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VOTING In the regular meeting held last Monday, Councilmembers and the Mayor approved to payout for the former Manager Aref Hassan, who worked at the same position for more than 18 years. (Photo: Ruben Cantu-Rodriguez)

Winters Manager had asked not to reveal his resignation

Hassan's departure a planned retirement

Ruben Cantu-Rodriguez Winters Enterprise

TINTERS, Texas.-City of Winters Manager's departure was not a sudden resignation, it was a planned retirement discussed several weeks before with a very select group inside the administration, but the date had not been set according to a memo written on his last day of work.

Aref Hassan, the 18year-manager of the City of Winters came to his office on Thursday, June 17 for the last time, picked up some pictures, books and other personal belongings and left a resignation letter addressed Mayor Dawson McGuffin, Council and City Employees.

According to the memo, the Afghanistan native and fluent in five languages was

Do not hurry to hire anyone, you got very good and qualified people here... the goal is to get the best control with your limited staff."

Rick Bowman Winters auditor

hired for a national security mission overseas.

Aref Hassan started to work for the City of Winters in April of 1992, and stayed for more than 18 years.

In the letter the former

Manager thanks to all the community members for the hospitality found in Winters, and suggests to keep vacant his position. Hassan also drafts a rough plan to face the

ongoing Sales Tax loss. According to the latest reports, the City of Winters interim administrator. had a 48.7 percent Sales Tax loss.

to the Manager's resignation.

The City Council voted unanimously to accept the resignation and did not provide any public explanation to the numerous attendees.

Mayor Dawson McGuffin and the council members agreed to address any further implications on the next regular council meeting, scheduled for last Monday, June 28.

Last Monday, on the regular Council meeting, Winters officials agreed to start the search for a new manager, while Mayor Dawson McGuffin will keep on working as an

At the meeting Rick CPA from Bowman, After Hassan's departure, Sweetwater and auditor for the City Council called to a the City of Winters, recomspecial meeting, held on mended to evaluate the Monday, June 21, in which possibility to distribute the the agenda was limited only manager duties among the administrative employees. in order to keep an affordable budget.

"Do not hurry to hire anyone, you got very good and qualified people here... the goal is to get the best control with your limited staff, you got good employees that can handle the job," said Bowman.

For the City Manager position as well as the Fire Marshall and inspectors, the Council voted to evaluate several options, before taking any final decision.

The Council also approved the payout of former Manager Aref Hassan, for a total of \$12,284.42.



Resignation Letter

June 17, 2010

To Mayor, Council, and City Employees From: Aref Hassan, City Manager Subject: Retirement

Honorable Mayor and City

I was honored with an assignment for National Security Mission overseas. Therefore, I will retire from my responsibilities in City of Winters, effective Friday June 18, 2010. I have notified and discussed my retirement intention with Mayor McGuffin, three weeks ago, but under circumstances, I wrote this memo at this date.

The average life of City Management is three to five years. Working for the City of Winters for eighteen plus years speaks for itself. The first day sometimes in March of 2002 (1992), when I arrived in Winters, the Mayor, some of the Council and the City Attorney were waiting by my rent house to help me unload. That told me a lot about warmness of the Winters heart. Such hospitable people, many people invited me to Lowake Steak House, their houses and Churches, and fed me good foods. In our first council meeting we had cookies and soft drinks. Those memories continued until this day.

I always had nice Mayors and Council. The first ten years that Mr. McGuffin was Mayor under principles of sticks and carets we had a relationship good accomplished a lot. Mr. Nelan Bahlman had a proven record as councilman and during his leadership as Mayor we completed many infrastructure projects. This was my second year with Mayor McGuffin in his current term, and city has \$5,000,000 in its disposal for capital improvements. A good, moderate level headed, positive, and proactive Council made all this possible. I am very proud of our current Mayor, councilmen and employees. For next budget year you will have approximately \$40,000 advalorem and \$30,000 Sales Tax loss, saving my salary and benefits will cover that.

Employees are very dedicated, loyal, hard working and smart thinking people. They are over worked and under paid, and yet your best assets. You can manage their merit raise and cost of living from saving of my salary as well, "If there is a will there is a way".

There is only six of them, three in administration and three in street department.

In summary, like Charlsie Poe, in her book, "Runnels Is My County", in 1970 said, Runnels is My County, Winters is my home and I shall return to home, sweet home dead or alive, sooner or later.

Annual Dove Festival is around the corner

For The Winters Enterprise

WINTERS, Texas.- The Dove Festival Committee would like to remind you that our 8th Annual Dove Festival is around the corner. The committee plans on continuing all the activities as planned in years past.

There will be a hunter's appreciation barbeque meal with live entertainment, exhibits, silent and live auctions and more. They also plan the Gun Show and Arts and Crafts show to remain downtown. There will be a clay pigeon fun shoot, motorcycle fun run and a raffle for six guns.

The committee is trying to wrap up sponsors for the September 4, 2010 event. There are many sponsorship opportunities with different levels of benefits. Dove Festival Sponsorships range from the Bronze level at \$250 to the platinum level of \$2,000.

Benefits for sponsoring include logo banners, exhibit space, day dove hunts, rounds in the clay pigeon fun shoot, tickets to the dove festival, dove fest caps and promotional items.

If you need more information on sponsorships or booths please contact Amanda Collom, Winters Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, at 325-754-5210.



After the storm...

Runnels County residents enjoyed last Monday morning a beautiful portrait, with a clear blue sky and shining Sun after the weekend rains. (Photo: Ruben Cantu-Rodriguez)

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QuickBooks seminar will be held at ASU

Winters Enterprise Staff Report

SAN ANGELO, Texas.- The Angelo State University -**Small Business Development** Center will be hosting two QuickBooks training workshops: Introduction to QuickBooks (July 13th) and QuickBooks Basics (July 15th). Each session will be held in ASU MCS Building Room 111B (2200 Dena Dr.). Cost is \$30 per seminar, per person, and advanced registration is required.

Are you new to QuickBooks? QuickBooks is an efficient financial management tool for many small business owners. Attend the Introduction to QuickBooks seminar, Tuesday, July 13th from 4 - 6:30 p.m. to learn how to set up your company in QuickBooks and to develop a chart of accounts. In this seminar you will have a hands-on experience with creating a new company in QuickBooks, and learn how

to navigate through the program. Take in conjunction with the QuickBooks Basics seminar to learn how to input and manage your data.

The QuickBooks Basics

seminar will be held Thursday, July 15th from 4 – 6:30 p.m. and will cover how to set up customers, vendors and create lists. We will build off of knowledge gained in Introduction QuickBooks seminar but this seminar can also be taken independently. Both semi-

nars are designed for beginning QuickBooks users, primarily those responsible for data entry and management in your company.

You must be able to perform basic computer skills for these courses. To register please call 942-2098 or regisline on www.sbdc.angelo.edu reserve your space as seating is limited.

A Partnership Program with the U.S. Small Business Administration.



HISTORY OF POLICE - PART X "NICK NAMES" - CONTINUED

n the book of Proverbs, we find that "a good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favor rather than silver and gold". (Proverbs 22:1).

In our society a "good name" is directly associated with credibility. If you work in the public, such as a teacher, pastor, or police officer, but have a good reputation among the people you help, it will go a long way in preserving your effectiveness despite what some will say about you.

When I was a rookie officer an experienced lawman told me, "Trust is everything in this business", and I have found over the years that he was absolutely right.

As we go a little further down the alphabet let us look at police nicknames that start with the letters "N" - "P".

Abbreviated form of "Narcotics Agent"

A term used in Ontario, Canada to describe the Ontario Provincial Police.

A derogatory Chilean term for Carabineros, the national police force of Chile. "Paco", and "tortugas ninjas" (ninja turtles) are Chilean slang terms for any member of the Carabineros.

Pandu Hawaldar

Indian constables (not always peace officers) were recruited mostly from village areas. Pandu Ram was a common name in the villages.

This also comes from Robert Peel who is considered by some to be the "Father" of modern policing.

Plain Brown Wrapper

Most commonly used by truck drivers over the CB radio, in reference to unmarked vehicles and plain clothes police officers, usually of local or state jurisdictions.

Pronounced Po-Lease, a pronunciation used in urban areas. Can be used in either both an admiring and denigrat-

Police Officer

A policeman or policewoman. Euphemism used widely for any such person regardless of whether the individual holds any office.

A term originating from "po-po", it is a combination of Police and the K9 unit. Used mostly in the southern US.

Abbreviation of the rank "Police Constable". Also used by the Ontario Provincial Police to abbreviate "Provincial Constable". Constable is used in the UK and Canada rather than "Officer".

PW

Police Woman. Sometimes considered derogatory or merely impolite.

Queen's Cowboys

Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Thank you for your support of our local Winters Police Department officers. We ask that you keep us in your thoughts and prayers.

> Semper Fi. Chief Nathan T. Johnson

Rozanne Fay Colbath

Rozanne Fay Colbath, 72, of Winters passed away Sunday, June 27, 2010. She was born November 15, 1937 in Norton and grew up in Winters. She graduated from Winters High School. She married Luke Colbath in 2006 in Winters. She was a dispatcher for Mac Oilfield and a Baptist.

She is survived by her husband Luke Colbath of Winters; one son: Lance Bradford and wife Liz of Denver, Colorado; four step-children: Mona Lange of Winters, Ronnie Colbath of Buffalo Gap, Tammie Rouse of Clyde and Larry Colbath of Odessa; one sister: Lea Hubnik of Austin; one brother: Mike Hendrix of Tuscola; as well as seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

A Memorial Service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 30, 2010, in the Winters Funeral Home Chapel with David Cason officiating. Burial will follow at Lakeview Cemetery under the direction of the Winters Funeral Home.

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Got a news tip?

Call the Ballinger Ledger at 325-365-3501.

Chatting with Paw Paw By John DeMoss Jr.

Way back in 1976, President Gerald Ford authorized free shots for all Americans for the ine flu. My dad and I were going dove nting that afternoon, but I got in line and

It was cold that Saturday afternoon, but there were plenty of dove to shoot. I had/still have a 20 guage that I was using. Until that afternoon, I thought that I was a pretty good shot but those dove were wearing "bullet-proof"

I knew how bad it was when I shot three times at a bird on the ground - missed him! He looked up at me, blew me a kiss,, waved, and flew away. Total birds for the afternoon: Bob

That evening, after consuming more than I should have, I went to a friend's house.

ing into an oven set at 450°. I didn't stay long; I was getting sick. When I got back to my parents' house my illness progressed to chills, fever and vomiting. Turns out, my FREE flu

All through our lives satan will offer us many "free" things: "love", money, prestige. Yet, there is always a hook at the end of each offer. Jesus said that satan is a liar and that he is the father of all lies.

Bottom line is, neither he nor his "free" offers can be trusted.

The Lord Jesus is" not a man that He should lie." He offers us Himself for our sins, His peace, His unconditional love and His life. What our God offers us is the real thing, not a "free" swine flu shot

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Carrie Crockett Hope

Carrie Ruth "Kat" Crockett Hope, 86, of Winters, our beloved mother and meemaw, passed away on Sunday, June 27, 2010. She was born the daughter of the late John D. "Joe" and Minnie F. Crockett on May 3, 1924 in Winters. She married Eugene "Pee Wee" Hope on August 16, 1947 in Winters. She was preceded in death by her husband, a son Kenneth Hope and a sister Dorothy Moore. She is survived by three daughters and their husbands: Gloria and Ronnie Poehls of Wingate, Donna and David Pliler of San Angelo and Kathy and Luther Smith of Sterling City; 10 grandchildren: Melisa Boerger and husband Jeremy of Katy, Wayne Poehls and wife Beverly of Georgetown, Wade Pliler of San Angelo, Shana Pelzel and husband Ryan of Katy, Cory Smith and wife Leslie of Kaufmann, Carrie Scott of San Angelo, Kyla Kinsey and Laci Duggan and husband Ryan of Sterling City, Kendra Bryant and husband Petey of Midland and Jeremy Hope and wife Keegan of Mertzon; as well as 14 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

The family received friends at the Winters Funeral Home on Tuesday, June 29, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. Funeral Services will be held at the North Main Church of Christ on Wednesday, June 30, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. with Cory Smith and Don Davis officiating. Burial will follow at Lakeview Cemetery under the direction of the Winters Funeral Home.

The family asks that memorials be made to North Main Church of Christ in Winters or the San Angelo Christian Academy, 528 Country Club Rd, San Angelo, 76904.

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JULY 12-23

Water Superintendent has mandated a mandatory minimum water usage for these two weeks. Do not use sprinkler systems and do not water grass. Use the minimum amount of water necessary. This mandate is due to the water treatment plant renovations.

News

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Lion's Club fundraiser

Winters Lion's Club pork loin and chicken fund raiser in the IGA

Pork loin: \$25 each. Two chicken quarters: \$5 Sales starting at 10:00 a.m. until sold out

Bingo at the Chamber of Commerce

The Winters Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting a BINGO on July 17. Donations for prizes are greatly appreciated and may be dropped off at the WACC office or Wes-T-Go with Vanessa or Shannon. More details to come.

New pastor at the First United Methodist Church

Starting July 4, 2010 regular Sunday morning Worship Service will be at 10:45 a.m. and Sunday School will precede at 9:30 a.m. We have Sunday School for both the children and adults in our community. Everyone is welcome to attend Sunday School or worship

We have a new Pastor ministering to FUMC. He is Pastor Jayme Palady. Jayme, his wife Laura and their five children have made If you have the opportunity, please show the Palady family a warm

WHS Class of 1965 reunion

Winters High School Class of 1965 will be having their 45th Class Reunion starting at 3 p.m. Saturday, July 17, 2010, at the Winters Community Center. A barbecue meal will be served at 6 p.m. The cost of the meal will be \$15.00 per person.

All members of the WHS Class of 1965, their spouses and children, parents, members of other classes who went to school with the Class of '65, administrators, teachers and friends are also invited to the reunion.

Please RSVP for the barbecue meal on or before July 7, 2010, by contacting Elaine Beard Gray at 325-529-6473 or 325-668-8545, e-mail: jmeg@taylortel.net.

Writing contest

First Annual Douglas Meador Writing Contest, \$300 First Place, \$150 Second Place.

Writing West, Stories and Personal Narratives from 1850 - 1935. Deadline July 5, 2010 email mctribune@gmail.com for submission

Historical book to reprint

The Runnels County Historical Commission will be taking orders for their recent release "Runnels County, A Look Back". The publication has created a lot of interest, with the first printing being sold and has now gone to reprint.

Book price is \$20.00 plus postage if mailed. To place your orders, please call any of the following persons: In Norton, Anthony Lange at 786-2140; in Ballinger, Linda Duggan at 365-3145, or Diana Rozmen at 365-2784; in Rowena, Beverly Teplicek at 442-4841, in Winters, Ruth Cooper at 754-5183.

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He who laughs last...

The world applauds folks who are masters of spontaneous verbal come-backs. Somehow, they are "rightworded" in facing tenuous situations with grace.

Never seen sweating, they are unflappable rarities. Their words flow effortlessly while the rest of us melt to mush at binding times, our facial expressions and skin tones dead giveaways that our goats have been gotten.

We can make long lists of times that "duh" would have been better than our stumbling responses. "Do you have any reason to be driving so fast? Your luggage is a pound over the limit; you owe another \$35. I know your son is a gregarious fourth-grader, but he must learn soon not to bite others. I'm sorry I asked if the woman is your daughter; how long have you been married?" Such questions stretch toward infinity....

One such guy with a hairtrigger brain is Jim Bob Solsbery. "Yep, my folks named me 'James Robert,' but I was 'Jim Bob' before we left the hospital. They

say our dogs got all the good names," Solsbery claims with a distinctive Texas twang.

Some of his kinfolks stop short Hatfield/McCoy stalemates, arguing about whether "Solsbery" originated in England or Germany.

Jim Bob cares not; he just knows that his first and last names are about as compatible as a mule in the Kentucky

He resembles the Marlboro man, except he's shorter, older and doesn't smoke. More hat than cattle, he and his trademark Stetson are inseparable. Blue jeans and boots made for amblin' complete his daily attire.

A 30-year agriculture specialist with the government, this son of West Texas has long had a keen eye for humor. He's a wonderful storyteller, convinced that humor is an attitude--the title of his (TheHumorAttitude.com) commits speeches around the U.S. when he's not tied up with his grandkids.

His ability to diffuse difficult moments is undeniable. Jim Bob doesn't raise it, a scrawled number.

his voice and maintains unflagging optimism. Hard to rile and determined to smile, he rarely encounters obstacles that he can't climb over, sneak around, dig under or stare down....

Here's one example. Changed plans recently forced him to make an eleventh hour cancellation at a fancy out-of-state resort. Jim Bob and wife Jan weren't sure they could avoid a late cancellation fee.

First off, repeated phone calls to the swank place went unanswered. Then, the desk clerk could find no reservation for "Solsbery." The resort manager joined the search, and his computer screen failed to show "Solsbery" either--for that date or later.

Jim Bob was resolute, adamant that he had made reservations several weeks earlier. Finally, the manager asked if he had a reservation number....

He bluffed, saying he needed a few minutes to put his hands on it. Truth to tell, he didn't remember jotting down the number, and certainly didn't know its whereabouts.

"I checked my office in the book. He maintains a blog car," he related. "I found several items, including ballpoint pens, rubber bands, hamburger wrappers and church bulletins."

> But wait! There was a crumpled envelope lodged between the seats, and on

Shorter than his Social Security number longer than a Baskin-Robbins "wait in line" number, it was maybe, just

His voice oozed confidence when he returned to the phone. Seconds later, the computer coughed up a "cha-ching"reservation. It was for a week later, however, and under the name "Fosbury."

"You folks got me confused with the high jumper," he drawled. "I'm not the 'Fosbury Flop;' I'm the 'Solsbery Sot'!"

The manager, himself of granddaddy vintage, broke into laughter, recalling the unique "flopping," back-first style of Dick Fosbury, whose leap of seven feet, 4.25 inches set a new world record at the 1968 Olympics. The clerk, much younger, had no clue why the boss was laughing, and probably couldn't define "sot," either....

Maybe next time my friend will make reservations under "Jim Bob." That would be hard to get wrong.

In the meantime, he's got more fodder for his blog and upcoming speaking engagements.

And his firm belief that humor is an attitude, unshaken....

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Dr. Newbury is a speaker in the Metroplex. Send inquiries/comments to newbury@speakerdoc.com. Phone: 817-447-3872. Website:

Communit

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AA meeting are held at 204 W. Truitt behind church on Main St. Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m.

Ministerial Alliance

Winters Ministerial Alliance meets the first Monday of every month at 9 a.m. at Samaritans House on the corner of E. Dale and Grant.

Chamber of Commerce

Chamber of Commerce meets at 5:30 p.m. first Monday of the month at 100 West Dale Street.

City Council Meetings

Winters City Council meets at 6 p.m. the last Monday of the month

School Board Meetings

Winters ISD School Board meets at 6:30 p.m. every second Monday of the month at 603 North Heights.

Hospital Board Meetings

The North Runnels Hospital Board meets at 6 p.m. the third

Literary Service Club meets at 6 p.m. the third Monday of the

Winters Public Library meets at 4:30 p.m. every third Tuesday of

Winters Women's Club

Winters Women's Club meet on the second Tuesday of the month, from September through May. Contact Jane Bourdo, 754-2048 or Becky Hays, 754-1912 for more information.

Masonic Lodge meetings

Wingate Masonic Lodge 1042 A.F. & A.M., meetings on fourth Monday of the month, at 6:30 p.m. at Wilmeth, TX Lodge. For further information contact Hank Bourdo, at 754-2048.

USDA Rural Development offers help for energy audits

Ballinger Ledger Staff Report

Rural Development announces it is seeking applications from eligible intermediaries to help rural small businessers reduce energy costs and consumption. Funding is provided to conduct energy audits and provide renewable energy development assistance.

this program to those who serve energy, but are unable to do so without financial assistance." said Paco Texas State Valentin, Director of USDA Rural

Development. "As we continue to find

energy independent, the pro- provides funds to the audit TEMPLE, Texas. USDA jects this program supports recipient. A style of the state of the style of will become more and more important."

ment has made available 2010. For more information es and agricultural produc- \$2.4 million for fiscal year on how to apply, please see 2010 for energy audits. The funds are provided through the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) and authorized by the Food, Conservation, and Energy "We're pleased to offer Act of 2008 (the Farm Bill).

The Farm Bill allows want to save money and con- agricultural producers or rural small business to recover up to three-quarters of the cost of an energy audit. Audit funds are not provided directly to an eligible producer but are allocated instead to an interme-

ways to make America more diary. The intermediary

Rural Development is accepting applications for USDA Rural Develop- this program until July 26, the May 27, 2010 Federal Register. To learn more about USDA's REAP and other renewable energy programs, please

www.rurdev.usda.gov/BCP_ ReapEaReda.html.

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Health Notes

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1. Definition of "cerebrovascular accident."

A. It is loss of brain function resulting from a disruption of blood flow to part of the brain.

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2. Embolus, which is a wandering blood clot or other material carried in the circulatory system that lodges in the brain. 3. Compression, which is a pinching of an artery by a tumor or swelling.

4. Hemorrhage or bleeding from a brain artery into surrounding areas. Recovery from a cerebrovascular accident depends on the area of the brain involved

and the extent of damage done. Transient ischemic attacks, which are temporary impairments of blood flow to the

brain, may precede a stroke. 2. Factors that increase the risk of cerebrovascular accident.

A. Noncontrollable risk factors.

Advancing age Positive family history

Race (African Americans have a higher incidence than white Americans).

Sex (men have a higher incidence than women).

History of diabetes, cardiac disease, and renal disease B. Controllable risk factors.

Hypertension.

Use of oral contraceptives.

5. Diet high in cholesterol

3. Warning signs of a stroke.

A. Sudden temporary weakness or numbness on one side of the body.

Temporary loss of speech, or slurred speech. Unexplained dizziness, unsteadiness, or falls.

Temporary loss of vision or blurred vision. Change in level of consciousness.

4. Possible effects of a stroke.

A. Paralysis or weakness on one side of the body.

Difficulty with speech and language

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Urine and fecal incontinence. E. Emotional lability.

Difficulty swallowing G. Visual deficits.

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The big draw at Lake Ivie is, of course, the black bass which have set records this year and continue to draw the most attention. Nearly every day someone brings a large bass to the scales, and fishing continues to be outstanding.

Recently we've been doing quite a bit of cat fishing and have had days when we were able to take our limit of 25 catfish per person. Most of the fish average about two pounds, but very good numbers of the four to six pounders also pull the cork under. Most of our fish have come from using cheese bait under a small cork in water less than four feet deep. We continue to see some spawning catfish, and this should continue for some time.

Night fishing is also taking fair numbers of white bass and crappie when conditions permit. On a trip this past weekend we started about dark and fished until 1:00 a.m. without catching a fish. On the way back to Concho Park we talked to several other boats all of whom were fishless except for one who said he had two fish. Sometimes the fish just don't bite. As a veteran of many night fishing trips in all conditions, I have to state that when it's hot dur-BOTTOM TO THE REST TO

ing the day and the full moon rises at dark, the fish generally go on break

Speaking of breaks, we've all heard that oil is flowing into the Gulf of Mexico from a BP rig. It seems that BP is trying to assist those who have business losses due to the spill and will in time make amends. I would venture to say that not everyone is going to be happy with the amounts received, and the process will be slow. However, I've learned that one group gets paid first--the IRS. I'm sure that thrills those people who have stopped fishing and shrimping, not to mention those who are out of work because drilling in the gulf is shut down for six months while something is checked on that was being checked on

when the spill occurred. I've seen a bunch of stuff come over the Internet about the reasons for the shut down, and none of them makes any sense. This problem may never occur again, and if it does, oil companies will have a better understanding of how to deal with it. They already have a good idea of how to handle Congress, the White House and other govern-

ment agencies that have some say so about the problem. The CEO pf BP who is taking the brunt of the criticism has been hung out and is being paid about \$6 million a year to be the bad guy. But he does give those who know nothing about how to fix the problem something to shoot at and keeps them happy thinking they're being good at their jobs and will be getting more votes at the next election. It's kind of like football when the running back fumbles and the head coach gets fired to solve the problem; like fumbles have never before occurred. But someone has to be the bad guy, and if they pay \$6 million, I'd like to sign up for the job.

my wife and I will attend a Sul Ross baseball reunion in San Antonio. It would be nice to have it in Alpine, but most of us are too old to remember how to get to Alpine, and there's no major medical facility nearby. It will be nice to meet up with our College World Series team of 1968 and our coach Al Ogletree now of Edinburg. I just hope he leaves his fungo and whistle at home since I sure can't bend over to field a ground ball, and running outfields would certainly require major medical visit.

Near the end of July

See you on the lake.

DPS rescues lost surveyer

Ruben Cantu-Rodriguez Winters Enterprise

INTERS, Texas.-A survey worker that got lost northeast of Winters was rescued by Texas Department of Public Safety officers and flown to a hospital in Abilene, after spending more than two hours walking and trying to find his way under a 100-degree sun.

the man used his phone to call 9-1-1 at 2:12 p.m., stated that he was having a heat stroke and was lost giving vague points of reference.

Office and the DPS troopers started the search, but the location data provided by the man was difficult to access.

The man, a SKG Engineering worker in his mid 50's from San Angelo, had walked for a while and just had power lines as reference point.

Rescue teams had to deal with fences, locks and per-On Wednesday, June 23, missions to enter private properties and continue with the search.

After more than two hours the man was found by troopers Bryan Gehegan Emergency teams includ- and Michael Gray in a

ing Runnels County Sheriff's point located about three quarters of a mile from the intersection of County Road 174 and 206.

> Law enforcement officers used the man's cell phone GPS system to locate the exact place where he was. The site is located in the middle of a property with no immediate roads or easy access.

The highway survey worker was sick, heavy breathing and complained of chest pain.

A helicopter was brought to the site and the man was flown to a medical facility in Abilene.

Angora goat day in Sonora

Steve Byrns Texas AgriLife Extension Service

SONORA, Texas.- Texas AgriLife Research's annual Angora Goat Performance Test Field Day and Sale is set for July 29 at the AgriLife Research Station at Sonora. The station is located 28 miles south of Sonora on ers include Range Utilization U.S. Highway 55, between Sonora and Rocksprings.

The day's activities open at 10 a.m. with an informal

their records. Educational presentations start at 11:15 a.m. and resume at 1 p.m. after lunch. The sale of performance-tested animals will immediately follow the educational program at about 2 p.m.

Program topics and speakby Goats, Dr. Charles "Butch" Taylor, superintendent, AgriLife Research Station at Sonora; Meat: The Other Angora

viewing of the test animals Product, Joe David Ross, Sonora rancher; Tribute to Mac Gilliat, Fred Speck, Speck Angoras, Kerrville.

The sale of animals will conclude the day's activities.

Data and photos of the bucks in-fleece are available at: http://safiles.tamu.edu/genetics/angoratest.htm.

For more information, contact Waldron or Dr. Frank Craddock, at Texas AgriLife Extension Service at 325-653-4576.

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Cattle industry mourns Briscoe

Winters Enterprise Staff Report

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Governor Briscoe was elected to the TSCRA board of directors in 1950 and served as TSCRA president from 1960 to 1962.

Marriages	
Names	Date
Jimmy Rodriquez Jr. and Sandy Ortiz Reyna	June 21
Divorce filings	
Names	Date
ames Edward Galloway jr vs Jennifer Diane Halloway	June 18
ori Nicole McWright vs Stacy Ray McWright	June 21
Amanda Polk Carter vs Baylee Jack Carter	June 22
Kristi Cheyne Whisenhunt vs Jason Alan Whisenhut	June 23

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Karen Tropp	Theft by check	June 23
Justin Towe	Theft by check	June 23
Kevin Robinson	Theft by check	June 23
Kimberly Ripley	Theft by check	June 23
Ariel Harendt	Theft by check	June 23
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Olen Potts Jr.	Theft by check	June 21
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Christopher A. Wright	26	RCSO	Theft by check	
JB Lyons	52	Coke	DWLI	
John E. Srader	. 38	RCSO	Surety withdrawal	
Francisco Reyna	35	RCSO	DWI	
Cassandra J. Shidler	21	BPD	Assault on public servant	
Hannah K. Artinger	20	Concho	MTR	
Clint Wilde	19	DPS	M.I.C. Open container	
Chance Aycock	19	DPS	M.I.C.	
Kristopher Strube	19	DPS	DWI	
Regino Rodriguez	36	RCSO	MTR - DWL I	
Antonio Lopez	24	BPD	Hale Co Warrant - MTR Fleeing	
Cecilia R. Gonzales	28	BPD	Assault causing bodily injury	
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MARCI PASCHAL graduated with a Bachelor of Behavioral Science degree in psychology from the HSU Cynthia Ann Parker College of Liberal Arts. (Photo: Contributed)

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Winters Enterprise Staff Repoter

INTERS, Texas.-Marci Paschal, of Winters, Texas, graduated from Hardin-Simmons University during commencement ceremonies held Saturday, May, 8, 2010, Behrens HSU's Auditorium.

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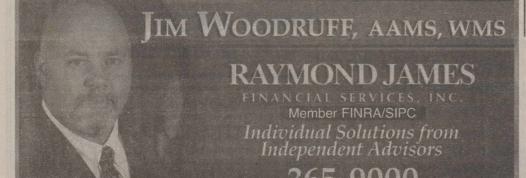
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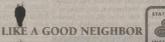
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Here are a few ideas to

Boost your 401(k) contributions. To build the resources you'll need to become financially independent during your retirement years, you should take full advantage of your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored plan. Whenever your salary goes up, try to contribute more to your 401(k). Generally, your contributions are made with pretax dollars, so the more you put in, the lower your taxable income. And your contributions grow on a tax-deferred basis. In 2010, you can put up to \$16,500 into your 401(k), or \$22,000 if you're 50 or older.

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Build an emergency fund. Try to build an emergency fund containing six to 12 months' worth of living expenses, placed in a liquid account. Without such a fund, you may be forced to dip into your long-term investments to pay for needs such as a new furnace or a big doctor's bill - and the more you tap into your investments, the longer it will be until you can attain financial freedom.

Cut down on your debt. It's easier said than done, but by reducing your debt load, you'll have more money to invest for the future. You might want to start by eliminating the smallest debts first, then moving on to whittle away at the bigger ones.

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Winters pride at Texas Tech makes it to President's List

Winters Enterprise Staff Report

WINTERS, Texas.- Susan Sneed, a Junior at Texas Tech University in Lubbock was on the President's Honor List with a 4.0 for the spring semester 2010.

She recently joined Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society.

Susan will be attending Texas Tech Health Science Center this fall with plans to obtain a degree in Speech, Language, and Hearing.

She is the daughter of Randall and Cheryl Sneed and a 2008 graduate of Winters High School.

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Ham, Cabbage, Lima Beans, Cornbread, Cobbler.

Thursday Chicken & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Roll, Cake.

Friday Burrito, Spanish Rice, Cole Slaw, Chips & Hot Sauce, Dessert.

Meals are served 11:30 a.m. daily. Anyone who does not take the meals regularly is asked to reserve a lunch by contacting the Activity Center at 754-4205 by 1 a.m



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