

# The Winters Enterprise

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## NEWS at a glance

**Pearls of Wisdom—**  
Children have never been very good at listening to their elders, but they have never failed to imitate them.

**Happy St. Patrick's Day**

Sunday, March 17, 2002

### Just My Opinion—

Editor Jean Boles pays tribute to our local firefighters following the blaze at the Medina home two weeks ago.

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### Band raises nearly \$450 for Medinas

The Winters High School band raised nearly \$450 for the Oscar Medina family following their house fire two weeks ago. All the Medina children have been members of the WHS band.

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### Runnels SWCD poster winners

Runnels County Soil & Water Conservation District winners have been named from Winters Elementary. The first and second place overall winners in the county came from Winters.

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## Hamilton and Bredemeyer in JP runoff

With unofficial final tallies of the Democratic primary reported late Tuesday night, incumbent Bill Bredemeyer and challenger Richard Hamilton will meet again in a runoff election, while other incumbents won their bids.

Vying for Justice of the

Peace Precinct 2, Bredemeyer garnered 175 votes (34%) to Hamilton's 217 (42%). Third candidate, Rick Dry, received 125 votes.

In other contested races, incumbent County Judge Marilyn Egan won with 1,370 votes (75%). Challenger Michael

Murchison received 394 votes. Incumbent Ricky Strube received 559 votes (82%) over opponent Herbie Dankworth's 124 votes in the race for County Commissioner Precinct 4.

Incumbent County Commissioner Precinct 2 Keith Collom ran unopposed and received

218 votes.

Other incumbents winning in the primary are Loretta Michalewicz, District Clerk, with 1,370 votes; Elesia Ocker, County Clerk, with 1,349 votes; and Margarette Smith, County Treasurer, with 1,280 votes.

Of the total registered vot-

ers in Runnels County, 1,650 citizens cast votes in the Democratic Primary, while 136 voted in the Republican Primary on March 12.

In the Governor's race, in the Runnels County Democratic Primary, Dan Morales

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POSTAL EMPLOYEE DEBBIE BALLARD (left) prepares another commemorative stamp cancellation for Faye Killough (right) on the 111th anniversary of the Winters Post Office on March 7, 2002. Margrit Frock (center) designed the stamp which features her drawing of the old General Mercantile Station which was located on the southwest corner of Main and Dale Streets and home of the first post office in Winters.

## Winters Post Office celebrates 111 years

On March 7, 2002, patrons of the Winters post office were able to buy a memorial cancellation stamp to commemorate the 111th anniversary of when the first post office opened in Winters on March 7, 1891.

According to Charlise Poe's book, *Runnels Is My County*, the first post office was located in a corner of the General Mercantile Store at the intersection of Dale and Main streets.

The special cancellation stamp was designed by Margrit Frock, wife of current Winters Postmaster John Frock. Mrs. Frock used an old photograph of the Mercantile building at the turn of the century. The photo, which is on display at the Z. I. Hale Museum, shows the building which also reads "Hardware and Farming Implements."

The first post office was a seven by ten-foot enclosure, boxed waist-high, and built by Frederick Platte with the help

of H. J. Butts. Entrance was through a gate on the west side and mail was handed out through a small window facing north.

Before the establishment of the post office people had to make trips by buggy or wagon to the courthouse at Runnels City for their mail.

In January of 1891, Land Cade started to carry the mail from Ballinger to Abilene in a two-horse hack. Horses were changed at Winters and Guion, with Mr. Cade making the return trip in the afternoon.

Mrs. Poe writes that people in Winters thought they "were really up-to-date" with two deliveries of mail a day.

Mr. Platte served as postmaster until September 17, 1891. At that time he sold the store to McDonald Townsend, who served as the next postmaster until February 24, 1899, when he had to sell the store to pay his debts.

Townsend sold the store to Robert L. Hulsey, who was postmaster until February 20, 1901, when the post office was moved across the street just north of the old Winters State Bank building at the corner of Main and West Dale. Thomas W. Murray became postmaster and served nine years.

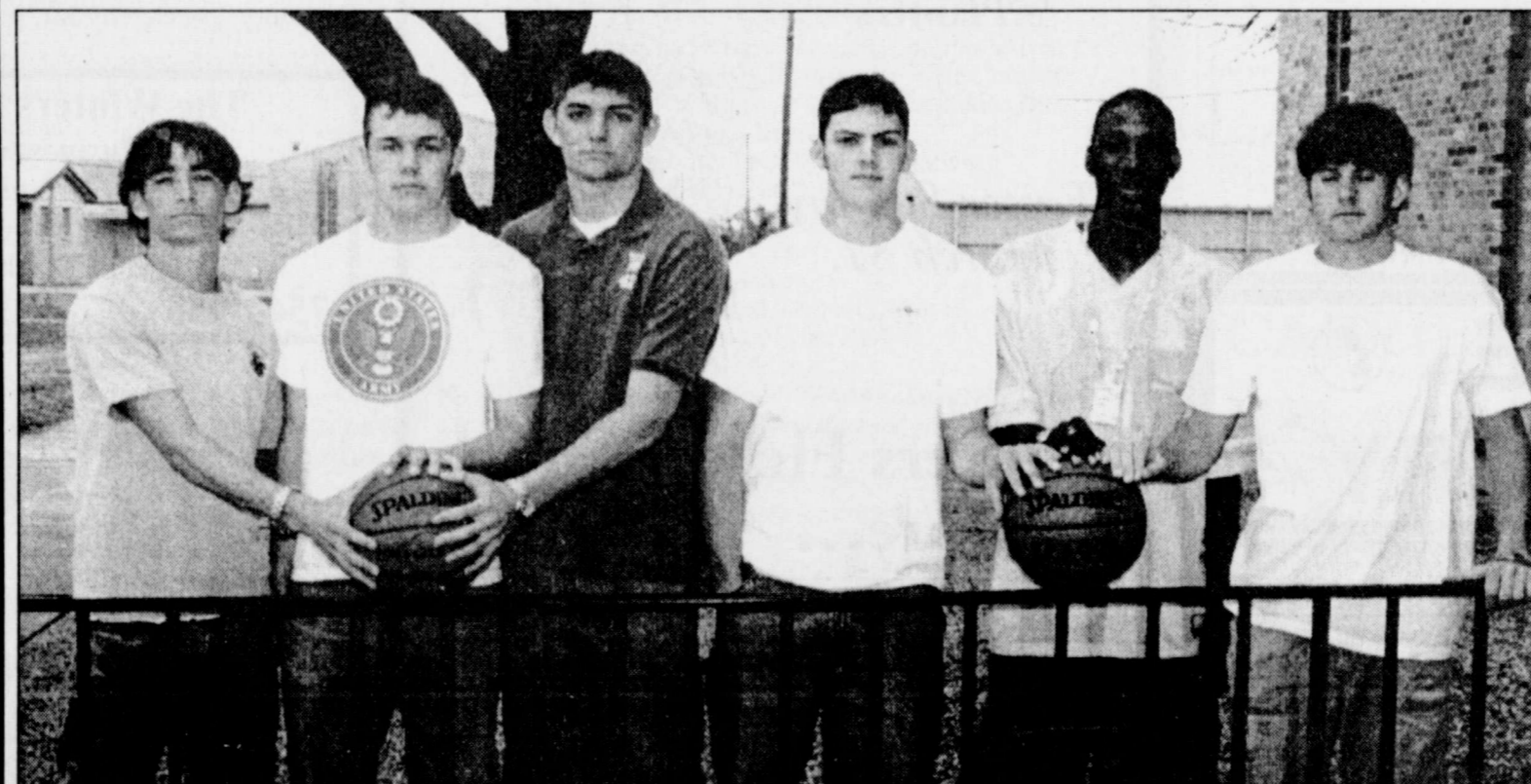
The post office was moved again in 1926 to the corner of Church and Dale Streets, and twelve years later to 123 S. Main. The facility was moved again to 126 State where it remained until 2000, when the current facility in the 200 block of South Main was built and opened.

Postmaster of Winters have included the following:

- Frederick Platte 1891
- McDonald Townsend 1891
- Robert L. Hulsey 1899
- Thomas W. Murray 1901
- Thomas B. Dillingham 1910
- W. F. Flynt 1913
- Benjamin F. Huntsman 1922
- T. D. Copeland 1931
- H. O. Jones 1935

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## 9-2A All District Basketball Selections



VARSITY BLIZZARDS RECEIVING HONORS include (l-r) Brian Pritchard, junior point guard, Honorable Mention; Shane Colburn, junior forward, Second Team All-District; Rusty Jackson, junior post, First Team All-District; Wade Parramore, senior forward, Honorable Mention; Yul Gibbs, junior forward and post, Second Team All-District; and Jeremy Hope, senior guard, Honorable Mention.

## Burn ban in effect

During their regular meeting March 11, Runnels County Commissioners banned outdoor burning, effective immediately.

Citing dry conditions in the County and a request from fire departments, the Commissioners unanimously agreed to the burn ban.

Robin Burgess, Runnels County Tax Assessor-Collector, requested the County lease or buy a new computer for the County office. Burgess stated, "We are at 84% capacity and there is no room for growth or new information. Also there no longer is maintenance available on our current computer."

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BENJIE VALLES runs hard to take the first place win in the 200 M dash for the junior varsity Blizzards. Valles had a time of 25.67 while the Bangs runner was timed at 25.72. The JV Blizzards won the junior varsity division with 127 points. Complete results on page 4.

## One Act Play cast to perform for community on Monday night

Compete at District Thursday in Brownwood

Winters High School's One Act Play cast will present their UIL performance for the public on Monday, March 18. The play will begin at 7 p.m. in the WHS Auditorium.

The group will perform at District UIL competition at Brownwood High School on Thursday, March 21. Performances begin at 1 p.m. with Winters scheduled to be the fifth school to perform.

This year's group has chosen the comedy "The Tale That Wagged the Dog," by Tim Kelly. The play is set in Boston in 1872 in a hotel suite. Rudolph, the valet to Johann

Strauss, schemes to make a little money selling the dog's hair and passing it off as the maestro's own hair to the women of Boston. Trudi, his pious wife, tries to correct his wayward plans.

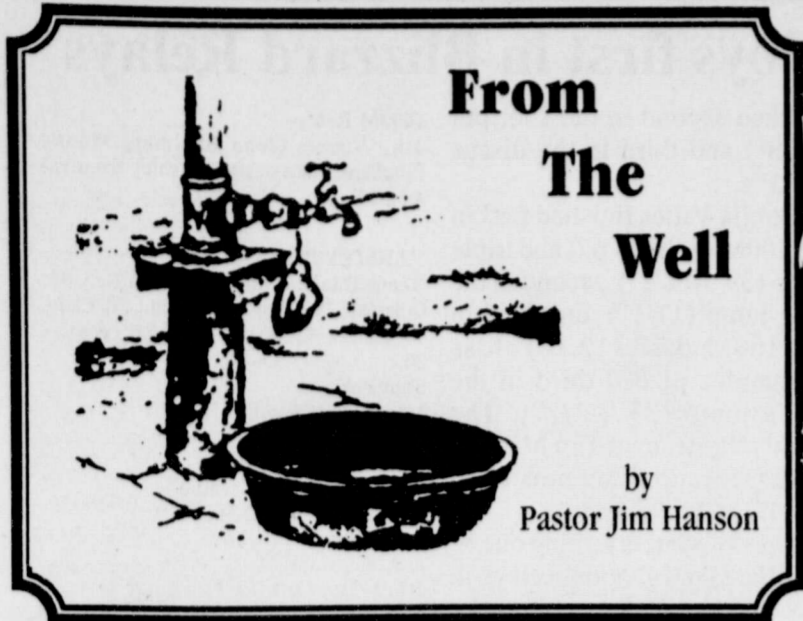
The cast includes Brian Pritchard as Rudolph, Mandy Pritchard as Trudi, Jena Bahlman as Arabella, Ally Calcote as Charity, and Kari Walker as Prudence.

Other cast and crew members include Jared Airhart, Gessica Bear, Shane Colburn, Guy Slimp, and Laci Walker.

The group is under the direction of Kayleen Bergman.



# Community



## From The Well

by Pastor Jim Hanson



Pastor Jim Hanson

It's just two weeks and a few days until Easter. Lent is almost over. And even if I preached on Wednesday nights, it didn't seem like Lent. Lent used to be a big deal for many of the churches in the world. It was a season in which

people "gave up something for the sake of feeling closer to Jesus Christ, especially paying attention to His last days on earth... His sufferings and death." It was the 40 weekdays before Easter (Sundays are always a celebration of the Resurrection). It commemorated the 40 days that Jesus spent in the wilderness, where He fasted and was tempted by Satan. For that reason, some folks "gave up something for Lent," in order to experience less dependence on food or some creature comfort. And to become more dependent on God.

For some it was a time for fasting, and some folks fasted one day a week. Or some gave up meat on Fridays. Some gave up "sweets." Or beer. Or smoking. Not all made it for the 40 days. But it was not a bad practice. And some people were helped by their Lenten discipline. Many churches had "Midweek Lenten Services," a giving up of time on Wednesday nights. They were more somber and reflective... often more like a funeral service. The songs that were sung were "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord," "Beneath the Cross of Jesus," "The Old Rugged Cross," and others with the same theme. I loved it, even as a child. It was a special time, a time to get back to the foundation of the faith, the sacrifice of our Lord for the sins of the world. And, specifically, our sins. And why not, since God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, it seemed appropriate for us to give up something in return. And, above all it was a time of repentance.

But as our culture changed, and our values changed, and our schedules changed, and our focus changed from what He did for us to what we can do without Him... our observance changed. Some folks in the churches I served said, "Lent depresses me." Folks in other churches quit fasting, and started eating meat on Friday. And now, there is currently, at this very time, a movie introduced and showing at theaters everywhere. It's title is "40 Days and 40 Nights." It makes a mockery of Lent and of the church. It's about a young, single man who has taken a vow of abstinence from sex for Lent. This would be a real test for him, because he had such a need for it. But along comes this beautiful woman. And he is "tested." I haven't seen the movie and have no intention to see it. But it shows how the culture in which we live profanes the practice of Lent and makes a mockery of it.

What should a person give up, if one really wanted to observe Lent? What would be a good thing to do? Well, in a book entitled "A Closer Walk," written by Catherine Marshall, are these words: "One morning last week, God gave me an assignment for one day. I was to go on a "fast" from criticism. I was not to criticize anybody or anything.

"For the first half of the day, I simply felt a void, almost as if I'd been wiped out as a person. This was especially true at lunch. I listened to the others and kept silent. In our talkative family, nobody seemed to notice. Bemused, I noted that the Federal Government, the judicial system, and the institutional church could apparently get along just fine without my penetrating observations. But still I didn't see what this 'fast from criticism' was accomplishing until mid-afternoon.

"In the afternoon, God gave me a new vision for my life. And it had His unmistakable handmark on it. JOY! Ideas began to come to me in a way I hadn't experienced in years. Now it was apparent what the Lord wanted me to see. My critical nature had not solved a single one of the multitudinous things I had found fault with. What I had done was to stifle my ability to create."

Lent in action. Getting closer to God. Depending on him. Receiving the gift of His guidance. Giving up ourselves. Listening to Him. Doing what He asks. And receiving a whole new life.

The Psalmist says, "Take control of what I say, O Lord." (NLT) Solomon says, "Words kill, words give life... you choose." (Prov. 18:21 TM) And, for this Lent, and for the rest of my life, "Take the kill words out of my life, dear Lord, and put in the words that give life. Amen." For only in a climate of faith and acceptance can risks be taken, progress be made, and dreams be fulfilled. If God did it for her, He can do it for me. And you.



STEPHEN CUEVAS (left), representing the WHS Blizzard Band, presents a check for \$530 to Oscar and Lynn Medina, and daughter Jessica with her 4-month old son Ethan. The Medina family lost their home and all their possessions in a fire on February 26. All three of Oscar and Lynn's children have been members of the Blizzard Band. Tim, a WHS junior, is currently a percussionist in the band which held a recent fundraiser to benefit the Medina family.

## Blizzard Band raises funds for Medinas

The Blizzard Band held a fund-raiser for the Oscar Medina family who recently lost their home to fire.

For one week, band students sold \$1.00 chances for a \$100 prize. Students raised \$530.

The \$100 prize was won by Jacob Young of Winters. The cash was presented to the Medinas by Stephen Cuevas who was the top salesman for the band.

All of the Medina children have been members of the Blizzard band. Tim is presently a member of the percussion division where he has been active for the last 7 years.

## Pioneer Church of God to hold revival services March 17-22

The Pioneer Church of God, located at 1017 N. Cryer (across from the Community Center), will be in revival Sunday, March 17 through Friday, March 22.

Reverend F. M. Small of Weatherford will bring the message each night. Services will begin at 7:00 p.m. each evening.

## Sweetwater Sweetheart—



Leona Voss, a former Winters resident, was elected Valentine Queen of the Sweetwater Health Care Center on February 14, 2002. She moved to Sweetwater in 1998 and became a resident of SHCC in November, 2001. She is the sister of Glenn and Calvin Hoppe of Winters and Wilkins Hoppe of Ballinger. Leona has one daughter and son-in-law, Eugenia and Ronald Hill of Sweetwater, two granddaughters and their husbands and four great-grandchildren, all of Snyder.

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**Tuesday, March 19:** Roast & gravy, potatoes & carrots, peas, hot rolls, brownies.

**Wednesday, March 20:** Tator Tot Casserole, corn, tossed salad, bread, cake.

**Thursday, March 21:** Chicken & dumplings, grilled cheese, pears & cottage cheese, crackers, cookies.

**Friday, March 22:** Mexican cornbread, pinto beans, cole slaw, crackers, dessert.

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

- Mar. 14-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- Mar. 15-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center  
7:30 p.m., Cowboys for Christ, Drasco
- Mar. 16-10 a.m.-1 p.m., Final Soccer Sign-Up, Lawrence Bros. IGA  
5-7:30 p.m., Norton Lions Pancake & Sausage Supper,  
Norton Community Center
- Mar. 17-7 p.m., Pioneer Church of God Revival
- Mar. 18-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center  
6-7 p.m., Final Baseball Registration, WHS Cafeteria  
6:30 p.m., School Board, WISD Administration Bldg.  
7 p.m., Band Boosters, Band Hall  
7 p.m., UIL One Act Play, WHS Auditorium  
7 p.m., Pioneer Church of God Revival
- Mar. 19-11:30 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  
7 p.m., Pioneer Church of God Revival  
7:30 p.m., Eastern Star
- Mar. 20-7 a.m., Industrial Board, Windmill Enterprise Office  
9 a.m.-4 p.m., WIC, Winters Housing Authority  
10 a.m.-1:30 p.m., CHIP Rep at Ballinger Memorial Hospital  
11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center  
4 p.m., Deadline for Filing for School Board Position  
5 p.m., Deadline for Filing for City Council Position  
7 p.m., Pioneer Church of God Revival  
7:15 p.m., Baptist Association Evangelism Rally,  
First Baptist Church, Bronte
- Mar. 21-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center  
3 p.m., Senior Citizens Nursing Home Birthday Party  
7-9 p.m., School Board Candidate Workshop, San Angelo  
7 p.m., Pioneer Church of God Revival  
Women's Service League  
One Act Play District Contest, Brownwood

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**THE LADY BLIZZARD SOFTBALL TEAM** took third place team honors recently at the Sweetwater Tournament. The young squad has begun district play and will host Cisco tomorrow afternoon at 4:30 p.m. at Ted Meyer Park. The Lady Blizzards are: (front, l-r) Toni Retana, Rachel Davis, Raquel Retana, Jekka Barron, Tina Perrie, Gessica Bear, Ashley Santoya, Kathryn Hatler, Briana Parramore, and Kinsey Airhart, (back) Coach Ed Poehls, Kelly Bearden, Grace Martinez, Marci Paschal, Amber Green, Monica Hagle, Tacarra Belk, and Coach Shanna Roberts.

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**KELLYN AIRHART** eyes her target before she puts the shot for the 7th grade Lady Breezes.

## Final registration— Youth baseball/ softball sign-up Monday night

Winters Community Baseball will hold their second and final summer baseball and softball registration on Monday, March 18, 2002. Sign-up will take place in the WISD cafeteria from 6 to 7 p.m.

Parents should come equipped with birth certificates and social security numbers for each child. A copier will be available to make copies of these documents.

Cost will be \$35 for one child and \$60 for families with two or more children registering. Teams will be available for students in Pre-kindergarten through high school as long as enough interest is shown for a particular age division.

This will be the final registration before league play begins. All parents are encouraged to sign their children up for summer baseball or softball at this meeting.

## Softball Scoreboard

Team: Lady Blizzards				Team: JV Lady Blizzards			
Coach: Edward Poehls; Shanna Roberts				Coach: Edward Poehls; Shanna Roberts			
Date & place of game: Mar. 5-Bangs				Date & place of game: Mar. 5-Bangs			
Opponent: Bangs				Opponent: Bangs JV			
Winning pitcher: Amber Green				Winning pitcher: Raquel Retana/Monica Martinez			
Losing pitcher:				Losing pitcher:			
Winning catcher: Rachel Davis				Winning catcher: Jennifer Hagle/Jessica Pritchard			
Losing catcher:				Losing catcher:			
Key plays: Kelly Bearden led off the 6th inning with a double and scored on a base hit by Ashley Santoya to tie the game at one all. In the 7th inning, Tacarra Belk led off with a walk. Grace Martinez bunted Tacarra to 2nd. Rachel Davis moved her to 3rd with a base hit and Tacarra scored the winning run on a wild pitch.				Key plays: Raquel Retana and Monica Martinez combined to strike out six batters. Hitting and scoring for us were Tina Perrie, Kinsey Airhart, Elizabeth Martinez, Jessica Pritchard, and Della LaBelle.			
Runs		Hits		Runs		Hits	
WINTERS 2		6		WINTERS 5		5	
OPPONENT 1		0		OPPONENT 4		1	
		Errors 3				Errors 2	

Coach's comments: This was a well played game except for the three errors—but we didn't get our heads down and were able to win. Amber Green, in her first district ballgame ever, threw a no hit game, striking out 8 batters. She only faced 25 batters in 7 innings. Gessica Bear and Tacarra Belk were great on defense. Rachel Davis did a fine job behind the plate. Good job Lady Blizzards! 7-2 overall; 1-0 district.

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## Final sign-up for youth soccer

Runnels County Soccer Association's final sign-up for the Winters area is Saturday, March 16, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Lawrence Bros. IGA Grocery.

Fees are \$18 for the first child and \$10 for each additional child per family. Due to interest, children under age 14

are encouraged to register. The short season tentatively begins April 6.

Help is needed Saturday, March 16, beginning at 9 a.m. at the Ballinger Sports Complex to set the fields.

For more information, call 754-5725 after 5 p.m.

## CHIP insurance rep at Ballinger Hospital on Wed., March 20

A TEXCARE representative will be at Ballinger Memorial Hospital on Wednesday, March 20, from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. to accept applications for the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

This affordable health insurance program was created by the Texas legislature to provide low-cost health insurance for uninsured children in Texas. Most families will not pay more than \$18.00 a month to insure their children.

The insurance will cover regular check-ups, shots, eye exams and glasses, prescription drugs, special care, dental care, x-rays, lab tests, and hospital care and services.

Please bring proof of income and child care expenses in order to complete the application.

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**BLIZZARD ACTIVITIES** March 14-21, 2002

Thursday, March 14 Spring Break, WISD	4PM, JV Baseball vs. Cisco, Here*
Friday, March 15 Spring Break, WISD	7PM, One Act Play, WHS Auditorium
4PM, Varsity Baseball vs. Cisco, Here*	Tuesday, March 19
4:30PM, Varsity Softball vs. Cisco, Here*	4PM, Varsity Baseball @ Coleman*
Saturday, March 16 Varsity Girls' Track @ Bronco Relays in Sonora	4:30PM, Varsity Softball @ Coleman*
9:30AM, Field Events; 11:30AM, Running Prelims; Running Finals 1 1/2 hours after last prelim.	TBA, Tennis @ Ballinger
Monday, March 18 Varsity Boys & Girls District Golf, Match #1 @ Maxwell in Abilene	Thursday, March 21
	TBA, JH Track Meet @ Cross Plains
	TBA, JV Baseball @ Sweetwater Tournament
	1PM, UIL District One Act Play Competition in Brownwood (WHS is 5th performance.)

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We're so lucky to have friends like you, and we hope you know we appreciate all you do.

A special thanks to the fire department for your hard work and dedication in putting that fire out. Also thanks to the wonderful community of "Winters" for without you we wouldn't be where we are now.

Thank you from the Medinas.

Oscar, Lynn, Jessica, Andrew, Timothy, Joseph & Ethan

### Card of Thanks

To all the 5th & 6th Grade Choir Parents:

We would like to thank each one of you for our beautiful weather vanes and candles. We both loved them, and we want you all to know we had a really great time with choir this year.

Your kids did a wonderful job!

Sincere Thanks,  
Sherry Kurtz  
Fran Kidwell

### Card of Thanks

We wish to thank everyone for their prayers during Pete's recent illness. He is home and recovering well. It was very serious, but God has once again shown us his kindness and mercy by healing him.

God Bless the people of Winters.

Pete & Barbara Gray

### Norton Lions Pancake and Sausage Supper is March 16

The Norton Lions Club will host its annual Pancake & Sausage Supper on Saturday, March 16, from 5:00-7:30 p.m. at the Norton Community Center.

Price is \$4 per person for all you can eat. Carryouts are available.

Proceeds will be used for upkeep of the Norton Community Center.



John Patrick Callahan Jr. & Robyn Renee Parramore

## Parramore, Callahan announce engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee Parramore of Winters and Mr. and Mrs. John Patrick Callahan of San Angelo are pleased to announce the engagement of their children, Robyn Renee Parramore and John Patrick Callahan Jr.

Robyn is a 1997 graduate of Winters High School and a 2001 graduate of Angelo State University. She is currently employed with Carrollton-Farmers Branch I.S.D. at Dale B. Davis Elementary School in Carrollton.

John is a 1997 graduate of San Angelo Central High School and a 2001 graduate of Angelo State University. He is currently employed as a sales merchandiser with Ben E. Keith Beers in Dallas.

A June 29, 2002, wedding is planned at First Christian Church in San Angelo.

## Killam & Dierschke plan May wedding

Steve and Martha Killam of Veribest are pleased to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Jessica J. Killam, to Grant S. Dierschke, son of Marvin and Janis Dierschke of Wall and Camelita Schwertner Dierschke of Big Spring.

The bride-elect is a 1995 graduate of Wall High School and attended the University of Texas at Arlington and Angelo State University in San Angelo. She is currently office manager at The Winters Enterprise.

The prospective bridegroom is a 1996 graduate of Wall High School and 2001 graduate of Angelo State University where he received a bachelor of business administration degree with a management information systems option. He is the owner of West Texas Communications in Winters.

The wedding will be May 11, 2002, at 5:30 in the afternoon at Wall Bretheran Church in Wall.

## Heather Henrichs, Paul Cannon married

Miss Heather Selie Henrichs and Mr. Paul Hilmon Cannon exchanged wedding vows Saturday, December 29, 2001, at 5:30 p.m. in St. Paul Lutheran Church of Rehburg at Burton, Texas. The Reverend John Wiley Fox, the bride's godfather, officiated the double ring, candlelight ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Reverend Larry and Helen Henrichs of Burton, formerly of Clifton, and the granddaughter of Rosalie Simpson and the late Robert Charles Simpson of Winters and the late Marvin and Selma Henrichs of Clifton.

The groom is the son of Don and Diana Cannon of Temple and the grandson of Millard and Grace Cannon of Rogers and Mary Lambright and the late Odus Lambright of Temple.

Sanctuary decorations included a Christmas tree with white and gold chrismons; window decorations of Christmas greenery, gold ornaments, and white votive candles; and 75 red poinsettias loaned by members of the Rehburg congregation which served as altar flowers and chancel decorations. A banner of white satin and navy moire taffeta with the wording "...and the two shall become one. One in the Spirit. One in the Lord," hung beside the altar.

The bride, presented by her father, wore a strapless, floor length, princess cut, ivory satin gown with beading on the bodice and a skirt hem line. The detachable chapel length train was held with a small beaded bow. Her simple veil was ivory sparkle tulle. She carried a bouquet of twelve miniature white calla lilies with tree fern and dieffenbachia leaves, tied with ivory tulle.

The bride's honor attendants were her sister, Liesl Henrichs of Plano; Crystell Billman, friend of the bride, of Waco; and Jodi Cadle, friend of the bride, of Austin.

The bridal attendants were attired in floor length, sleeveless sheaths of navy blue matte satin with chiffon wraps. They carried bouquets of three miniature white calla lilies with tree fern and dieffenbachia leaves, tied with ivory tulle.

The flower girl was Emma Soles, niece of the groom, of Carrollton.

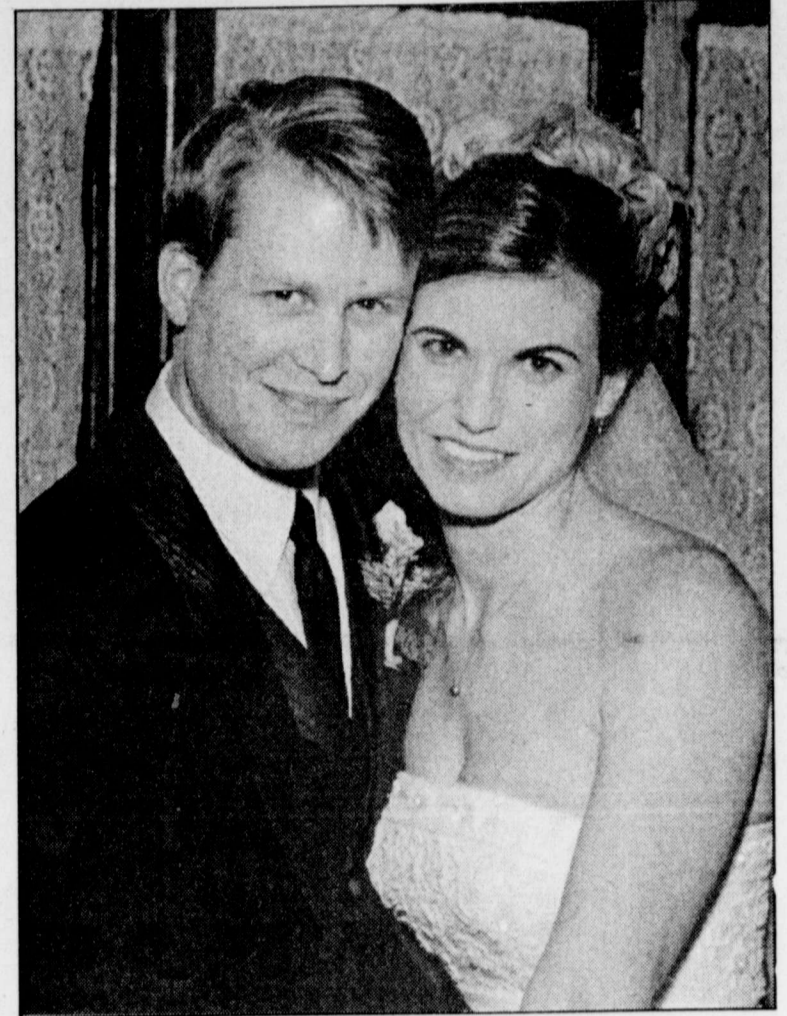
Serving as best man was Howard Koppel of Houston. Groomsman were James Seaman of Natchitoches, Louisiana, and Mike Mogford of Alvin, friends of the groom.

The ring bearers were Spencer Soles and Austin Soles, nephews of the groom, of Carrollton.

Ushers and candlelighters were Ty Henrichs, brother of the bride, of Burton; and Kyle Chenier, friend of the bride and groom.

A barbecue brisket and sausage dinner and dance reception was held at Erwin's Recreation Hall. Decorations included tiny Christmas lights and greenery accented by white tulle bows that encircled the dance floor. Tables held oil lamps, votive candles, and small, gold bells.

The bride's cake was a 3-tier vanilla cake with white icing. Tiers were separated with crystal wine glasses. The groom's chocolate cake had white icing



Mr. & Mrs. Paul Hilmon Cannon

and was decorated as the King and Queen of Hearts.

The rehearsal dinner was a fajita buffet hosted by the groom's parents at Design II in Brenham.

A lingerie shower was hosted by former coworkers at Tarleton University. A family-and-close-friends shower was hosted by bridesmaids. A congregational shower was hosted by St. Paul Rehburg members.

The bride is a 1993 graduate of Clifton High School. She received a bachelor of science in business administration in 1997 and a master's of business administration with an

emphasis in computer information systems in 1999, both from Tarleton State University. She is employed as a computer science instructor at Blinn College in Brenham.

The groom is a 1998 graduate of Temple High School. He received a bachelor of arts in philosophy from the University of Texas in 1992 and a juris doctorate from South Texas College of Law in 1995. He is employed as an attorney at Simmons and Fletcher in Houston.

The couple will enjoy a wedding trip to Europe in May. They reside in Houston.

## Senior Citizens Nursing Home News

by Billie Ruth Bishop, Activity Director

## March birthday party set Thursday, March 21

Four honorees to celebrate

We will have our monthly birthday party on Thursday, March 21, at 3:00 p.m. with the Literary and Service Club as hosts. The honorees are Ethel Hantsche, March 8; Milton Sherman, March 15; Josephine Luna, March 19; and Oscar

Ummelmann, March 30. Thanks to Nevelle and Dee for the bingo prizes.

Mrs. Virginia Marsh is a resident here now. She is in room 104 and would enjoy your visits and cards.

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- TXism: "\_\_\_ bien" (good)
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- TX Bonnie & Clyde specialties
- TXism: "high as a cat's \_\_\_" (expensive)
- TXism for "join" (3 wds.)
- that is (abbr.)
- reading light
- Cowboy, Maverick, Spur, Astro, Star, Rocket, or Ranger
- in Hill Co. on 81
- the business end of Indian weapon in early TX
- Burt takes elephant to TX in "Smokey & the Bandit"
- TXism: "too big \_\_\_" (arrogant)
- TX country singer Collin
- TXism: "eatin' \_\_\_" (silverware)
- TX O. Henry story: "Whiskey \_\_\_"
- native TX Indian tribe
- TXism: "hasta \_\_\_ vista" (see ya)
- horse docs
- actor Kurt of TX-filmed "Silkwood"
- majestic
- Concorde aircraft (abbr.)
- in '57 TX A.J. Foyt won at \_\_\_ Mans, France
- TXism: "worth his weight \_\_\_ leases" (valuable)
- gorge on historic XII Ranch: \_\_\_ de las Casas Amarillas\*
- oil driller (2 wds.)
- legal corp. (abbr.)
- DFW abbr.
- TXism: "smart as a burkhouse"

**DOWN**

- TX Perot's running mate in '92
- Stockdale
- state of TX-based Exxon Valdez spill
- TX Carolyn Jones "Adams Family" character
- TX Michael Johnson world record in 200-meter sprint
- TXism: "numerous as \_\_\_ in TX"
- TX Orbison ballad
- TXism: "they're a \_\_\_ a dozen"
- cowboy before the roundup was over
- captured TX soldier without the "O"
- a taste of iced tea
- seat of Kerr Co.
- Groveton's county
- hails up
- TXism: "\_\_\_ you sleep with dogs you'll wake up with Heas"
- TXism: "nothing \_\_\_ write home about"
- nickname for TX "Tighten Up" singer Bail
- TXism: "he could sell sheep to a cattleman"
- official TXn count
- TX Perot's 1st naval rank (abbr.)
- TX "petticoater" Meredith Mac \_\_\_
- TXism: "skinny as a lizard"
- TX Ginger Rogers mother
- TXism: "If I was \_\_\_ better I couldn't stand it"
- TXism: "\_\_\_ many irons in the fire"
- bawler
- TXism: "if it ain't true there \_\_\_ cow in Texas"

Solutions for this puzzle appear in this issue.

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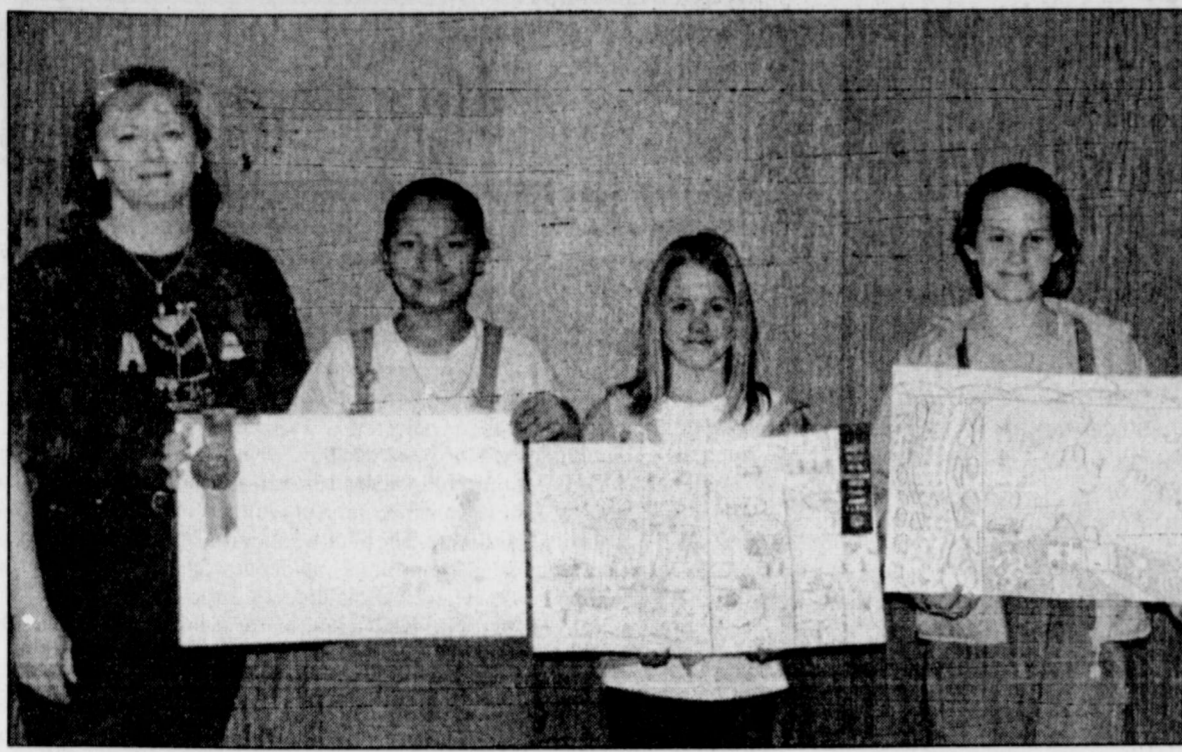
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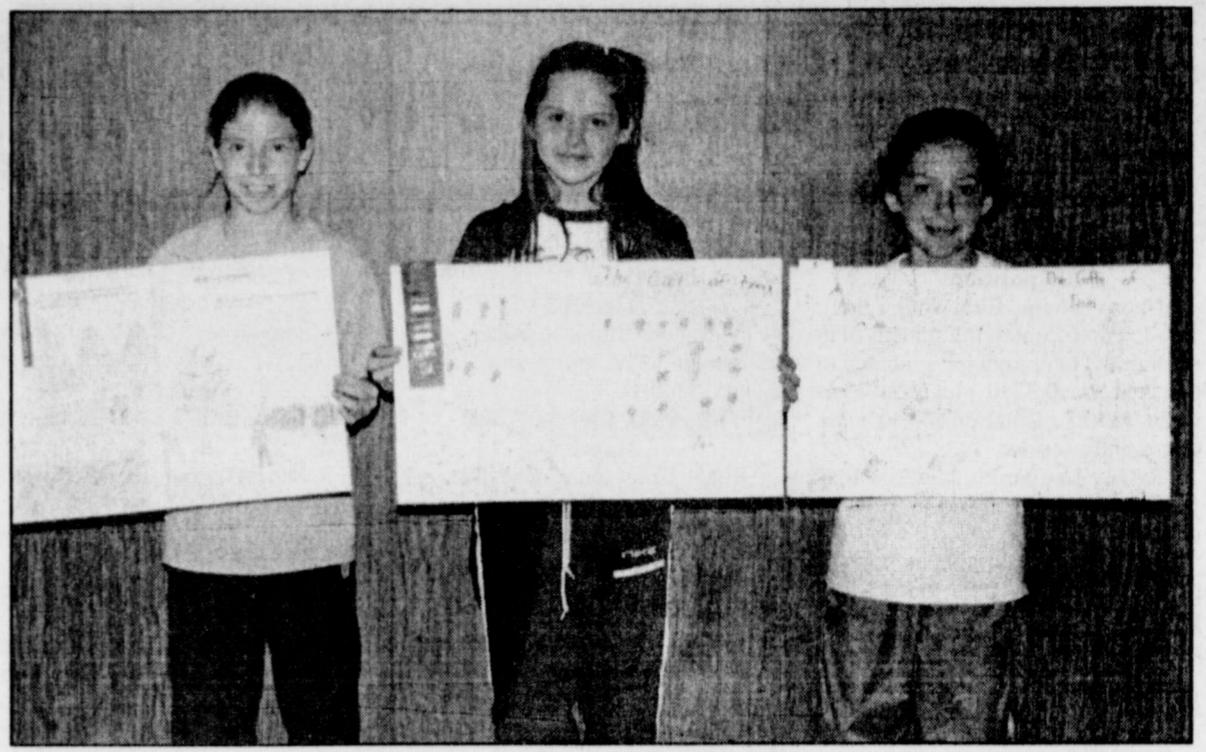
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# Outdoors



SIXTH GRADE WINNERS FROM WINTERS in the Runnels SWCD poster contest include (l-r) Landa Grohman, teacher; Lupe Landeros, first and first overall; Susan Sneed, second; and Kyli Knight, third.



FOURTH GRADE WINNERS FROM WINTERS in the Runnels SWCD poster contest were (l-r) Paige Sanders, first and second overall; Shelby Knight, second; and Chelsy Lipsey, third.

## Runnels Soil and Water Conservation District names poster contest winners

Each year, the Runnels Soil and Water Conservation District (Runnels SWCD) is proud to sponsor the Conservation Poster and Essay contest for area students.

The themes for the poster contest were "Habitat for Life" and "The Gift of Trees." In all, 217 conservation posters were

received from students in Ballinger, Winters, Olfen, and Miles school districts.

Ribbons were awarded for first, second, and third place in each grade level at each school district. Other deserving posters were given Honorable Mention ribbons. In addition, posters from each grade level

from all the schools were combined and judged to select the overall district winners.

Cash awards of \$25, \$15, and \$10 respectively were presented by the Runnels SWCD to the first, second, and third place overall district winners. Both the first and second overall winners in the county came

from Winters Elementary School.

The first place overall district winner, Lupe Landeros of Winters, will represent the Runnels SWCD at the Area Awards Banquet to be held in March. At the banquet, Lupe will receive an engraved plaque signifying her accom-

plishments in conservation education. This winning poster will be forwarded to compete in regional competition.

This year the Runnels SWCD honored the teacher of the student with the winning poster, Landa Grohman of Winters, with a \$20 gift certificate. Second overall was Paige

Sanders, the first place fourth grade winner at Winters Elementary.

The Runnels SWCD would like to thank the many administrators, teachers, and students who helped make this year's poster and essay contest educational and fun for all those who took part.

### POST OFFICE, continued

Laura Kitrell (assistant postmaster under Jones, in charge from 1947-1949)

- Rankin Pace 1949
- W. H. (Jiggs) Nichols 1968
- Ann McDorman 1981
- Gary Absher
- Jack Drye
- Dean Thompson 1988
- Gary Bear 1999
- John Frock 2001

The Stamp Cancellation Envelopes commemorating the 111th Anniversary are available at the Z. I. Hale Museum.

The Museum is open Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 1 to 5 p.m. The envelopes feature stamps of Buffalo Bill Cody and a buffalo with the special anniversary cancellation. Cost is \$1.00 per envelope.



## Hair & Feathers

by B.D. Davis, Biologist/Land Manager

### Coyotes: A definite problem in Runnels County

Most of us do not realize just how difficult it is to control coyote numbers. Several of our friends here in Runnels County raise sheep. These folks know firsthand what a problem predation by coyotes can be.

The Hopland Research Center in California published some interesting research results concerning coyotes in the 2001 November-December issue of the "California Agriculture." The following is a brief summary of that research.

Tests indicate that a coyote population could maintain itself indefinitely even though 70 percent of coyote numbers were controlled each year. Coyotes have the biological ability to compensate for human-caused mortality—they simply do it by raising more babies. Even if we humans controlled 75 percent of coyote numbers each year, it would take 50 years to eradicate

the coyotes.

Guard-type animals such as specialized breeds of dogs and llamas had limited value. Guard dogs, for example, often attack and kill deer fawns and wild turkeys.

Electric fences were effective in reducing both dog and coyote predation. However, fences are of questionable economic cost-effectiveness in open range-land environments.

Selective control of "alphas" (dominant coyotes) was found to reduce predation by up to 3 months. However, other surviving coyotes soon took up the alpha role. Coyotes with no previous sheep killing experience readily attacked and killed sheep. The stimuli for these attacks were associated more with flight behavior of sheep than the coyote being hungry. Chances are some-one's toy poodle would chase sheep. The poodle

could not do much about it if it caught one, but a coyote can.

Sheep being on the range year-round will eventually become prey for coyotes, according to Hopland research. Unlike domestic dogs, coyotes do not usually kill sheep for sport—they generally kill one sheep per day. Domestic dogs sometimes kill large numbers of sheep just for the fun of killing. Sheep producers that tried to make a go of it close to Winters, for example, eventually had to abandon the enterprise. Free ranging dogs from town took too high a toll.

Joe Chestnut, our Runnels County trapper, operates effectively enough to keep a lid on coyote numbers. He is very good at selectively trapping coyotes actively killing sheep. According to the above research, this gives our sheep producer friends a few months of peace.

If we lose our trapper, Run-

nels County might well lose our sheep industry. The lid would come off the coyote population bottle and numbers will surely escalate. Even if another trapper came in later, his job would be much more difficult. Knowledgeable people indicate it takes 2 to 3 years just to get to know the coyote habits in a county.

Each livestock producer, even though not raising sheep, should consider supporting and keeping our trapper. Coyote predation of white-tailed deer fawns, for one example, should be enough incentive to help fund the trapper. People who figure these kinds of things indicate each deer in Runnels County is worth \$2,000 to our economy.

**Quote for the week:** *I was surprised when I started getting old. I always thought it was one of those things that would happen to someone else.* —George Carlin

### TDA sets 2002 assessment rates and dates

The Texas Department of Agriculture has established the 2002 assessment rate, due date, and discount date for the Southern Rolling Plains Zone of the boll weevil eradication program.

The assessment for 2002 is 80 percent of the maximum assessment for the zone. The commissioner approved the reduction in the assessment based on the recommendation of the zone's grower steering committee and the foundation Board of Directors.

Like last year, all cotton acres planted in the zone are subject to the assessment.

Assessment notices will be mailed by August 12, and payment is due September 16. Growers who pay by September 1 are eligible to receive a 2% discount on their assessment.

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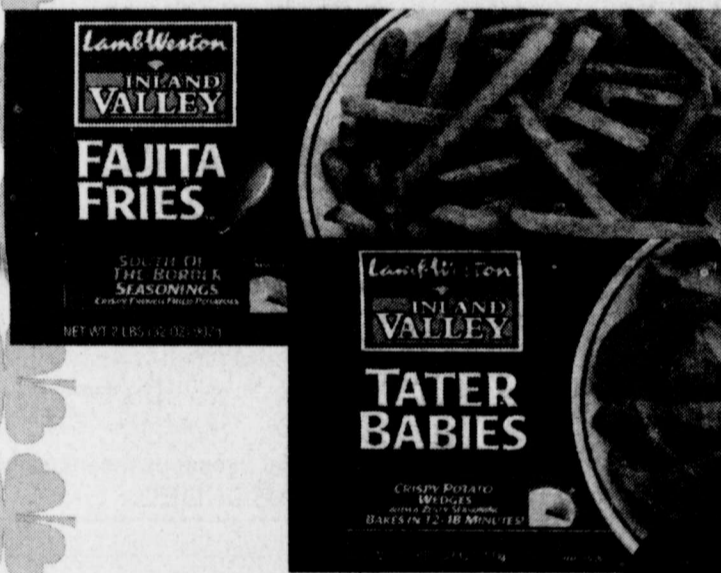
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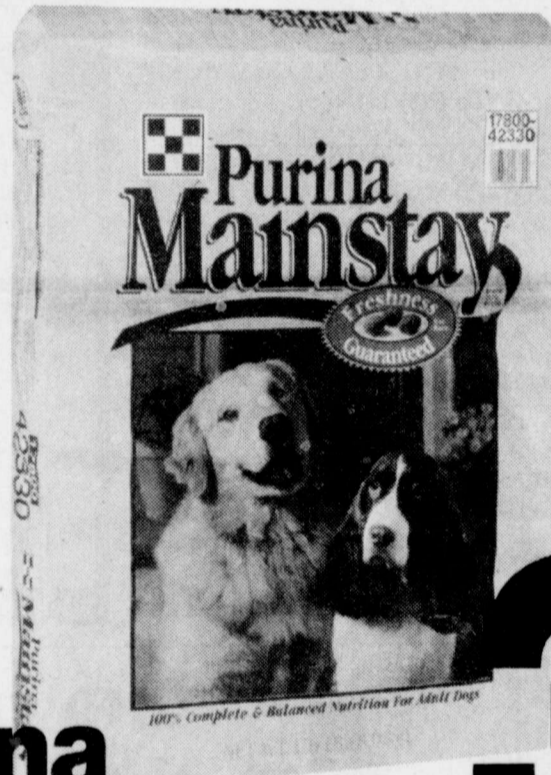


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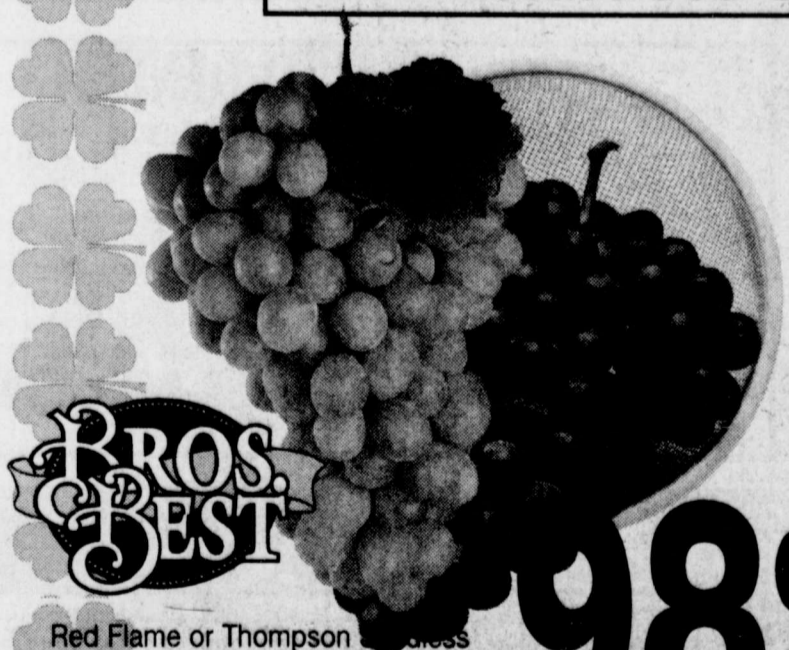


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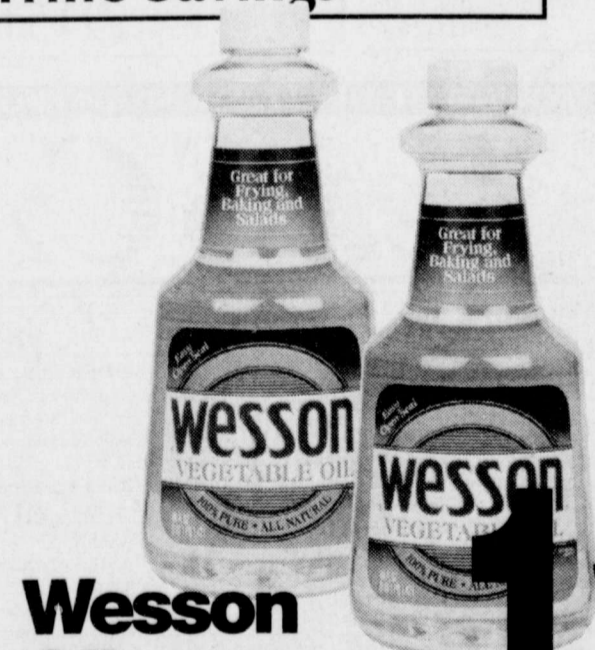
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