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PHOTOS: JOE GERHART

Jonathan Sandoval making a jump shot.

#### Blizzards continue to prepare for district hoops

WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- The Blizzards basketball team traveled to Coleman this past Tuesday, December 16, 2014. In the JV game, the Blizzards fell 44-24. Cordale Arm-

strong led the Blizzards JV in scoring with 10 points. In the Varsity game, the first quarter ended in an 11-11 tie, as Johnny Sandoval came off the bench to score 4 points. In the second quarter, Coleman outscored Winters 17-5 to take a 12 point, 28-16, halftime lead. In the third quarter, Coleman extended their lead to 38-24. In the final period, the Blizzards picked up full court and rattled the Bluecats, going on a 19-6 run to cut the score to 44-43 with 1:30 left in the game. That was as close at Winters got, as Coleman made their free throws down the stretch for a 50-43 win. Jake Brock led Winters with 15 points and 14 rebounds. Daniel Gerhart had 10 points, while Luke Kraatz had an all-around game with 7 points, 9 rebounds and 4 assists. The loss drops Winters to 2-3 on the season. They travel to Eldorado on Friday. Winters will play in the Anson Tournament, December 29-30, before opening up district play against Roscoe at home, on



Daniel Gerhart goes up for a shot under the basket at the Blizzards vs. Coleman game.

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# **Heartwarming and uplifting**

Sixth annual Christmas trees exhibit brings visitors, rises spirits

**RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ** 

WINTERS- An ever growing exhibit, bringing in people from all over the region and lifting the Christmas spirit in local and area residents, the sixth annual Christmas Trees extravaganza was held during this Christmas season at the Rock Hotel in Winters, Texas.

Under this year's theme "Spirit of Christmas," over 50 originally decorated Christmas trees were on display, following a tradition started in 2009 by Joyce Carbery.

"A lot of people made this possible, Kay Colburn was chair of the committee, Elaine Miller of REASON, Janie Long, Joyce Broadstreet, most of our directors helped out to set up this year's exhibit," said Rock Hotel board of directors President Wanda

"We had several groups and organizations putting up trees and hosting several nights, the Lutheran Church put up a tree and opened our exhibit with a Christmas carols program, Lupe and Shelley Guevara decorated our mirrors and curtains and put swags on the stairways," she added.

The outside of the hotel was decorated by Kay Colburn and Wanda Brewer. Individuals, churches and organizations participating in the display not necessarily had to put up a tree, some hosted a night of the exhibit, providing a program and finger foods, while others just helped out with the decorations.

Others hosting a night of the display were the Winters Lions Club, featuring Winters' own Elvis impersonator Harvey McFadden, the Samaritan House and Nadine Delacruz.

Visitors don't have to pay to go and enjoy the exhibit, but donations are always welcome. Another source of revenue is the Rock Hotel store, recently opened by John Long, where visitors can find all sorts of products such as books, shirts, coffee mugs, the Winters Quasquicentennial Christmas tree



PHOTO: RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ Sarah Craig and John Long look at the Christmas tree ornament commemorating the 125th anniversary of the foundation of the City of Winters.

ornament, and more.

"We been real pleased with the outcome this year, people really liked some of the trees," Brewer

One of the most visited and talked about trees is the lobby tree, a giant greeting visitors with its "Holiday Memories" theme, set up by the women of the Rock Hotel.

Every year the exhibit has been bringing people from all over the area. This year the display received visitors from Abilene, San Angelo, Ballinger, Midland and more.

ferent places, they hear about the trees and come to Winters to see the exhibit," Brewer said.

The collection has been growing over the years, with trees and decorations donated by members of the community.

The year is not over yet but plans are already underway for next year's exhibit, hoping to raise the bar even higher with the help of more individuals and organizations.

"We hope to see more people from the community getting involved and helping to keep up the Christmas tradition, we need some younger volunteers to help out," Brewer

Some of the trees included in this year's exhibit are the Bride and Groom Tree, set up at the Bridal Room by the women of the Rock Hotel. The Charlie Brown



The Lobby Tree, a gentle giant put up by the women of the Rock Hotel, each year greets visitors under a different

Tree, decorated by Bettye Pinkerton. A shampoo and hair conditioner bottle caps tree made out of pieces donated by Hairway 83 Salon, an Elvis tree put up by Elvis' impersonator Harvey McFadden, a Hispanic tree by Nadine Delacruz, and Christmas

art by the Winters ISD first grade students.

Something new this year are the ornaments commemorating the 125th anniversary of the City of Winters, the pieces are available to the public at Rock Hotel Gift Shop.

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### **Preserving history**

Runnels County Historical Commission Chairperson and author Ruth Cooper held a book signing on Saturday, December 20 at the Rock Hotel, in Winters, Texas, to promote her latest publication "The Organization of Runnels County.

The book, which depicts county records and stories about the county's foundation and early beginnings, was released on December 17. The new book can be purchased by calling Ruth Cooper (325) 754 5183, Linda Duggan (325) 365 3145, Beverely Teplicek (325) 442 4841, Sally Spill (325) 754 4763. They may be purchased at Ballinger Printing, Ballinger, Texas and at the Winters Area

Business and Industrial Corporation in Winters, Texas. Pictured here are Ruth Cooper (center) with her son Alan and wife J'Lynn Cooper, and grandchildren Cameron Cooper and Alanna Cooper.

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#### **FUNERALS AND OBITUARIES**

#### Nicolas Reyes

Nicolas Reyes, 65, of Wingate, Texas passed away on December 20, 2014. He was born in Runge, Texas to Jose Sr. and Angelita Reyes on July 20, 1949. He worked for Winters Feed and Seed Supply from where he retired. He is preceded in death by his father Jose Sr. and mother

Angelita Reyes, one sister Carolina Reyes Ramos, one brother Primotivo Sr. and wife Severa Reyes. He is survived by his wife Rosalinda Martinez, three brothers, Juan and wife Raquela Reyes, Santiago Reyes and wife Nancy Kay, Jose Reyes Jr. all of Wingate, and one sister Esperanza and husband Isaac Moreno of Winters, Texas. He is also survived by daughter Norma Reyes of Ballinger, Texas, and son Silvester Nicholas Reyes of Irving, Texas. Survivors also include three grandchildren Fabian Rene Reyes, Elias Ray, and Nicholas Reyes, and one great-grandchild Eli Ace Juarez. Services were

December 23, 2014. Arrangements were made through Heritage Family Funeral Home in Ballinger, Texas.

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#### Launa Collinsworth Brand

Launa Collinsworth Brand, 93, died Sunday, December 21, 2014, at Mesa Springs Nursing Center. She was born June 30, 1921 in Winters, Texas to

Rainey and Launa Collinsworth. She attended schools in Winters and graduated with the Class of 1938 before attending McMurry College for two years.

During WW II she worked in the Post Exchange at Camp Barkeley near Abilene, Texas, where she met Captain Elias B. Brand. They were married in 1942. Wherever they were stationed she always made a good and stable home for her family.

In 1963 Lt. Col. Brand retired and the family moved to Abilene where they joined Aldersgate United Methodist Church. Launa was a faithful member serving with the United Methodist Women, the church Catering Committee, and the annual Rummage Sale.

Launa really enjoyed working in her yard and had lovely flowers. She and Lt. Col. Brand also spent many enjoyable hours fishing for catfish and crappy. In any kind of weather she could be found out in the yard feeding the birds and any stray animals that might appear. She was a great cook.

She was preceded in death by her parents, seven siblings, and her husband.

Launa is survived by three children, Kathy Jo Kroener of Abilene, Jimmy B. Brand and wife Karen of Pensacola, Florida, and Susan Mostad and husband George of Winters; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Tuesday, December 23, at Aldersgate United Methodist Church with Rev. Derrell Patterson officiating. Interment followed in Elmwood Memorial Park directed by The Hamil Family Funeral Home, 6449 Buffalo Gap Road in Abilene.

In remembrance of Launa, donations may be given to Aldersgate United Methodist Church Food Pantry, 1741 Sayles Blvd., Abilene, TX 79605, or Rescue the Animals SPCA, 4620 North 1st Street, Abilene, TX 79603.

Online condolences may be posted at www.HamilFamilyFuneralHome.com.

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#### Enrique Esquivel, Jr.

Enrique Esquivel, Jr., 71, of Winters, died December 17, 2014. He was born October 31, 1943 in Winters and was a life long resident. He was a member of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church. He is survived by one sister and six brothers: Solia Reyes of Lockney, Texas, Jimmy Esquivel and wife Sandra of Abilene, Roy Esquivel and wife Emma of Winters, Robert Esquivel of San Angelo, Alfonso Esquivel and wife Mary of Abilene, Raul Esquivel of Abilene and Richard Esquivel and wife Linda of Abilene. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

Rosary was recited on Thursday, December 18, 2014 in Winters Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral Mass was held Friday, December 19, 2014 at Mt. Carmel Catholic Church with burial following at Lakeview cemetery directed by Winters Funeral Home.

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#### Cassie Pauline Huckaby

Cassie Pauline Huckaby, 91, of Winters died December 11, 2014. She was born April 20, 1923 in Shep and attended school at Valley Creek. She married Floyd Huckaby February 22, 1941 in Winters. He preceded her in death January 31, 2013. They enjoyed 71 years of marriage. She was Postmaster in Lenorah for several years and worked for the Postal Service for over 30 years. She was a member of the Wingate Quilting Club and was a member of the North Main Church of Christ in Winters.

She is survived by three sons: Lyndon Huckaby of Winters, Darr Huckaby of Talpa and Randall Huckaby of Beeville. Seven grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Services were Sunday December 14, 2014 at the North Main Church of Christ. Burial followed at Shep cemetery.

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**Volunteers needed at Winters Elem** 

Winters Elementary School is looking for volunteers to serve as mentors. A mentor will need to have about an hour a week during school hours to give to a student. As a mentor you will do things like read with to a student as well as help with homework and just be a friend. As a school volunteer you will need to fill out a form and pass a background check. If you are interested in helping out a student in this way please call Charles Murphy at (325) 754 5577.

WAF asking for donations

The Winters Area Foundation is the perfect place to consider making a final charitable gift of the 2014 year. Your tax deductible donation will be used to assist Winters area organizations, award scholarships to deserving Winters students, and benefit the community of Winters. Donations may be made in memory of a loved one, to honor a colleague, or to give someone the joy of knowing you love them. Financial gifts are received throughout the year, but this reminder might help your tax situation. Donations may be sent to Winters Area Foundation, P.O. Box 211, Winters, TX 79567.

Historical marker project in need of donations

The Texas Historical Commission has approved a
Texas historical marker for the community of Winters. The marker will have an inscription with a brief history of Winters and will be located between the Blue Gap Post Office and the Library. The marker will be the same size as the Chick-Inn Marker which was dedicated in 2013. The dedication of the marker is planned for Saturday, February 28, 2015, in conjunction with the Winters Quasquicentennial Celebration (125th birth-

The Z. I. Hale Museum is the sponsor for the Winters marker. The cost of the project is \$1,900. A significant amount has been raised so far, but funds are still needed before the dedication. Donations may be made to the Z.I. Hale Museum (Marker Fund), PO Box 211, Winters 79567.

Christmas for Kids program in need of donations,

Children's Advocacy Center of Tom Green County's "Christmas for Kids" program is in need of sponsors for 22 children from Runnels County who are presently in foster care or are receiving early intervention services. You can sponsor a child by obtaining their "Wish List" and purchasing the items or by making a monetary donation which will be used to purchase the items. Depending upon the age of the child, the total cost per child is \$50-75. To be provided with a child's wish list, please contact Laura Mallory, 365 1772. To make a monetary donation, please make your gift payable to the Children's Advocacy Center of Tom Green County and send it directly to: Connie Gauwain, Children's Advocacy Center, P.O. Box 5195, San Angelo, TX 76902. Pleas be sure to note on your check "Christmas for kids program - Runnels County."

Retirement reception for hospital administrator
North Runnels Hospital will be hosting a reception honoring Sidney Tucker on December 30, 2014. Mr. Tucker will be retiring at the end of the 2014 after 41 years in the health care field. The reception will be at 10 a.m. at North Runnels Hospital, 7821 State Hwy. 153 Winters, Texas. Please stop by and visit with Sidney and the staff

of North Runnels Hospital as they honor his retirement.

Winters 125th Birthday

The Quasquicentennial Christmas Tree Ornaments are here. They are on sale at the Rock Hotel Gift Shop and other retailers around town. The funds raised will be used to fund other souvenir purchases and from those sales we will have sufficient monies to support our planned activities.

For more information contact John Long at zihalemu-

seum@wtxs.net or (325) 754 5389.

**Winters Area Chamber of Commerce meetings** Winters Area Chamber of Commerce meets at 7 p.m. first Monday of the month at 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

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**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.

#### A&M economist foresees new market in Cuba

**COLLEGE STATION -**Efforts to normalize U.S. and Cuba diplomatic relations will have potential positive implications for Texas agriculture, according to a Texas A&M Agrillie Extension Service

economist. Dr. Parr Rosson, who heads the agricultural economics department at Texas A&M University in College Station, said there will be immediate increases in the amount of U.S. food exported to Cuba.

"Within a year to two years, we should see U.S. exports to Cuba return to the \$400 million to \$450 million range.

"The combination of allowing up to a fourfold increase in remittances along with an increased role for U.S. banks may lead to a 15 to 30 percent increase in U.S. food exports," Rosson said.

Currently, Cuban-Americans and others are limited to remittance of no more than \$500 per quarter to persons in Cuba. Rosson said under the new program, that limit would increase to \$2,000. Texas supplies Cuba

with several export items, including chicken leg quarters and corn. Pork, cotton and dairy products produced in Texas are also exported there. More rice exports are also expected. A



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Dr. Parr Rosson, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service economist and head of the department of agricultural economics at Texas A&M University.

growing tourism market in Cuba has also sparked demand for items such

as condiments, bottled water, beer, wine and spirits. 'These are products

that we are seeing more interest in due to the growing tourism market in Cuba.

Rosson said in addition to allowing U.S. and other travelers to use credit cards, this will boost demand for foods.

"Also expect to see the market for used agri-

cultural equipment to increase," Rosson said. Workshops have previously been conducted to assist educating producers on export trade with

Cuba, partnering with the Texas-Cuba Trade Alliance and Free Trade Alliance,

#### Experts predict a slow fire season this winter

WINTERS ENTERPRISE

COLLEGE STATION- Expect a slow fire season this winter.

Much of the state received above normal rainfall this year, helping to suppress fires and increase the moisture level - also increasing the amount of grass or fuel.

More fuels coupled with dry weather normally causes concern during the winter months since this combination supports significant fire activity, helping spread

wildfires quickly across grassy areas. Although we have more fuels, we don't have the dry weather which reduces the threat.

Forecasted El Niño conditions may hinder wildfires this season. El Niño is a weather cycle that occurs every three to five years. It deviates from normal surface temperatures, causing warmer temperatures and wetter-than-average conditions across Texas. "With El Niño in place,

precipitation chances are expected to increase during the winter months.

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This would help limit wildfires this season," Tom Spencer, Texas A&M Forest Service predictive services department head said. "However, with the surge of grass growing in the plains regions of the state, there could be opportunities for an occasional period of fire activity."

Although a rainier season is expected, Spencer urges residents to still use care through the winter months and limit activities that could accidentally start a wildfire. TFS offers these tips for

Texans to stay safe this holiday season:

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### DPS graduates 109 State Troopers

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**AUSTIN- Texas Depart**ment of Public Safety (DPS) Director Steven Mc-Craw, Texas Public Safety Commission Chair Cynthia Leon, and the entire **Public Safety Commission** today were joined by Lieutenant Governor-Elect Dan Patrick as the department commissioned 109 men and women as **Highway Patrol Troopers** during the recruit graduation ceremony. Lieutenant Governor-Elect Patrick was the keynote speaker during the ceremony, which was held today in Austin.

'Texas is grateful for these men and women who have answered the call of duty, making the selfless commitment to protect and serve this

great state," said Lieutenant Governor-Elect Patrick. "They say the stars at night are big and bright deep in the heart of Texas. Texans sleep better under those stars because of the men and women who wear the Texas Tan of the DPS.

The new troopers will report to duty stations across Texas in the coming weeks and spend the first six months in onthe-job training.

Each of these dedicated recruits has earned the privilege to now be called a Texas State Trooper - a truly incredible achievement. You are among the select few who have what it takes to carry on the esteemed tradition of this department," said Chair Leon. "I commend your

selfless commitment to duty and thank you for your service to the great state of Texas.

The troopers began the

23-week training academy in July. Instruction covered more than 100 subjects, including counterterrorism, traffic and criminal law, arrest and control procedures, accident reconstruction, first aid and Spanish. They also received training in use of force, communication skills, firearms, driving, criminal interdiction. cultural diversity and physical fitness.

'Texas Highway Patrol Troopers work every day to fulfill the critical responsibility of protecting and serving the communities of Texas. Today, DPS is honored to welcome 109 new members of that

elite force," said Director McCraw. "These speciallytrained men and women will serve as front-line officers dedicated to protecting Texas from crime and all threats facing our state - and we are grateful for their courage and commitment to selfless service.'

The department encourages individuals interested in joining the Texas Highway Patrol and becoming a state trooper to visit the DPS website, www.joindps.com, for more information.

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I am completely overwhelmed by the love and support that all of you have shown me. I am not sure where to begin to thank all of you for what you have done for me

Thank you to Bee's Quilting, and all of the wonderful women who made not only the beautiful raffle quilt, but also the adorable lap quilt that is already being used.

Thank you to Bobbie Collom, Teresa Walden and everyone at North Runnels Hospital that did all of the hard work that is involved with this. Thank you to Caroline Priddy and the people of Ballinger who

Thank you to all of the local Winters businesses, my family, NRH family, friends, and the all of the wonderful people of Runnels county. I am so touched by all of the kind gestures that so many of you have shown me all of these months.

Thank you for the continued prayers. God Bless you all.

With love and appreciation, Wendi McGowan

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

#### DWI enforcement increased over the holidays

WINTERS ENTERPRISE

**AUSTIN- The Texas** Department of Public Safety will increase DWI patrols for a 15-day period that includes both the Christmas and New Year holidays. From December 19 - January 2, DPS troopers will focus DWI patrols in high-risk locations at times when alcohol-related crashes are most frequent.

"DPS' enhanced patrols are designed to help save lives by identifying impaired and dangerous drivers and getting them off Texas roadways, said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "Holiday celebrations create the increased potential for drinking and driving incidents, and we

Check for and obey burn

bans and fireworks restric-

When and where out-

door burning is allowed,

leave it unattended and

remove leaves and other

materials from the area

Avoid lighting piles on

Keep water nearby in

case a fire starts. A spark

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Adhere to all county and

or burning ember can ignite dry, fine-textured

surrounding the fire.

windy days.

keep the fire small, never

urge Texans to designate a sober driver or find alternative transportation if they plan to drink."

During the Christmas/ New Year holiday enforcement effort last year, DPS troopers made 1,505 DWI arrests. DPS enforcement also resulted in 24,928 speeding citations, 2,997 seat belt/child safety seat citations, in addition to 1,078 fugitive arrests, and 797 felony arrests during the enforcement period. A Texas Department of Transportation grant allows increased patrols in high-risk locations during the times when alcoholrelated crashes are most

DPS offers the following additional tips for safe

city fireworks laws.

and buildings.

Use only with adult

supervision and only out-

doors away from dry grass

Read firework labels and

Keep water, wet towels

and a garden hose nearby.

Allow fireworks to cool

use only as directed. Do

not alter the products.

completely before han-

dling and discard them

into a bucket of water.

Remove your natural

Christmas tree soon after

the holidays and consider

community tree recycling

travel during the holidays: Don't drink and drive. Designate a driver or take

Slow down - especially in bad weather, construction areas and heavy traffic.

Eliminate distractions, including the use of mo-

Buckle up everyone in the vehicle - it's the law.

Slow down or move over for police, fire, EMS Transportation vehicles and tow trucks that are stopped on the side of the road with emergency lights activated - it's the

Don't drive fatigued. Drive defensively, as holiday travel may present

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additional challenges.

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for birds and other wild-Dispose of wrapping paper, boxes and other holiday waste by recycling, when practical. Burn paper

and cardboard in a burn barrel or other fire-proof receptacle topped by a metal screen or grill, as winds can carry embers over long distances.

The full winter weather outlook is now available, and daily fire weather forecasts can be found at the Texas Interagency Coordination Center web-

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LAST WEEK'S ANSWER GRID

#### Weather Whys

Q: Sometimes you hear the term 'comma cloud.' What does it mean?

A: A comma cloud is a fairly common occurrence,

says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "Comma clouds can only be seen at high altitudes by weather satellites," McRoberts explains. "They are named comma clouds because they look like a big comma on a map. They are usually associated with a low pressure system and they can be signals to some severe weather ahead." "Comma clouds can range in size from small thunderstorms to large weather systems. As a system moves from west to east, it very often retains this comma shape. The head of the comma generally lies to the west of the maximum winds in the storm. It is not uncommon for heavy rain, hail and even snow showers to occur along the path of a comma cloud."

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A coach who cares...

Commetary by Dr. Don Newbury

At Christmas time, pleasant memories — like low-hanging fruit — are ripe to be savored. Look around, though, and we see folks toiling daily on life's sharpest edges so one day others can build memories worthy of recall from vineyards that now seem so barren.

This is such an account. Don't expect a happy ending; currently, a "faithclaiming continuance" may be the best to the hoped for.

A man — sentenced to 40 years for first-degree murder — has done 12, just turned 30 and eligible for parole in 2022. The State of Texas sustains him physically. Some two hours away in Alvarado, Texas, is his high school football coach who with family and friends strives to sustain him spiritually, hopeful to keep Anansi Flaherty's

hopes alive.... Christians to the core, Jeff and wife Amanda Dixon have long helped others. They've been on the receiving end, too, crediting kin and friends for propping them up during a life-jolting experience. After several years of mar-

riage, quadruplets birthed at 20 weeks were stillborn. Unwavering in faith and commitment, the then young teachers forged on. (They now have three children -Tyler 22, Maggie 20 and Faith 8.)

They all love Anansi, a second-team running back Jeff coached on Katy High School's 2000 state championship football team. They think it miraculous that Anansi survived the streets to reach high

school. He claimed the Dixons' love — perhaps the first he'd known — at age 16. He lingered at the field house, sometimes accept ing rides home and such. At other times, though, he flirted with disaster, partnering with alcohol

by age 10, with marijuana and worse stuff soon to follow. Little wonder. With no dad around and a mom away most of the time, Anansi lived alone in a tiny apartment near Katy High

for more than two of his high school years. He didn't have to look for trouble — it found him. By age 18, he was beyond adrift. One day, Coach

Dixon shuddered upon hearing a TV news bulletin about a young man found in bloodied clothing, stumbling from a knifing scene where his mother lay dead. That was on Dec. 29, 2002 — a dozen years

ago....

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Anansi doesn't remember details of the hideous act that haunts him daily.

The Dixons — piecing together the puzzle of his tattered life — won't let go.Jeff visited him at least weekly during his confinement at the Fort Bend County Jail and later whenever possible at units in Beaumont, Livingston, Huntsville and Iowa Park. Without fanfare, the family provides encouragement monthly by sending money, assorted items and most importantly, Bibles. The Bibles are replaced regularly, since other inmates steal them, using the thin pages to roll marijuana smokes....

The Dixons consider themselves to be his "adopted family," praying that one day, they might have family visitation rights. They have exchanged hundreds of letters. For Anansi, they've gone from "Dear Coach" to "Dear Dad," for years signed by "Your Second Son."

"Anansi is a brother in Christ, and I am blessed by every letter and every visit," Jeff said. "We pray some day to visit Anansi as family members, as do blood kin of others incarcerated. My family and I want to hug his neck, hold his hand and pray with him — that's long been our desire.'

To date, Anansi has never been visited by blood

kin — not even once....

A few months ago, Jeff and I drove to the Iowa Park prison. I was granted a press visit; Jeff, approved only for weekends, remained in the lobby. For Jeff, as well as interviewers, visits are conducted through thick plate glass and way-too-short cords for telephone intercom.

During the hour-long visit, I mostly listened, impressed by Anansi's 100 percent positive attitude and unending smile. His biblical knowledge was stunning; he quoted scripture like a seasoned theologian, citing Biblical figures who never gave up hope.

"Our intent has always been to show God's love. We've seen how God has changed his heart, and feel strongly we are in God's will to continue support of Anansi." Jeff said....

Perhaps Anansi is most symbolic of the hundreds of youngsters the Dixons have helped during their 30-year educational pilgrimage. They see hurt daily in lives cast asunder by broken homes.

Jeff has a wonderful wonlost record in coaching. But his "life coaching" is most important. It includes caring and comforting. He's at the top of my list.

My wife and I love this family, joining them in prayer that one day soon, the Dixons can be recognized as the family Anansi has never known....

I've procrastinated in writing this piece. It pales alongside the almost full page account written by Kevin Sherrington in the Dallas Morning News almost eight years ago.

If desired, contact me and I'll forward a copy by email. In the meantime, we are thankful for the Dixons, believing that "God with us" truths prevail in this and all seasons, particularly for the least of these, our brethren...

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#### **Financial Focus** New year's financial resolutions

Now that 2015 is upon us, you may be thinking about making some New Year's resolutions. Perhaps you'll decide to take up a musical instrument, or hit the gym more often, or even learn a new language. All these are worthy goals, of course — but you could also gain some key benefits by working to achieve some financial reso-

Here are a few to consider: Fill "gaps" in your investment portfolio. From time to time, you — or possibly your financial advisor, if you work with one — might identify "gaps" in your investment portfolio. For example, you might find that you are making insufficient progress on a key goal, such as saving for a child's college education. Or you might discover that you need to place additional resources in a particular asset class to achieve proper diversification, which can help reduce the impact of market volatility on your portfolio. (Keep in mind, though, that diversification by itself can't guarantee profits or protect against loss.) So put "filling portfolio gaps" high on your list of New Year's financial resolutions.

Boost your 401(k) contributions. If your salary has gone up with the new year, consider boosting your contributions to your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan. You may not be able to afford to contribute the maximum annual amount — which in 2015 is \$18,000, or \$24,000 if you're 50 or older — but if you increase your contributions every year, you can greatly speed your progress toward your retirement savings goals. You can put this New Year's resolution into effect by contacting your department as soon as you get back to work in 2015.

human resources or benefits Eliminate "unhealthy" investment habits. As part

of your general New Year's resolutions, you may have decided to cut back on "carbs" and sugar-laced soft drinks, with the expectation that these moves could help your overall health. But you can also make "unhealthy" financial moves, such as chasing after "hot" stocks (which may already have cooled off by the time you find them) or selling quality investments just because their price has temporarily dropped. Strive to focus more intently on your long-term investment strategy, as opposed to reacting to short-term stimuli.

Review your estate strategy. During any given year, you might experience major changes in your life — marriage (or remarriage), new child, new home, etc. — and these changes will have profound effects on your estate plans. But whether or not you encountered any of these events in 2014, it's a good idea to look over your estate planning documents\* — such as a will, living trust, power of attorney and so forth — to make sure they are still current with your wishes. It's especially important to update beneficiary designations on your insurance policies and retirement accounts so that they are aligned with the wishes you have expressed in your will. And if you haven't drawn up vour estate plans\* vet, make a New Year's resolution to do so in 2015 — because it's never too soon to take the steps necessary to protect your loved ones in the future.

Unlike some New Year's resolutions, these financial ones won't require a big shift in your lifestyle. But if you can stick to them, they can make a big difference in your life.

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

#### Veteran's Corner

Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel announced his resignation after less than 21 months on the job. Hagel was the first former enlisted member of the military and the first Vietnam veteran to be appointed SecDef. Press reports indicate that he was forced to resign over policy differences with senior White House staff. Hagel will stay on as SecDef until a replacement is confirmed by the Senate. President Obama will nominate Ashton Carter, who did not serve in the military but joined the Pentagon in 1981 as a civilian analyst working on missile defense. He has a doctorate in physics and also served as Deputy Secretary of Defense from October 2011 to December 2013. During the Clinton Administration, Dr. Carter was Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Policy (1993-2000). For more information, contact Sandra at the Veterans Service Office at 602 Strong Ave on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., or call 365-3612.

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#### Dan Horn coming back to The Old Texas Theater

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BALLINGER- The Old Texas Theater and Restaurant will be hosting the return of stand-up ventriloquist Dan Horn. Three shows will be seen in Ballinger, highlighted by a New Year's Eve Special followed by encore

performances on January 2 and January 3, 2015.

Dan and his "cast of several" have been entertaining audiences for over 35 years. A seasoned performer, Dan has headlined the stages of Las Vegas and America's comedy clubs and colleges, as well as having multiple appearances on national television, including an appearance on The Late Show with David Letterman.
A life-long entertainer, Dan has garnered the atten-

tion of his peers, earning recognition as the recipient of the W.S. Berger International Ventriloquist of The Year Award, in addition to developing a reputation as "the guy" in regards to technique and puppeteering.

Horn has been acclaimed as a "Fine technician and often gets so much happening with a puppet it's difficult to see how he's able to do it all," according to Mel Shields, Variety.

Horn has a lengthy resume, highlighted by headline acts at The Flamingo, The Improv cruise lines across the globe, and numerous TV appearances.

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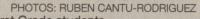


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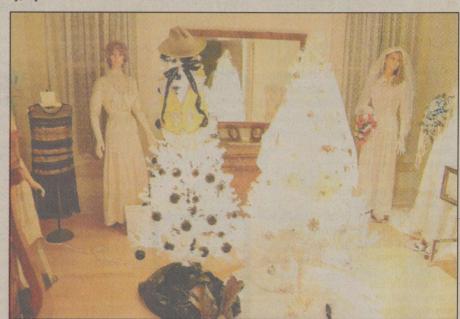




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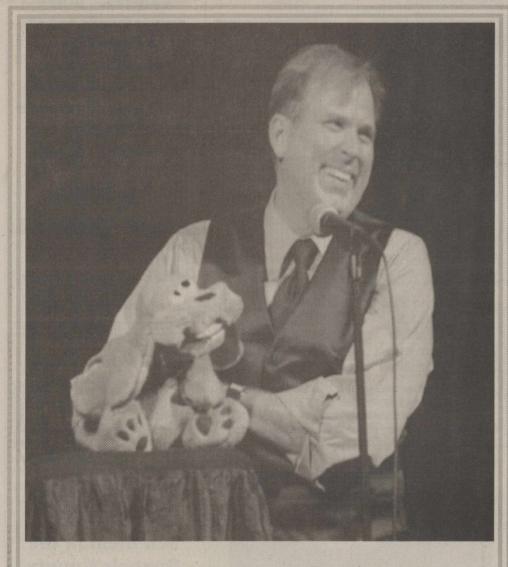
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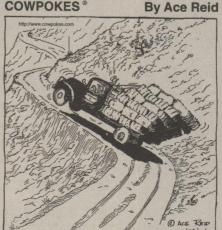
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