Apples of Gold

FAITH—He that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. Hebrews 11:6

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BRIDGEMAN FLORIST celebrated a ribbon cutting on March 20 with members of the Winters Chamber of Commerce. Left to right are Chamber president Dale Montgomery, Chamber members Joe Heidenheimer and Jane Bourdo, Mark Bridgeman with son Kimble and motherin-law Isabel Lujano, owner Yolanda Bridgeman, and Chamber directors Janice Pruser, Janie Rocha, Gail Williams and Donna Smith. The store is located at 115 S. Main.

Winters VFD to host Hill Country Spring Convention

Special thanks owed to Hoppes for supplying water

The Winters Volunteer Fire ciation since 1930. Department and Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting the Hill Country Firemen's Association Spring Convention on Saturday, April 7, annually among 32 different fire will be named. departments.

Events scheduled for the day include business meetings, a ladies luncheon, pumper races, a meal, and a dance. In addition, the 2001. This convention is held bi- - Hill Country Fireman of the Year

Winters has been a member of Department owes a special thank the Hill Country Firemen's Asso- you to Glenn and Melinda Hoppe

who have donated water from their wells to the fire department for their pumper races. Without this donation, the district association would have to find other means for the pumper races.

Many thanks go to Glenn and This year, the Winters Fire Melinda from the Winters Fire Department and the Hill Country Firemen's Association.

Council cancels general election

With the withdrawal of Lisa Nitsch as a candidate for City Council Place I, this left all races unopposed. Therefore, during Monday night's meeting of the City Council, members voted to cancel the May 5 general election.

Mayor Dawson McGuffin, Councilman Tommy Russell homes will improve the appear-(Place 3) and Hank Bourdo, candidate for Place I are unopposed.

In other action, there was no comment during the public hearing on the proposed renovation of the Winters Community Center. City Manager Aref Hassan commented that the next step will be to take bids on the project, and he hopes "that local contractors will

The Council approved a lease agreement with Vera Mae Kraatz on the bait house at Elm Creek Reservoir.

DAYLIGHT **SAVINGS TIME** 2:00 AM **SUNDAY, APRIL 1ST**



Turn clocks forward one hour.

FORWARD

specific area for mobile homes. According to Gordon, placing mobile homes at random areas in the city will possibly reduce the value of properties. She said she thinks a specific area for mobile ance of Winters. No action was taken by the Council.

The Council approved the bid of \$19,693.94 from Charles Russell and Mike Meyer.

Winters resident Gloria Gor- Bahlman Chevrolet of Winters for don asked the Council to zone a a 2001 half-ton pickup. Toliver Brothers of Ballinger had submitted a bid of \$20,522.95.

> Present for the March 26 meeting were Mayor McGuffin, City Manager Hassan, City Attorney Ken Slimp, Street Department Supervisor Charles Grenwelge, and Councilmen Steve Esquivel, Jimmy Butler, and Joe Gerhart. Absent were Councilmen Tommy



SAMSON JACKSON, WHS senior, heaves the shot put for a new meet record at the Blizzard Relays on March 10. Samson repeated his toss of 55'8.5" for first place at the San Angelo Relays on March 24. The Winters team will compete in Coleman Saturday to prepare for the upcoming district meet at Bangs.

Greens improving, events scheduled

Winters Country Club:small course with big plans

Recent rains have been wel- not a member). come for many reasons, including "greening up" the grounds at the Winters Country Club.

of the city on highway 83, the course offers nine holes with a 36 par. Various memberships are available as follows:

• Full: \$37.50 per month, includes entire, immediate family. • Out of Town: \$128.10 (per

year) for full membership for person(s) living farther than 40 miles from the club.

 Associate: \$25.00 per year (must play to pay). Club facilities only. No voting privileges.

• Youth: \$100 per year (family

 Three-day pass: Good for bar/ restaurant facilities.

· Extended Family Pass: A Located only five miles south family member visiting a member may purchase a one-week pass for \$20.00 for unlimited golf.

Course fees Tuesday through Friday are nine holes for \$5, 18 for \$9.00; Saturday and Sunday fees are nine holes for \$8.00 and 18 holes for \$12.00. Cart rentals and storage sheds are also avail-

Hank Bourdo, newly elected Club president, reports that, beginning April 4, there will be a Wednesday night scramble each week.

The always-popular Industrial Tournament is tentatively scheduled for June 16, with several events planned in conjunction with the large tourney. A citywide golf tournament is also being planned for October 13, homecoming weekend.

The Club also offers a game night, open to the public, on the second Saturday of each month beginning at 7 p.m. The clubhouse features a pool table, dart boards, bar facilities and rooms available for party rentals.

Club manager is Elizabeth Quisenberry and course manager is Terry Quisenberry.

Board members include Bourdo, president; Herman Baker, vice-president; Mel Kennedy, secretary; Beth Whitlow, treasurer, board members Brenda Clough and Kenny Gibbs; and Jan Sims, Women's Club President.

Club President Bourdo invites community members and friends to come visit the Country Club. "We are very excited about the improved course, changes in the clubhouse and upcoming events. We have great fun and hope folks will come out and join us.'

For more information call the Winters Country Club at 754-4679.



ENJOYING GREENER GREENS at the Winters Country Club is Connie Mac Gibbs as Dawson McGuffin approaches with his golf car. Recent rains and a great deal of hard work by Course Manager Terry Quisenberry have improved the 9-hole course which is located only five miles south of Winters. New board members and staff welcome residents and guests to visit the Club.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

March 29-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center

5 p.m., Hale Museum Board, Rock Hotel 7-9 p.m., School Board Candidate Workshops, Abilene & San Angelo

District UIL, Hawley March 30-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center

12:25 p.m., FCA, WISD Science Lab 7:30 p.m., Cowboys for Christ, Drasco

SCHOOL HOLIDAY March 31-9 a.m.-4 p.m., Home School Workshops, Abilene

2-4 p.m., Missle Silo Tour, Oplin April 1-2 a.m., Daylight Savings Time Begins, Turn Clocks Forward 1 Hour

APRIL FOOLS DAY 11 a.m. & 6 p.m., Assembly of God Revival Begins, 304 Wood St.

April 2-9 a.m.-4 p.m., WIC, Winters Housing Authority

11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center 7 p.m., Winters Squares, Community Center

7 p.m., Freshman Orientation, WHS Auditorium 7:30 p.m., Ballinger Masonic Lodge

April 3-9 a.m., Ministerial Alliance, First Baptist Church 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center

Noon, Lions Club, Sr. Citizens Activity Center

3 p.m., Friends of Hale Museum, Rock Hotel

7 p.m., American Legion

7 p.m., WVFD, Fire Station 7:30 p.m., Genealogical Society, San Angelo

April 4-7 a.m., Industrial Board, Chamber Office 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center

5 p.m., Relay for Life Organizational Meeting, 302 Laurel Drive 6 p.m., Chamber Directors, Chamber Office

5-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center 4-7 p.m., Immunization Clinic, Texas Dept. of Health LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN MAY 5 ELECTION

Oil Bidness

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Finally, this time, we get to fintive, national energy policy.

ciples of working on the supply me if you like, and particularly side in previous columns. This with your congressmen and contime we discuss what we can do gresswomen. on the demand side of the equa-

As we have discussed, efficiency is the key. While we talked about the importance of producing and delivering energy efficiently, we now turn to the efficiency of demand.

The fundamental concept in a growing economy (an economy must be growing to keep everyone's boat afloat) is expansion. An expanded economy requires more output, and that requires more input. Energy is an input to production.

Yes, but growing input needs, including energy, can be met by increasing fuel supplies AND by increasing the efficiency by which we use current sources. Increased efficiency is inherently good for the economy. Efficiency improvements lower production costs and allow profit to flow more easily throughout the entire economy.

So, an energy policy needs to encourage efficiency of utilization of energy. That can be accomplished several ways, but it is true that higher prices (per unit) spawn efficiency innovation as well as conservation. Both slow demand growth.

But, slower demand growth is not the goal in, and of, itself. After all, the Great Depression had plenty of demand suppression but an economic wasteland is not a desirable situation. No, there is more to it than that.

Slowing demand should accompany better efficiency. Just using less of something does not always bring out positive things unless you are able to accomplish as much or more with less of that certain something.

With all that said, what is needed is impetus for innovation in new technology for more efficient use of energy and an end to wasteful use of precious energy. Redeploying monies currently used to artificially lower the cost of inefficient energy sources (promoting waste) is better placed in encouraging technology that raises the output per unit of energy currently used.

Lowering use through better efficiency trumps lowering consumption for sheer deprivation or sacrifice every time.

My apologies, but we have really spoken in the abstract through most of this series. I usually don't like to do that, but there is a purpose. In the coming weeks (but not every week), I will share with you some specific and practical ideas from various sources that will fit the principles we have shared here. It should be a lot less theoretical.

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I encourage you to consider ish our discussion of what I see your's and others' ideas on how as pertinent to a new, and effec- to achieve an energy policy that is best for this country. Share We've covered the basic prin- them with your neighbors, with

See you next time.

HIGHLIGHTS **OFAREA DRILLING ACTIVITY**

COMPLETIONS

Callahan County

Paragon Oil & Gas, LLC has completed a plug-back of the Three-J's #3 in the County Regular Field (8 miles SW of Putnam) at an initial rate of 32 BOPD & 4 BWPD in the Caddo (perfs 3244-52). Loc. is 330 FWL & 1280 FNL of Sec. 4, Blk. 5, SPRR Sur., A-1725.

Coke County

Southern Mineral Corporation has completed the Robbins #2 in the South Nipple Peak Field (5 miles NW of Bronte) at an initial rate of 56 BOPD & 20 BWPD in the Ellenburger (perfs 5816-55). Loc. is 2090 FWL & 870 FSL of Sec. 397, Blk. 1-A, H&TC Sur., A-397.

Concho County

Ultra Oil & Gas has completed the R. Pfluger #C-4 in the Dare I Field (7 miles SW of Eden) at an initial rate of 24 BOPD in the Hope reservoir (perfs 1500-12). Loc. is 1877 FSL & 2492 FWL of Sec. 25, Blk. 72, G. Pace Sur., A-1112.

Nolan County

Ventex Operating Corp. has comoleted the Brooks Ranch #3 in the Mulberry Canyon Field (6 miles NE of Nolan) at an initial rate of 25 BOPD & 120 BWPD in the Cisco (perfs 3965-69). Loc. is 330 FEL & 2367 FSL of Sec. 76, Blk. 5, T&PRR Sur., A-1703.

Taylor County

J&J Trading has completed the Hunt #1 in the Molly B Field (8 miles W of Bradshaw) at an initial rate of 55 BOPD & 12 BWPD in the Flippen (perfs 2892-2914). Loc. is 755 FNL & 330 FWL of Sec. 124, Blk. 64, H&TC Sur., A-1106.

STAKINGS

Callahan County

B.C. Clark has staked the W. McDaniel #21 in the County Regular Field, 3 miles SW of Cross Plains (Depth 400). Loc. is 450 FSL & 300 FEL of Lot 56, Comal CSL Sur. No. 181.

S.B. Street Operating, Inc. has staked the Cochran #7 in the Ciego Marrano Field, 8 miles SW of Baird (Depth 1700). Loc. is 2465 FNL & 1303 FWL of Sec. 2, Blk. 2, SPRR Sur., A-693.

Coleman County

Encon Services, Inc. has applied to plug back the Lavelle-Smith Unit #13 in the County Regular Field, 7 miles NE of Novice (Depth 3524). Loc. is 2933 FWL & 1615 FNL of Sec. 79, GH&H Sur.

Concho County

El Paso Systems has staked the Trogun Ranch -A-#1 in the Dare I Field, 6 miles SW of Eden (Depth 1700). Loc. is 330 FWL & 99 FNL of Sec. 161, Blk.

72, T&NO Sur., A-908. LeClair Operating has staked the Riley #2 in the Whitworth Ranch Field, 8 miles SE of Millersview (Depth 3000). Loc. is 840 FSL & 1400 FWL of Heinrich Janszen Sur. No. 1745.

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Obituaries

Arnold Ivan "Rass" Heathcott

ASPERMONT-Arnold Ivan "Rass" Heathcott, 75, died Wednesday, March 21, 2001, at his residence.

He was born in Dreggs, Arkansas, and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He married Novine Leifester on July 5, 1948, in Killeen, Texas.

Mr. Heathcott was a retired oilfield worker.

Register by

vote May 5

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April 5 to

Survivors include his wife, Novine Heathcott of Aspermont; four sons, Doug Heathcott of Houma, Louisiana, Billy Heathcott of Navasota, Llano Heathcott of San Angelo, and Rodney Heathcott of Austin; three brothers, Jim Heathcott of Houma, Louisiana, Ronnie Heathcott of Arlington, and Butch Heathcott of Waller; three sisters, Arlene DeFoor of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Maxine Pritchard of Winters, and Joyce "Sissy" Heathcott of Abilene; seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, March 24, in the Wingate Cemetery, directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Aspermont.

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mashed potatoes, tossed salad, hot roll, and chocolate cake. Wednesday, April 4: Liver & onions, scalloped potatoes green beans, bread, and glorified rice.

Thursday, April 5: Hamburger, French fries, fruit salad, pickles & onions, and dessert. Friday, April 6: Salmon croquette, pork & beans, mixed greens, cornbread, and peach





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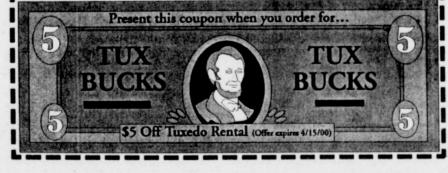


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Johnny H. Gann, Jr.

SAN ANGELO-Johnny H. Gann, Jr., 68, formerly of Winters, died Sunday, March 25, 2001, at his residence.

He was born February 24, 1933, in Guion in Taylor County and lived in Winters all his life, moving to San Angelo about a month ago. He served in the Texas National Guard for 13 years. He married Wilma "Mickie" Hester on January 23, 1970, in Abilene.

Mr. Gann worked at Dry Manufacturing for 35 years, most of the time as a supervisor. He was

a member of Southside Baptist Church in Winters. Survivors include his wife, Wilma "Mickie" Gann of San Angelo; three sons, J. Andy Gann of Corpus Christi, Ronnie A. Gann of Winters, and Mike Bowers of Coleman; three daughters, Teresa Allen of San Angelo, LaQueta Shelburne of San Angelo, and LaRita Wilder of San Angelo; two brothers, J.M. Brooks of Abilene and Charlie Brooks of Hillsboro; a sister, Nora Callaway of McKinney; eighteen grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Family visitation was at 6:00 p.m. Monday, March 26, in the Winters Funeral Home. Services were at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 27, at the Winters Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Dewayne Andrus officiating. Burial followed in Lakeview Cemetery in Winters, directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to Southside Baptist Church in Winters. or Vista Care Hospice, 1121 S. Bryant Blvd., San Angelo, 76903.

Dean Holder

ABILENE-Dean Holder, 87, formerly of Wingate, died Saturday morning, March 24, 2001, in an Abilene hospital.

He was born October 1, 1913, in Wingate and attended school there. He married Demetra Lee Kirkland on July 13, 1939, in Wingate.

Mr. Holder farmed and owned and operated a service station in Wingate for several years. He worked for Hendrick Medical Center from 1958 until his retirement in 1978. He was a member of the Wingate Masonic Lodge and the Calvary Baptist Church in Abilene.

Survivors include his wife, Demetra Holder of Abilene; a daughter, Jan Boggan and husband Bob of Abilene; a son, Kirk Holder and wife Jeannette of Arlington; one sister, Irene Walker of Tehachapi, California; two brothers, W.T. Holder and Roy Holder, both of Abilene; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Family visitation was from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. Sunday, March 25, at Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home in Abilene. Services were at 2:30 p.m. Monday, March 26, in the Wingate Baptist Church with Reverend Charles Myers and Reverend Kenneth Jones officiating. Burial was in Wingate Cemetery, directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to Hendrick Hospice or a favorite charity.

Robert (Bob) Hovorak

BALLINGER—Robert (Bob) Hovorak, 71, died Monday, March 19, 2001, at a San Angelo hospital.

He was born March 12, 1930, in Rowena to Paul and Frances Pe-

Mr. Hovorak was a lifetime farmer/stockman in Runnels County. He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, John and Joe Hovorak; and three sisters, Mary Hite, Frances Hampton, and

Survivors include one brother, Bill Hovorak of Wichita, Kansas; two sisters, Judy Paske of Ballinger and Pauline O'Neal of Winters; one sister-in-law, Helen Hovorak of Ballinger; and numerous nieces

Visitation was from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 21, at Rains-Seale Funeral Home in Ballinger. Graveside services were at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, March 22, at Rowena Evergreen Cemetery with Reverend Ferris Akins officiating. Arrangements were directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

Ima Mae (Fenwick) Neeley

PARK HILLS, MISSOURI-Ima Mae (Fenwick) Neeley, 68, fornerly of Winters, Texas, passed away Monday, March 19, 2001, at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis.

She was born April 24, 1932, in Rising Star, Texas, daughter of the late Enoich Alfred and Evia Cecil (Savage) Fenwick.

Survivors include her husband, Amos Leon Neeley of Park Hills; three sons, Daniel Neeley Sr. and wife Cheryl of Park Hills, Roy Neeley Sr. and wife Roxie of Warrenton, and Charlie Neeley Sr. and wife Judy of Park Hills; two daughters, Melinda Miller and husband Ron of Leona, Texas, and Rose Wright and husband Dave of Park Hills; thirty-six grandchildren; fourteen great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Mitchell Fenwick of Ballinger, Texas, and Vernon Fenwick of

Visitation was at 6:00 p.m. Thursday, March 22, at C.Z. Boyer and Son Funeral Home in Desloge. Services were at 1:00 p.m. Friday, March 23, at C.Z. Boyer and Son Chapel with Reverend Jim Muse officiating. Burial was in Odd Fellows Cemetery in Park Hills, directed by C.Z. Boyer and Son Funeral Home.

Amos Leon Neeley may be contacted at 914 Cochran Road, Park Hills, Missouri, 63601, (573) 562-7410.

Ruth Shields Strackbein ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO—Ruth Shields Strackbein, 80, died

Thursday, March 22, 2001, at Artesia General Hospital.

She was born February 19, 1921, in Wingate, Texas, to Jasper and Laura (Mayfield) Shields. She married W.B. "Booger" Langston on October 30, 1957, in Carlsbad, New Mexico. He preceded her in death on August 13, 1967. She then married C. Curtis Strackbein on March 29, 1975, in Coahoma, Texas.

Mrs. Strackbein was a housewife and a member of the First Baptist Church and the T.O.P.S. Club.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her second husband on

November 7, 1975; one daughter; two brothers; and one sister. Survivors include one son, Owen Nichols of Artesia, New Mexico; one daughter, Belinda Privetts of El Reon, Oklahoma; one sister, Lanell Shields of Longview; one brother, Pat Shields of Abilene; three grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Family visitation was at 10:00 a.m. Monday, March 26, at Terpening & Son Mortuary in Artesia. Services were at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 27, at Terpening & Son Chapel. Burial was in Twin Oaks Memorial Park, directed by Terpening & Son Mortuary, Inc.

Pallbearers were Cooper Henderson, Len Flaming, Jesse Acosta, Harry Wesson, Milton Menefee, and Ralph Shoemaker. Honorary pallbearers were Ernest Chavez, Shane Baker, Richard Martinez, and all the members of the Artesia Police Department.

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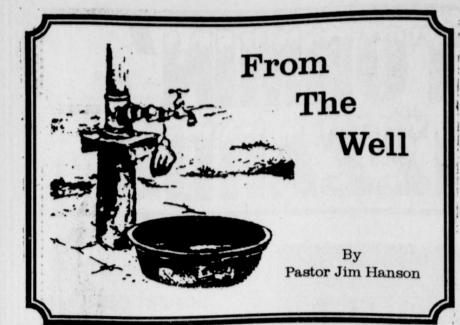
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Last week I wrote about Bibleman, and what an effect he is having on thousands ... truly hundreds of thousands of children. And some adults. And it got me thinking about the Bible. In my life. And in the life of folks I

I am quite certain that my first conscious awareness of the Bible was seeing my grandma hold it in her hands and read from it. Every morning. Usually "out loud." Sometimes in Norwegian, which I could not understand. More often in English. She was a Bible woman who, like the psalmist, could say, "I have laid up thy word in my heart, that I might not sin against thee." And my dad, who read to us from the Bible every morning and evening, at the breakfast table and supper table. I can still see him "open the Book," and since I was seated next to him (for purpose of quieting my restless body ... he often called me "wigglebottom"), I could see the way his hands cradled it. Like a most precious possession. He read it the same way. Savoring each word. My dad was a Bible man. His sermons were based on "The Word." Our home was a Bible home. I was blessed.

The churches I grew up in were Bible churches. One of the programs that was popular in those days was "The Pocket Testament League." Every year the women of the church would put on a big banquet for the youth. And bring in a top-notch speaker who would inspire us to "Take the Pledge." After the meal, served so well, and usually roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, and after his speech, the room was darkened. Beside each plate was a candle and a card. On the card was the pledge which was "I promise to carry a portion of God's Word on me, and to read a portion of God's Word every day."

We would light the candles, pick up the card, and together read the pledge. It was very impressive. Of course few of us oculd keep it perfectly. But we tried. I can remember one year when seven of us, all PTL members, placed our pocket testaments inside our football pants, along with our thigh pads! We would huddle in a corner, one of us would read a portion of the "Word," another would pray, and we were ready! It was good for us. How else can "a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to thy word." Psalm 119:9. We also had Bible Camp every summer. A full week, with kids from other churches in the area. I loved it. And also every summer, for two weeks, Vacation Bible School. We were well fed . . . with the Word.

Then after WWI, for whatever reason, there were changes. At least in my circles. Bible Camp became Church Camp. Although the format stayed the same. PTL Banquets went out of style, and, out of practice. I can still remember, with a chuckle, a time when I took a car load of men with me to Great Falls, Montana, for a Laymen's Conference. We drove up to the hotel, unloaded our gear, got into our rooms, and then bunched up in one room. We looked at the schedule, and the first session was a Bible study. That presented a problem. We had decided to walk to the church from the hotel, and one of the guys said, "We need to take the car. I'm not going to walk the streets of Great Falls, carrying my Bible, like some religious fanatic! "The others felt the same way. So, I said that I would carry the Bibles . . . that way we could leave the car and walk together. On the way back to the hotel, after that first meeting, I asked them if they wanted me to carry their Bibles. They all smiled, rather sheepishly, and said, "No, pastor, we were wrong to think that way. We decided to carry our own Bibles, no matter what people think." Believe it or not, that car load of men became worship leaders, lay preachers, men of the Bible, whose lives were formed by Scripture.

I was really heartened the other day when I read in the San Angelo paper a column titled "Legislators use Bible to survive the session." There are Bibles stored in the desk of each legislator, and they are used. The Bibles include messages and scriptures passed down from past and current legislators. Each session, legislators write in the Bible which scripture meant the most to them.

Can you believe it? They say that they draw comfort from the Bible being so close. One lawmaker said, "It becomes more and more apparent that we can't do this by ourselves. We have to have some outside help." He also said that he sometimes sees lawmakers sitting

at their desks, reading their Bibles. Some members of the House attend a Bible study every Wednesday morning. It's a "members only" gathering that some say gives them faith and strength to get through the rest of the week. While the gathering typically gathers about twenty lawmakers, sometimes there is standing room only. It is this group that makes sure that each desk in the House and the Senate, along with each statewide office holder, has one of the big blue Bibles.

Makes me proud. And humbled at the same time. To know that these elected officials are indeed Bible men and Bible women. And causes me to truly believe that we are a "nation under God." Just like our founding fathers determined. Thank God for the Bible. "God's Word is our great heritage." Amen.

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> > Birthday Boy #2 is Oscar Ummelman.

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Second Annual Relay for Life scheduled for June 1-2 at Winters Track Complex

Local organizers for the Second Annual Winters Relay for Life have announced plans for the event scheduled for June 1 & 2 at the Winters Track Complex. A fund-raising effort for the American Cancer Society, Winters' first relay held last July, raised \$7,500 for cancer research, prevention, and education.

The Relay for Life is a national fund-raising project for the American Cancer Society which is sponsored in communities all over America. Other local relays are scheduled in Abilene, San Angelo, Brownwood, and Comanche, to name a few.

The event involves teams of 10 to 15 members each, from throughout the community and surrounding areas, who are encouraged to commit to raising a minimum of \$25 per team member for the American Cancer Solap by cancer survivors will start the walking relay. Following the first lap, teams will have one team member walking on the track at all times until the relay ends at 6 a.m. the next morning.

Decorated "tent cities" will be erected around the track's perimeter by each team. A host of tournaments including volleyball, horseshoes, and washers will take place throughout the night in the "spirit of friendly competition," among team members who are not on the track at the time.

Grilled hamburgers and hot dogs will be served along with a community pitch-in picnic to open the event. Music will be provided by Abilene DJs throughout the entire event, and a variety of games and dances will be enjoyed

Christmas In April is in need

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House captains are in need of

workers at each individual site for

carpentry, scraping/painting,

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trical work, roofing, and general

clean-up and "gopher work."

while project.

Beginning at 8 p.m., a victory candlelight ceremony which will feature a darkened track lit solely by luminaries purchased in honor of cancer survivors and in memory of those who have lost the battle.

In an emotional tribute, musical selections will be presented by local talent along with a special message and reading of the names for whom luminaries where pur-

An awards ceremony and breakfast will close the event at 6 a.m. on Saturday, June 2.

Last year's first event attracted some 350 participants. The goal of this year's organizers is to double participation and the amount of money raised.

"We've chosen the first weekend in June," said Winters' Relay for Life Coordinator Kelly Lipsey, "in hopes of increasing At 10 p.m. on Friday evening, the number of people involved. all walking will cease for a Last year we ran into conflicts

Christmas In April in need of volunteers &

monetary donations for April 21 workday

Colburn, or Bob Lindley.

If that's not your cup of tea,

CIA is also in need of volunteers

for snack wagons to deliver cook-

ies, fruits, chips and drinks as well

as lunch during the noon hour, to

the worksites. Volunteers are also

needed to provide these home-

made treats which are enjoyed by

site workers throughout the day.

ner will be served to volunteers

at the school cafeteria on the April

In addition, breakfast and din-

with family vacations, reunions, and softball tournaments. Hopefully we can eliminate some of those problems this year with the early summer date."

As one local businessman commented at the end of last year's event, "This is the best community-wide event we've had in a long time-for any reason. Everyone is together...young and old...just having a really good time. It was great!"

Though summer still seems a ways off, NOW is the time to begin organizing teams for this worthwhile community event. Team captains may register and receive packets by contacting Kelly Lipsey at 754-4505 or 754-4388 or Sherry Kurtz at 754-

Anyone wishing to help organize the event is invited to the next meeting set for Wednesday, April 4 at 5 p.m. at 302 Laurel Drive.

Former residents clarify rumors

To the citizens of Winters,

and my husband have been spreading like wild flowers in that

I am writing this letter to make it VERY clear that Mark Welander and Jeri Lynn Welander are still married. Mark was never fired from the Winters Police Department or ever asked to resign.

back home where he is from. We made the change in scenery so we could be close to both of our families, especially for our children.

We still communicate with people in Winters, and we felt after the things they told us, this let-

We want to thank those who cars fixed when needed, car pooling, etc. You know who you are. We, however, do NOT want to thank those of you who tried your best to stir up our family life. That shows insecurity and jealously; you know who you are!!

Lyn Welander are doing fine and well. Mark is still in law enforcement and I still in nursing.

Sincerely, Jeri Lyn Welander

P.S. If you would like to e-mail any comments feel free: jerilyn_welander2001@yahoo.com

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Letter to the Editor

of volunteers for the 2001 workday to be held on Saturday, April 21. Anyone in the community is encouraged to volunteer their

Numerous rumors about me

We are doing fine and well

helped us when we lived there, such as babysitting, getting our

Stating the fact, Mark and Jeri

If you are capable of any of 21 workday. Volunteers are needed to help prepare the meals these skills and would like to as well as serve and clean-up afwork on a house this year, contact one of the following five Christmas In April is a one-day house captains to volunteer your time: Lanny Bahlman, Lewis project to repair area homes of the Bergman, Hank Bourdo, Phil elderly and/or disabled who are

Winters Assembly of God to host revival April 1 through 6

ter was important for us to write. Reverend Bernie Guebara to be guest evangelist



Reverend Bernie Guebara and wife Beatrice

Reverend Bernie Guebara of San Angelo will be evangelist for the revival Sunday through Friday, April 1-6, at Winters Assembly of God Church, 304 Wood

Sunday services begin at 11:00 a.m. and again at 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday services will be at 7:00 p.m.

Brother Bernie was employed by United Parcel Service for several years until following his call to the ministry about two years ago. Since then, he has preached in many area churches.

Pastor Bob Jones will lead singing.

financially unable to help themselves. The goal of CIA is to assist in providing a safe and dry environment in which to live.

Volunteers of all ages and walks of life from throughout the community join together in this time of work and fellowship for a fun-filled day of community ser-

Anyone wishing to volunteer in any capacity is asked to contact Audine McBeth at 723-2073.

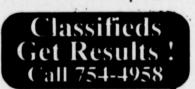
As a reminder, monetary donations are still being accepted to help pay for the cost of materials to repair the five homes chosen for this year's project. Contributions may be sent to CIA, PO Box 262, Winters, TX, 79567.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank everyone who honored us with their presence at our fiftieth wedding anniversary reception.

To those who sent cards, we have enjoyed reading each one. And to our children, we say thank you for giving us a celebration we will remember for the rest of our

Cecil & Pat Hambright



Social Security rep speaks to Literary and **Service Club**

Garland Gregg, field representative from the San Angelo Social Security Office, spoke to the Literary and Service Club on Thursday, March 22, at 5:30 p.m. in the home of Jean Owens.

Mr. Gregg explained an individual's entitlements - what and when a person is entitled to Social Security benefits - and told of the changes being made annually. He also answered many questions pertaining to these same

In the business meeting, plans were made for attending the annual convention in San Angelo in May. Also discussed were trips to Paint Rock, Brady, and to The Barrow Museum.

Salad, pinwheels, quiche circles, chips, and ice cream sandwiches were served. Hostesses were Jean Owens and Eris Beard.

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Jamie Lankford grew up in Garden City and is a graduate of Howard College of Dental Hygiene. She is married to Kelly Lankford, a student at Abilene Christian University. They live in Abilene where she is also employed in the office of Dr. James Brooks and Dr. Terrie Lovelace. Mrs. Lankford is available in Winters every Tuesday.

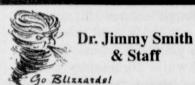


Current or former patients wanting to utilize these services should contact Dr. Russell's office at 754-5538.

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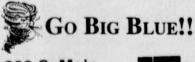


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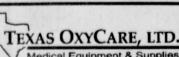




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CAFETERIA MENU April 2-6

Subject to change* **Breakfast** Monday-April 2 Pancakes/Syrup

> Cereal Juice Tuesday-April 3 **Toast**

Cereal Juice Wednesday-April 4

Blueberry Muffins Cereal Juice

Thursday-April 5 Cheese Toast Cereal

> Juice Friday-April 6 School Holiday

Lunch Monday-April 2 Chicken Nuggets/Gravy **Mashed Potatoes** June Peas Hot Roll Pineapple Chunks

Tuesday-April 3 Turkey Roast/Gravy **Mashed Potatoes** Green Beans Hot Roll Pears

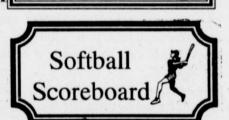
Wednesday-April 4 Soft Taco/Meat/Cheese Red Beans **Tossed Salad** Fruit

Thursday-April 5 Bar-B-Q on a Bun French Fries **Pickles** Sliced Peaches Cookie Friday-April 6 School Holiday

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Feam: Varsity Softball Coach: Ed Poehls Date & place of game: March 20, 2001 — Winters Opponent: Coleman Losing pitcher: Eileen Alvarado Losing catcher: Tracie Morrison Key plays: We had some real good plays outfield and infield, but some

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strike out. Our opponents had a very good pitcher and played great defense. I am proud of the Lady Blizzards for the way they moved the ball. If we keep this up, we should make a run during the second round of district play.

Oops! We goofed.

Kayla Horton's name was omitted last week from the list of players of the 7th grade tennis

We apologize to Kayla and her family for the oversight.

Jean Boles, editor



THE ONE ACT PLAY CAST of Winters High School recently competed in UIL competition in Coleman. Cast members Kayla Colburn and Candess Johnson were named Honorable Mention All-Star Cast. Front row (I-r): crew member Cecelia Ovalles, Mandy Pritchard, Kayla Colburn, Kacy McCuistion, and Lori Bredemeyer. Middle row: Brian Pritchard, Candess Johnson, Brandi Baize, Kari Walker and Carmen Martinez. Back row are crew members Guy Slimp (left) and Shane Colburn. The play, "The Summons of Sariel," was under the direction of Kaylene Bergman.

Freshman orientation set Monday, April 2

Important meeting for current 8th graders and their parents—

Freshman Orientation for current 8th graders is scheduled Monday, April 2, at 7 p.m. in the WHS auditorium.

Four-year plans will be discussed, and registration for classes will begin.

Parents and students are encouraged to attend this very important meeting.

For more information, contact high school counselor Charles Murphy at 754-5516, extension

Elementary accepting G/T nominations

by Brilla Magee, Elementary Gifted/Talented Coordinator

Nominations are being accepted for the Winters Elementary Gifted/Talented program.

If you believe your child might benefit from a gifted/talented program, we welcome your nomina-

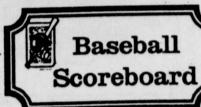
Nomination and Parent Permission for Testing forms may be obtained from the Elementary Principal's office. All forms must be completed and returned by April 30, 2001.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME 2:00 AM, SUNDAY, APRIL 1ST



SPRING FORWARD

Turn clocks forward one hour.



Team: Blizzards Coach: Chris Bearden

Date & place of game:

March 16, 2001 — Cisco

Opponent: Cisco (District Game) Losing pitcher: B. Blaine Losing catcher: A. Medina Key Plays: Josh Minzenmayer's home-

run in top of the 7th to tie the game, 6-6. Runs Hits Errors WINTERS OPPONENT 8

Coach's Comments: A game we should have won-lost it on three key errors. We hit much better with Louis Esquivel going 3 for 5 with 2 singles and a double and Minzenmayer going 2 for 2 with a single and a 2-run homer and 2 walks. Record: 2-4; 1-3 District.

Team: Blizzards Coach: Chris Bearden Date & place of game: March 20, 2001 - Winters Opponent: Coleman (District Game) Losing pitcher: B. Blaine Losing catcher: W. Blaine **Key Plays:**

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Coach's Comments: Coleman hit the ball extremely well the first inning with 7 hits and 9 runs. After that it was tough to get motivated since we were not hitting ourselves. Record: 2-5; District 1-4.

Coach: Chris Bearden Date & place of game: March 23, 2001 - Winters Opponent: Jim Ned (District Game) Losing pitcher: J. Minzenmayer Losing catcher: A. Medina Key Plays: In the 1st & 2nd innings, 3

Team: Blizzards

errors cost us 4 runs Runs Hits Errors WINTERS 5 10 OPPONENT 15 14 114

Coach's Comments: Jim Ned hit the ball extremely well with 14 hits/6 doubles. We hit the ball very well also, especially Will Blaine who went 3 for 3 with a double and Josh Minzenmayer who went 2 for 3. Record: 2-6; District 1-5.



DOING A GOOD DEED, getting some sunshine and fresh air, and enjoying their spring break from school made for a fun day for (I-r) Katy Wilkerson, Kinsey Airhart and Rachel Davis as they scraped away old paint from property belonging to Katy's grandfather. The girls also plan to paint the building which will enhance the appearance of the downtown area on Main street.

BLIZZARD ACTIVITIES MARCH 29-APRIL 5, 2001

EXTRA-CURRICULAR -Mar. 29, District UIL, Hawley

WHS Auditorium -G/T Nominations due to elementary and high schools. JR. VARSITY BASEBALL -Apr. 2, Coleman*, H, 4:30 p.m.

SOFTBALL —Mar. 30, Bangs*, T, 4:30 p.m. —Apr. 3, Hawley*, H. 5 p.m. VARSITY & JV TENNIS

*Denotes District Play

-Apr. 5-6, Coleman Tourney -Mar. 30-31, Colorado City -Apr. 4-5, District, Abilene

VARSITY GOLF -Apr. 2, 3rd Round, District -Apr. 2, Freshman Orientation, Golf, Maxwell, Abilene VARSITY BASEBALL

-Mar. 30, Bangs*, T, 4 p.m. -Apr. 3, Hawley, H, 4:30 p.m. JUNIOR HIGH TRACK -Mar. 29, Plowboy Relays, Roscoe, 3:45 p.m.-Field Events,

4 p.m.-2400 M Run, 6:15 p.m.

Running Finals Only

VARSITY/JV TRACK -Mar. 31, Bluecat Relays, Coleman, 9 a.m.-Field Events, 3200 M Run-10:30 a.m., Runnings Finals Only-1 p.m.

WHS Class of 1961 looking for members

The Winters High School Class of 1961 is looking for information about the following classmates:

Betty Blackledge Brooks Ernest Cathey Glenda Crenshaw Graham Kenneth Crowe **Bruce Waggoner** James Williams.

If anyone has an address of one of the above, please call Connie Mac Gibbs at 915-754-4782. The Class of '61 is planning a

reunion in the fall of 2001. Classifieds Get Results

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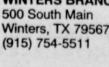
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WILL BLAINE, pitcher for the varsity Blizzards, gets ready to throw against the Coleman batter as teammate Louie Esquivel covers first base.

Blizzards take fourth at San Angelo Relays; too cold at ACU for Ladies

fourth in Division 4 of the San Angelo Relays run at Bobcat Stadium last weekend. Coleman won 11" and Rusty Jackson's 136' 6". the meet followed by Iraan and

letes, WHS brought home two clocked at 23.0 golds, a silver, and two bronze

Samson Jackson won the shot Fenwick. put with a toss of 55' 8 1/2", while with a put of 50' 8 1/2" and Rusty Jackson finished fourth with a throw of 49' 5 1/2".

In the discus, Winters placed ACU on Monday night.

Home School Workshops set for March 31

There will be free Home School Workshops on Saturday, March 31, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Abilene. The program will take place at Beltway Park Baptist Church, 4009 Beltway South (707), across from Wylie Middle School.

The event will feature speakers Tim Lambert, president of Texas Home School Coalition, and his wife Lyndsay, and is sponsored by Big Country Home Educators.

The workshops will include "Texas Home Schoolers & the Law," "Home Schooling: the Good, the Bad, and the Ugly," "What Comes After Graduation?," "Keeping Peace at Home," and "Courtship from a Father's Perspective."

Bring a sack lunch and visit with the Lamberts from noon to 1 p.m. Admission is free and open to anyone interested in home schooling. You many attend all or any of the workshops. For more information, call 695-2166.

The Winters Blizzards placed second, third and fourth. Hoppe threw 146' 10", while Samson Jackson's throw measured 142'

Tony Aguero placed first in the 800 M Run with a time of 2:05 Competing with only six ath- and fourth in the 200 M Dash

> Also competing for the Blizzards were Juan Santos and Tim

Fenwick.
The Lady Blizzards traveled to teammate Chris Hoppe took third ACU for the All-American City Track Classic but withdrew from competition due to the weather. They ran in a practice meet at

> - Both teams plus the Blizzard JV will travel to Coleman for the Bluecat Relays on Saturday. Field events are scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. The 3200 M Run will start at 10:30 a.m. and running finals are scheduled for 1 p.m.

> In the last meet before district, Winters will compete against Albany, Cross Plains, Early, Eastland, Hawley, and Coleman.

Women's Service League to donate \$1,000 towards refurbishing **Scout Hut**

In their business meeting of March 22, the Women's Service League voted to donate \$1,000 towards the refurbishment of the Winters Scout Hut.

Also discussed was the availabity of club cookbooks. Women's Service League still has a few cookbooks for sale. Please contact Carla Hooper at 754-

In honor of the cookbooks, members put together one of their favorite dishes from an included recipe, and all enjoyed a wonderfully, delicous meal.

Colby Walker wins Big Lake tennis tourney

Colby Walker, WHS senior, captured the singles title at the Big Lake tennis tournament last weekend.

Winning his first two matches by tiebreakers (9-7 and 7-1), a determined Walker overpowered the Wall player in the finals to take the

Colby's sister, Laci, a WHS sophomore, won her first match, then lost 7-4 in the tiebreaker in the second round to Reagan County. Senior G. G. Hernandez also won his first match 6-1, then fell in

second round play to Wall. Winters High players will compete at Colorado City this weekend, in preparation for the district meet April 4 and 5, at Abilene Christian University.

Winters Secondary School G/T nominations due by Friday, April 27

by Charles Murphy, Secondary School Counselor

education of Gifted/Talented students requires that school districts provide services to students identified in one or more of the following academic areas: Math, Science, Social Studies, and Language Arts.

Due to this State requirement, Winters Junior High and High School will assess all nominated seventh through eleventh grade students. This assessment will occur in the spring of the school

If you believe your child might benefit from a Gifted/Talented program in one or more of these

The Texas State plan for the academic areas, we welcome your nomination.

> The identification process includes a parent nomination, a teacher nomination, a general intellectual abilities test, and an achievement test. Nomination does not necessarily mean acceptance into the program; however, it will initiate the identification

Nomination forms must be completed and returned to the counseling office by Friday, April 27. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Charles Murphy at 754-5516.

State Bound to Corpus Christi—



WINTERS HIGH SCHOOL has earned the right to compete in the Small Schools Academic State Meet on Sunday, April 22, in Corpus Christi. WHS originally just missed the opportunity to earn a trip to the state meet after placing third in the regional meet held at Coleman earlier this year. Only the top two teams advance, however, the team's overall score of 34, a ten point improvement over last year's results, ranked higher than some of the other region's second place schools. Consequently, Winters was issued an invitation to the state meet after all. The team consists of one "A" student, a "B" student, and a "C" student, plus one alternate. Team members shown above are (l-r) Ryan Bland, Raul Zermeno (alt.), Stacey Walden, and Aaron Pritchard. Not pictured is WHS Small Schools Academic Team advisor Cheryl Kruse.

Searching for '91 WHS graduates

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WISD Pre-K and Kindergarten Round-Up set for Tuesday, April 17

pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 17, 2001, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Elementary Library.

Parents of children who will be four (4) years old for pre-k, or five (5) years old for kindergarten, on or before September 1, 2001, should bring birth certificates (hospital and church records), immunization records, and Social Security cards.

Those students not enrolled in '

Pre-registration for 2001-2002 kindergarten and who will be six year. on or before September 1, 2001, should also register for the first grade.

A four-year-old child shall be eligible for pre-kindergarten if he/ she is unable to comprehend the English language or is from a family whose income is at or below subsistence level.

It is VERY IMPORTANT that all students be pre-registered. The school needs to determine the number of pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, and first grade teachers needed for the 2001-2002 school

The Winters I.S.D. is required to provide a summer school program for limited English proficient students who will be eligible for admission to kindergarten and first grade at the beginning of the school year.

Students may be signed up for this class at the Round-Up. If you believe your child is eligible, please come and register.

This district must have 10 eligible children to offer this summer program.

Steve Esquivel

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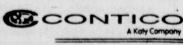
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The depths of depression

by Dorothy Stout, resident of Winters

I would like to bring up a subject that most people are afraid to talk about but many are suffering from. That subject is mental illness — depression, anxiety and panic disorders, obsessive-compulsive disorder, and bipolar disorder (also known as manic-depressive disorder). And these are just a few in a large field.

The word "mental" illness makes these sound like something that should be hidden in the closet, and that is the way many people treat it, even now in the 21st cen-

What a shame, because these are indeed physical illnesses. The cause of these illnesses is an imbalance or a shortage of certain brain chemicals. These chemicals are supposed to be manufactured in the body just like other chemicals and hormones necessary for the body to function. These brain chemicals are used to send messages from brain cell to brain cell to keep the brain functioning properly, which in turn keeps the body functioning.

It works the same way as other organs that produce chemicals or hormones. If the thyroid gland does not produce enough thyroxine, the whole body system is off. A person with this condition must take a pill to replace the thyroxine needed.

If the pancreas does not produce enough insulin, a person would have to take medication to replace the insulin that the body can't produce.

It's the same with the brain chemicals. If the body can't produce enough or if they become imbalanced, medication can help produce them or get them in bal-

I have suffered with "mental" illness, in the form of depression, for most of my adult life. I told

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began taking medication and having counseling. I kept it to myself because I noticed that if I mentioned the words "depression" or "taking medication for depression" or "counseling" to anyone, they would start avoiding me. Or they would give me advice like "get over it," or "shake

About five months ago when I told my doctor that the medication wasn't working, she suggested that I get more help. I checked myself into a psychiatric hospital and began the process of getting a diagnosis and getting on the right medications.

You see, unlike diabetes, thyroid disease or other illnesses, there are no diagnostic tests in this field. They can't do a blood test or an x-ray and determine which disorder you've got. It's based solely on symptoms and on which medications seem to work.

It took four hospitalizations and many hit-and-miss trys before I was finally diagnosed with bipolar disorder (manic-depressive disorder). The reason it took so long to diagnose was because my phases of depression were long and deep and my manic phases didn't last long enough to be recognized as mania. The first diagnosis I was given was major depressive disorder. I was treated with antidepressive medication which seemed to work, until I hit a manic phase, then I would be right back in the hospital.

I thank God that I now have a proper diagnosis and I am on the correct medication for my illness.

The last five months, however, have been quite an ordeal for me and my family. When I went into the hospital the first time, I had lots of support from friends. They all called to check on me and wish

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my doctor some years ago and me well, and I could feel their prayers lifting me up.

> The second trip to the hospital was different. I didn't feel as much concern or prayer support. I did have one or two friends supporting me and praying for me, but the rest weren't there.

> The third and fourth times I felt like I was almost totally on my own. I know that everyone got tired of trying to help me, because they didn't understand why I wasn't responding to treatment. I know it is hard to be there for someone when you don't understand, but what I have is a physical illness, just as if I had cancer, heart disease, or a broken bone.

> What you would do for one of these illnesses or injury is exactly what you would do for someone with what I have.

> And my husband was right when he told me that getting treatment would put a stigma on me. I can see it everywhere I go. And about the only place I go is church where I can see it in the faces of some people that they are afraid to approach me because they don't know what to say. And then others say too much when they tell me it's no wonder I got depressed with all I do, taking care of six kids and teaching kids' classes at church.

This kind of statement implies that I don't really have an illness, but I've just stressed myself out by doing too much.

But I do have an illness, and my doctor says it will get worse as I get older. I also have four hospital bills that are just as real as if I'd been treated for cancer or a heart attack.

I also have less friends than I did five months ago but I know who my real friends are. I also have a "stigma" of mental illness attached to me, and last of all but not least - I have the right medication to treat my physical illness. I thank God for that.

If you suffer from depression, I want you to know that help is ing. Noble wants to thank each available. It's not easy to come by and everyone who remembered because of the old-fashioned attitudes of some people, but it is worth going through in order to have any quality of life.

And if you know someone going through it, take them to get help and don't ever say to them, "get over it" or "snap out of it."

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Crews News By Hilda Kurtz

A balanced diet is a cookie in each hand.

Hopewell Baptist Church had a good attendance on Sunday. After the morning services all enjoyed the monthly dinner. Visitors on Sunday were Chris Shields of Abilene, Joe Webb of Coleman, Scott, Tracie, and daughter Ashley Talbott of Lubbock.

Those attending Hopewell Bible study on Monday morning were Selma Wilkerson who taught the lesson, Ramona Akins, Melvena Gerhart, and Nila Osborne. Leona Matthis was a

Many more Happy Birthdays to Leona Matthis and Noble Faubion.

Melvena and Marvin Gerhart were in Clyde to spend Sunday with their kiddos Keith, Cathy, and Caylie Gerhart.

Coleman Foreman went in to see Lawan after lunch at the church on Sunday. On Friday Coleman went to see his heart doctor in San Angelo for his check-up.

Adeline Grisson had eye surgery on Thursday in the Winters hospital by Dr. Troy Carter. She is recovering nicely at home. Daughter Phyllis Byrd of Abilene spent Saturday with her.

Doris Wood spent the day and night in the hospital and had several check-ups. So far so good. Spending Sunday with Doris were Mr. and Mrs. Maloey Bryant, and Robert and Douglas of Abilene, and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Calcote of Winters.

Pat Cooper spent Wednesday in the Winters hospital for her annual check-up. Sharon and Bill Grissom and son Russ of New Braunfels spent Friday through Sunday.

Tuesday was Noble Faubion's 85th brithday. His daughter Eileen made him his favorite cake—angel food with seven minute frosthis special day with cards and calls. Thanks again!

Bro. Ferris and Ramona Akins and Ronald Presley visited Noble and Harvey Mae Faubion during the week. Rodney Faubion and his wife visited them on Saturday

OIL BIDNESS, cont'd

R.L. Adkins Corp. has staked the Morrow-State #3 in the Mulberry Canyon Field, 4 miles NE of Nolan (Depth 4400). Loc. is 1274 FNL & 517 FWL of Sec. 68, Blk. 5, T&PRR Sur., A-1867.

Aspen Exploration, Inc. has staked the L. Arledge, et al #1 as a Wildcat, 15 miles W of Blackwell (Depth 7500). Loc. is 1498 FEL & 2078 FNL of Sec. 236, Blk. 1A, H&TC Sur.

Chisholm Operating, Inc. has staked the Brooks #1 in the Mulberry Canyon Field, 6 miles NE of Nolan (Depth 4300). Loc. is 2287 FNL & 330 FEL of Sec. 76, Blk. 5, T&PRR Sur., A-1312.

Pioneer Exploration has staked the TXL -K- #8 in the Northwest Hylton Field, 8 miles S of Nolan (Depth 6400). Loc. is 1518 FSL & 50 FWL of Sec. 21, Blk. Z, T&PRR Sur. RULE 36.

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Dinero Operating Company has staked the Belk #2 as a Wildcat, 3 miles NE of Norton (Depth 4500). Loc. is 1100 FNL & 475 FEL of Blk. 18, T.M. Fowler Sur. No. 440, A-177.

Enrich Oil has staked the C. Poe #1 in the Howerton Field, 4 miles W of Winters (Depth 4999). Loc. is 2180 FSL & 2650 FWL of Sec. 68, Blk. 63,HT&B Sur., A-708.

Texas United Geoproduction, Inc. has staked the Middleton-Dorsett Unit #1 in the Dorman Field, 4 miles N of Winters (Depth 4600). Loc. is 2540 FSL & 1700 FWL of T.J. Runnels Sur. No. 2,, A-1046.

Thomas Oil & Gas, Inc. has applied to plug back the McNeil #4 in the West Norton Field, 2 miles N of Norton (Depth 5300). Loc. is 767 FEL & 2500 FSL of H&GN Sur. No. 5, A-272.

Taylor County

L.C.S. Production Co. has staked the Aneff #1 in the Weaver Springs Field, 5 miles S of Trent (Depth 4999). Loc. is 414 FSL & 678 FEL of Sec. 66, Blk. 19, T&PRR Sur.

Star Production, Inc. has staked the F. Shelton #1-228 in the County Regular Field, 7 miles NE of Shep (Depth 4000). Loc. is 2480 FEL & 1723 FNL of Sec. 228, Blk. 64, H&TC Sur.

Tristar Exploration, Inc. has staked the C.L. Reddin #1 in the Reddin Field, 5 miles NE of Merkel (Depth 3000). Loc. is 839 FSL & 330 FEL of Sec. 26, Blk. 17, T&PRR Sur., A-824.

Tom Green County

Eddie Mayo has applied to deepen the McGill #1 in the Susan Peak Field, 10 miles NE of Christoval (Depth 5100). Loc. is 1000 FEL & 1500 FNL of Sec. 20, Blk. 25, H&TC Sur., A-8635.



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and Sunday.

Eileen Cartwright went with her mother Harvey Mae Faubion to Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo where Harvey Mae had minor treatments done. She came home the same afternoon and is doing fine.

Tiffany Prater and Eileen Cartwright were in Abilene shopping on Tuesday. On Saturday Kenny and Eileen and Tiffany were in Sweetwater and visited Jeremy Prater who is living there now. They enjoyed eating some good pizza and doing some shopping. On Sunday night the Cartwrights all attended a special sermon at their church in Coleman and had a wonderful singing.

Selma Wilkerson visited Frances Chapman in Ballinger on Tuesday. On Thursday she visited Dorothina Wilkerson inWinters.

S.K. Alexander of Austin visited Helen Alexander a few days. Stefanie and Simon Camacho Skipbo.

of Wingate enjoyed supper with Nila and Therin Osborne on Fri-

Nila and Therin Osborne and Ramona and Ferris Akins attended the association meeting on Wednesday at the First Baptist Church in Winters.

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My daughter Hildegarde of San Angelo spent Thursday with me. In between giving me a permanent she found things to work on. She brought me some onion plants. The blackbirds already got my first ones!

Katy and son Kelton Grigsby of Abilene spent a week with Linda and Dale Duggan.

The Crews Cemetery Association meeting will be April 14 at the Crews Cemetery. More about this later.

Carol and Mike Kozelsky, daughter Jeanna, and Mark Cournayer, Beverly VanZandt, and Margie Jacob all recently enjoyed a fish supper at the Hord's Creek Cafe.

Margie Jacob dropped by to visit with her new neighbors, Bob and Francis Hall, who have recently moved out to Crews, then she also went by to Georgia Gibbs'

On Friday night, Margie was over to see Evelyn Jacob, and they enjoyed playing lots of

A fisherman from days gone by, Now it's dominoes for this birthday guy!

He plays to win, And that's no jive, Even at the age of 85!





Happy Birthday!

Love, Wendall, Brenda, Kendra, Jeremy & Brooklyn

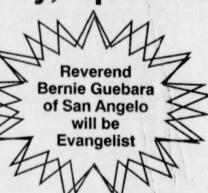
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Solutions for this puzzle appear in this issue. *******************************

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Poe's Corner

By Charlsie Poe

Alex Orr and his ties to Winters

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Many might wonder how it came to be that I spent so much time with Wash and Lela Nance, my maternal grandparents. It is no secret that my mother was in poor health much of my life. This tied my dad down quite a bit in that he could not spend as much time working as he really needed to.

By Mother and me spending the summers there with Mom and Pop, it freed my dad up to spend those months really applying himself to his work. In my last two years of high school, it was evident that Mother would be in and out of hospitals.

That is why I spent those two years at Winters and graduated from Winters High School in May 1943. My senior year I was editor of The Gale, which was our high school newspaper. Our sponsor was Floy Hood, now Mrs. Homer Hodge.



Charlsie Poe

kept us in line. The staff of The Gale had a lot of fun putting the paper out. It was printed there at The Winters Enterprise. I don't recall that we earned a Pulitzer Prize, but we did learn a lot and treasure those memories.

High School in 1943, I went back to Tyler where I went to Tyler Junior College in the '43-'44 year. The summer of 1944 I went to the University of Texas (now Austin) which at that time did not have the network of universities that it now includes.

In January 1945, I went into the She really put up with a lot but Army Air Corps (Aviation Cadet

Program). The war ended in August 1945, so I never finished flight training. I did get to fly as an Aerial Engineer on B-17s at the Hobbs, New Mexico, air base, during the summer of 1945.

Experiences there were the basis for my short story, "The Wild Goose," which you also used in your column. The name came from the war weary B-17 on which I flew. In January 1946, I went back to the University of Texas and picked up where I had left off a year earlier. In May After graduating from Winters 1948, I graduated with a BS degree in electrical engineering.

While my grandparents were still alive, we made it a point to get back to Winters for visits a time or two each year. It was always "coming home" for me. Over all those years while growing up in Winters, I made many, many friends for life. For the past 10 or 15 years, Nannette and I

have gotten back to Winters to check on cousins, Laura and Lucy Kittrell. As you know, Laura passed away some years ago following the death of her husband, Rankin Pace. Lucy passed away in May 2000.

While in Winters on those visits, I also saw to the cleaning off of the cemetery lots of our family at Fairview Cemetery. Those were the lots of the following families: W.W. Nance, J.L. Pumphrey, C.F. Pumphrey, and S.L. Alexander.

At my age, 74, I am going to turn this responsibility over to our two sons, Kevin and Lex. It is a "labor of love" to be continued. In 1910 there was a contest to name the new cemetery west of Winters. My great-grandmother, Mary Margaret Pumphrey, submitted the winning name, "Fairview." I never found out what she did with the \$10 prize she claimed.

To be continued



Jace Janner Wade & Melinda Cuellar

Wade, Cuellar wedding planned for May 19

Jace Tanner Wade, graduate of Winters High School, and Melinda Cuellar, graduate of Ballinger High School, will be joined in holy natrimony on Saturday, May 19, 2001, in Ballinger.

Jace is the son of Melanie and Donald Wade of Winters. He is currently employed by Coca-Cola Enterprises in Abilene and will continue a computer-networking course at Texas State Techical Col-

Melinda is the daughter of John H. and Joelda Cuellar of Ballinger. The couple was blessed on March 20, 2001, with the birth of their daughter, Jenessa Jacette. She weighed 6 lbs., 5 oz. and was 19 inches

The new family will make their home in Abilene.

Financial Focus

by Jim Woodruff

IRAs—You Have a Choice

Many people think of an IRA as a specific type of investment, like you died prematurely. a CD or bond, but it is really an account that allows the investments within it to grow tax-deferred. You can put a variety of investments in your IRA. Which investments are best for you depends on your time horizon (How long until you retire?), your risk tolerance (Can you tolerate movements in the stock market?) and your retirement goals (How much money will you need?). Here are a few of your IRA investment choices:

People for whom safety is an overriding concern may opt to invest their retirement funds in FDIC-insured certificates of deposit (CDs). When you invest in a CD, your money earns interest at a specified rate, which will generally increase with the length of CD maturity. Two and your rate of return may be significantly lower than what some other one some of the vest laises and \$2,000 at 5% disadvantages of a CD IRA are that you own only one investment type IRA investment options offered.

Mutual Fund IRA IRAs comprised of mutual funds may be a good choice for investors who want more variety in their IRAs and more growth opportunities than CDs. Mutual funds offer a mix of stocks or bonds, or a combination of the two, that are professionally managed by the fund company's money managers. Mutual funds comprised of bonds offer a more predictable rate of return, while mutual funds comprised of stocks offer more growth potential.

Annuity IRA It may seem strange to buy a tax-deferred investment to hold in a tax-deferred account, but annuities offer two features that are not available on other investments, either inside or outside an IRA: 1. The possibility of income payments you cannot outlive and 2. A guaranteed death benefit. A lifetime payment is valuable if you're concerned about having enough income for a long life and a guaranteed death benefit is important if you are concerned about what might happen if

Self-directed IRA

A self-directed IRA offers the most flexibility of all the types of IRAs. Any number of investments such as stocks, bonds, mutual funds, CDs and annuities can be used in a self-directed IRA. This investment flexibility also allows you to better diversify your IRA to maximize your return potential and minimize your risk. Consider the following example of the benefits of diversification:

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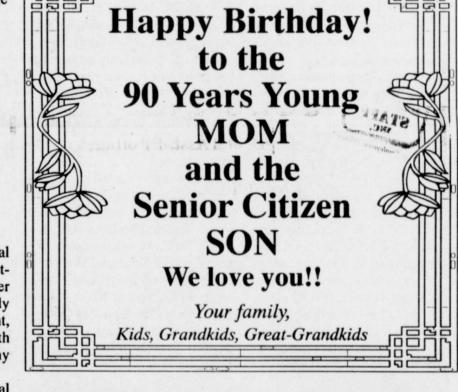
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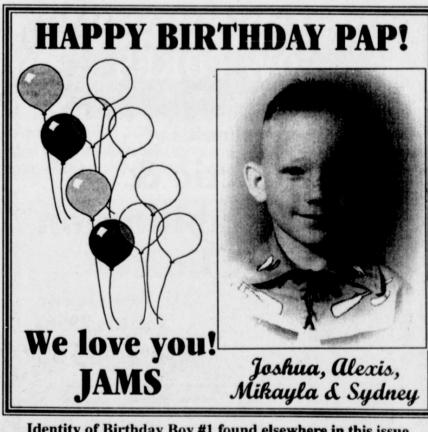
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\$96,276 Despite the fact that one of Cindy's investments resulted in a total loss, the value of her other four investments surpassed Paul's invest-

ment by a wide margin at the end of 25 years. By spreading her retirement savings dollars among several different investments, Cindy reduced her risk of being closely tied to a poor-performing investment, while taking advantage of the greater potential offered by growth investments. Of course, this is an example and does not represent any specific investments. All of these investment choices are available in either a traditional IRA or a Roth IRA. Your investment representative can help you







Identity of Birthday Boy #1 found elsewhere in this issue.

The man who does not read good books has no advantage over the man who can't read. - Mark Twain

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Susan Mansell's painting to be featured in a national exhibit

A painting by Susan Mansell of Ballinger will be featured in the upcoming National Exhibition of Transparent Watercolors.

The Midwest Watercolor Society will host the 25th Annual National Exhibition of Transparent Watercolors from May 12-July 29, 2001, at the Elmhurst Art Museum in Elmhurst, Illinois.

Approximately 900 slides were submitted by 486 artists from the United States, Canada, and Mexico, and 81 paintings were selected. Mansell's painting, "The Colors of Mexico, SMA," was one of the selected paintings. This painting won an Honorable Mention at the Stars of Texas Art Exhibit in Brownwood.

This year's juror of selection and awards is Cheng-Khee Chee, MMWS, AWSDF, NWS, an Associate Professor Emeritus of the University of Minnesota. Among his publications are "The Watercolor World of Cheng-Hee Chee, Old Turle" (illustration) and contributions to books and maga-

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A TEAM EFFORT was needed as Johnathan Plumley (left) and Joe Asebiz of Winters snagged this 19 lb. bluecat. The large fish was caught on a pole with stink bait at the Elm Creek Reservoir on March 19.

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Stewards of the Soil

By B.D. Davis, Biologist/Land Manager

Cow manure — worth more than wheat

it may well be true. Up the country a ways a garden store sells 40pound bags of "Premium Cattle Poop" for \$3.29 per bag. This figures a little over 8 cents per pound.

Wheat here in Runnels County was selling for \$2.40 per bushel a while back. This figures 4 cents per pound. Thus a 40-pound bag of wheat would be worth only \$1.60.

The value of a 40-pound sack of wheat would not buy a hamburger at the local hamburger place—a burger costs \$2.10. However, the value of a sack of "Premium Cattle Manure" would buy a burger. It would almost buy the burger, an order of fries, and a drink-that combination costs about \$3.89.

However, to look at this in another way, cow manure does have

This is a sad state of affairs, but value—maybe more than a person thinks. Researchers have determined that a 1000-pound cow will eliminate waste at the rate of approximately 50 to 60 pounds per day.

> That waste will contain roughly .35 lbs of nitrogen, .23 lbs of phosphorus, and .28 lbs of potassium according to J. Salatin in his book "Salad Bar Beef." Applying the value of fertilizer Larry Walker of the Wingate Gin quoted a few weeks ago makes the daily output from the cow here in Runnels County worth nearly 26 cents per day. Thus one cow's waste is worth approximately \$7.80 per month or roughly \$94.90 per year.

She returns that fertilizer back to the land on which she is grazing. She also adds organic matter to the soil. Whether it is a cow doing it in present day Runnels County or a buffalo in the 1860s

it seems to be nature's way.

The wheat, however, will be exported out of the county to make hamburger buns or whatever. A certain amount of our land's fertility will go with itfertility that must be purchased and artificially replaced for our land to remain productive. Wheat that yields 25 bushels on one acre would be 1500 pounds of grainthis contains a lot of fertilizer.

The above is not as simple as it is stated as the cow (along with her offspring) eventually gets exported too. She would also need to distribute her waste evenly over the land to be effective in redistributing the fertilizer—she only partially does.

He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man: that he may bring forth food out of the earth. Psalm 104:14

Ag Talk

by Congressman Charles Stenholm

Disaster payments going out, budget calls for 8% decrease in ag. funding

Crop Disaster Payments

Following up on last week's show, I am pleased to report that crop disaster payments have been going out to producers this week.

Many county FSA employees worked through last weekend and as of Tuesday, March 20, the state FSA office had paid out over \$122 million in disaster payments. (Editor's note: In checking with the Runnels County FSA office on Friday, a spokesperson said local crop disaster payments will "still be a while in coming," however the Ballinger office is working hard to expedite that process.)

The sign-up for crop disaster programs began January 18, 2001. Interested producers should contact their local USDA Service Center or Farm Service Agency county office to file an applica-

To be eligible, farmers must have suffered at least a 35% loss to one or more of their 2000-year crops due to natural disasters, including drought.

The drought we have seen in Texas and other parts of the country over the last several years has made these disaster payments necessary.

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Last year, USDA issued more than \$1.2 billion in crop disaster payments. The deadline for filing applications will be announced

House Budget Committee

approves president's proposal Last week, the House Budget Committee approved President Bush's proposed budget for the coming fiscal year.

Unfortunately, the president's budget calls for an 8% decrease in agriculture funding from last year.

This proposed cut comes at a time when America's farmers and ranchers are struggling against low prices, record production in other parts of the world, bad weather, and increased energy

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RSWCD sponsors youth for summer leadership camps; leases seeder/packer for CRP enhancement

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The Runnels Soil and Water Conservation District has reelected Ed Bredemeyer to serve Zone 4. Bredemeyer has served on the board in Zone 4 since his election in 1988.

Youth workshop sponsorships County 4-H and FFA student to attend the Youth Range Workshop in Junction. As of last year, RSWCD is also sponsoring a Runnels County 4-H and FFA student to attend the Buckskin Brigade and Bobwhite Brigade.

The Range Workshop recognizes outstanding students interested in agriculture, and serves to develop leadership and advanced training in practical range, ranch and natural resources management. The Youth Range Work- Broaddus.

shop is conducted by the Texas A&M Department of Ecology and Management under the direction of Dr. Barron Rector and sponsored by the Texas Section Society for Range Management.

The Buckskin Brigade Wildlife Camp is in its second year and the Each June, the Runnels Soil Bobwhite Brigade Wildlife Camp and Water Conservation District is in its ninth year. The intensive seeding. This packer should be is proud to sponsor a Runnels four-day camps are designed to very helpful to anyone who make quail or deer experts of their participants. Cadets are schooled in quail or

deer biology and management by leading wildlife scientists from across Texas. The Buckskin Brigade is held at La Bandera Ranch near Carrizo Springs. The Bobwhite Brigades have three camps located at Krooked River Ranch in Lueders, La Bandera Ranch near Carrizo Springs, and Pinewoods Conservation Center at

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Any Runnels County 4-H or 365-3415, Ext. 3. FFA member interested in attending any of these camps should contact their 4-H or FFA leader for an application.

Seeder/packer available

The RSWCD has a seeder/ packer available to rent to anyone wishing to pack the ground after wishes to lease the equipment from the district. The cost is \$1.50

The District is also selling seed to producers. For the producer who has to enhance his CRP acreage or plant CRP for the first time, the district will be glad to order the seed needed.

Anyone wanting to lease the packer or order seed may come by the Natural Resources Conservation Service office at 2000 Hutchings Ave in Ballinger or call

Pond Management Seminar

The RSWCD and the Runnels County Extension Service will sponsor a Pond Management Seminar on Tuesday, April 24, beginning at 9 a.m. in the Ballinger City Park.

Butterflies need sunlight to

Three speakers will be featured and three CEUs will be offered for anyone wishing to earn continuing education credits for their private pesticide license. Anyone wishing to order fish to stock or restock their ponds will be able to do so at the seminar, with a delivery date of May 11.

A noon lunch of fried catfish will be served for a cost of \$5 per plate. Reservations should be made by Tuesday, April 17, by calling the RSWC office at 365-3415, Ext. 3 or the Extension office at 365-2219.

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today. Circle each word that you find and list it in the space provided at the right of the grid. Words can be found in all directionsforwards, backwards, horizontally, vertically and diagonally. An example is given to get you started. Can you find today's 20 words?

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Snakes alive... or dead!



RANDALL UNDERWOOD of Dallas killed these seven snakes under the front porch at the old family ranchhouse, approximately 15 miles west of Winters. Randall is the son of Marva Jean Underwood of Winters. The family is remodeling the house which is over 100 years old and discovered these critters during the renovation. The oldest snake had 10 rattlers. With the weather turning warm and snakes beginning to move, residents are warned to be on the lookout.

Conservation News & Notes

Patience is the advice for restocking rangeland

given by Ronnie Vanicek, Natu- and recuperation time following ral Resource Team Leader with the Natural Resources Conserva- restocking now could cause a tion Service in Ballinger, when it long-term decrease in the carrycomes to restocking rangeland this spring. Vanicek said there are two reasons we should be patient.

The first reason is that we really cannot be certain the drought is broken. The only sure way to know when a drought is broken is to be out of it for six months or

The second and most important reason to postpone restocking of to wanteek; "plants are just tike" promote range recovery."

on electric deregulation.

be sure where we're headed.

electric cooperative.

"Don't give your horse

the spur till you know

Patience! That is the advice humans in needing plenty of rest an illness." He went on to say that ing capacity of our rangeland.

> The National Weather Service's Climate Prediction Center is predicting that the area could see a return to a more normal rainfall pattern this spring and summer. With this in mind, the Natural Resources Conservation Service is recommending the follow-

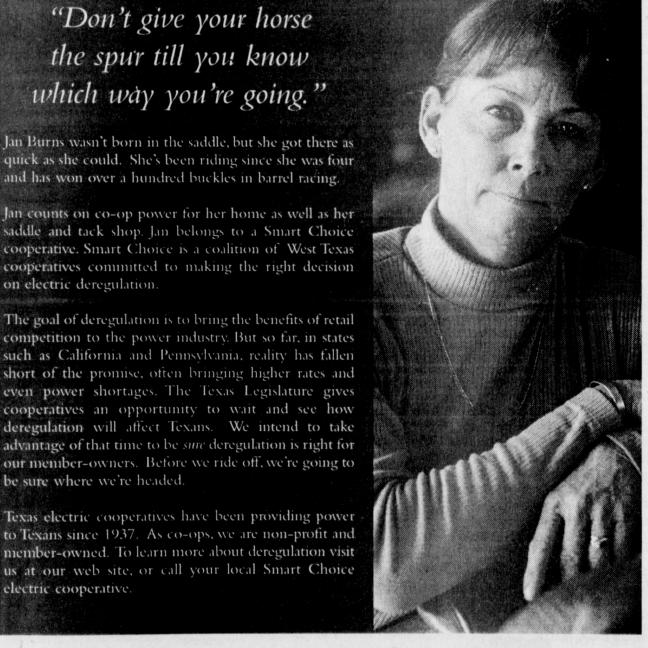
ing range management practices. rangeland is to allow the better at least 120 days this spring (April grasses and forbs to recover from 1-August 1). A full growing seathe effects of drought. According son deferment is really best to your natural resource concerns.

· When restocking, stock at 70-80 percent of the ranch's carrying capacity with breeding females. The remaining forage can be used by retaining calves, lambs, or wether goats. This one practice can do so much in helping minimize the effects of the next drought.

 Manage the grazing of livestock with a properly designed planned grazing system.

· Make it your goal to not overgraze your rangeland.

You may call the NRCS at 365-• Defer abused rangeland for 3415, Ext. 3, or come by the office at 2000 Hutchings Avenue in Ballinger for more information on



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Conservation News & Notes

By Ronnie Vanicek, District Technician

How plants grow-

Take advantage of present conditions to allow CRP a chance to recover for the future

their food from the soil. But this is not true.

If we were to analyze a sample of soil, we would find no proteins, no starchers or sugars, no fats —

in fact, no food. What we would find are minerals such as nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, calcium, sulfur, iron, and numerous trace minerals. These are "raw materials" that are needed for plants

to produce food. The table included in this article is adapted from a book entitled "Plant Science," which was published by McGraw-Hill and written by J.A.

Barden. R.G. Halfacre and D.J. Parrish outline the composition of a typical plant.

These raw materials are absorbed through the roots and transported to the leaf once water

favorable for plant growth. In the leaf, the raw materials are mixed with air. Energy supplied by the sun then converts the raw materi-

als and air into plant food.

Many people believe plants get is available and temperatures are research that removing 50% of the leaf volume stopped three percent of root growth. It took the plant 17 days to recover this root growth stoppage. Harvesting 60% of the leaf volume stopped 50%

of root growth, and it took 19 days to recover. Removing over 70% of the leaf volume stopped all root growth, and it would take a month or more for the plant to recover. This key research shows why a planned grazing system is needed to promote efficient harvest of the grazing plant.

Contact the Re-Natural sources Conservation Service at

915-365-3415, ext. 3, or come by our office at 200 Hutchins Avenue in Ballinger for more information on this or other conservation problems.

Composition of a Typical Plant % Fresh Weight % Dry Weight **Element** Oxygen 81.0 44.5 Carbon 6.8 11.5 6.0 Hydrogen 1.5 Nitrogen Potassium 0.15 1.0 0.05 0.35 Calcium 0.02 Phosphorus 0.03 0.20 0.03 Magnesium 0.15 0.02 Sulfur 0.10 0.015 Chlorine 0.01 0.015 Iron Molybdenum 0.008 0.05 0.02 0.003 Zinc 0.02 Boron 0.003 0.01 0.001 Copper 0.08 Other 0.175

Referring to the table, we see that approximately 95% of all elements needed for plant growth come from the air. The leaf is the food factory. F.J. Crider in 1955 found in his



DEANNA GOFF (center) was a winner in the Calf Scramble Event at the 52nd Annual San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo held February 10, 2001. For this catch, she earned \$1,000 to apply toward the purchase of a new calf for stock show purposes. She had previously earned \$250 in a calf scramble at the West Texas Fair and Rodeo in Abilene in September. DeAnna is a sophomore at Roscoe High School and is the daughter of Garry and Debbie Goff of Roscoe and the granddaughter of Robert and Virginia Carey of Winters.

Your 1099 is in the mail

If you are a Social Security beneficiary, you can look forward to getting your "Social Security Benefit Statement for Tax Year 2000 (SSA-1099)" soon. Social Security has just finished mailing out more than 48 million.

Some people who get Social Security have to pay taxes on their benefits. Form SSA-1099 shows the total amount of benefits you received in the previous year. You use it when you complete your federal income tax return to find out if any of your benefits are subject to tax.

For more information on taxation of Social Security benefits, call the Internal Revenue Service's toll-free number, 1-800-829-3676, to ask for "Publication 554, Tax Information for Older Americans."

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Happy Birthday! We love you very much!!! by Bruce Townsley

the site of one of 12 old missile silos surrounding Abilene and Dyess Air Force Base. Silos became operational in 1962 and were abandoned by the U.S. military in 1965.

The Atlas ICBM (Intercontinental Ballistic Missile) Historical Society will be hosting a tour of this silo on Saturday, March 31, 2001, from 2 to 4 p.m, weather permitting. This will be the first time an open house has been held at this particular site.

The Abilene-based Atlas ICBM Historical Society will coordinate the event that will include a tour of the underground facilities. In this particular site, the owner lives in the first level of the Launch Confrol Center (LCC), the former "F". underground command center.

Guided tours will be held in the second level of the LCC as well as in the silo itself. Visitors will enter the silo through à 40-foot long tunnel, 45 feet underground. This is one of the few sites in the area with structure remaining in the silo. The 578th SMS (Strategic Missile Squadron) personnel who performed duty in this silo from 1962 to 1965 will conduct the briefings. Other Society members will assist as well.

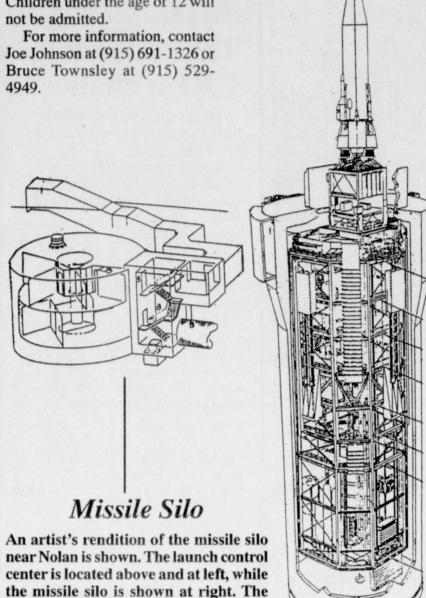
The Atlas ICBM Historical Society exists to study, collect, and preserve accounts, historical records, and artifacts relatAtlas ICBM and the facilities created to deploy the Atlas; to identify and, whenever possible, preserve relevant items. Joe Johnson, Executive Director of the Society, stated that a desired product of their activities is the "Unity of all Americans in a fuller understanding and appreciation of these technologically remarkable military systems."

The Atlas missile system was the first comprehensive and operational ballistic missile system in the U.S. The "F" type was the first vertical, in-ground missile launch configuration to be put into use by the United States. All subsequent missile systems, including those in use today, use the vertical, in-ground launch configuration pioneered by the Atlas

However, unlike current systems, the Atlas was not "silo launched" and had to be raised to the surface prior to launch. Made obsolete by the advances in solid propellant fuels and rocket motor technology the liquid-fueled Atlas was decommissioned in 1965. The 72 sites across the nation were declared "excess" by the government and sold. These sites are now in the hands of private parties and various municipal organizations, including school districts, across the country.

The location of the missile site is 1 mile north of Oplin, or 6 miles south of Texas Highway 36, on FM 604. The Atlas ICBM Histori-

The community of Oplin is ing to the history of the Convair cal Society is asking for a \$10 donation per person for the tour. Children under the age of 12 will



courtesy drawing

Police Beat

The information below is taken from reports on file with the Winters Police Department. Some of the information is provided to police by citizens, and in some cases, police have not finished investigating the reports. These reports make up a small percentage of the total calls the Department receives and responds to each week. Winters Police Department reports received and/or investigated from Sunday,

March 18, 2001, through Saturday, March 24, 2001. Winters Police Officers: received report of an intoxicated female in the 200 block of S. Melwood Street. A 22-year-old female of Winters was located, and officers determined she was under the influence of alcohol. The female was issued a citation for public intoxication and

 received report of a theft in the 200 block of Roselane Street. A male subject of Winters reported finding a storage shed behind his house had been ransacked, and a number of items including a lawnmower and tool chest were taken. There are no suspects at this time and no witnesses have been located. This is under investigation

• received report of a theft in the 100 block of N. Melwood Street. A female subject of Winters reported that between the hours of 1:35 and 2:10 p.m. on Thursday, a purse was removed from her vehicle. Officers located the purse a short distance away and two Hispanic males were seen rapidly leaving the area. This is under investigation as burglary of a motor vehicle.

received notice from Tom Green County Sheriff's Office of a female subject in Winters with approximately \$1,200 in county warrants and approximately 46 municipal warrants. The female was located in the 100 block of N. Grant Street. Rebecca Tanner was taken into custody and transported to Runnels County Jail.

• received report of a burglary in the 300 block of Redtner Street. A female subject of Winters reported finding her home ransacked and an undetermined number of items missing. The suspects further ate the victim's groceries leaving the cupboard full of dirty dishes and then urinated on the victim's floor. Evidence was collected at the scene, and this is under investigation as burglary of a habitation.

· observed a 1997 Plymouth car nearly collide with another vehicle at the intersection of Jones and Concho Street. After stopping the vehicle, an odor of alcohol was detected on the driver. The driver was offered several field sobriety tasks after exhibiting signs of intoxication. The driver, Arturo Reyna of Winters, was arrested for felony driving while intoxicated and possession of marijuana Class Bafter the narcotic was found in Mr. Reyna's back pocket. He was taken to Runnels County Jail.

· while processing the arrestee's vehicle several onlookers became agitated at having the DWI's suspect's vehicle impounded. One male subject confronted the officers and began shouting profanities. The male was ordered several times to calm down and not disturb the public peace, but the male continued. As officers attempted to arrest the male, he became combative and was taken to the ground for restraint purposes. The male, Oscar Ortiz of Winters, was arrested for disorderly conduct (language) and resisting arrest and taken to Runnels County Jail.

 a search warrant for illicit narcotics, which was executed at a house in the 500 block of E. Truett Street on March 17, 2001, resulted in the confiscation of two unknown powdered substances. The unknown substances were taken to the Department of Public Safety Drug Lab and tested positive for cocaine and methamphetamine. Warrants for possession of a controlled substance were issued out of Justice of the Peace Precinct #2 Court for the arrest of Tony Devan Chavis and Billi Jo Gray. Mr. Chavis was located at his residence in the 500 block of E. Truett Street and taken into custody. Under two ounces of marijuana were discovered in his back pocket, and he was also charged with Class B possession of marijuana. Mrs. Gray turned herself in to the Runnels County Sheriff's Office the following day. Both have been released on \$10,000 bond.

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Chief warns of car burglaries

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Winters Police Chief Carey Balentine would like to issue a word of caution to area residents about a recent rash of automobile burglaries.

launch control center and the main

portion of the missile silo are below

Balentine says that drivers should use extreme care and not leave cars and pickups unlocked, or even leave valuables such as cell phones, CD's, or purses in plain sight. Burglars are breaking car windows to take things from cars, Balentine reports.

Between March 4 and March 10, officers of the Winters Police Department investigated eight reports of vandalism and burglaries of vehicles.

Winters rebates increase 2.63%

As reported by the office of State Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander, March sales tax rebates for the city of Winters increased 2.63 percent as compared to the prior year's March payment.

March's sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected by monthly filers in January, and reported to the Comptroller in February.

Winters' rebates totaled \$10,687.57 this reporting period. For the prior year's reporting period, rebates totaled \$10,412.91. Receipts in Miles increased

32.31 percent; Ballinger decreased 44.52 percent and reported \$17,731.92 in payments.

City sales tax rebates to date for Runnels County for the 2001 reporting period total \$206,618.80, an 11.10 percent increase as compared to last year's period total of \$185,971.54.

The current city sales tax rate for Winters and Ballinger is 1.5 percent. Miles is 1.00 percent.

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation is scheduled for Friday, April 13.

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March 30, 2001, the City of Winters above named location. It has been identified as a violation of City Health and Sanitation Ordinance, dangerous premises in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 3 Article 3.400 Section 4.401 (a-d) (Substandard Building) of the City Code of Ordinances. If any interested parties have questions and/or comments, contact City Hall, 310 S. Main, Winters, Texas 79567, or call 915-754-4424, Monday through Friday, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. 12-12(2tc)

> NOTICE OF INTENT TO NOTIFY

OWNER OF ADDRESS: 606 Wood Street, Winters, TX, **Runnels County** Lot 7-8, Block 10, Vancil Addition

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County Court Dispositions Christian (Chris) Clayton, criminal

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Notice is herby given that on cated (subsequent offense), pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in county will mow and clean the property at jail probated to two years, fined \$1,500 plus \$235.25 court costs and 80 hours community service

Julian Hernandez Jr., driving while intoxicated, pleaded nolo contendre, sentenced to 120 days in county jail probated to one year, fined \$750 plus \$235.25 court costs and 50 hours community ser-

> Criminal Cases Filed March 19

Joshua Christian Morgan, filed for minor in possession of alcoholic beverage (appeal from Justice of the Peace Court,

Juan E. Mireles, filed for driving while intoxicated

Betty Cox, filed for driving while license suspended

Joe B. Folsom, filed for driving while intoxicated Anselmo Escamia Landeros, filed for

driving while license suspended March 20 Melissa Sue Lopez, filed for making a false statement to a peace officer

March 21 David Jacob Goetz, filed for violation of a driver's license restriction Julie Elayne Richardson, filed for possession of a controlled substance

Sharon Walls Campbell, filed for possession of marijuana Tony Devan Chavis, filed for posses-

sion of marijuana Billie Jo Gray, filed for possession of

Robert Brady VanZandt, filed for driving while intoxicated Jackie Dwayne Carmack, filed for pos-

session of marijuana **Civil Cases Filed**

March 5 Leasecomm Corporation vs. Lynn Westerman, foreign judgment

Marriage Licenses Filed March 21 James Ray Plumley and Laura Jean

District Court Civil Cases Filed March 20 In the interest of Michelle Weather-

man, transfer of motion to modify **Grand Jury Indictments** March Term

Rene Flores, Ballinger, driving while intoxicated (two prior convictions) Mitchell Hernandez, Eden, two separate counts: unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and burglary of a building

Manuel Gonzalez IV, Eden, two separate counts: burglary of a building and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle Michael Byrd, Ballinger, two separate

counts of theft (\$1,500 to \$20,000) Robert Schultz, theft (\$1,500 to Billy Ray Shields, Ballinger, driving

while intoxicated (two prior convictions) Alfredo Santos Gauna, Ballinger, forgery by passing

Sharon Beaver, Ballinger, fraudulent use of indentification information Christian Felipe Erazo, Abilene, retali-

Ernest Gonzales Jr., Amarillo, driving

while intoxicated (two prior convictions) Mickey Shane Smith, Winters, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon Tanya New, Winters, possession of a prohibited substance in a correction fa-

Sylvia Ann Fuentes, Miles, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, motor ve-

Maria Louisa Gonzales, Ballinger, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon Carlton Ray Whitlock, Miles, possession of a controlled substance Willie Valverde Jr., theft (\$1,500 to \$20,000)

> Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 **Felony Cases Filed** March 19

Terry Plumley, filed for endangerment of a child Albert Horton, filed for endangering a

Criminal Cases Filed March 19 Lee Maas, filed for theft by check **Small Claims Cases Filed** March 19

J. Gore vs. Glenn King, wedding pho-Higginbotham Bros. vs. Jamie Correa,

Higginbotham Bros. vs. J.R. Harrell,

estate of Louise Harrell, account



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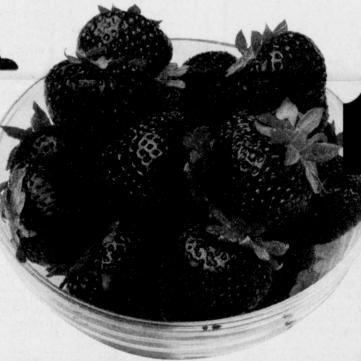
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