Apples of Gold JOY-I'm so glad I'm back home I'm glad I went.

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Bahlmans say goodbye to Spill Brothers Furniture

ing Winters and the surrounding area, Nelan and Celesta Bahlman have decided it's time to retire. The couple has put Spill Brothers Furniture, a fixture in the Winters business community for 95 years, on the market. The Bahlmans owned and operated the store for 23 of those years.

In March of 1964, the Bahlmans moved to Winters from Robert Lee and purchased a dry cleaning business from T.A. McMillian. City Cleaners, as it was called, was located across on West Dale Street.

Bahlmans purchasing Bahlman ner of State and Main streets. Cleaners from Nelan's brother Melvin. They ran both cleaners current location at 131 South for about a year before merging Main. The building housed both the businesses and operating out a furniture store and funeral home still often referred to as Mr. or of the building on Main Street for many years. After the broth- Mrs. Spill instead of Bahlman. which is currently Busy "B"

After 36 years in business serv- and operated the cleaners until bilities for the Spill family.

Bahlman brother, J.W. and wife tion on State Street. Joyce, formed a partnership and ture. Nelan and Celesta opened tember 12, 1977. Joyce and the Spill family. late J.W. remained silent partners for the last 23 years.

from the current day Tax Office opened the furniture business in The late 1960's found the Video Hut once stood at the cor- to keep the Spill family name—a

In 1912 they moved into their business name in Winters. ers' death, Mildred Spill Gardner They are amazed how many Cleaners. The Bahlmans owned took over management responsi-

The family-owned funeral However, in the midst of their home moved locations in the dry cleaning career, the enterpris- 1940's out of the furniture building couple, along with another ing and into its present day loca-

In July of 1977, Ted Meyer purchased Spill Brothers Furni- formed a corporation and he, his family, and a group of others pur-"their" doors for business on Sep- chased the funeral home from the

When Mildred Spill Gardner was ready to retire in 1977, none Long before the Bahlmans of her children nor anyone in the took over the helm at Spill's, Spill family had an interest in brothers Albert and Ben Spill keeping the furniture store. The Bahlmans purchased the business a wood frame building where and were grateful for the privilege long established and reputable

Nelan and Celesta admit though, they have been and are

See BAHLMANS, page 3



Celesta & Nelan Bahlman

City to annex properties, extends City Manager's contract Third graders to present holiday

Fourteen properties have been proposed to be annexed by the Winters City Council within the next year.

During their regular meeting Monday night, Nov. 27, Council members approved a resolution for City Manager Aref Hassan to set up a time table for the annexation process.

These fourteen properties to be annexed have met criteria of adjoining property inside the city limits and have city services (water or sewer):

Charles Bahlman Chevrolet (voluntarily), 7065 Hwy. 153 Louis Collins, 1114 W. Dale Susan Green, 1100 W. Dale L. E. & Leona Jacob, 1109 W. Parsonage

The Shed, 1015 N. Main Robert T. Hagle, 116 Novice Road Security State Bank, 708 S. Main Security State Bank, 714 S. Main J. D. Wilson, 212 Jewell Calcote Dirt Construction,

102 Bishop Billie Gerhardt, 204 Bishop Irene Rios Meredith, 811 Reeves Frank Guarjardo, 811 Reeves John Magee, 300 Roselane

Council members also met the December 1 deadline by approving the sidewalk grant agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). The Council noted that this approval starts the "clock" for the construction of the sidewalk and allows the grant money to be set aside by the state but still allows the city to withdraw if sufficient matching funds are not found.

The construction "clock" allows up to two years to engage architects and engineers to design the sidewalk project, and up to ten years to complete the project.

Following executive session, Council members approved the contract for Hassan as City Manager for three years. Hassan has been Winters City Manager since April, 1992. This action extends his contract until 2003.

Randall Conner presented a weather modification program to the Council and asked for a for four years. Conner explained that this money would be used for 6:30 p.m. for the community. a cloud seeding program for the west central region of Texas.

The Council denied the request, stating it is not in the city budget, and said that state laws prohibit changing the budget at 6:15 p.m. this time.

In other business, the Council approved a change in the water sale agreement as requested by North Runnels Water Supply Corporation, extending their contract from twenty to forty years.

The date for next month's regular meeting has been changed to December 18, due to the Christmas holidays.

Present for the November 27 meeting were Councilmen Jimmy Butler, Joe Gerhart, Steve Esquivel, Mike Meyer and Tommy Russell, Mayor Dawson McGuffin, City Attorney Ken Slimp and City Manager Aref Hassan.

"Christmas on Candy Cane Lane"-

musical with a message on Tuesday

The Winters Elementary third graders will present a Christmas committment of \$1,500 per year musical on Tuesday, December 5, at the high school auditorium. They will perform the program at 8:30 that morning for the school and at

The delightful presentation, "Christmas on Candy Cane Lane," finds the candy canes bickering about which is better, red or green? The program is designed to celebrate the holiday season while learning a little bit about appreciating the differences in people.

Third grade children are asked to be in the high school library at

The community is invited to attend to get into the holiday spirit for the Christmas season. Admission is free.

First Methodist presents dessert theatre Friday

the talented cast of the First United Methodist Church will perform a dessert theatre presentation of "A Birthday in December" on Friday, Dec. 1, at 7 p.m.

The delightful, funny play tells of "Charlie" (played by Don Roath) who lives alone and plans a birthday party for himself, inviting an assortment of friends and family to join him in the cel-

cast member, says "We must warn

"Light Up A Life"— **Hospice Care** dove campaign begins Friday

The "Light Up A Life" campaign sponsored by Hendrick Hospice Care will get under way on Friday, December 1. The event will begin at 3:15 p.m. at Main Drug in Winters.

Main Drug owners James and Diane Cross invite members of the community to the kickoff presentation honoring the late Herbert Jacob and his family.

Dove donations are \$10 each, with all proceeds going towards helping future Hospice Care patients. This year's campaign will run through December 22 and is cochaired by Joyce Bahlman and Sandy Griffin.

Back by popular demand — you that some of the characters have strange personalities and will make you laugh until you cry. We promise you'll have a good

> Other cast members include Dewey and Kay Whitfield, and See THEATRE, pg. 3

Christmases Remembered.

Christmas is such a special time of the year AND just around the corner.

We'd like to make this holiday season one to remember.

Do you have a favorite Christmas memory or story to share with our readers? Last year's Christmases Remembered... were very well received, so well in fact, we'd like to do it again.

Tell us about the time Santa surprised you with your first Daisy BB gun when you were only eight years old, or how nuch it means to you that everyone gathers at Grandma's house and sings Christmas carols, or about that tattered and worn special ornament that has been passed down in your family for four generations.

If you'd like to share vour memories with our readers, send a printed or typed story of 150 words or less to:

The Winters Enterprise 104 N. Main St. Winters, TX 79567 Deadline for stories is December 12. Stories

will be published in our

Special Section Dec. 21.

Bill Bredemeyer appointed as new J.P. for Precinct 2

A special public meeting of the Runnels County Commissioners Court was held Monday morning to interview and hire a new Justice of the Peace for Precinct 2.

Five candidates were interviewed for the position in executive session before the commissioners reconvened and voted to appoint Bill Bredemeyer of Winters as J.P.

Bredemeyer will begin his duties December 1, following the retirement of current J.P. Joyce Weems on November 30.

SEEING EYEBALL TO EYEBALL Millie Northrup, director and



DR MICHAEL BACIGALUPI (right), optometrist of Ballinger, shares his knowledge and skills as he dissects a goat's eyeball for the biology classes of Chuck Lipsey and Mandie England at WHS. The procedure was shown on closed circuit television so that all class members could easily watch. At left is Coach Lipsey (standing) and student Matthew Meyer.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Nov. 30-11:30 a.m, Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center 5 p.m., Hale Museum Board

7:30 p.m., Cowboys for Christ, Drasco

7 p.m., Parenting Class, Elementary Library Dec. 1-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center 3:15 p.m., Hospice Light Up A Life, Main Drug 7 p.m., "A Birthday in December," FUMC

Christmas Parade Entries Due, Chamber Office Winters Stock Show Entries Due, WHS Ag. Shop Weather Modification Deadline, WABIC

Dec. 2-6 p.m., Crews Community Meeting, Gym

8 p.m. - 1 a.m., Christmas Dance, Community Center Dec. 4-9 a.m. - 4 p.m., WIC, WHA 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center

6 p.m., City Council, City Hall 7 p.m., Band Boosters, Band Hall

7 p.m., Winters Squares, Community Center 7:30 p.m., Ballinger Masonic Lodge Dec. 5-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center Noon, Lions Club, Community Center

3 p.m., Friends of Hale Museum 5 p.m., Artists Guild, Ballinger 5-8 p.m., Project Graduation Hamburger Supper, WHS Cafeteria 6:30 p.m., 3rd Grade Musical, WHS Auditorium 7 p.m, WVFD, Fire Station 7 p.m., American Legion

7 p.m., Athletic Boosters, Blizzard Stadium Runnels Co. Pecan Show, Ballinger Feed & Seed Dec. 6-7 a.m., WABIC, Chamber Office 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center

EOC Exams, High School

6 p.m., Chamber Directors, Chamber Office Dec. 7-10 a.m.-Noon & 1:30 p.m - 3 p.m., Immunization Clinic, TDH 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center 7 p.m., Parenting Class, Elementary Library

Oil Bidness

By Reg Boles ©2000

You've heard it before, and you are starting to hear it again. It is a familiar refrain--at least

under certain circumstances. Lend your ears and listen:

"I can't find enough hands to get my work done."

Yes, the current increase in oil field activity has driven many a tool pusher, field supervisor, and company man to utter these mournful words. What a contrast to a few years ago (and for most of 14 years since 1986) when all that could be heard was:

"There isn't enough work around, so I had to let my hands go."

It is that constant zig and zag of this business...that cyclical (lately more like whipsawing), up-and-down of industry...which has been around for 50 years. In up times, there is a rush to hire good people, and, in down times, there is a stampede to let good people go.

But, there are some differences this time.

It seems that, in historically similar situations, there has been this race back into the business by many looking to make the good wages offered by the oil patch. After all, roustabouts, roughnecks, and other field hands have a tough and dangerous job and the pay scale reflects that.

However, there is the problem of a very strong economy and the accompanying tight labor market. Wages are high *outside* the industry as well as inside.

So, now you have competitive wages in other industries that play into that contempt that many (thrown out of a job in the past) have always felt for the oil and gas business. There is nothing some would like better than to turn down a lucrative job offer in the oil patch. In the past, it has been difficult to walk away from seriously good wages no matter how disgusted one might have Oplin (Depth 3400). Loc. is 600 been.

Pottom line: it is harder than ever to find employees to fill the skill positions in our business. Even entry-level and unskilled jobs are left with few applicants.

Even subsidized re-training programs designed to get skilled labor into the oil field market are drawing few applicants.

There is still a level of denial on the producing side of the business that this is happening. But, on the service side, they are living it. Roustabout trucks sit idle, workover rigs get moved on location with no hands, and customers get mad because there is nobody available to fix their leak or get their well back on production.

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loud. Know any good hands...?

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COMPLETIONS

Concho County

Quintx Exploration has completed two wells in the South Branch Field (9 miles SE of Eden) in the Cook. The Whitehead #113 potentialed at 6 BOPD & 85 BWPD (perfs 1122-1128) and is loc. 160 FNL & 40 FEL of ELRR Sur. No. 151, A-1037. The Whitehead #114 potentialed at 17 BOPD & 69 BWPD (perfs 1068-1070) and is loc. 710 FSL & 1570 FWL of J. Callan Sur. No. 2117.

Nolan County

Chisholm Exploration has completed the Texaco Fee #8 in the Mulberry Canyon Field (5 miles NE of Nolan) at an initial rate of 101 BOPD in the Cisco (perfs 4053-58). Loc. is 1916 FNL & 1366 FWL of Sec. 69, Blk. 5, T&PRR Sur., A-237.

L.C.S. Production Co. has completed the Texaco-McReynolds -A- #2 in the Mulberry Canyon Field (6 miles NE of Nolan) at an initial rate of 138 BOPD in the Cisco (perfs 3820-21). Loc. is 2421 FEL & 2450 FNL of Sec. 69, Blk. 5, T&PRR Sur., A-237.

STAKINGS

Callahan County

Sojourner Drilling has staked the E. Johnson #1-115 in the Lake Coleman Field, 8 miles SE of FSL & 1200 FEL of Sec. 115, Blk. 2, GH&H Sur.

V.C. Stephenson has staked the Ball #1 in the Cook Sand Field, 3 miles SE of Eula (Depth 2000). Loc. is 2800 FNL & 370 FEL of Sec. 20, BBB&C RR Sur., A-

Tracker Mineral has staked the J.W. Evans -B- #10 in the County Regular Field, 7 miles S of Clyde (Depth 1600). Loc. is 1485 FEL & 1343 FSL of Sec. 5, BBB&C RR Sur.

Coke County

Southern Mineral Corp. has staked the Robbins -397- #2 in the South Nipple Peak Field, 5 miles NW of Bronte (Depth 6000). Loc. is 2090 FWL & 870 FSL of Sec. 397, Blk. 1-A, H&TC Sur., A-397. RULE 36.

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Rayco Operating Co., Inc. has staked the Schumann #1 in the North Novice Field, 1 mile E of Novice (Depth 3800). Loc. is 2386 FNL & 2060 FWL of Sec. 20, Blk. 2, T&NO Sur., A-1776.

Concho County

LeClair Operating has staked two wells as Wildcats, 13 miles NE of Eden (Depth 3000). The Muery #1 is loc. 650 FSL & 2900 FEL of T.J. Caswell Sur. No. 38, A-1376. The Riley #1 is loc. 467 FWL & 1800 FNL of H. Janszen Sur. No. 1745, A-527.

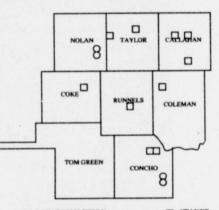
Runnels County

Novo Exploration Corp. has staked the Richev #1 in the Waldrip-Novo Field, 1 mile S of Content (Depth 4000). Loc. is 467 FEL & 467 FSL of CIC Sur. No. 32, A-583.

Taylor County

Chisholm Exploration has staked the DeShazo 31 as a Wildcat, 13 miles SW of Merkel (Depth 4800). Loc. is 1970 FNL & 361 FWL of Sec. 28, Blk. 5, T&PRR Sur.

L.C.S. Production has applied to plug back the King #2 in the North Dora Field, 5 miles S of Trent (Depth 6250). Loc. is 176 FWL & 1635 FSL of Sec. 65, Blk. 19, T&PRR Sur., A-377.



The human heart has hidden silence sealed.

-Charlotte Brontë

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Dec. 4 thru Dec. 8

Subject to change Monday, Dec. 4: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, corn salad, cornbread, chocolate pudding. Tuesday, Dec. 5: Salmon croquettes, Ranch style beans, beets, cornbread, cookies. Wednesday, Dec. 6: Chicken spaghetti, tossed salad, English

peas, rolls, cake. Thursday, Dec. 7: Hamburgers, chips, Pork & Beans, pick

les/onions, fruit. Friday, Dec. 8: Ham & sausage, squash dressing, mashed potatoes, fruit salad, rolls, pe-

2001 Project **Graduation to** host Hamburger **Supper Tuesday**

Winters vs. Wall ballgame-

Project Graduation 2001 will serve a Hamburger Supper during the Winters vs. Wall basketball games on Tuesday, December 5.

The meal will be served from 5 to 8 p.m. in the school cafeteria. The meal includes a hamburger with all the trimmings, french fries, a brownie, and iced tea. Tickets are \$5.

The community is invited to attend. All proceeds from the meal will go towards the drug free allnight celebration following graduation in May, 2001.

> Sr. Citizens Nursing **Home News** By Billie Ruth Bishop

Family night planned for December 13

We are planning a family night barbecue and Christmas party for the residents and families on Wednesday, December 13, begin-

ning at 5:00 p.m. after the meal. The country musicians will be entertaining everyone in the lobby.

Mrs. Nora Wuistinger is a patient in Hendrick Medical Center at this time. We hope a speedy recovery for her.

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank the people of our community who helped make Jo Collins' benefit a

Bill Polston of Winters won the steak dinner at Lowake, donated by Lowake Steak House.

George Lopez of Winters won the afghan, donated and made by Mary Smith and Janice Jordan.

The craft booths in Winters Ballinger, and Miles were a success; thanks to all who contrib-

Thanks,

Jo Collins' benefit organizers

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When translated into English, the Japanese word for soda means "poison water."

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Obituaries

David "Butch" Piel

BALLINGER-David "Butch" Piel, 59, died Sunday, November 26, 2000, at Abilene Regional Hospital.

He was born March 14, 1941, in Ballinger to David W. and Tillie Sturm Piel.

Mr. Piel was a truck driver for Ballinger Ready Mix for many years and served with the Texas National Guard. He was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church of Ballinger.

He was preceded in death by his father and a sister, Alice St. John. Survivors include his mother, Tillie Piel Moseley of Ballinger; two brothers, Gene Ray Piel and his wife Mary of Del Rio and Larry Piel and his wife Glenda of Bangs; two sisters, Irene Batts and her husband David and Janice Kurtz and her husband Randall, all of Ballinger; nieces and nephews, Amy Batts, Mac and Bridgett St. John, Jason and Darci Piel, Carrie Aguirre, Jeffrey and Jessica Piel; a great-niece, Mandee St. John; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Rosary was at 7:00 p.m. Monday, November 27, at Rains-Seale Funeral Chapel in Ballinger. Mass was at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, November 28, at St. Mary Catholic Church with Father Hubert Wade celebrating. Burial followed in the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Ballinger, directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Richard Bryan, Delbert Lancaster, Jason Piel, Jeffrey Piel, Mac St. John, and Isaac Ramos. Honorary pallbearer was Ray Rohmfeld.

Emil Phillip Kvasnicka

ROWENA-Emil Phillip Kvasnicka, 91, died Saturday, November 18, 2000.

He was born February 9, 1909, in Bohemia, which was a small Czech settlement on the Mertzon road. His parents were Vaclav and Mary Kaucky Kvasnicka. The family soon moved to Rowena where they settled on a farm. Emil attended school at St. Joseph Catholic School and became a farmer at a very young age.

Mr. Kvasnicka was very active in SPJST Lodge #49, holding various offices through the years, learning the insurance business and selling their policies. He also belonged to the local RVOS, Lions Club and Woodmen of the World. Mr. Kvasnicka had his own business in terracing land for farmers in surrounding communities.

Survivors include one sister, Emma Havlak and husband Emil of Ballinger; one brother, Elmer Kvasnicka of San Antonio; one nephew, Carlos Dusek and wife Linda of Midkiff; two nieces, Mary Ann Havlak Johnson and husband Richard of Dallas and Pam Kvasnicka Furth and husband Russell of Val Verde; and great nieces and nephews, Stacey and Skyler Dusek, Father Joseph Johnson, Tonya Johnson Myck, and Courtney Furth.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rowena at 10:00 a.m. Friday, November 24, 2000, by Father Joseph Johnson and concelebrated by Father Stephen Kennelly and Father Hubert Wade. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery in Rowena directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home in Ballinger.

Pallbearers were Mike Albarado, Robert Behrens, Stanley Latzel, Russell Furth, Daniel Jansa, and Richard Johnson. Honorary pallbearers were Stanley Broz, Emil Havlak, and Hubert Pospichal.

Memorial can be made to the Evergreen Cemetery, c/o Beverly Teplicek, 817 FM 381, Rowena, TX 76875 or SPJST Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 100, Temple, TX 76503.

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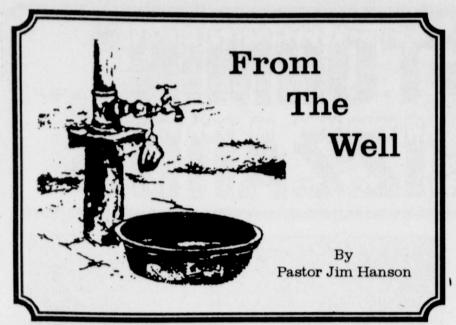
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Pastor Jim Hanson

We are into the holiday season. It begins with what was once known as Thanksgiving Day.

How well I remember my younger days, as a boy in Brookings, South Dakota. It was a big day... Thanksgiving was. That fourth Thursday in

November.

At school, we read about and even made a play out of the Pilgrim's celebration. Once I got to be an Indian. And, one time a Pilgrim with a tall black hat, I stood tall and read a prayer that their leader had prayed. It made me proud to be an American.

On Thanksgiving Day, we had church services...just like the President of the United States had proclaimed...that we Americans should "gather in our churches and houses of worship to give thanks for the blessings bestowed on us by God." It made me proud to be a Christian. In our hymn book, we had prayers and songs written just for Thanksgiving.

We've lost some ground I'm afraid. This year, I read the expression "Turkey Day" a lot more than "Thanksgiving Day." The whole focus seemed to be on that big old bird than on "giving thanks." Johnny Hart, the author of the comic strip "B.C.," hit the nail on the head when he pictured a young boy ant and his pipe-smoking daddy ant on an anthill. The boy ant asks, "How come the turkey isn't the national bird for humans, dad? The papa ant replies, "Now that you mention it, it would be more appropriate." Yes, indeed. There are times when we do act like a bunch of turkeys.

Baxter Black is a cowboy poet. Very good one...in fact, he is more read than any other poet in America. He has written many books, but the one I like best is "Cactus Tracks and Cowboy Philosophy." In it, I found an amusing account of "The First Cowboy Thanksgiving." Here are some excerpts:

On November 1621, a Thursday, I believe, the pilgrims were fixin' to set down to a meager meal of fish sticks and boiled beets. When out of the woods marched a jovial band of Indians packin' a bushel of roastin' ears and two wild turkeys. Thursday, Thanksgiving, as we know it today, was

But, what if those generous Indians had chosen to take their bounty to the wild game feed at the V.F.W., instead? And in their place, the pilgrims were met by a crew of cowboys on their day off?

These pre-revolutionary buckaroos would have passed around their own Wild Turkey. Soon as everybody was tuned up and visitin' like used-car salesmen, preparations would have been made for church. They'd have barbecued a couple of Spanish goats, some buzzard jerky, a side of javelina, and a bucket of quail. Not to mention, a jackrabbit they'd run over on the way into camp.

As a special treat, they'd have thrown in a few Rocky Mountain oysters on the hot rocks for hors d'oeuvres. I can just see the young, single, upwardly mobile Pilgrim girls gigglin' and gnawin' on a piece of javelina haunch.

Toasts would have been made to all the greats: Christopher Columbus, John Smith, John Alden, Casey Tibbs...John Elway, Bob Wills... and Francis Scott Key. No cowboy gatherin' would be complete without a fiddle. The cowboys might have taught 'em the two-step and the cotton-eyed Joe. The Pilgrims would reciprocate with the minuet and Turkey in the Straw.

... If that scenario had occurred, Thanksgiving would be different today...more like a combination of New Year's Eve and Custer's last stand. Every November, we'd be sittin' down to a table bristlin' with brisket and beans. The centerpiece would be the traditional cow skull, and afterwards, everybody would have a piece of armadillo mince

However, the turkey would not have been lost completely. It would have become the symbol of another national celebration that stops the country in its tracks and gives us pause to think...Election Day!

Thanks, Baxter. Even if you are a bit irreverent, you are a kind of prophet. Especially of this year's Election Daze. For sure, we'll all breathe a sigh of relief when it's settled. And, hopefully, pause to "give thanks." And pray for both, the one that's elected and the one that lost. And, for ourselves and for each other. For, in a sense, we are

all...turkeys. Like a song I learned years ago: "If God can love turkeys, then God can love you,

For you are a turkey, and I am one, too."

Support the Winters Area Chamber of Commerce.





THE LORD'S ACRE FESTIVAL was recently celebrated by friends and members of the First United Methodist Church as they enjoyed a delicious ham dinner prior to the auction which included handmade quilts shown in background.

Shoo, flu, shoo!

Nationwide vaccine shortage causes priority distribution

your flu shot, you're not alone. In light of a nationwide delay in getting this season's flu vaccine, local physicians as well as the Texas Department of Health are recommending that as the vaccine becomes available, priority be given to vaccinating groups more likely to suffer severe com-

plications or die from the flu. "What we're trying to avoid is a well-protected low-risk population at the expense of an unprotected high-risk population," said Sharilyn Stanley, M.D., TDH's associate commissioner for disease control and prevention.

High risk groups include people 65 and older, residents of nursing homes and other longterm care facilities, people with asthma or other chronic lung conditions and those with diabetes, kidney or heart problems or weakened immune systems.

Children on long-term aspirin therapy and pregnant women who will be in their second or third trimester during the winter months also are in the high-risk category. The high-priority category also includes health care workers and others who care for people at risk,

Stanley said people not in these high-risk groups can help by waiting to get their flu shots.

The TDH estimates that three million doses of the flu vaccine have been ordered by private health care providers in Texas, but Stanley said there's no way to know how much has been received.

TDH has received 101,500 of the 366,000 doses it ordered. The balance is expected to be shipped periodically through December. Most of the TDH order is earmarked for use by local public health departments.

According to Doug McBride, **TDH Public Information Officer** in Austin, the cause for the delay lies with the three manufacturers and the fact that one particular strain is a very slow-growing product. Also, two manufacturers "hit snags with the Food and Drug Association" said McBride.

Local physicians in private practice have been told they can expect to receive their vaccine orders "after Thanksgiving."

"We're still expecting to re-

If you've been asked to wait for and family members of people at ceive our orders of flu vaccine," says Dr. Keith Boles of Winters. "And I hope people will remember to get their shots, even through the month of December."

> The heavy part of flu season usually occurs in January and February, according to the TDH.

"The vaccine takes about two weeks to become effective," reports Stanley, "so there's still time to protect people before the heavy part of the season even if it's December before they get their shots."

Influenza, or flu, is a viral respiratory infection. Symptoms include sudden onset of fever, muscle aches, chills, severe fatigue, headache, dry cough, sore throat and runny nose.

Stanley said standard but simple disease-control practices such as covering the mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing, frequent hand washing and staying home from school or work if you have flu symptoms can help prevent the spread of the illness.

So "be patient," ask the health professionals, "keep checking on the status of the vaccine, then go ahead and get your shots as soon as possible.'

Subscription rates will increase on January 1

Due to increased prices in newsprint, postage and general cost of operations, the management of The Winters Enterprise announces an upcoming increase in subscription prices.

Beginning January 1, 2001, subscriptions in Runnels County will be \$17.00 per year; out of county will be \$21.00 per year, and out of state will be \$24.00 per year. Newstand prices will remain 50¢ per issue.

"We strongly dislike being forced to increase our rates," says Jean Boles, Enterprise editor. "We've held our prices down as long as possible, but, unfortunately, we cannot hold off any longer.

"While we know that consumers don't like to pay more, we feel that The Winters Enterprise is still an exceptional bargain, especially when you consider that one soft drink or cup of coffee costs more than a week's worth of community news.

"The staff of the Enterprise will continue to work diligently to provide the finest in news coverage for Winters and the surrounding area. We deeply appreciate our readers and the support we receive."

The last increase in The Winters Enterprise rates was in January, 1995.

THEATRE, continued

Saffron, Kenny and Tana Gibbs.

Admission, which includes the comedy and a delicious dessert, is only \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. Tickets may be purchased at First United Methodist Church at 141 N. Church Street and Bahlman Jewelers at 106 S.

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to help us. Their names are James and Clare Bernheisel, better known as Bernie and Clare. Celesta and I feel they and their staff have done a great job in helping us work toward reaching our goal."

The Bahlmans plan to remain

in Winters and have a number of things they wish to pursue at a relaxed pace. They admit they may travel and relax some for a while, "but we have other things to pursue that will contribute to this community," said Nelan. "Joyce, Celesta, and I thank you

BAHLMANS, cont'd

people come in to purchase furniture or appliances and say "my grandparents bought their first furniture here."

Nelan tells of when his parents bought their first household goods at the Spill's store. After marrying in 1916 they set up housekeeping with a stove and furniture on the \$100 they had saved with enough money left over to buy groceries on the way home.

Mildred Clark shared her memories of the store with the Bahlmans about when the business sported a juke box and stayed open until 9 p.m. Parents would bring their families to shop, and while mom and dad were making their selections, the kids would listen to the tunes gathered near the juke box.

The Bahlmans completely opened up the side of the building and the upstairs which once served as storage areas. The have modernized by insulating and opening up the showroom areas.

The room which now serves as The Cupboard where Celesta features baskets, frames, and knickknacks, was once the Belitz Bakery. If one ventures to the west wall of the room they'll find nestled among the brick, the original oven from the bakery used to bake breads and pastries.

The Bahlman's are proud of the fact their small town business has delivered furniture from Winters to Dallas, Lubbock, Kerrville, Austin, and even New Mexico over the years.

Nelan and Celesta also fondly mention longtime employee Efrain Esquivel who started at the store 11 years prior to their purchase date. Esquivel began working at Spill's in the summer of 1966 following his high school

graduation. He left the business a few weeks back to open his own ap-

pliance repair shop—a venture the Bahlmans wholeheartedly support.

As for Nelan and Celesta they say they have reached retirement age and know they can't keep up the pace anymore. "When you realize you need to retire-you need to retire," said Nelan.

"Winters, the area businesses, and the Agri-Plex have been good to us-very good to us," he continues. "We appreciate that, and we've enjoyed it very much."

The Bahlmans are liquidating inventory with an anniversary sale in an effort to make the busi-

ness more affordable for someone to purchase. They continue to try and sell the business and will retire sometime after the first of the

"When we made the decision to retire and drastically reduce our inventory we realized we couldn't do this by ourselves. After searching for help to do so, a professional company specializing in this was found," said Nelan. "After meeting with them, we realized they provided the services we

"After negotiating with them, a husband and wife team agreed for 23 great years."

The Winters Enterprise wants to send your **Christmas Greetings** this holiday season!



For only \$15 let us place your favorite family photo and greeting in our Christmas 2000 Special Section to be published on Thursday, December 21. Come by our office TODAY at 104 North Main to reserve your space and select the Christmas greeting you wishto appear on your card. Deadline and payment are due no later than Tuesday, December 13.

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> Cheese Toast Cereal

Juice Friday-Dec. 8 Waffles/Syrup

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Juice

Lunch Monday-Dec. 4

> Pizza Corn

June Peas

Fruit Salad Tuesday-Dec. 5

Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes

Green Beans

Pudding

Hot Roll

Wednesday-Dec. 6

Taco/Meat/Cheese **Tossed Salad**

Red Beans Pineapple Chunks Thursday-Dec. 7

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Nov. 30-Dec. 2—Ballinger

Dec. 4—Eula, 5 p.m., Here,

7G, 8G, 9G

Dec. 5-Wall, 5 p.m., Here,

Dec. 7-9—Albany Varsity

Tourney, TBA,

There, VG, VB

VG Varsity Girls VB Varsity Boys

9B Freshman Boys 9G Freshman Girls

ballgames have

Parents of all junior high and

freshmen basketball players are

asked to note the new starting time for district ballgames.

Games will begin at 5 p.m.

both at home and away. Parents

are also reminded to note that

games are played simultaneously

in two gyms, therefore they

should check with their child in

advance as to which gym they

will be playing their games.

new start time

8G 8th Girls

7G 7th Girls

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JVG Junior Varsity Girls

JVB Junior Varsity Boys

*Denotes District Games

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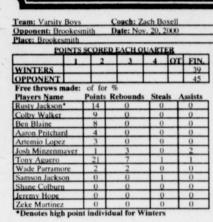
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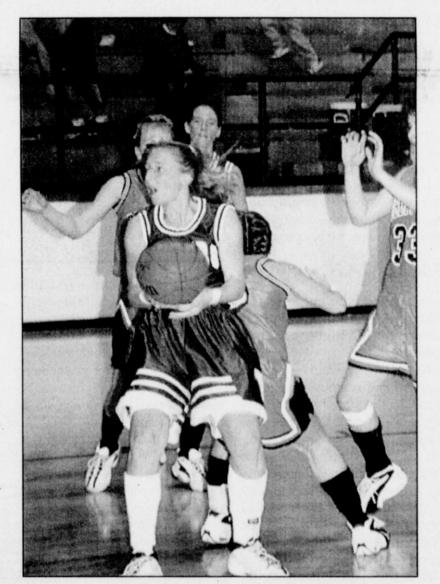
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KACY McCUISTION gets the surprise pass under the basket during Lady Blizzard varsity action against Robert Lee.

Want information about college financial aid?

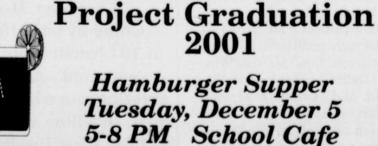
Session at WHS scheduled Thursday, December 14

Murphy announces a financial aid session for seniors and their parents to be held Thursday, December 14, at 5:30 p.m. in the high school library.

Corky Swanson of McMurry University in Abilene will be the encouraged to attend.

WHS Counselor Charles special guest and will offer general financial aid information relating to scholarships, grants, and

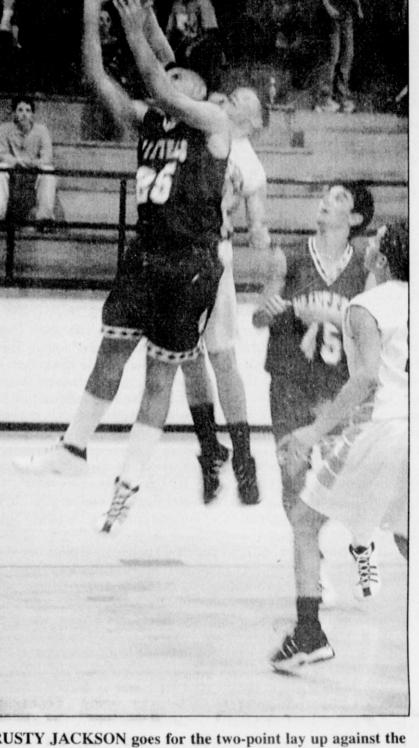
> The session is expected to last for approximately one hour. Seniors and their parents are



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RUSTY JACKSON goes for the two-point lay up against the Robert Lee defender. The varsity Blizzards took a 61-44 win over the Steers in their second game of the season. At right is teammate Aaron Pritchard #45.

Fourteen WHS students and grads inducted into Who's Who Among American High School Students

A total of 14 students from 14,000,000 high school students. Winters are included in the 34th Annual Edition of Who's Who Among American High School vate and parochial high schools Students, 1999-2000.

Who's Who, published by Educational Communications, Inc., Lake Forest, Illinois, is the largest recognition program and publication in the nation honoring high achieving high school stu-

Students are nominated by high school principals and guidance counselors, national youth groups, churches and educational organizations based upon stuinvolvement in extracurricular activities. Traditionally, 99% are college bound.

Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1999-2000, published in 18 regional volumes, features over 750,000 students or just 5% of the nation's Walker, and Holly Woffenden.

They represent approximately 20,000 of the 24,000 public, priin the country.

Who's Who students also compete for \$200,000 in scholarship awards and participate in the publication's Annual Survey of High Achievers, an annual opinion poll of teen attitudes. The book is distributed on a complimentary basis to up to 15,000 high schools, colleges, universities and public libraries throughout the country. To learn more about Who's Who Among American dents' academic achievement and High School Students, visit www.honoring.com.

Local students include: Travis Grohman, Angela Jacob, Kalene The 34th Annual Edition of Lincycomb, Misty Melton, Jeffrey Oats, Jamie Reeves, Bear Webb, Chris Hoppe, Craig Jacob, Chrystal Medina, Tracie Morrison, Jana Presley, Colby



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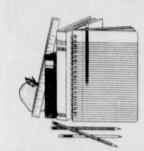
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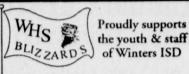
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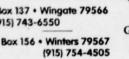
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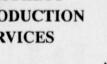
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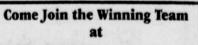
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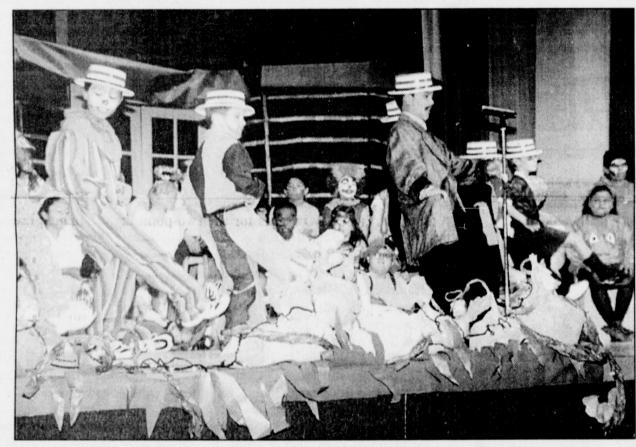


LITTLE ANGEL Celisha Jackson pours her heart and soul into the music as do (bottom l-r) Julie England and Camille Kruse and (top) Timmothy Prescott.



Sharing and Caring!

"STICK WITH ME KID" croons fourth grader Stefan Kitchen as he tells the trick-or-treaters the secrets to making a "big haul" with the Halloween candy.



A LITTLE SONG AND DANCE is presented by (I-r) Aaron Rodriguez, Dalton Shackelford, Stefan Kitchen, Vince Trevino, Corv Fields, and Corev Fenwick.

GIRL'S



"SHOW ME THE CANDY" insists these four young men during the fourth grade musical. Cast members include (I-r) Dalton Shackelford, Jose Carrillo, James Medina, and Brian Ozbirn.

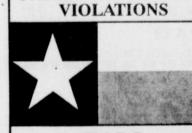
JV Basketball Tourney Nov. 30-Dec. 2, at Hawley

Boy's Bracket

Thurs. Nov. 30 @ 6:45 p.m., Winters vs. Jim Ned, Gym #2 Loser plays at 4:15 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1, in Gym #2 Winner plays at 6:45 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1, in Gym #1

Girl's Bracket Thurs. Nov. 30 @ 5:30 p.m., Winters vs. Jim Ned, Gym #2 Loser plays at 3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1, in Gym #1 Winner plays at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1, in Gym #1

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the little girl replied, "They will in a minute."

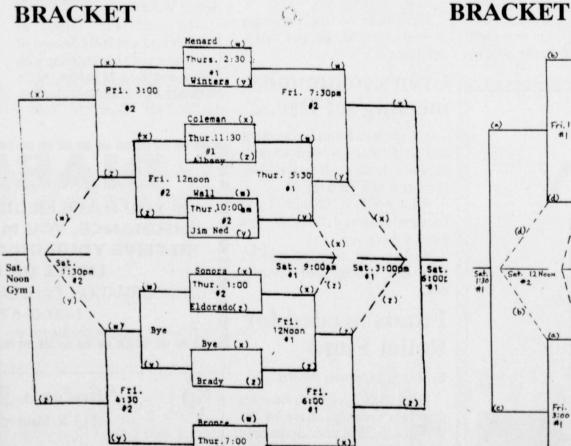
A kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom of children while they drew. She would occasionally walk around to see each child's artwork.

As she got to one little girl who was working diligently. she asked what the drawing was. The girl replied, "I'm drawing God."

The teacher paused and said, "but no one knows what Without missing a beat, or looking up from her drawing,

BALLINGER INVITATIONAL VARSITY BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Thursday, November 30-Saturday, December 2 **BOY'S**

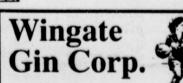


Ballinger(y)

Gym #1-Varsity Gym Gym #2-P.E. Gym **Bottom team is Home Team**

Thurs. 2:30 #Z Eldorado (a) Fri. 6:00 Reagan County (e) Menard (a) Albany (d) Thurs. 10:00 am Winters (d) Thurs 1:00

Thank you for reading The Winters Enterprise.



great season! 743-6453

Here's to a

Annual Christmas Parade plans being finalized for Dec. 9 event

What's more fun than watch- around float. ing a parade? Why, being in one week until the annual Christmas Parade in downtown Winters.

If you haven't signed up to participate, get your entry form from the Chamber office or the Winters Public Library today. There is no entry fee.

Saturday, December 9, at 11 a.m. area next to the museum. in downtown. Please note the time change from previous years. Deadline for entries wishing to be judged is Friday, December 1.

Parade entrants will line up beginning at 10 a.m. on Broadway Street. Specific route assignments will be made to entrants prior to Saturday morning.

There are seven divisions to be judged this year including: I. School Classes/Organizations; II. Churches; III. Business/Civic/ Youth Organizations; IV. Individuals; V. Riding Clubs; VI. Classic Cars, and VII. Vintage Farm Equipment. There will be a Mayor's Trophy for the best all-

COMING SOON!

Sno-Queen contestants will be of course! It's just a little over a interviewed beginning at 8 a.m. on Saturday and continue to parade time.

Following the parade the Friends of the Museum will serve a stew, cornbread, and peach cobbler lunch from noon until 1:30 p.m. They will also serve hot dogs The parade is scheduled for with all the trimmings in the park

> The Gus Pruser Agricultural Exhibit will make its debut with a grand opening for the public. Parade results will be announced at The Rock Hotel beginning at 1:30 p.m. followed by the coronation of the new Miss Sno-Queen and her court at 2 p.m.

Many businesses downtown will be open for patrons to do some or all of their shopping on Saturday. A complete listing of merchant specials will be featured in next week's paper.

The Chamber encourages the entire community to come out and enjoy a fun day of holiday festivities and fellowship.

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THE WHS CLASS OF 1962, represented by Bryan Webb, left, presents a check for \$100 to the Eula Mae Kruse Scholarship Fund in memory of Mrs. Kruse, Charles Kraatz, Stan Hill, Raymond Balke, Lucille Balke, Ercel Vaughan, Elva Jackson, and John King, Sr. Accepting the money is WISD Superintendent Mike Harris.

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Library News

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Want to learn about other close presidential elections? Check out these web sites: http://www.nara.gov/fedreg/elctcoll/index.html and ttp://www.multied.com/elections/Disputedelections.html. They provide graphs on both electoral and popular votes for all U.S. Presidential elections to date as well as why and how the electoral college was

Blackwood Brothers gospel group to return to Winters

pel group will return to First numerous appearances with Billy United Methodist Church in Winters on Tuesday, December 12, at shows.

and wished to return again.

Honoring 65 years together, ceived. the Blackwoods are a legendary gospel quartet. Their non-profit organization holds nearly 300 cru-

The Blackwood Brothers gos- sades a year. They have made Graham and on TV evangelist

Come and enjoy this wonder-The group was here last May 'ful gospel group. All seats are free; a love offering will be re-

> Reverend Don Roath is pastor of First United Methodist Church, Winters.

Crews community meeting set Dec. 2

A Crews community meeting and Christmas get-together will be held at the gym, Saturday, December 2, at 6:00 p.m. Bring a gift to exchange. If you

have children, you should bring a gift for them, too. Turkey and dressing will be furnished. Bring your favorite

Funds needed for **Relief Fund**

by Randall Conner, WABIC

Donations have been slow for this year's annual drive of the Winters Relief Fund. Sponsored by the Winters Ministerial Alliance, the Relief Fund is used to help those in need with utility bills, medicining, and other items not available through the Outreach Center. This time of year puts an additional demand on the

If you have not done so, please send your tax-deductible donation to Winters Relief Fund, P.O. Box 211, Winters, Texas 79567, or you may give it to any of the ministers in Winters.

Crews News

By Hilda Kurtz

Sometimes it's better to ask some of the questions, then to know all the answers.

************* There will be a Christmas gettogether Saturday, December 2, at 6:00 p.m. in the Crews gym. Supper will be turkey and dressing, furnished by the hostess. You should bring your favorite dish and a gift for under the tree. If you have a small child, bring their gift

Hildegarde and Calvin Schovajsa of San Angelo, prepared the Jeremy Prater came on Friday. Thanksgiving dinner, and we all enjoyed it at my house. How lucky can one get!

for the tree too.

Brenda and Jimmy Villers, my grandson, and their 15-year-old daughter Shannon also spent Thanksgiving with us. It was a perfect day. The rest of the kidos went to be with the other side of the family this year.

On Tuesday, Chauncey and Susan Mansell took Linda Duggan and Kelton Grigsby out for her birthday lunch in Ballinger. lightning and thunder. Spending Thanksgiving day with Dale and Linda Duggan were Will and Leslie Duggan; Katy and Kelton Grigsby; Mary and Jerry Duggan of Waco; Tim and Jackie, Jacob, Sharon and Jerry Engler of Lori, Crystal, and Lonnie Duggan of Waco; Danny and Janiece, Ryan and Malcolm Duggan of Cherokee; and Tommy, Kaci, Talli, and Tori Morrison, also of Cherokee; Pat Woodard of Waco; and Jerrod and Kim Duggan of Louisiana. On Friday, Brandon Mansell and Justin Besenlehner. Matthew Patterson came by for a

Gibbs; Mark, Tammy, and Haley from Austin. Kaczyk; Kenny, Saffron, Tana, Menard.

Katherine and Luke Grissom; Shields of Novice. Adeline Grissom; and Wanda and Wendall King.

Melvena and Marvin Gerhart and approximately 20 kinfolks visited Thanksgiving day and enjoyed turkey with Myrtle Wright in Menard. They also celebrated Macey Gerhart's first birthday.

Eileen and Kenny Cartwright ate out after church services at The Feedlot in Coleman. (I never heard of that place.)

On Saturday, Lee and Judy Harrison of Winters and Jimmy and Frances Chapman and their two children, Garrett and Katie, came Thanksgiving day and enjoyed dinner and games with Selma Wilkerson.

Abe and Pat Giles of Brownwood and Billy Senton of Coleman spent Thanksgiving with Leona and Roy Matthies. Mike Steven Haeter of Dallas came Fri-



With Harvey Mae and Noble Faubion on Thanksgiving day were Rodney, Alzi, and Mark Faubion of Fort Worth; Walter Pape of Santa Anna; and Lynn My daughter and son-in-law, and Carol Faubion of Fort Worth. Kenny and Eileen Cartwright and

> Spending Thanksgiving weekend with Joe and Betty Pierce were their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Present were Richard and Anna McCullough and girls Mindy and Kayla of Brownwood; John and Debbie Tiecer; Debbie Tiecer Masters; Ty and Colin Masters of Midland; Jenny and Tierce Doyle of Lowake; and Rex Roe of Mozelle.

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Carol and Mike Kozelsky had Thanksgiving dinner in their home on Thursday. Present were Joe and Dorine Kozelsky, Margie Brownwood, Brenda Jacob of Midland, Beverly VanZandt and Corey and Brad, Carol and Mike Kozelsky with Scott, Kathryn, and Jeanna, Jacob Ives of College Station, Evelyn Jacob, Mary and Ronnie Wheeless of Miles, and

Carolyn and Joe Webb had Thanksgiving visitors Jennifer and With Connie Gibbs on Thanks- Stephanie Webb, granddaughters, giving were Jean and Connie Mac and their mother Debby Webb

David and Viane Talbott were and Lane Gibbs; Linda and Travis blessed by the visit of their chil-Ford of Rising Star; Lisa, Kelby, dren, Scott, Tracey, and Ashton and Scotty Ford of May; Halden, Talbott of Brownfield and Shane, and Amy Ford of Temple; An Michelle and Ty Lima of and Nancy and Donnie Gibbs of Spring, for the Thanksgiving holi-

The Grissom families spent Juanita Shields had as her Thanksgiving day with Steve and Thanksgiving holiday guests Penny Grissom. Present were Jenniffier and Dave Haives, her Phyllis, Wanda, and Jeff Byrd of daughter and son-in-law; Bettie Abilene; Jennifer Byrd and a Kisenilla from Merita, Georgia; friend from Houston; Bill and Jeff Hawes and Angela Johnson Sharon Grissom and son Russ; from Houston; and Sue and Bill

> Juanita, Jenniffier, Dave, and Bettie ate Thanksgiving dinner with nephew and wife, Tobe and Peggy Shields of Coronoda Corner near Tuscola.

> Hopewell Sunday morning visitors were Reverend Ferris and Ramona Akins; granddaughters Alayna, Shelby, and Brennan Harp of Stanton; Scott, Tracey, and Ashton Talbott of Brownfield; and Joe Webb of Coleman. The monthly lunch was served and services followed.

> Monday morning Bible study was John, chapter four. Attending were Selma Wilkerson, Viane Talbott, Carolyn Webb, Melvena Gerhart, Juanita Shields, and Nila Osborne.

> Therin and Nila Osborne had Thanksgiving supper with Wesley and Karen McGallian and family on Wednesday night at their home in Wingate.

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Brownie Troop #338 hosts rededication ceremony



BROWNIE TROOP # 338 members are (I-r) Shelby Gehrels, Lisa Dees, Haley Kaczyk, Sarah Campos, Miranda Torres, Abby Guy, Alex Sudduth, and Riley Spill. Not pictured are troop leaders Ral and Laura Dees.

Brownie Troop #338 held an investiture and rededication ceremony on November 15, in the high school auditorium.

Six returning members were rededicated to serve as Brownies for another year. Those rededicating included Abby Guy, Shelby Gehrels, Lisa Dees, Haley Kaczyk, Miranda Torres, and Sarah Campos.

The troop received two new members in Riley Spill and Alex Sudduth.

All girls received the Girl Scout Trefoil pin and patches earned thus far. New members also received their Brownie pin.

Patches earned this fall by the girls include: Make It and Eat It, Manners, Listening to the Past, Outdoor Adventurer, and Citizen Near and Far.

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Stenholm is now accepting applications from college students and educators interested in participating in the 2001 Omar Burleson Intern Program in Washington, D.C. The Honorable Omar Burleson represented the 17th Congressional District for 32 years.

Completed applications must be submitted in person or postmarked by January 5, 2001, to be considered.

Interns are selected to work in the Congressman's office for onemonth intervals in June or July. Interns are involved in the daily operations of the Congressman's office and assist the legislative staff in a variety of projects.

to college students from the 17th Congressional District, or those attending college inside the district. Also eligible are local el-

Congressman Charles W. ementary and secondary school teachers and administrators. Interns are paid a \$1,000 stipend to apply toward basic living and travel expenses.

Intern applications and information can be obtained by contacting Annette Wilson in the Stamford district office at 915-773-3623, from Congressman Stenholm's web page <www. house.gov.stenholm>, or by writing the Omar Burleson Foundation, P.O. Box 1057, Stamford, TX 79553.

Applications are due by January 5, 2001, and will then be forwarded to the Selection Committee, who will notify finalists by February 16, 2001. Interviews will be held in Abilene on March The internship program is open 17, 2001, and selections will be announced following a luncheon hosted by the Omar Burleson Foundation with Congressman Stenholm in attendance.

VITA workers needed for 2000 tax season

Retirement

There's a shortage of volunteer tax help in the Big Country. To increase the number of Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites in the area, the Internal Revenue Service is currently recruiting volunteers.

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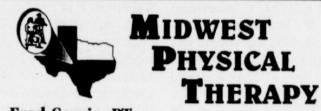
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Woman's Club hears water report at meeting

The Winters Woman's Club held their monthly meeting in the home of Kay Colburn on November 14.

Program chairman Sandy Griffin introduced Jack Davis, Jr., Winters Water Superintendent, who gave a comprehensive report on water usage in the city. In addition, he outlined future planning for water services, followed by a question and answer session.

Refreshments were served by hostesses Kay Colburn, Marlene Smith, Donna Smith, and Sylvia Wilson.

President Phyllis Boles welcomed three new members and two guests to the meeting. After regular business was addressed, plans for the club's Christmas party were discussed. Members also learned that a noon meal will be served at The Rock Hotel the day of the Christmas parade, December 9.

In attendance were 25 club members, three new members, and two guests.

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When financial markets become the least bit volatile, it's human nature to consider shifting your investment strategies. It's the 1990s equivalent of driving our wagons into a circle to fight off an unwanted intruder.

But as tempting as this may seem, it's not always a wise idea. For one thing, a change in investment strategies when markets have temporarily declined can often mean selling securities for a loss in an effort to move your money into safer havens. This can be even more painful if the security you just sold rebounds in value two months after you removed it from your portfolio (as is often the case).

That's why I recommend investors take a longer-term view and adopt a strategy which is called "buy and hold." Making this strategy work for you requires patience and a good deal of research prior to making an investment. Let me explain.

Before making an investment decision, it's important to determine whether the investment you are buying has a good long-term future. If it deesn't then you should refrain from buying it.

The difficult question, of course, is: how do I spot an in-

vestment that has a good future? Part of the answer to this question can only be determined by looking at your own objectives before reviewing the potential of the investment. Just as beauty is in the eye of the beholder, different investments appeal to different in-

For example, some investors, may feel that a GIC is perfect for them because it delivers steady returns. The same investment, however, will not appeal to those who are seeking medium or longterm growth. In fact, for growth oriented investors, GICs may be less appealing because they do not provide the kind of potential returns that will enable them to build a large nest egg for retirement. These investors may favor stocks, a stock mutual fund or a bond fund, depending on their personal objectives.

Don't mistake volatility for a bad investment.

A common mistake is to choose a security that pursues different objectives from your own. Another equally common problem is to mistake volatility for a bad investment. Investments that offer greater upside potential are usually the more volatile. Bonds, bond funds, equities and equity funds

are such investments. Working with an independent investment advisor, you can establish your own objectives and then take a long hard look at which investments make more sense to you.

But once you've been "matched" with the right investment, you must be patient and avoid the temptation of cashing out because of short-term fluctuations. Unfortunately, many investors sell when they should be buying or holding. You should remember to take a long-term view of markets.

Timing the market is a Mug's

Many people become confused by all the bad headlines in the media or they try to time their investments to coincide with short-term conditions. Timing the market is a strategy that is great in theory, but rarely works in practice. That's why few, if any, professional money managers attempt to time the market, opting instead for thorough research to determine which investments have a good future. Once they've satisfied themselves that a security measures up to various investment tests, professional investors buy and hold. If professional money managers follow the buy and hold strategy, perhaps there's a lesson to be learned for you and

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County Court Dispositions

Todd Jacoby, theft of merchandise by check, pleaded guilty, fined \$100, plus \$210.25 court costs, \$15 hot check fee

and \$34.89 restitution Jesus Reyna, criminal mischief, pleaded guilty, fined \$350, plus \$210.25 court

David Robert Bowen, possession of marijuana, dismissed, insufficient evi-

Anthony Ervin Jackson, hunting from a vehicle on a public road, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in county jail probated to one year, fined \$500, plus \$235.25 court costs and 80 hours com-

Perry Blake Poe, driving while intoxicated, dismissed, completed community service restitution

Marriage Licenses Granted

Nov. 21 Edward Jay Odom and Christy Michelle

District Court Civil Cases Filed Nov. 21 Bank One Texas NA vs. Phil Harrison and Larue Harrison, damages **Divorces Granted** Nov. 20

Jeffrey Blake Hoyt and Lacy Jaye Hoyt Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 Felony Cases Filed

Nov. 20 Jeremy Todd Prater, filed for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle **Criminal Cases Filed**

Nov. 19 John S. Hudson, filed on two counts: no hunter safety certificate and untagged turkey Brett S. Pirtle, filed for no hunter safety

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Christmas Eve). A special after-Christmas schedule has been added for December 28, 29, and 30. The times are 6:30 - 9:00 p.m., in addition to the regular Depot hours of 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays. Admission is \$3.00 per person for adults and \$1.00 per person for children under 12.

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For additional information, please contact Kenneth McNease at 949-5888.

Police Beat

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

November 19, 2000, through Saturday, November 25, 2000. Winters Police Officers: observed and stopped a 1983 Chevy passenger car commit several traffic violations on North Rogers Street. An odor of alcohol was detected on the driver who was offered several field sobriety tasks. The driver, Guadalupe Roman of Winters, failed the tasks and was arrested for Class B driving while intoxicated and taken to Runnels County Jail where he showed a blood alcohol concentration over the legal

 received report of a theft in the 400 block of South Main Street. A black in color passenger car driven by a bald male with a tattoo on his neck allegedly put over \$20 worth of gas in his vehicle then left the scene without paying for the gas. There is a witness and this is under investigation as Class C theft.

· observed and stopped a 1991 Mercury car for a traffic violation on North Main Street. An odor of alcohol was detected on the driver who was offered and subsequently passed several field sobriety tasks although the driver passed the tasks he was under age for drinking alcoholic beverages. Santiago Fernandez of Winters was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol by a minor and taken to Runnels

 observed and stopped a 1997 Chevy pickup for several traffic violations on North Main Street. A strong odor of alcohol was detected on the driver who was offered and subsequently failed several field sobriety tasks. Julian Hernandez Jr. of Goldthwaite was arrested for Class B driving while intoxicated. The passenger, a 20-year-old male of Brownwood identified as David Owen, was arrested for minor inconsumption of alcohol. Both subjects were taken to Runnels County Jail. Mr. Hernandez provided a blood alcohol specimen over the legal limit.

· while working a security detail at the Winters Community Center officers observed an argument between a 30-year-old female and a 12-year-old female both of Ballinger. It was determined a mother was attempting to remove her daughter from the dance and the daughter was becoming combative. Officers had to physically remove the 12-year-old who became vulgar and profane with officers and patrons of the dance. Despite repeated warnings the female refused to stop being profane. The female was issued a citation for disorderly conduct (profanity) and eventually released to her mother after she calmed down

• received report of a domestic disturbance in the 200 block of Charles Street. It was determined the dispute was only a verbal argument, but an outstanding warrant out of Runnels County was confirmed on Theresa Arispe of Winters. She was arrested for theft by check and taken to Runnels County Jail.

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

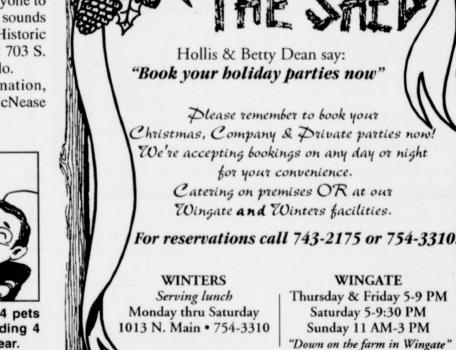
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NOON MONDAY is the latest date to turn in news articles and retail advertising. Classified ads will be accepted until 5 p.m. Mon-

The Winters Enterprise would like to encourage everyone to turn in information as soon as possible to ensure adequate time for typesetting and reservation of space. Thank you for your coopera-



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Legal Notice

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that origi-

nal Letters Testamentary for the Estate of JOHN GRIFFIN BROWN, Deceased, were issued on November 13, 2000, in Cause No. 6258, pending in the County Court of Runnels County, Texas, to JERRY D. RIGGS. Claims may be presented in care

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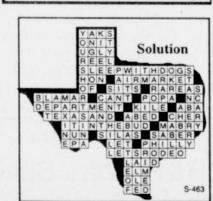
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Ag Commissioner Susan Combs reminds pesticide applicators to obtain continuing education credits

As the deadline approaches, Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs reminds pesticide applicators to obtain the necessary continuing education units (CEUs) to renew their license.

Many private applicators, as well as all commercial and noncommercial applicators, face a February 28, 2001, renewal date. Private certificate holders face a December 31, 2000, deadline.

Applicators should be sure TDA has their correct address to avoid a delay in receiving their renewal on time and keeping their license current. Call 1-800-TELL-TDA or e-mail changes to <rrivera@agr.state.tx.us>.

"There are many options for obtaining the required CEUs," Combs said. "Applicators can attend CEU courses, complete a self-study course at home, or even obtain CEUs over the Internet."

stay informed of changing regulations as well as new products and new application methods. Education is vital for proper and safe pesticide use," Combs said.

Applicators will receive a certificate of completion at the end of each course. They should hold onto these for a year after they have renewed their license.

The certificate contains the course number and CEU hours completed. The applicator transfers this information to the renewal form he or she receives in the mail in December or January.

This renewal cycle will be especially large, Combs said. "More than 26,000 applicator licenses or certificates will be due for renewal, which is more than twice the normal number."

Private applicators must renew their license every five years and "The information provided in obtain 15 CEUs during that pe-

the CEU classes helps applicators riod. Two credits must be in integrated pest management and two in laws and regulations.

> All private applicators may earn the required credits by passing a comprehensive recertification exam. The test costs \$50 for each attempt. After passing, an applicator will receive a certificate of completion for 15 CEUs.

> Licensed private applicators cannot retake the private applicator training course and test to renew their license in place of getting the CEUs. A license must have been expired for a year before an applicator can retake the private applicator training test.

Private certificate holders must also obtain 15 CEUs to keep their certificate current. While the certificate never expires, an applicator cannot purchase or apply restricted-use or state-limited-use pesticides or regulated herbicides unless the CEUs are kept up-to-

A certificate holder who has never obtained a private applicator license may take the private applicator training and obtain a private applicator license instead of earning the CEUs. However, they will be required to earn 15 CEUs over the next five-year cycle.

Commercial and noncommercial applicators renew each year and must earn five CEUs annually, including one CEU in each of the following categories: laws and regulations, integrated pest management and drift minimiza-

Applicators can obtain a list of approved courses or other information on CEU courses by calling 1-800-TELL-TDA or (512) 463-7622 or by logging on to web TDA's <www.agr.state.tx.us/pesticide/ ceuhome.htm>.

RSWCD offering hardwood and evergreen tree seedlings for sale

Did you have to settle for a substitute tree instead of the actual tree that you wanted last year because you waited too long to order your choice of tree?

In cooperation with the Texas Forest Service Nursery near Lubbock, the Runnels Soil & Water Conservation District (RSWCD) will be offering quality hardwood and evergreen tree seedlings for sale to area residents through the Windbreak Tree Program.

These seedlings are healthy, viable seedlings that are well adapted to the soil and weather conditions in Runnels County.

The Runnels SWCD will be offering three categories of seedlings this year: conifers, hardwoods and wildlife packets.

Twelve-inch conifers (Afghanistan pine, Austrian pine and red cedar) have a 28 cubicinch root volume and are \$26.00 per 15 trees in felt containers.

Bullet-plastic containers have a 10 cubic-inch root volume and are \$18.00 per 15 trees.

Bareroot hardwoods (amur honeysuckle, aromatic sumac, catalpa, desert willow, flameleaf sumac, fourwing saltbush, green ash, hackberry, honeylocust, nanking cherry, Russian olive, sand plum, shumard oak, and western soapberry) are approximately 24 inches in height and sell for \$24.00 per 50 trees.

The wildlife packets (100 trees in 4 species) contain species beneficial to wildlife habitat and nutrition. Types of wildlife packets available are deer, turkey, squirrel, and quail and pheasant and are priced at \$46.00 per packet.

This program will conclude on January 26, 2001 and seedlings will arrive at the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) office in Ballinger on February 8, 2001.



Most animals walk and run on their toes but a bear puts its whole foot firmly on the ground with each step. That may be why it seems to be dragging its feet.



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Winters 4-H Club entertained with tales by Dr. Jimmy Smith

their monthly meeting on Monday, November 27, at the Catholic Church Fellowship Hall.

President Mandy Pritchard presided over the meeting. Cody Pritchard gave a treasurer's report and John Heathcott, secretary, read the minutes of the last meet-

Club members discussed the possibilities of a float in the

The Winters 4-H Club held Christmas parade and were re- ing stories which thoroughly enminded of upcoming deadlines and activities.

> Twenty-five members and Clover Kids were present with eight parents in attendance.

> Dr. Jimmy Smith, local veterinarian, presented the program with a round table discussion about his profession. He shared a variety of interesting and amus

tertained the club members.

The club earned \$52 in donations on their Christmas turkey raffle which was won by Kellyn

Refreshments of fresh fruits, chips and dips, cheeses, cookies, and punch were enjoyed by all. The Bergmans, Guys, and Mikeskas provided the treats.

Combs applauds boosted funding from federal government on boll weevil eradication

funding allocated in an agricul- aid dropped down to 10%. tural appropriations conference Texas, in boll weevil eradication

The conference report, which provides for \$79.157 million for the federal government's share of boll weevil eradication to states with active eradication zones, is expected to be signed and finalized by the president within days.

"This additional funding will provide a tremendous boost to Texas' boll weevil eradication efforts," Combs said. "Until 1998, the federal government provided a 30% cost-share to states conducting eradication.

However, in 1999, just as our

Agriculture Commissioner Su-state began a cost-share eradicasan Combs applauds increased tion program, the federal share of

report to aid states, including ment provides about \$5 million to aid Texas in boll weevil eradication," Combs said. "Under this bill, Texas' existing eradication zones can expect to receive about \$25 million total.

An additional \$4 million would be provided by the federal government if producers in the proposed Southern High Plains/Caprock Zone vote in November to establish an eradication program in their eight-county area covering 1.29 million acres."

The boll weevil cause an estimated \$50 million in crop losses

places Texas cotton producers at a competitive disadvantage to the "Currently, the federal govern- nation's other cotton farmers, Combs said.

"Growers who have not eradicated the boll weevil pay as much as \$45 an acre on irrigated cotton and \$20 an acre on dryland cotton to control weevils," Combs

However, farmers' efforts at eradication are paying off. In September, Combs declared the 10 counties in the Southern Rolling Plains Zone near San Angelo to be functionally eradicated of boll weevils—the first area in Texas to receive this designation.

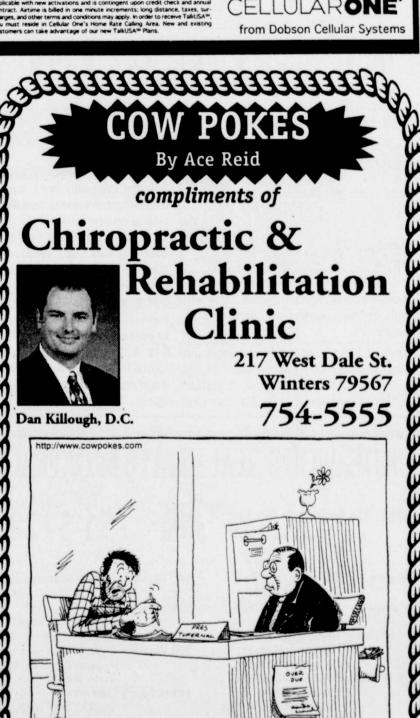
The declaration was a historic and crop protection treatments milestone for the state and cotton

each year in our state which farmers, with the boll weevil infesting crops since it first entered Texas in the 1890s.

Cotton is Texas' top cash crop earning \$1.2 billion in 1999 in cash receipts with 30% of the U.S. cotton grown in the Lone Star State.

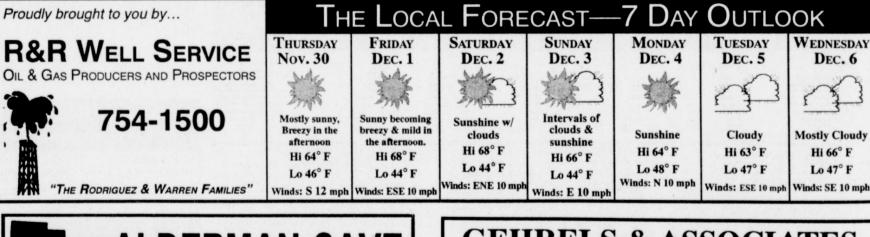
In 1999, the Texas Legislature funded a first-time, cost-share program of \$50 million to assist farmers who vote for self-imposed assessments on their acreage to pay for eradication efforts.

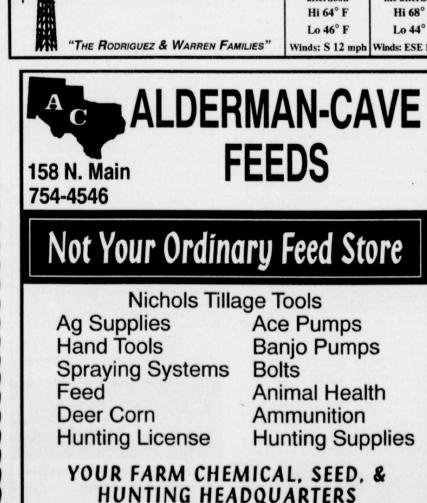
That year, the state also provided an emergency appropriation of \$25 million to assist farmers in active zones who were harmed by drought and having difficulty in paying their eradication assessments.



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