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Don't cry over things that were or things that aren't. Enjoy what you have now to the fullest.

—Barbara Bush

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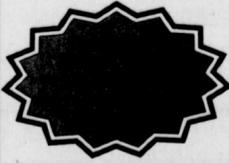
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SHARING SOME "BEAUTIFUL" IDEAS are (l-r) Patsy Rainwater-Maddux of the Texas Department of Transportation, Ouida Nichols and Betty John Byrns of Winters. Rainwater-Maddux is the Public Information Officer for TxDOT who presented a program to the Winters Beautification Committee and guests Saturday morning at the Rock Hotel. The next meeting of the Committee will be Saturday, October 4, at 9 a.m. at the Winters Public Library. (photo by Jean Boles)

Antique tractor pull October 4

Winters Junior Livestock Show Association, in cooperation with the Texas Antique Tractor Pullers Association, will have an antique tractor pull Saturday, October 4.

The Pull will take place at the Winters Rodeo Arena on County Road 206 just north of Winters.

All proceeds from the gate

and concessions will go directly to the Premium Sale at the Runnels County Junior Livestock Show to benefit all exhibitors of Runnels County.

The Pull will begin at noon, with the antique tractors pulling first. Off Road pullers are welcome and they will follow the tractor pulls. Kiddie pulls on pedal tractors will also be

held for young children.

The public is encouraged to attend and enjoy a day of family fun—at the same time, supporting the Runnels County Junior Livestock Show Premium Sale.

For more information, contact Johnny Pritchard at 754-5243 or Barron Guy at 754-5708.

WHO goes to school at Winters

Fourteen pair of 5-year-old eyes watched with wonder and delight as Heidi the Snow Owl brushed back the long feathers on her ears and prepared to teach.

Heidi is a puppet. But she was as real as could be to the kindergarten students in Mrs. Parramore's class at Winters Elementary School last week.

Heidi and several other puppets were at WISD to teach the WHO (We Help Ourselves)

anti-victimization safety program. The program is designed

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Linda Walker, Crime Victims Crisis Center

to make youngsters aware of dangerous situations and to give them tools, appropriate to their age levels, to deal with those

situations.

Linda Walker, Assistant Director of Crime Victim Crisis Center, was Heidi's partner for the day. Walker is also Education Director for CVCC and coordinates the WHO programs presented by CVCC staff and trained volunteers

to some 6,000 students in this 11-county region each year. See WHO PROGRAM, pg. 3

Don't panic: Army helicopter training returning to West Texas counties

Residents in several West Texas counties will notice increased numbers of Army helicopters in the air and military vehicles on the roads during the last few days of September and later in October and November while routine training activities are underway in the area.

The training being conducted by the 21st Cavalry Brigade from Fort Hood will involve frequent flights in Brown, McCulloch, Coleman, Runnels, San Saba, and Mills counties during three periods: from Sept. 28-Oct. 10, from Oct. 19-31, and from Nov. 16-21.

Many of the flights will be along U.S. Highways 67, 377, and 283, and in other remote areas in the six counties in both daytime and nighttime.

The 21st Cavalry Brigade is responsible for training all U.S. Army aviation units and those of allied countries that are

transitioning to the new AH-64D Apache Longbow attack helicopter.

The realistic training conducted by the 21st Cavalry Brigade helps units to function as a team and operate over the distances they would have to maneuver in under actual combat conditions.

The intense training program for each unit lasts about six months and culminates with a series of exercises in

different West Texas areas where land and airspace allow the extended maneuver room.

As part of the training, visually modified vehicles designed to replicate an "enemy" force will be traveling throughout the training area and will be parked on roadsides periodically while the helicopters search for them. No live ammunition is used in the training exercises.

Most of the helicopter flight See CONVOY, pg. 8

Geoffrey Connor ceremony Friday at State Capitol

Winters supporters to attend

Geoffrey S. Connor, former Winters resident, will be sworn in as the 104th Secretary of State of Texas on Friday, September 26, 2003. The ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. in the Senate Chamber at the Texas Capitol with a reception to follow.

A written invitation is not necessary to attend the ceremony. Secretary Connor says to his Runnels County friends, "Everyone is most welcome. Please come if you can."

Several supporters from Winters and the surrounding area will be traveling to Austin for the ceremony. If you would like to travel with this group, please contact Randall Conner at the Winters Area Business and Industrial Corporation at 325-754-4542.

If you cannot attend and would like to send a note of congratulations to Secretary Connor, there is a book which people can sign and write brief notes. You can sign pages at Bahlman Jewelers, the WISD administration office, or Selkirk (Dry's). This book will be presented to Mr. Connor on Friday.

Also, the school classes will be writing notes of congratulation.

If you want to send a card, it can be left at Bahlman Jewelers or sent to Mr. Geoffrey S. Connor, Texas Secretary of State, P. O. Box 12697, Austin, Texas 78711.

Geoffrey is the son of Mike Connor of Winters and Pam Hodges of San Antonio.

Rick Grissam joins Winters Police Force



Rick Grissam has become the newest member of the Winters Police Department.

Officer Grissam began his duties in Winters on September 15, 2003.

He and his wife, Lillian, and children Jimmy, age 14, and Stephanie, age 10, will be moving to Winters from Santa Anna.

Officer Grissam has served as a jailer at the Coleman County Jail for the past three years.

He says he is excited about living in Winters and becoming part of the community.

Commissioners purchase motor graders and radios

Runnels County Commissioners approved the purchase of three used motor graders for Precinct 1 at a special meeting on Tuesday.

Commissioner Skipper Wheelless recommended accepting the bid of Yellowhouse Machinery of Abilene on three used graders at a total price of \$169,500. The graders will be paid in monthly payments for five years at a 3.9% interest rate, costing the County \$36,589.93 per year.

In other business at the meeting, commissioners designated departments to receive equipment through a Homeland Security grant of \$42,632. The Runnels County Sheriff's Department will receive the majority of the equipment, purchasing new radios and related

equipment. Other business and action taken included:

- Approval of the extension of the blanket crime bond for the office of the Justice of the Peace, Precinct #1.

- Adopted a resolution relating to the Indigent Defense Formula Grant Program. County Judge Marilyn Egan said the grant money received only covers a small portion of the indigent defense for the county.

- Entered into a Letter of Agreement with Abilene Regional Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Inc. at no cost to the County.

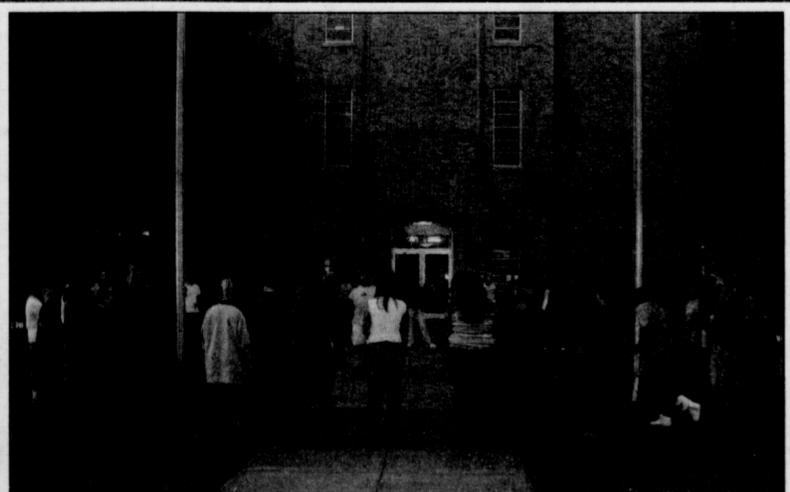
Commissioners set a meeting for Monday, September 29 to make budget amendments to the 2002-2003 fiscal year budget. The fiscal year for the County ends on September 30.

Deadline near for using 325 area code

Only two weeks remain in the grace period for using the old 915 area code. Mandatory dialing using the new 325 area code becomes effective October 5, 2003.

According to the PUC, current estimates predict that the 915 area code will run out of numbers in early 2004. The three-way split approved by the PUC will prevent the need for additional area codes in the three regions for an estimated 17-20 years.

After the Oct. 5 deadline, customers who dial the old area code will get a recorded reminder until Dec. 7, 2003.



STUDENTS, TEACHERS, GUESTS gathered around the WHS flag pole at 7:15 a.m. on Sept. 17, to take part in the world-wide "See You At The Pole" gathering for prayer and thanksgiving. Winters was among 2.5 million students on six continents to participate in this year's prayer service with a theme of "Consumed." (photo by Randall Boles)

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Editorial

Oil Bidness

by Reg Boles © 2003



Not since the days of \$10 oil has there been such a focus on cost cutting among oil companies. Surprisingly, this occurs against a backdrop of some of the most consistently high product prices in recent memory. What's the deal?

One would think that there should be a focus of concentration on putting some of that strong cashflow to work, instead of how to squeeze more out of the operation. But, if we know so much, I guess we would be in charge of these huge companies.

It turns out that most of those companies are fighting to increase rates, boost income, and cut costs to satisfy the perceived requirements of stock analysts. Just last year, companies started to proclaim that they would see production increases of 10 percent or more, and, just this year, most found out that was a fool's dream. So, this year, the indicator de jour is cost reduction year-over-year.

As a result, press releases have been released, meetings have been held, and the bar has been set. Any companies hoping to keep the positive light shining on its stock better have something to say about major cost reductions.

So, you now see companies re-examining their organization, their deployment of manpower, and which assets they should hold.

Now this would all be harmless corporate management-speak, except that it has real consequences. Some good properties are being sold, excellent technology is not being implemented, and good people are losing their jobs.

It is possible that the latest wave of cost cutting could prove to be beneficial by weeding out inefficiencies in the business. However, there is

strong evidence that decisions are being made, not on a sound business basis, but rather in a pie-in-the-sky, goal-driven frenzy.

As we observed in the recent failure of some of the world's largest oil and gas companies to achieve production targets, setting goals that are based on external expectations rather than real, achievable business targets can be disastrous. It didn't take long for those companies blindly seeking higher production to discover that the only way to get there was to lie about it.

Many companies now heading down the path of cost reduction at any cost, may find that only by lying to themselves can they keep up the pace of property sales, employee cuts, and office closings. Lies like "by cutting people, our productivity will rise proportionately" and "selling properties won't result in any significant loss of production and cashflow."

Well, the good news is that there are plenty of companies and entrepreneurs out there ready to snap up properties being sold and people who are let go. They look at things with their mind on every dollar and know it takes good people to make projects work.

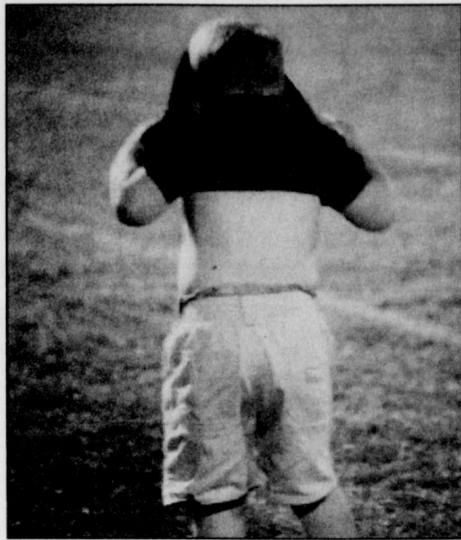
They also know there is plenty of oil, gas, and money to be made at today's prices for those willing to take some risk, share the wealth, and keep their eye open for opportunities.

Sometimes, it is hard to see the opportunities right there when you have to keep trying to impress spectators.

HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY

Not Available This Week

(almost) Alone in a fun place —



(photo by Jean Boles)

SAM PARRAMORE, 2-year-old grandson of Robert and Rhea Parramore of Winters, found a special way to amuse himself during the Patriotic Celebration of Sept. 11 at Blizzard Stadium. Sam's dad, Air Force Capt. Russell Parramore, was the featured speaker.

In Appreciation

Local man thanks "vacationing" friend

This is a personal Thank You to my very good friend, Danny Reel. While he was here on vacation from California he donated and set up a music system at my church, helped beautify downtown Winters, helped his brothers Ronnie and Kenny, mowed Wanda Guy's yard, worked at Crews Cemetery, bought and changed guitar strings on my guitar, attended my church with his daughter Becky, praised God on his bass guitar, bought school clothes for a needy kid, helped celebrate Independence Day, fogged my wasp nest, cooked meals, bought meals, made my mom feel better and so many other things. And no one asked him to do any of it! He just has a good heart!

God bless you, brother!

We love you,

Terry & Noelisa Loehman

Editor's note: I'd like to ride on the Loehmans' coattails for just a second and add an extra "Thank You" to Danny. I saw him do many good deeds while he was "vacationing" here in Winters. In fact, I was a little embarrassed that someone from California had to chop weeds and clean trash from our downtown area because we homefolks didn't have enough pride and fortitude to take care of that problem. Thanks, Danny!

Card of Thanks

At a time of sorrow we realize how much our friends mean to us.

We will always remember all of your expressions of sympathy. Thank you.

The loved ones of Charlene Craven

Card of Thanks

The family of Cecil Scott wishes to thank all of the people who have helped us through this difficult time.

Thank you for the food, phone calls, cards, flowers, and words of encouragement.

Your prayers, we are sure, helped us remain strong and enabled us to get through a very hard time.

Winters has a great bunch of people and they are always ready to lend a helping hand.

Sincerely,

*Mary A. Scott
Bill & Shirley Hall
Leigh Ann & Gene Webb
Scott & Brandi Hall*

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Obituary

Cecil C. Scott

WINTERS—Cecil C. Scott, 86, died Wednesday, September 17, 2003, in a local nursing home.

He was born December 16, 1916, in Wayne County, Tennessee, and moved to Mills County, Texas, as a boy. He married Mary Anna Lee Hill on November 14, 1935, in Goldthwaite. He came to Winters in 1942.

Mr. Scott worked for Harrison Auto Parts for 28 years and was a member of the Winters Volunteer Fire Department for more than 30 years. He was a farmer and a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Anna Lee Scott of Winters; one daughter, Shirley Hall and husband Bill of Winters; two grandchildren, David Scott Hall and wife Brandi of Rowlett and Kathryn Leigh Ann Webb and husband Gene of Trophy Club; three great-grandchildren, Zak Hall, Trevor Webb, and Matthew Awalt; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were at 2:00 p.m. Friday, September 19, in the First Baptist Church in Winters with Reverend Barry Taylor officiating. Burial was in Lakeview Cemetery, directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Active and honorary pallbearers were present and past members of the Winters Volunteer Fire Department.

Some people come into our lives and quickly go. Some stay for awhile and leave footprints on our hearts and we are never, ever the same.

— Anonymous

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- The first post office was established in a corner of the store on March 7, 1891.

- The first small schoolhouse in Winters was built in 1889 at about the location of Dr. Tommy Russell's dental office at the corner of Truitt and Main.

- The first schoolteacher was Mr. Arch Cochran.

- The second school was built of rock in 1911 and was located near where the present band hall is located on the WISD campus.

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Community

Somebody Cares to host outdoor rally

Mark your calendar—

Wynette Halford, pastor of Somebody Cares Ministries, extends an invitation to all area pastors and congregations to the upcoming outreach celebration.

On Sunday, September 28, several area bands and ministers will set up in the parking lot of West Dale Grocery at 501 West Dale in Winters. Services will begin at 5:00 p.m. with Grupo Adoracion, a six-member band from San Angelo which plays Christian style, Tejano/Cumbia music. According to Pastor Halford, they will be ministering in Spanish and will have CDs available.

At 7:00 p.m. Hearts Cry will perform. This group was a regional contestant in the 2003 Exalt Him Christian Talent Search Contest in Dallas in June, 2003. The group is comprised of local Christian musicians who minister in original songs as well as current praise, worship and traditional hymns in a contemporary, unique style. Hearts Cry will also have CDs available.

Jennifer Fuentes from Abilene will be ministering at 9:00 p.m. Jennifer is a freshman at ACU and "has a fresh touch of God on her life and a love for the lost and a desire to reach the hurting with the good news of the gospel," said Halford. Jennifer will minister the Word through music and testimony.

On Saturday, Sept. 27, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. the youth and children from Somebody Cares Ministries will be selling hot dogs and colas to raise money for summer camp. The group will continue their sale on Sunday from 1:00 a.m. through 8:00 p.m. at a concession stand on the parking lot at West Dale Grocery.

Pastor Halford continues, "We appreciate your prayers, presence and participation in this outreach to our community. If you have any questions of any kind, you may reach me at 754-4790 or e-mail at WH1955@aol.com."

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Local soldier celebrates special homecoming and mom's birthday

SPC. Robert Bedford recently returned from a year's deployment in Kuwait and Baghdad, Iraq.

While in Winters visiting his mother, Nadine Bedford, and sister and brother-in-law, Lisa and Craig Gray, he attended the annual Bedford Birthday Dinner at The Shed restaurant on August 30.

His brothers and sisters, Lisa and Craig Gray; Perry, Tanya, Alexis and Isaiah Bedford of Brady; Missy Love and daughters Heather and Brittney Rendon of Euless; and John and Linda Bedford of Ft. Worth of Ft. Worth, along with his friends helped his mother celebrate her birthday and his homecoming on August 31.

Robert returned September 5 to Ft. Stewart, Georgia.

Call WISD 754-5574 for schedules of workout times at the Fitness Equipment Center, available to the public at no charge.

WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

- Sept. 25-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 5:00 p.m., Hale Museum Board of Directors
- 5 & 6:30 p.m., 7th grade vs. Roscoe, 8th vs. Robert Lee, Here
- 6:30 p.m., JV vs. Albany, There
- Sept. 26-10:00 a.m. Geoffrey Connor Secretary of Texas Swearing In Ceremony, Capital of Texas, Austin
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 7:30 p.m., Cowboys for Christ, Drasco
- Sept. 27-11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Hot dog fundraiser, Somebody Cares Ministries Youth, West Dale Grocery parking lot
- Sept. 28-5:00 p.m., Outdoor Rally, Somebody Cares Ministries, West Dale Grocery parking lot
- Sept. 29-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 6:30 p.m., Winters City Council
- Sept. 30-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- Noon, Lions Club
- 7 p.m., AA, First United Methodist Church
- 7 p.m., Athletic Boosters, Blizzard Stadium
- 7 p.m., WVFD, Fire Station
- Oct. 1 - 7 a.m., Industrial Board, Windmill Enterprises Office
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- Last day for WHS senior parents to purchase yearbook ad
- Oct. 2 - 10:00 a.m. - noon & 1:30 - 3:00 p.m., Immunization Clinic, Texas Department of Health
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 5 p.m., Chamber of Commerce Directors
- OPEN DATE for football games

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Learning about safety through fun



HEIDI THE SNOW OWL makes a big impression on these 5-year-olds in Mrs. Chris Parramore's kindergarten class as the students learn about the WHO anti-victimization safety program in terminology the youngsters could understand. Teaching the students is Linda Walker, Assistant Director of Crime Victim Crisis Center of Abilene.

(photo by Jean Boles)

WHO PROGRAM, continued

first year for Winters ISD to participate in the program.

The puppets and accompanying video focus on the three WHO rules: Say No, Get Away, and Tell Someone.

"If I could present this program to parents," Walker said, "the most important thing I would tell them is this: believe your child. If your child indicates he or she is being physically abused or molested, believe them. If you don't take their disclosure seriously, the child may never talk about it again and the abuse may go on for years, doing

extensive damage to the child's self-esteem."

While the kindergarten students were learning from Heidi and her puppet friends, older students were hearing anti-victimization messages designed especially for their age groups presented by another CVCC staffer.

At the same time across the street, the junior high and high school students were participating in similar discussions with two lesson plans developed specifically for teenagers.

WISD Superintendent Danny

Clack invited CVCC into the schools. Counselors Mary Wilkerson and Charles Murphy worked with CVCC and WISD teachers to make sure virtually every student heard the strategies they can use to take responsibility for their own personal safety and health.

The WHO program was developed by the Mental Health Association of Dallas County. CVCC administers the program in this region to children in grades K-12 with funding from state and local grants and donations. It is presented free of charge.

Financial Focus

By Jim Woodruff of Edward Jones

Stay current on your insurance needs

You probably don't spend a lot of time pondering insurance. And yet, you should think about it - because, by taking the steps necessary to meet all your key insurance needs, you can help protect your income, your family and your long-term financial goals.

In creating a comprehensive insurance strategy, you need to keep one key point in mind: Your protection needs will evolve over time. Consequently, at different stages of life, you'll need to evaluate your insurance coverage to make sure it's appropriate and sufficient.

When should you first start thinking about insurance? Do you even need to worry about it if you're first starting out in your career, you're single and you

have no dependents?

Actually, you might have more to protect than you thought. Do you own a house? Do you have a student loan? A car loan? A balance on your credit cards? If you have any or all of these expenses, then you could face serious problems if something happened to your income. And the fact is that, at every stage of your working life, you are much more likely to become disabled than you are to die. If a serious injury or lengthy illness prevents you from working, how will you make your house, car and other payments?

Disability insurance can help. If your employer offers disability coverage as a low-cost benefit, take it. However, you may have to supplement this coverage with an individual policy.

Now, let's fast-forward a few years in your life cycle. If you get married and have children, you should absolutely consider life insurance. The amount of insurance you require should be based on several factors: your income, your spouse's income, the size of your mortgage, how many children you have, anticipated college costs, etc.

During your early working years, you may be able to get by with relatively inexpensive term insurance. As you move into your middle years, though, you might want to explore some type of "permanent" life insurance.

Once you approach retirement age, you'll also want to consider long-term care insurance. A year's stay in a nursing home can cost \$50,000 - and in some major metropolitan areas, it can cost twice that much, according to the Health Insurance Association of America. Medicare may only pay a fraction of these costs, so if you want to maintain your financial independence and avoid burdening your family, you might want to purchase a long-term care insurance policy.

Finally, during your retirement years, you could use life insurance as an estate-planning tool. An attorney experienced in estate planning can advise you on the potential uses of life insurance in trusts or other arrangements.

As you can see, meeting your insurance needs is a dynamic process. That's why you may want to periodically review your insurance situation with an investment professional who has the tools and experience to recommend the right moves to make - at the right time in your life.

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Monday, Sept. 29: Potato soup, grilled cheese sandwich, peaches & cottage cheese, crackers, and bar cookie.

Tuesday, Sept. 30: Chicken & gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot roll, and apple crisp.

Wednesday, Oct. 1: Hamburger steak w/mushroom gravy, rice, peas, bread, and cake.

Thursday, Oct. 2: Goulash, tossed salad, corn, cornbread, and apricots.

Friday, Oct. 3: Ham, sweet potatoes, cabbage, cornbread, and dessert.

Meals are served at 11:30 a.m. daily. Anyone who does not take the meals regularly are asked to reserve a lunch by contacting the Activity Center at 754-4205 by 10 a.m.

Developing the Winters Workforce

by Randall Conner,
Director of Economic Development

Fifth in a series of 6 articles

The West Texas Workforce Center in Abilene offers many services to businesses and employees in this area of Texas.

A vast amount of information on the local, Texas, and U.S. Labor Market is available on the Workforce Center website <www.workforcesystem.org>. If you are looking for the number of people working in retail jobs in Rannels County, or the average wage for a certain job in this area, or any statistic related to the Labor Market, it is available on this website and many of these figures are updated monthly.

Businesses can look at employment trends, payment scales for various job skill levels, and the availability of certain skilled workers. Job seekers can find industries and job types which have the most demand for workers.

Employers can find information on the website about

laws and requirements of employers. From information on hiring someone, to wage and hour laws, to OSHA regulations, to reporting requirements, much of the information you need to run a business is available here.

Certain required posters must be displayed in businesses, such as minimum wage, polygraph tests, family and medical leave, and migrant/seasonal workers posters. A list of required posters for your business is available on the website, and these posters are available free from the Workforce Center.

Check the Workforce Center website for a large amount of business information. If you can't find it there, contact the West Texas Workforce Center at 400 Oak Street in Abilene, 325-795-4200, e-mail <workforce@workforcesystem.org>.

Country Club News

by Brenda Clough, Ladies Golf Association President

The ladies met for regular play on Tuesday. Winning team was Brenda Clough, Jan Sims and Beth Whitlow. Mary Ellen Moore won closest to the pin.

Wednesday night the winning team was Gil Gilmore, Gary Schwartz, Louis Esquivel, Mickey Hernandez and Sherry Gilmore.

The ladies will host a spouse/guest best ball scramble this

Sunday, Sept. 28. Tee off time will be 3:00 p.m. A hamburger supper will be served immediately following.

The club will have the monthly ABC scramble on Sunday afternoon, October 5. The public is invited to participate.

Call Winters Country Club at 325-754-4679 for more information on schedules.

Sales tax rebates decrease 2.85%

As reported by the office of State Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn, September sales tax rebates for the city of Winters decreased 2.85 percent as compared to the prior year's September payment.

September's sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected in July and reported to the Comptroller in August.

Winters' rebates totaled \$12,274.88 this reporting period. For the prior year's reporting period, rebates totaled \$12,635.54.

Receipts in Miles increased 1.07 percent; Ballinger increased 6.08 percent and reported \$36,974.61 in payments.

City sales tax rebates to date for Rannels County for the 2003 reporting period total \$1,068.76, a 3.61 percent increase as compared to last year's period total of \$49,289.32.

The current city sales tax rate for Winters and Ballinger is 1.5 percent. Miles is 1.00 percent.

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation is scheduled for Friday, October 10, 2003.

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School

Blizzards struggle, fall to Wall Hawks

by Charles Murphy, Sports Writer for The Winters Enterprise

Winters received the opening kickoff as Wall's homecoming celebration began last Friday night at Hawk Stadium.

Eric Lopez returned the kickoff to the Blizzard 37 yard line but three plays and a punt set Wall up at their own 39. Four plays later the Hawks set the tone for the evening with a 10 yard scamper and combined with the extra point, led 7-0 at the 8:55 mark. The next score came on a 56 yard run and a 14-0 lead with 7:12 left in the first quarter.

The Blizzard offense showed some life as they would string together a couple of first downs as Benjie Valles and Tim Fenwick hooked up on several completions. Valles also found Jose Hernandez for 10 yards to move closer to the score. But all the fireworks sizzled as an interception on 3rd and 12 brought this threat to an end.

The first quarter ended with Wall up 14-0 and the Blizzards facing 3rd and 9 from midfield. Valles again found Fenwick for the 36 yard completion to the 14 yard line. Facing 3rd and 6, Fenwick made a circus catch for the touchdown only to be denied by an illegal procedure flag. This threat died as Valles missed a 33 yard field goal attempt and Wall took

over at their own 20 yard line.

The 80 yard drive ended with a 15 yard touchdown run and a 21-0 Wall lead with 6:45 left in the first half. Wall finished off the half scoring with a 20 yard touchdown run with 2:09 left. The extra point was blocked by a host of Blizzards and the Wall lead was 27-0 at the halftime.

Winters kicked off to start the second half and in less than a minute, the Hawks struck paydirt on a 44 yard touchdown run, raising the score 34-0 with 11:06 left in the third period.

Winters set up at their 39 yard line with a first and 10. After a short gain on a pass from Valles to Frank Perez and a 2 yard loss on a QB keeper, Valles found Tim Fenwick on one of the night's best catches. Catching the ball with arms fully extended, Fenwick managed to "toe the line," keeping both feet in as he fell out of bounds.

The Blizzards gambled on the fake punt as Aaron Colburn's pass fell incomplete and the Hawks took over on the Winters 46 yard line. With 7:18 on the clock, the Hawks scored again on an 8 yard run, pushing their lead to 41-0.

The rest of the third quarter was a battle of defensive units as neither team could score.

The Blizzards recovered a Wall fumble midway through the fourth quarter but were



PETE GRIFFIN #10 looks for the opening behind blocks from Aaron Colburn #15 and Jacob Bridgeman #70 during varsity action against Wall Friday night. (photo by Jean Boles)

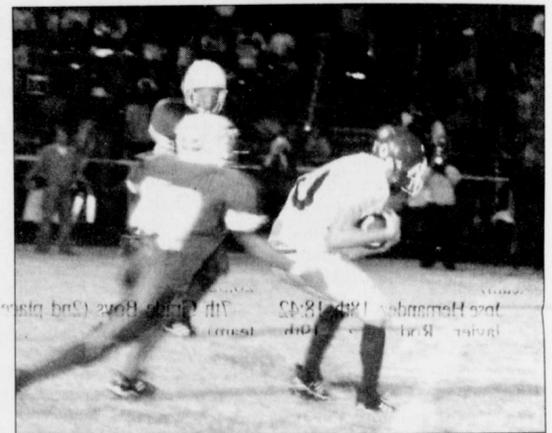
unable to move the ball and were forced to punt. Needing only three yards for the first down, Winters went for the fake but the runner was tackled for a loss and Wall took over on the Winters 15 yard line. The Hawks scored again with 3:59 left and took a commanding 47-0 lead.

The Blizzards took the kickoff on their own 42 yard line and, for the first time in the quarter, made some impressive yardage on good runs by Cody Pritchard and Frank Perez. But a Blizzard fumble turned the ball over and with about a minute left, Wall simply downed the ball and the clock ran out with the final score of 47-0.

Winters will travel to Robert Lee this Friday to face the Steers. Kickoff is at 7:30 p.m.



THE BLIZZARD DEFENSE brings down the Hawk runner. Making the play are (l-r) John Heathcott #42, Matthew Tekell #60, Tim Fenwick #40, Jerry Hord #62, and Pete Griffin #10. (photo by Jean Boles)



TIM FENWICK of the Varsity Blizzards cradles the catch from Benjie Valles Friday night against Wall. Fenwick had 7 catches for 79 yards for the evening with three of those being fantastic "circus" catches. (photo by Jean Boles)

BKB says thanks

The Blizzard Kid Boosters (BKB) would like to thank everyone who helped make their "Pizza Delivery Night" a success. A special thanks to Pizza Hut and the Pizza Hut employees, the BKB parents

who delivered pizzas, and the community for their support of the BKB.

The BKB would also like to apologize to anyone whose pizza was late being delivered.

Hawks win 8th grade battle at Wall

Although the 8th grade Breezes lost 27-8 to the Wall Hawks last Thursday, the Winters squad showed determination by scoring with 50 seconds left in the game.

The touchdown came on a sweep pass from Alex Harrison to Julian Perez. The extra point run by Tad Martin for two was good, and the Breezes were on the board.

Coach David Wood said, "Our defense struggled with the wishbone that the Hawks ran. But we had some outstanding defensive play by Wylie Guy and Tory Burns."

The 8th grade will play a combined team from Robert Lee tonight at 6:30 in Blizzard Stadium.

7th grade Breezes fall to Hawks

The Wall Hawks outscored the 7th grade Breezes 24-0 last Thursday evening.

"We made much improvement over last week even though the score doesn't show it," said Coach David Wood. "The team is starting to understand the amount of work it takes to be a good team."

The Breezes will play the Roscoe Plowboys at 5 p.m. this afternoon at Blizzard Stadium.

JV results not available

No Junior Varsity results against the Wall Hawks were available at press time. Please contact Coach Todd Odom at 754-4653 for further information.

The Blizzard JV squad will travel to Albany to play the Lions on Sept. 25 at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$2 for students.

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RANDY JACKSON #81 gains good yardage for the JV Blizzards against the Hawks. (photo courtesy of Mike Neal)



CHARLIE DILLARD #12 and a couple of other JV Blizzards bring down the Wall runner. Juan Hernandez #21 is at right. (photo courtesy of Mike Neal)

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Local VFW offers chance to win college scholarships

Winters Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9193 will sponsor two programs in the Winters Public School to help students win scholarships and U.S. Savings Bonds.

The "Patriot's Pen" Competition, a youth essay writing contest, is open to 7th and 8th grade students enrolled in public and private schools and home-schooled students in the United States.

Essay length is 300 - 400 words and must be written by the student. The theme for this year is: "My Dream for America." The entry deadline is Nov. 1, 2003.

The National First Place Prize will be a \$ 10,000 bond with other bonds given to the next twenty-

three (23) place winners. There will also be State, District and Local bonds given.

The "Voice of Democracy," a patriotic Audio Essay Competition, is open to students in the 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grades. Students are to write a 3-5 minute original essay and then record it on an audio cassette. This year's theme is "My Commitment to America's Future."

Those students who win in one of the VFW's 54 Departments all receive a trip to Washington, D.C. for a tour of historic landmarks in the nation's capital. While there, they compete for \$ 143, 500 in national college scholarships, including a \$25,000 first

prize. There are many other prizes and awards at local, regional, and state levels.

Beyond the scholarships there are other reasons to enter, such as the opportunity to express th views on democracy, familiarize themselves and become proficient with broadcasting technology, and a chance to meet their peers from across the country. Entry deadline is Nov. 1, 2003.

The National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) has again approved these contests for its National Advisory List of Contests and Activities

Students interested in entering may contact RC Kurtz, chairman, at 325-754-5182 for information.

School Days, School Days

'Mandy Mostad First Grade Teacher

Mandy Mostad was hired by Winters ISD, effective September 3, 2003, to teach first grade.

She is a May 2003 graduate of Angelo State University, receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Interdisciplinary Studies. While at ASU, Mrs. Mostad minored in English and was named to the Dean's List. Her student teaching was completed at Winters.

She is married to Michael Mostad, insurance agent at the family-owned business Bedford-Norman Insurance. They have two children: one son, Marcus, age 4, and one daughter, Mara, 1. They are members of First Baptist Church of



Winters.
Mandy's hobbies include scrapbooking, interior decorating, reading, camping, and spending time with her family.

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Cross-country teams place —

Seventh grade boys and girls take 2nd and 7th; varsity boys take 4th, Sept. 27 at Ballinger

The boys and girls teams competed in the Ballinger meet on Saturday, Sept. 20.

Jose Hernandez and Javier Rodriguez both medaled in the varsity division. Camille Kruse won her third race and Jessica Barker has placed second in her fourth meet.

In the junior boys division, all five medaled, including Michael Perez, Richard Perez, Corey Fenwick, Colby Pritchard, and Kevin Bredemeyer.

The teams will compete again on Saturday at Hord's Creek hosted by Coleman.

Individual times:
Varsity Boys (4th place team)

- Jose Hernandez, 18th, 18:42
- Javier Rodriguez, 19th, 18:45
- Jan Hernandez, 19:59
- Ismael Aragon, 20:43
- Jonathan Meyer, 20:49
- Bryce Wilkerson, 21:08
- Anthony Ramirez, 25:44
- Luke Hale, 25:02

- Shawn Kraatz, 25:46
- Varsity Girls
- Patricia Carrillo, 14:19
- Briana Parramore, 14:43
- Macy Hopson, 15:10
- Kari Walker, 15:18
- Vanessa Perez, 15:57
- Ashley Laird, 16:45
- Jessica Meyer, 16:49
- Amy Kraatz, 16:56
- 8th Girls
- Saran Rodriguez, 74th, 19:50

- 7th Girls, (7th place team)
- Camille Kruse, 1st, 14:14
- Jessica Barker, 2nd, 14:36
- Celisha Jackson, 52nd, 17:53
- Elena Valdez, 53rd, 17:55
- Brittany Woffenden, 88th, 20:52

- 7th Grade Boys (2nd place team)
- Michael Perez, 7th, 13:31
- Richard Perez, 11th, 14:15
- Corey Fenwick, 15th, 14:32
- Colby Pritchard, 17th, 14:41
- Kevin Bredemeyer, 18th, 14:44

Athletic Booster Club planning community-wide pep rally

The Winters Athletic Booster Club, in their regular meeting last week, made plans for two special events fast approaching on the fall schedule.

Several ideas were considered for Homecoming Week from October 20-24, including a community-wide pep rally on Wednesday, October 22, at 8 p.m. Plans will be finalized in a future meeting.

The club will host their annual Carnival on Saturday, November 1. The carnival will be a Fall Festival the day after Halloween, but will include all of the same fun as the traditional Halloween

Carnival. The event will be held from 7 to 11 p.m. in the Yellow Activity Center.

A Haunted House, basketball throw, milk can throw, crazy golf, money booth, cakewalk, and spin the wheel are just a few of the booths already assigned. A concession will also be available. Of course, there will also be a children's bingo and regular bingo for all to enjoy.

Any person or organization wishing to sponsor a booth/game may contact Deb Pritchard at 754-5243, Rhonda Neal at 754-5433, or Belinda Schwartz at 754-5606.

Directions to Albany and Robert Lee fields

Football fans traveling to Albany and/or Robert Lee in support of the Winters JV and varsity teams may find the following information useful.

For the JV game against Albany: At Abilene, take State Highway 351 north to U.S. Highway 180 East. Stay on 180 until reach Albany. At Albany, stay on Main Street through town approximately one mile. Street will curve. School and field will sit on right.

For the varsity game against Robert Lee: Go six miles west of Winters and turn at Poe's Corner to Bronte. At the blinking light intersection turn right onto Highway 15 West. Go 12 miles to Robert Lee.

Turn right at the stop sign onto Highway 208. Go four blocks and turn right onto Washington Street. Go three blocks to the school (on left) turn left. The stadium is beside the school.

As a final reminder, of course, if all else fails: Look for the high stadium lights.

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Mr. & Mrs. Jack Burton

Jack & Margaret Burton to celebrate golden anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Burton will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, September 27, 2003, at Jones Hall of First Baptist Church. The reception will be held at 2:00 p.m., hosted by their children.

Jack Burton of Winters married Margaret Ross of Sweetwater on September 11, 1953, at Abilene.

The couple has three children, Carolyn Scarborough of Riesel, Barbara Tounget of Winters, and Kenneth Burton of Arlington. Grandchildren are Eric Reeves, Jamie Reeves, Brooke and Matt Tounget, Candance and Heather Burton.

Friends of the couple are invited to join in the celebration.

Reunion Time

Fifty-one gather at Kirby Reunion

James and Martha Kirby's descendants held their annual reunion on Saturday, Sept. 20, 2003, at the Winters First Baptist Church Jones Hall. There were 51 family members and guests present. Everyone enjoyed a wonderful meal of ham, brisket, dove, roast, and miscellaneous side dishes. They finished the meal with lots of great desserts.

Besides enjoying great food, family and friends told stories and looked at old family photos.

Those present were:

- Elvis Kirby and members of his family, Dane and Rosemary Kirby, Amanda and Abigail Diaz, Donna, James, Kirby, and Kali Gorzell, all of San Antonio;

- Olga Meyers and her family members, Larry and Mary Meyers of Winters, Kim Holzman and Kelsy and Brandon of Abilene, Joe, Melinda, Kirby and Ryan Meyers of Winters, Jennifer, Alan, Kelsey, and Madison Brody of

Abilene, Joannie, Matthew, Brian and Eric Hammer of Midlothian, Louise Dunnam of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, Paula and Courtney Tamplin of Littlefield, and a niece Helen Williams and husband Lee of Abilene;

- Viola Davis and her family members, Clifford Lewis of Amarillo, Ron and Jeanette Willingham of Georgetown, Jack and Sue Kirby of Abilene;

- Patricia and Howard Miller and family members, Craig Miller of Tye, Royce, Cyndi, Dylan and Dakota Miller of Azle; and

- Bobby Ray Kirby of Abilene.

Other guests were Kayla Standley of Littlefield, Jerrell Walker and Cecil Tekell of Wingate, Johnny O. Walker of Ovala, and Melvin Faircloth of Abilene.

Plans for next year's reunion were discussed, and it was decided to go forward with the reunion the same time next year.

Class of 1953 plans October homecoming reunion

The Class of 1953 will have their 50th reunion during the Homecoming Weekend of Oct. 24 and 25, 2003.

Winters will play San Saba Friday night in Blizzard Stadium in a district contest at 7:30 p.m. Class members will meet at the cafeteria on Saturday, Oct. 25. All ex-school friends are welcome.

For more information, please contact Joe Bryan at 754-1629, Virginia Black 754-5159, or Jerry Dobbins 972-255-4733.

WHS Class of '63 planning to gather at 2003 Homecoming

The 1963 graduating class of Winters High School will hold their 40th class reunion in conjunction with Homecoming on October 24-25, 2003.

Plans are for the Alumni to attend the homecoming football game and then meet in the old gym for on-going reunion activities after the game.

Activities are planned for Saturday afternoon and evening, concluding with a dinner at Dean's Shed Restaurant & Catering in Wingate.

The classes of 1962 and 1964 are especially invited to join the festivities, as are any

other interested parties.

Quite a number of classmates' addresses and phone numbers are still needed.

For further information or to report addresses, please contact: Mike Bedford, 278 CR 271, Tuscola, TX 79562, 325-743-2510, <mikewbedford@cs.com>; or Carolyn Helm Brown, 443 E. Schroder Dr., Bayfield, CO 81122, 970-884-2189, <docbrown@frontier.net>.

WHS Class of '78 planning 25th reunion

The Class of 1978 will have their 25th reunion Homecoming weekend, October 24 & 25, 2003.

If you have any information about class members, please contact Phil and Karen Colburn at 754-5143, Gary and Belinda Schwartz at 754-5606, or Marsha Smith at 754-5066.

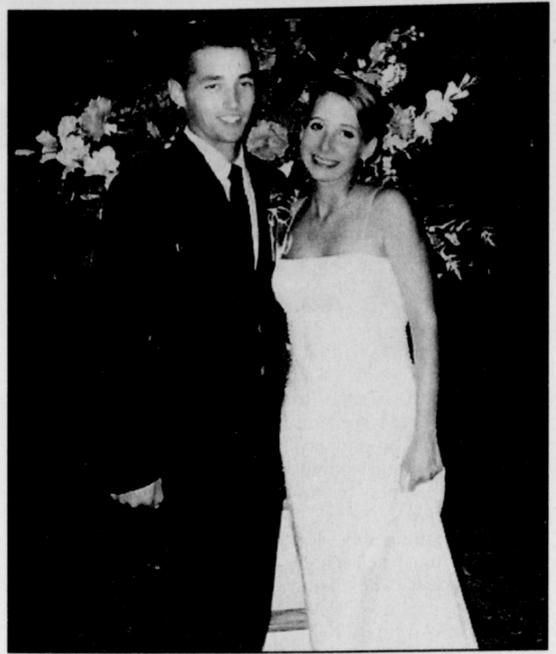
If your class is meeting at Homecoming 2003, *The Winters Enterprise* will be most happy to make an announcement about plans. Drop us an email at: wintersenterpriz@aol.com.

Woman's Club goes to Abilene

The Winters Woman's Club held its regular monthly meeting Tuesday, Sept. 16, in the home of Sandy Griffin at Abilene. After a brief visit in her home, the club then drove to the Country Club for an enjoyable meal and business meeting.

Members present were Dolly Airhart, Jane Allcorn, Pat Ambrose, Jane Bourdo, Theresa Briley, Joyce Broadstreet, Cheryl Bryan, Brenda Burton, Betty Byrns, Joyce Carbery, Kay Colburn, Sandy Griffin, Becky Hays, Lorte Joyce, Dorothy Laughon, Quida Nichols, Marthiel Russell, Donna Smith, Marlene Smith, Sylvia Wilson, and Betty Thomason.

Visitors were Lavera Sharp, Edna England, Brenda Bahlman, and Cheryl Bedford.



Mr. & Mrs. Wesley Hearn

Clough, Hearn united in marriage

Dana Clough and Wesley Hearn were united in marriage on Saturday, August 30, 2003, at 4:00 p.m. with Reverend Hutton officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Brenda and Dickie Clough of Winters. The groom is the son of Linda Hearn of Ballinger.

The ceremony was performed on the riverwalk at the Hawthorn Hotel in San Antonio, Texas. Following the ceremony, family and guests enjoyed dinner at Casa Rio located on the riverwalk. A reception followed in the dining room of the Hawthorn.

Dana graduated from Winters High School in May 2003. She plans to continue her education in the spring.

Wes graduated from Ballinger High School in May 2003 and Air Force basic on July 25, 2003. He is currently attending Security Force Tech School at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio.

Upon Wesley's graduation of Tech School in October 2003, the couple will reside in Great Falls, Montana, where he will be stationed at Malmstrom Air Force Base.

Haley Smith to wed Barrett Smith on October 11

Donna Langin and Arnold Smith of Hubbard are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Haley Nicole Smith, to Barrett Lee Smith, son of Jeri Smith and Ronnie Smith of Ballinger.

The bride-elect is a 1998 graduate of Hubbard High School. The prospective bridegroom is a 1994 graduate of Ballinger High School and attended McMurry University.

The couple will be married Saturday, October 11, 2003 in "The Garden" at "Hondo's on Main" in Fredericksburg.

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ACROSS

1 UT's Jean-Bouju won Pulitzer in '94 & '99

5 Big Bend Ranch State Natural commander abbr.

7 Pepper

8 Amarillo hosts the "State Fair" carnivorous Gulf fishes

15 Alvarado is named for Alvarado, Vera Mexico

16 "heart of Texas" update a structure

21 twangy

22 table clearers

27 TXism: "she could ice cubes to Eskimos"

28 in '30s, East TX Field produced

29 TXism: "greasy (cafes)"

30 "Pete" is Fort Stockton's roadrunner

32 Rangers never have had a Young winner

34 Sherman Co. seat

37 TXism: "checking my eye for leaks" (nap)

38 TX Paula Prentiss film "He and"

39 Quannah Parker's medicine man

40 mimics

The Original

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42 "sun" so. of the border

43 small ornamental items: knick

46 TX Vikki Carr's "Cosas Del"

47 TX-born jockey Shoemaker (init.)

48 hornless bull can't a cowboy

49 Fisher Co. seat

50 shirkers

53 Red Steagall is official "Cowboy" of TX

54 Cowboys & Texans have played in season

55 TX-based La Quinta

56 TXism: "in a pig's" (never)

DOWN

1 Fred Murray starred in '30's film "Texas Rangers"

2 TXism: "got misery up to my pits"

3 highly sought TX coast game fish

4 Dimmit Co. seat

8 "three" south of the border

9 TXism: "dogs at the State Fair"

10 TXism: "don't give diddy squat"

11 news wrangler (abbr.)

12 this drummer was in "Caveman" with TX Dennis Quaid

13 Victoria AM station

14 LB's alma mater (abbr.)

15 once a Mineral Wells product: "Dismuke's Famous Mineral"

16 ready-to-serve food shop

17 fish breeding site

18 Camino del Rio

20 TXism: "solid perfect"

22 A&M degree (abbr.)

23 "and downs"

24 drunkard

25 George H. signed disarm. treaty with this Yelstin

26 TXism: "useless as a saddle"

28 TX-born Rivas film: "The King"

31 objectives

33 TXism: "does a wet dog stink?"

35 Worth (abbr.)

36 Live TX

38 stake or post

41 "Famous" cookies

44 internet ISP (abbr.)

45 TX lake fish on hwy. 67

51 in Johnson Co.

52 actress of TX-based "Giant" (init.)

Solutions for this puzzle appear in this issue.

Life

AEP employees recognized for outstanding safety record

— Winters' Ray Guevara and John Joeris among recipients —

Ray Guevara and John Joeris of Winters are among the 105 members of American Electric Power's San Angelo Distribution District to receive recognition for an outstanding safety record.

Mark Baker, San Angelo manager of distribution systems, and Randy Wessels, line

crew leader, accepted the Attention to Safety Award from Dr. E. Lynn Draper, AEP chairman, president and chief executive officer, during a safety recognition meeting in Columbus, Ohio. Draper congratulated Baker and Wessels and expressed his appreciation for

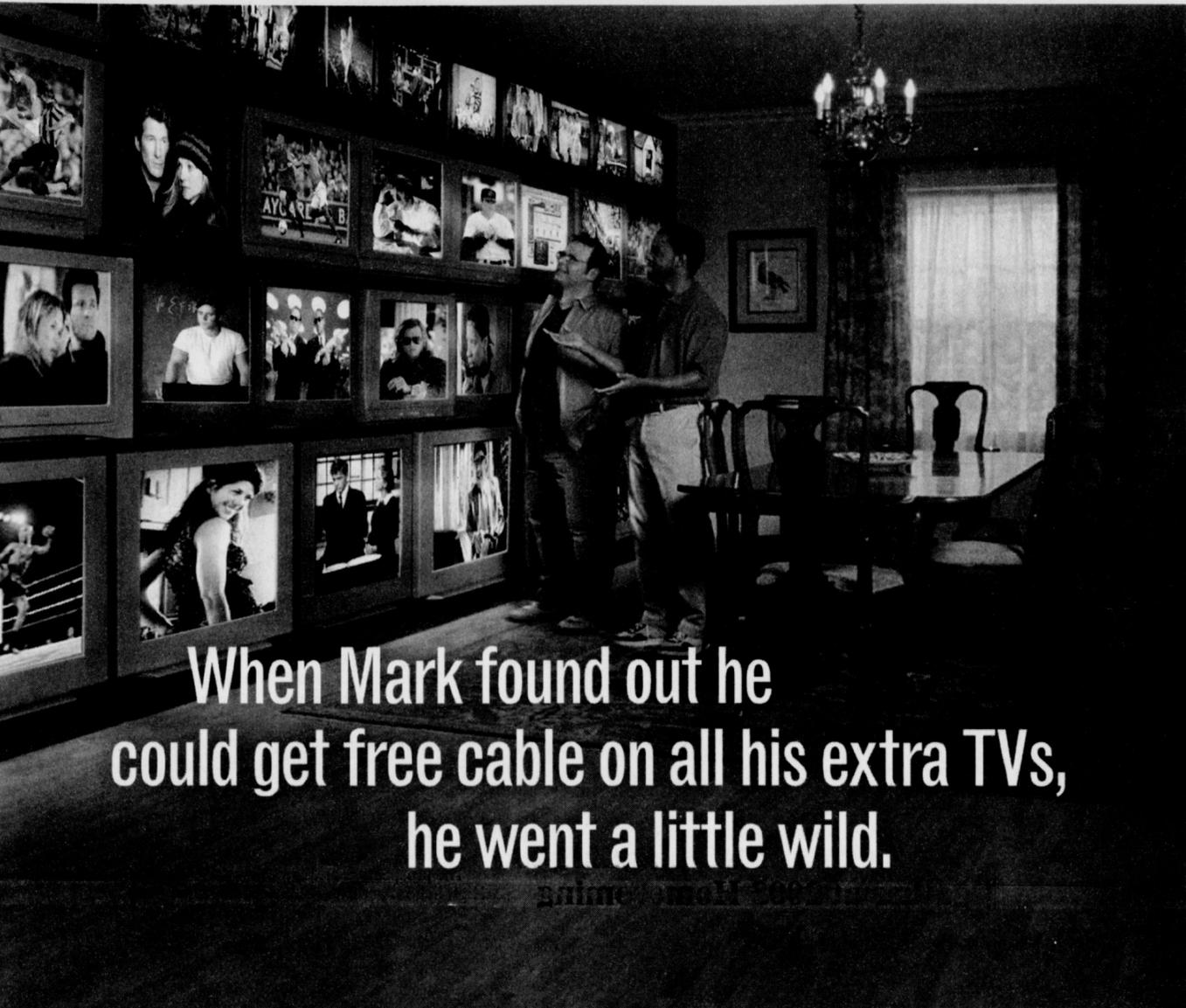
the district's safe work practices.

The San Angelo district employees worked without an Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) recordable accident for more than one year to receive the award. An OSHA

recordable accident is any work-related injury that requires medical treatment beyond first aid.

Baker said, "The very nature of our work around electrical lines and equipment makes it a highly dangerous occupation. Our industry has

come a long way over the years in creating a safer work environment and it's something we train for and think about continually, both on and off the job. I'm extremely proud of the men and women in our district. They certainly deserve this recognition for their safety performance."



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Reunion Time

Mazeland Homecoming set Oct. 4

The Mazeland School 2003 Homecoming will be Saturday, October 4, 2003, at the Winters Community Center.

Former classmates, teachers, and friends will gather from 8:00 a.m. till ?

A catered meal will be served at noon. Please RSVP to EvaLeta Smith, 104 Bishop, Winters, TX 79567, (325) 754-4748 or Bonnie Jane Elliott, (325) 944-7430.

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Law & Order

Official Records

County Court Dispositions

Juan Manuel Loera, driving while license invalid, pleaded nolo contendere, fined \$350, plus \$211 court costs

Teri Leah Byler, driving while intoxicated, case dismissed, insufficient evidence

Casey Bob Frazee, assault, pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to six months in county jail, probated to one year, fined \$100, plus \$236 court costs, \$860.90 restitution, assigned 80 hours community service

Albert Gross, possession of marijuana, pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to six months in county jail, probated to one year, fined \$750, plus \$236 court costs, assigned 40 hours community service

Criminal Cases Filed

Juan Tamez Ochoa, filed for driving while intoxicated

Anthony Moreno, filed for failure to appear

Donna R. Harrison, filed for abusive call to 911 service

September 16

Samuel Lee Rardin, filed for driving while intoxicated

Marriage Licenses Filed

September 12

Justin Ray Strube and Renee Matthiesen

September 16

James Clayton Beddo, Jr. and Talia Gale Guenther

September 18

John Anthony Vidaurri and Heather Marie Rodriguez

District Court Divorce Cases Filed

September 15

Lisa Marivel Tatum vs. Henry Ellis Tatum

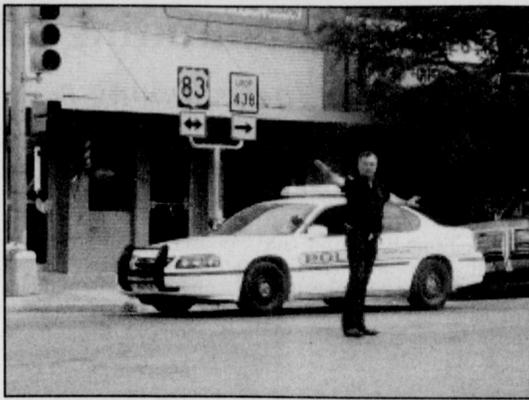
September 18

Michelle Marie Saldana vs. David Saldana

Divorces Granted

September 18

Juan Manuel Vargas, Sr. and Tamatha Kay Vargas



WINTERS POLICE CHIEF Keith Williamson keeps traffic flowing smoothly through the downtown intersection after the signal lights failed due to a power outage last week. The blackout occurred all over town for about 20-30 minutes on Sept. 17 but Chief Williamson was able to handle the 5:00 traffic rush.
(photo by Jennifer Riffe)

CONVOY, cont'd

activities during the period will be staged out of the Camp Bowie training area near Brownwood.

Military convoys will be encountered along U.S. Highways 190, 183, and 84 between Fort Hood and Brownwood

prior to, and immediately following, each of the three training periods.

The units involved in the training during September, October, and November include the 1st Battalion, 229th Aviation Regiment, an attack helicopter unit assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and a squadron from the Republic of Singapore Air Force.

Last year in Runnels County 72 children were confirmed victims of abuse or neglect.

1 in 3 girls are sexually abused; 1 in 6 boys are sexually abused.

The abuser is most often a relative or close acquaintance.

Source: Texas Dept. of Protective and Regulatory Services

Police Beat

The following are cases from the Winters Police Department. Some cases may still be under investigation. Information, reported through Crime Stoppers, leading to the close of any case could result in up to a \$1,000 reward.

The following are calls investigated by the Winters Police Department during the week of September 14, 2003, through September 20, 2003. Officers:

- filed a terrorist threat report. The case is pending.
- responded to a burglary of a habitation in the 600 block of Parsonage Street. The case is under investigation.
- responded to a burglary of a building in the 600 block of West Dale Street. A weed eater and lawn mower were allegedly taken. The case is under investigation.
- responded to a burglary of a vehicle in the 200 block of Spill Street. A Winchester 20 gauge pump shotgun was allegedly taken. The case is under investigation.
- investigated a theft under \$50. A suspect has been identified, and a warrant is to be issued for arrest.
- assisted in serving a warrant from Jones County for theft by check. The suspect was located in the 1000 block of N. Main Street, and upon arrest, was taken to Runnels County Jail in Ballinger.

Keeping an Eye on Texas

Texans to Pay \$2.7 Billion More Under New State Laws

New laws that went into effect on September 1st will impose almost \$2.7 billion in new and higher fees, charges and out of pocket expenses on Texans for the 2004-05 biennium.

Some of the new fees, charges and out of pocket expenses for the biennium include:

- Teachers and School Employees — \$1.08 billion; including \$1000 less per teacher for insurance premiums;
- Health Care — \$596 million; including \$4.8 million in fees on rural doctors;

For more information about new and higher fees, charges and out of pocket expenses Texans pay as of September 1, go to

<http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxbud/newfees/>

SOURCES: Texas Comptroller Carole Easton Strayhorn (www.window.state.tx.us)



If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop diggin'. —Texas Bix Bender

WTU Retail Energy to transfer call center operations to Texas

WTU Retail Energy L.P. announced Sept. 17, 2003, that by year-end the company will transfer its customer service call center from Florida to Dallas. The change is in response to customer feedback and demonstrates WTU Retail Energy's

commitment to provide quality customer service.

"We value customer feedback and are transferring the call center to provide customers with the Texas-based service they want," said Don Whaley, WTU Retail Energy

president. "The move will also give us greater oversight of call center activities so that customers can expect ongoing improvements while being served by fellow Texans."

The customer service phone number will remain 1-866-322-5563 and the hours of operation will continue to be Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. CST. The call center will be operated by Alliance Data Systems, a third-party vendor based in Dallas.

"Customers will not experience an interruption in call center availability or services during the transition," Whaley continued. "We are committed to making the change as seamless as possible for them."

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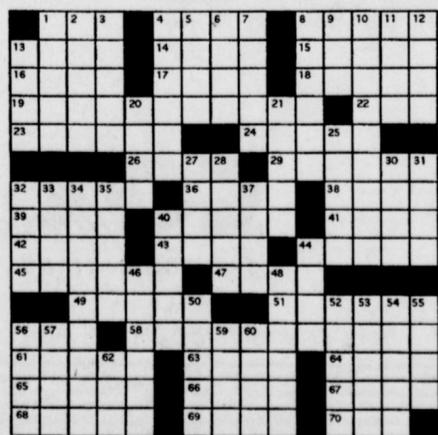
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1. Fleptile
4. Units of heat: abbr.
8. Former Egyptian leader
13. Ruler's title
14. Talk wildly
15. Benevolent despot who died in 1975
16. ___ and more; increasingly
17. Maple genus
18. Abates
19. In suitable attire
22. Run of letters
23. Felt
24. ___ Domingo
26. Yeltsin's refusal
29. Meteorologist's word
32. Beans
36. Lemon-like
38. Counter piece
39. Seed covering
40. Position
41. Finales
42. Warbled
43. Camper's item
44. Shop-talk
45. Geometric shape
47. Elevator direction
49. Gang members, often
51. Certify by oath
56. Feasted
58. Settler with a grant
61. Corporal Klingler of M*A*S*H
63. Fiver from which a dog breed's name is derived
64. Opinion
65. Scene of battle
66. Scorch
67. Slack
68. Impressionist painter
69. Unfriendly sound
70. His: Fr.

DOWN

1. Passion, in Pisa
2. Police car's feature
3. Papers & magazines
4. Pick-me-up
5. Diplomacy
6. Part of the eye
7. Eastern Yugoslavians
8. Fulton and Martin
9. Traveler's aid: abbr.
10. Undressing
11. Potables
12. Student's concern
13. 15 Across & others: abbr.
20. Suffixes for velvet & eight
21. Former Defense Secretary
25. Carrier
27. This: Sp.
28. ___ tro
30. Character-actor Ray
31. Relax
32. Miss
33. Allies' Gulf War foe
34. Revolutionary War volunteers
35. Pond growths
37. Biblical word
40. One who uses the Gregg method
44. Feed the kitty
46. Put leftovers in the microwave
48. Takes care of the lawn
50. Overwhelming success
52. Dime side
53. Albert
54. Looks like
55. Goller's hazard
56. In ___; between a rock and a hard place
57. Edible root
59. ___ had a farm, ___
60. Mantilla wearers: abbr.
62. Ending for Joseph & Paul



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FOR SALE BY OWNER—302 Laurel Drive, 3 BR/2 BTH, C/H/A, fireplace, dining room, and large living area. Good neighborhood. Call 903-364-5432. **14-26(tfc)**

306 LAUREL DRIVE for sale, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, large den, carport, 2 storage sheds, fenced backyard, CH/A. 325-754-5192 or 754-4273. **14-37(4tp)**

LARGE CORNER LOT, shop, carport, single garage, 3 BR & 1-1/2 bath, utility, stove. 300 E. Pierce. \$25,000. Owner may finance. Contact Melinda Meyers for appt. 754-4209. **14-31(tfc)**

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Celebrating 75 years— Texas FFA launches project to reconnect with former members

The Texas FFA Association has launched a program to reconnect with the hundreds of thousands of students that have worn the distinctive blue and gold FFA jacket over the last eight decades. "The Texas FFA is celebrating 75 years of success through youth leadership development and agricultural education," said Tom Maynard, executive director of the Texas FFA program. "We want to hear from our former students about how their lives have turned out and how their FFA training helped them."

Maynard said the 75th annual observance of the FFA's birthday in Texas is an excellent opportunity to locate the students that have been in

FFA over the years. The organization plans to do that with a website, and a media campaign encouraging former students to make contact with the organization.

To assist alumni in reconnecting with the organization, the Texas FFA has launched a new website: <www.texasffa.org>. Alumni can visit the website and click on the 75th Anniversary logo to submit their contact information.

What started as an organization for farm boys in 1929, has grown into a large and sophisticated program that trains both boys and girls in agricultural science, public speaking, parliamentary procedure, and a solid work ethic. "We believe FFA has matured into a progressive, inclusive, and diverse youth organization teaching

leadership, technology, career and character development," said Tobin Redwine, this year's student president of the Texas FFA Association. "We are eager to hear from all generations of former FFA members about how FFA has impacted their lives."

The Texas FFA initiated this project to reunite former Texas FFA members with the organization, to keep them informed about the organization and to let current members know how the Texas FFA can impact their own lives, through the experiences of others.

The Texas FFA is the nation's largest state FFA association with a membership of 58,753 and 977 local affiliates.

Texas initiates testing program to help regain cattle tuberculosis (TB) status

Beginning November 1, Texas will begin implementing the cattle tuberculosis (TB) plan developed by an industry and agency task force in late 2002. The strategy includes testing dairy and purebred cattle herds, work that may be conducted by certified private veterinary practitioners, without cost to Texas ranchers, reports Dr. Bob Hillman, Texas' state veterinarian and executive director for the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock health regulatory agency.

The surveillance testing, being funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, is one element of the plan for regaining Texas' cattle TB-free status, which was granted in 2000, but revoked in 2002. In 2001, two of Texas 153,000 cattle herds were found to have cattle TB and were depopulated. As a result, the USDA, in 2002, downgraded Texas' TB status to 'TB modified accredited advanced,' the second-highest level in the five-tiered disease program. Today, all states, except Texas, California, New Mexico and Michigan are classified free of cattle TB, a bacterial infection that causes internal lesions or tumors to develop on the animal's lungs, lymph nodes or other internal organs.

Texas' TB problems surfaced in summer 2001, when infection was detected in a purebred beef herd in Fayette

County. In fall 2001, infection also was found in a Pecos County dairy and a beef operation in Irion County; these operations were counted as one herd, because they had a single owner. In August 2003, a third herd — an infected purebred beef herd — was detected and depopulated in Zavala County.

Dr. Hillman said the infected herds in Texas were detected through routine examination of carcasses at slaughter. Federal and state meat inspectors check all carcasses for wholesomeness and submit suspicious tissue samples for laboratory testing.

Test-positive animals are destroyed and carefully examined, and if additional infection is detected and confirmed, the herd is depopulated and ranchers are reimbursed with federal funds.

In the effort to locate the source of TB infection, or to determine if it has spread, possibly exposed herds also are tested, as are operations from which cattle were bought, sold or moved. In Texas, TAHC and USDA veterinarians have TB tested more than 14,000 head of cattle that had an epidemiological link to the state's three infected herds. So far, no additional infection has been found.

"Texas is the country's leading cattle state and number six for dairy production. We must do everything possible to regain our cattle TB-free status, so animals can move across state lines without restrictions," explained Dr. Hillman.

Under current USDA regulations, Texas breeding cattle not originating from a TB-accredited free herd may not be exported out of state until they've tested negative for cattle TB, a process that takes 72 hours.

Additionally, some states penalize Texas cattle by requiring additional testing or identification procedures for dairy calves or feeder cattle.

requirements can be costly for Texas ranchers, who, each year, export more than 150,000 breeding cattle and nearly a million head of feeder animals.

"To regain our TB-free status, we must prove to the USDA and to other states that we've conducted surveillance herd testing sufficient to identify and eliminate all cattle TB infection," said Dr. Hillman.

"USDA funding recently was approved for the Texas TB plan, so we can enlist and pay private practitioners to help with the TB testing program, which will begin November 1. We need the extra manpower for this effort, and some cattle producers just prefer to have their own practitioner conduct any tests."

"In September and October, we're offering the certification training seminars that are required for accredited private veterinary practitioners who want to participate," he explained. "We expect that at least 250 private practitioners will be certified by November 1 and will be ready to conduct herd tests under a 'fee-basis' contract agreement with the TAHC. Ranchers will have no out-of-pocket expenses, other than gathering the herd, presenting the cattle for testing, and holding the animals in a pen during the 72-hour test period."

Dr. Hillman said another major aspect of Texas' TB plan involves enhanced slaughter surveillance. The USDA has hired and stationed additional animal health technicians in federally inspected slaughter plants around the country.

Other key components of the TB plan include controlling feeder cattle and rodeo stock imported from Mexico, a country that is known to have greater rates of TB infection than the U.S.

Be safe: Thunderstorm safety precautions

With the most severe thunderstorm activity typically impacting Texas August through October, WTU Retail Energy L.P. offers the following information and electricity-related precautions to help customers stay safe during a thunderstorm.

Lightning and Thunderstorm Facts:

On average, lightning annually causes 93 deaths and 300 injuries nationwide.

Texas is second only to Florida in the number of lightning-caused casualties.

You are not only in danger when the storm is overhead; any time you can hear thunder you are in danger of injury or damage by lightning.

A person who has been struck by lightning does not carry an electrical charge that can shock other people. Provide assistance immediately and call 9-1-1.

Thunderstorms always include lightning and can also bring heavy rains, flash floods, strong winds, hail and tornadoes.

Safety Tips

1) Install surge protectors on all major appliances

• If lightning strikes your home, the charge can destroy appliances that are plugged into wall outlets, including TVs and computers. Proper surge protectors are inexpensive, easy to install, and stop the charge before it reaches valuable equipment.

2) Check for hazards on your property

• Remove dead or rotting trees and branches that could fall and injure someone or damage your home or power lines during a severe thunderstorm.

3) Do not handle any electrical equipment and do not use the telephone except for an emergency

• An electric charge from lightning could be transmitted through the wires. Television sets are particularly dangerous during a lightning storm.

4) Do not take a bath or shower and avoid water faucets

• Water and metal pipes can conduct electricity.

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Schedule of Events

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- 2:00 p.m. Parade winners award presentation
- 5:00 p.m. BBQ supper sponsored by the Library Club
Tickets - \$5.00 each
- 9:00 p.m. Dance at the Fireman's Hall until 1:00 a.m.
Strays from San Angelo will be performing

Other entertainment includes square dancers from San Angelo, *The Silver Ridge Runners* from Menard, and *The Praise Band* from the First Baptist Church, as well as other local talent.

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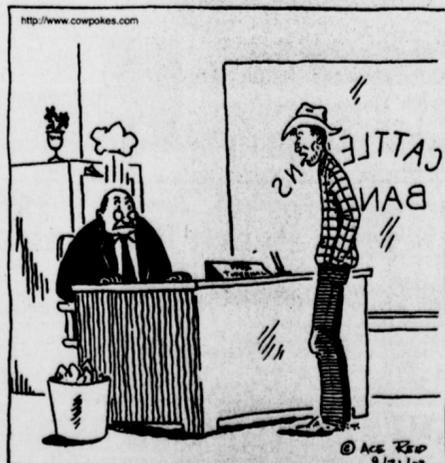
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