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WHS Homecoming 2014 candidates



Friday, September 26, 2014 Winters High School will be holding Homecoming night at Blizzard Stadium. The Blizzards will be hosting the TLCA Eagles with kickoff at 7:30 p.m. The Homecoming court will be crowned at the game. Homecoming King candidates are seniors left to right:

Rudy Lara, Stephon Cleghorn, Lukas Kraatz, Taylor Hooper and Ty Cortez. Homecoming Queen candidates are senior girls left to right: Maggy Mendoza, Ashley Guy, Gabriela Jimenez Reyes, and Nina Mooney

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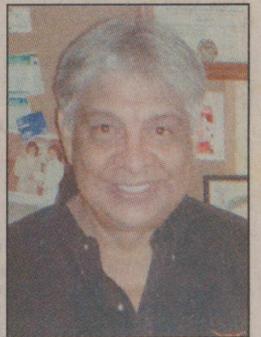
Homecoming, Distinguished Alumni night

Two Distinguished Alumni of Winters High School will be honored at half-time of the Homecoming football game between the Winters Blizzards and TLCA Eagles on Friday, September 26, 2014 at Blizzard Field.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI



Melba F. Lewis, M.D.
WHS 1969



JoRay De La Cruz
WHS 1974

Growing up on a farm in the Drasco community near Winters doesn't seem like preparation for the highly technical skills needed to do head and neck surgery, but Melba Lewis, M.D., an otolaryngologist (ear, nose and throat surgeon) in Austin, Texas, feels that it provided a very good start for her career in medicine and surgery. Known as a caring and compassionate physician who takes the time needed to listen and respond effectively to her patients, she is listed as one of Austin Magazine's Top Doctors of 2013. Lewis thinks her dad could fix almost anything. Watching him diagnose problems and handing...

JoRay De La Cruz was born in San Angelo, Texas at Goodfellow Air Force Base and is the son of life-long Winters residents Jose and Nadine De La Cruz. He attended Mrs. Kittrel's pre-school class and primary, elementary, junior high and graduated high school in Winters in 1974.

After graduating from Winters High School, JoRay attended Sul Ross State University and later transferred to Southwest Texas (now Texas State) and then to the University of Texas School of Allied Health Sciences in Houston.

When he graduated from the University of Texas with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing with an anesthesia emphasis...

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Blizzards suffer first defeat of the season

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS—Winters Blizzards' winning streak was halted Friday night at Hamlin, when the Big Blue machine was derailed by the undefeated Pied Pipers by a score of 47-27. The defeat was a first for Winters in the season turning their score to 3-1.

Jimmy John Ripley passed for 6 of 17 with 136 yards and two touchdowns. Ripley rushed in one more and the fourth touchdown was a run by Stephon Cleghorn. Daryl Hagle and Luke Kraatz were on the receiving end of the touchdown passes. Kraatz added three out of four extra point kicks.

Winters had to navigate upstream after receiving 21 points in the second quarter. Caymon Georges returned a punt 50 yards into the end zone with

11:40 left in the half, the kick was failed. Hamlin moved the score to 14-0 after Mathew Fields caught a 36-yard pass from Georges (7:39). Cedar McIlwain added a two-point conversion with a pass from Georges.

McIlwain scored Hamlin's last touchdown of the half by means of a 14-yard pass from Georges (1:06). Bailey Stegemoeller added the kick to put the scoreboard 21-0.

In their last drive of the half, with 11 seconds left to play, the Winters Blizzards lit their side of the scoreboard with a one-yard rush by Jimmy John Ripley. Kraatz added the kick, 21-7.

Coming back from the locker room the Blizzards closed the gap with 8:02 remaining in the third quarter. Stephon Cleghorn carried a 6-yard run, and with Kraatz's kick the

District 6-2A Div. II					
Winters	0	7	7	13	27
Hamlin	0	21	12	14	47
Sept. 19					
Leakey	12-53	Menard			
Winters	27-47	Hamlin			
Miles	16-46	Coahoma			
Cross Plains	35-6	Roby			
Upcoming games					
Roscoe	vs.	Eldorado			
Roby	vs.	De Leon			
Bronte	vs.	Rocksprings			
TLCA	vs.	Winters			

score was 21-14.

Hamlin responded with touchdowns before the third was over. First with a 68-yard run by Tyrone Johnson (7:49), and then with a 40-yard run by Georges (5:25). Both of the extra points were failed, 33-14.

In the fourth quarter Hamlin added seven points more with a 10-

yard pass from Georges to Avery Wagner (11:51) and Stegemoeller's, 40-14.

The Blizzards would score twice before the game was over. With 8:18 left to play Ripley found Daryl Hagle with a 19-yard pass into the end zone, and with 5:35 on the clock Ripley threw a 29-yard pass to Kraatz. Kraatz added one point with a kick in the earlier, 40-27.

The last touchdown of the game came from the Pied Pipers side, with 2:14 left to play when Johnson completed a 4-yard run and Stegemoeller added the kick for the final 47-27.

Winters dropped to second placed in the District 6-2A Div. II standing tied with Miles and behind the undefeated Menard. Roscoe and Roby follow with 1-3, and Bronte is at the bottom of the table with 0-4.

Successful car wash on a rainy day

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS—There used to be an old saying "If you wash your car, it will surely rain." Believing that was a great challenge to the weather, Officer C.J. Just, the new police officer for Winters, Texas, planned a very successful car wash on Saturday, September 20 to benefit REASON Animal Rescue. In spite of the weather and the chuckles, waves, honks and head shakes from passers-by, volunteers stood out in the rain, on the corner of Highway 83 and Wood Street, next to Wes-T-Go, holding car wash signs, encouraging folks to bring their cars to be washed.

"A great, big thank you goes out to Officer C.J. Just for her planning and coordination of this successful event. A big thank you also goes out to all of

the folks who took pity on us and brought their cars to be washed, despite the rain. A really, big thank you to the volunteers who got 'doubly' wet, but carried on to wash many cars to a sparkling gleam," said REASON volunteer Star Smelker.

The volunteers who made this event such a success were: Officer C.J. Just, Leslie Dunlap, Joanna Sanchez, Star Smelker, and Jim Pumphrey as well as, Maggy Mendoza, Danny Whipple, Ty Cortez, Jake Brock, and Jordan Hamrick of the Winters High School Senior English Class, taught by Ms. Pritchard.

A wonderful time was had by all participants, volunteers and patrons alike. The results brought more rain and assistance to REASON Animal Rescue

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PHOTO: JOE GERHART

Jordan Hamrick holds a sign announcing the car wash.

2014 Homecoming

Friday, Sept. 26, 2014

10:00-10:50 a.m. High School Assembly with Distinguished Alumni, WHS Auditorium

3:00 p.m. Blizzard Pep Rally, WISD Special Events Center

5:00-7:00 p.m. "Turkey & Dressing" Homecoming Dinner, School Cafeteria

5:00 pm-'til 7:30 p.m. New Chick-Inn serving drinks at the Chick-Inn site
Winters Blizzards vs. TLCA Eagles Football, Blizzard Field

Half-time

Crowning of Homecoming and Coming Home royalty
Recognition of Distinguished Alumni

After game

Alumni Reception, WISD Special Events Center-Northside

Saturday, Sept. 27, 2014

7:00-8:30 a.m. Breakfast at The Rock Hotel, 300 West Dale Street

8:30-9:30 a.m. Winters High School and WISD Special Events Center open for tours.

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Z. I. Hale Museum open, 242 West Dale Street

9:00 a.m. Classic cars and bikers meet in front of Winters High School

10:00 a.m. "Making the Drag" parade around the Chick-Inn site

10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. New Chick-Inn serving drinks at the Chick-Inn site. Chick-Inn souvenirs for sale at Chick-Inn site.

11:00 a.m.-'til Hamburger lunch by Winters Volunteer Fire Department at Fire Station on South Main

Noon-Afternoon

Class reunions and get-togethers around town

"The McKenzie Years" Band Reunion-WISD Special Events Center, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

WHS Class of 1954-Winters Housing Authority, 300 North Grant Street

WHS Class of 1957-First United Methodist Church, 141 North Church Street, 10 am

WHS Class of 1959-Winters School Cafeteria

WHS Class of 1964-The Rock Hotel, 300 West Dale Street, 10:45 a.m.

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FUNERALS AND OBITUARIES

Rosendo Roman, Sr.

Rosendo Roman, Sr., 64, of Winters, passed away on Saturday 20, 2014 at his home. Rosendo was born on March 1, 1940 in Vega Baja, Puerto Rico. Rosendo was proceeded in death by his parents Desiderio and Alfreda Roman. He made his living as a welder. Rosendo enjoyed watching the Dallas Cowboys. Everyone that knew him thought of him as a caring and loving person. He is survived by his sons, Rosendo Jr., David, Micheal Paul, and Guadalupe. His daughters Isabel Roman, Virginia Garcia, Rosario Alfaro, and Angelita Alfaro. Viewing will be Thursday, September 25, 2014 from 5-7 p.m. Rosary will be in the Chapel of Heritage Family Funeral home in Ballinger, Texas from 7-8 p.m. Funeral will be Friday at 10 a.m. with interment to follow at Lakeview Cemetery in Winters, Texas.



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Sandra Hoppe

HARLINGEN- Sandra Lowe Hoppe, 74, passed away August 6, 2014 at Valley Baptist Medical Center in Harlingen, Texas.

Sandy was born May 5, 1940 in Borger, Texas to William Forest Lowe and Maxine Colwell Lowe. She attended and graduated from Winters High School.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, September 26, 2014, at 11 a.m. at Winters Funeral Home.

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Pet Talk: Wobbler Syndrome

Cervical Spondylomyelopathy, also known as wobbler syndrome, is a neurological condition in dogs that affects their cervical spine, or neck region. A compression of the spinal cord and nerve roots, wobbler syndrome gets its name from the characteristic "wobbly" walk that affected dogs typically display from the disease.

"There are two forms of cervical spondylomyelopathy," said Dr. Megan Steele, a veterinary resident at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences. "There is a disc-associated form that causes ventral spinal cord compression and dorsal, lateral bone and joint proliferation causing dorsolateral spinal cord compression."

Wobbler syndrome is typically a progressive disease most commonly found in larger dog breeds, such as Doberman Pinschers, Great Danes and Mastiffs.

"Symptoms can vary widely from mild neck pain to an inability to walk in all four limbs," said Dr. Steele. "Often, pelvic limb weakness and ataxia, or weakness, is more severe than in the thoracic limbs. A classic, two-engine gait is seen in dogs with low cervical lesions causing a short, choppy gait in the thoracic limbs and a long, sweeping gait in the pelvic limbs."

Other symptoms often include weakness, difficulty getting up from a lying position, and possible muscle loss. Clinical signs are typically slow and gradual in onset, though acute worsening can occur. If your dog appears to show signs of any of these, especially difficulty walking or any unusual neck pains, a trip to the veterinarian for a diagnosis is recommended.

In order to properly diagnose your dog for wobbler syndrome, your veterinarian may perform advanced imaging such as radiographs, computed tomography (CT) and myelographs to characterize the degree of spinal compression. "A definitive diagnosis is best made from an MRI as this gives us the best information of what is happening to the spinal cord itself, a soft tissue structure," said Dr. Steele.

Treatment for wobbler syndrome, like for many other disorders, is greatly dependent on the location and severity of the problem. Cervical surgical procedures are typically the recommended treatment option for the best chance of improvement, but as with any surgery, there is always a risk of complications. For affected dogs in which surgery is not appropriate, medical management is another reliable treatment option.

Medical management is a viable treatment option in dogs with mild clinical signs or dogs with spinal cord compression in multiple locations, or that have comorbidities making them poor surgical candidates.

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NEWS NOTES

Nursing home taking trick or treat donations

Senior Citizens Nursing Home will be having its Annual Trick or Treat from 5 to 6 p.m. in front of the nursing home. The Activity Department is asking for donations of Halloween candy (individually wrapped) for this event. We would appreciate your help for this special night for our Residents. Thank you, Billie Bishop and Pat Hollis, Activity Directors.

WHS Class of 1957 reunion

The Winters High School Class of 1957 will hold a class reunion Saturday, September 27, 2014, at the First United Methodist Church, 141 Church Street, beginning at 10 a.m. Alumni of Winters High School in town for school reunions welcome to drop by and visit.

WHS Class of 1954 reunion

The Winters High School Class of 1954 will be celebrating its 60th year reunion on September 27, 2014. They will begin meeting about 9 a.m. at the Winters Housing Authority. The class welcomes visitors in the afternoon.

WHS Class of 1964 reunion

WHS Class of 1964 will hold its 50th reunion during Homecoming weekend, September 26-27. Friday night's activities will include attendance at the football game with the general homecoming of all classes after the game meet at the new gymnasium. Detailed information for the 1964 reunion can be obtained from local classmates or from Gary Hester, coordinator, 4706 Enchanted Lane, Austin, Texas 78745; (512) 444 4904; 3ghester@att.net; or Facebook.

Immunization clinics in Runnels Co

The Texas Department of State Health Services will be having immunization/flu clinics for children with Medicaid, no insurance, or under insured and adults with no insurance. For questions or to schedule an appointment, please call 754 4945, if no answer, leave a message.

The clinic in Winters will be from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 2, 2014, at the Professional Building, 110 South Main, Suite 108. For your convenience, please use the rear entrance (Grant Street).

The clinic in Ballinger will be from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 1:30 to p.m. Thursday Oct. 9, 2014, at 600 Strong (corner of Sixth and Strong).

Please bring child's immunization records. If child has Medicaid, please bring card.

Winters Area Chamber of Commerce meetings

Winters Area Chamber of Commerce meets at 7 p.m., first Thursday of the month at the Lone Star Video, 200

Tinkle Street.

TEEA 'Friendly Neighbors'

The Texas Extension Education Agency "Friendly Neighbors" invites everybody in the Winters and Ballinger area who is interested in learning about cooking, gardening and arts and crafts to join us on the fourth Tuesday of every month (except during summer) at 2 p.m. at the Runnels County Extension Office on the corner of South Seventh and Sealy Ave in Ballinger.

If you are interested and like to find out more about us, call Nancy at 325 5042 or Linda 754 5385.

AA Meetings

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

Ballinger Al-Anon meetings

Al-Anon meetings will be held every Monday and Wednesday at the First United Methodist Church of Ballinger, on Broad Ave. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Please enter through the south side of the church.

City Council Meetings

Winters City Council meets at 6 p.m. the last Monday of the month at 310 North Main.

WIC open to many incomes and families

Women Infants and Children, located at 706 Strong Ave in Ballinger is open Monday thru Wednesday 7 a.m. till noon and 1 p.m. till 6 p.m.

Closed every third and fourth Monday of each month. Phone (325) 365 5925. WIC is open to many incomes and all kinds of families.

Ballinger Masonic Lodge meeting

Masonic Lodge No. 643, 500 N Broadway, Ballinger, Texas. Stated meetings are at 7 p.m. on the first Monday of every month except for holidays if it falls on that Monday. For more information call (325) 365 3202.

Wingate Masonic Lodge meetings

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

Paint Rock Masonic Lodge meetings

Paint Rock Masonic Lodge No. 613 meets the first Thursday night of each month at 7:30 p.m. Supper will be provided after the meeting. The location is the Masonic Lodge building located at 360 South Roberts on Highway 83 South.

Mown grass smell sends SOS to help resist insect attacks

WINTERS ENTERPRISE

STAFF REPORT

COLLEGE STATION- The smell of cut grass in recent years has been identified as the plant's way of signalling distress, but new research says the aroma also summons beneficial insects to the rescue.

"When there is need for protection, the plant signals the environment via the emission of volatile organic compounds, which are recognized as a feeding queue for parasitic wasps to come to the plant that is being eaten and lay eggs in the pest insect," said Dr. Michael Kolomiets, Texas A&M AgriLife Research plant pathologist in College Station.

The research stems from a look at the function of a large family of lipid-derived molecular signals that regulate differential processes in humans, animals and plants, according to Kolomiets, whose research was published in The Plant Journal.

In an effort to better understand these signals, the U.S. Department of Agriculture is granting Kolomiets \$490,000 in 2015 to study how the signals may also impact drought tolerance.

The molecular signals are less understood in plants than in animals and humans, he noted.

"People take certain drugs such as aspirin to suppress the activity of these signals, because overproduction of these molecules may lead to headaches and pain and all sorts of disorders," Kolomiets said. "It's the same group of metabolites that are produced by the plants, but we know so little about them."

Yet a plant does "communicate" when attacked - whether by blade of a mower or jaws of a predatory insect - by producing defensive proteins and secondary metabolites either to repel the pest or make itself less appetizing, he said. What happens next is what scientists have been trying to figure out.

The best characterized molecule of the fatty acid-

derived signals is called jasmonic acid, because it was first isolated as a volatile produced by jasmine, Kolomiets said. Jasmonic acid, one of perhaps 600 oxylipin molecules identified in plants, is known to have diverse functions. Another volatile group derived from fatty acid is known as the green leaf volatiles.

To test how it functions in plant during insect attacks, Kolomiets and his team used a mutant corn plant that could not produce the green leaf volatiles, mown-grass smell when cut or torn.

And that's when they observed that the parasitic wasps didn't pay attention to plants without the green leaf volatile.

"There are actually two roles for this molecule," he said. "First, it activates the jasmonate hormone, which involves activation of defenses against insects on the plant. Then this molecule, since it is a volatile, attracts parasitic wasps. They come to the plant that is being chewed up by insect herbivores and lay eggs in the caterpillar's body."

"We have proven that when you delete these volatiles, parasitic wasps are no longer attracted to that plant, even when an insect chews on the leaf. So this volatile is required to attract parasitoids. We have provided genetic evidence that green leafy volatiles have this dual function - in the plant they activate production of insecticidal compounds, but also they have indirect defense capability because they send an SOS-type signal that results in attraction of parasitic wasps."

Kolomiets tested the phenomena both in the lab and in the field.

"We did not have to do any artificial infestation, because we had plenty of insects," he said. "We have discovered that even under the field conditions when there's enough insect pressure, then the plants are more susceptible to insect damage when they lack the green leaf volatiles."

SpaceX breaks ground for commercial launch facility

WINTERS ENTERPRISE

STAFF REPORT

CAMERON COUNTY- Gov. Rick Perry helped break ground on the SpaceX Commercial Launch Facility located near Boca Chica Beach, which will launch commercial satellites into orbit.

"This announcement represents a huge step forward for our state and continues our nation's proud legacy of scientific advancement," Gov. Perry said. "It builds upon our pioneer heritage, our tradition of thinking bigger, dreaming bolder, and daring to do the impossible. SpaceX is the latest in a long line of forward-thinking companies that have made Texas home, and I couldn't be prouder to help break ground on this revolutionary new facility."

The groundbreaking is the result of years of cooperation between Texas and SpaceX. The idea for a commercial spaceport in Texas was first discussed on a TexasOne trip to California in 2011. Since then, Gov. Perry has met with SpaceX CEO and Chief Designer Elon Musk and written letters to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to help secure clearance for the facility. Also, several members of the Governor's staff have appeared

in front of the FAA to help bring the facility to Texas.

The Texas Enterprise Fund (TEF) was instrumental in bringing SpaceX to Texas, with a \$2.3 million grant in August that will bring 300 jobs and create \$85 million in capital investment in South Texas. The State of Texas is also offering \$13 million from the Spaceport Trust Fund to the Cameron County Spaceport Development Corp. The Spaceport Trust Fund was established to help develop the infrastructure necessary for developing a spaceport.

"We appreciate the leadership of Governor Rick Perry and numerous other federal, state and local leaders who have helped make it possible for SpaceX to build the world's first commercial launch complex designed specifically for orbital missions," said Elon Musk, CEO & Chief Designer, SpaceX.

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Runnels Review

ISIS, ISIL... Metamucil?

You may be surprised by the headline that accompanies this column today, but I promise you Dear Reader, I have a perfectly logical explanation for that. However before we get to that matter, let me address a couple of topics of the uttermost importance.

State Senator-elect Charles will be sworn-in on Tuesday, September 30, 2014 in ceremony presided over by Texas Supreme Court Justice Phil Johnson at 11 a.m. at the McKenzie-Merkel Alumni Center, Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas. Congratulations to Sen. Perry and good luck in this new journey he is about to begin.

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples recently announced he is stepping down, after 20 years of serving as an elected official. His career spans from council member of his hometown of Palestine to serving in both the House and Senate of the Texas Legislature.

Staples will be the new President of the Texas Oil and Gas Association, where he will "continue to fight for Texas to be the leader in our national and world economy," as stated by Staples in a press release.

The long awaited and highly regarded win finally showed up for the Ballinger Bearcats. On Homecoming night they defeated the Merkel Badgers with two touchdowns scored in the fourth quarter, the team is slowly taking shape and good things may come out of it if they keep on working hard.

Friday is Homecoming night at Blizzard Stadium. The Blizzards are hosting TLCA. A special ceremony will be held at halftime honoring WHS alumnus JoeRay

De La Cruz and Dr. Melba F. Lewis, to list all of their accomplishments we would need more space than paper allows, but De La Cruz is a nurse anesthetist who graduated from the University of Texas School of Allied Health Sciences in Houston with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. He has provided anesthesia services all over the country, including proudly serving in the United States Army Reserves.

Melba F. Lewis is an otolaryngologist with her own practice. She attended Rice University and later graduated with honors from Texas A&M College of Medicine. Lewis has done extensive medical research and has published and presented papers in cancer and surgery at many universities and medical centers over her career.

Finally here it is, the long awaited and promised explanation to an odd reference such as ISIS in a West Texas column. We've been hearing in the media about the ISIS threat, a terrorist group basically declaring war on Western civilization. Most in federal government are addressing the group as *ISIL*, General Martin E. Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff called the group *I.S.I.L.* and then the U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. Samantha Power called it "*Ee-sil*" in a recent interview. Maybe we would all be better off agreeing in the small things and working together before embarking in great missions such as saving our modern civilization and way of life... Just saying.

The weekly smile: In my book you'll find the most mature and wise way to decision-making, the book is titled "How to Flip a Coin."

DPS to assist medical professionals with drug change

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

AUSTIN- In preparation for the rescheduling of hydrocodone combination products (HCPs), the Texas Department of Public Safety has increased staffing and resources to respond to medical practitioners serving Texas patients who require prescriptions for HCPs.

Effective Oct. 6, 2014, HCPs will move from the classification of a Schedule III drug to the more-restrictive Schedule II. The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration's rescheduling of HCPs as Schedule II controlled substances will increase the restrictions on prescribing and dispensing practices for hydrocodone combination drugs.

Physicians who prescribe HCPs will be required to use prescription pads provided by DPS. To accommodate these changes and to assist medical professionals, DPS is offering the following customer service enhancements:

- Extended customer service availability from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.;
- An automated call-back system allowing customers to make an appointment for an agent's return call;
- Increased staff to help process registration modifications to allow practitioners to change their approved schedules; and
- Extended work hours for staff in both the customer contact center and order fulfillment areas.

In addition, medical practitioners needing assistance can either call (512) 424-7293 or visit the customer contact center at <https://www.txdps.state.tx.us/rsd/contact/default.aspx> and then select "Texas Prescription Program" from the drop-down menu.

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Reward increased for Most Wanted fugitive from Dallas

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

AUSTIN- The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is reminding the public that the reward for Israel Aguirre, 33, has increased to \$10,000 for information leading to his capture if the tip comes in during the month of September. Aguirre, a Texas 10 Most Wanted Fugitive and this month's featured fugitive, is wanted for murder in connection with a 2002 homicide in Kaufman County. All tips are guaranteed to be anonymous.

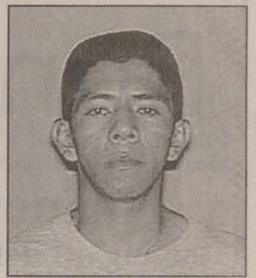
Aguirre has ties to the Dallas area, and his criminal history includes theft, prostitution and murder. In 2002, Aguirre was arrested for murder but was deported to Mexico before standing trial. He was arrested again in the United States in 2005 and made several court appearances related to the murder charge before fleeing again. For more information and updates in the event of his arrest, see his wanted bulletin at: <http://www.dps.texas.gov/Texas10MostWanted/fugitive-Details.aspx?id=249>.

Details.aspx?id=249.

Aguirre is 5 feet 8 inches tall and was last known to weigh approximately 130 pounds. He has tattoos on his chest and left arm. He also may go by the aliases Israel Aguirre Jaimez, Israel Aguirre-Jaimez or Israel Jaimez Carmona.

To be eligible for the cash rewards call the Crime Stoppers hotline at 1-800-252-TIPS (8477).

Text the letters DPS— followed by your tip — to 274637 (CRIMES) from your cell phone, submit a web tip through the DPS



Israel Aguirre in a photo taken in 2001.

website or the Facebook page, or submit a tip through the DPS Mobile App.

CAFETERIA MENU

Subject to Change*

Sept. 29-Oct. 3

Winters ISD Breakfast Menu

Monday

Biscuit/Sausage Gravy or Cereal, Peaches, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

Tuesday

French Toast/Syrup or Cereal, Pear, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

Wednesday

Pancake on a Stick or Cereal, Apple, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

Thursday

Breakfast Pizza or Cereal, Peaches, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

Friday

Cinnamon Roll or Cereal, Mixed Fruit, Choice of Milk.

Winters ISD Lunch Menu

Monday

Chef Salad or Grilled Cheese Sandwich/ Fish Bread (Elem., JH) or Chicken Pot Pie/Graham Cracker (Elem., JH) Breadstick (HS), Mashed Sweet Potatoes, Green Beans, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Apple, Choice of Milk.

Tuesday

Chef Salad or Meatball Sub or Chicken Nuggets, Mac n Cheese, Peas & Carrots, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Blue Bell Fruit Bar, Choice of Milk.

Wednesday

Chef Salad or Taco Salad or Bean Chalupa, Corn, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Spanish Rice, Coleslaw, Orange, Choice of Milk.

Thursday

Chef Salad or Chicken Fried Steak/ Gravy/Graham Cracker (Elem., JH) Breadstick (HS) or Chicken Pattie/Fish Bread (Elem., JH) Bun (HS), Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Tossed Salad/ Carrot Sticks, Mixed Fruit, Choice of Milk.

Friday

Chef Salad (HS only) or Hamburger or Chicken Fries, Baked Beans, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks. Lettuce/Pickles, Pears, Choice of Milk.

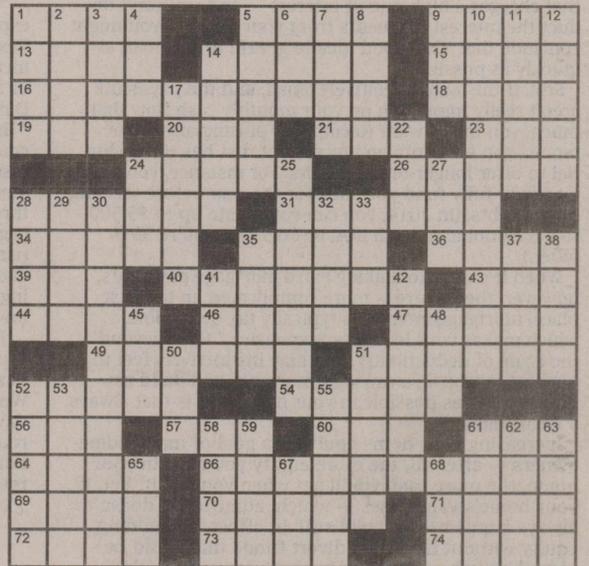
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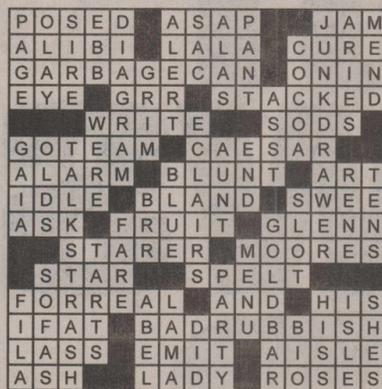
- Pillow cover
- What a dog wags
- Health resorts
- "The Wizard of Oz" barker
- African nation whose capital is Accra
- Shelter for a boy scout
- Impossible to get
- All there
- Ask nosy questions
- Cracklin' Bran (cereal brand)
- Hand holder?
- FBI's sister organization
- Poison
- Merman or Mertz
- Places to stay for the night
- Section of Manhattan
- Actress Dunne or Cara
- Second Greek letter
- Hawk's home
- Teachers' org.
- Tough choice
- Astrological sign
- Physicians, for short
- Army beds
- Touch lightly with a tissue
- "I ___ do this..."
- Take to the skies
- Pace
- Underground tunnel
- "___ you kidding?"
- Irate
- Ruin
- ___ Man (video game)
- Salmon variety
- Florida city
- Stench
- Finish by
- Italy's old currency



Down

- "Cut it out!"
- 60 minutes
- Lawyer: abbr.
- Cow's sound
- Letter before iota
- Small battery
- ___ Empire
- Bert who played the Cowardly Lion
- Paul and John: abbr.
- Fruity dessert
- Musical about an orphan
- Uses a needle
- Indicates agreement
- One of Scooby-Doo's pals
- Take what's not yours
- Small weights
- Committed a basketball infraction against
- Director Gibson
- One of 100 in D.C.
- Orange snack food
- Perfect score, maybe
- "Do you ___?"
- Two-color cookie
- Student's request
- Bank conveniences
- Aries animal
- Ink stain
- Chair
- Carry
- Cold cubes
- Word like "happily"
- Tree stuff
- Put on TV
- Male cat
- Expect
- Mexican snacks
- Eat away
- Samms and Watson
- "I agree!"
- The Flintstones' pet
- Poker duo
- Land measurement
- African nation that's also a man's name
- Hospital places: abbr.
- Do some math
- One of Santa's little helpers

LAST WEEK'S ANSWER GRID



Weather Whys

Q: How does the jet stream affect the weather where I live?
A: The strength of the jet stream enables it to push weather systems from one area to another, thereby greatly affecting the weather where you live, making some places stormy and giving others extended periods of fair weather, explains Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M. Because the jet stream winds are greatly affected by mountains and oceans, their movement is not always a uniform west to east direction. "They often contain arcs or dips, creating what meteorologists call troughs and ridges. Since the jet stream usually separates warmer air to its south, extended spells of warm or cold weather can be caused by jet stream patterns, too. The jet stream may stretch for thousands of miles around the world, but it is only a few hundred miles wide and usually no more than a few miles thick."

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Financial Focus

Paying off debts or investing?

It probably doesn't happen as much as you'd like, but from time to time, you have some extra disposable income. When this happens, how should you use the funds? Assuming you have adequate emergency savings — typically, three to six months' worth of living expenses — should you pay off debts, or fund your IRA or another investment account?

There's no one "correct" answer — and the priority of these options may change, depending on your financial goals. However, your first step may be to consider what type of debt you're thinking of paying down with your extra money. For example, if you have a consumer loan that charges a high rate of interest — and you can't deduct the interest payments from your taxes — you might conclude that it's a good idea to get rid of this loan as quickly as possible.

Still, if the loan is relatively small, and the payments aren't really impinging on your monthly cash flow that much, you might want to consider putting any extra money you have into an investment that has the potential to offer longer-term benefits. For instance, you might decide to fully fund your IRA for the year before tackling minor debts. (In 2014, you can contribute up to \$5,500 to a traditional or Roth IRA, or \$6,500 if you're 50 or older.)

When it comes to making extra mortgage payments, however, the picture is more complicated. In the first place, mortgage interest is typically tax deductible, which makes your loan less "expensive." Even beyond the issue of deductibility, you may instinctively feel that it's best to whittle away your mortgage and build as much equity as possible in your home. But is that always a smart move?

Increasing your home equity is a goal of many homeowners — after all, the more equity you have in your home, the more cash you'll get when you sell it. Yet, if your home's value rises — which, admittedly, doesn't always happen — you will still, in effect, be building equity without having to divert funds that could be placed elsewhere, such as in an investment. In this situation, it's important to weigh your options. Do you want to lower your mortgage debts and possibly save on cumulative interest expenses? Or would you be better served to invest that money for potential growth or interest payments?

Here's an additional consideration: If you tied up most of your money in home equity, you may well lose some flexibility and liquidity. If you were to fall ill or lose your job, could you get money out of your home if your emergency savings fund fell short? Possibly, in the form of a home equity line of credit or a second mortgage, but if you were not bringing in any income, a bank might not even approve such a loan — no matter how much equity you have in your house. You may more easily be able to sell stocks, bonds or other investment vehicles to gain access to needed cash.

Getting some extra money once in a while is a nice problem to have. Still, you won't want to waste the opportunity — so, when choosing to pay down debts or put the money into investments, think carefully.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor. Submitted by Larry Gilbert.

Beware of dangerous flooding in West Texas, DPS warns

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

AUSTIN— The Texas Department of Public Safety is urging Texans to be prepared for continued rising water and flooding of creeks, rivers, storm drains and low-lying areas across the West Texas region.

"Additional rainfall is expected in areas of West Texas this week, further increasing the danger of flooding," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "The state of Texas has committed a number of resources to protect West Texas residents from this threat, and we are also urging Texans to do their part to stay safe by taking extra caution and avoiding flooded areas and low-water crossings."

Heavy rains have caused flooding and water hazards across parts of West Texas for several days, which have led to road closures, damaged homes and multiple water rescues. According to

current weather projections, additional rainfall is expected in the already saturated areas of West Texas. These weather conditions will increase the threat of flooding as lakes, creeks and rivers exceed capacity.

Individuals should use extra caution in low-lying areas prone to flooding as well as areas they are unfamiliar with.

State resources responding to this weather event include the DPS Texas Division of Emergency Management, which is coordinating the state's response to this weather event to support local officials; DPS troopers and aircraft are providing assistance as needed to impacted communities; Texas Task Force 1 will provide personnel and equipment for potential water rescues; Texas Parks and Wildlife Department game wardens are on standby to assist local officials with search

Tips to stay safe

Keep the following tips in mind to stay safe:

■ Avoid areas already flooded and avoid any fast-flowing water.

■ Be extremely cautious of any water on the road or near creeks, streams, storm drains, etc.

■ Never attempt to cross flowing streams or drive across flooded roadways — Turn Around, Don't Drown.

■ Ensure children and pets are kept safely away from flooded

areas.

■ Remember that dangerous waters can seem deceptively calm — if you encounter any flooding, move to higher ground.

■ Monitor weather radios and news broadcasts for updated information about current and anticipated severe weather.

■ Monitor the forecast of river levels in your area (<http://www.srh.noaa.gov/wgrfc/>)

■ Keep in mind that flood dangers are even harder to recognize at night.

and rescue operations; Texas Military Forces will provide assistance to local officials with aircraft, personnel and high-profile vehicles as needed; Texas Department of Transportation crews are monitoring highways and staging personnel and equipment

in the area; Texas Commission on Environmental Quality continues to monitor dams and river levels. Additionally, the American Red Cross and The Salvation Army are prepared to assist impacted communities with sheltering needs.

Veteran's Corner

On August 15, 2014, TRICARE announced that it will cover certain laboratory-developed tests under the Defense Health Agency Evaluation of Non-United States Food and Drug Administration Approved Laboratory-Developed Tests Demonstration Project beginning in September 2014. This also allows TRICARE to cover approved laboratory-developed tests retroactively if the coverage guidelines for the specific test are met. This means that beneficiaries can now file a claim with their regional contractors to receive payment if the beneficiary has paid for a laboratory-developed test since Jan. 1, 2013, and it is now included in the demonstration. Many of the covered tests are related to links between certain genes and specific health conditions, such as breast and lung cancer, cystic fibrosis, various syndromes and other health concerns. You can visit the covered services

section of the TRICARE website <http://www.tricare.mil/ldt> to see the full list of which tests are covered, and which are eligible for retroactive reimbursement. Most tests must be preauthorized by the regional contractor before they can be covered and must be offered by an authorized provider. TRICARE will maintain and publish a list of approved tests, and will continually update it as new tests are reviewed and approved for coverage. For more information, contact Sandra at the Veterans Service Office at 602 Strong Ave on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am to 3pm, or call 365-3612.

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Ballinger, TX 76821
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E-MAIL rcvso@wtxs.net

Man arrested for theft of livestock

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

COLEMAN— A Texas man was arrested Saturday and charged with third degree felony theft of livestock in Hood County, Texas. Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) Special Ranger Joe Roberts led the investigation.

According to Roberts, the suspect William Lloyd Dulaney, 48, of Tolar, Texas, was indicted on Wednesday by the Coleman County Grand Jury, overseen by District Attorney Heath Hemphill. Roberts said Dulaney had leased 13 head of roping steers from the victim in April 2010, and Dulaney continuously promised to pay the victim for the steers. The victim contacted Roberts in June 2014 after failing to receive payment or the return of the steers from Dulaney.

Roberts said TSCRA Special Ranger Wayne Goodman arrested Dulaney in Hood County where he was placed in the Hood County Jail on a \$10,000 bond. Roberts was unable to retrieve the 13 head of steers.

"I appreciate Special Ranger Wayne Goodman and District Attorney Heath Hemphill for their assistance in this investigation," said Roberts. "It is important for ranchers to reach out to TSCRA Special Rangers and their local officials."

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By Ace Reid

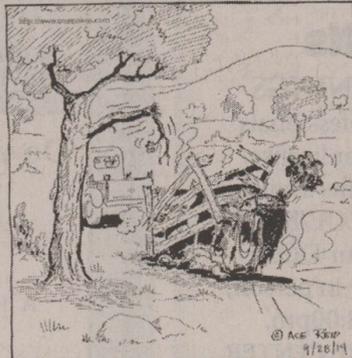
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COWPOKES By Ace Reid



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Runnels County Jail Record
September 23, 2014

Name	Age	Agency	Charges
Christopher S. Romano	23	RCSO	Unlicensed firearm MTR, theft Class A
Jose Valenzuela-Espinosa	43	Concho	Illegal entry
Trevor R. Gamache	28	BPD	DWLI
Lynn E. Sloan	32	Concho	Possession of drug paraphernalia
Stacy L. Hull	44	Coleman	Parole violation
Leo Manley	53	WPD	Assault, family violence
Jonathan Fuqua	26	BPD	Assault
Jeffery S. Talmadge	32	BPD	Possession of controlled substance
Lisa M. Flores	40	WPD	DWI
Timothy Richardson	23	Concho	Possession of controlled substance
Becky S. Bailey	--	Coke	MTR, fraud use info, Tom Green County bail jumping

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Employment

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601 N. Heights, Winters, Texas - 5 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath, two living areas. Two stories, hardwood floors, tall ceilings, large picture window in the living, built in hutch in the dining room. Across street from Winters school campus. 3,554 total sq. ft. per RCAD, living plus third floor attic space.

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201 W. Pierce, Winters, Texas - 3 bdrm/2 bath, sun room/office or 4 bdrm, Cent h/a, metal roof, fenced yard, storage, two car carport, pecan trees.

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The suit requests: written answer with the clerk ORIGINAL who issued DIVORCE as is 10:00 A.M. on more the Monday shown by the expiration in this suit:

The court has served this citation and petition, a default judgment or de-judgment may be taken against you."

The petition of PHELPS, MICHAEL SHAWN petitioner, was filed in the 119TH DISTRICT COURT of Runnels County, Texas on the 8th day of September, 2014, against PHELPS, SHONIE FERGUSON. Respondent, numbered 15,351 and styled

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that the original Letters of Guardianship and Estate of Bruce H. Melton, were issued on August 22, 2014, in Cause No. 103A pending in the County Court in and for Runnels County, Texas, to: Covenant Outreach, LLC, Guardian of the Person and Estate of Bruce H. Melton.

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Dr. Melba F. Lewis

him tools to help him fix everything — from tractors and plows to electronics and plumbing — is an experience which she has found extremely valuable for working on the human body. Her mom was also an excellent clinician who could take care of most of the illnesses of her six children. Melba and her five siblings all attended grades first through 12 in Winters (there was no kindergarten at that time). All six children have obtained bachelor's degrees at least, with some going on to do some graduate work.

Melba was involved in many activities during her years at Winters schools, including choir, Authors Anonymous, National Honor Society, FHA, and Gale staff in high school, and band and basketball in junior high. She also participated in many University Interscholastic League events, including One-Act Play competition, science competition and prose reading; she feels that these were all very good preparation for her future endeavors.

After graduating from Winters High School in 1969, Lewis attended Rice University, where she studied English literature and biology until graduating in 1973. Her last job as an undergraduate at Rice was working as a clinical lab technician in special chemistries in the Texas Medical Center.

While continuing to work in the clinical and research labs of the Texas Medical Center and Baylor College of Medicine, she studied cell and molecular biology at the University of Texas Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences. There she published and presented papers in the areas of molecular biology, virology, and cancer, in research journals and at national meetings. Some of her research helped to set up background work for sequencing the human genome, and for discovering how proteins are packaged and secreted from the cell. (Last year's Nobel Prize in medicine and physiology was awarded to two researchers who did work in the latter area.)

In 1975, she married Paul Malsky, who was a medical student at Baylor College of Medicine. Together, they moved to San Antonio, Texas for one year, where he did his internship, and she attended dental school, then moved to Cleveland, Ohio, where he did a residency in ophthalmology and she went to dental school at Case Western Reserve University. The couple returned to Texas as he set up his ophthalmology practice in Killeen, Texas, and she attended

medical school at Texas A&M College of Medicine in Temple, Texas. In Medical School, she became a charter member of Alpha Omega Alpha, the medical honor society, and received the American Medical Women's Association Janet Glasgow achievement award. Her son Joey was born between the second and third years of medical school, and her daughter Jessica was born during her year of fellowship training after medical school.

After graduating with honors from Texas A&M's College of Medicine in 1985, Lewis did a clinical research fellowship, studying head and neck cancer. She then did an internship in general surgery at Scott & White Hospital in Temple, Texas, worked as a surgical assistant for one year, then moved to Little Rock, Arkansas, for four years for her residency in Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery.

While in residency in Arkansas, she learned the medical and surgical aspects of treating ear and hearing disorders, nasal and sinus diseases, and throat and voice disorders; she was especially focused on head and neck cancer, as well as pediatric ear, nose and throat problems. She also did further research in head and neck cancer treatment, which she presented at national and state meetings.

Lewis completed her residency in Little Rock in 1992, and returned to her home state of Texas to work in a group practice at Austin Regional Clinic for more than six years. In 1999, she opened her own practice, Austin Association of Otolaryngologists, and has continued to work in the Austin area since then. She is affiliated with the Seton network of hospitals, including Dell Children's Hospital, St. David's network, and Arise Austin and Baily Square Surgery Centers.

During her time in Austin, she has made two trips to El Salvador, doing surgery with Austin Smiles for children with cleft lips and cleft palates, and hopes to do another trip with Austin Smiles in the near future. Although she is accused of being a bit of a workaholic, Dr. Lewis practices a pretty healthy lifestyle in her chosen city of Austin, eating mainly organic foods and exercising at least two to three times a week. Her favorite forms of exercise are walking on trails in Austin near her home and ballroom dancing. She specializes in waltz, foxtrot, tango, Viennese waltz and Quickstep (a la "Dancing with the Stars"), and competes as an amateur in about three or four competitions a year.



She also sings with a women's choir, performing for charity events at least once a year.

Currently, in addition to running a busy medical and surgical practice, Dr. Lewis continues to study and research various topics in medicine. She is particularly interested in a genetic deficiency that is related to folic acid and B12 metabolism and contributes to heart disease and depression.

Her son, Dr. Joseph Malsky, has just finished his internship and is beginning his first of four years of residency training in Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas. He plans to join his mom in her practice in Austin, Texas, at the completion of his residency. Her daughter, Jessica Malsky, is currently studying in Austin taking prerequisites to become a Physician's Assistant. Lewis hopes that her daughter and her fiancé, who is also considering a career in medicine or dentistry, will also join her practice.

Dr. Lewis appreciates her deep roots in the farming communities around Winters. Her great grandparents, J.P. and Martha Kirby, brought their family to their home on the hill just north of Winters in a covered wagon. Her maternal grandparents, Roy and Minnie Kirby, and paternal grandparents, Banks and Lillie Lewis, as well as her parents, Albert and Viola Lewis, all farmed in north Runnels County in the Winters, Drasco and Pumphrey communities.

She feels that growing up on a farm in a warm, loving community helped her to develop a sense of appreciation for science and nature, as well as a strong work ethic, which has served her well in many aspects of her life.

Dr. Melba Lewis will be speaking to Winters High School students at an assembly Friday morning at 10 a.m. in the WHS Auditorium and will be recognized at half-time of the football game Friday



JoRay De La Cruz

JoRay did his residency in Pittsburgh Westmorland/Latrobe School of Anesthesia, where he graduated and successfully took the national anesthesia board exams.

JoRay then moved to Austin and worked as a staff anesthetist and recruiter for Capital Anesthesia Association from 1985 until 2001.

Since leaving Capital Anesthesia Association, JoRay has worked as an independent contractor providing anesthesia services across the country. He also co-founded Austin Anesthesia Group, as a competitor anesthesia provider in the Austin area. Presently Jo Ray is the owner of Hill Country Anesthesia Association an independent anesthesia provider group.

JoRay is a member of the Austin Smiles group that administers surgery and anesthesia in third world countries and has

traveled to Mexico, Guatemala, Ecuador, and El Salvador to repair cleft lips and palates on children.

JoRay was also a member of the United States Army Reserves and obtained the rank of first lieutenant and proudly administered anesthesia to soldiers at Darnell Army Hospital at Fort Hood, Brooke Army Hospital in San Antonio and Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington D.C. He was Honorably Discharged in 2000.

JoRay is most proud of his three children, Jordon, Brian and Angela, which he considers his best accomplishments. All three are in college. Jordon graduated from Texas A&M and is now attending Law School at the University of Texas and is lovingly called his Aggie/Longhorn. Brian is a recent graduate of the University of Rhode Island with a double major of International Business and Spanish and is fond of cor-

recting JoRay's "Tex-Mex Spanish." Angela attends Angelo State University majoring in Elementary Education and still helps JoRay with his spelling.

Despite never having been the best student, JoRay believes that hard work, luck, and opportunity have helped make him successful. "You don't have to leave Winters to become successful. For me, I had the opportunity to go to college when I probably wasn't personally ready. I wasn't the smartest, but I could work harder than everyone else. If you just work hard towards your goals, you can be successful in whatever you do."

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