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Newly elected Runnels County officials sworn in

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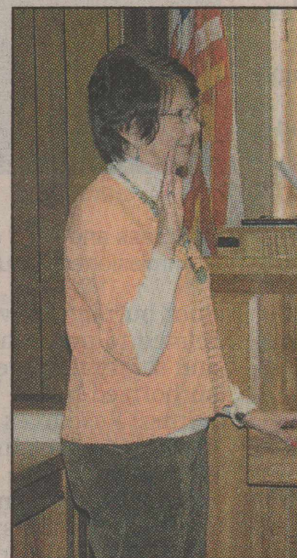
WINTERS - Runnels County Officials elected in the November General Election were sworn in on Saturday, January 1, 2011, at the Runnels County Courthouse according to the protocol. The ceremony was attended by county officials, friends and family of the new representatives.

County Judge Barry Hilliard was the first one to take the oath and start the new year with his new responsibilities followed by County Treasurer Ann Strube. Re-elected county officials were also sworn in by County Clerk Elsa Ocker.

Re-elected officials sworn in are Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace Judge Glenda Wood, Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace Judge Richard Hamilton, District Clerk Tammy Bureson. County Clerk Elsa Ocker signed in in a separate ceremony.



Runnels County Judge
Barry Hilliard



County Treasurer
Ann Strube



Precinct 1
Justice of the Peace
Judge Glenda Wood



Precinct 2
Justice of the Peace
Judge Richard Hamilton



District Clerk
Tammy Bureson

Man found dead in Runnels County

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WINTERS - The Runnels County Sheriff's Department found the body of a man locked inside his home, at 2000 Sergeant, just outside the city limits of Ballinger. The body was identified as Joe Bailey Creek, a man from California that had been living in Ballinger for about 10 years.

According to the Sheriff's Department investigation, by the time Creek was found, last Tuesday, December 28, nobody had seen him for about two weeks.

Sheriff's Department, Ballinger Fire Department and the Game Warden participated in the operation to recover the body. An autopsy was ordered and the body was sent to the Tarrant County Medical Examiner.

Two vehicles and their keys were found on the property. The house was locked from the inside at the time of the finding.

Justice of the Peace Glenda Wood pronounced Creek dead minutes before 1 p.m.

According to neighbors Creek was well known in the neighborhood as the man driving a Ford Ranger pick-up truck with a cap, and for wearing a long beard. The truck and a Chevrolet van were found on the property.

The body was lifted by the Sheriff's Department and taken by Lange Funeral Home.



ABOVE: Lange Funeral Home staff carried and removed the remains once the Sheriff's Department secured the area for possible evidence.

RIGHT: Justice of the Peace Glenda Wood and Sheriff Bill Baird arrive to the house located in 2000 Sergeant in the middle of country property.

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Runnels County show time

MARTY GIBBS
CEA-AG RUNNELS COUNTY

WINTERS - It's January and time for stock shows in Runnels County. The 4-H and FFA members from all communities in Runnels County are preparing to exhibit their livestock projects. The shows kick off this weekend with local project shows in Ballinger, Miles and Winters. All three communities will host local project shows Saturday, January 8.

The Ballinger local show will begin at 10 a.m. at the Ballinger Community Center. The Winters local show will begin 9 a.m. at the Winters Show Barn and the Miles local show will begin 1 p.m. at the Young Farmer Building in Miles.

The Runnels County Junior Livestock Show will be held on January 13-15 at the Community Center in Ballinger. One hundred twenty seven local 4-H and FFA members will participate in the County Show where they will exhibit over 340 livestock projects.

The schedule for the show is as follows:

Thursday, January 13	Weigh in Animals
Friday, January 14	8 a.m. Swine Show, Rabbit Show, Goat Show
Saturday, January 15	8 a.m. Sheep Show, Cattle Show 2 p.m. Runnels County Premium Sale

Everyone is invited to come out and support the youth of Runnels County during the weekend. The Ballinger Young Farmers will have a noon and evening meal on Friday and the Runnels County Junior Livestock Show Association will have a noon meal on Saturday prepared by Atmos Energy. Concessions are also available throughout the event.

The highlight of the weekend will be the Runnels County Premium Sale on Saturday beginning at 2 p.m. Every 4-H and FFA member will auction off their prize winning livestock. Come out and support these youth and help them earn money for their projects and scholarships for their future education. If you would like to make a donation to the premium sale, contact Bill Bredemeyer in Winters.

Winters featured in regional guide

One of 40 communities

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STAFF REPORT

WINTERS - Winters is one of 40 communities in the region featured in the 2011 Texas Midwest Guide. Local advertisers participating on the Winters' pages include The Stitchin Post, The Computer Guy, Raymond's Clip Joint and Winters Dove Fest.

The 2011 Texas Midwest Guide, now in circulation, is a marketing project of Texas Midwest Community Network. This year's guide is the sixteenth edition of the annual publication that showcases quality of life and points of interest in the region.

Each year the Texas Midwest Guide includes community information, attractions, recreation, lodging and much more information about the Texas Midwest region. Distribution of 70,000 copies goes to Texas Travel Information Centers along the State's borders as well as to chambers of commerce, CVBs, hotels and motels and advertisers throughout the region.

An online turn-the-page version of the guide is at web address texasmidwestguide.org. All websites on community pages and ad spaces have hot links from the online guide.

For more information about Texas Midwest Community Network, visit the website www.texasmidwest.org

Oncor files more condemnation proceedings

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WINTERS - Nine condemnation proceedings were filed in the Runnels County District Court on December 30, 2010 by Oncor Electric Delivery Company, against landowners in Runnels County. Five proceedings had already been filed by the company on December 9, 2010.

The company started the proceedings as part of the Bluff Creek-Brown County transmission lines project.

The project will connect the Bluff Creek Switching Station to the future Brown Switching Station in Brown County.

This new condemnation proceedings were filed on December 30, once the company and landowners were unable to settle for the right of way of the lattice steel towers that will be carrying the power lines.

Landowners facing condemnation in Runnels County are Marcus J. Bryan and Glenda Bryan, Collom Land Cattle Co. LLC, Stephen Charles Secrest and Elizabeth Ann Secrest, Don Davis and Nolo Gene Davis, Larry Collom and Nolo Gene Collom, R.E. Gardner trustee; Pat Gully and Carolyn Gully, and Gordon C. McGuffin and Pauline F. McGuffin, Michael Keith Kraatz and

Christina Kraatz, and Delbert Kruse.

The condemnation proceedings are a legal resource used by government or large corporations contemplating semi-public improvements. After a settlement between the parts is not reached the company starts the proceeding looking forward to force the sale of the property for the right of way.

On December 9, 2010 Oncor had previously filed for five more condemnation proceedings, the landowners are Brian W. Dierschke, Carolyn Kay Colburn, Malcolm L. Bredemeyer, Marian Guerin, and Robbin W. Middleton and Carolyn Middleton.

According to Catherine Cuellar, spokeswoman for Oncor, the proceedings were filed with landowners who were not willing to settle.

The Bluff Creek-Brown County transmission lines project is part of the 2005 legislative initiative to increase the ability to have renewable wind power in Texas. Back then over 850 miles of new lines were awarded to Oncor Delivery Company all over the state.

As part of the Bluff Creek-Brown County project, Oncor is building two interconnected systems in the area, the two projects sum about 90 miles of double circuit electric transmission line. Central Bluff-Bluff Creek will connect

the future Central Bluff Switching Station in Nolan County to the existing Bluff Creek Switching Station in Taylor County, and the Bluff Creek-Brown transmission lines will connect the Bluff Creek Switching Station to the future Brown Switching Station in Brown County.

According to Oncor these two projects have been recommended by the Electric Reliability Council of Texas to ensure continued safe and reliable electric service to the State due to the increased integration of electric energy generated by wind production facilities.

The line will carry 345 kilovolt electric transmission line through Taylor, Runnels, Coleman, and Brown counties. Bluff Creek Switching Station is located 2.25 miles southeast of U.S. Highway 277 in Taylor County, and Brown Switching Station approximately 0.6 miles south of Ranch Road 586, southwest of Brownwood. Clearing of brush and trees is expected to begin as soon as January 2011.

For most of the line Oncor is purchasing an aerial easement with overhead wires. The carrying company needs to keep the land below free from any vegetation that would obstruct access to construct and maintain the lines.

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FUNERALS

Alma Jean Owen

Alma Jean Owen, 82, of Winters passed away Monday, January 3, 2011. She was born July 30, 1928 in Hunter, Arkansas and grew up there. She married Wayne Owen on January 10, 1947 in Vernon, Texas and came to Runnels County in the early 50s. She was a homemaker and a member of Southside Baptist Church where she was a youth leader and a member of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary.

She is survived by her two sons: Alvin Owen of Ballinger and Glen Owen of Dennison; one sister: Effie Cottner of Heber Springs, Arkansas; and two grandchildren: Jami Owen and Kalee Owen.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, January 6, 2011 in the Winters Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Heath Powers officiating. Burial will follow at Lakeview Cemetery under the direction of the Winters Funeral Home. The family asks that in lieu of flowers memorials be made to the Winters Public Library.

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Milton A. Redman

Milton August Redman, 86, of Ballinger passed away Friday afternoon, December 31, 2010 at Ballinger Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center.

Milton was born on May 30, 1924 in Ballinger, to Gus R. and Christine (Rose) Redman. He proudly served his country during WW II with the US Army. Milton was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Gladys Russell; a brother, Gus Redman, Jr.; and a great granddaughter Jenna Mansell.

He is survived by his wife, Mamie "Jo" Redman of Ballinger; son Dickie Redman and wife, Trudy of San Angelo; daughter, Kay Mansell and husband, Kyle of Ballinger; four grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; and brothers, Curtis Redman of Abilene, and Edward Redman of Odessa.

Visitation for family and friends was on Sunday, January 2, at Lange Funeral Home. Funeral services were held Monday, January 3 at the First Presbyterian Church in Ballinger with Max Pratt officiating. Milton was buried in Old Runnels Cemetery. The family requests that memorials be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Ballinger or a favorite charity.

Guests may register online at ballingerfuneralhome.com.

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Annual Chili Lunch in Rowena

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WINTERS - The Rowena Lions Club is sponsoring it's annual Chili Lunch to be held on Sunday, January 9, from 10:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the St. Joseph Parish Hall in Rowena. Chili will be served along with your choice of beans, cheese, corn bread, crackers and dessert. Cost is \$6 per person. Dine inside and get seconds or get it to-go (some fixings available inside will not be available to-go).

A raffle will be held in conjunction with the meal, prizes include one hindquarter of beef, processed to your specifications at Sklenarik's Smoked Meats in Miles; \$200 gift card to Shoppin' Basket; spiral sliced honey glazed ham donated by Sklenarik's; two ribeye dinners donated by The Turnow, Rowena; KC for four at Lowake Steak House.

Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. They are available at large Drilling Co. Rowena, Texas; The Turnow, Rowena, Texas; West Texas State Bank, Rowena; Hoelscher Liquor, or any Rowena Lions Club member.

The club will also be collecting used eyeglasses during this event.

Burn Ban still in effect for County

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ

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WINTERS - Runnels County Commissioners Court voted last week to keep in place the burning ban adopted on November 15, 2010, and wait for a more steady rain period before rescinding the outdoor burning prohibition.

Commissioners Court held a special meeting last Thursday, December 30, the last one presided by County Judge Marilyn Egan. Judge Egan retired on December 31, 2010, after 15 years as the county representative.

At the special meeting the Ballinger Fire Department recommended to keep the ban in place, due to the drought and wind gusts in the area. Despite the recent precipitation, no measurable rain is expected in the region until March. The motion to keep the burning ban passed unanimously.

On November 15, the Commissioners Court ordered that all outdoor burning is prohibited in the unincorporated areas of the county for 90 days. This period is due on February 13, 2011, but in the event of rain the ban could be rescinded before. Drought conditions could take the ban to an extension.

The order doesn't prohibit outdoor burning for household trash or rubbish from property that is both designated to be a private residence, and used exclusively as a private residence.

The order allows out-



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Dry grass and wind gusts create a dangerous combination in West Texas. Runnels County Commissioners Court voted to keep a burning ban until mid February.

door burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Natural Resources Commission for firefighter training; public utility, natural gas pipeline or mining operations; planting or harvesting of agricultural crops; burns conducted by a prescribed burn manager certified under and that meets the standards of the Natural Resources Code.

Any individual gainfully employed in a trade or profession that involves the use of combustible materials or use of possible fire sources in the outdoor environment directly related to the successful operation of the business' goals and or

objectives may continue to conduct business as usual, utilizing the materials and or potential fire sources in the outdoor environment as the deem necessary; provided that the individual shall take all necessary safety precautions to prevent the ignition of any fire or fires that are not essential to the conducting of day to day business activities and further provided that at least two persons are present on a ready source of sufficient water is available to extinguish any fire cause by a spark from such activities.

Outdoor cooking in barbecue pits is allowed so long as the fire source for the pit is completely enclosed. No outside

flame is allowed. The barbecue pit shall not be left unattended at any time while there are live coals or wood in the pit.

The order issued by the Runnels County Commissioners Court is issued in accordance with Local Government Code, and the violation of this order is considered a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.

At the special meeting the commissioners also approved payment of all current accounts, and official bonds of Barry Hilliard as Runnels County Judge, Ann Strube as Runnels County Treasurer, and Helen Diane Laird as Assistant County Treasurer.

Educational contest at County Livestock Show

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STAFF REPORT

An educational exhibit contest will be held at the Runnels Co. Livestock Show January 13-15, 2011.

Rules:

1. All Exhibits must be on a 4 ft. x 3 ft. tri-fold presentation board. Headers may also be used.

2. There will be an entry fee of \$5 per entry with all monies collected paid in prize money.

3. All entries are due to the Runnels County Community Center by 5 p.m. on Thursday, January 13, 2011. All entry fees are due at this time. NO EXCEPTIONS!

4. Exhibits will be on display during the 2011 Runnels County Livestock Show to inform the public of our county's outstanding 4-H projects. They must remain on display through the Premium Sale on Jan. 15th.

5. Exhibits must be educational and informative in nature and relate to ONE 4-H/FFA project the exhibitor has participated in during 2010.

6. Exhibits must include graphic/photos and factual information.

7. Only one exhibit per 4-Her/FFA member. Only one 4-Her/FFA member per exhibit (no group exhibits).

8. Exhibits will be judged in categories of Junior (3rd grade -10 yr olds), Intermediate (11-13 yr olds), and Senior (14-19 yr olds). All ages as of August 31, 2009.

9. Judging criteria:
1. Educational- Informative 25 points
One central idea or theme

Important items shown
Equal display for important items

2. Effectiveness of Communication 25 points
Interesting presentation
Idea shown simply and clearly

Contains graphics/photos that contribute to understanding of topic

3. General Appearance 20 points

Artistic - neat, well-balanced

Pleasing colors, proper amount of text/photos, balanced proportions

Properly displayed on 4ft x 3ft presentation board

4. Quality of Workmanship 15 points
Easy to read, neatness

Well put together
Good background material

5. Creativity 15 points
Original idea

Functional design

Freshness in Presentation

Exhibits judges' decisions

will be final. Ribbons will be placed on the exhibits and must remain on display throughout the Premium Sale. For more information please contact D'Ann Hatler at 325-650-6687.

Author to lecture at SAMFA

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The San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts will present a talk by John R. Berry on Thursday, January 6, at 5:30 p.m. at the museum located at One Love Street. The presentation is free and open to the public. Berry is the author of the book "Herman Miller: The Purpose of Design" which is the basis for the exhibit. "Good Designs: Stories from Herman Miller" is currently on exhibit at the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts.

Berry will give a power point presentation about the Herman Miller design firm and its designers. He will also show a 5 minute film entitled "Design Q & A" about designers Charles and Ray Eames and answer questions. The presentation should last between 45 minutes-1 hour.

The galleries will be open for viewing and Berry will also be on hand to autograph copies of his book which is available for purchase in the museum gift shop.

Berry has over 35 years of professional design involvement and was Vice President of Corporate Communications for the Herman Miller company. He is currently the Executive Director of Design West Michigan that promotes design as an economic building block for the region and brand West Michigan as "Design Centric."

"Good Design: Stories from Herman Miller" will continue at the Art Museum through January 9, 2011. the museum's regular operating hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 1 p.m. through 4 p.m. Sunday. A special admission price for this exhibition only is \$5 for adults and \$4 for senior citizens and students. ASU and SAISD students are admitted free as well as museum members and military personnel. For more information about the exhibition call the Art Museum at (325) 653 3333 or visit the museum's website at www.samfa.org.

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Any dog can be dangerous if not properly trained

ANIMAL CONTROL - PART V

As we previously published in the paper, the police department will no longer be routinely patrolling for dogs "running at large" so it makes it even more important for citizens to be aware of potentially "dangerous dogs" who could pose a threat to people, other animals, and property.

Any dog can be dangerous if not properly trained or if they are placed in a threatening situation. However, some of the following breeds are consistently identified as being more potentially dangerous. I want to emphasize that it is the care and training given by the owners that can largely influence how a particular dog will behave in a certain situation.

1. Pitbulls
The CDC or Centers for Disease Control has declared the Pitbull as the most dangerous dog breed. They are known for their unpredictable and predatory behavior and account for nearly one in every three serious dog bite injury in America. The dog

is known for his tendency to turn aggressive without warning; this has earned him the reputation of number one vicious dogs around. Moreover, when a Pit bull bites, it hangs on to the victim without releasing its hold.

2. Rottweilers
Unlike Pit bulls, Rottweilers are often calm and aloof. They can turn dangerous when they are neglected, abused or are given less training and socializing opportunities. They can be territorial and weigh up to 130 pounds.

3. German Shepherds
This breed is widely used by police departments because of their high intelligence and bomb-detection quality. They commonly weigh about 100 pounds, are loyal, and



POLICE REPORT
Nathan Johnson

serve well as guide dogs. However, if they are not treated well, they can be vicious.

4. Huskies
Though huskies are usually mild tempered and intelligent but can be dangerous if not properly trained. Even though Huskies can be very dangerous, statistics indicate very few people have been killed or severely injured over the last 20 years.

5. Alaskan Malamutes
Malamutes are quiet in nature compared to other dogs. They are generally fond of people, but are not generally known to cope so well with smaller animals and children. They are very energetic and hyper and can become aggressive and restless.

6. Doberman Pinschers
When properly trained, Dobermans are outstanding family and guard dogs. However, they can be overly protective about the family they belong to which is why they are considered to be dangerous.

7. Chow Chows
Chow Chows are a part of this list because they

can be very dangerous if they are not familiar with the person petting or touching them.

It is important for pet owners to take responsibility for dogs in their control. This includes getting the appropriate vaccinations, registering the animal with the city, and insuring the animals are kept in a secure enclosure or properly restrained, so they do not roam at-large within the community. If a dog attacks or bites a person or other animal while not within their dog owner's property, the dog owner can be held both criminally and civilly responsible. There are stiff penalties and costly consequences for the owners of dogs who are declared "dangerous dogs" by a competent authority. Some of these legal issues will be covered in the next article.

We ask for your support and assistance as we try to address these issues in our community with limited resources.

Semper Fi,
Nathan T. Johnson
Chief of Police

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Runnels County Historical Commission to meet

The Runnels County Historical Commission will meet January 8, 2011 at the Casa Cabana Restaurant in Winters, Texas. The business meeting will begin at 9:45 a.m. Among items on the agenda will be reports from current officers and the election of officers for the next two years. All meetings of the commission are open to the public.

Gifted-Talented nominations

Nominations are being accepted for the Winters Elementary Gifted/Talented program, Kindergarten only. If you believe your child might benefit from a gifted/talented program, we welcome your nomination. Nomination and parent-permission-for-testing forms may be obtained at the Elementary Principal's office during normal working hours. All forms must be completed and returned to your child's homeroom teacher by January 28, 2011. Los nombramientos para el programa de gifted/talented se están tomando para el grado Kindergarten. Los padres que desean nominar a un niño pueden recoger una forma en la oficina elemental. Las formas se deben devolver antes del de 28 de enero, 2011.

Alzheimer's Support Group

The monthly meeting of the Alzheimer's Support Group will be held on Tuesday, January 11, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at Runnels County Rehab. and Nursing

Center 1800 N. Broadway, Ballinger, Texas.

The guest speaker will be Jeff Dohrse LMSW "Understanding Behavioral Disturbances in Dementia" followed by a group of discussion. Refreshments provided. An Alzheimer's Association Sanctioned Support Group.

Winters on Wednesday

The Winters Area Chamber of Commerce sends our thanks to each of you for your support this holiday season.

Winters on Wednesday is an invitation to residents and friends of this area to include Winters in your daily/weekly/monthly/annual appointment book. Your activities in Winters are important and appreciated. We look forward to seeing you in Winters and help make 2011 a WOW year.

Immunization clinics

The Texas Department of State Health Services will be holding two Immunization Clinics in Runnels County. Flu vaccine will be available to all. In Winters the clinic will be held on Thursday, January 6, 2011, from 1:30-5:30 p.m. at the Professional Building, 110 South Main St, Suite 108. Attendants are asked to use the rear entrance, on Grant Street.

The second clinic will be held in Ballinger, on Thursday, January 13, 2011, from 10 a.m.-12 Noon and from 1:30-3 p.m. at 608 Strong Avenue, behind the Runnels County Courthouse.

People attending the clinics are asked to bring child's immunization records.

If child has Medicaid or CHIP bring card. For more information call (325) 754 4945.

Ministerial Alliance meet until January

Winters Ministerial Alliance will meet on Jan. 10, 2011, at the Samaritan's House at 9 a.m.

VFW meetings

Winters Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9193 meet the second Monday night of each month at 6 p.m. in the Rock Hotel. All eligible veterans of the United States military are invited to attend.

Co-Dependant Recovery Group

Winters Co-Dependent Recovery Group meeting at Southside Baptist Church on Tuesdays, at 6 p.m. for more information call Theresa at (325) 977 1007.

Band Boosters

The Band Boosters meet at 6:30 p.m. every Monday evening at Dot's Diner.

Winters Woman's Club

Members meet the second Tuesday of the month. Call Marlene Smith at 754-4961 for additional information.

AA Meetings

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

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- "Saving Cee Cee Honeycutt" by Beth Hoffman.
- "Alzheimer's for Dummies" by Patricia B. Smith.
- "Oilfield Trash" by Bobby D. Weaver.

Book compiles A&M students stories

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

COLLEGE STATION - A book written by students, colleagues, friends and family of Howard Hesby is now complete. The book, "Big Hands, Big Heart" is a tribute to the Texas A&M Animal Science professor, Howard Hesby, who believed in helping students just as much outside the classroom as in it. It is estimated he helped more than 15,000 students during his 35 years at Texas A&M and this book shares the stories from many of those he advised.

The book project, spearheaded by Chris Boleman, Texas 4-H and Youth Development Director, is a 300 page compilation of personal stories written about the impact Hesby made on individual lives. The book is being given to donors of \$25 or more to the Howard Hesby Atrium Project in the Kleberg building, which houses the animal science program.

When the Kleberg facility was built in 1975, an animal science student lounge was provided on the first floor. This area was removed in 2004 to provide administrative offices for a new department in the building.

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NOTICE OF SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS BY VIRTUE OF AN ORDER OF SALE COUNTY OF RUNNELS

DATED December 29, 2010, and issued pursuant to a judgment decree of the District Court of Runnels County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date in hereinafter numbered and styled causes, and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said Court, I have on December 29, 2010, seized, levied upon, and will on the first Tuesday in February, 2011, the same being the 1st day of February, 2011, at the Courthouse door of said County, in the City of Ballinger, between the hours of 10:00 o'clock A.M. and 4:00 o'clock P.M. on said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all of the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such suit and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Runnels and the State of Texas, to-wit:

No. 4346, County of Runnels vs. Jimmy D. Bishop AKA Dane Bishop, Robbie Bishop, Bishop and Sons, Dirt Contractors, Inc., Hattie Belle Bishop AKA Hattie Bishop (In Rem Only), The Security State Bank, Lienholder (In Rem Only), J.P. Morgan Chase Bank, N.A. successor in interest to Bank One, N.A., Lienholder (In Rem Only), West Texas Gas, Inc., Lienholder (In Rem Only), Jamie Bishop and Staci Bishop

1.0 acres, more or less, out of the John Early Survey No. 449, Abstract 130, (7901 County Road 383) Runnels County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Volume 210, Page 321 of the Official Public Records, Runnels County, Texas

4.00 acres, more or less, in Abstract 192 of the D. Floyd Survey No. 519, (W Highway 153) Runnels County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Volume 493, Page 587 of the Deed Records, Runnels County, Texas

A 200 by 150 foot tract of land in Abstract 195 of the M. Fitzpatrick Survey No. 492, (810 N Main) Runnels County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Volume 419, Page 377 of the Deed Records, Runnels County, Texas

No. 4348, County of Runnels vs. Antonio Sanchez and Gracie V. Sanchez AKA Gracie Sanchez

A 208.33 foot by 104.17 foot tract of land, more or less, out of the Dolphin Floyd Survey No. 518, Abstract 193, Runnels County, Texas and also said tract of land being out of the southeast quarter of Block 3, Dale Addition (301 North Melwood) to the City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Volume 233, Page 55 of the Official Public Records, Runnels County, Texas

No. 4370, County of Runnels vs. Samuel Wayne Drummond AKA Wayne Drummond, Clovia Rice AKA Clovia Drummond, Bank of America, N.A., BAHS Division, Lienholder (In Rem Only) and Green Tree Servicing L.L.C., successor servicing agent of Bank of America, Lienholder (In Rem Only)

Part of Block 12, Armbricht Addition (707 Armbricht) to the City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas and a Carriage Hill doublewide Manufactured Home, Label No. RAD1083720 and RAD1083721, Serial No. TXFLW66B03504CG12 and TXFLW66A03504CG12 being that property more particularly described in Volume 545, Page 748 of the Deed Records, Runnels County, Texas and Volume 154, Page 358 and Volume 165, Page 617 of the Official Public Record SAVE & EXCEPT Volume 272, Page 409 of the Official Public Records of Runnels County, Texas

No. 4374, County of Runnels vs. Lazaro Cruz and Maria Pinon AKA Maria Cruz AKA Maria Trejo

The north 125.25 feet of the following tract of land described as 197.25 feet by 107.5 feet, more or less, out of the Thomas Green Survey No. 490, Abstract 232, (Parsonage St.), City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Volume 126, Page 438 of the Official Public Records, Runnels County, Texas

No. 4376, County of Runnels vs. Luke Grissom AKA Luke Bartos Grissom, Heir to the Estate of Katherine Thomas, deceased

20 acres, more or less, out of a 120 acre tract, more or less, off of the west end of the north one-half of the SA&MG RR Co. Survey No. 7, Abstract 448, (1401 County Road 156) Runnels County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Metes and Bounds in Volume 117, Page 632 of the Official Public Records, Runnels County, Texas

No. 4393, County of Runnels vs. Dee Dee Cadena, Individually and DBA Kristian's Hair Gallery

Lot 5, Block A, Broad & Bomar Addition (124 W Dale) to the City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Volume 87, Page 545 of the Official Public Records, Runnels County, Texas

No. 4396, County of Runnels vs. Harry W. Elliott, III a/k/a Harry Elliott

1.00 acre, more or less, out of the CT RR. Co. Survey No. 71, Abstract 107, (153) Runnels County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Volume 624, Page 419 of the Deed Records, Runnels County, Texas

No. 4406, County of Runnels vs. Robert D. Kelly

All of Lots 6 and 7, Block 29, College Heights Addition to the City of Winters SAVE & EXCEPT the south 25 feet of Lot 7, College Heights Addition (911 N Cryer) to the City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Volume 174, Page 374 of the Official Public Records, Runnels County, Texas

No. 4419, County of Runnels vs. Sergio Perez and Esmeralda Perez

The west fifteen feet of Lot 9, Block 2, Vancil Addition (Vancil St.) to the city of Winters, Runnels County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Volume 174, Page 593 SAVE & EXCEPT Volume 191, Page 188 of the Official Public Records, Runnels County, Texas

No. 4424, County of Runnels vs. Dave Selman

Lot 8, Block 20, College Heights Addition to the City of Winters, Runnels, County, Texas located at 416 East Poplar Street, Winters, Texas being that property more particularly described in Volume 255, Page 263 of the Official Public Records, Runnels County, Texas

No. 4429, County of Runnels vs. Beatrice Reyes

All of the East Two-Third of Block 6, Original Town of Wingate, SAVE & EXCEPT a tract of land being 156 feet by 60 feet off the north side of Block 6, Runnels County, Texas located at 210 Smithson Street, Wingate, Texas being that property more particularly described in Volume 169, Page 219 of the Official Public Records, Runnels County, Texas

No. 4431, County of Runnels vs. Alvis Jackson, Jr. and Shawna Jackson

The South 12.5 feet of Lot 7 and the North 69.5 feet of Lot 8, Block 1, Cook Addition to the City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas located at 107 South Penny Lane, Winters, Texas being that property more particularly described in Volume 62, Page 598 SAVE AND EXCEPT that property described in Volume 97, Page 203 of the Official Public Records, Runnels County, Texas

THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY HELD IN TRUST BY RUNNELS COUNTY IS OFFERED FOR SALE PURSUANT TO SECTION 34.05 OF THE TEXAS PROPERTY TAX CODE:

Tract 1: The South part of Lot 17, Block 18, College Heights Addition to the City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas (Volume 158, Page 556 and Volume 239, Page 667 of the Deed Records, Runnels County, Texas), which was bid in Trust on June 1, 2004 at a tax foreclosure sale pursuant to a judgment in Cause No. 4067 styled Winters Independent School District vs. Janice E. Lincoln et al

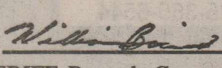
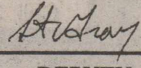
Tract 2: Lot 2, Block 6, Southside Addition to the City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas (Volume 111, Page 104 and Volume 305, Page 135 of the Official Public Records, Runnels County, Texas), which was bid in trust on August 5, 2008 at a tax foreclosure sale pursuant to a judgment in Cause No. 4272 styled City of Winters vs. Maria Armendariz et al

Tract 3: A 10 foot by 83 foot tract of land, more or less, out of Block 15, Original Townsite of Wingate, Runnels County, Texas and being the North 10 feet of a 26 foot by 83 foot tract of land, Runnels County, Texas (Volume 299, Page 395 and Volume 319, Page 325 of the Official Public Records, Runnels County, Texas), which was bid in trust on January 6, 2009 at a tax foreclosure sale pursuant to a judgment in Cause No. 4225 styled Winters Independent School District vs. Dean Holder et al

Tract 4: A 47 foot by 133 foot tract of land, more or less, out of the southwest corner of Lot 4, Block E, Murray East Addition to the City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas (Volume 128, Page 557 and Volume 319, Page 325 of the Deed Records, Runnels County, Texas), which was bid in trust on January 6, 2009 at a Tax foreclosure sale pursuant to a judgment in Cause No. 4225 styled Winters Independent School District vs. Dean Holder et al

Tract 5: A 0.33 Acre tract, more or less, in Abstract 357, out of Thomas Largent Survey #366, Runnels County, Texas (Volume 34, Page 473 and Volume 298, Page 509 of the Official Public Records, Runnels County, Texas), which was taken in trust on December 3, 2007 by a Special Warranty Deed in Lieu of Tax Lien Foreclosure or upon the written request of said defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion thereof to satisfy said judgment for delinquent property taxes and accrued penalties and interest and costs of suit and sale; subject, however, to the right of redemption, the defendants or any person having an interest therein, to redeem the said property, or their interest therein, within the period of time and in the manner provided by law, and subject to any other and further rights to which the defendants or anyone interested therein may be entitled, under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment for delinquent property taxes and accrued penalties and interest rendered in the above styled and numbered cause, together with interest thereon and costs of suit and sale, and the proceeds of said sale to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.

DATED December 29, 2010, at Ballinger, Texas.

By  SHERIFF, Runnels County, Texas
 DEPUTY
 You may contact the Plaintiff's attorney at (512) 323-3200.

Winters Athletic Report

BY STEPHEN HERMESMEYER

Varsity Girls Basketball

The Varsity Lady Blizzards played Ozona on December 20 and won 54-30 due to a great second half team effort. Abby Guy led the way with 23 points, Jordan Busher had 12, Zannie Slimp 9, Caitlin Kurtz had 4, Bianca Carrillo had 4, and Camille Kurtz had 2. The team had 16 steals, 42 rebounds, and 17 assists.

Lady Blizzards at Breckenridge

Prior to the district games, beginning on Tuesday, January 11, 2011, the Lady Blizzards participated last week in the Breckenridge Tournament, held on Tuesday, December 28, and Wednesday, December 29 2010. The Lady Blizzards held three games and set their 2010-2011 season record in 12-9.

In the tournament the Lady Blizzards faced Hamlin, the host Breckenridge and Albany.

The Winters-Hamlin game ended 33-58. Abby Guy led the Lady Blizzards with 7 points scored, Bianca Carrillo and Zannie Slimp had 6, Sara Perez 5, Jordan Busher 4, Michelle Kruse 2, Camille Kurtz 2, and Caitlin Kurtz scored 1 point.

The Lady Blizzards held a close match against the host, Lady Buckaroos, but in the end the Lady Blizzards fell three points short. The scoreboard Winters 42-45 Breckenridge. Jordan Busher scored 21,

Abby Guy 11, Bianca Carrillo 6, Caitlin Kurtz and Sara Perez scored 2 points each. In their final match the Lady Blizzards faced Albany. The score was Winters 43-53 Albany. Jordan Busher had 16 points, Abby Guy 11, Zannie Slimp 10, Bianca Carrillo, Camille Kurtz, and Sara Perez completed the count with 2 points each.

Varsity Boys Basketball Breckenridge Tournament

The Winters Blizzards celebrated one victory at the Breckenridge basketball tournament, held last week at the Buckaroos home. Blizzards record in the 2010-2011 season is now 10-6.

The Blizzards started defeating Throckmorton 60-48. Devin Martinez lead the team with 19 points, Cristian Sandoval had 12, Andy Garcia and Riley Ripley had 8 points each, Strait Daniel 7, and Dustin Oswalt and Hayden Nitsch completed the count with 3 points each.

In their second game the Blizzards faced the host, the Breckenridge Buckaroos. Winters fell 35-44. Strait Daniel scored 14 points for the Blizzards, Devin Martinez 12, Cristian Sandoval 6, Hayden Nitsch 2, and Riley Ripley 1.

In their last game the Blizzards fell to Albany 36-58. Strait Daniel scored 9 points for the Blizzards, Andy Garcia 8, Devin Martinez 8, Riley Ripley 6, Dustin Oswalt 5, and Hayden Nitsch 2.

Fatal crash, teenagers injured

WINTERS ENTERPRISE

STAFF REPORT

ABILENE - One person was killed and five more, including four teenagers from Abilene, were injured on Wednesday, December 29, in a two vehicle crash in Eastland County. The accident was on IH-20, near mile marker 339, at 9:12 a.m.

Leon Aguirre, 72 years of age from Olden, Texas, was taken to Eastland Memorial Hospital but he was pronounced dead at 10:35 a.m.

The injured, all from Abilene, were Patty Wicker, 50 years of age; Sandra Yarbrough, 16; Ellen Irving, 18; Rebecca Bass, 17, and Hanna Bruce, 16 years of age.

Wicker was taken by ambulance to Eastland Memorial and transferred to Hendrick Hospital, in Abilene.

The teenagers were taken by helicopter

to Hendrick Medical Center. All the injured were treated for non-life threatening injuries.

The accident happened in the morning, on Interstate 20, when Leon Aguirre was driving a 2004 Dodge pick-up westbound, near the mile marker 339, in Eastland County. Patty Wicker, from Abilene, was driving a 2010 Ford Explorer eastbound on the same highway.

According to the Texas Department of Public Safety, Aguirre lost control of his vehicle and slid across the dividing section into the eastbound lane and into the path of the Ford Explorer. The Explorer struck the passenger side of the pick-up.

The roadway was wet and the weather was cloudy. The crash is under investigation by Texas Highway Patrol Trooper John Martinez.

Miles ESD faces financial problems

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WINTERS - The newly founded Miles Emergency Services District No. 1 is facing financial trouble beginning the year, with a \$29,000 bill to keep on

CAFETERIA MENU

January 10-14

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WINTERS ISD BREAKFAST

Monday
Biscuit/Sausage or Cereal or Cheese and Egg Omelet, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.

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Breakfast Pizza or Cereal or Breakfast Pocket, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.

Wednesday
Biscuit/Egg Pattie or Cereal or Oat Meal or Sausage on Stick, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.

Thursday
Sausage Roll or Cereal or Breakfast Burrito, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.

Friday
Biscuit/Sausage or Cereal or Cinnamon Roll/Sausage, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.

Note: Menus subject to change without notice. Students may purchase extras: Entree got \$1.00, Milk for \$.30, Sides for \$.50.

WINTERS ISD LUNCH MENU

Monday
Salisbury Steak or Grilled Cheese, Vegetable Soup, Baked Beans, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Peaches, Hot Roll, Choice of Milk.

Tuesday
Grilled Chicken/Bun or Lasagna, Italian Green Beans, Broccoli w/Cheese, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Orange Wedges, Bread Pudding, Hot Roll, Choice of Milk.

Wednesday
Nachos or Soft Taco, Spanish Rice, Pinto Beans, Tossed Salad/Carrot Stick, Coleslaw/Lettuce/Tomato, Cornbread/Jep.Che. Bread, Hot Cinnamon Apples, Choice of Milk.

Thursday
Chicken Nuggets w/Gravy or Steak Burger, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Corn, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Apple Wedges, Jell-O, Hot Roll, Choice of Milk.

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operating the ambulance services with Ballinger Memorial Hospital, and no funds available until the first trimester of 2011.

Last Thursday, December 30, the Emergency Services District No. 1 Board met with Runnels County Commissioners Court, asking for approval to contract a loan with the First National Bank of Ballinger. Commissioners voted unanimously to approve a loan not to exceed \$40,000, payable in less than a year.

The Miles Emergency Services District No. 1 was created after the November general election, Board Members were appointed on November 15 and held their first meeting on November 24.

The contract between the City of Miles and the

Ballinger Memorial Hospital expired on December 31, 2010, at 12:00 a.m. This contract regulates the ambulance service for the Miles area residents. The cost of a yearly renewal was \$29,000. The amount does not include the Appraisal District, Tax Collection and Liability Insurance fees.

The appraisal value estimated for the area covered in the Emergency Services District No. 1 is \$45,000, but the board will not have access to those funds until the taxpayers start paying their taxes.

The board searched for several funding options including commercial banks, credit unions and even Runnels County to make the first payments but they didn't had any collateral. The county couldn't cover the payments because of possible legal issues.

After the Commissioners Court voting the First National Bank of Ballinger agreed to approve the loan with a prime rate for the term needed.

The Emergency Services District No. 1 Board will now negotiate with the Ballinger Memorial Hospital for a new contract. The board will hold their next meeting on Wednesday, January 5, 2011, at 6:30 at the Miles City Hall.

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Billy Jacob c/o: Kenneth H. Slimp
Box 157 Winters, Texas 79567

Dated the 29th day of December, 2010.

Kenneth H. Slimp Attorney for Billy Jacob
State Bar No.: 18500900
Box 157 Winters, Texas 79567
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Man rescued from Winters lake

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WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS - A man was rescued last Sunday with hypothermic symptoms from the old Winters Lake, after he fell from a boat. The man was part of a duck hunting group and at the moment of the accident was by himself in the middle of the lake. The man was identified as Mark Fisher, 56 years old.

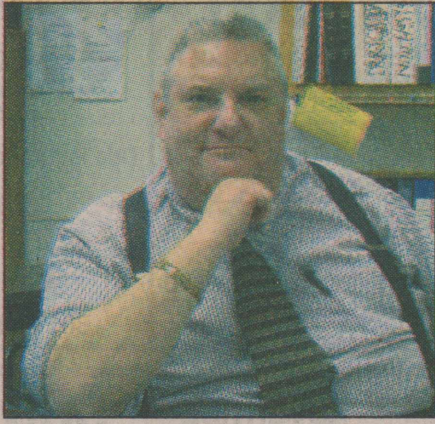
The 911 service received the call at 10:38 a.m., fellow hunters realized earlier that the man was on the water, but had to walk from the northeast shore of the lake until the place they had left their vehicles in order to get a phone.

The man was stranded in the middle of the lake and was unable to get back to his Jon boat.

Officer Juan Parra, with the Winters Police Department was the first one on the scene, the Game Warden, Runnels County Sheriff Department, Texas Department of Public Safety, Winters Fire Department and EMS also responded to the emergency.

Emergency responders used a row boat to get Fisher out of the water. The Texas Parks and Wildlife motor unit was at the shop at the time of the accident.

Winters Police Chief Nathan



Alan Hollander
City Manager

Johnson and DPS Trooper Bryan Gehegan rowed about three quarters of a mile from the boat ramp inside the lake, got the man of the water and took him back to shore at 11:18 a.m.

EMS provided first aids and took Fisher to North Runnels Hospital. The man was released later that same afternoon.

A motor boat brought by Jason Ventress helped in the recovery of the wrecked boat.

Accident unveils communication failure

The accident at the Winters old

lake unveiled serious failures in the emergency services communication system, an issue that could put lives in peril, said Winters City Manager Alan Hollander.

At the time of the accident emergency crews were unable to communicate with the dispatch service. The lake is located about 7 miles east from Winters.

"Our Police Department and Fire Department need to be able to communicate with each other, and at the time of this emergency they were just unable to do it," said Hollander.

A later investigation showed that the 911 dispatch was just receiving static from the emergency crews.

Communication is one of the priorities for any emergency services, said City Manager, "And we need to be able to provide our people with the necessary tools consistent with what we ask for them to do."

In the following weeks Hollander will be starting to look for support to update the Police Department and Fire Department communication systems.

"It is imperative that our officials are able to communicate with each other, I can't imagine a Police officer coming back to his car to call for back up in the middle of a situation," said the Winters City Manager.

Water system going through renovation

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WINTERS - The Winters water system is going through renovations with large projects starting in the first trimester of the year. The City of Winters is already receiving bids for the Water Distribution System improvements and rehabilitation of the interior and exterior of the elevated water tanks.

The works, intended to improve the water supply and taste of the water, will be partially funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The total cost of the project is about \$6 million.

These projects include improvements to the waste water treatment plant, a triplex pump station, new spots pieces for the distribution system, and nearly two miles of new pipe line, fire protection and new water service connections.

All the home meters will be updated to remote reading units. These meters concentrate all information of the users in one single spot, where the Water Department can plug in a remote unit and download the data to a database. The information is then used to speed up the reading and billing process. The City of Winters has approximately 1400 water meters.

The meter renovation will cost about \$750,000 and the improvements in the water plant will be about \$1.6 million.

The renovation project includes both of the elevated water tanks. The overhead storage units will be drained and cleaned to verify if they need any repair on the inside, the plan includes any maintenance needed, and repaint of the outside with new glossy paint.

Renovations are expected to start in March of 2011 and could take up to a year.

Reminders to keep your house fire-safe

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) is offering reminders to keep folks fire-safe as they wind down the holiday season. Roughly one-third of home fires and home fire deaths occur in December, January and February, according to NFPA.

Although Christmas tree fires are uncommon, when they do occur, they are often serious; one out of every 21

reported Christmas tree fires results in a fatality. One-third of Christmas tree fires occurred in January.

"The longer Christmas trees are in the home, the more they dry out and increasingly become fire hazards," says Lorraine Carli, NFPA's vice president of communications. "Removing the tree from your home and properly disposing of it as soon as possible will minimize the risk of a treasured holiday season becoming a tragic one."

Dried-out trees should not be left in the home or garage, or placed outside against the home. Carli recommends checking with your local community to find a recycling program. Also, remove outdoor holiday lights.

As you unplug and store electric holiday decorations, remember that that practicing safety now can keep decorations in working condition and prevent potential hazards from occurring next year.

To unplug electric decorations, use the gripping area provided on the plugs. Never pull the cord to unplug a device from electrical outlets. Doing so can harm the cord's wire and insulation and even lead to an electrical shock or fire.

As you're putting away electrical light strings, take time to inspect each for

damage. Throw out light sets if they have loose connections, broken sockets or cracked or bare wires.

Do not place a damaged set of lights back into the storage box for next year's use.

Wrap each set of lights and put them in individual plastic bags, or wrap the lights around a piece of cardboard.

Store electrical decorations in a dry place where they cannot be damaged by water or dampness. Also, keep them away from children and pets.

More than half of U.S. home heating fires happen in December, January and February, according to NFPA. Heating equipment was involved in an estimated 66,100 reported home structure fires in 2008, causing 480 civilian deaths, 1,660 civilian injuries, and \$1.1 billion in direct property damage.

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