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Winters, Texas

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"Cowboy Christmas"
Downtown Winters
Saturday, Dec. 6

Parade begins at 1:00 p.m. and will proceed south down Main Street from the First Baptist Church to the Family Dollar Store. Santa will be here and will take pictures with you after the parade at Bahlman Jewelers. Also the 1997 Sno-Queen will be crowned at the Rock Hotel immediately following the parade. Prize drawings will be made at this time at the hotel. You must be present to win!

Blizzards fall to Lockney 32-27 in regional playoff contest

Spectacular second half comeback not enough

In what will no doubt be one of those games that will long be remembered, last Friday night the Winters Blizzards made one of the most impressive comeback attempts in the history of playoff competitions.

Trailing 26-7 at the end of the first half against the favored Longhorns of Lockney, the Blizzards found themselves watching their

playoff hopes zipping past them by means of Devon Phillips and J. R. Walker, Longhorn running backs.

Lockney wasted no time in utilizing their speed, scoring quickly on their initial drive after stopping the Blizzards on three plays. With four minutes gone in the first quarter, Walker took a pitch from the Longhorn quarterback for

a 26-yard touchdown run. After the teams traded punts, the Blizzards struck back.

Starting on their own 24-yard line, Winters drove the length of the field, culminating with a 13-yard run by Eric Bernal on a draw play for the touchdown. Marshall Scates' point after kick was good and the game was tied 7-7 with 10:04 left in the second quarter.

The Winters score seemed to stir up a hornet's nest in the Lockney offense which would score three more times in the second quarter on runs of 67 yards (PAT kick good) and 61 yards (kick failed), and a 70-yard catch-and-run pass (2-point try failed).

With Lockney leading 26-7, the Blizzards and their coaching staff headed for the locker room, knowing some changes had to be made.

Motivation and that special determination that comes only from the heart returned with the Blizzards from the locker room and the second half was a different ballgame.

Winters started its rally at 8:44 in the third quarter after stopping Lockney on the first drive of the second half.

Using nine plays to cover forty yards, Kenny Whittenburg ran a 1-yard quarterback sneak for the Blizzards touchdown. Scates' PAT kick was good and the score was Winters 14, Lockney 26.

This score seemed to breathe new life into the Blizzards who continued to dominate the field.

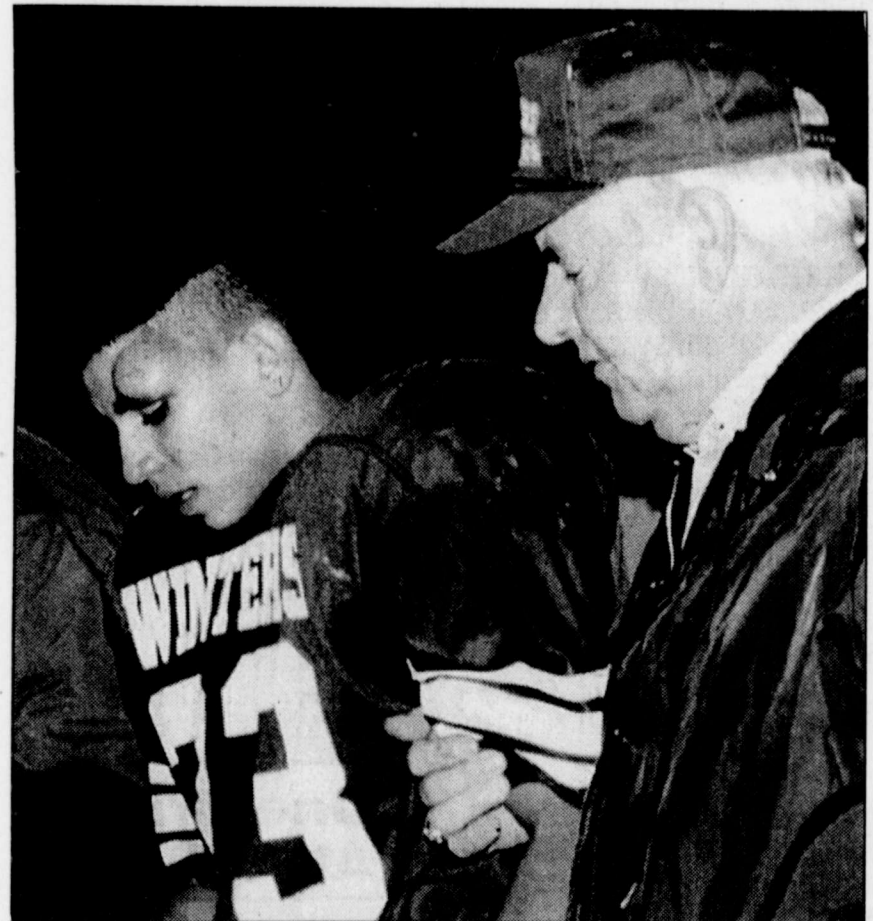
On the ensuing kickoff, Lockney's Phillips fumbled and Justin Minzenmayer recovered for the Blizzards on the Lockney 39-yard line.

From there, the Blizzards turned up the intensity even more as Whittenburg completed two fourth down passes, one of which was a dramatic 23-yard pass to Lee Woffenden who made the catch over his shoulder for the touchdown.

The PAT kick failed, and the margin narrowed to only six points with 2:29 to go in the third quarter.

Emotions and excitement continued to build as the Big Blue Wrecking Crew held Lockney to only six yards and a 3-and-out punt. Winters took over on the Lockney 49-yard line with six seconds left in the third quarter.

Again the Blizzards managed to keep their season alive by converting two fourth down plays, a 7-yard pass to Ricky Luz and a 1-yard quarterback sneak by



RICKY LUZ#33, who received a large knot above his left eye during play against Lockney, is helped off the field by WHS principal Charles Kidwell. Luz played the remainder of the game and finished with 12 carries for 149 yards in spite of his head injury.

Thirteen Blizzards receive All-District football honors

Thirteen members of the Winters Blizzards have been selected to Class 8-AA All-District honors.

Named by unanimous vote as the Offensive Player of the Year was Blizzards quarterback Kenny Whittenburg.

Dennis Conner was named Defensive Player of the Year.

Named to the First Team Defense were Bear Nitsch (unanimous vote), defensive end; Craig Conner, defensive line; Michael Pritchard, linebacker; and Ricky Luz, secondary.

Second Team Defense selected Justin Minzenmayer, secondary.

Receiving Honorable Mention were Kirk Byrd, defensive end; and Eric Joeris, defensive back.

Selected to First Team Offense were Bear Nitsch, offensive lineman; Michael Prewit, offensive lineman; Ricky Luz, wide receiver; and Marshall Scates (unanimous vote) running back.

Named to the Second Team Offense was Eric Bernal, running back.

The 1997 Blizzards, led by Head Coach Robin Byrd, finished their season as Area Champions with a record of 10-2. Defensive coordinator was Coach Charles Murphy; offensive coordinator was Coach Chuck Lipsey.

Pictures and individual statistics may be found on page 5.

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THE HOME OF DR. AND MRS. JERRY BIDDIX
 One Mile South on Highway 83

Christmas Tour of Homes to begin at Rock Hotel on Sunday

Members of the Rock Hotel and the Z.I. Hale Museum cordially invite everyone to their Christmas Tour of Homes Sunday, December 7, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

The Rock Hotel and the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ambrose, Dr. and Mrs. Jerry Biddix, and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Thompson, as well as Dr. W.V. Clendenen's dentist's office will be featured. Homes will be decorated for the holidays.

Tickets are available at the hotel for \$8 per person. Tickets include a map of all the homes and must be presented at each home in order to enter.

The tour begins with refreshments at the Rock Hotel, located at 300 West Dale Street. The hotel, one of the few truly historic buildings in Winters, was purchased by the Z.I. Hale Museum Foundation in 1987.

The hotel had been in continuous use from the time it was completed in 1909 by Mr. and Mrs. J.L. Heath, in partnership with Ira

Beard, until 1987. The year 1909 was the year that the Abilene and Southern Railway line was extended to Winters.

The hotel has had a colorful existence during those years as it provided rooms for early travelers, workers on the railroad, salesmen, oil field employees, teachers, and also made temporary homes for newcomers to get settled into local homes. Its dining room was well known as a place to find good food.

The Z.I. Hale Museum Foundation is in the process of renovating the building with downstairs rooms almost complete. Wall papers, colors, and floor coverings have been chosen to reflect the look of the original decor of the hotel.

The downstairs area is open to the public to rent for conferences,

dinners, meetings, parties, weddings, etc.

The upstairs area will be used for museum exhibits, a Veterans Memorial room, and a Rogers Hornsby exhibit.

Funds raised from the tour will help finish work on the hotel.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ambrose was originally a 1-1/2 story structure. Its builder and year are unknown at this time. The neighbors remember a fire in 1945 when the home was remodeled into a one-story house.

The house was bought by Homer Hodge Sr. for his daughter, Frances Collins, and her husband T.A. They married in 1938 and lived there until he went into the service in 1942. Mr. and Mrs. S.P. Nesmith lived there until

See **TOUR**, pg. 3

Community Choir to present annual Christmas program Sunday evening

The annual Community Christmas Choir program will be Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church.

The 30-voice choir will present a selection of Christmas favorites, under the direction of Tony Appuglies, Music Minister at First Baptist Church.

The public is invited to attend this free concert and the fellowship following the program.

Correction: Expanded Local Calling begins Dec. 9

General Telephone Exchange has confirmed that the correct date for the Expanded Local Calling (ELC) will be Tuesday, December 9 — not December 4, as first reported.

"We had three or four others (cities) scheduled for December 4, and we just picked up the wrong conversion date in the news release for Winters," said Charles Watkins of the San Angelo District Office. "We apologize for any inconvenience of publishing the incorrect date."

Beginning Tuesday, December 9, calls to and from Bronte and San Angelo will be local calls for GTE customers in the Winters telephone service area.

ELC calling from Winters to Abilene was approved but is pending regulatory approval and is scheduled for implementation in late March, 1998.

WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

- Dec. 4-10-11 a.m., Holiday Cooking School, Winters Housing Authority
- 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- Concho Valley Pecan Show, San Angelo
- Dec. 5-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 2:30 p.m., Choir at Fort Concho in San Angelo
- Miles Stock Show Entries Due
- Concho Valley Pecan Show, San Angelo
- Dec. 6-9 a.m.-Noon, Swine Showmanship Clinic, Ballinger Community Center
- 1 p.m., Cowboy Christmas Parade
- Dec. 7-2-5 p.m., Christmas Tour of Homes Begins at Rock Hotel
- 56th Anniversary of Pearl Harbor Attack
- Dec. 8-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 2:30 p.m., Retired Teachers, Ballinger First United Methodist Church
- 6-9 p.m., GED Classes, IA Bldg., Room A, WHS
- 7 p.m., VFW & Auxiliary
- 7:30 p.m., School Board
- Dec. 9-10 a.m., Commissioners Court, Courthouse, Ballinger
- 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- Noon, Lions Club
- 7 p.m., WVFD
- 7 p.m., Athletic Boosters, Blizzard Stadium
- 7:30 p.m., Elm Creek Water Control Board
- Woman's Club
- Dec. 10-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 6-9 p.m., GED Classes, IA Bldg., Room A, WHS
- Dec. 11-10 a.m., 39+, First United Methodist Church
- 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal

Oil Bidness

By Reg Boles ©1997



The recent Asian monetary crisis may seem far removed from the oil business, but there will be ramifications for our business right here at home.

The oil and gas business is in a mini-boomlet right now. Equipment and manpower are harder to come by. Optimism is high. There is money available to find, develop, and produce oil and gas.

Around the world, everyone feels a little security, for a change.

The far east is no exception. Operators and partners are busy doing deals, spending money, and producing oil and gas—particularly gas. Indonesia, Australia, Malaysia, Thailand, and various other island nations have big reserves of gas.

Much of this gas will be developed as part of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) projects that take the gas and put it into a liquid form for transport to consumer nations. This type of project is very costly with much risk. Only big players need apply.

Much of the financing for such deals has come from Japanese, Hong Kong, and Chinese banks and investors. The recent collapse in the economies of these countries will certainly impact these same banks and investors.

As we speak, certain projects are being postponed and even canceled as the monetary situation becomes tenuous to the point of risking the financial success of the ventures. This will have a negative impact throughout the world—particularly in the oil and gas business.

Most certainly, the industry optimism will be dampened as previously high-profile projects get shot down. Additionally, there will be less demand for equipment, expertise, and personnel. These effects will be felt by all who use equipment, hire workers, and finance their deals.

The view of those outside the oil patch will dim somewhat as they see projects not being done. This could impact confidence you see in your local bank or your personal creditor.

The enthusiasm to build equipment faster, better, and cheaper will be set back as a significant reduction in demand is felt.

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Those thinking of getting into the oil business or returning will think again, as the boomlet wanes due to the absence of support from the always influential far east.

I hope that I am overstating the point, and I well could be. However, the impact that the far east has in the petroleum business is quite large, and it is about to undergo a significant reduction due to very negative economic developments.

While it will not directly affect your bottom line or even the local activity, it could put a dent in the optimism everyone is feeling right now.

The only thing more important than good fortune in the oil business is a positive outlook.

HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY

COMPLETIONS

Coleman County

Caddo Operating has completed the Hudson #6A in the County Regular Field (6 miles NE of Novice) at an initial rate of 25 BOPD in the Gardner (perms 3590-93). Loc. is 1700 FNL & 467 FEL of Sec. 101, Blk. 2, GH&H Sur., A-1326.

Runnels County

James K. Anderson, Inc. has completed the Parker #1 in the Wady Field (2 miles W of Wilmet) at an initial rate of 60 BOPD in the Canyon Sand (OH 3976-84). Loc. is 467 FNL & 3435 FWL of E. Conley Sur. No. 445, A-80.

STAKINGS

Concho County

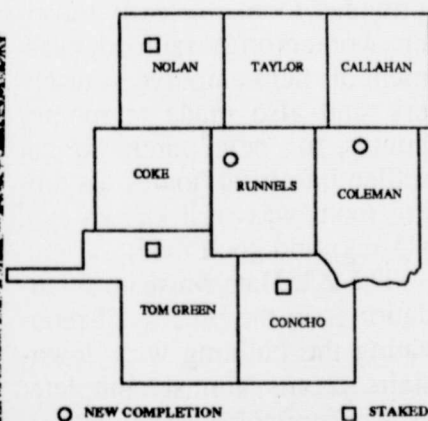
The Pickens Co. has staked the Fritz #2-125 in the West Millersview Field, 4 miles W of Millersview (Depth 3500). Loc. is 1700 FEL & 2280 FNL of Sec. 125, Blk. 72, T&NO Sur., A-890.

Nolan County

Brothers Operating Co. has staked the Lake Trammel Unit #108 in the West Lake Trammel Field, 6 miles SW of Sweetwater (Depth 5500). Loc. is 1980 FSL & 660 FEL of Sec. 79, Blk. 22, T&PRR Sur.

Tom Green County

Owl Creek Production Co., Inc. has staked the Llano County School Land #18-1 as a Wildcat, 9 miles N of San Angelo (Depth 7500). Loc. is 590 FSL & 1766 FEL of Lab. 18, Lge. 964, Llano CSL Sur.



Rock Hotel brick sales at 70% of goal

The Z.I. Hale Museum has raised \$29,300 toward the \$42,000 goal to receive a matching grant from the Meadows Foundation. The majority of this amount has been from brick sales in the Rock Hotel Walkway.

The museum needs to sell 250 more bricks by December 31, 1997, in order to reach the goal.

Monogrammed bricks are \$50 each and can be purchased to remember family members, recognize friends on special occasions, and to record historical/school/community events in the walk-

way for future generations. All donations go toward the restoration of the Rock Hotel and are tax deductible.

When the brick layout is finalized in January, no additional bricks can be added to the walkway under the porch of the Rock Hotel.

Consider ordering your bricks today by contacting Julie Springer at the Rock Hotel from 8-10 a.m. each weekday, or call (915) 754-2036, or mail your order to Rock Hotel, P.O. Box 42, Winters, Texas 79567.

Welcome to new subscribers

The Winters Enterprise is pleased to announce new subscribers for the month of NOVEMBER, 1997, as follows:

Marlene Hogan
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Glen Colburn
Morehead, KY
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Abilene, TX.

In Appreciation

Card of Thanks

The Winters Athletic Boosters would like to thank the following businesses for their donations throughout the football season:

Dry Manufacturing
Higginbotham's
Lawrence Bros. IGA
North Runnels Home Health
Winters Welding Supply.

Card of Thanks

Thank you to my family and friends for honoring me and helping celebrate my 86th birthday.

God has blessed me with a wonderful family and many good friends.

Dick Mayo

Card of Thanks

Last week, we received a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner from an anonymous donor.

We want to say "thank you very much." It was delicious and greatly appreciated.

The "A's"

39+ to conduct final '97 meeting

Thirty-Nine Plus, designed primarily as an outreach ministry of First United Methodist Church, will have its final meeting of 1997.

The meeting will be Thursday, December 11, in the church fellowship hall.

Activities begin at 10:00 a.m. Lunch, brought by participants, takes place at noon after remembrance of the prayer list and blessing of the food.

The public is invited.

Card of Thanks

Winters Lions Club extends a great big "Thank You" to all the business owners who donated to our recent fund-raiser "Walk on the Wild Side" style show.

Appreciation goes to the following merchants:

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Milton's Auto
The Roundup Restaurant
Security State Bank, Wingate
The Shed
Spill's Furniture
The Stitchin' Post
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Winters Flower Shop
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We also give a special thanks to the Village People - Tarra Burns, Tammy Thorpe, Brooke Tounget, Jennifer Davis, Alison Wells, Candi Lara, and Misty Pritchard - and their inspirational performance.

Jean Boles
Project Chairman

Obituaries

Pedro Marquez Pena

WINTERS—Pedro Marquez Pena, 82, died Thursday night, November 27, 1997, in Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

He was born June 24, 1915, in Del Rio, Texas, and lived in Ozona most of his life. He married Maria Fuentes on April 26, 1966, in Del Rio. They came to Winters about 1987.

Mr. Pena was a general laborer and a member of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife, Maria Pena of Winters; four sons, Diego Pena of Ozona, Jose Pena, Jesse Pena, and Arturo Pena, all of San Jose, California; three daughters, Cecilia Cruz and Bernice Marron of San Jose, California, and Mary Helen Rodriguez of Abilene; one step-son, Rojelio Garcia of San Antonio; two brothers, Jesus Martinez and Jose Martinez of Ozona; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Rosary was held at 8:00 p.m. Friday, November 28, in the Winters Funeral Home. Mass was at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, November 29, at Mt. Carmel Catholic Church in Winters with Father Sam Homsey officiating. Burial was in Lakeview Cemetery, directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Diego Pena, Rojelio Garcia, Philip Campbell, Jesus Martinez, Ray Martinez, and Mario Martinez.

Bonnie Irene Tomlinson

BALLINGER—Bonnie Irene Tomlinson, 89, died at 9:10 a.m. Saturday, November 29, 1997, at Heritage Oaks Estate Nursing Home in Ballinger.

She was born March 14, 1908, in Runnels County, Texas, to Monroe Smith and Henri Mae Black. She graduated from Winters High School. She married Luther D. Tomlinson on December 30, 1931, in Norton.

Mrs. Tomlinson was a homemaker and a member of the First United Methodist Church in Ballinger. She had worked for Lintz Department Store and Stone's Photography, both in Ballinger.

She was preceded in death by her husband on July 14, 1968.

Survivors include one sister, Flora Jackson of Fulton, California; one sister-in-law, Mattie Lee Barnes of Brownwood; two nieces, Devona Burns of Abilene and Cora Beth Landers of Lawn; three nephews, Roscoe Frazier of Midland, Audelle Jackson of Fulton, California, and Eldon Berry of Amarillo; and a cousin, Maurine Duncan of Abilene.

Services were held at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, November 30, at Rains-Seale Chapel with Reverend Dale Schultz officiating. Burial was in Old Runnels Cemetery in Ballinger, directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

Billie Clifton Whitten

BALLINGER—Billie Clifton Whitten, 68, died Tuesday night, November 25, 1997, at Heritage Oaks Nursing Home in Ballinger.

He was born March 17, 1929, in Colorado City and lived in Littlefield and Ballinger all his life. He married Lohoma Ogle in 1955 and later married Beeler Trotter.

Mr. Whitten was a house painter and a Baptist.

He was preceded in death by his wife in 1992.

Survivors include one son, Billie Glenn Whitten of Bennett, North Carolina; one daughter, Debra Cook of Ballinger; three sisters, Jackie Ercanbrack, Barbara Gray, and Mary Lou Garringer, all of Ballinger; and seven grandsons.

Graveside services were held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, November 28, at Old Runnels Cemetery near Ballinger. Reverend Don Bailey officiated. Services were directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Louise P. Gotcher

BRIDGE CITY—Louise P. Gotcher, 87, died Saturday, November 29, 1997, in the Baptist Hospital in Beaumont.

She was born March 1, 1910, in Belton and lived in Bradshaw and Tuscola most of her life.

Mrs. Gotcher was a homemaker and a Baptist.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Irvin Gotcher.

Survivors include two sons, Jack Gotcher of Bridge City and Ray Gotcher of Irving; seven grandchildren; sixteen great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, December 2, at the Tuscola Cemetery with Reverend Glenn Shoemaker officiating. Burial was directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Don Gotcher, Joe Gotcher, Jeff Gotcher, Scott Gotcher, Johnny Merrill, and John Merrill.

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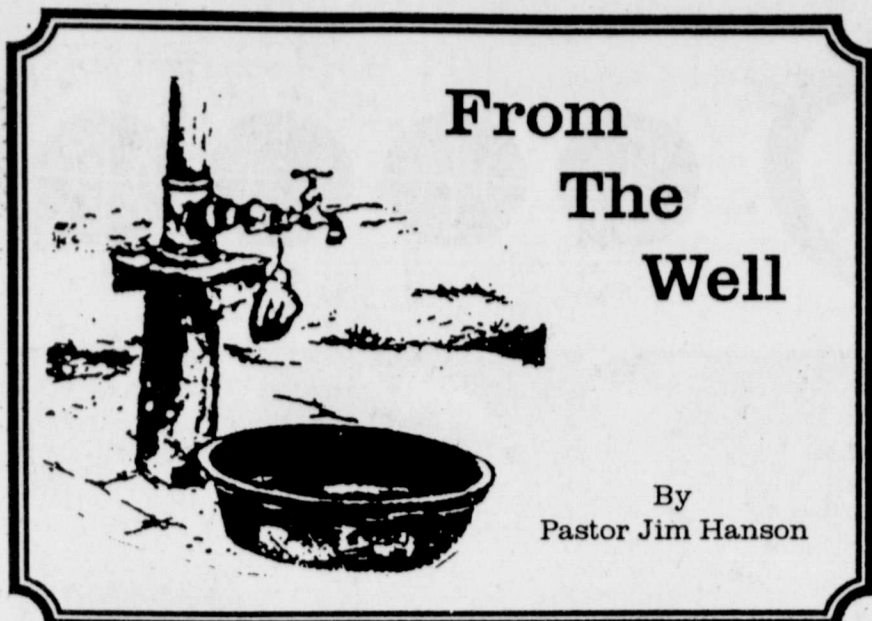
Monday, Dec. 8: Meatloaf, scalloped potatoes, baby carrots, cornbread, and fruit.
Tuesday, Dec. 9: Taco soup, cheese sticks, coleslaw, tortilla chips, and Jello w/cream.
Wednesday, Dec. 10: Chicken & noodles, English peas, tossed salad, rolls, and banana nut cake.
Thursday, Dec. 11: Hamburger, chips, corn salad, cookies, and ice cream.
Friday, Dec. 12: Ham & sausage, squash dressing, mashed potatoes, Italian green beans, fruit salad, rolls, and pecan pie.

One Brick At A Time

ROCK HOTEL WALKWAY FUND

\$29,300 AS OF 12-01-97

	GOAL	\$42,000
		\$40,000
		\$38,000
		\$36,000
		\$34,000
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		\$10,000
		\$8,000
		\$6,000
		\$4,000



From The Well

By Pastor Jim Hanson



Pastor Jim Hanson

It's the season between seasons. Between Thanksgiving and Christmas. A busy time. And it's easy to get harassed. And harried. So it's time for a little humor. I read one just the other day. A kind of post-Thanksgiving joke.

"A very devout Christian woman went to a pet store. She saw a parrot which she adored and decided to buy. The owner said, 'Lady, I couldn't sell you that parrot. He was owned by a sailor and he cusses a blue streak.'"

But the woman could not be dissuaded. She believed that the parrot, with Christian love and firm discipline, could be retrained. She took the parrot home.

The parrot began cussing and swearing. She warned the parrot that she was going to put him in the freezer for 10 minutes to teach him to hold his tongue.

When the parrot continued to swear, the woman put the caged parrot in the freezer. After 10 minutes, she took him out.

The shivering parrot seemed remorseful. "Ppplease, llllady," the parrot said. "Wwwould yyyou ttell mmmme jjjjust ooone ttithing? Wwwwat dddd dtttturkey dddd?"

There is a lesson here. Somewhere.

This season, these days, are full of football, too. Isn't it wonderful what the Winters Blizzards are doing? They are a fine group of young men. And, no matter what you say, high school football is the best. Because it is more than a game. It is a community celebration, a coming together of the whole community family — grandparents, parents, brother and sisters, cousins, and friends. Beats sitting in a lounge chair watching a bunch of aging professionals beat each other up in front of a T.V. audience...all hollow! It's fun. To go. And yell. And pray. (I pray a lot for our team — why not? And I pray that we win — fair and square!) And, for sure, for me the most moving moment of the whole night is after the game is over, both teams and coaches gather on the field, get together, shake hands, kneel, and PRAY! It truly is the "AMEN" for the evening. It is the benediction...the final "good word" from God...a blessing. It is a holy moment. And, so appropriate. For high school football in Texas is much more than a show. It's a celebration! I love it! God bless the boys and their fine coaches and the cheerleaders, too!

And this piece of humor, to help those of us who seldom have a full stands on Sunday morning, and who need, from time to time, to be able to laugh at ourselves as well as at you all. It comes from "Holy Humor," the Guideposts Edition, copyright 1996, The Fellowship of Merry Christians, Camel, New York, 10512. Some "football-speak theology."

Bench warmer: An inactive church member.

Quarterback sneak: Sunday school teachers entering the church building five minutes after Sunday school begins.

Fumble: A lousy sermon.

Two-minute warning: The chairman of the board sitting in a front-row pew, taking a look at his watch in full view of the preacher.

Illegal motion: Leaving before the benediction.

Blocking: Standing inside the church door complaining to the pastor about the sermon.

Extra point: What you receive when you tell the preacher the sermon was too short.

So — 'tis the season...to be jolly. And, at the end of each day, in your mind, huddle up on the playing field and say "Thanks, for a good game, God!"

Look Who's 44!

Still strumming
Like father,
like son.



Happy
Birthday!
With Love,
Mom

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TOUR, continued

1946. There have been other families who have owned and rented the house: Leonard and Judy Wilson who owned a cafe and the Chick Inn, and former band director Kirk McKenzie and family.

An apartment was built over the garage to rent to oil field workers during the 1950's oil boom.

The Ambroses bought the house from Mrs. Bertie Wood in 1992 when they retired and moved from Odessa to Winters.

Mrs. Ambrose is the former Pat Moreland, sister of Dean Robinson whose family are long-time residents of Winters and the area. Pat has a collection of special Christmas decorations and momentos, a feature being her mechanical Santas which adorn the Christmas tree.

The Ambrose home is located at 217 S. Church.

"Seven Gables South" is the home of Dr. and Mrs. Jerry Biddix. It is located one mile south of Winters on Highway 83.

The Biddixes purchased the home and five acres of land in 1991. The home, formerly owned by Pyburn and Virginia Brown, had been damaged by fire and was unlivable.

During the two years of reconstruction on the home, the Biddixes, along with their four children, lived in two mobile homes parked beside the house.

The original house was refurbished inside and out and a 2,200 foot addition was built.

This 4,200 square foot home has five bedrooms, four and a half baths, formal living and dining rooms, a large family area, and an extensive library.

The home, which the owners like to call a "West Texas Victorian," is filled with a blend of antiques and contemporary furniture.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Thompson is located at 109 Hunters Glen. It is the first custom-built home in Winters in many years.

The Thompsons moved here from Plainview and built their home in 1996.

The home occupies three lots and 1,800 square feet. The family room and master bedroom feature vaulted ceilings. The family room has a fireplace with built-ins.

Throughout the home, there are many antiques such as a roll top desk, lawyer chairs, a chifferobe, a dresser, a brass bed, rocking chairs, and quilts. Nancy Thompson collects cranberry glass, antique mirrors, pewter, silhouettes, and wooden country collectables.

The home features pickled wood work in all the bedrooms, and custom oak cabinets in the kitchen with glass fronts that show Nancy's extensive collection of Fostoria crystal. There are also several original paintings by Nancy.

On an adjacent lot is a saddle shop where Nancy's husband Kenneth repairs, restores, and custom makes saddles.

The office of Dr. and Mrs. Walter Clendenen, at 220 N. Main, is located on lots that first housed two homes. The first was built in 1912 by L.A. David and was south of the present home. The present home was built in the fall of 1924 by orders of Mr. and Mrs. John Curry, sister of Mr. David. The builder was a Mr. Nelson.

The inside walls were constructed of premium quality white pine — an unusual feature of the home.

The Currys moved into the house in January 1925. Their son Leslie Curry, daughter Betty John (Curry) Byms, and Mr. David also resided there.

At one time, there was a two-story servants' quarters on the back of the lot which burned, and Mrs. Byms remembers a grape arbor in the backyard.

The house was recently bought by the Clendenens from Mr. and Mrs. James Cross, who owned it for a short time.

The Clendenens have done extensive renovating while keeping the original 1924 appearance. They have sanded and refinished the original hardwood floors, and the structure is now Dr. Clendenen's dentist office.

Connie has completed most of the beautiful outdoor landscaping herself and looks forward to the next spring when colors will be aglow among the yard.

Homes on the Christmas Tour Sunday, December 7, 2-5 p.m.

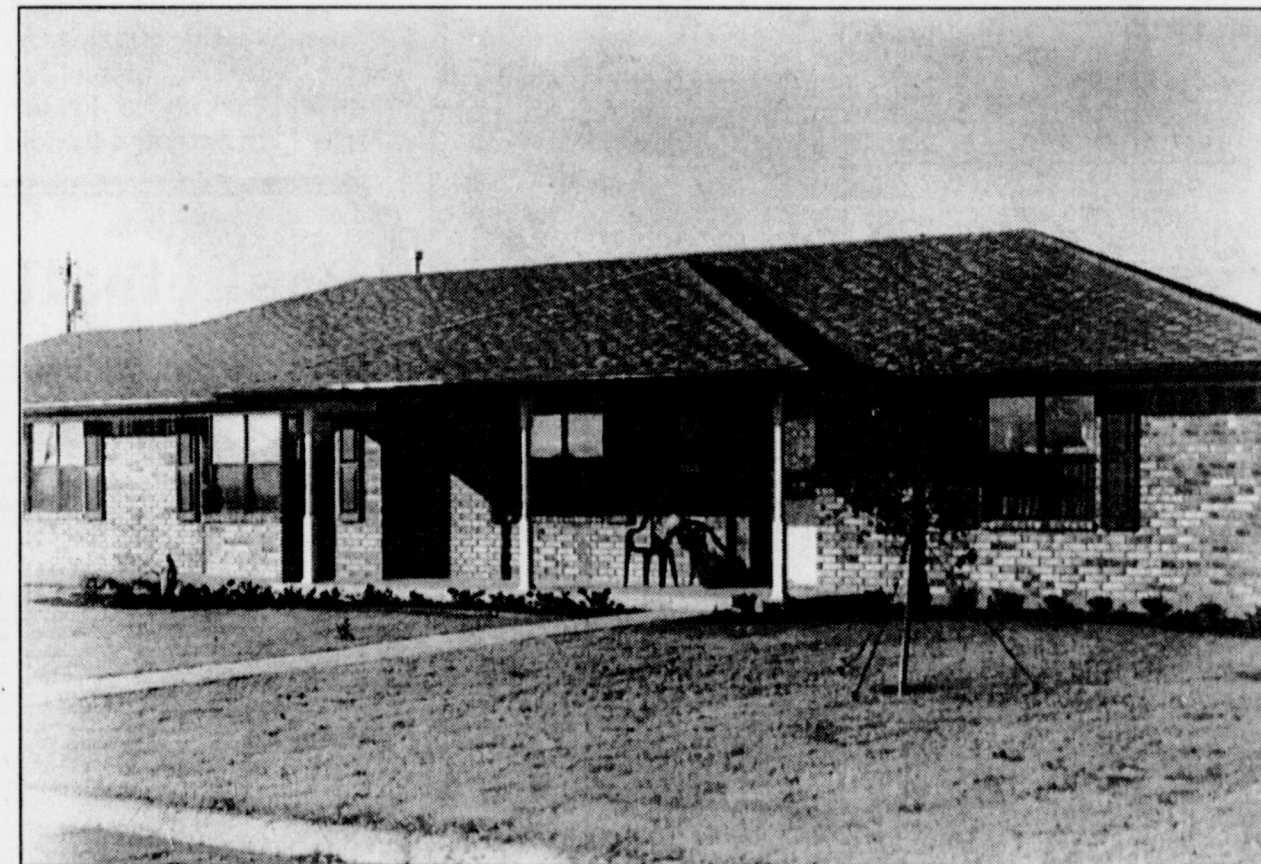
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BLIZZARD

ASKETBALL

CAFETERIA MENU

Dec. 8 - Dec. 12
Subject to change

Breakfast

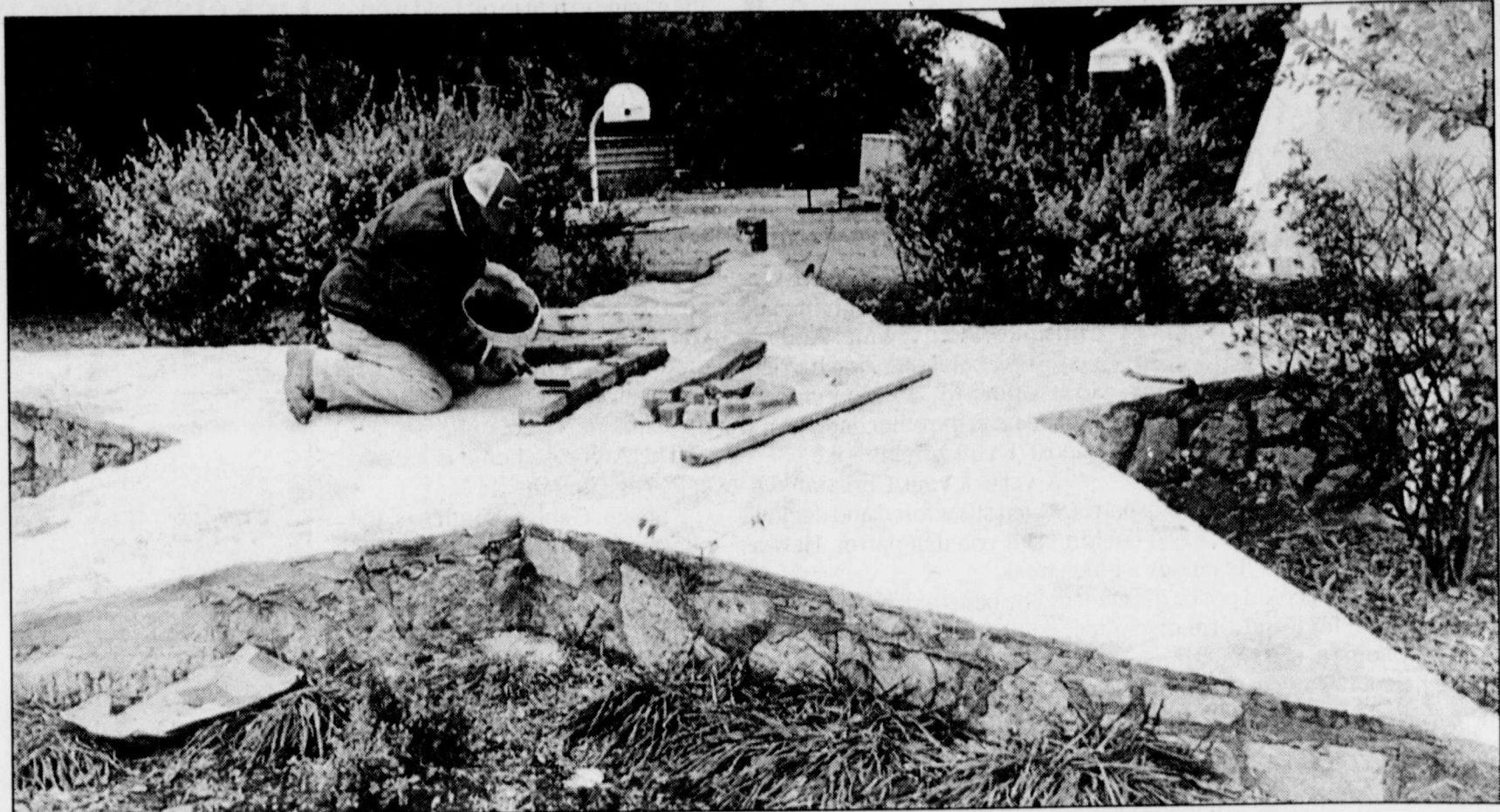
- Monday-Dec. 8
Breakfast Pizza
Cereal
Apple Juice
- Tuesday-Dec. 9
Pancakes/Syrup
Oatmeal
Orange Juice
- Wednesday-Dec. 10
Biscuits
Sausage
Mixed Fruit
- Thursday-Dec. 11
Cinnamon Toast
Cereal
Orange Juice
- Friday-Dec. 12
Toast
Cream of Wheat
Sliced Peaches

Lunch

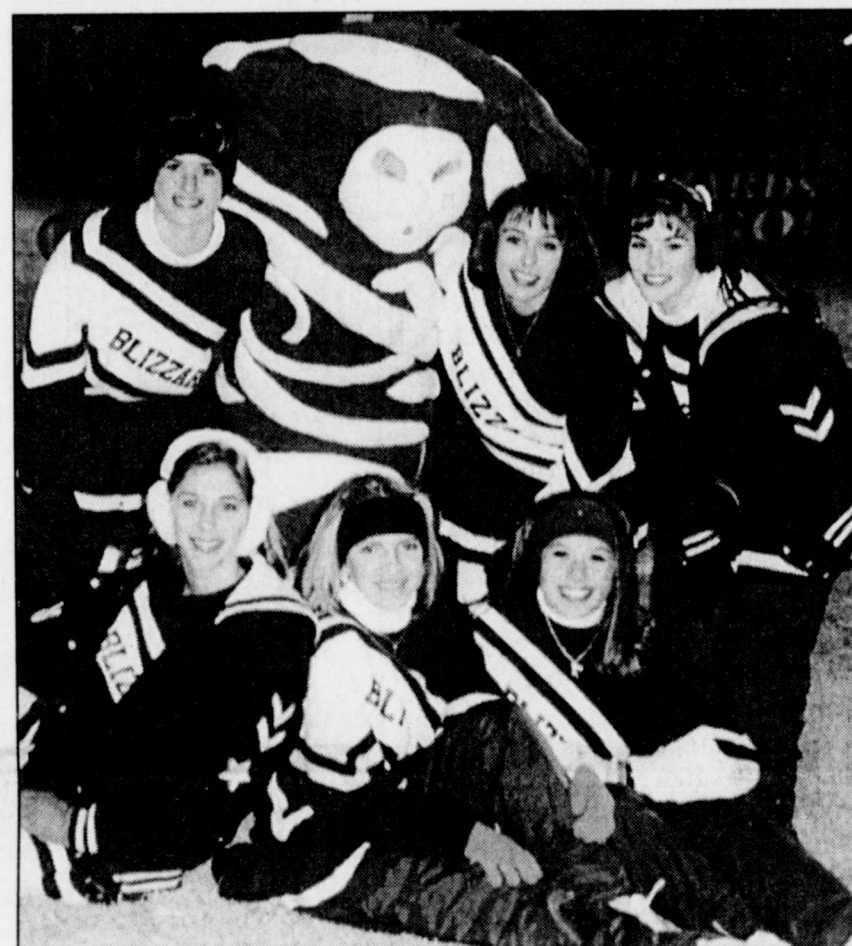
- Monday-Dec. 8
Spaghetti/Meat Sauce
Green Beans
Hot Roll
Peach Half
- Tuesday-Dec. 9
Chicken Fried Steak/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
June Peas
Hot Roll
Mixed Fruit
- Wednesday-Dec. 10
Chicken Fajitas
Flour Tortilla
Tossed Salad
Red Beans
Applesauce Cake/Powdered Sugar
Icing
- Thursday-Dec. 11
Baked Ham/Pineapple Slice
Mashed Potatoes
Corn
Hot Roll
Fruit Jello
- Friday-Dec. 12
Hamburger
Lettuce/Pickles
French Fries
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FACELIFT FOR A STAR was the task for Ascencio Santoval, employee of Blas Lugo, who recently completed cement repairs on the large star at the scout hut on Main street. The stone structure, built in 1976 by former resident, George Davis, contains a time capsule schedule for opening in 2001.



BACKING THE BLIZZARDS during their 10-2 season have been the varsity cheerleaders and mascot. Standing, left to right are Alison Wells, mascot Jennifer Davis, Heather Watkins, and Monica Parramore. Front row, from left, Jeanna Kozelsky, Misty Pritchard and Candi Lara.

TIPS kids enjoying the year!

by FRAN KIDWELL

The TIPS program of WISD has had a very successful first semester. We are now serving the largest enrollment of children that we have served since the inception of the program seven years ago.

TIPS kids have enjoyed fall art activities such as leaf rubs, drawing freehand fruit for a giant comucopia, and are looking forward to Dec. 12 when they will participate in a Winters Art Day!

In an effort to keep the program in "tip-top" shape, we are

soliciting volunteers to help us by reading with the children, helping one-on-one with homework, doing craft activities with small groups, and other mentoring activities. A training session will be made available to those interested in volunteering.

If you think you might be one of those interested parties, please call the school office at 754-5577 and leave your name and phone number. Someone will contact you and make plans to put you right to work!

BLIZZARDS, continued

Whittenburg for a first and goal from the 4-yard line. Marshall Scates scored from 1 yard out and also made the extra point to put Winters ahead 27-26, and there was wild celebration in Blizzardland.

But the joy was short-lived as Phillips again got the call and zoomed 42 yards down the sideline for the Longhorn touchdown with 2:44 left in the game. The two-point try failed and Lockney took a narrow lead 32-27.

With a fierce determination, the Blizzards marched from their own 27-yard line. On an 18-yard pass to Ricky Luz, the Blizzards gained precious yardage but Luz suffered a severe blow just above his left eye, resulting in a serious welt the size of a golf ball. But in keeping with the never-say-die attitude of his teammates, Luz kept playing.

The Blizzards continued their march with a 5-yard pass to Minzenmayer, 15 more yards to Luz, a 10-yard run by Scates, an 8-yard pass to Luz, and an 8-yard pass to Jeremy Alvarado.

On first and goal from the 4-yard line with 1:06 left in the game, another playoff victory seemed to be in the hands of the Blizzards.

On first down, Whittenburg was rushed from the pocket and threw incomplete to avoid the sack. On second down, Whittenburg was rushed again and the pass was incomplete.

With an incorrect play clock starting at 13 seconds instead of 25, Winters was forced to call their last time out. Players and coaches huddled to decide their strategy for the last two plays.

Whittenburg found Minzenmayer in the back of the

end zone and the ball was caught but the referee ruled the receiver was out of the end zone.

For all the marbles and the Regional Championship, the Blizzards lined up for fourth down with 23 seconds left to play.

From the shotgun formation, Whittenburg was flushed from the pocket to his left, scrambling and looking for an open receiver. With a defender's grasp on his jersey, Whittenburg tossed desperately to Jeremy Alvarado but the ball fell short as did the Blizzards' expectations for a victory.

The Blizzards finished the season as Area champions and Regional finalists with a 10-2 record, after beating 1996 2A regional finalist Stamford, followed by a win over defending Class 2A state champion Iraan.

Get your picture with Santa Claus

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Basketball '97

Catch the Action

- Dec. 4-6—Ballinger Varsity
Tourney, TBA,
There, VB
- Dec. 4-6—Grape Creek JV
Tourney, TBA,
There, JVG, JVB
- Dec. 4-6—Colorado City Fr.
Tourney, TBA,
There, 9B
- Dec. 4-6—Jim Ned Tourney,
TBA, There, 8G, 8B
- Dec. 8—Comanche, 6:30,
There, 9B
- Dec. 8—Veribest, 4:30, There,
7G, 7B, 8G, 8B
- Dec. 9—Ballinger, 5:00,
There, JVG, JVB,
VG, VB
- Dec. 11-13—Colorado City
JV Tourney, TBA,
There, JVB
- Dec. 11-13—Abilene Fr.
Tourney, TBA,
There, 9B
- Dec. 11-13—Albany Varsity
Tourney, TBA,
There, VG, VB
- Dec. 11-13—Jim Ned
Tourney, TBA,
There, 7G, 7B, 8G, 8B
- VG Varsity Girls VB Varsity Boys
JVG Junior Varsity Girls
JVB Junior Varsity Boys
9B Freshmen Boys
8B 8th Boys 8G 8th Girls
7B 7th Boys 7G 7th Girls

*Denotes District Games

Basketball Hoopla

Team	Opponent	Date	Coach			
Team: Junior Varsity Girls	Opponent: Hawley	Date: Nov. 23, 1997	Coach: Deb Whittenburg			
Place: Hawley						
POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	3	6	6	4		19
OPPONENT	4	1	11	15		31
Free throws made: 5 of 12 for 41%						
Players Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists		
Loon Hedemeyer	0	0	0	0		
Jessica Corley	2	2	1	1		
Jessica DeLaRosa	2	1	2	0		
Jessie Lester	4	0	0	0		
Kendra Hope	4	1	6	2		
Kacy McCusker*	5	3	1	1		
Michelle Jachtal	4	9	2	0		
Kelli Stupp	2	1	1	0		
Britney Isckell	0	1	0	0		
*Denotes high point individual for Winters						
Coach's Comments:						
Team: 7th "A" Boys	Opponent: Wall	Date: Nov. 24, 1997	Coach: Ed Henley			
Place: Wall						
POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	10	14	7	4		35
OPPONENT	4	0	3	0		7
Free throws made: 5 of 14 for 36%						
Players Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists		
Shane Colburn	5					
Michael Flores	4					
Rusty Jackson	16					
Tim Medina	2					
Mark Morris	4					
Dusty Palmer	4					
Gray Slump	2					
*Denotes high point individual for Winters						
Coach's Comments:						
Team: 8th Boys "B"	Opponent: Wall	Date: Nov. 24, 1997	Coach: Ed Henley			
Place: Wall						
POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	0	2	0	6		8
OPPONENT	8	0	7	0		15
Free throws made: 0 of 6 for 0%						
Players Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists		
John Vidaris*	4					
Josh Vidaris*	4					
*Denotes high point individual for Winters						
Coach's Comments:						
Team: 7th "B" Boys	Opponent: Winters	Date: Nov. 24, 1997	Coach: Ed Henley			
Place: Winters						
POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	1	7	3	4		15
OPPONENT	0	4	0	0		4
Free throws made: 2 of 3 for 66%						
Players Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists		
Clint Marentza	3					
Johnny Stout*	4					
Man Louger	3					
*Denotes high point individual for Winters						
Coach's Comments:						
Team: 8th Boys "A"	Opponent: Winters	Date: Nov. 24, 1997	Coach: Ed Henley			
Place: Winters						
POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	15	11	8	6		38
OPPONENT	6	7	9	8		30
Free throws made: 8 of 21 for 38%						
Players Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists		
Jason Flores	2					
Jeremy Hope	5					
Chris Hope*	12					
Joseph Jerns	6					
Jeffrey Oza	6					
Wade Parramore	7					
*Denotes high point individual for Winters						
Coach's Comments:						

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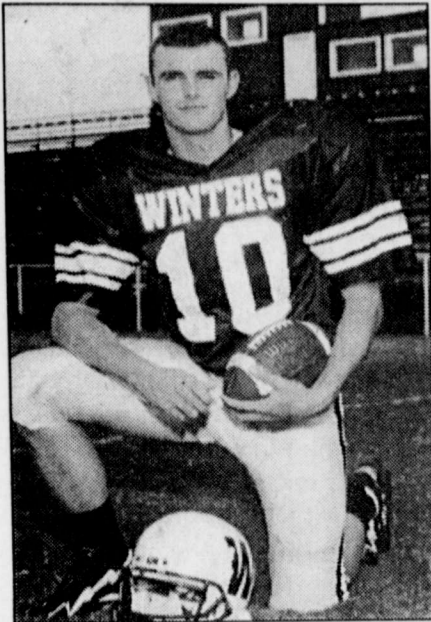
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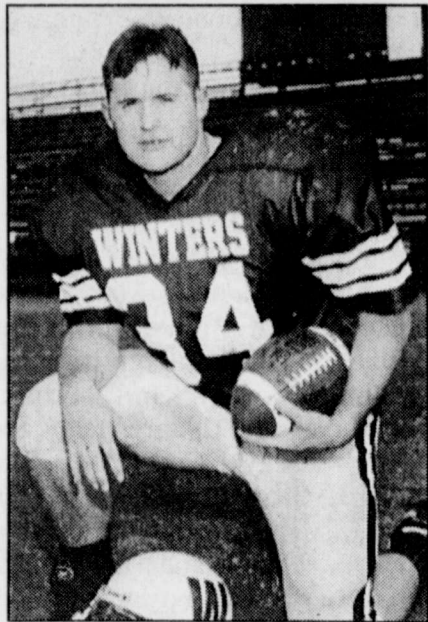
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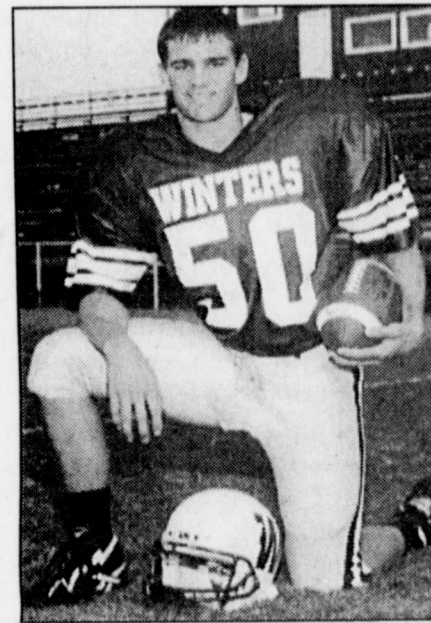
Kenny Whittenburg
8-AA Offensive Player of the Year (unanimous)
175 lb. junior
Stats: 233 passes attempted, 116 completions, 1,850 yards, 22 touchdowns, 7 interceptions.



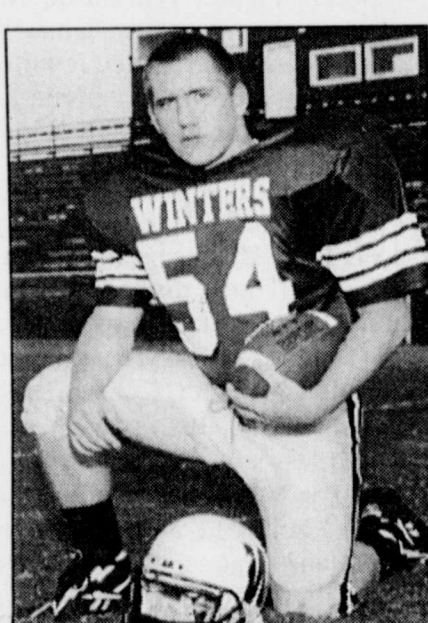
Dennis Conner
8-AA Defensive Player of the Year
200 lb. senior
Stats: 35 solo tackles, 74 assists, 2 fumbles recovered, 4 fumbles caused, 2 sacks, 1 knocked down pass.



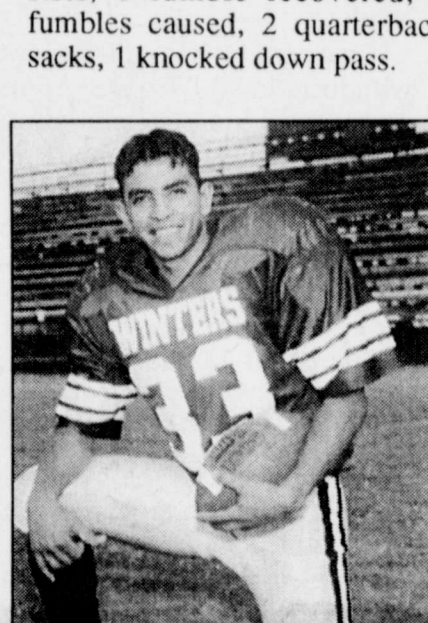
Bear Nitsch
1st Team Defensive Lineman (unanimous)
1st Team Offensive Lineman
230 lb. senior
Stats: 12 solo tackles, 43 assists, 1 fumble recovered, 2 fumbles caused, 2 quarterback sacks, 1 knocked down pass.



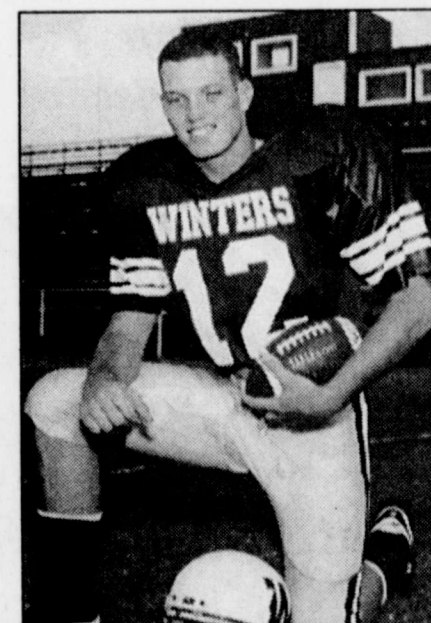
Michael Pritchard
1st Team Defensive Linebacker
175 lb. senior
Stats: 19 solo tackles, 65 assists, 1 fumble recovered, 3 fumbles caused, 1 quarterback sack, 4 knocked down passes.



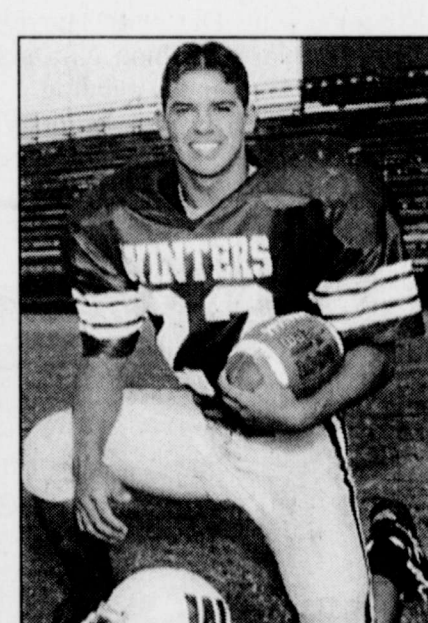
Craig Conner
1st Team Defensive Lineman
185 lb. sophomore
Stats: 12 solo tackles, 25 assists, 2 fumbles recovered, 1 fumble caused.



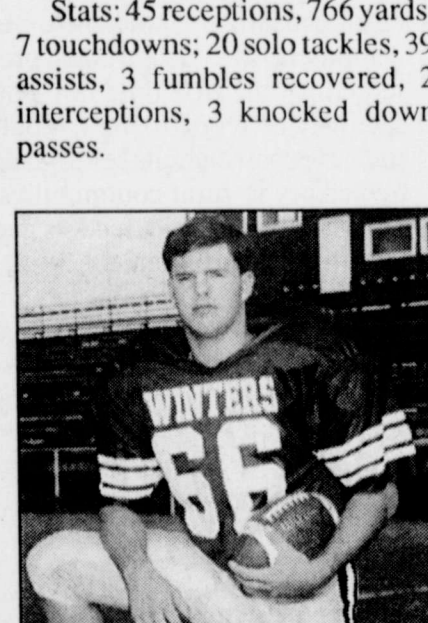
Ricky Luz
1st Team Defensive Secondary
1st Team Wide Receiver
160 lb. senior
Stats: 45 receptions, 766 yards, 7 touchdowns; 20 solo tackles, 39 assists, 3 fumbles recovered, 2 interceptions, 3 knocked down passes.



Justin Minzenmayer
2nd Team Defensive Secondary
190 lb. senior
Stats: 25 solo tackles, 58 assists, 1 fumble recovered, 3 fumbles caused, 3 interceptions.

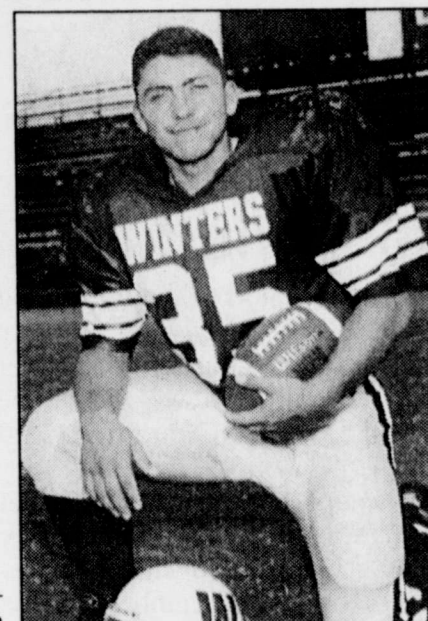


Eric Bernal
2nd team offensive Running Back
150 lb. senior
Stats: 144 carries for 708 yards and 5 touchdowns.

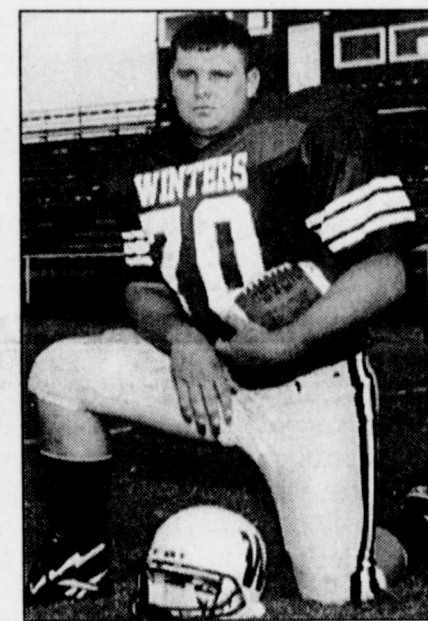


Eric Joeris
Honorable Mention, Defensive Back
175 lb. senior
Stats: 19 solo tackles, 25 assists, 1 fumble recovered, 3 fumbles caused, 4 quarterback sacks, 3 interceptions.

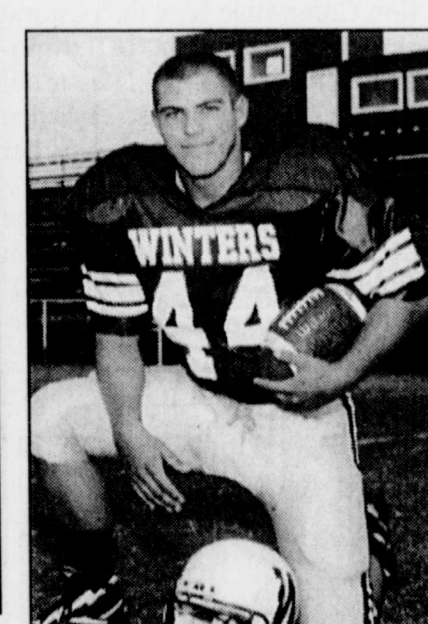
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Marshall Scates
1st Team Running Back (unanimous)
190 lb. senior
Stats: 131 carries for 714 yards and 9 touchdowns.



Michael Prewit
1st Team Offensive Lineman
240 lb. junior
Stats: Graded excellent on the run block and the pass block.



Kirk Byrd
Honorable Mention, Defensive End
198 lb. sophomore
Stats: 10 solo tackles, 32 assists, 1 fumble recovered, 7 sacks, 6 knocked down passes.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

	Winters	Lockney
First downs	24	14
Rushing yards	37-123	26-224
Passing yards	224	154
Comp-Att-Int	18-41-0	4-5-0
Punts	4-39	3-22
Fumbles-lost	1-0	2-1
Penalties-yards	4-35	6-46

SCORING SUMMARY

By Quarters 0,7,13,7 7,19,0,6

FIRST QUARTER
Lockney
J.R. Walker, 26-yd. run (Thad Lusk kick).

SECOND QUARTER
Winters
Eric Bernal 13-yd. run (Marshall Scates kick).

LOCKNEY
Devon Phillips 67-yd. run (Lusk kick).

LOCKNEY
Walker 61-yd. pass from Adam Cummings (kick failed).

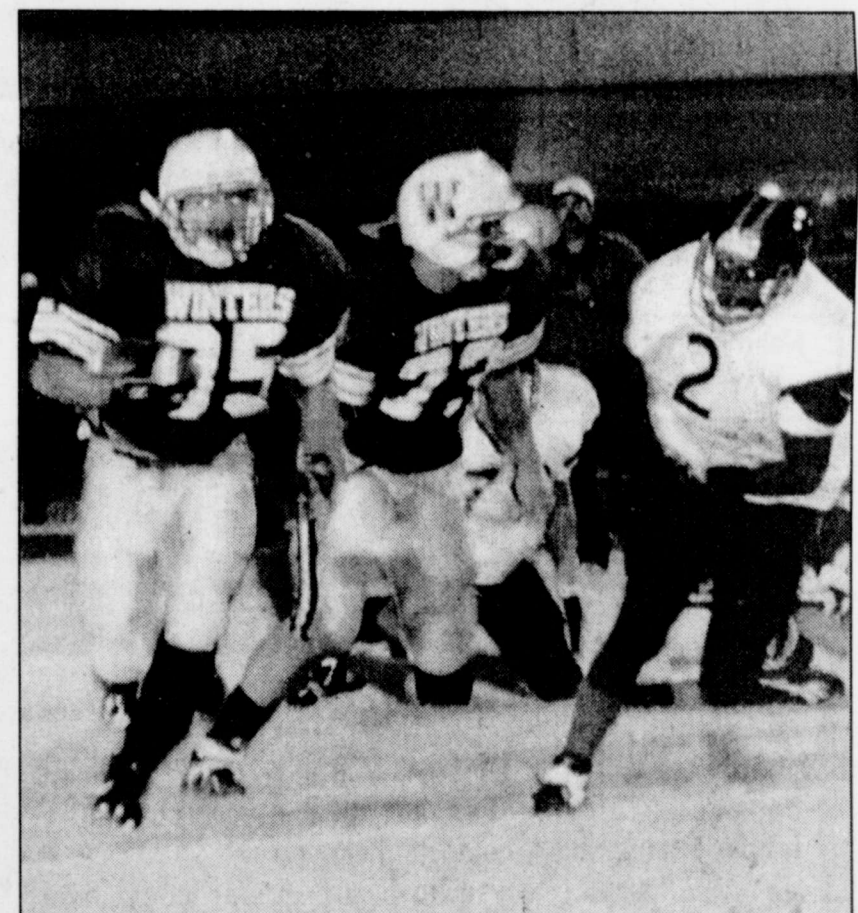
LOCKNEY
Walker 70-yd. pass from Cummings (run failed).

THIRD QUARTER
Winters
Kenny Whittenburg 1-yd. run (Scates kick).

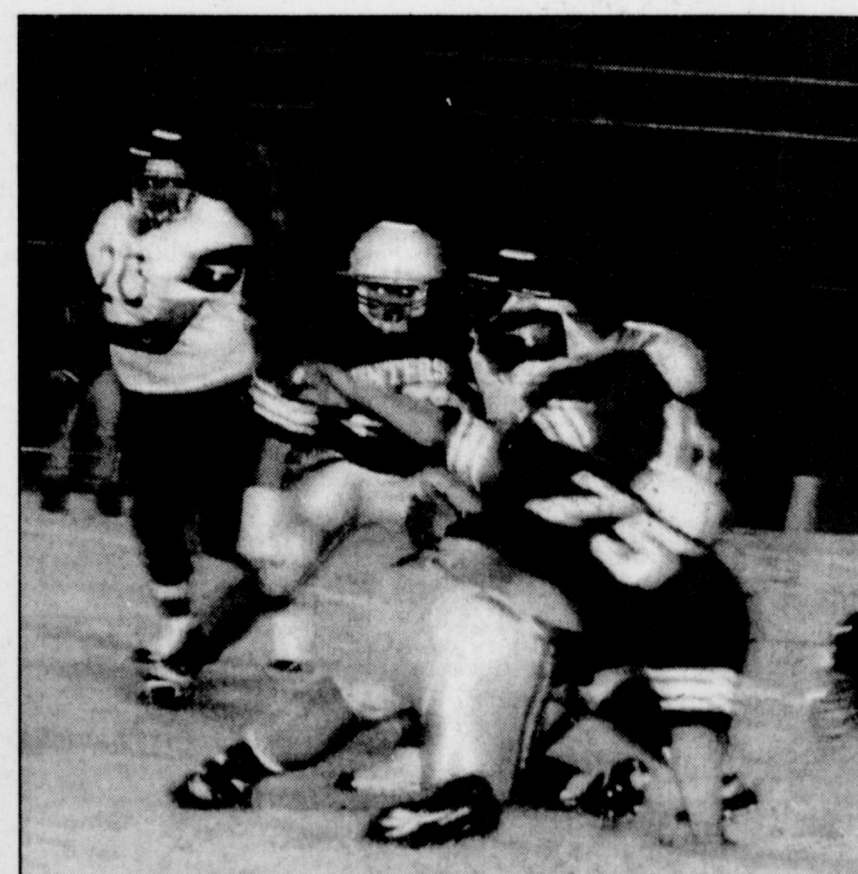
WINTERS
Lee Woffenden 23-yd. pass from Whittenburg (kick failed).

FOURTH QUARTER
Winters
Scates 1-yd. run (Scates kick).

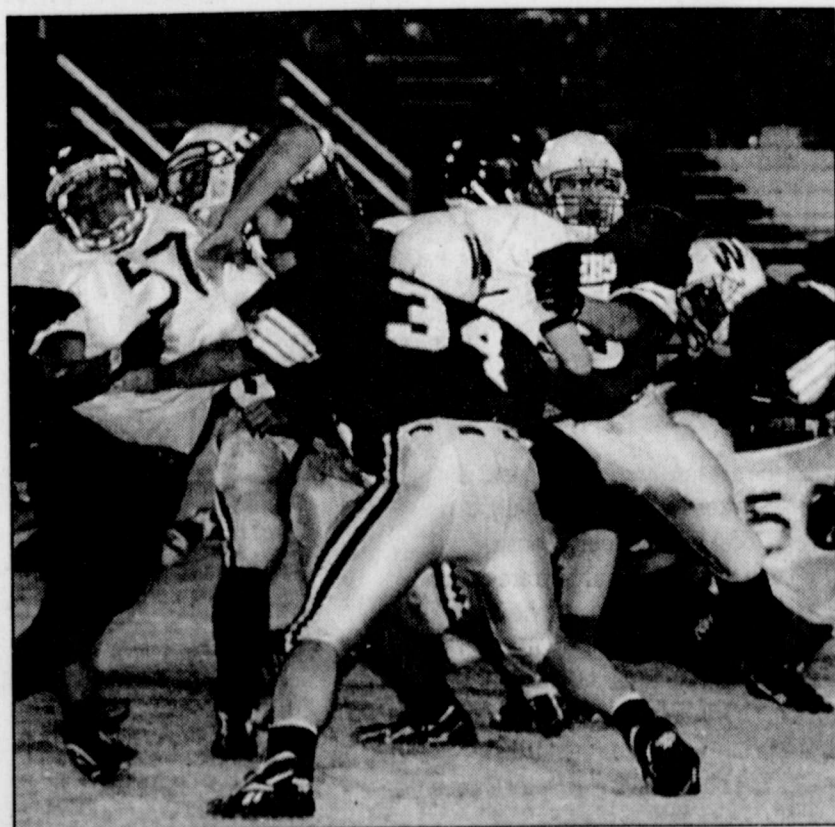
LOCKNEY
Phillips 42-yd. run (run failed).



MARSHALL SCATES heads upfield with blocking from Bear Nitsch #73.



JUSTIN MINZENMAYER #12 brings down the Longhorn runner with aid from Brad Van Zandt #75 as Bear Nitsch readies to help.



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EIGHTY-SEVEN YEARS YOUNG on this birthday is Dick Mayo of Winters. Mr. Mayo was recently honored by family and friends on two separate occasions - with a cake and a breakfast.

Dick Mayo honored on 86th birthday

Dick Mayo of Winters was honored on his 86th birthday by family and friends.

On Friday, November 21, he shared birthday cake at the Activity Center for Senior Citizens. Saturday morning, November 22, he was honored with a "birthday breakfast" at the Hobo Bar-B-Que Cafe.

Arthur Logan (Dick) was born November 22, 1911, in Graham, Texas, the ninth child and youngest son of eleven children.

Dick moved with his family to Runnels County when he was 4-years-old. They lived near the Poe Chapel area, west of Winters. In 1917, they moved to the Meeks farm near the Dale community, east of Winters. In 1918, the family moved to the Dale farm, south of the Dale community, and in 1919, the family purchased part of the Parramore Ranch near the Dale community.

Dick attended the Dale school. He and his brothers and sisters occasionally went to school in a buggy, but most of the time, they walked to and from school each day.

Dick married Neva Bailey on

November 23, 1932, in Winters. Their children are Bailey and his wife Mary of Levelland, and Jean Gibbs and her husband Connie Mac of Winters. There are four grandchildren, Dewayne and wife Suzie of Las Vegas, Nevada; Byron and wife Nancy of Magnolia, Texas; Tammy and husband Mark of Winters; and Kenny and wife Saffron of Winters. Dick has nine great-grandchildren, Katelyn, Amber, Mandy, Autumn, Justin, Brooke, Haley, Tana, and Lane.

Dick worked for two companies during his years. He was employed by C.L. Green Milling and Grain Company as salesman and assistant manager from 1932 until 1960. He was a territorial salesman for Bes-Tex Insecticides of San Angelo from 1961 until 1979, when he retired. He drove over one million two hundred thousand miles as a salesman. After retiring, he farmed and ranched northwest of Winters on his farm until retiring from the farm in 1994. Since his "second retirement," he has enjoyed being with his family, friends, and playing 42 and dancing.

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Health Notes

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Depression

Continued from last week.

If depression is so severe that suicide has been considered, do not hesitate to call the physician immediately and let the doctor help you.

If you have no physician or you prefer to get help elsewhere, many communities have telephone "hotlines" for such situations. If there is no such service near you, call the nearest emergency room or health care facility. They will get help for you.

Activity, both mental and physical, has been recognized as the natural antidote for depression. Recently it has been shown that regular exercise is as effective in mild depression as the drugs usually prescribed by doctors. Make a plan for activity and include regular exercise in it. Stay involved with others and let them help.

Make a point to tell someone about your problems. Getting it out helps, and there may be some suggestions that the listener can make to ease the burden.



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Choir to perform at Fort Concho this Friday

The Winters Elementary Select Choir will be singing this Friday in the chapel of Christmas at Fort Concho. They will sing at 2:30 in the afternoon.

After the performance, the choir will tour the exhibitions at the fort.

At 5:15, all will eat pizza (students bring \$1 for drinks; pizza is provided). From 6:00 to 6:30 p.m., children will take a bus tour viewing the 2,000,000 plus lights along the river.

Buses will return to Winters by 7:30 p.m. Parents should pick up children at the Elementary School at this time.

Do yourself a favor! Come hear the wonderful music these children share, and let it boost you right into the spirit of the season!

Winters Food Pantry to give food baskets

The Winters Community Food Pantry will be giving Christmas baskets on Saturday, December 20. Distribution will be at the Multi-Purpose Center from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

People must meet the financial qualifications of the food pantry and register on November 25, December 2, or December 9 at the Multi-Purpose Center.

No registrations will be accepted on December 20, the day of distribution.

According to volunteer, Gail Traylor, 150 baskets were given last year.

Plan now to enjoy Christmas dinner from the Winters Food Pantry.

Nominees for Minister of the Year sought

Nominations for the 1997 Rural Minister of the Year award will be accepted until Dec. 31 by the Minister Selection Committee of the Texas Conference of Churches.

Ministers may be nominated if they have served a church located in the country or in a community close to a larger town or city for at least two years. A nomination booklet must be filled out by a congregation member.

This year's theme is "The Pastor as Shepherd."

According to Carol M. Kolsti, committee chair, specific examples of a minister's achievements must be included in the nomination book.

"...Inform the Minister Selection Committee how the pastoral skills and other talents of the minister you are nominating have not only sustained but also enriched the lives of people in his or her church," Kolsti said.

All nominees accepted by the Minister of the Year Selection Committee will receive a certificate of recognition. The Texas



Hilda Kurtz

Instead of complaining because we don't get everything we want, we should be happy we don't get all we deserve.

Hopewell Church Sunday visitors were Brandi Alexander of Tucson, Arizona, and Joyce Smith from near Novice. The ladies did not have the Bible study meeting Monday morning.

The Crews community meeting and supper will be delayed until Dec. 13 due to the Winters parade and Christmas dance.

Horace Gibbs of Rising Star is home recuperating nicely after a few days in the hospital.

The Bill Mathis family spent Thanksgiving in Denton. Marqué was surprised with a graduation party. Also there was a wedding anniversary party for Bill and Marqué on Friday. The Mathis family, Karen Oats, and Shane Stone attended the football game in Snyder. Bill and Marqué spent Friday in Abilene Christmas shopping. They also dined out for their anniversary.

Happy 18th birthday to Desiree Mathis!

Elaine Miller was a dinner guest with Josie and Bill Hoppe on Sunday. Other visitors were Enid Anderson, Billy Gerhart, and Billy Holland.

Steve and Penny Grissom were hosts Thanksgiving in their new home. Guests were Patsy and Ricky Grissom, Stacy and Brad Walworth of Lubbock, Adeline

Crews News

By Hilda Kurtz

Grissom, Stephanie Grissom and two sons with friend Mark, Whitney Grissom and friend Chris, Cory Grissom and his daughter of Abilene, Katherine and Luke Grissom, Penny's parents of Fort Worth, Von and Phyllis Byrd, and Jeff and Jennifer of Abilene.

Katherine and Mrs. Addie Hardaway of College Station had a nice long phone visit Saturday. Hi, Addie.

Brad and Ruth Pape also had a phone visit Sunday from Juarez, Mexico. Ruth had a good trip and will be in Mexico until after Christmas.

Georgia and Connie Gibbs visited with Mr. and Mrs. Eldred McGuire at Bronte during the week. On Thanksgiving, the Gibbses had their family at home. Included were Tammy, Haley, and Mark Kaczuk; Connie Mac and Jean Gibbs of Winters; Travis Ford of Rising Star; Shane Ford of Belton; Donnie and Nancy Gibbs of Menard and boys; and Amy Gibbs of Menard.

Most folks in the Crews community received 1/2 inch of rain.

Jerry and Brandi Alexander of Tucson, Arizona; S.K. and Blue Alexander and friend LaShae of Lubbock spent Thanksgiving Day with Helen Alexander. Reba Grosshans of San Angelo and Helen had a nice visit during the week.

Carolyn Webb carried Jennifer and Stephanie Webb home to Austin after spending Thanksgiving Saturday here.

Carol and Mike Kozelsky hosted the Thanksgiving gathering and family dinner in their home. Those attending were Joe and Dorene Kozelsky; Margie and Brenda Jacob; Jerry and Sharon Engler; Jodie, Justin, and Bryce Busenlehner; Kristie Ellis, Beverly VanZandt, Corey and Brad VanZandt; and Katherine, Scott and Jeanna Kozelsky. On Friday, they all went to the Lockney-Winters football game in Snyder.

On Sunday, all of Margie Jacob's kids and families came and trimmed the Christmas tree. Some of the ladies also did some baking. Margie wants to say thank you for the beautiful poinsettia.

Carolyn Kraatz and Carol and Lynn Faubion of Fort Worth spent Thanksgiving Day with Harvey Mae and Noble Faubion. Nila and Therin came Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brantley, Louise Walters, Ronnie Walters,

Doug Egger came by Doris Woods and spent the night after attending the football game in Abilene on Friday night.

Doris Woods' family spent Thanksgiving Day with Mr. and Mrs. Doug Bryant in Cisco. Frances Mincey of Big Spring spent the weekend.

I enjoyed my Thanksgiving Day with Hildegard, Calvin, Harold, Peggy, Nicholas, Wendy, Brenda, Jimmy, Shane, Sharon, and Brenda's mom.

Calvin, Hildegard, Harold, and Nicholas came Sunday to saw and stack wood. (I helped too.) I am now prepared for the winter.

Scott, Melinda, and Autumn Rain Amidon; Wanda and Windell King; and Joe Riley Sims congratulate Chris and Kris Rives on the new arrival of their baby girl. She was born Nov. 24, 1997, at Shannon Woman's and Children's Center in San Angelo. The baby weighed 8 lbs., 10 oz. and was 20 inches long. Her name is Kasey Sterling. Parenthood comes very natural to Kris and Chris. They are both blessed to have such a perfect little baby come into their life. They are on Cloud 9! We are so proud of them.

Autumn Rain's 3rd birthday was celebrated Nov. 21, 1997, by giving her a spaghetti supper and chocolate chip cookie cake at her great-grandma's house. Those who attended were Katherine and Luke, Kris Rives, Adeline Grissom (her great-grandma), Anita Martinez of Ballinger, and of course, her mom Melinda. All had a very good time. Autumn was excited and happy to be with her family.

Also that week, Wanda and Windell King hosted Thanksgiving dinner. They had their girls Stacy Lori and Jessica King of Ballinger; Melinda Amidon; Kristine Rives and her husband Chris Rives; her two grandchildren Autumn Rain and Kasey Sterling. The family has much to be thankful for. All were thrilled they could be together.

P.S. Wanda King prepared the information about her family for me. Thank you Wanda.

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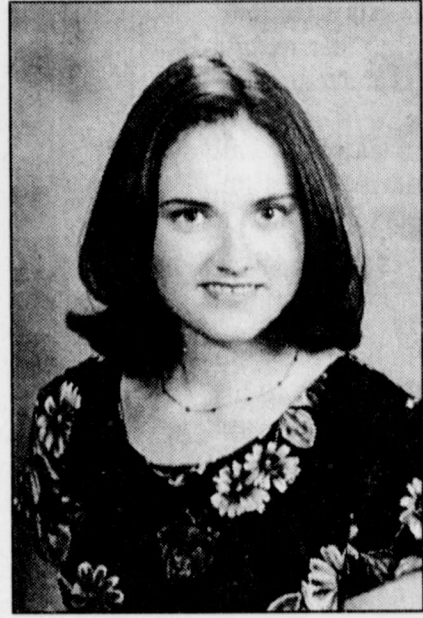
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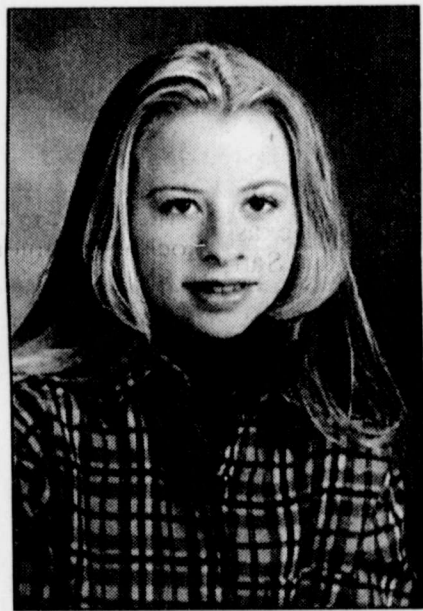
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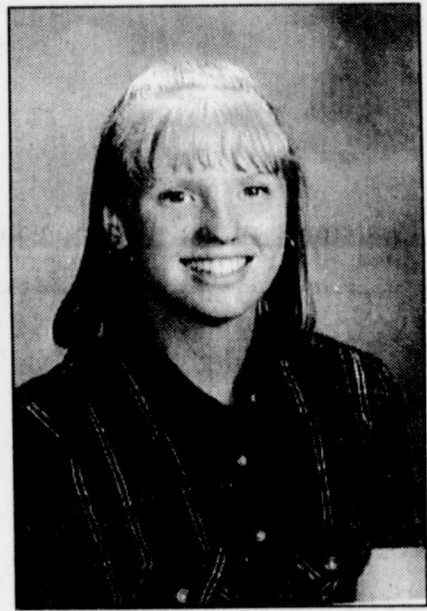
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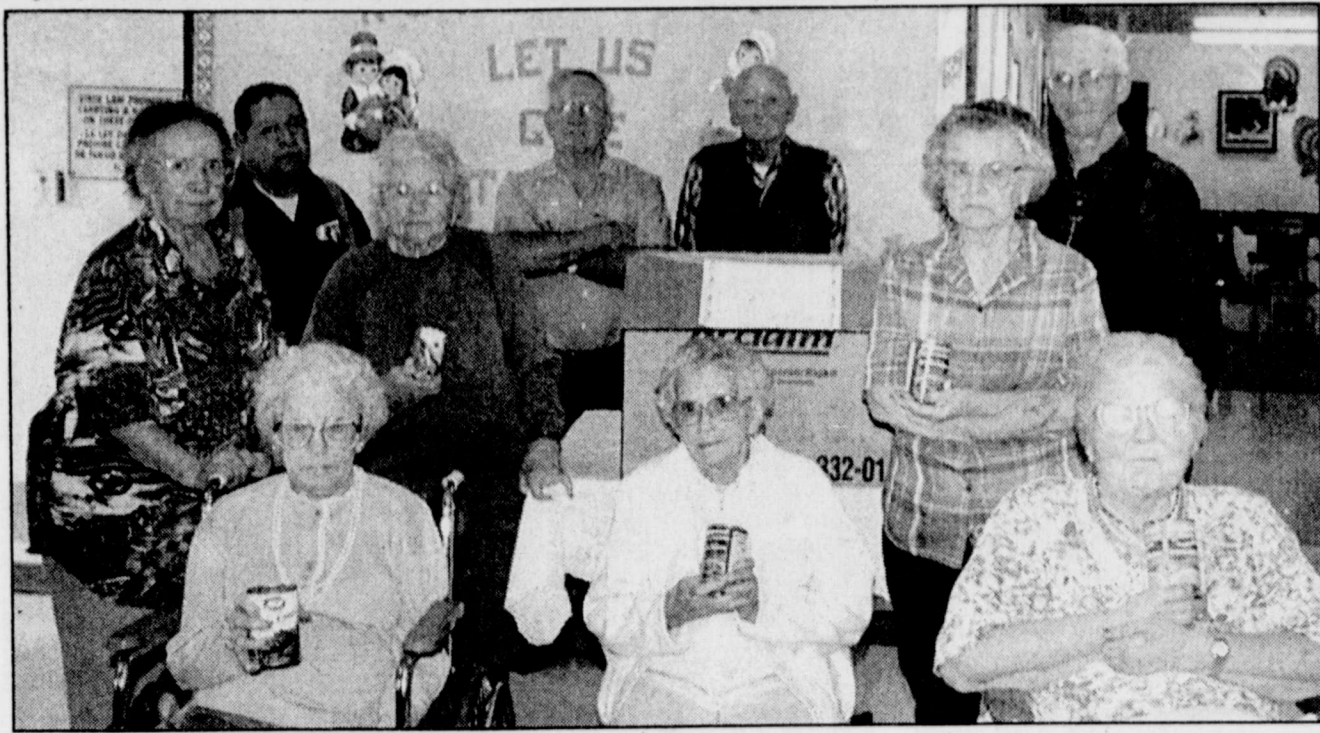
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Buyer beware: it's holiday scam time

'Tis the season to be jolly, and carefree, and giving. But this year can end on a sour note if you're caught in a scam. During the holiday season, requests for charitable contributions increase significantly.

While most are legitimate, fraudulent telemarketers use the seasonal spirit to take advantage of people's good will and generosity by ripping them off.

The Department of Justice estimates that Americans are bilked out of more than \$40 billion every year by fraudulent telemarketers, who specifically target older people.

Law enforcement agencies nationwide urge consumers to make wise decisions when donating to charities. At the beginning of the each year, try making a plan for giving, specifically designating the charities that you want to support.

Contact the organizations, and ask for information, including a statement that describes how and where charitable contributions are

used. Legitimate charities will have written materials that include their name, address and telephone number.

If you receive a telephone call asking for a charitable donation, think about your personal plan for charitable giving, and decide whether the solicitor's charity should be included.

Don't respond to high pressure tactics. Give yourself time to investigate the organization, and make a wise, thoughtful decision. Never give your credit card or bank account number over the phone to a solicitor, and never send cash.

For more information, or to check out a particular charity, call the National Fraud Information Center at (800) 876-7060.

WARNING SIGNS OF SCAMS:

Familiar sounding names—Some charities, including for-profit companies, have sympathetic sounding names, or names

that closely resemble those of respected, legitimate charities.

The "sob" story—The hard luck tale is a favorable ploy of the fraudulent telemarketer. A legitimate charity should have no problem telling you exactly how your money will be used.

Sales tactics—High pressure sales tactics, such as insisting you decide immediately or making you feel guilty, are the earmarks of a less than sincere charity.

Reluctance to send written information—Legitimate charities usually will not hesitate to send written information before you commit to giving. However, just because information about a charity is in writing does not mean that the charity is legitimate.

Sending cash or having a courier immediately collect contributions—Pay by check, and make your check out directly to the charity, not to an individual. Never give out your credit card number, or bank account numbers, to someone who solicits you over the telephone.

Prizes, contests and sweepstakes—Often a fraudulent telemarketer masquerades as a charitable solicitor. Most likely, this criminal will ask for a donation in order for you to receive a prize. Remember, you do not have to make a donation, or any other payment, for a chance to win.

PROTECT YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS:

Listen—When contacted by an organization asking for contributions, listen carefully to what they tell you. Make sure you learn the name of the person to whom you are speaking, as well as the name and address of the organization; whether the organization is raising money for itself or if it is a fund-raiser hired to solicit contributions; and whether the donation is tax deductible.

Ask—Before agreeing to donate any money, make sure you ask where the money goes. Find out if the person to whom you are speaking takes a percentage, and if they do, how large a percentage. Ask what programs the organization has supported recently, and where they are located. Ask for a brochure to be sent to your home. Remember, legitimate charities should welcome your questions. They want people to know what they are doing to benefit the community.

Learn—Take time to find out about the charity. You don't have to donate immediately, and pressure to do so should make you suspicious. Read the brochures provided by the organization at your own pace.

Call—Make a telephone call to the beneficiaries of the charitable funds such as workshops, schools or shelters. Find out whether they are aware of the solicitation, and have authorized the use of their name.

Finally—When you have decided to donate, write a check and make the check payable to the charity, not to the fundraiser. Do not send or give cash, and do not give your credit card or bank account number to anyone over the telephone. Remember to save all your records such as canceled checks or billing statements. These will be essential if you have to file a complaint, and they will also come in handy when you file your income tax return.

Poe's Corner

By Charlsie Poe

Then there were four

There were four out-of-town girls who also assisted with history and arrangements for the Class of 1947 reunion. Their stories follow — two of them this week and two next week.

Maxine Belew Cox lives in Burleson. She says, "After graduation I attended Texas Tech for one semester. I moved to Abilene and worked several jobs. While working for Retail Merchants, I met my husband Glenn Cox, who is from Merkel. He belonged to the plumbers and steamfitters union. We moved around and finally settled in Fort Worth. We have five daughters: Glenda Thompson, Karla Daniel, twins Wanda Cellmer and Rhonda Reed, and Rita Williams. We have eight grandchildren and three step-grandchildren.

"My husband, a heating operating engineer, retired from Carswell Air Force Base. We moved just outside the city limits of Burleson in 1986. He died Nov. '95. All my family lives nearby. I have always been a homemaker. I belong to several clubs. I love to play 42 and bridge."

Sara Beth Wetzel Hughes of Sherman says it was the best of times. It was the worst of times.

"So begins the lives of many of us. It was the worst of times because we were at war and everything had to be rationed or we just didn't have it, period. But we had what we needed and for me it was the best of times.

"After high school, I enrolled at North Texas State University and was married to James Hughes in my sophomore year. We worked and studied together until we both graduated in the spring of 1951. During the war, we were blessed with the first of three sons. We moved to Sherman, where James became professor of math and physics at Austin College. I began teaching the next year and taught



Charlsie Poe

off and on until 1988. During that time, I had three more children, received my master's degree from Austin College and taught for a total of 31 years. While I was teaching, I was president of my classroom teachers organization and president of my local chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma.

"Since I've retired I have enjoyed my grandchildren, learned to play the piano for my enjoyment, take trips with my friends in Elderhostel, and just do not have to get up every day and go to work. I still enjoy children and I am currently a substitute teacher. I also volunteer at the Justice Center working with the assistance to victims of crime. I am active in my church, in my Retired Teachers Association and in AAUW. I play bridge several times a month, but always have time for my friends who may come for a visit.

"Only one of my four children, who are all married, lives in Sherman. Marita, the youngest, is a pharmacist and the mother of Taylor (8) and Sasra (6). Don, my oldest, lives in Abilene and is a child psychiatrist with two girls, Lauren (14) and Marissa (11). Danny is also a pharmacist and lives in Houston with his two children Kelly (15) and Spencer (10). Brian, my youngest son, lives in Rowlett and is a technical engineer working with Texas Utilities.

"There are many 'best times' I remember about my school years in Winters. Perhaps the most important was the caring our teachers had for us. They were demanding of us to do the best we

could. Of course, along with that came some of our funniest remembrances. We all remember Mrs. Jackson's 'girdle' pulls. She once said that 'sophomores were just too young and undisciplined to settle down and learn typing.' I wonder what she might say today to a kindergartener at a computer. Remember those times spent at State Park swimming in that cold water and dancing to 'In The Mood' or 'Stardust?' Remember the school parties when you went in search of all the items listed on the Scavenger Hunt?

"I remember a time when the school district didn't transport the band or 'pep squad' to athletic events. There were some of us who wanted to go to Anson for a football game and our parents didn't have the gasoline or tires (the war you know) to take us. So we went to Colcen Raper's father and asked if we could use one of his cattle trucks to take us. Well, he did and you can imagine the 'lovely' smells all the way to and back in the spot the day before he had carried cattle to market.

"We thought the only thing that really mattered was whether we beat Ballinger in football (we never did that I recall). I do remember that we went to state finals in basketball with Coach Nowlin. We didn't learn much geometry that year but we knew the ins and outs of basketball.

"I find it hard to believe the last fifty years have passed so quickly. They say 'time flies when you're having fun.' So I know that these years have truly been the best of times."

It is very easy to forgive others their mistakes. It takes more gut and gumption to forgive them for having witnessed your own.

—Jessamyn West

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Babies health depends on nutrition received.
The health of the baby depends on the nutrition he or she receives before birth and also on the health of the mother. Good nutrition will help the mother fend off infections and other illnesses during pregnancy.

Good nutrition during pregnancy requires eating proper amounts of food from the four food groups—milk and dairy, meats, fruits and vegetables, and grains and cereals.

To get the most nutrition out of the extra 300 calories per day a pregnant woman needs, she must eliminate foods with empty calories such as cookies and soft drinks. Alcohol and tobacco must be avoided.

Increase in vitamins and protein are needed.
Increased amounts of vitamins and protein are needed during pregnancy, but they can be obtained in a balanced diet. Calcium must also be increased to about 1500 mg. per day. This can be obtained by drinking five glasses of milk (milk is also a very good source of protein).

Only a couple nutrients need to be supplemented during pregnancy. A woman's blood volume increases significantly during pregnancy, so extra iron is useful in preventing anemia. The vitamin that is most important to supplement is folic acid. Doctors now know that this vitamin prevents birth defects of the brain and spinal cord. Almost all other vitamins and minerals are abundant in a balanced diet.

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5	TXism: "you can bet the farm"	46	San Antonio-based motel chain: Quinta	47	Texas do it on water
6	TXism: "fits like on an ape"	48	metal mixture	49	TXism: "this is a fine"
7	rod and	50	TXism: "fish" (mess)	51	wild goat raised in TX
8	TXism: "let ___ lie" (ignore it)	52	TX Jaworski replaced Archibald ___ as Watergate prosecutor	53	bird at Bentons park: groove-billed
17	term of endearment	54	TX Gary Morris starred in "Miserables" on Broadway	55	TXism: "I'm working ___" (trying)
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22	"Lone Star" ___	24	TXism: "___ gut whiskey"	25	wonder or respect
23	UT grad Robert Benton directed film "Kramer vs. ___"	26	Comanche chief Quannah Parker had ___ blood	27	TXism: "___ driller" (dentist)
28	Civil War general: Robert ___	28	alive	29	TXism: "___ got a prayer" (hopeless)
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30	state of the Redskins (abbr.)	34	TXism: "___ a bull give milk?" (no)	35	in Jeff Davis Co.: Mount
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34	Fiesta ___ y Seis	40	northern fish	41	TX Roy Orbison was a ___ act
35	Dublin's pro golfer Hogan	44	inquire	45	Cowboys once used the ___ defense
36	state's 1st airline: ___ Transport	48	this Smith was in film "San Antonio"	50	steak type
37	TXism: "big frog in the ___"				
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Sometime during the night of Saturday, November 29, 1997, someone sprayed white paint on a 1993 two-door Mercury. The vehicle was parked in the 1500 block of N. 8th Street in Ballinger. If anyone has information that will lead to the arrest of the person(s) responsible for this crime, please call Runnels County Crimestoppers at 365-3591 or 365-2121 or any local law enforcement agency. Crimestoppers will pay a reward of \$1,000 for information that leads to the arrest and indictment of the person(s) responsible for this crime. Remember, you do not have to give your name when you call Crimestoppers to report a crime.

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The graying of America: can we afford to get old?

by CHARLIE STENHOLM

As a nation we are getting older. People are living longer. The national birthrate is declining. This has some longterm side-effects we will not be able to ignore much longer.

In 1900, 4.1% of our population was aged 65 or older. In 1940, it was 6.9%. In 1995, it was 12.5%. Scientists tell us that this is only the beginning.

Some predict that by 2025, the percentage of elderly Americans will increase to almost 20%. Said another way, today about 24 million Americans are over 70. As those born between 1946 and 1964 (also known as the Baby Boom generation) move into their retirement years, that number will double.

What does that mean? On the positive side, we will be able to spend more time with our families and friends, enjoying our grandchildren, or (if you happen to be a younger person) enjoying the wisdom and advice of older relatives.

On the negative side, there will be a greater demand for senior services such as specialized health care, nursing homes and assisted

living centers.

One author recently said that we will become a nation of Floridas — a state driven by the needs and expectations of millions of senior citizens — where 20% of the poplax is already over 65.

This "graying of America" also will have serious side effects on the Social Security system. In my last column I noted that the Social Security system is financed by those who are currently in the workforce. In other words, today's workers pay the benefits of today's beneficiaries. (By the way, it has been this way ever since the first Social Security check was issued in 1937.)

When we realize that birthrates, which were high in the Post-World War II years, have declined substantially since the mid-1960s, it is not too difficult to see what the future holds for Social Security.

According to the Social Security Administration, in 1955 approximately nine workers were paying Social Security taxes to provide benefits to each recipient.

With a ratio like this, Social

Security taxes could remain fairly low because so many workers were paying into the system. In 1995, the ratio was 3.3 workers to each beneficiary. By 2040, it is predicted the ratio will be 2 to 1 or worse.

To sustain the current system, then, some people see just three options: 1) Raise payroll taxes of current and/or future workers; 2) Decrease benefits of current and/or future beneficiaries; or, 3) Increase the level of our national debt to continue funding the system. I do not believe any of these options are adequate or sufficient.

Lots of people refuse to believe that the crisis can be stated so simply. Many point to the Social Security Trust Funds as the real culprit in this crisis.

As a matter of fact, several organizations that supposedly represent the interests of seniors have made millions of dollars frightening older folks with tales of Congress "stealing" from the trust funds.

I will spend some time in my next column talking about this and other Social Security "myths."

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\$1.7 million in federal tax refunds remain unclaimed

A total of 3,329 North Texans have a pleasant surprise from the IRS this holiday season. The IRS has been unable to deliver \$1,727,002 million in tax refunds to North Texas residents. The smallest refund check is \$1. The biggest undeliverable check is \$22,657. Nationwide, nearly 100,000 taxpayers have yet to receive their 1995 refunds which total about \$62.6 million. These refunds were returned by the post office because they were unable to deliver them. People often move without giving the IRS their new address. Incorrect names and addresses are other common reasons why refunds are returned to the IRS. "Taxpayers could eliminate the possibility of lost, stolen or undeliverable refunds by electing Direct Deposit," said North Texas Acting District Director Ellen Murphy. "Direct Deposit is easier than ever -- just two extra lines to complete on the tax form." This year, almost 16.5 million taxpayers avoided problems by having their refund checks deposited directly into their bank accounts. In addition, taxpayers can avoid delays in getting their refunds by sending IRS their new address on Form 8822, Change of Address, when they move. Although thousands of refunds are not delivered each year, that number is small compared to the refunds that are delivered. Last filing season, 82 million refunds averaging \$1,298 were delivered. Taxpayers who have not received their tax refund check yet can call 1-800-829-1040.

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Hunter's Camp

With Don Haley

Butter boy

"Why are you sniffing your underwear?" my wife cries out, with a look on her face like a startled deer.

"To see if they need changin'," I tell her.

"You smell your underwear to see if they need changing?"

"Shore do," I say in all honesty.

"Whatever happened to changing them every day like a normal human being with some sense of personal hygiene and social decency?" she challenges.

"Why would you change 'em if they don't need changin'?" I say.

I never did convince her on the merits of underwear sniffin', which men view as nothing more than a simple, management method to see if they need to make a change.

Women, on the other hand, seem to see life and marriage and everyday life in a much more complex way.

For example, show me a woman who doesn't scream bloody murder when she sees you take a swig from the milk carton without using a glass and I'll show you a woman who just didn't see you do it.

"Did you just get a pickle out of that jar with a fork and then put it back in the drawer," my wife accuses, flipping on the kitchen light.

"Huh... what fork?"

"The one you just forked that pickle out with," she says, her hands turned backwards on her hips like she does to the 4th graders in her class.

"I didn't use a fork," I grin, lying like a dirty, mangy dog.

"Then you put your hand in the jar?"

Either way, I'm history and so are the rest of my pickles, which she flushes down the garbage disposal as contaminated.

She then makes me load every

other eating utensil in the kitchen into the dishwasher for a scalding water bath, just in case I might be lying about them too.

"And don't forget to load the glasses," she says, "I'm pretty sure you drank out of at least one of them and put it back in the cabinet, didn't you?"

"Huh?"

"Didn't you? You drank out of a glass and put it back, didn't you?"

"Okay, okay... I'm loadin' 'em..."

"Promise me you won't use a spoon or knife or fork or glass and put it back."

"But they're just barely used. It's not worth 200 gallons of hot water to..."

"Promise me!"

"Okay, I promise."

"You promise what?"

"Huh?"

"What did you just promise not to do. Repeat it back to me."

"I promise not to barely use a fork or drink some water from a glass and put it back."

"And what about your underwear?"

"Huh... okay, okay... I'll change underwear every single day whether they need it or not."

As you can see, my wife just does not understand good, honest conservation of undergarments, water, and eating utensils.

You'd think I would learn though, because I did promise.

And the next time she catches me, she'll slap enough sanctions upon me to make the ones they put on Saddam Hussein look pale as a pullet before Sunday dinner.

But all the utensils are in the wash and it's past time to change my underwear.

Guess I'll just have to use my fingers to get some butter outa this bowl....

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December 7 marks 56th Anniversary of attack at Pearl Harbor

by MARY KURTZ, VFW Post 9193 Auxiliary President

Sunday, December 7, 1997, will be the 56th Anniversary of Pearl Harbor. That day began America's entry into World War II — five years that changed the world. A day of destruction and death that will never be forgotten.

On this day, let us pay tribute and say thank you to those who have paid so dearly for our freedom.

Thank you to the 2,403 who died that day, and the 292,131 men and women who died during that war. Thank you to the many who suffered injuries, which you may still be suffering. Thank you to those who escaped death and physical injury but had their lives changed forever.

Let us say "thank you" to every man, woman, and child who paid a price so that we might enjoy freedom and liberty for all.

Winters Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9193 and their Ladies Auxiliary ask you to join them in their grief over friends lost and in sympathy to the families who have suffered. Join us in recalling their sacrifices, their bravery, and their commitment. But also join us in our joy for having served the greatest nation on the face of the Earth.

For all who have served, for all who have suffered, and for all who have died, join us as we say, "May Almighty God Bless Them — and May God Bless America."

Land needed for development

The Winters Area Business and Industrial Corporation is looking for a 5-10 acre parcel of land in or adjacent to Winters for a potential residential development.

The area must be reasonably level, have adequate drainage, and be located in an area that can be easily served by city utilities.

The area should also be located where it will have good access to U.S. 83, TX 153, or major streets in Winters.

Anyone who has land for sale that meets the requirements can contact Bill Bredemeyer, Melanie Wade, Larry Suit, or Randall Conner.

Tire recycling to continue as state ends scrap tire program

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) will end its scrap tire recycling program on Dec. 31, 1997.

The program was not continued by the legislature and so as of Jan. 1, 1998, there will be no state recycling fee added to the purchase of each new tire. The current fee is \$2 for a new automobile tire, \$3.50 for a new truck tire, and \$1 for each used tire.

Beginning Jan. 1, 1998, tire dealers may add a fee to the price of tires they sell to pay for the delivery of tires to a recycler or disposal facility. The amount of the fee is solely at the dealer's discretion and not regulated by the state.

Although state-mandated tire recycling will end, the TNRCC will retain authority over the disposal of used tires. Effective Jan. 1, 1998, landfills may accept split, shredded, or quartered tires. In recognition of a continuing problem, approximately \$9 million has been appropriated to the TNRCC for the cleanup of nearly 300 existing waste tire dumps.

Tire dumping is still illegal. To prevent unauthorized dumping, a registration and manifest system will continue to track used tires until they are recycled.

Because the recycling program

will end and fees will be discontinued, there will be no state funds available to pay scrap tire transporters and processors who have been picking up waste tires and delivering them for recycling under the current program. Local governments are encouraged to get involved in tire recycling for many uses, such as playground material, road construction, and landscape mulch. Shredded tires can be used as daily cover or in leachate collection systems in landfills.

Another recently developed use for tire shreds is on-site sewage facilities, or septic systems. Tire shreds can be used in place of gravel in the construction of lateral lines and leach fields, often at a lower cost.

Every day more and more used tires are recycled. In the past two years, there has been a 50% increase in their use in landfills and a 64% jump in the use of tire derived fuel. Over the past year, the tire recycling rate in Texas was 94%.

In its five years of existence, the waste tire recycling program has eliminated more than 600 illegal tire dumps containing nearly 20 million used tires. In the first six months of 1997, more than 208 million pounds of scrap tire material were diverted to recycling markets.

Official Records

County Court Criminal November 21

Ray Holtman, Ballinger, filed for theft of merchandise by check

Cindy M. Hare, Ballinger, filed for theft of merchandise by check

Tim Wells, Midland, filed for theft of merchandise and/or cash by check

November 24

Bobby Joe Brown, Ballinger, filed for theft of merchandise by check

Robert Patton, Ballinger, filed for theft of merchandise by check

Jeffrey Kyle Kraatz, San Angelo, filed for making alcoholic beverage available to a minor

Sarah Alley Gray, San Angelo, filed for driving while intoxicated

Glenn Allen Tischler, Winters, filed for driving while intoxicated and driving while license suspended

Lee R. Reyes, Winters, filed for driving while license suspended

Joe Diaz, Jr., Winters, filed for driving while license suspended

Jessie Joe Ortiz, Winters, filed for driving while license suspended

Joe Diaz, Jr., Winters, filed for driving while license suspended and evading detention

November 25

William Herman Smith and Patsy Wade Fenter

November 21

Daniel L. Ramsey, filed for possession of deer with no evidence of sex, possession of untagged deer

November 23

William L. Foster IV, filed for untagged turkey

Charlie D. Howard, Jr., filed for untagged turkey

November 26

Audra Dunn, filed for assault

Classifieds Get Results

4-H Happenings

4-H challenges clubs in food/clothing/toy drive

"The Reason for the Season" discussed at last meeting

by AMY HEATHCOTT

The Winters 4-H Club met Monday, Nov. 24, with the topic of "The Reason for the Season." Misty Pritchard presided.

Officer reports were heard. The District Food Show participants were recognized as well as winners from the County Food Show. Congratulations to Mandy Pritchard, 1st place winner at District in the Fruits and Vegetables category.

Four-H members who participated in the Early Jackpot were also recognized. Results follow: Chanda Hoppe, 1st place steer & 4th place heifer; Chris Hoppe, Grand Champion heifer; Amy Heathcott, 1st place black OPB, 1st place hv. wt. black OPB, & Reserve Grand Champion heifer; Robby Heathcott, 2nd place lt. wt. black OPB & 1st place Hampshire; and John Heathcott, 2nd hv. wt. black OPB & 3rd place York. Congratulations and good job!

Members made Christmas ornaments which were judged and given to Our House. Each 4-H family also brought five Christmas cards with postage for residents at the nursing home.

The smoked turkey raffle was a big success. Proceeds will be used for the Christmas gift baskets. Congratulations to Gary Jacob, winner of the smoked turkey.

Deb Pritchard told club members about the upcoming 4-H, FFA, FHA food/clothing/toy drive challenge. Clubs will be collect-

ing canned goods worth 3 points; new toy or single clothing items under \$4 are worth 7 points; and a new toy or clothing item over \$4 is worth 12 points. The club collecting the most points will receive a \$40 pizza party provided by the Winters 4-H Club. Members of the clubs will be collecting for this project. If you are interested in donating to the cause, collection boxes are at Raymond's Clip Joint on South Main and the Elementary School Counselor's Office. Final collection date is 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 9. Good luck to all involved.

The next meeting is set for Tuesday, December 9, from 5:15 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Catholic Church Fellowship Hall.

The program will be "Jingle Bell Rock," with the annual Christmas caroling at Our House and Senior Citizens Nursing Home. Officers are in charge of refreshments.

Any parents able to provide transportation are asked to contact Deb Pritchard at 754-5243 or Barbara Heathcott at 754-5610. Parents please pick up your kids from the nursing home at 506 Van Ness at 6:30 p.m.

If you did not attend the November meeting and wish to give five Christmas cards and stamped envelopes to the nursing homes, the 4-H Club is still collecting.

Words of Wisdom: The best way to succeed in life is to act on the advice you give to others.

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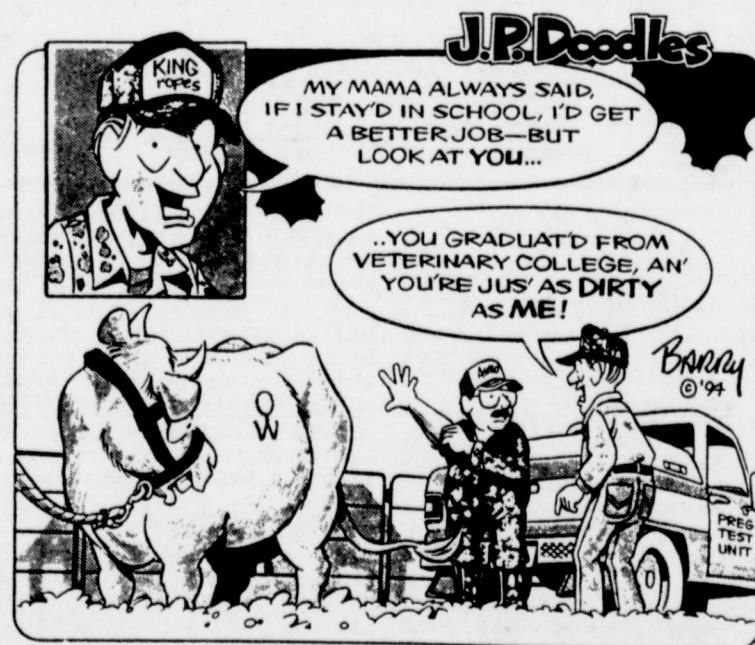


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