "Buster" Davis

BALLINGER—Foy D. "Buster" Davis, 87, died Saturday, July 22, 2000, in his home.

Mr. Davis was born April 11, 1913, in Hatchel to William Thomas Foy Davis and Sara Maud Witt. He married Galdys Fry Davis on July 22, 1944, in California. He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. He was also a retired farmer and a member of the Avenue B Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include his wife, Gladys Fry Davis of Ballinger; two daughters, Mary Ellen Breshears and husband Curtis of Portales, New Mexico and Judy Davis of St. Louis, Missouri; one sister, Media Pearl Davis of Ballinger; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 25, at Avenue B Church of Christ with Mike Riley and Charles Ball officiating. Burial followed in Old Runnels Cemetery in Ballinger under the direction of Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

### Sarah Ann Simpson

FARMINGTON, NEW MEXICO—Sarah Ann Simpson, 86, formerly of Norton, died Friday, July 14, 2000, in New Mexico.

Survivors include one daughter, Sarah Estes of Bloomfield, New Mexico.

Graveside services were at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 19, at the Norton Cemetery with Mark Edge officiating. Burial was directed by Winters Funeral Home.

### Inez Hodges

BURKBURNETT—Inez Hodges, 79, died Thursday, July 13, 2000, in a Burk Burnett nursing home.

She was born August 31, 1920, in Muldoon, Texas. She married Bob Hodges on June 3, 1939.

Mrs. Hodges was a secretary for Western Auto and Shamburgers and was a homemaker. She was a member of the Central Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband, Bob Hodges of Burk Burnett; two sons, Mykel Hodges and wife Debra of Wichita Falls, and Steven Hodges and wife Mary of Abilene; five grandchildren, Colby, Cinnamon, and Casey Hodges, all of Abilene, and Gregg and Rachael Moore, both of Wichita Falls; and one great-grandchild, Maddison Moore of Wichita Falls.

Services were at 10:00 a.m. Monday, July 17, in Central Church of Christ in Burk Burnett with Ministers Dale Scott and Michael Harbour officiating. Burial was in Burk Burnett Cemetery, directed by Owens and Brumley Funeral Home of Burk Burnett.

Memorials may be made to the Central Church of Christ, P.O. Box 1103, Burk Burnett, Texas 76354 or to The Alzheimer's Association, 801 Burnett, Wichita Falls, Texas 76301.

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Monday, July 31: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, corn, cornbread, and fruit.

Tuesday, Aug. 1: Salmon croquette, pork & beans, tomato salad, cornbread, and pudding.

Wednesday, Aug. 2: Liver & onions, macaroni & cheese, boiled cabbage, roll, and cake.

Thursday, Aug. 3: Chicken & rice, English peas, tossed salad, bread, and dessert.

Friday, Aug. 4: Hamburger, chips, baked beans, lettuce & tomatoes & onions, and cookies.

### Hale Museum Board to meet

The Board of Directors of Z.I. Hale Museum will meet Thursday, July 27, at 5:00 p.m. at the Rock Hotel.

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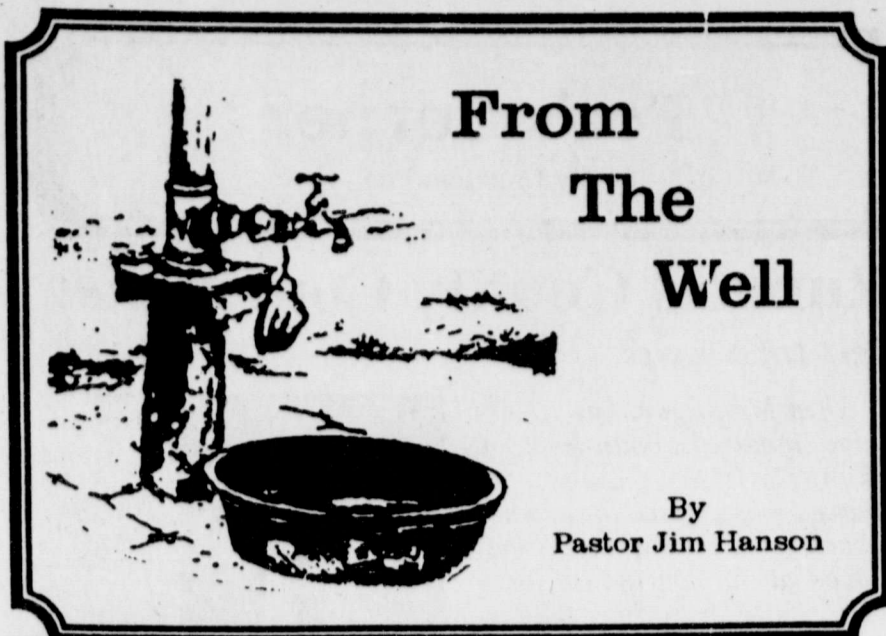
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## From The Well

By  
Pastor Jim Hanson



Pastor Jim Hanson

Sometimes I feel like Rip Van Winkle. Do you remember that old guy? Who fell asleep for 20 years? And then woke up? Everything had changed. Well, on Monday morning, July 10, I felt something like old Rip.

I was reading the *St. Paul Pioneer Press*. I found myself in Section E. Section E—Personal Technology. Cyberspace. And computing. I should have known better than to read that stuff. I am practically "computer illiterate." Really, more like "computer idiot." My idea of a lap-top computer is a yellow legal pad and a ball-point pen.

The cover page of that section had a photo of a Musketeer, fully garbed in rich colors—with sword in hand. His name is Propes. The image is one you would see on your computer screen when you would pull up his web service. Over the picture were these words: "At your service." I pondered that a minute. Then my eyes went down the page and I then read:

"You don't have to be a king or a queen to have absolute power. Set up your own web server for the ultimate in online independence, and freedom of expression."

Those are pretty powerful words, "absolute power." "Ultimate in online independence." "Freedom of expression." So I read on, finding myself lost in a page full of words that I did not comprehend. They had no meaning for me. But, obviously, had meaning for many. Words like "Napster," "MP3 aficionados," "Gnutella," and "Hotline Connect." "Geek" was another one.

Partway through the article was a paragraph on Propes. "Propes, the Musketeer—he's Athos—plugs his Newton into an employer's Ethernet network to make it available on the web. Since he has to switch off his personal cell phone while working, a message sent to his Newton is the best way to reach him during business hours." Figure that one out. Sounds fishy to me. Of course it's not. It's just a new language. One I'm quite sure I will never learn. I'll stick to fax and e-mail.

Sometimes I wonder where this "information highway" is leading us. What does it do for us in terms of our "inner selves...where our wells reside." Do these machines and this language make us more real, more reflective, more responsible?

The closing paragraph of the article indicates to me...the danger. It's about a man by the name of Glenn Davis, a self-confessed geek, who epitomizes the "web-serving movement." He is an atheist. He struggles to raise his partially deaf daughter. He says web self-publishing is all about control over personal content and how it is displayed online. With his arrangement and network of computers "I can do whatever I want." He says most folks can easily dabble with simple "servers." "Just jump right in and do it. It's a lot of fun, and it's great to be in charge of your own destiny."

Really? It's one thing to be in charge of your own "web server." But when that causes you to think and believe you are in charge of your own destiny—I see red flags all over the place. Obviously Mr. Davis believes his "server" is serving him by making him feel like he is "supreme." And that is spooky. And scary. And since he is dependent on the machine, the computer, to make him feel this way, who is serving who? Is it not Davis serving his server?

There is truly only one servant that I can trust. He who said, "For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." And, when He who serves and saves me becomes my Master, it's not idolatry. It's salvation. My destiny. Under His control.

## Country Peddler Show at Abilene, July 28-30

The Country Peddler Show is coming to the Abilene Civic Center, July 28-30. The show begins at 4 p.m. Friday and continues until 9 that night. Hours for Saturday are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$4 for adults, \$2 for seniors, and under age 12 is free of charge. The Country Peddler Show features traditional arts and crafts, handcrafted folk art, unique fashions, pottery, jewelry, baskets, floral designs, candles, home furnishings, and gourmet foods.

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NEITHER RAIN NOR SLEET... however, bureaucracy and a mountain of paperwork have delayed the opening of the new Winters Post Office. Originally scheduled to open in late spring, inspections and corrections postponed the opening, said Gary Bear, local postmaster. The new facility will host an open house on August 5, but will not "officially" open for business until August 11, said Bear. During the open house, the postal service will have a special stamp cancellation for their "Legends of Baseball" series of stamps, one of which features Baseball Hall of Famer and Winters native Rogers Hornsby.

## Museum to host Rogers Hornsby Day, August 5

### New post office to hold open house and offer special Hornsby stamp cancellation

The Z.I. Hale Museum will host Rogers Hornsby Day in Winters on Saturday, August 5, 2000, in conjunction with an open house for the new post office. The Postal Service will have a special stamp cancellation for their "Legends of Baseball" series of stamps, one of which features Baseball Hall of Famer and Winters native Rogers Hornsby.

Rogers Hornsby was born in Winters in 1896. He played and coached for various major league teams, including the St. Louis Cardinals who were the 1925 World Series Champions. Hornsby held seven baseball hit-

ting records and his single season batting average of .424 in 1924 still stands today.

Activities will be held from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the new post office building on S. Main Street in Winters. Mayor Dawson McGuffin will begin the program at 9 a.m. with a special proclamation. Postmaster Gary Bear will be doing the special stamp cancellations. The museum will provide a display of Hornsby memorabilia at the post office. Hot dogs and drinks will be available during the day. The new post office will be open for inspection, including the areas not generally open to the public.

The U.S. Postal Service will be selling the "Legends of the Baseball" stamps in a pane of 20

stamps for \$6.60 and a booklet of post cards for \$8.95. The Z.I. Hale Museum will have a special Rogers Hornsby stamp collectors cover envelope with the cancellation for \$3.00 and a framed, matted pane of stamps and the cover for \$29.95. Also, the mu-

seum will sell t-shirts and other Hornsby souvenirs. The stamp collectors cover envelope can be ordered by sending a large self-addressed, stamped envelope along with the \$3.00 to Z.I. Hale Museum, P.O. Box 211, Winters, Texas 79567.

## Economic development conference scheduled Wednesday, August 2

Texas Midwest Community Network will sponsor a "Telecommunications Conference" on Wednesday, August 2, at the Embassy Suites in Abilene. Economic development professionals, development board members, city and county officials, and business leaders are encouraged to attend.

speakers and presentations on telecommunications infrastructure, businesses, and needs in rural Texas.

Speakers for the conference are James Beatty, CEO of NCS International Inc., Omaha, NE; Larry Anglin, President, Founder, and CEO for Hometown Computing, Hamilton, TX; and Kent Sharp, Executive Director of Moore Development for Big Spring.

"The conference will provide information and insights for those wanting a better understanding of how telecommunications affects current businesses and the future economic well-being of our rural communities," explains TMCN Executive Director Nicki Harle.

Conference check-in begins at 8:30 a.m. with opening remarks at 9 a.m.

Pre-registration fee, which includes lunch, is \$70. Deadline for pre-registration is July 28. A late charge of \$25 will be added after the deadline.

The Texas Midwest Marketing Alliance hosts the conference, which is the second annual summer economic development forum for the regional organization. The day-long conference features

Register by calling the TMCN Office at 915-676-0329 or 915-893-2099.

## Letter to the Editor

### Citizen thanks city for clean-up

I want to extend a great big "THANK YOU" to our city manager, Aref Hassan, and Charlie Grenwelge and his crew for the terrific job they did cleaning around the Elm Creek Reservoir after the July 4th celebration.

Although they weren't the ones who made the big mess, they cared enough to get it cleaned up, and I appreciate their hard work.

*Herman Baker*

### Former Winters resident inducted into Tarleton's Delta Mu Delta

Kevin G. Compton, a Tarleton State University student from Hawley and formerly of Winters, was inducted into the Delta Mu Delta national honor society during the 1999-2000 academic year.

Delta Mu Delta was founded in 1913 to recognize and reward superior scholastic achievements for Business Administration students. Members must have a 3.25 or better grade point average and membership is available only to students in colleges and universities accredited by the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs (ASCBS).

Compton is majoring in Business Administrative Systems at the university. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Compton of Corpus Christi.

### Wee Care Preschool still has openings

Wee Care Preschool of First United Methodist Church still has several openings for children ages 3-5.

Wee Care Preschool meets each Monday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

The first class day has been designated as Monday, August 21. "Meet The Teacher Night" is Sunday, August 20, at 6:00 p.m.

Enrollment forms are available at the church office, Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or from Gail Williams. Please call 754-5213 or 754-4242 for more information.

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## Crews News

By Hilda Kurtz

*Habit is like a soft bed — it's easy to get into but hard to get out of.*

Visitors at Hopewell Baptist Church on Sunday morning were James and Jenny Rucker of Winters, Michelle Talbott and Tyrone and Joseph Lime of Houston, Scott Talbott of Kansas, and Helen Randolph of Abilene. Night visitors were Joe Webb of Coleman and Marty Akins.

Nila and Therin Osborne's visitors and dinner guests were Dee Osborne of Houston, Neomia Owens of Ballinger, Glen and Kathy Owens, Bobby and Melanie Crooks and son Zachary of San Angelo, Louise Osborne, Simon and Stefanie Camacho of Ballinger, Wesley McGallian of Wingate, and Clarence Hambright of Winters.

Linda Duggan carried her nephew Andrew Brown home Tuesday after spending several days at Ruidoso, New Mexico. She brought back another nephew Benjamin Brown who will stay several days. On Saturday, Dale and Linda Duggan, Benjamin Brown, Katy and Kelton Grigsby, Will and Leslie Duggan were in Cherokee, Texas, for the Woodard family reunion. Thirty-eight were present.

Brother Akins and Ramona of Ballinger had their two daughters and son here visiting on Friday and Saturday.

Melvina Gerhart spent Thursday in Clyde and enjoyed sitting with her granddaughter Caylie. Her brother, Jack Wright, spent the night before going overseas the next day. Marvin and Melvina and Scott, Melissa, and Macey Gerhart all attended the Parker reunion in Menard. Around 50 attended.

This is a good place to thank one and all for the nice birthday cards. I've read them over and over. Thanks also for the

Hilda Kurtz



phone calls and gifts. Would you believe I even got a milk bucket? I can't think of anything any nicer or better. Someone knew I milk my cow to get fresh milk. It is good that I can get the milk.

Weldon and Tye Foreman of Kerrville spent the weekend with Helen Alexander.

Kenny Cartwright carried his mother and grandma to Louisiana to attend a relative's funeral on Monday. Eileen carried her dad, Noble Faubion, to his doctor in San Angelo on Wednesday. He is doing well after his pacemaker surgery.

Rodney Faubion of Fort Worth came home over the weekend to see his folks.

Pat and Abe Giles of Brownwood Lake spent the weekend with Leona and Roy Matthes.

Tanya New went in to visit a while with her mother, Jimmie Whittenburg, in Winters.

Coleman Foreman said he went in to see Lawan at the nursing home on Sunday after eating a hamburger.

Evelyn and Margie Jacob attended the benefit dinner and auction for Jeanene Laird on Sunday at the Winters School Cafeteria.

All four of Margie Jacob's daughters, Sharon Engler of Brownwood, Brenda Jacob of Midland, and Beverly VanZandt and Carol Kozlisky of Winters, attended their class reunion in Garden City on Saturday. They all enjoyed visiting with their school friends and spent the night with their cousin Kay Donna and James Malichef and returned home on Sunday.



Doris Jean & Robert S. McClelland

### Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. McClelland honored on 50th wedding anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. McClelland were honored on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary with a party hosted at 2:00 p.m. February 5, 2000, at Aledo United Methodist Church. The couple's daughter and granddaughter were hostesses.

Robert S. McClelland and Doris Jean Milliom were married February 4, 1950, at the home of the bride's parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Bill Milliom of Winters. Parents of the groom are the late Mr. and Mrs. John McClelland of Ballinger.

Robert is a 1945 graduate of Ballinger High School and served in the U.S. Air Force for 25 years.

Doris graduated from Winters High School in 1948 and worked for Sears Roebuck for 26 years. Both are now retired.

The McClellands have one daughter, Debra Brubaker of Little Rock, Arkansas, and one granddaughter, Jacquelyn Brubaker who is attending college at Old Miss at Oxford, Mississippi. The couple has resided in Willow Park, near Weatherford, for the last sixteen years.

Along with family members and friends, Wilma Puckett Tubbs was the only attendant from the wedding able to attend the anniversary celebration.

## Poe's Corner

By Charlsie Poe

### Runnels County Courthouse

Part 1 of a series

When Mrs. Egan, our county judge, inquired about the book "Runnels Is My County," of course I was pleased to send her a book for a man who was employed at the courthouse for a time.

He said, "I've never been in this part of the country and I know nothing about it. I would also like any other information anyone has."

I have some information we used in the county's hundredth celebration.

Runnels County has had two county seats. Only one courthouse has been built and it is still in use.

In January 1888, the morning following the removal of the county seat from Runnels City to Ballinger, the commissioners court in Ballinger leased the two-story Sullivan building at Broadway and Park Avenue. The building rented for \$26 a month and was to be used as a courthouse and offices.

The purchase of furnishings authorized at this meeting was as follows: one desk \$12, one walnut chair \$2, three chairs \$3, and a table \$3.50.

In August, Eugene T. Heiner, architect, submitted plans for a new courthouse which were approved by the court. Heines was to receive 3-1/2 per cent of the cost of the building for the plans and 1-1/2 per cent for superintending the construction. Cost of the building was limited to



Charlsie Poe

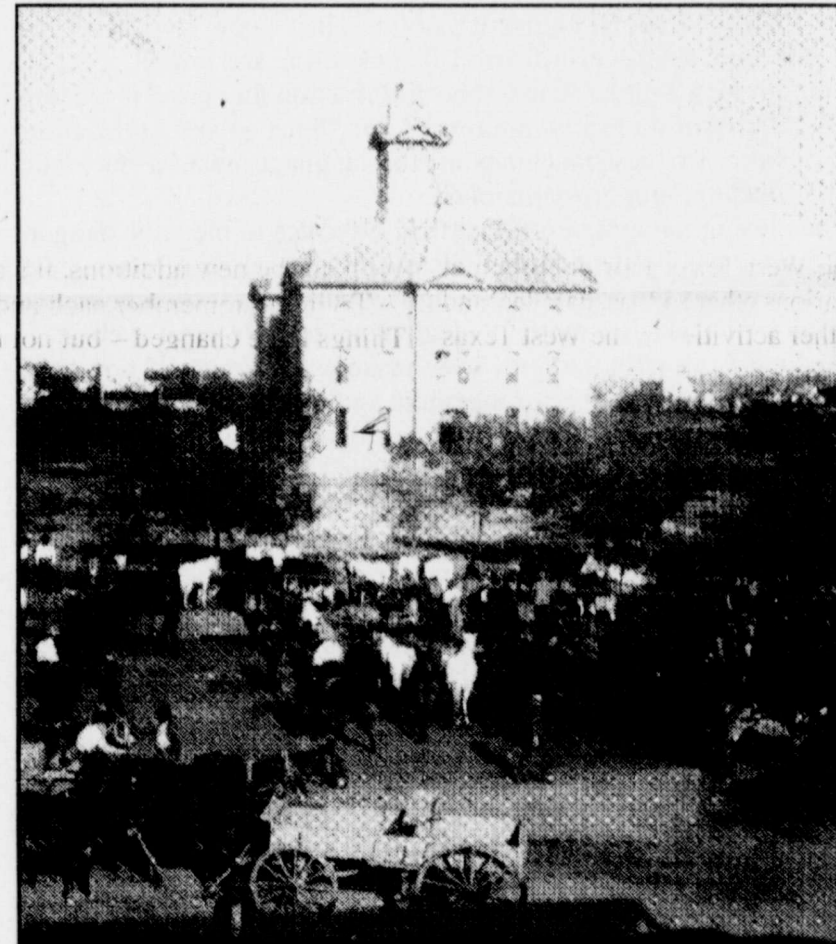
\$30,000. Three days later, a bond issue was authorized to pay for the courthouse construction and tax raised 15 cents on \$100 to pay for the same.

A contract was awarded to the firm of Lovell and Miller in October to build the courthouse, the bid being \$29,015. The cornerstone was laid by the Grand Lodge Masons of Texas and the Ballinger Masonic Lodge No. 648. On September 16, 1889, the courthouse was completed.

After construction of the new building, the old building was moved to the corner of Hutchings Avenue and Seventh Street, where it served as a hotel and saloon until it was destroyed by fire.

In May of 1901, the courthouse and jail were wired for electricity. Ten lights were installed at a cost of ten dollars, and rental on them was \$1.75 per month. Additional globes were to cost \$1 and the rental charge of 12-1/2 cents monthly. Four lights were installed in the jail at the same rate. The contract was between the court and W.J. Miller.

To be continued...



EARLY PICTURE OF THE RUNNELS COUNTY COURTHOUSE. Originally, the front door faced the west. The first Monday of each month was trades day and all kinds of animals and possessions were brought to the courthouse grounds for trade. The second Monday was always trades day at Winters. And many people remember Fred Bedford's mule barn where trading here took place.

## Town Criers

### Gracie Anne Hiemenz



Mike and Tammy Bright of Winters are pleased to announce the birth of their granddaughter, Gracie Anne Hiemenz.

Proud parents are Jeff and Sheila Hiemenz of Arlington.

Gracie was born Monday, July 3, 2000, in a Fort Worth hospital. She weighed 6 lbs., 13 ozs. and was 19-1/2 inches long.

Maternal great-grandmother is Ann Bright of Trent.

### Sarah Marie Morris

Sean and Sonya Morris of Midland are proud to announce the birth of a daughter.

Sarah Marie was born Sunday, July 2, 2000, at 10:22 p.m. in Odessa Medical Center. She weighed 7 lbs., 8 ozs. and was 19-1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Alton and Betty Pierce of Shamrock and Martha Morris of Wolfforth.

Great-grandparents are Jack and Loretta Pierce of Winters and the late C.R. and Cassie Knight.

## Keeping an Eye on Texas

### Sales Tax Holiday Aug. 4-6

Texas families have an opportunity to stretch their clothing budgets during the second annual Sales Tax Holiday, Aug. 4-6. No state and local sales taxes will be charged on most clothing and footwear priced under \$100.

Items exempt from state and local sales taxes include:

- Dresses
- Boots - cowboy and hiking
- Coats
- Diapers - adult and baby
- Sweaters
- Work clothes and uniforms
- Jeans
- Gym suits and uniforms
- Shirts
- Pants and trousers
- Shoes - sandals, slippers, sneakers, tennis and walking



For a complete list of tax-exempt items, go to the Comptroller's Web site at [www.window.state.tx.us](http://www.window.state.tx.us)

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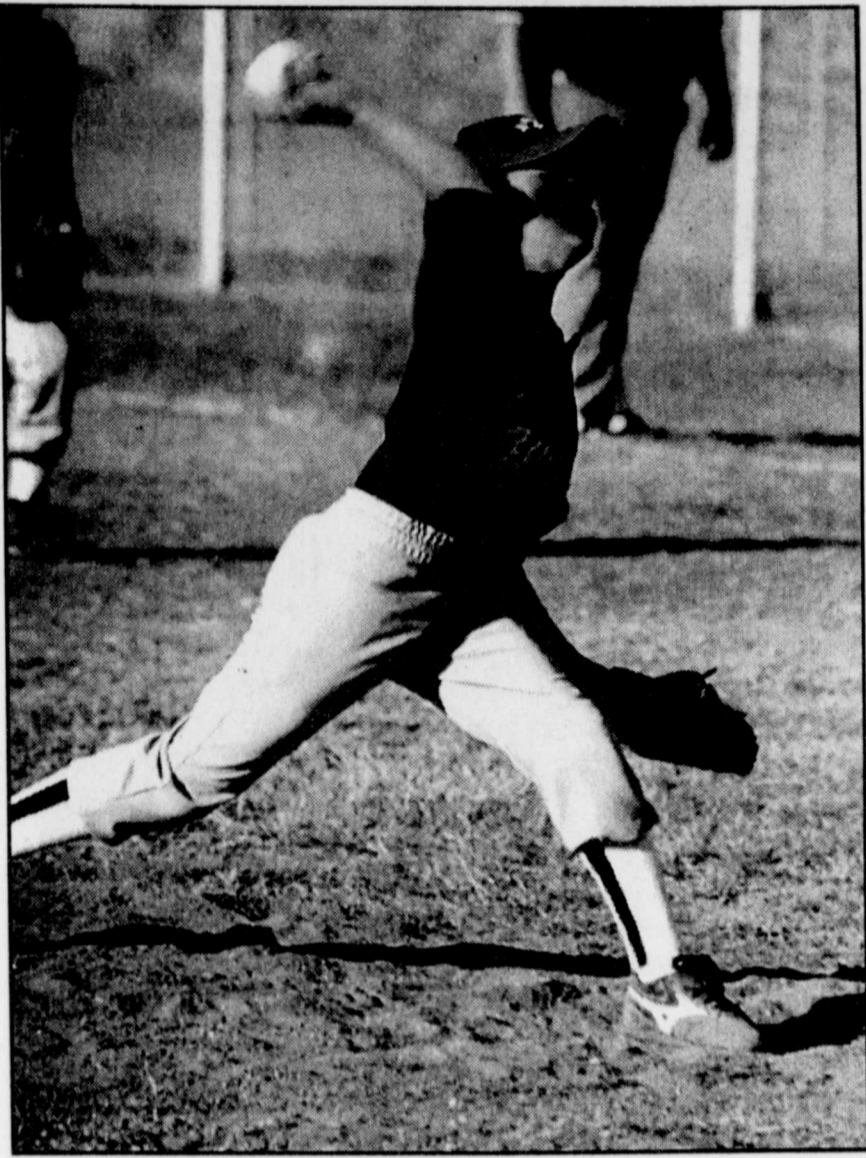
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JERARDO PEREZ sends in the fast ball during the 10-and-under All-Star game against Ballinger. Winters beat Ballinger 15-13, then advanced to tournament play in Crane where they ended the season in third place. The Winters team was coached by Gordon Fenwick and Lisa Nitsch.

### Marching band practice slated

Winters High School Band Director, Darrington White, has announced a schedule for summer marching band practice to begin Monday, July 31.

The schedule is as follows, **July 31, August 1, 2, 3, 4, & 7:**  
 7 to 8:30 am, full band outside for marching fundamentals;  
 8:30 to 10 am, section rehearsal for all flutes, clarinets, and trumpets;  
 10 to 11:30 am, section rehearsal for all bass clarinets, alto saxophones, tenor saxophones, baritone saxophones, French horns, trombones, baritones, tubas and percussion;  
 1:30 to 3:30 pm, full band indoors for music rehearsal.



An estimated \$1 million is lost at race tracks each year, by people who throw away or lose their winning tickets.



COMIN' THROUGH is 240 lb. Samson Jackson of the Winters 7-on-7 team. Jackson, a WHS senior, plays lineman for the Blizzards but enjoyed the rare opportunity to carry the ball during the summer league. Younger brother, Rusty, watches in background.

### Seeking entrants for West Texas Fair & Rodeo Queen and Teen

Entry forms are available at the office of the West Texas Fair & Rodeo for young ladies interested in the 2000 Miss West Texas Fair & Rodeo Queen and Teen Pageant. The pageant dates are September 8-10, 2000. Entries must be received in the West Texas Fair & Rodeo office by 5:00 p.m., August 11.

Winners will reign over the 2000 West Texas Fair & PRCA Rodeo September 12-16, 2000. The winners will also represent the West Texas Fair & Rodeo at various other rodeos, parades, and other activities in the West Texas area during the year and would have the opportunity to compete in the Miss Rodeo Texas Pageant held in San Antonio in June of 2001.

Age limits for the "Miss" division are 18-24 years of age, and for the "Teen" division, they are 13-18.

Entrants will be judged in three categories: horsemanship, western attire, and personality.

Entrants must live within a 100 mile radius of Abilene and provide four (4) 5"x7" pictures (no glamour shots).

Call the West Texas Fair & Rodeo Office at (915) 677-4376 for entry forms or pick up a form at 1700 Hwy. 36, Abilene.

### Reunion Time

#### Schwartz family shares sentiments of past eighteen years of reunions

The family of the late Walter and Sadie Schwartz met June 23-25, 2000, at the Guadalupe River Resort with a total of 75 present. This poem by Carole Schwartz, wife of Don, sums up the feelings of the family reunions. A big Schwartz "thank you" goes to Carole.

**Making Memories 1981-1999**  
 Let's take a walk down memory lane  
 Oh! My goodness what a lot of aches and pains...  
 So many of us, and so many stories  
 Each having their own - but none being gorie...  
 A lot of "old faces," and some no longer appear  
 But they are in our hearts, being held ever so dear...  
 With all the new additions, it's almost a game  
 Trying to remember each and every name...  
 Things have changed - but not really that much  
 From Lake Whitney to Guadalupe, but the same Schwartz bunch  
 Kitchen duty just ain't what it used to be  
 Sooooo much nicer to cater, even tho a fee...  
 The dorms were the pits, with their bunks and ladders  
 Making it hard in the night when you had a full bladder...  
 There are no more ice cream freezers we heard a-whirrin'  
 But rather, Blue Bell is now constantly a freezin'  
 If the Blue Bell doesn't show up - there is trouble abound  
 'Cause there just "ain't" no freezers to be found...  
 Rickie and Laverne deserve a big thank you, and a standing ovation  
 For getting this place together, and keeping up with our reservation...  
 Everyone comes from both near and far  
 Hitting the highways, in campers and cars...  
 Spending the weekend chitting and chatting  
 Eating and eating and getting fattening...  
 Kids can be found over by the pool  
 While we "lifeguards" try to stay cool...  
 Check out time always seems to come around all too soon  
 And the "g'byes" and hugs start right after the meal at noon...  
 But this year 2000 once again brings us all here  
 Making new memories to hold until next year...

#### Question of the day at the Hambright family reunion concerned relationship of Naomi to Buffalo Bill Cody

Seventy-four descendants of Naomi McKenzie Hambright joined together in the Winters Community Center on Sunday, July 16, 2000, to remember their heritage and their love for the children of Naomi - Marvin, Lillie, Effie, Bessie (all deceased) and Clarence - who taught them how life should be lived.

All in attendance enjoyed the exhibit of old family memorabilia, including photographs, quilts, and other treasured items. The extensive family tree information, in the care of first-cousin Shirley Dyess, was updated; and a decision was made to buy a brick in honor of our matriarch, Naomi Hambright, to be placed in the sidewalk at the Rock Hotel in Winters.

Conversations could be overheard among the four generations about such subjects as the horrible drought and the dying trees; trips to much cooler places, such as Colorado and Alaska; a new marriage celebrated; how an unannounced tornado interrupted the Marvin Hambright clan's monthly dinner, tore off part of Geraldine and George's roof and overturned a grain drill; a threat by one first-cousin against another who has never attended a family reunion, that soon he will be of the "Rock Club" (whatever that means!). The question of the day, however, concerned the relationship of Buffalo Bill ("Wild Bill") Cody to the family. Well, he was Naomi Hambright's great-uncle. Not everybody has such an illustrious ancestor!

The Marvin L. Hambright descendants included his children Geraldine Lange, Christine Franks, Cecil Hambright, Ben Hambright, Patsy Faubion, and Shirley Dyess, as well as thirty-seven of their family members including spouses George Lange, Dr. Ed Franks, Pat Hambright, Kay Hambright, Aubrey Faubion, and Mike Dyess. Also Dennis, Jacque and Corrie Lange; Michelle, David, and Rebecca Lange; Scott Lange; Donna, Zachary and Darby Harwell; Debra, Skeeter, and Kayla Tucker; Brandee, Cheyenne, Odessa Baird; Suzanne Franks (travelling the farthest, from New York City); Brandon and JoAnna Hambright, Danielle Pinkerton and Jonathan Tamez, and Brandi

Hambright; James and Courtney Hambright; Mark Hambright; and Cliff, Melissa, Cody, Courtney, and Cameron Faubion.

Representing the Lillie Osborne family were her children Neomia Owens, Selma Osborne and Therin Osborne. Also Nila Osborne, Karen and Wesley McGallian; and Stefanie and Simon Camacho. From the Effie Dietz family was daughter Ophelia Ernst and Gaston, Adrianna and Brice Ernst. The Bessie Baldwin family included children Outia Awalt and Jackie Baldwin, as well as Betty Baldwin, and Darrell and Katrina Baldwin.

Clarence Hambright, the "head" of the family now, had with him his children Donald Hambright and Jerre Heathcott, as well as Trish, Sarah, Amanda, and Hannah Olvera; Donna, Whitney, and Colby Brazzel; and visitor Johnny Butler.

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### WHS Class of 1958 to meet Saturday

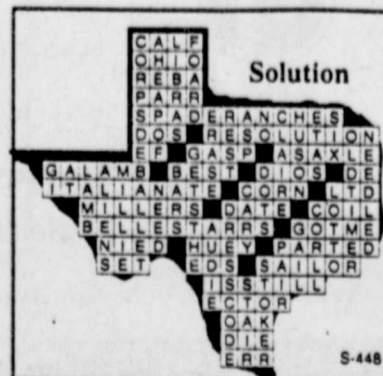
The Winters High School Class of 1958 will have their 42nd class reunion Saturday, July 29, at the Winters Community Center from 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m.

Lunch will be provided by local classmates. The evening meal will be catered by Casa Cabana.

A silent auction will be held throughout the afternoon. In charge will be Elaine (Hoppe) Miller and Mildred (Tabor) DeBerry. Don't forget your auction items!

Looking forward to seeing everyone.

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## Ingenuity turns "junk art" into treasures

by Jean Boles, editor

If necessity is the mother of invention, then Dewey Chestnut just might be a close uncle.

With the water situation becoming more and more critical, Chestnut has put his love of "junk art" to work bringing much needed water to his yard.

Caterpillar axle bearings, old window weights, lawn mower parts, evaporative air conditioner parts, a grease gun, professional meat grinder, bicycle fork, PVC pipe, and concrete rebar are just a few of the parts that Chestnut has combined to make his unique (and very cheap, he says) water pump.

"It's not very pretty, but she's real reliable," Chestnut says of his contraption which pumps three to four gallons of water per hour from a backyard well.

The 81-year old retired field foreman for Exxon says he's always loved to "dabble in stuff"

and a tour through his yard is proof of his talents.

Visitors to the Chestnut home are treated to a conglomeration of metal work from the time one enters through an iron gate made from a collection of old silverware to the five-foot statue of St. Frances, the bird lover whose toes are made from sucker rods, fingers and eyes made from chain links, beard and mustache made from wire brushes, arms made of pipe, sash cord and hair made from drilling cable.

And in the world of recycling, Chestnut should probably get some sort of award. He says he gets his metal "anywhere I can find it." He often gets calls from ranchers, farmers, railroad officials and other folks who are trying to clean up properties and want to get rid of "junk."

While some wives cringe at

their spouses' hobbies, Eloise Chestnut adores her husband's work. In fact, they work together on most projects — she designs and sketches the item and he cuts, grinds and welds to produce the finished product.

And although his work deals with rough metals, her artistic talents lean toward a softer style. Painting in oils, acrylics, and watercolors, Eloise is known for her landscapes, still life and portraits.

When asked if he ever commissions to make a piece of "art," Dewey just smiles and says he stays plenty busy making things for his kids and grandkids. The Chestnuts, married sixty years, have two children, eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

And when Dewey isn't designing another unique piece, he loves to hunt for more treasures with his metal detector. He and lifelong friend, Dub Davis, spend countless hours scouring the land at Ft. Chadbourne, finding artifacts from days gone by.

Perhaps one day another curious entrepreneur will find Chestnut's water pump and place it in a museum under the section of "Believe it or not."



DEWEY CHESTNUT, 81, stands beside his unique water pump he built using an old window weight, lawn mower parts, evaporative air conditioner parts, a grease gun, professional meat grinder, a bicycle fork, PVC pipe, and concrete rebar. The slow but steady contraption pumps 3-4 gallons of water per hour from his backyard well.

## Artists Guild critiques works

The July meeting of the Mid-West Texas Artist's Guild was held on July 11 at the Ballinger Icehouse.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Shirley Minzenmayer. A short business meeting followed. Several members were absent due to illness and summertime activities.

The program for the night was a member's critique. Each person present presented one or more paintings to their fellow artists for their advice and suggestions. Paintings displayed included an unfinished painting done by a deceased relative. The member said her family wanted her to complete the painting. A lively discussion on the pros and cons of working on someone else's painting resulted.

Other paintings included watercolors, pastels, and oils. Edith Collins shared tips on composition and "Rules." The discussion among members, the information shared, and the in-depth study of paintings presented made this meeting a really enjoyable and informative one.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 8, 2000, at The Icehouse. Cathey Lubke will present a program on watercolor painting.

### Classifieds Get Results

## Granddaughters of local residents in fashion show—



DISTRICT 7 4-H FASHION SHOW PARTICIPANTS were (from left) Cassie James of Merkel, Vanna Henson of Winters, Amanda Allen of Merkel, Sharla Potter of Merkel, and Julie Holloway of Abilene. Vanna is the daughter of Jim and Becky Henson of Winters and the granddaughter of Peggy McAnally and Betty Burleson of Winters. Julie is the daughter of Paul and Carla Holloway of Abilene and the granddaughter of Carlos and Bennie Walker of Wingate. All participants were winners at the county level, qualifying them to advance to district competition. Julie placed third at district July 17 in the category of Junior Dress Construction.

## Blood drives set to reduce medical expenses for former Coleman athlete Ty Pickett

United Blood Services and the Coleman Community are joining together to hold two blood drives for Ty Pickett. The first drive is Thursday, August 3, from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. The location is Elm Street Church of Christ Family Center in Coleman. Please call Tina Hinsley at 625-5010 to schedule an appointment.

The second blood drive will be Monday, August 7, from 2:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. The drive will be located at Central Texas Opportunity conference room in Coleman. Please contact Margaret Burkheart at 675-3583 ext. 13 to schedule an appointment. Donors unable to donate Thursday will have an opportunity to do so

Monday.

Ty was in an accidental shooting in June. As a result of the injury he received many blood transfusions. According to Tina Hensley, who is coordinating the blood drives, as much of the blood as can be replaced will help considerably in reducing the heavy medical bills sustained. "That is why we are making the goal to collect at least 44 pints of blood," said Hensley.

"The true colors of people show through in times of tragedy," said Johanna Pevey, Community Relations Representative, "Here is another example of a community binding together to help Ty. Please donate at either of

these drives and show your support."

Donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh more than 100 pounds and be in good health. United Blood Services also asks that you have proof of identification and know the names of any medication you may have taken in the past 30 days.

United Blood Services is this area's not-for-profit provider. In order to supply the 12 areas hospitals, United Blood Services must collect more than 300 units each week. Your help is needed!

For more information about giving blood, please call United Blood Services at 1-800-756-0024.

## Lipan-Kickapoo Water Conservation District annexation postponed until early 2001

The Lipan-Kickapoo Water Conservation District held a special board of directors meeting on June 28. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the public comments from the public hearing held on June 22 at the Texas A&M Experiment Station. Comments were taken from interested citizens concerning the possible annexation of territory into the water conservation district as described in the annexation petition presented to the board of directors on May 16.

The territory included in the

petition is all of Runnels county and the portions of Tom Green and Concho counties not currently in a groundwater conservation district. This petition specifically excludes the incorporated cities of San Angelo, Miles, Paint Rock, Ballinger, Winters, and the area in southern Concho county that is already a part of the Hickory Underground Water Conservation District.

After discussing the petition and the public comments, the board voted to delay any annexation of territory into the existing

district. This will give people located in the territory included in the petition more time to learn more about water districts and get their questions answered. A review of the annexation petition will be held in February or March of 2001.

For more information, contact the Lipan-Kickapoo water district office at 469-3988, Ernest Michalewicz at 653-8645, Charles Hoelscher at 465-4667, Leroy Pelzel at 468-7411, Bob Fuchs at 442-3194, or Randall Conner at 754-4542.

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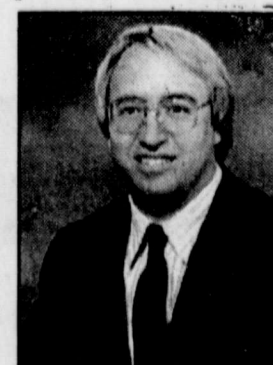
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# Cousin Eddie finds the "nut" doesn't fall too far from the family tree

by Deb Pritchard, assistant editor

Well, we took the big trip to Indiana, and you're not going to believe it—but we didn't gather enough blunders for a Cousin Eddie story. It was kinda scary.

But you know, I got to thinkin' about this Cousin Eddie thing, and I've come to the conclusion that I come by it naturally I guess—I mean I didn't just marry into it—there's "nuts" in my family tree. Take for instance my Crazy Aunt Char.

At 73, to me she still looks like she's about 60 or so—my dad's oldest sister. People tell me I favor her a lot. Just as sweet as can be...but my goodness is she a nut case—a fruitcake just waitin' for Christmas. And I mean that dearly...for if the truth be known she's probably my favorite.

She started her escapades long before I was ever thought of. I remember my dad tellin' me about one time when she was in high school. She had been "out" and was late coming home and knew she'd be in trouble with Grandpa.

They lived out in the middle of nowhere, and Aunt Char came sneakin' in with the car lights turned off. She eased into the barn, put the car in park, and quietly got out. She heard a noise that scared the daylight out of her and off she ran for the house.

Except for her fright from the awful noise in the barn—she got away unscathed—homefree... until Grandpa went to the barn the next morning. It seems the frightening noise she heard was the helpless moan of the calf she had penned between the front of the car and the wall of the barn. It stayed there stranded all night long!

My Uncle Joe and Dad both told of the time when they were about my boys' ages and Grandma and Grandpa were down in the far field of the farm. Aunt Char was in charge for the afternoon and was supposed to be watching them.

Well, she had other plans in the making, as she occupied herself in the house with the radio blar-

ing, busy primping to go out that night.

Well, Uncle Joe and my dad could always find trouble and their mischief just about did them in this time. It seems the trunk lid of the old Studebaker was open and they decided to crawl in—of course they stuck a can lid between the top and the car to keep the trunk from closing.

As you might guess, they knocked the lid out and became trapped in the trunk in the middle of the afternoon. They hollered and beat on the hatch, but to no avail. Aunt Char was in her own little world and didn't give her brothers another thought...

That is until Grandma and Grandpa returned home. As they pulled up with the horse and buggy, they could hear the boys a screamin' and a hollerin'. Fortunately they got the lid to the trunk open and out popped two little guys just as red as a turkey's non-goblin's side. Boy did Aunt Char get it that time!

As time went on, and Aunt Char aged a bit, I can safely say that things didn't change much—if anything, she got dingier! Take for instance two specific incidents I remember when she worked in downtown Indianapolis for a brokerage firm.

Downtown Indy is unique in that the center of the city is a circle. There is a monument right smack dab in the middle, and traffic goes around it. Always a flurry of activity with hundreds of people coming and going at all hours.

Aunt Char's business was right on the circle, so she was often right out in the middle of the hustle and bustle—in a hurry to get somewhere and get something done.

One day a man came up behind her in broad daylight, grabbed her by the purse, jabbed something in her back, and leaned forward to tell her something to the effect that she was being robbed.

Well...she yanked her purse away from him and told him she

was busy and didn't have time to be robbed and went on about her business.

Now don't you know that threw that guy for a loop. It probably ruined his career in thievery. When Aunt Char got to where she was going and took enough time to think about what she had just done, she nearly passed out from the fright. She had just been held up at gunpoint—and was too busy to be bothered with it.



On another one of her 90-to-nothing days, scurrying across the circle, weaving in and out of traffic—she twisted her ankle and fell right in the middle of the street. Right in front of a car—several cars for that matter.

The poor guy who was driving, slammed on his brakes when she fell—thought he had hit her and was the cause of her accident. But no. She jumped up, embarrassed by such a clumsy act, looked at the guy through the windshield and probably gave him a heart attack.

It seems the wig she always wore had twisted sideways and her false teeth had been jolted out onto her lips. The poor guy probably thought he had totally dislocated her head and disfigured her for life! But not to worry—she screwed her wig back on straight and sucked her teeth into her mouth and took off—she was on a mission!

Or there was the time my grandpa had suffered a massive heart attack—he was hanging on for his life. Aunt Char had spent the night at the hospital then headed for work after the emotionally draining evening spent with my grandpa and grandma.

Since normally she would have been commuting had she left for work from home, she had borrowed my grandpa's car. She stopped at a little cafe just north of Indianapolis for a cup of coffee to ease her stress. She left the cafe minutes later and drove downtown to work. As she got out and reached for her purse—she realized it wasn't there. I know what you're thinking—bless her heart, she left it all the way back at the restaurant. WRONG!

Well, she kinda did—her purse AND Grandpa's car! She had gotten in someone else's car and driven some 25 to 30 miles and never knew the difference. By the time she got to work, the Indiana State Police had reached my dad to report Aunt Char had stolen a car! Of course dad explained the situation and no charges were filed. Good ole Aunt Char.

As she's "matured" her mind's still as sharp as a butter knife—I mean tack. For instance, she has lived in this somewhat unsavory apartment complex for years and

just loves the place.

And who wouldn't? Why her grandkids told her that some "street pharmacists" lived just one floor above her. Forever the opportunist—they were the nicest boys—she began wondering if they could deliver her prescriptions since they lived in the same building. She canned that idea when the grandkids went on to explain that a "street pharmacist" was a drug dealer!

There's something about Aunt Char and her false teeth that always remind me of a story. It seems that when my Uncle Joe died, and everyone was gathered at the funeral home, she had somehow lost one of the front teeth in her upper denture. She looked high and low but couldn't find it and surmised that she must have swallowed it.

However she was so self-conscious of the gap in her smile that she took some chewed gum and wedged it in the hole...then only smiled with half her mouth the rest of the evening. She talked like a ventriloquist. Of course no one thought anything of it—it was Crazy Aunt Char!

Then there was the time she was going to one of her grandson's Little League All-Star games and she claimed she knew exactly where she was going. She drove and drove and drove some more until she concluded that she "might" be lost.

So she pulled into this drive with an open garage and got out to ask directions. She went in through the garage and proceeded to ring the doorbell at the back door. Except...it wasn't the doorbell. It was the garage door but-

ton, she had just closed the garage door, locking herself inside.

About that time, a young woman answered the door and as only Aunt Char could, she said, "Lady, I'm not trying to rob you—I'm lost and just need directions to my grandson's ballgame!"

Another "Char-ism" happened just a few weeks back. Dad called to say, "Hey—you won't believe what your crazy aunt did this time." (Yes I will—but go on...) "It seems she went to get her car washed and was in the middle of the bay when she felt this WOMP! WOMP! WOMP! from behind.

Sure enough, she looked around and the back driver's side window was down and the electronic washing rags were smacking her up against the back of her head. The force was too much for her to be able to get the window rolled up, so she just had to let it beat her senseless while she waited for the cycle to finish.

Last week she drove off from the bank drive-thru with one of those cannisters they use to shuttle your banking back and forth from the car to the teller. The bank was closed when she tried to return it that afternoon—but they sure were happy to see it the next day—they were just wondering "where that had gotten off to"...

I could go on and on and on, but there's neither the space nor the time to indulge. As you can see though, I had to have inherited some of this Cousin Eddie stuff. Crazy Aunt Char just completes the family oval—I mean circle!

## Seminar for Alzheimer's caregivers scheduled August 4

"Caregiving: A Map Through the Maze," a seminar for caregivers, is scheduled for Friday, August 4, at Southern Hills Church of Christ, 3666 Buffalo Gap Road in Abilene.

The seminar is sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association of West Central Texas and made possible by the Texas Department on Aging and the West Central Texas Area Agency on Aging. There is no charge for attending nor any advance registration required. The program is designed for caregivers of patients with Alzheimer's or related disorders;

all interested persons are welcome to attend.

Keynote speaker for the program will be Dr. Loralu Raburn, a neurologist from Amarillo who specializes in Alzheimer's disease. She provides information on the disease that is practical and easily understood. In her morning session, "The Maze of Alzheimer's," Dr. Raburn will give an overview of Alzheimer's disease and an explanation of the physiological events that take place. The afternoon talk, "Negotiating the Maze," will provide information and guidance for

families struggling with the problems brought about by Alzheimer's disease and related disorders.

Opening speaker at 9:15 a.m. will be Dr. Mike Stedham, Executive Director of the Ministry of Counseling and Enrichment operated by the First Baptist Church in Abilene. His presentation is entitled "The Therapeutic Power of Humor."

Judy Landers will speak at 10:00 a.m. on "Nursing Home: A Family Perspective." Ms. Landers has spent twenty years working

in the health-care industry and has also gone through the experience of placing her mother as a patient in a long-term care facility.

Registration for the event will begin at 8:30 a.m., and the program will conclude at 3:30 p.m. Each person attending will receive a packet of helpful brochures.

To receive a seminar program or any additional information, call the Alzheimer's Association of West Central Texas at (915) 672-2907, or (888) 511-4132 outside the Abilene calling area.

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Winters Police Department reports received and/or investigated from Sunday, July 16, 2000, through Saturday, July 22, 2000. Winters Police Officers:

\* received a report of a burglary at 319 W. Dale. Employees of Alderman-Cave Feeds informed officers that a small electronic scale was missing from the scale house outside the mill. The scale is valued at approximately \$1,575. This case is being investigated as a burglary of a building, and there are no suspects at the time of the report.

\* received a report of a stolen vehicle from the 200 block of Charles Street. As officers made contact with the victim, they were informed that the vehicle was a white, 2-door hatchback. The victim also informed the officers that he had heard his car being started, and when he ran outside, he saw the car travelling west on Charles Street then make a left turn onto Main Street. The information was broadcast to dispatch in Ballinger, and a short time later, Ballinger police officers spotted the vehicle a mile or two north of Ballinger on U.S. Highway 83. The vehicle was then stopped by Ballinger officers, and the suspects, John Gonzalez (unknown address) and Christopher Collins of Ballinger were arrested. Mr. Gonzalez was charged with unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, and Mr. Collins was charged with unlawful use of a vehicle, and was wanted for escape from a Texas Youth Commission correctional facility.

\* received information of the possible location of a person wanted for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. When the officer arrived at the 300 block of N. Main, he was met at the door by the wanted suspect. After requesting to see the suspect's driver's license and confirming his identification, the officer arrested Joe Reyes II of Winters for an outstanding warrant for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Mr. Reyes was transported to Runnels County Jail and booked.

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  
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## Official Records

### County Court Dispositions

Kendal Wesley Sahr, driving while intoxicated, subsequent offense, dismissed, completed alcohol treatment program

### Criminal Cases Filed July 17

Roy Warn Ashley, San Angelo, filed for driving while intoxicated  
Jeffrey G. Hamilton, Ballinger, filed for minor in possession of alcoholic beverage (appeal from city court)

Blossom (Belle) Sullivan Owens, San Angelo, filed for driving while intoxicated, subsequent offense  
Manuel Severo Vasquez Jr., Coleman, filed for driving while intoxicated, subsequent offense

Rodney Franklin, Lubbock, filed for speeding (appeal from Winters city court)  
David Wayne Secrest, San Antonio, filed for driving under the influence  
Mauro Hernandez Espino, Miles, filed for public intoxication

### District Court Divorces Granted June 12

William Floyd Burton and Lana Kay Burton

### July 20

Raul Rodriguez Perez and Sandra Lee Perez

### Divorces Filed July 17

Victoria Ann Trevino Martinez vs. Sergio Arturo Martinez

### July 18

Hilaria Flores Casares vs. Antonio Casares

### Civil Cases Filed July 17

Glahn Resources, Inc., Domesticus, Inc., Joshi Technologies International, Inc., vs. Caprock Oil Co. LLP, Imperial Gas Resources LLC, Randy Decker and Calvin R. Laird, individually and trustee of Bessie Laird Estate Trust, suit for declaratory judgment

### July 19

Old American County Mutual Fire Insurance Co. vs. Brent Lee Thompson, suit for declaratory judgment

## West Texas Fair Calf Scramble entries due

The 2000 West Texas Fair & Rodeo Calf Scramble entry deadline is August 25. Runnels County 4-H is allotted 4 scramble entries. Selection will be on a first come, first serve basis.

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If interested, contact the Extension Office for more information at 365-2219.

## West Texas Fair entries due Aug. 15

The 2000 West Texas Fair and Rodeo will be held September 8-16, in Abilene. Livestock entry deadlines are fast approaching.

The entry deadline for swine, market lambs, meat goats, Junior and Open breeding cattle, steers, Junior and Open breeding sheep and rabbits is August 15.

Any Runnels County 4-Her who will be exhibiting steers, Junior breeding sheep or Junior breeding cattle at the West Texas Fair must complete their entry forms through the County Extension Office before August 14.

Entry forms for other livestock can be obtained through the Extension Office but do not require a County Agent's signature.

## Alternative Crops Conference set Tuesday, August 1

An Alternative Crops Conference has been set for August 1 by the Tom Green County Crops Committee in Wall's St. Ambrose Fellowship Hall. Registration is at 8:30 a.m. with the program beginning at 9 a.m.

An on-site lunch is scheduled for noon.

The conference will conclude at 3:30 p.m., following a 2 p.m. tour of alternative crop production test plots.

There will be a \$5 registration fee prior to July 28. After July 28, the fee will be \$10 per person.

For more information or to pre-register, call 659-6522.

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IN VERY PRESTIGIOUS SEATS, Winters ISD teachers Teresa Tekell (left) and Laura Dees were among 400 Texas Classroom Teachers Association members to attend TCTA's Leadership Conference July 6-7 in Austin. The group convened in the Texas House of Representatives Chambers. Mrs. Tekell serves as president of the Winters Classroom Teachers Association.

## Local teachers attend TCTA Leadership Conference; meet in Texas House chambers

Winters ISD teachers Laura Dees and Teresa Tekell were among more than 400 Texas Classroom Teachers Association members who attended the TCTA Leadership Conference held Thursday and Friday, July 6 and 7, in Austin.

The district educators are local officials of the Winters Classroom Teachers Association. TCTA is a statewide professional association representing 40,000 classroom teachers throughout Texas.

Conference attendees participated in a training session on conflict management and convened in the chambers of the Texas House of Representatives for a briefing on the upcoming session of the Texas Legislature.

TCTA's top three priorities for the 77th legislative session include a trio of educator compensation packages: health insurance, salaries, and retirement benefits. At Friday's legislative briefing, TCTA members heard from three legislators who have played critical roles in these areas — Rep. Sherri Greenberg, D-Austin; Rep. Jim McReynolds, D-Lufkin; and Rep. Ruth Jones McClendon, D-San Antonio.

Most school districts in Texas do not provide health insurance for employees, and one of TCTA's top legislative priorities for the upcoming session is to seek a

state-funded health insurance program to benefit every school employee in the state. In her address, Rep. Greenberg agreed this is a critical issue for Texas teachers. She cautioned, however, that many issues must be resolved for a program to win legislative approval. Prior to her address, TCTA presented Rep. Greenberg a certificate for her years of service in the Legislature and public education advocacy. The Austin representative did not run for re-election to her legislative post.

Also at Friday's briefing, Rep. McReynolds shared his perspective as a member of the House Appropriations committee, discussing educator salaries. During the last session, the Texas Legislature spent more than \$2 billion to provide an across-the-board increase to Texas teachers, and bills providing similar increases are expected to be filed in the next session, which begins in January 2001.

TCTA leaders expressed appreciation to the Legislature for last session's salary funding, but noted that "teacher salaries need additional attention, especially in light of the shortage of certified teaching professionals," said TCTA President Cathy Hord, who also is a 3rd grade teacher in the Georgetown ISD. "We are asking the Legislature to take further cor-

rective action in the upcoming session."

Rep. McClendon discussed the Teacher Retirement System and announced her commitment to file a bill to increase the TRS multiplier from its current 2.20 percent to 2.25 percent. She filed a bill in the last session to provide a 2.25 percent multiplier, but the measure failed after actuarial projections indicated the system could only afford a 2.20 percent multiplier.

"Even after the benefit improvements of last session, the TRS fund is performing so strongly with its investments that it is overfunded by more than \$1 billion," TCTA President Hord said. "TRS officials are concerned about the increasing costs from benefit enhancements such as a multiplier increase, but the fund is exceedingly healthy and should be able to afford the 2.25 percent multiplier without endangering its fiscal well-being."

TCTA is a nonprofit, nonunion professional association serving classroom teachers and related professionals in Texas. Founded in 1927, TCTA is the only Texas education association that limits active membership to public school teachers and related non-administrative education personnel.

## First payment made on new jail

A payment due on the new Runnels County Jail topped the agenda for the Runnels County Commissioners Court special meeting on July 18.

The payment, due August 10, is \$142,443.75, with \$75,000 of that being principal. County Treasurer Margaret Smith told commissioners, "There's plenty of money to make the payment." Commissioners approved the payment unanimously.

Other agenda items handled:

\*Approval of entering into a lease agreement with The Document Company for a copier in the County Auditor's office.

\*Approval of the County Treasurer's Quarterly Investment Report.

\*Approval to place used equipment in an auction to be held in Abilene August 18 and 19.

\*Approval of a request by North Runnels Water Supply Corporation for an easement to cross County Road 316 in Precinct 2.

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- TXism: "dry as popped \_\_\_"
- Ford sedan
- TX Ann biography: "High Life"
- dinner and a show rattler position before striking
- "48 film about TX Bandit Queen: \_\_\_ Daughter"

**DOWN**

- TX Dunham was a member of this ABT dance group
- TXism: "in \_\_\_ trouble"
- Texas born 'tween Sept. 23 & Oct. 22
- Crowell is seat of this county
- TXism: "wipe the state clean"
- TXism: "a cut above the \_\_\_"
- Cleo's biter
- TXism: "\_\_\_ flies on her"
- "You \_\_\_ where you want me"
- this TX pitcher David was Rockies 1st pick in '92
- this Long was political figure in neighbor state
- split up
- TXism: "\_\_\_ in cement"
- 46 VIPs of TX newspapers
- Crystal City has statue of Popeye the \_\_\_ Man
- TXism: "brand smoking" (rare steak)
- TX "Flying Tigers" general Chennault ex-Ranger infielder Jeff
- Greek letters
- TXism: "\_\_\_ of one, half dozen of the other"
- TXism for elderly man
- long \_\_\_
- Eldarica pine
- TXism: "a squeaky wheel \_\_\_ grease"
- Joe
- TXism: "chompin' the bit"
- TXism: "got sheared like a spring \_\_\_"
- San Antonio street: Grant
- TX game of chance
- garment rules at TX high schools (2 wds.)
- Houston mass murderer Dean
- TX hero Murphy
- TX Borden of condensed milk fame
- cow and a calf
- steamship
- furnace feeder
- A&M's "branded \_\_\_ way"
- space creatures
- 1st female civilian scientist into space: Fulford
- picture show treat
- TXism: "I \_\_\_ that like a duck needs an umbrella"

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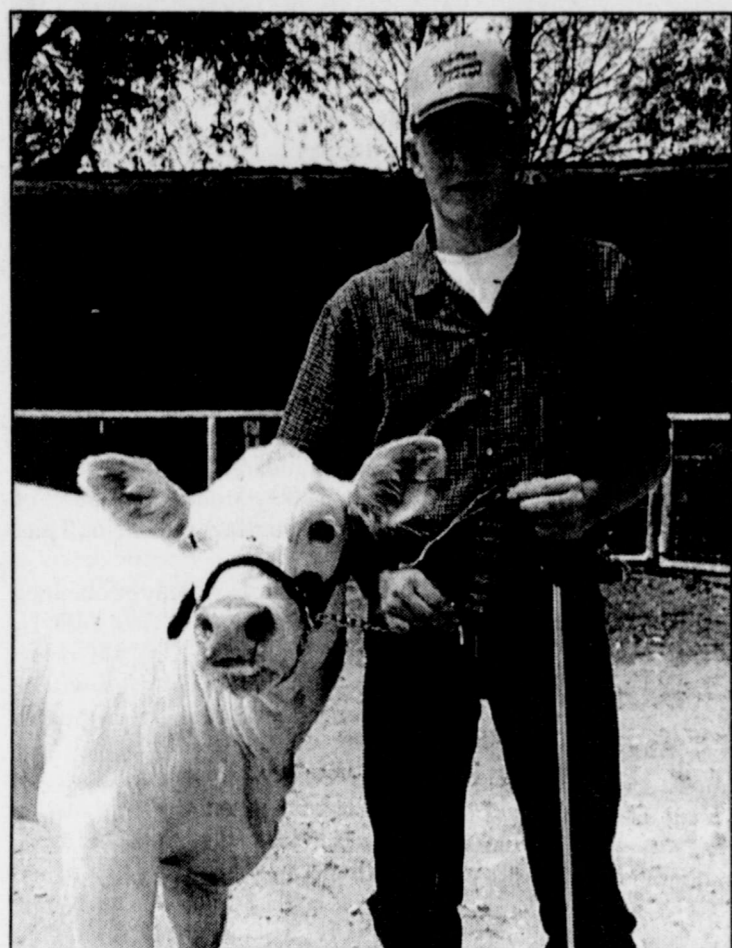
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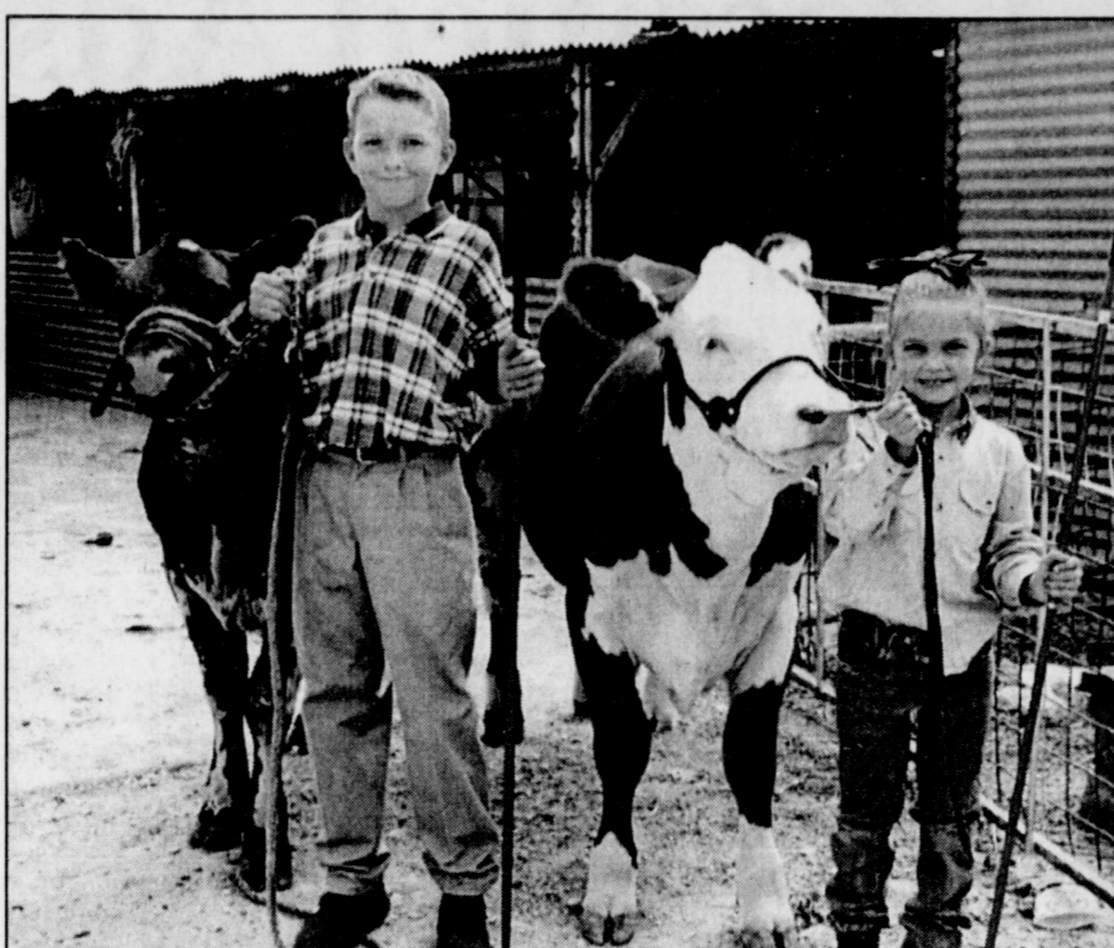
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# Local youth competitive among the best at Winters' 4th Annual Summer Classic



TRAVIS GROHMAN, 16, was a class winner with his Charolais, Powder Puff, in the European heifer division at the Fourth Annual Winters Summer Classic last Saturday.



A PAIR OF PROUD CHAMPIONS are (l-r) Cody Pritchard, 13, with his Shorthorn heifer Charlene, along with Devon Shackelford, 7, and her Hereford heifer, Sally. Shackelford exhibited the champion British heifer, while Pritchard showed the reserve champion British heifer at the Summer Classic.



TRENTON GROHMAN, 11, exhibited the Reserve Grand Champion Heifer of the show with his Charolais, bred and raised by his grandfather Carlos Walker of Wingate.

Despite the sweltering heat plaguing the area, 85 exhibitors from throughout West Texas participated in the Fourth Annual Summer Classic stockshow hosted by the Winters Livestock Association last Saturday.

Exactly 200 head of livestock were registered for the show including 86 goats, 54 lambs, 47 steers, and 13 heifers. Exhibitors ranged in age from 4 to 17 years old. Chad Coburn, Sterling County extension agent, judged the show.

Results of local interest include:  
**Prospect Market Goats**  
 Class 2  
 1. Sarah Schwertner  
 3. Sarah Schwertner  
 Class 4  
 1. Sarah Schwertner  
 5. Eryn Belk  
 Class 6  
 8. Harli Belk

**Class 7**  
 1. Sarah Schwertner  
 10. Jessica Pritchard

**Class 8**  
 1. Sarah Schwertner  
 2. Sarah Schwertner  
 5. Eryn Belk  
 6. Jack Pritchard

**Grand Champion Goat**  
 Sarah Schwertner  
**Junior Goat Showmanship**  
 1. Sarah Schwertner

**Prospect Market Lambs**  
**Finewool**  
**Lightweight**

1. Jace Whitlow  
 3. Ryan McMahon  
 5. Patrick McMahon  
 6. Jeffrey Jordan  
**Heavyweight**  
 1. Tate Whitlow  
 3. Ryan McMahon  
 5. David Blessing  
 6. Sarah Blessing

**Champion Finewool**  
 Tate Whitlow  
**Reserve Champion Finewool**  
 Jace Whitlow  
**Finewool Cross**  
**Lightweight**

2. Lindsey Byler  
 4. Jeffrey Jordan  
**Heavyweight**  
 5. Jace Whitlow  
 6. Tate Whitlow  
**Medium Wool**  
**Lightweight**

1. Ryan McMahon  
 3. Megan Minzenmayer  
 5. Camille Kruse  
**Mediumweight**  
 1. Russell Byler  
 2. Patrick McMahon  
 6. Candace O'Dell  
**Heavyweight**

1. Megan Minzenmayer  
 2. Lindsey Byler  
 4. Devon Shackelford  
**Champion Southdown**  
**Lightweight**  
 1. Russell Byler  
 2. Megan Minzenmayer  
 5. Candace O'Dell  
 6. Camille Kruse  
**Heavyweight**  
 1. Megan Minzenmayer  
 2. Lindsey Byler  
 4. Devon Shackelford  
**Champion Southdown**

Megan Minzenmayer  
**Reserve Champion Southdown**  
 Lindsey Byler  
**Reserve Grand Champion Prospect**  
**Market Lamb**

Megan Minzenmayer  
**Junior Lamb Showmanship**  
 2. Camille Kruse  
**Senior Lamb Showmanship**  
 1. Patrick McMahon  
 3. Ryan McMahon

**Heifers**  
**British**  
**Class 2**  
 1. Dalton Shackelford  
 2. Cody Pritchard  
 3. Jeffrey Jordan  
 4. Camille Kruse  
**Class 3**

1. Brianna Mesey  
 2. Jeffrey Jordan  
 3. Ryan Bland  
**Champion British Heifer**  
 Dalton Shackelford  
**Reserve Champion British Heifer**  
 Cody Pritchard  
**European**  
**Class 1**  
 1. Travis Grohman  
**Class 2**  
 2. Trenton Grohman  
**Reserve Champion European Heifer**  
 Trenton Grohman  
**Reserve Grand Champion Heifer**  
 Trenton Grohman  
**Prospect Steers**  
**American**

**Lightweight**  
 2. Collyn Pritchard  
 3. Cody Pritchard  
**Heavyweight**  
 1. Wade Williams  
 2. Wade Williams  
**Champion American Steer**  
 Wade Williams  
**Reserve Champion American Steer**  
 Wade Williams

**English**  
**Mediumweight**  
 1. Tanner Donica  
 2. Ashley Marks  
 3. Dalton Shackelford  
 4. Colby Pritchard  
 5. Jessica Halfmann

**Light Heavyweight**  
 4. Jessica Halfmann  
**Heavyweight**  
 3. Dalton Shackelford  
**Champion English Steer**  
 Tanner Donica  
**Reserve Champion English Steer**  
 Ashley Marks  
**European**  
**Reserve Champion American Steer**  
 Tanner Donica  
**Light Heavyweight**  
 3. Tanner Donica  
**Reserve Grand Champion Steer**  
 Tanner Donica  
**Junior Cattle Showmanship**  
 2. Devon Shackelford  
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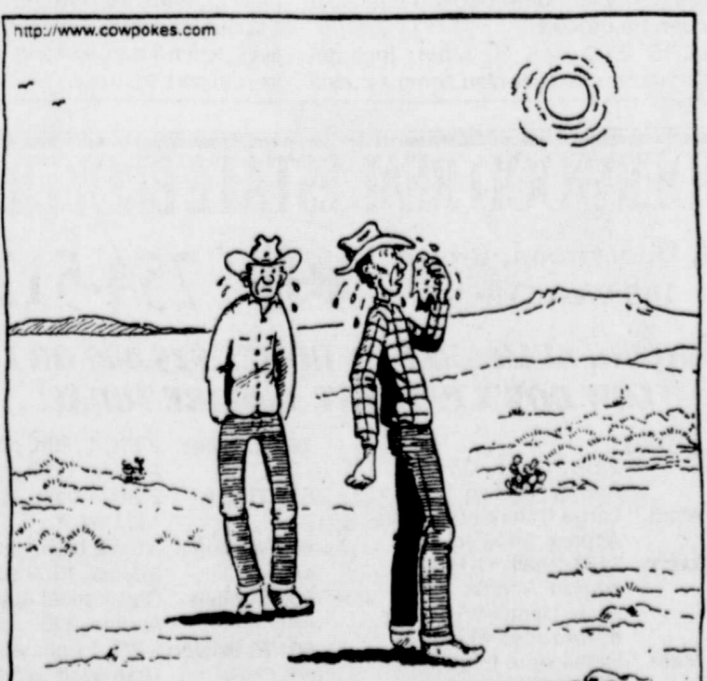
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