Apples of Gold

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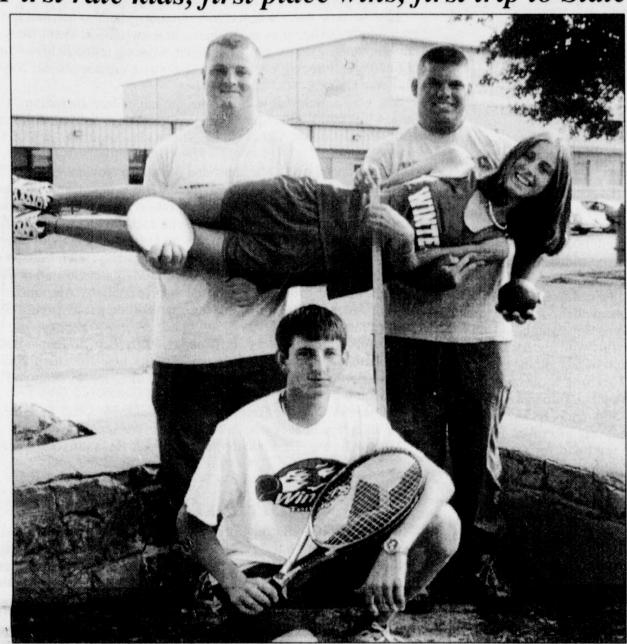
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First rate kids, first place wins, first trip to State



THIS WINNING GROUP from Winters High School will be competing for the first time at the State level in upcoming UIL competitions. Kneeling is Colby Walker, winner of the region II-2A singles tennis tournament. Standing are Chris Hoppe (left) who won first place in the regional discus contest with a toss of 161'8"; Samson Jackson, who took first place in the shot with a throw of 55'3.5"; and Laci Walker, whose 5'2" height in the high jump took first place honors. Tennis will be May 7-8 at Lakeway World of Tennis in Austin; track & field May 11-12 at Mike A. Myers Stadium at the University of Texas. More pictures on pages 5, 6 & 7.

Join in the fun at the Mayfest Celebration and Softball Tournament this Saturday

annual Mayfest Celebration this Saturday, May 5, in Winters City Park and Community Center.

Live entertainment is a highlight of the festivities. This year's performers include Karen Heart, Lola Scott, Monica Hicks, Edric Ray, and the Spanish Ballet Dancers from Abilene.

Edric Ray is an up and coming new artist in the country music field. From El Paso, he has signed with ANP record label, and opened for Juice Newton, taken the stage with members from

Band," and even sung at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville. Since Edric Ray began singing in 1994, he has won fans everywhere he has performed. He will perform from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday.

There will be games in the park for kids of all ages including the 3-legged race, egg toss, and water balloon toss. The American Legion will sponsor a balloon and dart throwing game.

Happy's Fun Factory will be on hand with games, a clown, and

Winters will host their 17th George Strait's "Ace In The Hole magic show. Always a favorite with the children, the Duderstadt Cartoon Train will offer rides throughout the day.

> Nineteen teams have entered the co-ed softball tournament scheduled to begin on Friday night at 7 p.m. Play will resume at 8 a.m. Saturday. The first place team will be awarded a trophy on Saturday evening.

> Food will be plentiful in the park on Saturday as the volunteer firemen will serve their famous hamburgers and french fries.

See MAYFEST, page 11

School trustee, L-KAnnexation elections are Saturday, May 5

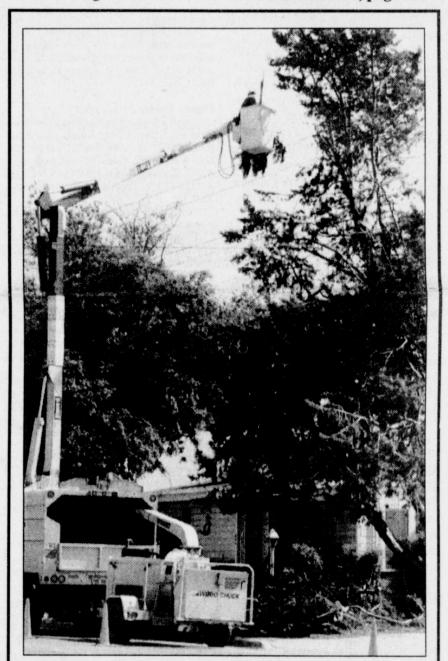
Voters are reminded that Saturday will be the last opportunity to select the WISD trustee for Place 7, At-Large.

Candidates include Rodrick Bredemeyer and Steve Esquivel, as well as incumbent Larry Walker. Candidate profiles may be found on page 3.

Incumbent Allen Andrae is running unopposed for Place 1.

Voting will be held in the Winters Elementary School Library from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Also on Saturday, voters will be casting ballots for or against the annexation of Runnels County into the Lipan-Kickapoo Water Conservation District. See pg. 9.



TAKING CLEAN-UP WEEK TO NEW HEIGHTS is this crew of trimmers who spent several days chopping down the 40 ft. tree and removing the limbs from the property.

Commissioners to replace faulty communication equipment

could have communications failure at any moment."

Baird told commissioners court dio repeater for law enforcement on Wednesday of last week, "We communications. Baird told commissioners the repeater had been giving trouble for the past two or Baird addressed the court at an three weeks. "We had Texas Comemergency meeting called on munications to check it and they

Runnels County Sheriff Bill press purpose of purchasing a ra-manufactured and parts are not of \$8,500. The other proposal was available," Baird said.

Baird said the records he could find indicated the repeater was installed in 1980. He had two proposals to present to the court, one from Texas Communications for Wednesday afternoon for the ex- told us the repeater is no longer a 100-watt, used repeater at a cost

from Abilene Communications for a Kenwood 50-watt repeater with a duplexer to boost the power to 100 watts. The cost of the Kenwood repeater was estimated at \$4,160 with an additional \$150

See REPLACE, pg. 3

WISD begins use of trained "drug" dogs

Due to increasing drug problems at the Winters secondary school, trained dogs have been making unannounced, random visits to the local campus.

Bill Cathey, Secondary School Principal, said, "I think this program will help. It makes the kids aware of our concerns, and I've heard good things from the student body. If it will give our kids a sense of security, then it will be a good service.

'Our school board is quite emphatic about the drug policy," Cathey continues, "and they are behind it one hundred percent."

Highly trained dogs are provided by Interquest Detection Canines of West Texas which presently serves over 56 school districts in the West Texas area.

Using a unique, non-invasive approach, Interquest's canines are friendly Labradors and Golden Retrievers that are non-threatening to people. The dogs sniff as many as 1,000 offices and 180,000 lockers per year. Each dog can "see" inside secured vehicles, backpacks, gym bags, boxes, brief cases, lockers, etc. to detect contraband.

Substances that the dogs can detect include marijuana, cocaine, heroin, methamphetamine, gunpowder, firearms, beverage type alcohol, and medications.

When the dog signals that

something has been found, normally the student or employee is called to the scene and asked about the possible presence of contraband. The location is then inspected. Anything found is sealed in an evidence bag and turned over to the office or supervisor. Any further action or disci-

plinary procedures are at the dis- the amount of contraband seized

"According to the parent company's national statistics, canines have found drugs as many as 2,000 times a year," said Enforcement Administration, and Clarence Patterson, owner of the canines and handlers are cer-Interquest. "However, there is a tified by qualified independent significant reduction over time in testing agencies.

cretion of the school or employer. in schools and workplaces that use the dogs regularly.'

The company is licensed by the U.S. Department of Justice, Drug



PRINCIPAL BILL CATHEY watches as a licensed handler records information gathered after a search by the golden retriever "drug" dog from Interquest Detection Canines of West Texas. During a March meeting, WISD Trustees approved using the canine program in an effort to curb the growing drug problems at the school campus.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

May 3-10 a.m.-Noon & 1:30-3 p.m., Immunization Clinic, Texas Dept. of Health 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center 11:35 a.m. & 12:30 p.m., WJH/WHS FCA, School Science Lab Noon, National Day of Prayer, City Hall 2-4 p.m., Area-Wide Singing, Wingate Church of Christ

6 p.m., Chamber Directors, Chamber Office 7 p.m., All-Sports Banquet, WISD Cafeteria 1st Grade Field Trip, May Farm in Hawley High School TAAS Exit Reading

May 4-9 a.m., National Honor Society Slave Sale, WHS 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center 7:30 p.m., Cowboys for Christ, Drasco Kindergarten Field Trip, Abilene Zoo

May 5-9:30 a.m., Counts Cemetery Workday MAYFEST & SOFTBALL TOURNEY May 6-10:30 a.m. & 5 p.m., Wingate Church of Christ Gospel Meeting Noon & 2-4 p.m., Potluck Lunch & Singing, Wingate Church of Christ

3 p.m., Project Graduation 2001, Winters Public Library May 7-9 a.m.-4 p.m., WIC, Winters Housing Authority 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center 7 p.m., Band Boosters, Band Hall

7 p.m., FFA Banquet, School Cafeteria 7:30 p.m., Ballinger Masonic Lodge 7:30 p.m., Wingate Church of Christ Gospel Meeting May 8-9 a.m., Ministerial Alliance, First Baptist Church 10 a.m., Commissioners Court, Courthouse, Ballinger 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center

Noon, Lions Club, Sr. Citizens Activity Center 7 p.m., WVFD, Fire Station 7 p.m., AA, First United Methodist Church Annex Bldg. 7:30 p.m., Elm Creek Water Control Board, Sr. Citizens Center 7:30 p.m., Wingate Church of Christ Gospel Meeting Literary & Service Club

Woman's Club May 9-7 a.m., Industrial Board, Chamber Office 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center 7:30 p.m., Wingate Church of Christ Gospel Meeting WISD Science Fair, Gym

10-10 a.m., Triple L Club, First Baptist Church 10-11 a.m., "Feeding Families for Less," Food Pantry 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center 11:35 a.m. & 12:30 p.m., WJH/WHS FCA, School Science Lab 6:30 p.m., 2nd Grade Play, WHS Auditorium 7 p.m., All Members Meeting, Winters Country Club

Oil Bidness

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While the internet economy looks a bit worse for wear these days, the oil and gas business is still trying to figure out what to do with e-commerce.

While there are many industries still trying to figure out how to build a successful business model around the internet, the oil and gas business has the unique challenge of melding a decidedly "old-world" business with a new economy tool. To investors in the dot-com revolution, some of what you are about to read will sound familiar. But, some of it is likely unique to the oil business.

The internet is all about information and access. Information can be compiled and stored, for whatever purpose, and anyone can access the information with ease. There are other specific strengths and qualities of the internet, but the thing that makes it powerful is the ability to transfer and receive information.

Those in the oil business that have found some applications for that power of the internet, include mainly business-to-business (or B2B) transfers and retrievals. There is little consumer-oriented internet business opportunity in the oil patch. This sets us apart from the stereotypical internet vision of reaching the masses for free.

Never-the-less, there is a large audience out there for certain petroleum industry information, and several types of businesses have been built around an idea to fill a niche.

Resellers of many stripes have jumped on the idea of the internet. There are also consultants eagerly looking for a way to use the internet to gain more business. And, the well-established information sources that have been around for a long time have been some of the first to adapt the internet to get their products into the hands of their cus-

Resellers include those selling equipment and properties, and they have really high hopes for the internet. And, while there have been several advantages brought to operators and others through the internet sites, many are still looking for a way to make money. Turns out, the internet can make it easier for someone to go around a middleman on a deal. And, that is bad for commissions.

Consultants figure they can get more exposure and more advantages over competitors by being attached to some internet sites. Particular excitement has been generated by those sites that buy and sell properties, because consultants can place a link right next to a property on a website. Then, a potential buyer or seller can just click to have a timely evaluation or review completed prior to the transaction. But, overcoming the idea of meeting and talking to a consultant before hiring still presents a barrier to the kind of impulse selection required to make the internet an advanatage for a consultant with a link on a website.

SERVICE

Some of the more successful adapters of the new technology of the internet have been the suppliers of raw oil field information that has been valuable since the first wells were drilled. Well locations, perforation depths, zones tested, owners of property, rates of production, and other important information has been for sale for eons in the oil patch. And, there has been little resistance to putting such information on the internet for retrieval. The only obstacle has been the mindset that anything on the internet should be free. But, many customers have cozied to the fact that this type of information has always cost something and there is no reason that has to change now.

All internet businesses have some hurdles to jump before the potential is realized. From what I observe, the oil patch is no different. If my opinion is worth anything, I have faith that the power of the internet will eventually prevail but it will be only after someone figures how to make a profit using it.

HIGHLIGHTS **OFAREA** DRILLING ACTIVITY

COMPLETIONS None This Week

STAKINGS

Coke County

CLC Operations, Inc. has applied to reenter the March Ranch #71-1 as a Wildcat, 12 miles SW of Robert Lee (Depth 6800). Loc. is 751 FEL & 2568 FSL of Sec. 71, Blk. 16, H&TC Sur., A-425

QuinTx Exploration has staked two wells in the South Branch Field, 9 miles SE of Eden (Depth 1200). The Whitehead #118 is loc. 974 FNL & 2066 FEL of Sec. 151, EL&RR Sur., A-851. The Whitehead #119 is loc. 1784 FNL & 1174 FEL of Sec. 34, C. Tipton Sur., A-

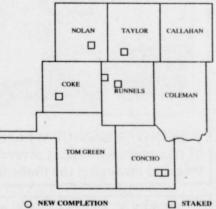
Clearfork, Inc. has staked the C.E. Boyd #5057 in the EVB Field, 3 miles NW of Nolan (Depth 6900). Loc. is 644 FEL & 53 FNL of Sec. 57. Blk. X. T&PRR Sur., A-429.

Hopewell Operating has applied to plug back the Virden #1-G in the North Norton Field, 12 miles SW of Winters (Depth 4500). Loc. is 2309 FSL & 467 FEL of W.H. Smith

Pittencrieff America has staked the Fort Chadbourne Odom Lime Unit #3414 in the Fort Chadbourne Field, 7 miles SW of Wingate (Depth 5800). Loc. is 2050 FNWL & 700 FNEL of A.G. Compton Sur. No. 281, A-

Taylor County

Echo Production has staked the Shoutltz #1 in the Molly B Field, 8 miles W of Bradshaw (Depth 3100). Loc. is 772 FEL & 330 FSL os Sec. 132, Blk. 64, H&TC Sur.



Obituaries

Elwerd Manard Rogers

BULLARD-Elwerd Manard Rogers, 69, formerly of Wingate, died Friday, April 27, 2001, at his residence.

He was born July 12, 1931, in Robert Lee and grew up in Bronte. He graduated from Bronte High School and attended Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene. He served as a Military Police in the United States Army during the Koren War and was awarded the National Defense Service Medal. He married Melva Lee Bryan on June 1, 1952,

Mr. Rogers was accepted to the Texas Department of Public Safety as a Highway Patrolman in 1957.

Survivors include two daughters, Gayvenda Reed and Kimberly Menchaca, both of Midland; four brothers, Doug Rogers of College Station, Dolye Rogers of Crane, Lonnie Rogers of Athens, and Leo Rogers of Sweetwater; one sister, Mary Ann Proctor of Carlsbad; three grandchildren, Melia Rogers of Llano, Joshua Kessler of Austin, and Nicholas Menchaca of Cherokee; and two great-grandchildren, Keegan and Kynlee of Llano.

Graveside services were at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, April 28, in the Wingate Cemetery with Mark Edge officiating. Burial was directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to Cherokee Home for Children.

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& gravy, rice, tomato salad, hot

Thursday, May 10: Stew, veg

etable sticks, fruit salad

Friday, May 11: Hamburger

chips, pea salad, lettuce, toma-

toes, onions, and ice cream.

cornbread, and cookies.

cornbread, and peaches.

berry shortcake.

roll, and pies.

North Runnels Hospits

Home Health Agency North Runnels

National Day of Prayer May 3 at City Hall

The National Day of Prayer will be observed on Thursday, May 3, 2001. Winters Area Ministerial Alliance will sponsor the local observance at noon in front of Winters City Hall. Area ministers will lead in prayer for the nation, community, schools, and

Shirley (Mrs. James) Dobson, national chairperson, reports that enthusiasm is high and preparations are well underway in anticipation of this annual event.

This year's observance is of particular significance — it marks the 50th anniversary of The National Day of Prayer. Expressing her gratitude for God's faithful blessing on these efforts through the years, Dobson trusts "that there will be a mighty outpouring of His power as people humble themselves before His throne and seek His face on behalf of our country, leaders, homes, schools, and families."

Alice Elizabeth Holt

WINTERS—Alice Elizabeth Holt, 87, a lifetime resident of Winters, died Tuesday, April 24, 2001, in a Ballinger nursing home. She was born August 22, 1913, in Winters and married Earnest

Holt on November 19, 1932, in Winters.

Mrs. Walker was a homemaker and a Lutheran. She was preceded in death by her husband on May 20, 1999, and by two sons, Elton and Howard.

She is survived by six grandchildren, several great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were held at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, April 27, at the Lakeview Cemetery in Winters with Reverend Bob Jones officiating. Burial was directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Alma Lena Jackson

WINGATE-Alma Lena Jackson, 88, died Saturday, April 28, 2001, in a local hospital.

She was born Alma Lena Jacob on September 19, 1912, in Winters. She married Milton Jackson on May 15, 1935.

Mrs. Jackson was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and greatgrandmother. Alma was more than a housewife. She spent most of her life working on the farm and ranch, working in the fields-chasing cattle and hoeing cockleburs. She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church.

She was a great babysitter to her grandchildren including Jana, Sara, Chip, and Leslie. She spent many great days fishing with them at the Ponderosa on Valley Creek. She made a quilt for each of her

She was preceded by her husband Milton on November 9, 1975. Survivors include a daughter, Freda Bredemeyer and husband Lawrence of Port Isabell; four sons, Walton Jackson and wife Barbara of Rancho Mirage, California, John Jackson and wife Carol of Galapolis, Ohio, Alvis Jackson and wife Donna of Shep, and Calvin Jackson and wife Ginny of Wingate; three sisters, Helen Watson of Ft. Worth, Vera Lampley of Ft. Worth, and Margaret Gosnell of Port O'Connor; two brothers, Edward Jacob of Wilcox, Arizona, and Adolph Jacob of Hereford; sixteen grandchildren and twenty-five great-grandchildren.

Services were held at 3 p.m., Monday, April 30, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Winters with Reverend Arthur Goetz officiating. Burial followed in the Shep Cemetery under the direction of Winters Fu-

Pallbearers were Thurman Self, Lane Jackson, Cecil Self, Billy Joe Walker, Frank Jackson, and Larry Don Walker.

Memorials may be made to the West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

Bertha Condra

BIG SPRING—Bertha Condra, 94, formerly of Wilmeth, Drasco, and Winters, died Thursday, April 19, 2001 in a Midland hospital.

She was born in Wingate on December 24, 1906, to Maggie and Lander Wheeler. She married Floyd Condra on July 23, 1921, in Winters. She lived in Runnels County most of her life. In 1991, she moved Mrs. Condra was a homemaker and a member of the Birdwell Lane

Church of Christ in Big Spring.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Floyd Condra; two daughters, Helen Capestro and Wanda Denson; and two grandsons, Floyd Smith and Tad Denson.

Survivors include one daughter, Fay Smith of New Jersey; seven grandchildren; sixteen great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held Monday, April 23, at 10 a.m. at the Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring. Graveside services were held at 3 p.m. at the Wingate Cemetery. Rick Denson officiated and Ralph Anderson assisted.

James Floyd Williams, Jr.

BROOKESMITH-James Floyd Williams, Jr., 75, formerly of Winters, died Friday, April 27, 2001, in an automobile accident in Brown County.

He was born in Grosvenor, on June 22, 1925. He married JoAnn Wells on May 18, 1950. He lived in Brown County most of his life.

Mr. Williams served in the U.S. Navy during WW II. He was a retired field superintendent for Exxon and a rancher. He was a member of the VFW and American Legion.

He was preceded in death by his wife, JoAnn Williams; and both parents, James and Lillie Sheffield Williams, Sr.

Survivors include one daughter and son-in-law, Denise and Dan Beard of New Braunfels; two grandsons, Barton Adams of Austin and Connor Beard of New Braunfels; one brother and sister-in-law, Dwayne "Red" and Betty Williams of Grosvenor; one great aunt, Virgie Mae Bain of Brownwood; and his mother-in-law, Josephine Ferguson of New Braunfels.

Visitation was from 7-8:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 1, at the Davis-Morris Funeral Home in Brownwood.

Memorial services were held Tuesday, May 2, at 2 p.m., at the Davis Morris Funeral Home with the Reverend Kenneth Green offi-

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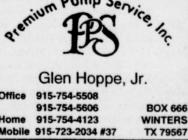
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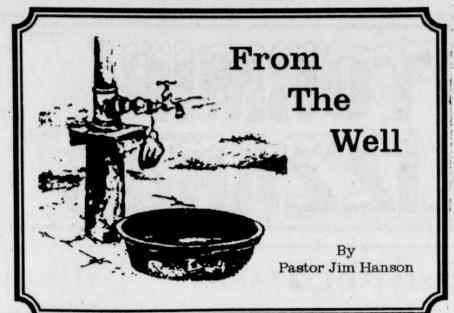
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Pastor Jim Hanson

It was the Sunday after Easter up at Bethel Lutheran in Eriksdahl. A young woman who had asked permission to do so, came up to the pulpit and read a "Thank You" letter to the folks. The husband said he couldn't stand up and read it because "

know I'll break down." But his wife said she could...that she wanted to. This was a first in many years as a pastor. So here is most of what she said. That first Sunday after Easter.

All good celebrations begin with an invitation; so it is fitting that we received a phone call, an invitation to visit Bethel for a celebration of Christ. It didn't take much coercing...the person who called took the time to recognize our need and then acted on it. It was a sign of things to come; she was a symbol of the people who would cross our paths.

Nothing could prepare me for our first Sunday here. After church, on the way home, there was so much excitement! Surely Christ lives in this place! Surely Christ lives in these people! The praying and searching had brought us here. We had found our home.

Not long after, I met the "official ambassador of goodwill" for Bethel. Did you know you had one? Oh yes, he goes around and gives out hugs to all willing participants. I got in line right away and have gotten one every Sunday since. I also met a spunky lady who couldn't keep her hands off my newborn son. She was having "grandmother withdrawls" and seemed to need my child to fix her little problem. Something about her enthusiasm was contagious. I really like being in her presence.

Many people reached out with "glad you could come" or "hope to see you again," a pat on the back or a smile across the pews. My cynical ways thought this place was too good to be true. Some of ing to paint my home through the these people know us, and they still want us to come back? If they are Christmas in April. They did a this kind, what do they want in return? This year we found the answer beautiful job and I am really when my husband was elected to the Church Council. We marveled at your kindness. We still marvel at it.

So this is why I'm up here. To remind you of who you are in Christ. Sometimes I think a community like this can forget how special it is. You are rare. You're not just talk; you're the walk. I can hardly find a Sunday Christian...you guys think the rest of the week counts too! So willing to lend a helping hand. Many times you gave us assistance. I made a list of all the times you gave us assistance, but I lost it. Here is a sample (and I stress sample) of what it was:

 A Sunday School class that embraced us and motivated us to dig deeper into the good Book.

A woman who invited us to eat lunch with her family and gave us friends we can truly call sister and brother.

ans 19 Some awomen who cooked meals for two solid weeks after our Taylor, Ken Willams, Susan #2 son was born, and some men who came and fixed our roof in the

• The lady who made homemade bread...and then shared the recipe. · Some special people who gave our children their first taste of Christ through songs, crafts, prayers, and lots of attention.

• A pastor who taught me grace, something I had missed in all my

Christian education.

 A second pastor who was grace-in-motion. A chance for us to serve with teenagers and sponsor.

· A couple who inspired us by their courage to witness to four

young people...teaching us our mission here. • The man who sat behind me who sang loud enough to drown out

my miserable voice.

My mom told me that life is full of ups and downs, hellos and goodbyes. That this is a chapter in the book of life. I know what she means. But Bethel Lutheran will never be "just another chapter." Our experience here was life changing. We can hardly recognize as the same ones who walked through the doors in history, all we felt was rain...the rain of your love and the growth of our souls.

Thank you so much.

And then she walked back to her pew, her husband, her kids, and her parents (who had come for this special day.) Hardly a dry eye in the place. But, for sure, a celebration of the resurrection. For that's what this kind of witness is. For her, her family, and all of us there...And, hopefully, for you.

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Candidates for Place 7 (At Large) Winters ISD Board of Trustees

A 1976 graduate of Winters High School, Steve Esquivel received BBA in Finance/Accounting from Texas Tech University and an MBA in Accounting from the University of Texas at Arlington.

He became a Certified Management Accountant in 1984, and has been a tax auditor with the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts for

twelve years.

Steve has served as Councilman for the City of Winters for the past three years, and served on the Board of Directors for the Winters Housing Finance Corporation and the Winters Area Chamber of Com-

Steve says, "As I have returned to Winters, the one thing I have learned is that you can't go back; however, you CAN go forward. My desire is to continue the technology push that the school district has in place. I want to be part of a team that works together for what is best

Larry Walker — no photo available

for the children of the Winters Independent School District."

Incumbent Larry Don Walker graduated from Winters High School in 1978, and is married to Fran Hoppe Walker (WHS Class of 1979). They are the parents of three children in Winters schools, Colby, a senior; Laci, a sophomore; and Shelby, a sixth grader.

He attends St. John's Lutheran Church and is a member of the Wingate Masonic Lodge. He is employed by the Wingate Gin, and has served as Trustee, Place 7, on the WISD Board since May, 1998.

Incumbent Allen Andrae is running unopposed, Place 1.

Rodrick Bredemeyer is a 1976 graduate of Winters High School and a self-employed farmer and rancher. He is married to Jill, who is a computer aid at Ballinger ISD. They have two daughters in Winters ISD: Lori, a senior, and Leah, a sophomore.

Rodrick is serving or has served as a director for the Runnels County



Rodrick Bredemeyer

Farm Bureau, St. John's Lutheran Church, Texas State Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Ranchers, Texas Young Farmers, and Winters School Board. He is also a member of the Winters Volunteer Department.

He says, "My father and I are both past school board members and I know what is required of myself. I am ready to get back on

the board and serve the WISD. "I am a land owner and a tax-

payer, and will do everything I can for the interest of the students and the taxpayers together," he continues. "My votes (as a school trustee) will always be within the guidelines of the state school board. I will appreciate everyone's vote for school board on May 5."

> Winters Independent School Board **Trustee Election** Saturday, May 5, 2001 Winters Elementary School Library 7:00 a.m. — 7:00 p.m. If you don't vote - don't complain!

In Appreciation

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I want to give a heartfelt thank you to the wonderful and caring people who worked on Christmas in April, especially those who painted my home. Everyone was so nice and cooperative. My house looks so pretty. May God bless each of you.

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Three prize packages worth \$150 each to be awarded in the May 10th Mother's Day edition

Dads wake up! Mom could be Flower Shop, a \$20 gift selection bouquet from Bridgeman Florist, in for a big treat with Mother's from The Stitchin' Post, a sham- a \$10 gift certificate from Day fast approaching, but you must hurry in order to qualify her as an entrant in the first annual "Mom & Me Contest" sponsored by The Winters Enterprise. Deadline for entry is noon, Friday, May 4.

The Enterprise will be randomly awarding three prize packages, worth nearly \$150 each, donated by area merchants.

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poo package from The Hair Post, and a one year subscription to The Winters Enterprise.

Package #2 includes The Shed's KC for 4, an age fighting Time Wise Mary Kay Skin Care set from the Jeweled Angel Busher Unit of Winters, a \$10 gift certificate from Heidenheimers, a hanging basket of your choice and Prize package #1 consists of a a gift basket from Higginbotham KC for 4 from The Shed, an East Bros., and a one year subscription

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Heidenheimers, a \$25 gift package from Video Hut including 2 tanning sessions with sample lotions, dinner for 2 (\$20 value) from Bo Knows-Southwest Grill, a Biolage hair products package from The Beauty Center and a one year subscription to The Winters Enterprise.

"Mom & Me" photos and a \$10 entry fee should be brought or sent to The Enterprise office at 104 N. Main, Winters, Texas. Prize package #3 includes a 79567, before noon on Friday, KC for 4 from The Shed, a bloom- May 4. Winners will be announced in the May 10 issue.

May 5



Schedule of Events Friday, May 4 7-11 p.m., Start Softball Tournament

Saturday, May 5 8:00 a.m., Continue Softball Tournament 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Booths open 9 a.m.-10 a.m., Karen Heart performs

10-11 a.m., Lola Scott performs 11 a.m-12:30 p.m., Edric Ray performs

12:30-1:30 p.m., Karen Heart performs 1:30-2 p.m., Games (Egg Toss/3-Legged Race/Balloon Toss)

2-2:30 p.m., Abilene Spanish Ballet Dancers perform 2:30-3 p.m., Monica Hicks performs

Food Booths Hamburgers & French Fries-Volunteer Fire Dept. Cotton Candy-Junior Class Brisket Tacos-Knights of Columbus Sno-Cones-Freshman Class Softball Concessions & Drinks-Chamber of Commerce Funnel Cakes, Hand dipped corn dogs, cheese-on-a-stick,



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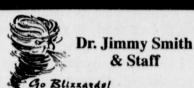
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Women's Service League honors "Girls of Month"

The Women's Service League honored the Winters Junior High School "Girls of the Month" with a tea party on Thursday, April 19, the club's last meeting of the year. Lori Boles entertained with the beautiful song, "Yesterday's News."

Members enjoyed a potluck dinner then conducted a short business meeting. New officers were elected and discussion was heard for this year's scholarship nomination.

Officers for 2002 will be Tami Richards, president; Dawn Killough, vice-president; Saffron Gibbs, recording secretary; Tammy Young, corresponding secretary; Mandy Mostad, treasurer; Carissa Buchanan, parliamentarian; Stephanie Collins, historian; and Mincy Briley, projects. Secret Pals were revealed at the

2001 Project **Graduation to** meet on Sunday

conclusion of the meeting.

Project Graduation 2001 will meet on Sunday, May 6, at 3 p.m. in the Winters Public Library.

This is a very important meeting. All parents are encouraged to attend.

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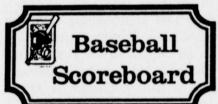


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2001 JUNIOR VARSITY BLIZZARDS



Back row, L-R: Wacey Cason, Benji Valles, J. T. Davis, Eric Lopez, Chris Kraatz, Coach Zach Boxell. Front row, L-R: Basilio Rocha, Mark Moreno, Francisco Santos, Justin Laird, and Tim Fenwick.



Team: Blizzards Coach: Chris Bearden Date & place of game: April 23, 2001 — Colorado City **Opponent:** Colorado City Losing pitcher: Will Blaine Losing catcher: Ben Blaine

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Coach's Comments: I just wanted to thank all the players in the program this year for their efforts and the parents for traveling to all the games and for your support. Thank you for a great season! Record: 5-11, District 4-8.

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AMY PATTERSON beats the tag as she slides into second base during Lady Blizzard softball action. The Ladies ended their

2001 season with a 10-13 record.

Three tracksters advance to state

WHS athletes make good Regional showing

The Winters High School girls track team competed in the regional meet in Stephenville last Friday and Saturday, April 27 & 28, scoring 28 points in front of about a hundred Winters fans.

Laci Walker took first place in the high jump (5'2") to qualify for the state meet.

Two new school records were set by Michelle Paschal in the shot (36'1/2") and Maria Llanas in the 3200 M run (12:44.50).

Individual places & times: High Jump Laci Walker (lst) 5'2" Shot Put Michelle Paschal (7th) 36'1/2" (new school record) 3200 M Run Maria Llanas (7th) 12:44.50 (new school record) 100 M Hurdles Laci Walker (prelims 15.98),

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Staci Bishop, Jena Bahlman, Mandy Pritchard, Michelle Paschal (4th) 4:14.88 Coach Deb Whittenburg says, The girls had an excellent season, with great effort from all. They should be commended for their hard work and desire to suc-

Also competing at the regional meet were two members of the boys track team from Winters.

Chris Hoppe and Samson Jackson stepped up to the plate and took care of business by winning first place in their respective events. Chris threw the discus 161'8", and Samson tossed the shot 55'3.5".

Coach Chuck Lipsey had high praise for the duo. "They worked hard and put forth a great effort. I'm very, very proud of them," he

The state competition will be at Mike A. Myers Stadium at the University of Texas in Austin on May 11 & 12.

Pictures on page 7.

Softball coreboard

Team: Varsity Softball Coach: Ed Poehls Date & place of game: April 20, 2001 - Jim Ned Opponent: Jim Ned Losing pitcher: Eileen Alvarado Losing catcher: Tracie Morrison

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Coach's comments: This ended the 2001 Lady Blizzard softball season. Their record for the year was 10-13. We all knew the season was going to be a struggle since we lost Jana Presley, MVP of last year's district; Paula Salas, our starting center fielder; and Michelle Burton, first team all-district last year. I am very proud of the Lady Blizzards, all 15 of them, for their never quit attitudes and for sticking with the team and playing as a team. Our team batting average in a very tough district was .327. We had four players who hit above .400 in the district, including Jamie Reeves, Jessica DelaRosa, Tracie Morrison, and Kayla Colburn. I am very proud of the athletes who played the different positions this year trying to help our defensive cause. Our inexperienced pitchers did a very good job for their first year to pitch. I enjoyed working with the entire Lady Blizzard softball team.



College-bound students should register by May 4 for summer ACT exam

The next ACT Assessment will be administered nationwide on June 9, 2001.

College-bound high school students must register for the college admissions and placement exam by May 4 — the deadline for having your registration postmarked. There is a late registration postmark deadline of May 18, but an extra fee is charged for late registrations.

ACT scores are accepted by virtually all U.S. colleges and universities, including all Ivy League schools, and are used by colleges along with high school grade point average and other information in admissions decisions and to help place students in appropriate-level courses. The test fee is \$23 (\$26 in Florida).

The ACT Assessment is given in all 50 states. It is curriculumbased, designed to measure a student's academic achievement and the appropriate course level for college placement. There are four sections to the exam: En-

glish, reading, math, and science reasoning. The ACT Assessment was taken 1.8 million times last year by college-bound students.

Students who have already taken the ACT can take it again and try for a higher score. Juniors can use their scores to examine academic weaknesses, take courses to correct those weaknesses, and retake the exam as seniors. Students who take the exam more than once can report only their highest composite score to prospective colleges if they choose.

Students can register for the ACT by getting information from their high school counselors or by registering on-line at ACT's website, <www.act.org>. The website also has helpful information, sample tests, and the opportunity to order test prep materials including an interactive CD-ROM, ACTive Prep, which contains actual, timed tests and helps students build a study plan.

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Region II-2A Tennis Results

April 23 & 24th

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Stephenville

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Henard (Peaster) def. G.

2nd round -Walker def. Welsh

3rd round - Walker def.

Championship - Walker def.

1st round — J. Jordan/C. Jacob

A. Pritchard/T. Brown (Winters)

2nd round - Ringo/Smith (San

1st round - L. Walker (Win-

2nd round - R. Welsh (Peaster)

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def. McFarlin/McPherson (Godley)

Saba) def. Jordan/Jacob 6-1, 6-1 Baker/Theadais (San Saba) def.

Pritchard/Brown 4-6, 6-3, 6-1.

McLaughlin (Van Alstyne) 6-1, 5-7,

Gattis (Argyle) 3-6, 6-2, 6-2

Hernandez (Winters) 6-2, 7-6 (7-2)

def. Wagner (Prosper) 6-3, 6-4.

Boys Singles

Peaster) 6-2, 6-1

Boys Doubles

Point) 6-2, 6-2

Girls Singles

def. Walker 6-1, 6-4

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Third time's a charm

Colby Walker wins regional tennis title

by Jean Boles, editor

Christoval may have their Colby of Survivor fame, but now Winters can boast of their own "Survivor Colby."

Last week I had the privilege of covering the regional tennis tournament in Stephenville. (What a chore for this tennis lover!)

Seven terrific kids — Taylor Brown, Aaron Pritchard, Jeffery Jordan, Craig Jacob, G. G. Hernandez, Laci Walker and Colby Walker — represented Winters High School at the tournament, and we should all be very proud of every one of them.

Playing on unfamiliar courts on a college campus can be a little intimidating. Then you add in the fact that the kids were playing schools that many of us had never heard of, like Godley, Peaster, Tom Bean and Van Alstyne. Throw in some major wind and cold, wet weather, and you've got yourself a big case of "nerves."

And to make matters worse, there was major construction going on all around the courts which were located next to the student body parking lot complete with loud music and college kids

shouting to one another. Now if you aren't familiar with tennis, it's very different from a football or basketball game where noise is part of the game. Tennis is more like golf in that there are appropriate times to make noise and then at other times, almost complete silence is expected. Intense concentration is probably 90% of the game of tennis and if a player ever lets the Frustration Gremlin or Nerve Monster get a trouble. You can watch a match disintegrate right before your

And sometime, players drag these gremlins from game to game and also from year to year.

In the area of regional competition, this had been the case for WHS senior Colby Walker, son of

Larry and Fran Walker. I've watched Colby play tennis since he was about eleven years old (that was the only time I could beat him). I've watched him practice hour after hour many times on the court by himself, serving a basket of tennis balls only to pick them all up and

start over again. Tennis in Winters has never been a big spectator sport (and for those of you who never watch it, you don't know what you're miss-

ing). I mention this because loneliness can be a tough part of tennis. A player must possess enough self-discipline to work out and practice without the demands of a coach, in all sorts of wind and weather. And players compete in tournaments without the large crowd of supporters normally

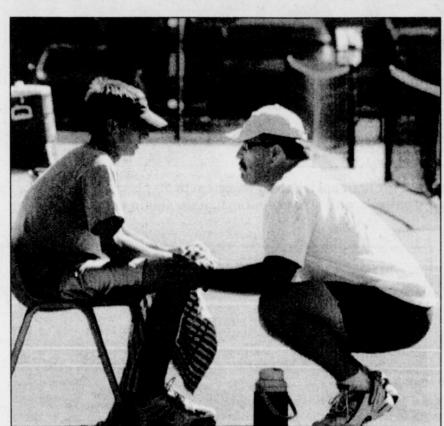
found in other sports. This has pretty much been the life for Colby. Willing to play much larger, tougher players through the years, he kept his chin up and chased some tennis dreams - one of which was to win district, then regional and then the state title. None of these are easy accomplishments, and many kids don't have enough desire and for-

titude to keep pounding away at improving all facets of their game.

But Colby has never been a quitter. He's had to make some tough decisions, such as not playing high school football so he could focus on tennis and basketball. While other kids were swimming and sleeping till noon in the summer, Colby was getting up early, working out, and playing in tournaments all over the country (that is, when his dad was not making him work).

For the past two years, Colby won district but then seemed to watch the regional title slip through his fingers — and the Frustration Gremlin tightened his

This year Colby worked especially hard on his tennis game. He took more lessons and competed in more tournaments. But these things will fail you if you don't keep your mental game in line.



IN THE CLASSROOM

COACH KEN FOWLER gives Colby some serious eye-to-eye talk between sets against the #1 seeded player.



stronghold, that player is in STANDING ROOM ONLY was evident as anxious Winters fans line the fence for the end of Colby's championship match. In the foreground is Colby's mom, Fran, as she watches her son (to her right on the court) get ready for match point.

And being a senior, Colby nation, no doubt. knew this would be his last chance that everyone else knew this was

his last chance. More pressure. Last week's first two regional our Colby which meant they were as he knew it. Good words. fun (almost stress-free) matches

work cut out for him. eyes and took the first set 6-1. We in our lawn chairs again. all breathed a sigh of relief. But Colby had a visit from the Nerve next set, losing 5-7.

we all go home and this chapter game to go for the title. in Colby's career is over.

coaches), Colby got down to business and took a commanding 5-2 lead, needing only one more game

to win the match. Sooo close. But #1 Guy was not going quietly and came back with a big rally, winning the next two games, so we're looking at 5-4. Everybody was on pins and needles, either cheering loudly or moan-

ing softly on every crucial point. But Colby dug down deep and pulled out his big serve, taking the glorious win.

I don't know about Colby, but the rest of us were exhausted! And match was for all the marbles and that elusive title.

found, wasn't it.

AND hit the ball. A lethal combi- who knows how much it means

Colby dropped the first set 3for the regional title. And he knew 6, and we in the cheering section had to have our pacemakers recharged. His official coaches, Deb White and Ken Fowler, reminded matches were fairly easy wins for him to re-focus and play the game

"We" (this is definitely a group to watch. But his next opponent project by now) won the next set for the semi-finals was the #1 6-2, causing split sets, and we seeded player in the competition were finally able to take a breath so we all knew Colby had his again. After a ten-minute break, both players took the courts and He came out with fire in his Colby's cheerleaders camped out

Big Guy won the first two games, and the tension mounted. Monster and had a letdown in the Big Guy kept up the arsenal of hard hitting but Colby pulled out Crunch time. Win the next set the big artillery and won the next and we're in the finals. Lose and five straight games. One more

"Come on Colby, come on!!!" With a good group of support- we pleaded as our nerves ers (who also double as wannabe unravelled by the second and everybody in our group was on their feet at this point. Back and forth the game kept going. Long points. The air seemed to be disappear-

ing (at least it was for me). Finally, we were at match point, and Colby put the ball away, winning the point.

Game. Set. Match. Glorious Match! And we all went crazy. Tears, jumping, hugging, hollering, clapping. Did I mention

the tears and jumping? This was one of those moments that folks in big cities probably could never comprehend. Colby's although it was cause for great cheering section included his celebration, we knew the next teammates and their parents who, in spite of their earlier defeats, cheered for Colby all the way. The only advice I gave Colby Also enjoying the celebration (we all took turns giving advice) were a former Winters teacher was to remember to breathe. Pro- who had left Hereford at 2 a.m. to drive to Stephenville to watch Colby's opponent in the finals Colby; a local postman who drove was one chunk of a kid. Big, back to Winters Monday night for broad shoulders. Not very tall, a meeting, only to return early and looked more like a linebacker Tuesday morning; and even some than a swift-footed tennis player. tennis folks from Jim Ned. Oh Did you ever hear that saying, yes, and me — the reporter/ "Never judge a book by its Colby's early tennis partner/ cover?" Yup, that kid could move friend of the family/and a mom



CRAZY COACHES Deb White and Ken Fowler "sandwich"



DAD AND SON enjoy a special moment of celebration after Colby received his long-awaited first place regional medal.

to a kid to accomplish a big goal. Did I mention the tears? I didn't see too many dry eyes in our group. And if you folks who know Fran Walker think this lady is always quiet and in control, you should have been next to her on match point. She did one spectacular jumping, hollering jig! And for good reason. Colby had

finally gotten the brass ring on his third and final try.

Good job, Colby! We're so proud of you. We appreciate your hard work and dedication. Our school and our community are proud of you.

Now let's have a big time at the State Meet in Austin. And remember — breathe!



BLIZZARD ACTIVITIES MAY 3-MAY 11, 2001

TRACK

EXTRA-CURRICULAR -May 3, High School TAAS Exit Testing in Reading

-May 3, FCA, JH-11:35 a.m., HS-12:25 p.m., Science Lab -May 3, All-Sports Banquet, WISD Cafeteria, 7 p.m. -May 3, 1st Grade Field Trip,

May Farm in Hawley -May 4, NHS Slave Sale -May 4, Kindergarten Field Trip to Abilene Zoo

-May 6, Project Grad 2001, Winters Public Library, 3 p.m. -May 7, Band Boosters, Band

Hall, 7 p.m. -May 7, FFA Banquet, School

Cafeteria, 7 p.m. -May 9, Science Fair, Gym -May 10, 2nd Grade Play, Au-

ditorium, 6:30 p.m. -May 10, FCA, JH-11:35 a.m., HS-12:25 p.m., Science Lab

-May 11, U.I.L. State Championships, University of Texas at Austin, 9a.m., 12:10 and 4 p.m. **TENNIS**

-May 7 & 8, U.I.L. State Champioships, Lakeway World of Tennis, Austin



Regional tennis and track at Stephenville . . .



BLUE AND WHITE FANS were all decked out to support the players at the regional tennis tournament in Stephenville last week. The Winters group was easy to spot because the WHS players' had windsuits with stripes that match the folding chairs.



READY FOR THE NEXT POINT are partners Aaron Pritchard (left) and Taylor Brown.

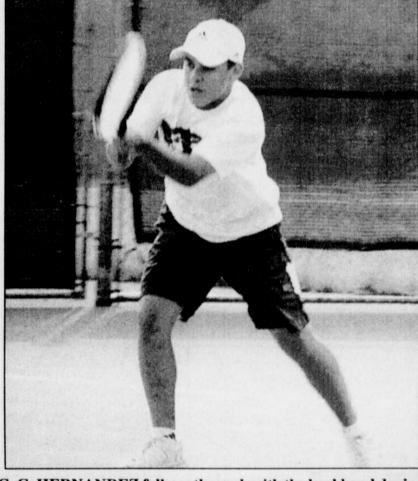


LACI WALKER dries her hand as she changes court sides for her turn to serve. Laci, district singles champion, won her first round but dropped her second match in her first regional tennis



READY TO HIT the good serve is WHS senior Jeffery Jordan. He and his partner, Craig Jacob, won their first match at the regional tourney but fell in the second round.

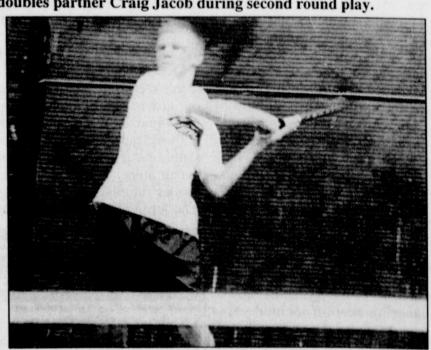
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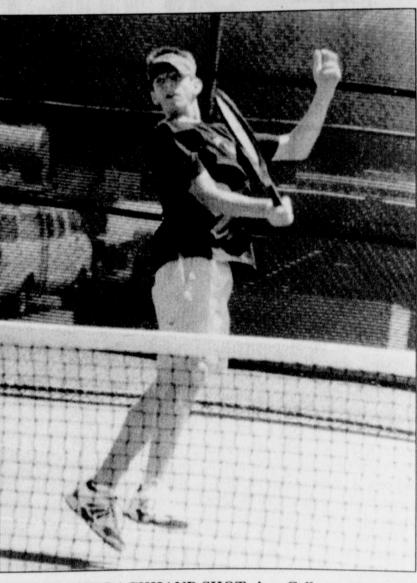
G. G. HERNANDEZ follows through with the backhand during his regional singles match.



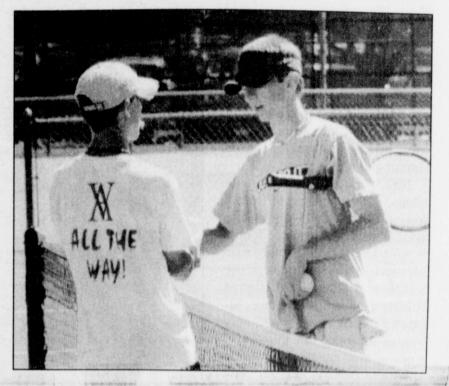
JEFFERY JORDAN (left) gets ready to receive serve with doubles partner Craig Jacob during second round play.



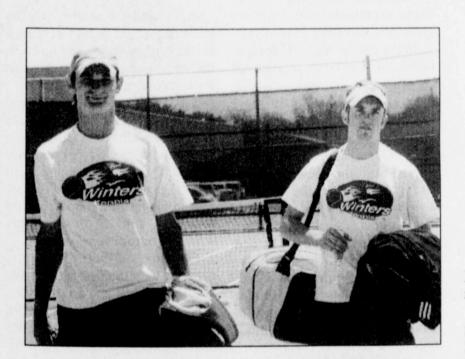
CRAIG JACOB whips the forehand during second round action.



HITTING THE BACKHAND SHOT gives Colby another point en route to his championship title.



COLBY WALKER shakes hands with his tough opponent after beating the Peaster player in split sets, sending Colby to the



AARON PRITCHARD and TAYLOR BROWN are relieved to get their first round win behind them.



COACH DEB WHITE talks with the doubles team of Jeffery Jordan and Craig Jacob during their tough second round match.

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.. the fears, the cheers, and the tears.



JUNIOR CHRIS HOPPE takes the gold in the discus with a winning toss of 161' 8" to advance to the 2A state finals.



PERFORMANCE WAS THE NAME OF THE GAME as sophomore Laci Walker topped all competitors for first place in the high jump with a height of 5' 2". She will compete at the state finals next Friday.

Congratulations WHS State Qualifiers Samson Jackson, Chris Hoppe & Laci Walker.



MANDY PRITCHARD shares her joy with Laci Walker after they and 800 M Relay teammates Jena Bahlman and Staci Bishop



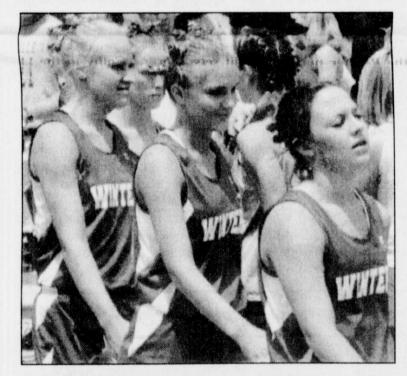
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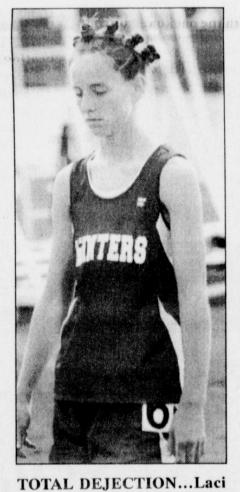
ing career at the state 2A shot put finals after a winning regional throw of 55' 3-1/2".

JOY TURNS TO SORROW as former teammate and state champion Kelli Slimp consoles Jena Bahlman and Mandy Pritchard after the 800 M Relay failed to qualify for the state finals.



WINTERS BLIZZARD FANS hang on the fence in anticipation of Chris Hoppe's final throw in the discus to seal his berth at the state meet on May 11. Over 75 dedicated fans made the trek to Stephenville last Friday and divided their loyalties between three events at one time as Winters' athletes competed at the same time in three different locations.

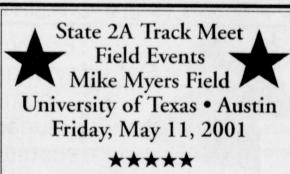
OH, PLEASE let us run our best...could be the thoughts of 800 M Relay starter Staci Bishop and her teammates.



Walker jumped the gun & was disqualified in the 100 M hurdles.



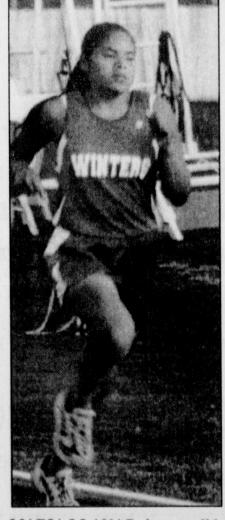
THE END OF A DISAPPOINTING day for the mile relay team of Mandy Pritchard, Jena Bahlman, Staci Bishop, & Michelle Paschal. Neither of the relay teams qualified for state, though they ran their fastest times of the year.



9 am—Boys Discus, Chris Hoppe 12:10 pm—Girls High Jump, Laci Walker 4 pm—Boys Shot Put, Samson Jackson



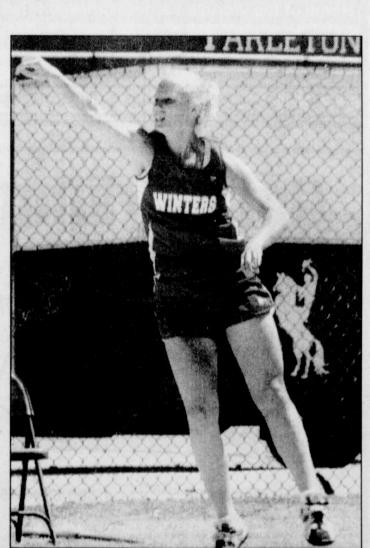
COOL DUDES and state qualifiers, (I-r) Chris Hoppe and Samson Jackson await their turn on the award's stand.



MARIA LLANAS gives a solid performance for the WHS Lady Blizzards in the 2-mile run.



BRIANA PARRAMORE, freshman, makes an impressive first appearance as a regional qualifier in the mile run.



SENIOR MICHELLE PASCHAL sets another school record in the shot put in her final performance for the Lady Blizzards with a distance of 36' 1/2".

WINTERS PIP STARS BROUGHT HOME THE HARDWARE from the recent PIP Festival held in Abilene. Those attending and earning medals were (front, I-r) Bryce Mikeska and Riley Ripley; (middle) Candace O'Dell, Paige Sanders, Braden Mikeska, Abby Guy, Hayden Bergman, Julie England, Chelsy Lipsey, and Addison Bergman; (back) Bryant Mikeska, Tad Martin, Shelby Walker, Sponsor Sherri Mikeska, Wiley Guy, Kellyn Airhart, Luke England, Sponsor Becky Airhart, Susan Sneed, Don Davis, and Tory Burns. Winters placed second as a team in the Novice Division.

Winters earns top honors at PIP Festival in Abilene

Place 2nd in Novice Team Division—

The Winters PIP program had 20 youth compete in the PIPs Festival held at Abilene Christian University on March 9-10. Winters placed second overall in the Novice Team Division. All 20 PIPsters placed in various categories. A total of 633 children participated in the festival.

At the festival, each child competes in three divisions: at their age level, according to the number of years they've been in PIPs, and boys or girls. First through third place finishers receive medals, while fourth through sixth place are awarded certificates. elts of the 2001 PIP Festi-

are as follows (*category abbreviations are listed at the end of the results):

Kellyn Airhart 3rd, BLP 4th, AWA Circles 3rd, Spin Addison Bergman 2nd, AWA

5th, Figure 8 Hayden Bergman 3rd, OSD 5th, 2-Ball 5th, BKWD **Tory Burns** 4th, AWA 6th, DP 2nd, OSD **Don Davis** 2nd, OSD 2nd, Fantasy 3rd, PIP Shots 4th, DP Julie England 2nd, AWA 2nd, DP

2nd, PIP Lay-ups Abby Guy 2nd, BKWD 3rd, Duo Wiley Guy 5th, Duo 3rd, Spider 3rd, AWA 5th, BLP

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Luke England

1st, OSD

Chelsy Lipsey 2nd, BKWD 2nd, Figure 8 2nd, Trio **Tad Martin** 3rd, Spin 5th, Duo 2nd, AWA 6th, BLP Braden Mikeska 5th, BLP 2nd, Trio 3rd, DP 2nd, OSD **Bryant Mikeska**

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3rd, BLP

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3rd, Duo

Paige Sanders 4th, AWA 3rd, DP 5th, OSD 4th, BLP Shelby Walker 2nd, OSD *BLP—Between the Legs Pass AWA—Ankle-Waist-Ankle Circles Figure 8 Dribble OSD-Obstacle Speed Dribble DP-Drop Pass Fantasy Lay-ups PIP Shots PIP Lay-ups Duo Group Trio Group Novice Group

Riley Ripley

1st, Figure 8

Susan Sneed

4th, 2-Ball

2nd, OSD

1st, AWA

1st, DP

1st, BLP

1st, OSD

BKWD-Backward Dribble 2-Ball Dribble

Walking Spider

Farmers insures safe graduation for WHS seniors

Farmers Insurance Group of programs focus on youth, safety, Companies announced today a donation of \$150 to Winters High School for "Project Graduation 2001."

Project Graduation is a drugfree and alcohol-free alternative to post-graduation parties for seniors. Winters High School commencement and post-graduation festivities are scheduled for May,

Farmers' agents have become dedicated to Project Graduation out of concern for the safety of graduating seniors and young people across the state.

"Graduation from high school is an exciting and memorable time. The company wants to avoid a tragedy in our community by helping make this event fun for all," noted Farmers' agent Jim Hatler.

Farmers' community outreach

and health issues, with involvement in such projects as YES (Youth Education & Safety), Adopt-A-School, and March of

Over the past nine years, the company has donated over \$188,000 and Farmers' agents have volunteered thousands of service hours to Project Graduation. This program is a wonderful vehicle which allows Farmers to touch each of these areas and contribute to communities across Texas.

Farmers is the second largest property and casualty insurer in Texas and the third largest provider of auto and homeowners insurance in the United States. The company has more than 4,000 employees and agents in offices through the state.

For more information, contact Jim Hatler at 915-754-5032.

Texas counselors say try the ACT

College-bound Texas high range of subject tested for admisschool students have a choice when taking their college entrance exam, and increasingly their counselors are encouraging them to consider the ACT Assess-

"As long as I've been in counseling, there's been a myth that not every college will accept the ACT," says Carolyn Greer, director for student support services at Katy Independent School District. "Every college in Texas will take

In fact, it's widely accepted by universities across the United States, including the Ivy League institutions.

College admissions exams don't measure the same thing, and Greer believes that since the ACT is a curriculum-based test, covering reading, English, math and science reasoning, it is "a better test to get an understanding of a student's skills." She explains, "If you've done well in courses, and

Since the test scores show a student's achievement, that information can be used to help the student strengthen academic skills in preparation for college. Greer says score information can be used, for example, to indicate whether a student needs to take a remedial course in a subject area.

Jan Scheiding, head counselor at Taft High School in San Antonio, also likes the curriculumbased test. "I like to see a broad

sion to college," she said. "I did a study and looked at a five-year period. Our students overall seemed to do better on the ACT.

"I think the ACT is studentfriendly, "Scheiding says. "The format is comfortable because it measures what students have learned, and it's non-threatening. And there's no penalty for guessing. I don't encourage guessing, but sometimes it's necessary on a test."

Some students in Texas, including those at Taft High School, get a preview of the ACT Assessment when they take EXPLORE and PLAN tests, usually in their eighth grade and sophomore years, respectively. Both tests are very similar to the ACT Assessment, but they measure skills at lower grade levels. The ACT is taken by juniors and seniors.

Scheiding says counselors use the test information to help guide students. In addition to academic taken a college prep approach to information, the tests provide stuschool, you should do well on the dents with career planning information based on their interests.

"Since EXPLORE, PLAN, and the ACT are developed as a program, we're able to follow the student's progress, make recommendations for future courses and suggest careers to investigate," she says. "Also, the earlier tests are good predicators of how students will do on the ACT."

For more information on the ACT Assessment, talk to your high school counselor or visit <www.act.org>.

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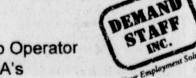
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Poe's Corner

By Charlsie Poe

Don't let the cat out

Town Crier

Katelyn Elizabeth Thompson

Dr. C.T. Rives of Winters, and maternal grandmother is Lois Strickland

nomof Lubbock. Paternal great-grandmothers are Cleo Clare of Snyder

Hallie Sims can tell you what happens when you give a cat too much freedom.

When Charlie, a pet dog of many years, died, a friend gave Hallie a tiny kitten for consola-

The pedigree cat had Charlie's private room as his own. He was also allowed to go in the room down where Hallie worked.

The cat, named Gray Boy, was sitting quietly at the bottom of the steps to his room when Hallie decided to take him to his room.

Hallie had taken off her shoes for comfort and had no way to defend herself when Gray Boy jumped on her with four feet and bit her in five places. The worst lunge was when he bit her foot and the lunge sent the teeth of the cat through Hallie's foot.

After several days of suffering, the doctor sent Hallie to Abilene where she spent a month in the hospital. She was better but not

Michael and Shana Thompson

of Harlingen are proud to an-

nounce the birth of their first

was born on Saturday, March 17,

2001, at 9:39 p.m. at Valley Bap-

tist Medical Center in Harlingen.

She weighed 7 lbs., 9 oz. and was

Greg and Kay Lynn Strickland of

Winters. Paternal grandparents

are Nathan and Kay West of

and Jean West of Abilene.

Maternal great-grandfather is

Maternal grandparents are

Katelyn Elizabeth Thompson

child, a daughter.

20-1/4 inches long.



Charlsie

well, and has now been residing four months in an Abilene rehabilitation home. She will be there for some time yet.

Hallie says don't fool with a

At Covenant Place, she is gaining strength and enjoys the fellowship. They have all kinds of entertainment, and Hallie is teaching some of the people whom she enjoys to play forty-two.

The home puts out a bulletin that the residents enjoy. One is called "Old Folks Are Worth A Fortune." Hallie has chuckled over this funny saying. Even if you may have heard it, you will

enjoy it too.

OLD FOLKS ARE WORTH A FORTUNE

Remember, old folks are worth a fortune, with silver in their hair, gold in their teeth, stones in their kidneys, lead in their feet, and gas in their stomachs.

I have become a little older since I saw you last and a few changes have come into my life since then. Frankly, I have become quite a frivolous old gal. I to present senior am seeing five gentlemen every

As soon as I wake up, Will Power helps me get out of bed. Then I go to see John. Then Charlie Horse comes along, and he takes a lot of my time and attention. When he leaves Arthur Ritis shows up and stays the rest of the day. He doesn't like to stay in one place very long, so he takes me from joint to joint. After such a busy day, I'm really tired and glad to go to bed with Ben Gay! What a life!

P.S. The preacher came to call the other day. He said at my age I should be thinking about the hereafter. I told him, Oh, I do, all the time. No matter where I am, in the parlor, in the kitchen or down in the basement, I ask myself what am I "hereafter?"

Runnels Baptist Association sets meeting May 14

The Runnels Baptist Association will meet Monday, May 14, at the First Baptist Church in Miles. A program on mission emphasis has been planned.

The executive board and W.M.U. will meet at 5:30 p.m. The evening meal will be served at 6:15 p.m.

The mission emphasis program will begin at 7:00 p.m. Roy Epperson, Director of Missions, will be in charge of the program.

The public is invited to attend.

WVFD Auxiliary scholarship

The Winters Volunteer Firemen's Auxiliary, represented by Jackie Ozbirn, will present a scholarship to a graduating senior at Awards Day 2001. This was the decision made at their April 24 meeting.

Applications will be reviewed between now and then, and one senior will be the lucky recipient of \$100 to apply towards a college education.

members Trish Jackson, Patsy Staggs, Mildred Doty, Vera Jackson, Jackie Ozbirn, Hilda Woffenden, and Debbie Lange. Hostesses were Trish Jackson and Patsy Staggs.

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Crews News

By Hilda Kurtz

The Winters Enterprise, Winters, Texas, Thursday, May 3, 2001 9

You don't use your turn signal because everybody knows where you're going in a small town.

Visitors at the Hopewell Baptist Church on Sunday morning were Leon and Joyce Nance of Grape Creek, Chris Shields of Abilene, Dr. James Shields of Abilene led the morning and evening services on Sunday.

After morning church services, an end of the month basket dinner was enjoyed.

Georgia Gibbs' sister of Bronte is very ill in Shannon Hospital.

Noble Faubion is resting nicely at home after being in the Coleman Hospital. He came home Thursday night. Ferris and Ramona Akins of Ballinger visited during the week.

Rodney Faubion and his wife of Ft. Worth spent the weekend with Harvey Mae and Noble Faubion. They also got together with the Eileen Cartwright fam-

Abe and Pat Giles of Lake A salad supper was served to Brownwood spent Saturday with Leona and Roy Mathis.

> Tiffany Prather spent several days during the week helping her friend Sherri Cowan with her garage sale.

> Selma Wilkerson visited Harvey Mae and Noble Faubion and Eileen Cartwright on Monday afternoon.

Nila and Therin Osborne attended the Wingate Baptist Church revival on Saturday night. Bro. Akins of Ballinger had the services.

Doris Wood attended the funeral of Vivian Hord in Winters. Doris had several of her friends over for supper on Wednesday

Dallas on Friday and Saturday to

Hilda Kurtz

attend her first cousin reunion in the home of Walter Earl Cherry Williams and 14 of Earl and Betty's first cousins plus two aunts on the Williams' side of the fam-

William and Sharon Grissom's son Russ of New Braunfels, spent part of the week.

After attending church in Ballinger on Sunday at St. Mary's, Sue Rose enjoyed going to the Ethnic Festival in the afternoon. Sue received an early phone call from her mother Oddie Hardaway before sunup.

My kiddos came before sunup on Saturday morning and painted my house. Hildegarde, Calvin, Harold, and Nicholas of San Angelo will have to come one more day to finish.

Linda and Dale Duggan had Roy Brown and his two sons Ben and Andrew of New Mexico here for a wonderful visit.

Sharon and Jerry Engler from Brownwood stopped by on Saturday for lunch with Margie Jacob before attending the Wilde and Beimer wedding in Rowena.

Carol and Mike Kozelsky and Margie Jacob attended the potluck dinner at Mt. Carmel Catholic Church Hall in Winters on Sunday. There was a very good attendance and lots of good food.

Beverly VanZandt and Margie Jacob went over to visit with Bob Joe and Betty Pierce were in and Francis Hall on Sunday after-

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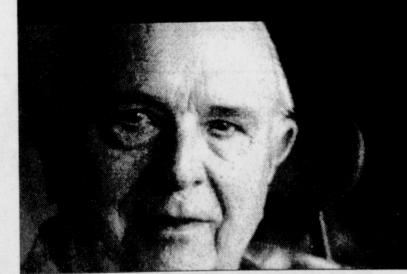
"There's only one sure way to find out if a horse kicks. Better to be uncertain."

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Quarterly sales increase 7.1%

As reported April 12, 2001, by the office of State Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander, gross sales for Runnels County increased 7.1 percent for the third quarter of 2000 as compared to the same reporting period in 1999.

Sales for the third quarter of 2000 totaled \$46,417,943 as compared to \$43,354,819 for the same period in 1999.

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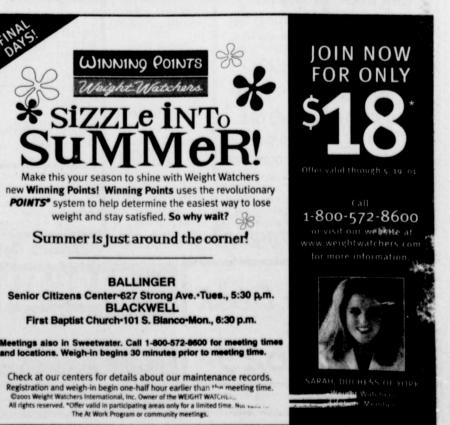
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Relay for Life looking for cancer survivors; continues luminary sales

Still searching for teams and individuals for the most worthwhile community gathering of the summer

Cancer Survivors are living proof that we are winning the fight during the 10 p.m. ceremony on Friday, June 1. against cancer. For anyone battling cancer, there is no greater encouragement or symbol of hope than the Cancer Survivor's Lap which kicks off the Relay for Life. These are people who never quit, never lost hope, and won.

The Second Annual Winters Relay for Life will take place June 1-2 at the Winters Track Complex. If you are a cancer survivor and would like to be a part of the 2001 relay's survivor's lap, contact Emily Pendergrass at 754-5611, to reserve your spot on the track.

Sixteen teams of 10-15 members from the Winters area and two teams from Ballinger have registered for the Relay as of the end of April. Anyone wishing to register a team who has not already done so, or an individual who would like to be on a team, may contact Kelly Lipsey or Sherry Kurtz at the numbers listed below.

A number of games and tournaments have been planned for the all-night affair including volleyball, horseshoes, and washers. Grilled hamburgers will be served along with a community pitch-in picnic to open the event. Music will be provided by Abilene DJs throughout the entire event, and a variety of games and dances will be enjoyed by

At 10 p.m. on Friday evening, all walking will cease for a candlelight ceremony which will feature a darkened track lit solely by luminaries purchased in honor of cancer survivors and in memory of those who have lost the battle.

In an emotional tribute, musical selections will be presented by local talent along with a special message and reading of the names for whom luminaries where purchased.

An awards ceremony and breakfast will close the event at 6 a.m. on Saturday, June 2.

Last year's first event attracted some 350 participants and raised over \$7,500 for the American Cancer Society. The goal of this year's organizers is to double participation and the amount of money raised.

As one local businessman commented at the end of last year's Relay, "This is the best community-wide event we've had in a long timefor any reason. Everyone is together...young and old...just having a really good time. It was great!"

Help support the goals of the American Cancer Society and remember or honor a loved one by purchasing a luminary candle. The votive candles nestled in sand bags will be the only light provided

A \$5 donation will purchase a luminary candle for a loved one or someone special to the family. All proceeds from the luminary sales will go directly to the Relay for Life fund-raising efforts.

For more information on the luminary ceremony contact Amy Wheat at 754-4882. To purchase a luminary candle and help light a way to a cure, please complete the order form below and send it and \$5 to Amy Wheat, 100 Bel Air, Winters, TX, 79567. If you wish to purchase more than one luminary, use a separate sheet of paper to provide the additional necessary information.

For information on the ACS Relay for Life, contact Kelly Lipsey at 754-4505 or 754-4388 or Sherry Kurtz at 754-5626.

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Senior Spring Fling and Expo set May 16 at San Angelo Coliseum

Noted television host Doris charge, will be served in the ex-Winkler will be the featured speaker at the 14th annual Senior Spring Fling and Expo on May 16 at the San Angelo Coliseum and Exhibits Building.

Master of ceremonies for the event will be Pat Attebery, wellknown West Texas television personalty.

Winkler, who hosts the syndicated "Senior Report" seen in the area on KLST-TV, will speak on issues important to seniors at 1 p.m. in the coliseum.

The event, which features as its theme "The Many Faces of Aging," will include educational and informational booths, health screenings, door prizes, entertainment, and other activities in the coliseum. Lunch, at a minimum

hibits building.

Also, the winners of the fifth annual Concho Valley Senior Hall of Fame will be announced, one from Tom Green County and one from the rural Concho Valley

counties. The Senior Spring Fling, which typically draws more than 1,000 people from throughout the Concho Valley, is scheduled to

take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The program will be held under the auspices of the Area Agency of Aging of the Concho Valley, the Concho Valley Retired Senior Volunteer Program, and San Angelo's Senior Services Di-

For more information, call 223-6388.

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tion districts are the state's preferred method of groundwater management. The Federal government passed the Safe Drinking Water Act and has mandated that the states take certain actions to conserve and improve water quality. If we do not take this responsibility under local control, then the state will be required to enforce the regulations through some state agency, probably the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission. Also, with water needs in the larger cities of Texas ever increasing, they are looking for new sources. With a groundwater district, we can have some control over exportation of water from our area.

What is the purpose of a groundwater conservation district? To provide for the conservation, preservation, protection, recharge, prevention of waste, and pollution of the groundwater in the District and to monitor the quality and quantity of groundwater for the benefit of citizens and economy of the District.

Why join the Lipan-Kickapoo Water Conservation District rather than form a district in Runnels County? The Lipan-Kickapoo WCD is located in parts of Concho and Tom Green Counties and has been in existence since 1988. A new district has to be formed by the Texas Legislature or by petition of the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission and there are start-up costs associated with a new district. By joining an existing district, there are no start-up costs and the fixed costs of operation of the District can be spread over a larger area, resulting in a lower tax rate. Cur-

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Local groundwater conserva- rently, there are 49 districts in Texas, with 35 areas trying to form new districts.

Wedon't have a lot of groundwater in Runnels County. Why should we be in a district? With our limited resources, it is important that we protect what we have. A water district can help us limit waste of water and remediate some areas of pollution, especially from old oil wells. As our water table has dropped the past few years, the pollution problem has in-

How is the Lipan-Kickapoo Water Conservation District funded? The District is funded through a local property tax. The current tax rate of 4.3 cents per \$100 valuation on all property in the District is used to operate the District. This figures to about two cents per acre on pasture land and six cents per acre on the best dryland farms in Runnels County. A \$50,000 house will cost about \$21.50. The District feels they can decrease the tax rate next year if the additional area is annexed. All property appraisals are made by the appraisal district, with the water district setting only the tax

What is the 50 cent rate shown on the ballot? This is the maximum tax rate that was set in the enabling legislation and therefore must be printed on the ballot. The Lipan-Kickapoo WCD has never had a rate higher than 4.5 cents and does not anticipate any higher

How will we be represented on the District Board of Directors? If the election passes, the legislation calls for equal representation from each county plus one director at-large. Probably

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there will be two directors each from Runnels, Concho, and Tom Green counties and the at-large director. Directors are elected by the voters in the District every four years.

Why would I have to get a permit from the District to drill a water well? In order for the District to perform its function, it needs to know the location of wells. Any new irrigation well that produces more than 17.4 gallons per minute will need a permit before drilling. Wells producing under this amount, domestic wells, and livestock wells are exempt from a permit, but need to be preregistered with the District. All existing wells, regardless of size, are grandfathered, but need to be registered, so that the District can protect them from someone drilling a new well too close.

Why are there spacing requirements on wells? New irrigation wells must be 330 feet apart and 50 feet from a property line with no more than 16 wells per section. This gives everyone equal access to the aquifer without one person's pumping severely affecting a neighbor's well.

What about capping or plugging wells? The District requires that all wells be safely capped. No one wants to be responsible for a child or animal falling in a well. This also helps prevent contamination from outside sources. Abandoned, deteriorated wells

need to be properly plugged. When and where do I vote? The election is Saturday, May 5, with early voting from April 18 until May 1. Any registered voter in Runnels County who lives outside of Winters, Ballinger, Rowena, or Miles can vote. If you live in the school districts of Winters, Jim Ned, Novice, or Bronte (north of the Colorado River), then you vote at Winters Elementary School (early vote at Winters School Administration Office). If you live in the school district of Ballinger. Olfen, or Panther Creek, then you vote at the Ballinger Community Center (early vote at Ballinger

School Administration Office). If you live in the Miles School District or the Bronte School District (south of the Colorado River), then you vote at Miles City Hall, with early voting at the Lipan-Kickapoo Water Conservation District in Vancourt.

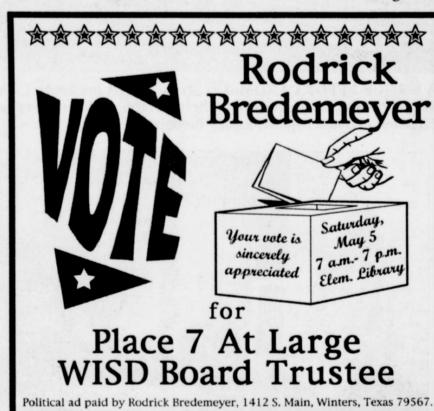
I hear a lot about water issues in Texas, but I don't understand what is happening? Water is a very complex issue in this state. Basically, the needs of the large population areas are exceeding their supply. The state has allocated more water than is available in Texas. Water use is now determined by "senior rights" and a large number of these rights are down state. The surface water in Texas belongs to the state. We could be forced to share surface water with users downstream. Then, we would be even more dependent on ground water.

What are the disadvantages of joining the Lipan-Kickapoo Water Conservation District? 1. Having to get a permit for an irrigation well and register other wells will take a small amount of time. 2. Well spacing may not allow a person to place a well exactly where he wants it. 3. Taxes—No one wants to pay additional taxes, but this may cost us less than fees on our wells which are being considered for areas not in a groundwater district.

Where can I find additional information? Contact Billy Joe Colburn, Lanny England, or Randall Conner in northern Runnels County. Contact Leroy Pelzel or Bob Fuchs in the south part of Runnels County. Allan Lange, manager of the Lipan-Kickapoo Water Conservation District, can be reached at the District Office, P.O. Box 67, Vancourt, Texas 76955, 915/469-3988.

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Extension News & Views

By Rick Minzenmayer, Extension Agent-IPM

Fruit thinning: painful but important

The heavy crop set on many of our fruit trees makes fruit thinning important this year. Thinning is especially important for larger fruited crops such as peaches, nectarines, pears and apples, but overcropping is not good for smaller fruited types either.

Thinning is important for several reasons. The first reason is fruit size. An overloaded tree will have small fruit, and there is little demand for under-sized fruit either commercially or for the gardener. Overcropping can damage the tree-both by direct limb breakage and by devitalizing the tree and shortening its life span. Propping limbs to support an overload is no substitute for proper thinning.

If excess fruit are to be picked by hand, thin as soon as possible after bloom to gain the most in size for the fruit that remain. If limb thrashing or other shaking is done, the most practical time to thin peaches or other nectarines is when the fruit is almost walnut-size or a little bigger than a man's thumb. Thin peaches and other stone fruit before pit hardening to gain a good fruit size benefit.

A full size healthy peach tree should carry 400 to 700 fruit after thinning. Ideally, peaches should be spaced six to eight inches apart on a well-thinned tree. Smaller fruits such as plums and apricots don't need to be thinned as hard as larger fruited trees, but enough fruit should be removed to space them no closer than two to three inches

Hand thinning by picking the fruit is obviously the most precise and best method to assure top quality. Pole thinning by thrashing the small branches is a common method used in peach orchards. Various devices are used, including a padded stick (shovel handle-sized stick with the end wrapped tightly with foam rubber, and burlap, an old inner tube or duct tape to protect the foam rubber). Whatever method you decide to use, do it in a timely fashion to get the most benefit from your efforts.

MAYFEST, continued

Other foods available will include offer chances for a computer funnel cakes, corn dogs, brisket tacos, cotton candy, sno-cones, drinks and more.

The Winters Public Library will host a Silent Auction. Author Nancy Robinson Masters will be on hand to autograph books beginning at 10:30 a.m.

The Z.I. Hale Museum will lowship in Winters.

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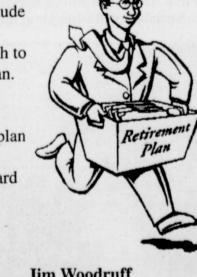
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Addison Bergman

Bryan Webb



NEW PAINT is brushed on by Keith Boles (kneeling) and David Pafford after Amy Wheat (on steps) scraps off old paint.



THIS TALENTED TRIO of (back to front) Kellyn Airhart, Addison Bergman and Susan Sneed paint and giggle at the same time.



PAINTIN' PALS (I-r) Mary Slimp, Guy Slimp and Paulina Vega will have this house painted in no time. House captain was Phil Colburn.

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A GROUP EFFORT FROM (I-r) Sergio Rangel (on ladder), Tina Perrie, Andrew Medina, Marci Paschal, Larry Herring & Bryan Webb work on several areas of this home under the direction of house captain, Lanny Bahlman.



"MEASURE TWICE, CUT ONCE," says house captain Bob Lindley (left) as he holds a screen door waiting for replacement parts from Raymond Lindley and Craig Gehrels (right).



FREDDIE GROHMAN puts his welding skills to good use.

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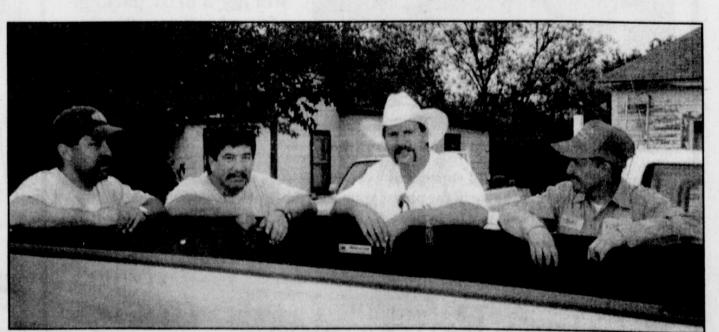
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HANK BOURDO'S PAINT SCRAPER CREW included (I--r) Gordy Kintner, Matthew Gray, Shawn Kraatz, and Tony Hernandez.



CIA BOARD MEMBERS (I-r) Manie Esquivel, director; Robert Garza, vice-president; and Barron Guy, president, enjoy a break with helper Billy Sherman.

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for November 3, 2001, and start making plans for the opening day of the general season for whitetailed deer and Rio Grande turkey, regardless of where they plan to hunt in Texas. For the first time since the 1980s, Texas will have the same general season opener over most of the state.

The decision by state wildlife officials to establish a concurrent opener in both the North and South Zones was among hunting and fishing regulation changes adopted by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission on April 5.

Before 1983, when TPW gained legislative authority to set hunting seasons statewide, opening dates for deer season were left to the discretion of county commissioners' courts. The resulting patchwork of season openers confused hunters and created an enforcement nightmare for state game wardens.

While creating a more uniform statewide opener for whitetails and Rio Grande turkeys, the commission opted to move the statewide quail season opener to October 27.

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Other hunting regulation Stillhouse Hollow, White River,

bag limit in Brown, Coke, Coleman, Concho, Glasscock, Howard, Irion, Mills, Mitchell, Nolan, Reagan, Runnels, Sterling, and Tom Green counties from four deer (no more than two bucks) to five deer (no more than two bucks). A 14-day late season for antlerless deer and spike bucks

The commission also adopted an expansion of the youth-only hunting seasons to include the third weekend in January.

will also take effect in these coun-

Although not as extensive as the changes to hunting regulations, several changes affecting fisheries were approved by the commission, including revisions to largemouth bass limits on three reservoirs and a new smallmouth bass limit on seven lakes. The new rules take effect September 1, 2001.

TPW is returning to the statewide standard for smallmouth bass of 14-inch minimum length and a five-fish daily bag limit on the following reservoirs: Belton, Cisco, Greenbelt, Oak Creek,

sion include: increasing the deer restrict smallmouth harvest to a three-fish daily bag limit with an 18-inch minimum length.

On O.H. Ivie Reservoir, fisheries biologists are eliminating the minimum length (currently 18 inches) and modifying the fivefish daily bag limit. Anglers will be allowed to harvest no more than two largemouth bass of less than 18 inches per day.

On Lake Sweetwater, TPW is implementing a 17-to 18-inch slot length limit and five-fish daily bag limit for largemouth bass.

Which is of greater value; three more birds in the hand or 10 more days in the bush? Among this year's proposed changes to Texas migratory game bird hunting regulations, dove hunters are being asked to choose between more days to harvest birds or more birds to harvest per day.

Under framework approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Texas has the option of keeping the current 60-day mourning dove season and 15-bird daily bag limit or adopting a 70-day season and a 12-bird daily bag. Because neither combination affects the

life officials are looking to the hunters to help choose the format.

framework in any or all of Texas' when making its final decision on Bird Proclamation on May 31.

Regardless of the final options, officials propose that the mourning dove season retain the traditional September 1 opening date in the North and Central Zones and begin September 21, in the South Zone. If South Zone hunters prefer the longer season, the commission has proposed that the additional 10 days be added to the end of the winter season segment

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Wildlife officials also have the flexibility to implement either three dove hunting zones. The TPW Commission will consider public comment on the options the 2001-02 Migratory Game

(December 26—January 19).

on this proposed change can write to Hunting Information at TPW, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, 78744, or call (800) 792-1112, Menu 5, Selection 1, or (512) 389-4505, or on the Internet http://

"Feeding Families Patricia Hohensee

"Feeding Families For Less" is a nutrition education program to be held on Thursday, May 10, from 10-11 a.m. in the Winters Food Pantry. Patricia Hohensee, Runnels County Extension agent, will be teaching the class in a kitchen/classroom at the pantry.

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Conservation **News & Notes**

By Kay Mansell, District Technician

Deadline to order fish is May 7

Runnels Soil and Water Conservation District is holding their annual fish sale again this year.

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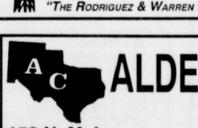
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only 10 minutes to convict Brian Hough, 35, of a charge of aggravated sexual assault of a child following a trial last week in 119th District Court.

Hough was accused of engaging in sexual intercourse with his 13-year-old stepdaughter beginning in February 1999, while they lived in Ballinger. The activity continued through February, 2000, while the family lived in Stamford. The defendant was also accused of taking sexually explicit photographs of himself and the victim and e-mailing those photographs to a friend in another

During the two-day trial, the victim in the case testified Hough began having sexual intercourse with her after her mother married the defendant and they moved to Ballinger. She further testified the sexual activity continued when they moved to Stamford.

A friend of the defendant testi-

with the defendant by e-mail and

A Runnels County jury took fied he regularly corresponded ford on a domestic violence 911 call and subsequently arrested



that Hough told him he was having sex with the victim. The friend also testified he received pictures by e-mail which showed the defendant and the victim engaging

Stamford police officers testified that in February 2000, they responded to a residence in Stam-

Hough. He later admitted in a written statement that he was having sex with the victim and that it had begun in Ballinger.

The defendant did not testify during the trial, but defense attorneys attempted to show the offense did not occur in Runnels County, only in Jones County.

Hough was tried and convicted in August 2000 in Jones County for a similar incident involving the same victim. That conviction resulted in a 40-year sentence which is currently on appeal.

Following the guilty verdict, the jury deliberated only eight minutes in the punishment phase before returning a sentence of life in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. The victim was allowed to address the court during the punishment phase.

Prosecuting attorneys filed a motion with 119th District Judge Ben Woodward that the Runnels County sentence be stacked on top of the 40-year sentence received in Jones County. No ruling has been made on that motion.

Prosecuting for the state in the case were Assistant District Attorneys Lynn Haltom and Mark Pantano. Defense attorneys were Tim Edwards and Gerald Ratliff, both of San Angelo.

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,

April 22, 2001, through Saturday, April 28, 2001. Winters Police Officers: received a report of a domestic disturbance in the 100 block of McAdoo Street. A 13-year-old Winters female alleged that a 36-year-old Winters male assaulted her by pulling her hair during an argument. After contacting witnesses, the officers felt a separation was the best course of action. The male could face charges for Class A

• observed and stopped a 1991 Isuzu car on S. Main Street for several traffic violations. An odor of alcohol was detected on the driver who was offered and passed several field sobriety tasks. The driver, Timothy Jordan of San Angelo, was cited for driving without a license and released into a licensed driver's custody. Mr. Jordan was of legal age for drinking alcohol.

 stopped a 1989 Buick car on State Street after observing the car make an abrupt stop on State Street nearly causing a collision with several other vehicles. An odor of alcohol was detected on the driver who was offered and subsequently failed several field sobriety tasks. The driver, Danny Oniel of Winters, was arrested for driving while intoxicated and taken to Runnels County Jail.

• received a report of an injured child at the city park. A 3-year-old child of Winters received minor injuries when she was struck by a stick thrown by a teenage male of Winters. Witnesses stated that several juvenile males and females began throwing rocks and sticks at each other when a stick missed its intended target and struck a 3year-old girl. This case is under investigation as injury to a child by reckless conduct. stopped a 1979 Oldsmobile car on Concho Street for several traffic violations.

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The driver was unable to provide officers with any identification and eventually admitted that he was currently in the United States illegally. Border Patrol was contacted and advised officers to arrest the male for illegal entry into the United States. Juan Hernandez was taken to Runnels County Jail to await deportation to Mexico by I.N.S. agents.

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

Winters Police Department—754-4121 Ballinger Police Department-365-3591 Sheriff's Department-365-2121

Official Records

County Court Dispositions

Santos Pena, telephone harassment, case dismissed, defendant convicted in another case Lauriel Delacruz, making alcohol avail-

able to a minor, pleaded nolo contendre, sentenced to six months in county jail probated to one year, fined \$750, plus \$235.25 court costs, 30 hours community

Larry Wayne Herring, driving while license suspended, pleaded nolo contendre, fined \$350 plus \$210.25 court

Joe Luevano, Jr., assault (family violence), pleaded nolo contendre, sentenced to six months in county jail probated to one year, fined \$1,000, plus \$235.25 court costs and 80 hours community service

Anthony Moreno, possession of marijuana, pleaded nolo contendre, sentenced to six months in county jail probated to one year, fined \$500 plus \$235.25 court costs and 24 hours community service

Julie Elayne Richardson, possession of a controlled substance, pleaded guilty, sentenced to one year in county jail probated to two years, fined \$1,000, plus \$235.25 court costs and 100 hours com-

Criminal Cases Filed April 23

Patricio Luera, Jr., Lubbock, filed for driving while license suspended

Ronald Wade Cavanaugh, Winters, filed on two counts: driving while intoxicated, and driving while license suspended Fred Harold Poe, Winters, filed for driving while intoxicated (subsequent

Charles Ryan Burton, Winters, filed for driving while intoxicated

offense)

Oscar Ricardo Sanchez, Ballinger, filed for driving while license suspended Christopher Elliott Fetzner, Miles, filed on two counts of criminal trespass

Rex Alan McCormick, Ballinger, filed for driving while intoxicated

Jose Refugio Nieto, Odessa, filed for driving while license suspended Leroy Wilbert Schumann, Rowena,

Manuel Rosales Delarosa, Ballinger,

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filed for driving while intoxicated Quinton Dawson McCleery, San Angelo, filed for assault on a family mem-

April 24 Casey Gordon Briley, Winters, filed

Victor C. Santoya, Winters, filed for driving while intoxicated April 25

Johnny Levon Sanchez, Abilene, filed on three counts: driving while intoxicated, driving while license suspended, and for possession of a prohibited weapon Darlene Marcia Ortiz, Winters, filed on two counts: driving while intoxicated and for possession of marijuana

Civil Cases Filed April 20

Jesus Ortiz, Jr., vs. Ezequiel Martinez and Catarina Martinez, suit for damages April 26

Natalin Marie Watson vs. Wallace Samuel Watson, Jr., application for protective order

> **District Court** Divorce Cases Filed April 20

Michelle Reyna vs. Ramiro Reyna April 23 Norma Q. Armendariz vs. Maurilio E.

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April 26 Rhonda Gail Jonas vs. John Floyd Jonas

> Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 Felony Cases Filed April 23

Eraclio Miranda Rogers, filed for burglary of a habitation

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Financial Focus by Jim Woodruff

Where's Your Life Preserver? (Continued)

The captain was sailing too fast. As technology stock prices moved higher and higher, investors became drunk with their own sucingly larger portions of their portfolios in technology stocks. One strategist recommended a 75% weighting in technology! The IPO market was hot. It seemed as if everything was going up. Easy money. Investing in technology began to resemble a form of entertainment. Even after striking the

Too large to maneuver.

iceberg, passengers ordered an-

other brandy as the band played

The word Titanic itself means "of enormous size, strength or achievement." Large industry leaders such as Cisco Systems, Oracle, Nortel Networks, Sun Microsystems and EMC were the "gotta own" stocks that began to trade at unheard-of prices relative to any traditional measure of value. In January, one market commentator said, "The worst mistake an investor could make in the new world order would be to shun all the right companies with the right people and the right vision because the stock is too high." (1) While many of the large tech stocks have held up better than the dot.coms, investors soon learned that size offered little protection when the market turned south.

Too many passengers, too few lifeboats.

When everyone headed for the exits at once, panic ensued. Too cess. They began to take more many sellers, not enough buyers. and more risks, investing increas- The "unsinkable" Nasdag endured its steepest slide on record. To put the loss in perspective, the Nasdaq Composite has lost \$3.73 trillion in market value since its peak on March 10, 2000. Together with the \$1.1 trillion of value lost in New York Stock Exchange stocks, the total value lost is equal to 48%, or nearly half of America's total economic output in the accounting year that ended September 30, 2000!(2)

Grab on to those life preservers!

Investing is easy in a bull market. The value of professional advice is largely ignored when everything is going up. But the collapse of the Nasdaq has served as a sober wake-up call to those who ignored traditional rules of investing that have stood the test of time.

So, what now? Here are some "life preservers" that investors can use to help them stay afloat in the market's icy waters:

Diversify.

Successful investors recognize that "lookouts" are inherently unreliable. That's why they take great care to diversify across a broad number of investments. Bonds, money market accounts

and certificates of deposit can cushion the blow when the Nasdaq falters. Stock investors should take great care to diversify across a broad number of industries and companies. Diversification cannot eliminate mistakes, but it can help minimize their impact on the overall portfolio.

Upgrade the quality of your investments.

Investors who continue to sail too fast may reach their destinations in record time, or they may run into another iceberg. Keep in mind that, mathematically, a dot.com stock that has fallen 50% in value must rise 100% just to break even. The same is true for any investment. Too many times, investors hold onto speculative investments with a questionable future rather than writing them off their taxes and moving on. Experience can be a great teacher if you learn from your mistakes.

Avoid paying too much for growth.

The much maligned price-toearnings ratio continues to serve as a fair measure of investor enthusiasm for a stock. High P/E stocks are expected to grow rapidly but can fall abruptly if results fall short of expectations. Established companies with P/Es of 100 or more rarely turn out to be good investments, because expectations for growth have been set too high. High-quality stocks that are considered a fair value usually offer P/Es less than two times expected long-term growth in earnings per share. Investors with too many high P/E stocks in their portfolios should cut back. Practice patience and discipline.

Successful investors have both qualities. They are realistic optimists. Pessimists never invest. Optimists who wear rose-colored glasses never think about managing risk. Hope for the best-but prepare for the worst. A realistic optimist takes a cruise, but not on a ship that is short on lifeboats. Realistic optimists invest the majority of their funds in high-quality stocks. They invest for the long term. They recognize that setbacks in the stock market have always been temporary. They don't let emotions such as fear and greed drive their decisions.

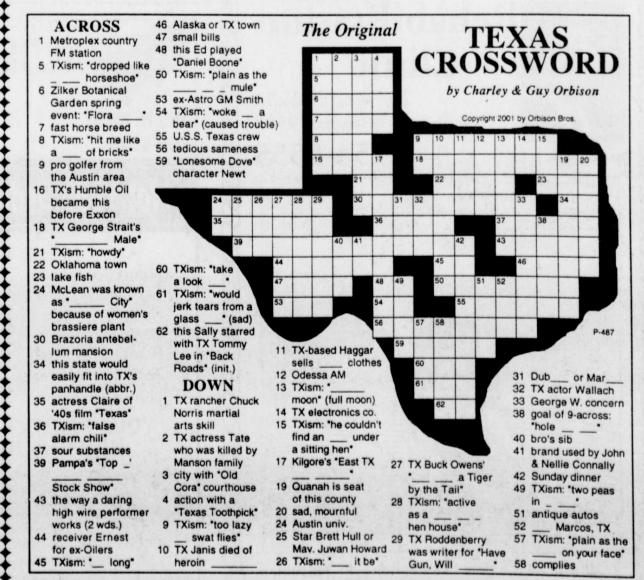
Investors who own high-quality investments that are well-diversified should stay the course. Investors with money available should take advantage of the weakness in the stock market to add good-quality investments to their portfolios.

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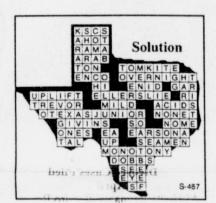
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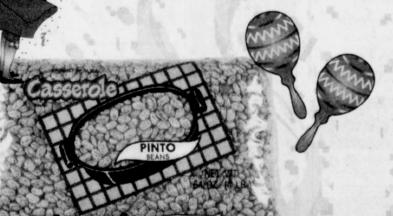


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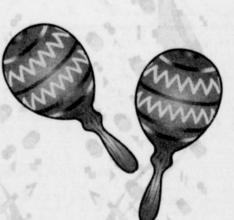
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