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## Republican candidates draw ballot positions

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ  
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

**BALLINGER-** The candidates in the Runnels County Republican primary drew for their ballot positions in a short proceeding held Monday, March 12, morning in the Runnels County Courthouse.

In the race for the Republican nomination for Runnels County Sheriff, Quentin Watkins will be first on the ballot followed by incumbent Bill Baird.

Tamaria Boyd will appear first on the ballot for County Commissioner Precinct 3 with Sam Scott second. Both candidates are looking for the place of retiring Commissioner Thurman Self who will not be running for reelection.

Winters Police Chief and challenger Nathan Johnson will be the first one on the ballot in the race for Runnels County Constable Pct. 2 followed by incumbent Archie Jobe.

In the rest of the offices up for election there was only one candidate per position with the list as follows: County Attorney - Ken Slimp, Tax Assessor-Collector - Robin Burgess, County Commissioner Pct. 1 - Bobby Moore, and Constable Pct. 1 - Wayne Poehls.

No candidates filed in Runnels County for the Democratic primary. The Republican primary will be held on May 29. Early voting starts on May 14.

## City spring cleanup to be held on March 31

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ  
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

**WINTERS-** The City of Winters in partnership with Allied Waste Services will be having the annual spring cleanup for local residents to dispose of any large, bulky items at no cost. This year, going back to the once a year cleanup, and citizens will have the opportunity to dispose of unwanted objects at their own door.

On Saturday, March 31, 2012, each resident will be allowed to dispose of a maximum of five bulk items and 20 yard waste bags or bundles. Bundles must be no more than 4-foot in length and weigh no more than 50 lbs.

This year, instead of having to take the unwanted items to a dump station, residents will be able to place the items at curbside in front of their residence for pickup.

The last four years, citizens disposing of unwanted items had to take them to the designated dumpsters.

Among the items not accepted for the cleanup are tires, batteries, appliances, hazardous materials of any kind and petroleum products.

However, anybody wanting to dispose of old appliances are encouraged to take them to the pallet located behind the Police Department. Disposal of old appliances is not limited to the spring cleanup and can be made year round.

For more information on allowed and not allowed objects for the spring cleanup and dropped at the pallet behind the Police Department, contact Shelly at the City Hall at (325) 754 4424.

## Rollover on Crews road claims life of young boy

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ  
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

**BALLINGER-** A young boy passed away and a teenager was severely injured in a rollover accident occurring last Tuesday, March 13, 2012 on Farm to Market 382, about 4 miles north of Ballinger.

The victims were traveling on a green Nissan pickup truck southbound on Crews highway, when apparently went off the road and overcorrected, losing control of the vehicle and flipping over several times. The truck ended on the right side of the road with both victims trapped inside.

The fatality was identified as Preston Tunnell, 11 years of age, who was traveling on the passenger's side of the pickup. The driver was identified as Jeffrey Louis Swapp, 16 years of age, both of Winters.

The Ballinger Fire Department had to use the jaws of life to take the victims out of the vehicle.



PHOTO: RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ

Sergeant Dan Stoker of the Runnels County Sheriff's Office helps with the traffic on FM 382 Road while Ballinger EMT first responders try to take the victims out of the vehicle.

Swapp was conscious at the moment of the rescue and was taken to the hospital by ambulance after being stabilized on site. Tunnell didn't have any

signs of life when the first respondents arrived to the wreck. The boy was declared deceased by Judge Glenda Wood. The body of the young boy was later

rescued and taken to the funeral home. The wreck is still under investigation by Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper Michael Gray.

## County to settle dispute over old road

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ  
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

**BALLINGER-** The Runnels County Commissioners Court will be settling a dispute over an old county road, located north of Farm to Market 2133, after a request to declare the road as abandoned. The petition was presented last Tuesday, March 13 at the Commissioners Court regular meeting held at the Courthouse.

Donnie Halfmann, whose property is located next to the road, presented a petition to the Commissioners Court to declare County Road 407 abandoned, after the 1,600-foot road hasn't been maintained in 20 plus years. The petition was opposed by Jeff Aycock, who said that the road is the only access to that portion



PHOTO: RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ

Donnie Halfmann presented a petition to close CR 407.

of his property.

Commissioners discussed the issue widely. Commissioner Rick Strube proposed to maintain a portion of the road to provide access to Aycock's property and both parties agreed to the proposal. The Commissioners Court didn't take

any action on the abandonment petition, until the issue is properly settled between the neighbors.

At the regular meeting the commissioners also approved amendments to the 2011-2012 Fiscal Year budget, and set the date for advertising for bids for

asphalt/topping rock. Commissioners Court discussed both surplus and salvage county equipment and supplies, considered SECO grant for air conditioners and accepted the outside auditor's report.

Agenda items also approved by the Commissioners Court include the update to the Runnels County employee handbook to include a page with the names and phone numbers of all elected and appointed officials, and passed an agreement regarding a copier for County Auditor's office.

The Court went into closed session pursuant to discuss personnel matters.

The next Commissioners Court will be held on Monday, April 23, 2012.

## Diabetes seminar for families at Texas Lions Camp

WINTERS ENTERPRISE  
STAFF REPORT

**KERRVILLE-** Texas Lions Camp, in cooperation with Dr. Stephen Ponder, is conducting an exclusive advanced diabetes education seminar for the entire family, including siblings and grandparents on Saturday, April 21 in Kerrville, Texas.

Caring for young people with diabetes is a challenge for the whole family, and can be intimidating for grandparents or extended family caregivers. Attending this seminar will provide knowledge, understanding, and confidence for the entire family. Grandparents will spend a portion of the day in sessions specifically designed for their unique situations. More details are available at [www.lionscamp.com](http://www.lionscamp.com).

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While children (ages 6-16) with diabetes and their non-diabetic siblings enjoy the supervised activities of Texas Lions Camp's state-of-the-art facility, a team of internationally recognized diabetes experts, led by Dr. Stephen Ponder, will provide a day-long seminar on how to apply advanced diabetes care skills. The goal of the seminar is to increase levels of advanced diabetes care knowledge and skills. The cost for this opportunity, including all meals, snacks and presentation materials, is \$75 per family (includes grandparents) or \$25 per individual. Register online at [www.lionscamp.com](http://www.lionscamp.com).

The focus of the this seminar is to enhance

the advanced diabetes care skills and working knowledge of parents of children with type 1 diabetes and adults with type 1 diabetes in a relaxed and unhurried atmosphere. Participants receive a basic review of current goals of diabetes care and review core diabetes care concepts which are vital for anyone with type 1 diabetes to master. The seminar concludes with an open forum question and answer session for any topic.

A course syllabus will be provided to each family or individual attending with educational materials complementing each presentation.

Presenters include: Dr. Stephen W. Ponder MD, FAAP, CDE, Professor at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center

Permian Basin Campus, Medical Director for the Texas Lions Camp Diabetes Camp; Barbara J. Anderson, Ph.D, Professor of Pediatrics, Baylor College of Medicine, and Senior Psychologist, Diabetes Care Center at Texas Children's Hospital; Meaghan Anderson, RD, MN, CDE, Diabetes Clinical Manager for Medtronic; Nelda Caceres, RN, CDE, Texas A&M University Coastal Bend Health Education Center, and Barb Schreiner, PhD, RN, CDE, Lead Instructor with the American Association of Diabetes Educators.

Please join us at Texas Lions Camp or invite someone who would benefit from attending the seminar. For more information, or to register, go to [www.lionscamp.com](http://www.lionscamp.com)

## A&M has now bachelor's degree in forensic science

WINTERS ENTERPRISE  
STAFF REPORT

**COLLEGE STATION-** Texas A&M University now has a bachelor's program like no other in the state.

The bachelor's of science degree in forensic and investigative science has been awarded full accreditation by the Forensic Science Education Programs Accreditation Commission (FEPAC) for five years, from January 2012 to January 2017.

"This is big news," said Dr. Jeffrey Tomberlin, assistant professor in the department of entomology at Texas A&M University at College Station. "We are the only undergraduate program in Texas currently accredited. That means we are providing a quality product now officially recognized by the American Academy of Forensic Sciences as well as FEPAC."

Dr. Kevin Heinz, professor and director of the forensic and investigative sciences program at Texas A&M, said the university did not have Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board authority to offer such a degree when the program first started.

"The University, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and department of entomology, had to work in perfect unison starting from square one to make the program a reality," Heinz said.

Heinz clarified that though Texas A&M is the only entity to now offer a degree, the University of North Texas, one of A&M's interdisciplinary faculty group partners, has full accreditation for its forensic certificate programs offered in conjunction with their bachelor's degree in biochemistry, biology and chemistry.

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# Texas Hill Country Dorper Association Scholarships

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The Texas Hill Country Dorper Sheep Association will award two college scholarships for the first time this fall in memory of one of the state's pioneers in the Dorper sheep industry. The scholarships, valued at \$1,000 each, are open

to any Texas resident. One will be awarded to a high school senior graduating this spring and the other to a college student who will be at least a junior in any Texas college or university this fall.

Scholarship requirements include involvement in agriculture, and especially the Dorper sheep in-

dustry in Texas. Recipients with agriculture-related majors in college will be given special consideration.

The scholarships have been launched in memory of Brad Bernhard, who died of cancer at the age of 48 in 2011. Bernhard, who lived in Fredericksburg, was one of the

original founders of the THCDA and one of the earliest owners of Dorper sheep in Texas.

Dorpers and White Dorpers are hair sheep developed in South Africa in the 1930s as a breed that would thrive in a low-rainfall environment and produce a high-quality carcass. The THCDA was

organized in 2007 to promote Dorper and White Dorper sheep in Texas.

Deadline for applications to be received is April 15, 2012. Applicants may complete a scholarship application form online or find out more about the two scholarships by going to the THCDA website at thcdor-

perassociation.com.

For more information, interested students may contact THCDA scholarship committee chairman Garet von Netzer at 830-997-3210 or gvnppb@gmail.com or scholarship committee liaison Connie Bernhard at 830-864-4695 or at bernhardranch@ctesc.net.

## Drought recovery workshop to be held in Brady

**WINTERS ENTERPRISE**  
STAFF REPORT

BRADY- Strategies for drought recovery will be the theme for this year's Texas AgriLife Extension Service Multi-County Range and Wildlife Workshop set for 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. April 3 on the Staten Creek Ranch, south of Brady on U.S. Highway 87.

"Landowners in the northwest Hill Country area and Central Texas are faced with several issues following the historic drought of 2011," said Vance Christie, AgriLife Extension agent in McCulloch County. "Recent rains and warm weather have many producers battling new weeds that are popping up in the landscape while they are in the midst of trying to decide how, when and even why they should restock their pastures. Some are also trying to determine what's best when it comes to managing wildlife and brush to

maximize their operations' efficiency."

To help property owners find answers, six AgriLife Extension offices have teamed up to conduct the workshop that will feature AgriLife Extension specialists and industry leaders as speakers.

The workshop is being conducted by the AgriLife Extension offices in McCulloch, Gillespie, Kimble, Llano, Mason and Menard counties.

Workshop topics and speakers will include:

- Broadleaf Weed Identification and Control, Brush Sculpting and Pasture Recovery for Wildlife and Livestock Production by Dr. Bob Lyons, AgriLife Extension range specialist, Uvalde.
- Wildlife Nutritional Requirements and Supplementations Following Drought by Bobby Deeds, Cargill/Nutrena nutritionist, Goldthwaite.

- Blending Livestock and Wildlife in Range Management Decisions by Dr. Rick Machen, AgriLife Extension livestock specialist, Uvalde.
- Tax Implications for Landowners Following Liquidation and Restocking Decisions by Charles Anderson, chief tax appraiser for Menard County.

Three Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units - one in integrated pest management and two general - will be available for pesticide license holders attending the workshop.

Terry Davis, Staten Creek Ranch manager, will prepare lunch.

Individual preregistration is \$20 by March 30 and \$40 thereafter.

For more information, call Christie at 325-597-1295. To preregister, call an AgriLife Extension office in any of the participating counties.

## Women agents 'demonstrated' importance to Texas history

**WINTERS ENTERPRISE**  
STAFF REPORT

COLLEGE STATION- An important but often overlooked part of Texas history can be found by following the footsteps of early Extension educators - home demonstration agents who began teaching practical information and household management skills to Texas families a century ago this year, said Texas AgriLife Extension Service experts.

"We owe a great debt to educational pioneers like Edna Westbrook Trigg, who was hired in 1912 to bring hands-on instruction to people who otherwise would have had little or no access to it," said Nancy Granovsky, AgriLife Extension family economics specialist in the family and consumer sciences program. "AgriLife Extension is an educational outreach agency of The Texas A&M University System. Today the agency and other system entities have hundreds of professionals and paraprofessionals who have followed in Trigg's footsteps and now serve hundreds of thousands of Texas residents each year."

The education Edna Trigg and other home demonstration agents and their successors provided toward improving the quality of life for Texas families is significant and fits perfectly with this year's National Women's History Month theme of Women's Education - Women's Empowerment, she added.

Granovsky said the National Women's History Project has designated March as National Women's History Month. According to organization materials, the project is a "clearinghouse providing information and training in multicultural women's history for educators, community organizations, and parents - for anyone wanting to expand their understanding of women's contributions to U.S. history."

"Through the first half of the 20th century, these home demonstration agents went to homes throughout rural Texas and provided practical demonstrations and advice on vegetable gardening, canning, sewing, cooking, household management, family health, poultry-raising and other aspects of daily life," Granovsky said. "This all started with Edna Trigg, who served as the state's first home demonstration agent."

Granovsky said practical demonstrations in homes were often one of the only ways women in rural Texas could acquire the information and skills needed to improve their lives.

"In those days, women were not only responsible for maintaining the household and raising the children, but also taking care of other chores, maintaining family health, tending the vegetable garden, feeding the chickens and collecting the eggs," she said. "Some women were able to apply skills they learned from home demonstrations toward starting a home-

based business, like selling eggs, in order to supplement household income. This gave them an even greater sense of accomplishment and self-worth."

According to the Texas State Historical Association, Trigg, who passed away in 1946, was a teacher and principal of the small rural Liberty School when approached in 1911 by a representative of the U.S. Department of Agriculture to serve as a home demonstration agent for Milam County, west of Bryan.

The duties of the position, which would start the following year, were to be conducted during evenings and weekends in addition to her existing school responsibilities. Her salary would be \$100 per month, out of which she would pay work-related expenses, including room and board.

"Much of Edna's work involved traveling alone to remote areas of the county by horse and buggy and staying overnight in strangers' farmhouses," said Dr. Jennie Kitching, who retired as AgriLife Extension's associate director for human sciences in 1998. "A lot of what she demonstrated was self-taught or came through personal experience."

Kitching said over the years Trigg served as a role model for numerous home demonstration agents and their successors with the present-day Texas AgriLife Extension Service.

Trigg's appointment as "collaborator" for Milam County was approved and signed by Dr. Bradford Knapp, who would later become president of Texas Technological College, now Texas Tech University. Knapp was the son of Seaman K. Knapp, known as the architect of the national cooperative extension movement. Trigg's appointment by the USDA and New York Board of Education preceded by two years the official establishment of the Cooperative Extension Service by an act of Congress - the Smith-Lever Act of 1914.

Her primary duty as collaborator was to coordinate, organize and supervise Girls' Tomato Clubs throughout the county and put on practical demonstrations about the production and canning of tomatoes. Club members, consisting of girls 10-18 years of age, grew tomatoes on small plots of land and sold or canned them.

Initial efforts were so successful that in the summer of 1912 the Milam County girls' clubs coordinated with area Boys' Corn Clubs - both clubs precursors to present-day 4-H clubs - and presented the first-ever exhibit in Texas to show girls' agricultural products, which included tin cans and glass jars of tomatoes and peaches. The exhibition drew more than 3,000 people, and the following year the girls exhibited their agricultural products at the state fair in Dallas, as well as at the Waco Cotton Palace.

## AgriLife will host program to harvest rainwater

**WINTERS ENTERPRISE**  
STAFF REPORT

BROWNWOOD- Persons interested in learning the latest on rainwater harvesting can do so at two Texas AgriLife Extension Service programs this month in Eldorado and Brownwood.

The first program is set for March 19 in the Schleicher County Civic Center in Eldorado, and the second program is scheduled March 27 at the Brown County Youth Fair Home Economics Building, U.S. Highway 377 South in Brownwood. Both programs start at 6 p.m.

"Though we're not out of the drought, we have had some rain showers sweep through our area that could have been utilized further if the rain had been harvested for future use," said Anthony Munoz, AgriLife Extension agent in Schleicher County.

Gary Bryant, AgriLife Extension water specialist at Fort Stockton, will discuss different types of rain water harvesting

systems and uses of rainwater.

Scott Anderson, AgriLife Extension agent in Brown County, said their program is a collaborative effort with the Brownwood Chamber of Commerce.

"Ours will be a more in-depth curriculum than simply making a rain barrel to water flowerbeds," Anderson said. "John Smith, AgriLife water specialist from College Station, will be our main instructor."

"Lake Brownwood is still only about half full, and we do still have outside watering restrictions, so we're not out of this drought yet," Anderson said. "So getting your property set up to harvest any rainfall we may receive does make a lot of sense."

Those interested in the Schleicher County program should RSVP by calling 325-853-2132. Individual preregistration is \$15. There will be a \$12 registration payable at the door for the Brown County program. For more information call the AgriLife office in Brown County at 325-646-0386.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Arms race a treacherous trap for humanity

Dear Editor,

President Obama will soon be weighting cuts in U.S. nuclear forces and making important, one-in-a-decade decisions on the Presidential nuclear weapons Policy "guidance".

This guidance affects everything from war plans to the size, structure and cost of the nuclear arsenal. It will help determine whether we continue to live with the threat of nuclear annihilation by accident or by design - or move closer to a world-free of the danger of a nuclear war.

At a time of fiscal restraints, our nation is currently planning to spend about \$210 billion over the next 10 years to

maintain our Cold War-base nuclear war structure. We could save tens of billions of dollars for other needs. Maintaining large numbers of nuclear forces on alert increase this risk of accident or miscalculation. This would keep the arms race from being a treacherous trap for humanity.

The horribly destructive capacity of nuclear arms makes then disproportionate and indiscriminate weapons that endanger human life and dignity like no other armaments.

By taking these steps, the President will facilitate reductions in Russia's nuclear arsenal, encourage other nuclear-armed countries to join in reductions, and move us closer to a world-free of nuclear weapons.

Sincerely,

**Most Reverend Micheal D. Pfeifer, OLI**

*Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of San Angelo*

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HISTORICAL MARKERS AND THEIR HISTORIES IN RUNNELS CO

## A town and a county named Maverick

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RCHC CHAIRPERSON

**BALLINGER**— A town and a county were both named Maverick. The county would be created from territory formerly in Kinney County and named Maverick.

The formation of settlements in this area began with the creation of Runnels County in 1858 from Bexar and Travis Counties. Runnels County was named for Hiram G. Runnels, a former governor of Mississippi, who moved to Texas in 1842 and represented Brazoria County in the Texas Convention of 1845.

With the formation of Runnels County and the county seat decision, Maverick's one-vote defeat

(Old Runnels won 30-29) decided the outcome.

Maverick, Texas was located just off where State Highway 158 is between Ballinger and Bronte, Texas in the western area of the county. The name of Maverick was given in honor of Samuel Augustus Maverick. He was born July 23, 1803 at the Maverick family estate in Pendleton, South Carolina. Maverick was educated at home and was a graduate of Yale, Class of 1824. He read law two years and was admitted to the South Carolina bar in 1826.

After a period of swash-buckling in which he shot his friend in a duel because of a political dispute, Maverick headed west, but before he left,

he took time to nurse his friend back to health. When he was traveling to Alabama, he came to the aid of a young woman who had dropped her handkerchief from atop her horse. Picking up and returning the article proved to be very significant. The two grew close and were married a few months later, August of 1836. He and Mary Anne Adams Maverick and the first of 10 children sought the opportunities in Texas. Samuel acquired a Texas law license, served as City Treasurer and Mayor in San Antonio, Texas by 1842. He also was a Bexar County Judge.

Samuel A. Maverick became a leader in the revolt against Santa Anna's

brother-in-law, General Cos. Maverick and two others were arrested and sentenced to face the firing squad. The wife of one of the men interceded and saved them. He immediately rejoined the fight. Except for the fact, he was at Washington-on-the-Brazos declaring the Independence of Texas and helping to write the Constitution at that time, he might have died at the Alamo.

In 1842, when General Vasquez took San Antonio, Maverick took his family to Brazos and safety. Upon his return, he was again captured.

This time he was made to work in the streets with a ball and chain attached to his ankle. He was freed

in 1843 through the efforts of

General Waddy Thompson. While imprisoned, he was elected to the Seventh Texas Congress. After release, he was re-elected.

In 1845, he was a member of the Texas Convention and helped form the new Constitution. He was one of the signers of the Constitution. Later he served in the State Legislature and in 1861, was a commissioner of the Secession Convention. His health was not good and he was not able to be a soldier of the Confederacy. He spent the Civil War period as a civilian.

During this time, it was noted the origin of the term "maverick" for an unbranded cow which later the term came to mean a political party dissident.

It was 1853, and during that time, Maverick was one of the largest landowners in the United States and was the largest

landowner in this entire area. He ran large herds of cows and calves and was considered extremely wealthy.

Samuel Augustus Maverick died September 2, 1870. Both he and Mary are buried in City Cemetery 1 in San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas. In the town of Maverick, the post office was established in Marion Cobb's store in 1883. Later, the community was moved one mile east. The school started in 1889 and by 1937, it had been moved to Norton,

Texas. In its best days, Maverick had three stores, three churches, two gas stations, a barber shop, a Woodman of the World Hall, and a cemetery.

The official Texas Historical Marker for the town of Maverick was dedicated in June of 1965 with ceremony. Several descendants were able to attend the dedication and participate in the program.

The marker inscription reads:

MAVERICK

FOUNDED IN THE 1870'S. NAMED FOR SAMUEL A. MAVERICK (1803-1870), WHO CAME TO TEXAS 1835 FOUGHT IN THE TEXAS WAR FOR INDEPENDENCE. IN SECESSION CONVENTION, 1861, HE WAS MADE ONE OF THE COMMISSIONERS TO NEGOTIATE SURRENDER OF UNITED STATES TROOPS IN SAN ANTONIO. IN 1853 HE HAD LAND IN THIS IMPORTANT RANCHING AREA.

Resources: Runnels County Historical Commission Marker Histories, Bexar County Histories: Andrew Gill, Ghost Towns of Runnels County: Alton O'Neal, Jr.

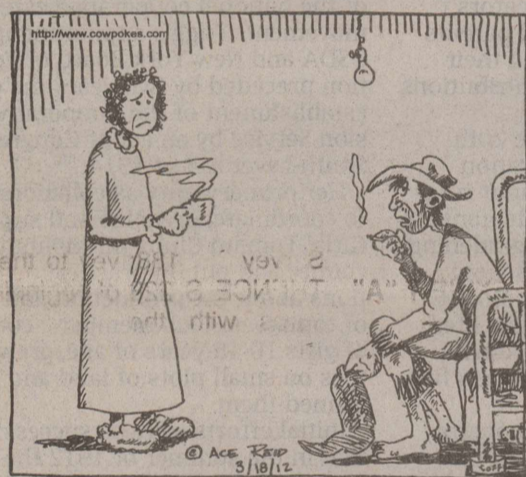
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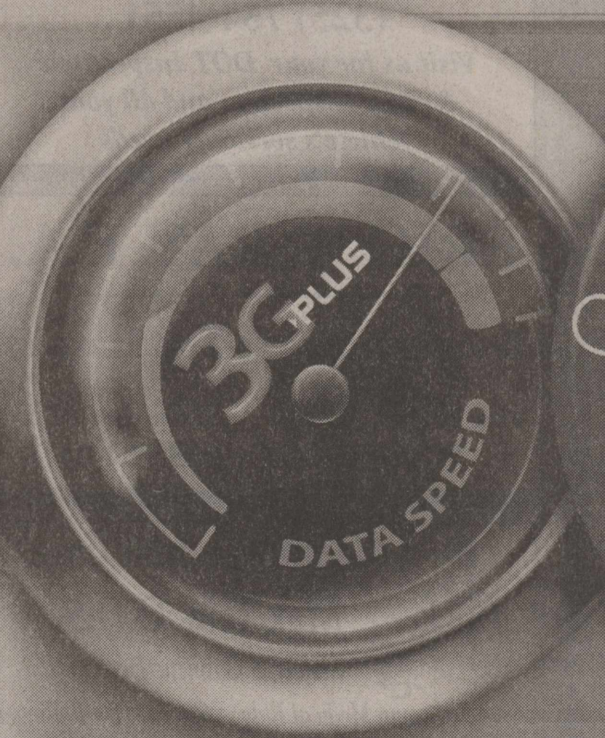
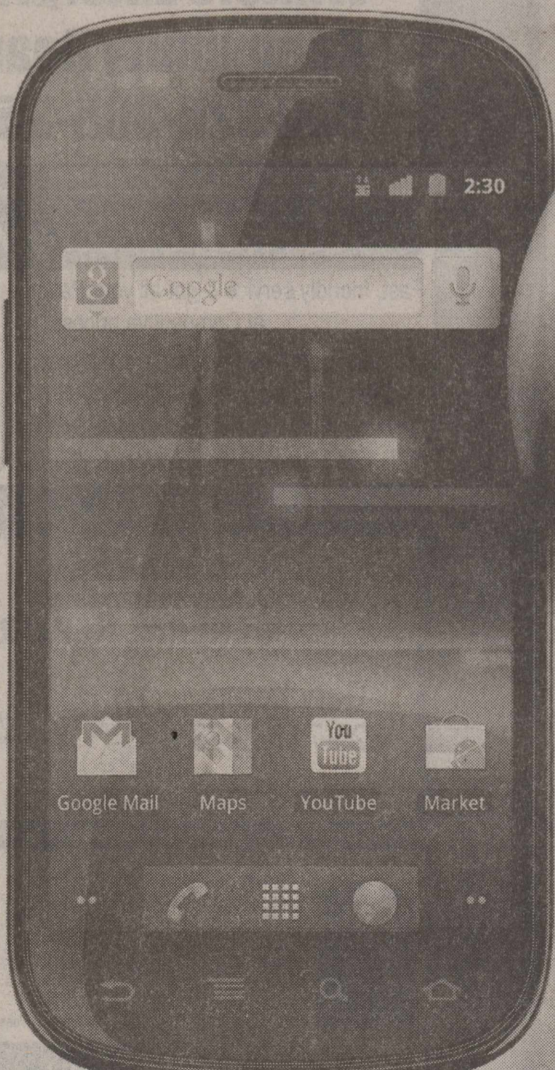
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# THE IDLE AMERICAN

## Unflagging patriotism...

Commetary by  
Dr. Don Newbury

Old Glory has survived much. But, despite destruction, derision and distrust by those who would make it less, it waves on as a blessed symbol of who we are, what we stand for, and what we pray always to be.

Let's "rev up" excitement about the USA. Maybe rally around flagpoles. Or try to match the glee of the folks who get the bid to make those giant flags for big automobile dealerships. You know — the ones that wave across two Zip codes. It's a worthy goal....

Patriotism was stronger in bygone years. Flags were flown more often, and on Veterans' Day, buddy poppies adorned lapels across the land. I have wispy childhood memories of those poppies.

The silver dollar-sized paper blossoms, bright red

with a green center, were promoted following World War I to raise funds for injured veterans.

My folks always had coins to "buy" poppies. I understood later that the colorful symbols had no price tags, but were reminders of prices paid by military veterans — some of whom gave all, all of whom gave some....

Today's news of our flag is befuddling. A few days ago, a Rockwall County Commissioner unilaterally ordered the courthouse U.S. flagpole shortened by five feet to match two others that stand 35 feet tall. Other county officials were shocked.

There must have been many red faces and furrowed brows as the county leaders, gathered 'round

the conference table, reached varying states of hoarseness.

People are hurting, children are hungry and thousands of citizens leave too much "month left at the end of the money." Meanwhile, commissioners fiddle with tape measures as flames fueled by critical human needs engulf. Quicker than advertisers leaving Limbaugh, the Texas Rangers have been called in to sort things out....



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To be sure, flag etiquette is important. It's a big part of a renewed spirit of patriotism for which we yearn.

There are guidelines for display of the American flag, differing somewhat for public and private property.

During my presidency

at Howard Payne University, we lowered campus flags to half-mast for 24 hours, beginning at 12 noon each July 3. This was done to honor the late Dr. Guy D. Newman, who served as president for 17 years. He died on July 4, 1988. It was our flag and our right to do so without governmental authority or decree....

The recent death of Marshall Lynam, administrative assistant — then Chief of Staff — during Jim Wright's 27 years in Congress, comes to mind. Lynam's remarkable autobiography, *Stories I Never Told the Speaker*, was penned in 1998.

A former newspaperman, he was Wright's "go to" guy. Insightful and borderline unbelievable in spots, the book is hilarious. It informs and entertains, earning an "A+" for both.

One of his frequent

chores was to send out U.S. flags that had flown over the capitol. With members of Congress distributing so many flags, the guy hoisting them for brief moments could easily have gotten rope burns from his up-and-down routine....

Marshall's late father, Lee Lynam, was a World War I vet, gassed and left for dead on a battlefield in France. Bankrupted during the Depression and employed in the oil fields during years well past his prime, he had unshakable pride of country.

On his dad's birthday, Marshall sent him a flag that had flown over the capitol. It was a prized possession — imposing enough for an army fort — atop a flag pole in front of his modest Bishop, TX, home.

On holidays, Mr. Lynam stood alone in the dewy grass, waiting for the sunrise. Upon first rays, he'd

raise the flag, then hobble back a few steps and offer a crisp salute. On one of his last birthdays, he limped on his game leg to the breakfast table, his hand clutching the flag....

"Where are you going with the flag?" asked his wife. "Going to put it up," he said.

She pointed out that colors are posted on national holidays, not birthdays. He grunted. "What would you say," she asked, "if I put up the flag on my birthday?"

Mr. Lynam thought for a minute. "It's not your flag," he said, shuffling out toward his flagpole which, at 25 feet, seemed about the right height. I cheer for his "red, white and blue." Don't we all?...

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## Department of Justice rejects Texas voter ID law

WINTERS ENTERPRISE  
STAFF REPORT

AUSTIN- The United States Department of Justice refused to approve Senate Bill 14, passed by the Texas Legislature and signed into law in 2011 for the purpose of voter fraud prevention. SB 14 requires voters in Texas to provide certain government issued photo identification when voting to help ensure positive identification at the polls.

"The Department of Justice's decision is extremely disappointing, especially since the data they demanded came from matching two separate data sets never designed to be matched, and their agency was warned that matches from these data sets would be misleading," said Secretary of

State Hope Andrade. "My office will continue working with the Texas Attorney General's Office in seeking to implement the will of the citizens of Texas, as enacted by our duly elected representatives in the Texas Legislature."

As a result of the Department of Justice's refusal to allow implementation of SB 14, current law pertaining to approved documentation required for voting, meaning a Texas Voter Registration Card, will apply in the May 12, 2012 Uniform Election and the May 29, 2012 Primary Elections.

Approved documentation in addition to, or in lieu of a voter registration card includes at least one of the following:

- Driver's license or personal identification card issued by the Texas De-

partment of Public Safety. Voters may also bring a similar document issued by an agency of another state, even if the license or card has expired.

- A form of identification that contains a photograph and establishes identity of the voter;

- A birth certificate or other document confirming birth that is admissible in a court of law and establishes the person's identity;

- United States citizenship papers;

- United States passport;

- Official mail addressed by a governmental entity; or

- A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows name and address.

For additional voter information, please visit [www.VoteTexas.gov](http://www.VoteTexas.gov).

## Naval Academy accepting applications for summer program

WINTERS ENTERPRISE  
STAFF REPORT

ANNAPOLIS, MD.- Applications are now being accepted through April 15 for the United States Naval Academy Summer STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Program 2012. The Summer STEM Program is held in three sessions: June 4-9 for rising 8th-9th graders; June 11-16 for rising 10th graders; and June 18-23 for rising 11th graders.

The academy's Summer STEM Program is an overnight academic program designed for rising 8th-11th grade students in good academic standing who have an interest in math and science.

The STEM Program gives students the opportunity to experience real-life applications of math and science principles through hands-on practical learning. Students will learn from distinguished Naval

Academy professors in world-class lab facilities that provide a unique learning environment outside the traditional classroom. The academy's current students, known as midshipmen, help run the Summer STEM Program and act as counselors and tutors to students.

Approximately 480 total students from around the U.S. will be accepted to STEM. All students selected to participate pay approximately \$200 for this academic summer program and are responsible for providing their own transportation to and from the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md.

For more information about the Summer STEM Program and the application process, visit <http://www.usna.edu/Admissions/stem.html> or call (410) 293-4361. Applicants will be notified of their application status in the month of May.

## Veteran's Corner

April marks the nation's "Month of the Military Child", a time to honor youth impacted by deployments. The Texas Operation: Military Kids is encouraging everyone across the state to wear purple on Friday, April 13th, as a visible way to show support and thank military children for their strength and sacrifices. Purple is the color that symbolizes all branches of the military, as it is the combination of Army green, Coast Guard blue, Air Force blue, Marine red and Navy blue. Their goal is for the military youth to actually see the support of their community. For more information, contact Sandra at the Veterans Service Office at 602 Strong Ave or call 365-3612.

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## City of Winters Spring City Wide Clean-up

The City of Winters and Allied Waste Services are partnering to offer residents the opportunity to dispose of any large, bulky items, **FREE**.

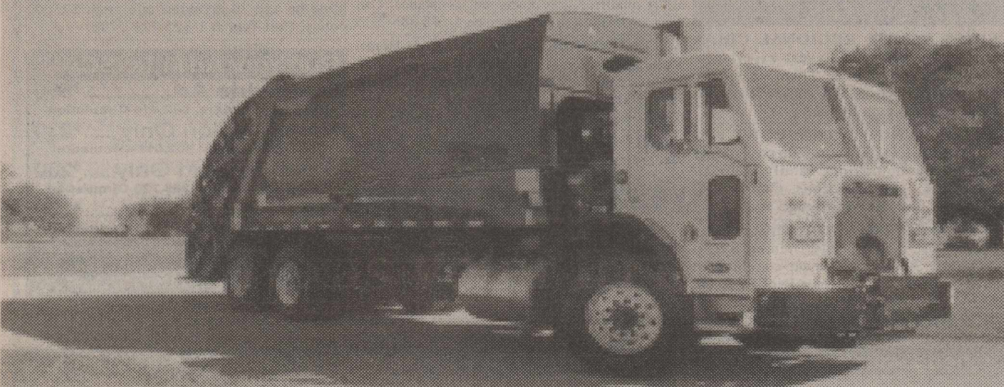
To take advantage of this free service, please place items at curbside in front of your residence for pickup.

Each resident will be allowed a maximum of 5 bulk items and 20 yard waste bags or bundles. Bundles must be no more than 4ft in length and weigh no more than 50lbs.

### Date of Event

Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>

**NO TIRES, BATTERIES, APPLIANCES, HAZARDOUS MATERIALS OR ANY TYPE OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS ALLOWED.**



### CAFETERIA MENU March 19-23

Subject to change\*

#### WINTERS ISD BREAKFAST

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

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

**Wednesday**  
Biscuit/Egg Pattie or Oatmeal or Sausage on Stick, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.

**Thursday**  
Sausage Roll or Cereal or French Toast/Sausage, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.

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

**WINTERS ISD LUNCH**  
Note: Menus are subject to change without notice. Students may purchase extra Entree for \$1.00, Milk for \$.30, Sides for \$.50, Large Chef Salad for \$2.00, Small Chef Salad for \$1.00, Tea \$.50 (Jr. High and High School), Water \$1.00, Visiting Adult \$4.00, Visiting Child \$3.00.

**Monday**  
Tartar Tot Casserole or Chicken Pattie /Bun, Tomato Pasta, Green Beans, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Rosy Applesauce, Hot Roll, Choice of Milk.

**Tuesday**  
Salisbury Steak w/Gravy or Chicken Fries, Broccoli/Cheese, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Orange Wedges, Hot Roll, Choice of Milk.

**Wednesday**  
Bean Chalupa or Soft Taco, Spanish Rice, Corn, Coleslaw or Lettuce & Tomato, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Mixed Fruit, Cornbread or Jalapeno Cheese Bread, Choice of Milk.

**Thursday**  
Chicken Nuggets w/Gravy or Meatball Sub, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Apple Wedges, Hot Roll, Choice of Milk.

**Friday**  
Cheese Burger pr Chicken Bites w/Gravy, Curly Fries, Baked Beans, Lettuce/Pickles, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Peaches, Hot Roll, Choice of Milk.

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