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Pearls of Wisdom

No one is useless in this world who lightens the burden of it for someone else.

Pastor's **Points**

..but words can never hurt me. Pastor Lola Scott reminds us just how hurtful the words we speak may be to others.

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Holy Week services planned

April 14-18, 2003 will be observed as Holy Week in Winters. A special service will be held each day at noon at the Winters Community Center.

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Applications being taken

Winters Elementary is now accepting applications for the Gifted/Talented Program in grades 1-5. Applications are due by April 21 page 5

A miracle: Almost ten years in the making

Editor Jean Boles shares a heartwarming story about one mother's journey to bring her daughters home. After their father took them to Beruit nine years ago, during what was supposed to be a weekend visitation, the girls are now back home with their mother, in Lubbock.

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Letters to the editor

City Manager, Aref Hassan shares his feelings of being on the right track; while a local citizen advises parents to be strict and take responsibility for their children and their actions. Another letter to the editor may be found on page 2.

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Shackelfords celebrate "best Spring Break ever"



THE SHACKELFORD FAMILY enjoyed their "best Spring Break ever" as Devon (front, left) and Dalton won first place in each of their market steer divisions at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Devon went on to win Reserve Champion Hereford steer honors and show in the Grand Champion Steer drive in Reliant Stadium. They are shown with their

by Deb Pritchard, assistant editor

While some relaxed at home or took a trip over the spring break holidays, one Winters family was making history and memories to last a lifetime.

Winters FFA Advisor Roy Shackelford has taken many a market steer and exhibitor to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo in his 22 years at WHS and only twice has one placed first in its class. Ben Barker exhibited a first place medium weight Limousin steer in 1992 and Shane Lewallen had a first place ABC steer in 1997.

Only once, when Lewallen's steer was named Champion ABC, has an exhibitor he's advised been in the Grand Champion drive with all the other top steers—the benchmark of the show.

That is until this past week, when not only one of his FFA members exhibited a first place steer, but a second garnered the same honor just moments later. To top it off the first exhibitor won Reserve Champion breed honors and a trip to the Grand Champion

Perhaps the best part of the story however, is that after 22 years of diligence and dedication to numerous FFA families in Winters, some of those same families were able to watch Roy Shackelford's children reap top honors

See HOUSTON, pg. 4

proud parents, Roy and Ann Shackelford. WISD trustees hear reports on grade improvements, drug testing

by Jean Boles, editor

sounded much like a "good news, bad news" exchange.

First the good news.

David Hale reported substan- math textbooks. tial improvement in test scores

still have a long way to go. ing efforts in the junior high

Monday night's meeting of We're still getting good parent school. the WISD Board of Trustees involvement and that is making a difference."

Hale also attributes the improvements to increased tuto-Secondary School Principal rials and the arrival of new

and lowering failure rates in Clack told the board that next in grades pre-kindergarten the 7th and 8th grades since the school year, from the very beparent meeting of January 30, ginning, even more emphasis "We're started in the right will be given to study skills, direction," said Hale, "but we testing, strategies and counsel-

Elementary Principal Brilla Magee said tutorials in her school were also improving test scores and grades. She added that three new students were enrolled Monday, bring-Superintendent Danny ing the total number of students through six to 386. Hale reported 315 students in grades 7 through 12. The Average Daily Attendance on 3/4/03 See WISD, page 5

WVFD Auxiliary to host meal Sunday

a Chicken Fried Chicken Din- bler and tea. ner on Sunday, March 23, from 11 a.m.to 1 p.m. in the WISD Cafeteria.

mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, livery.) Tickets may be pur-

The Winters Volunteer Fire green beans, hot rolls, your chased in advance from any Department Auxiliary will host choice of peach or cherry cob-auxiliary member or at the door.

with carry-out available. De- tact Jennifer Cravens at 754livery will also be available for 4958 or 754-3220 after 5 p.m. The menu will include those who are unable to attend. or Debbie Lange after 5 p.m. at chicken fried chicken, creamy- (Please call in advance for de-

For more information or to The price is \$5.00 per plate, request delivery, you may con-

How I spent Spring Break-



THESE YOUNG VOLUNTEERS, Tia Davis, Ricky Sanders, and Aaron Grenwelge, spent two days of their Spring Break raising money for the Winters Public Library. The trio, along with friends, initiated the idea and operated a lemonade stand in front of the library, even making deliveries to businesses downtown. (photo by Jean Boles)

Applications being accepted for April 8 Special Election

The County Clerk's Office is now accepting applications for early voting by mail for the April 8th Special Election for County Commissioner, Precinct No. 2. A voter must reside in Election Precinct No. 2 or No. 3 to be qualified to vote in this election. A qualified voter may vote in this election regardless of whether or not they voted in the November General Election. A qualified voter is eligible to vote by mail if the voter:

1. expects to be absent from the county of residency on election day AND during the regular hours for early voting by personal appearance;

2. is disabled;

3. is confined in jail as follows:

a. serving a misdemeanor sentence for a term that ends on or after election day;

b. pending trial after being denied bail;

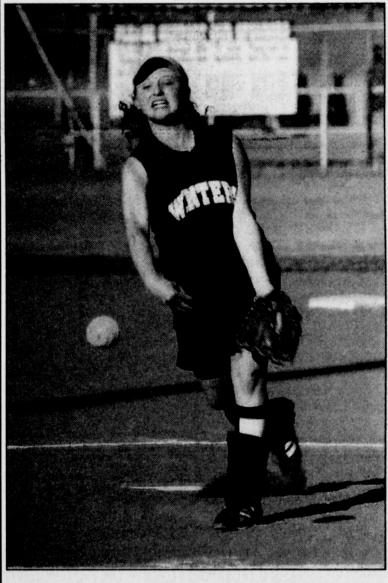
c. without bail pending an appeal of a felony conviction; d. pending trail or appeal on a bailable offense for which release on bail before election day is unlikely.

Applications to vote by mail will be accepted through April 1, 2003.

Any qualified voter of Election Precinct No. 2 or No. 3 will be eligible for early voting by personal appearance at the County Clerk's office beginning March 24, 2003, through April 4, 2003, from 8:30 a.m.-noon and 1:00-5:00 p.m., Monday through Fri-

Weekend voting will be conducted Sunday, March 30, 2003, between the hours of noon and 5:00 p.m. at the Runnels County Clerk's office in Ballinger and at the Runnels County Tax Branch Office in Winters.

For further information or to request an application to vote early by mail, please contact the County Clerk's office at 365-2720.



(photo by Deb Pritchard)

AMBER GREEN whips in the fast pitch during a 15-1 trouncing of the Lady Hawks of Wall on March 4. The Lady Blizzards will kick off district play against the Lady Indians at Jim Ned on Friday, March 21.

Garland Richards asks Commissioners to support Fort Chadbourne

Runnels County Commissioners heard a report from Garland Richards on the Texas Forts Trail at a special meeting Monday, March 17.

Richards, who is working to restore Fort Chadbourne through the Fort Chadbourne Foundation, told the Court the Texas Forts Trail had originally been established by the Texas Department of Transportation in 1968.

Texas Forts Trail was originally a 650-mile tour of several restored forts in Texas. The Trail now includes Runnels County's Fort Chadbourne, which, Richards said, had received a restoration award from the Texas Restoration Commission.

Richards outlined the financial benefits to Runnels County and asked the Commissioners

Court to approve a resolution in support of Fort Chadbourne. "I'm not asking for any money, just your pledge of support at the present time," Richards

County Judge Marilyn Egan said the resolution would be put on the next meeting agenda for discussion and action.

In other business, the Court approved a second Letter of Agreement between the City of Abilene and the County to provide funds for road materials to rebuild portions of County Roads 164 and 147. The two roads were damaged in construction of the Abilene-Ivie pipeline. The City of Abilene agreed to provide \$2,868 for the materials for repair.

Other agenda items and action taken included:

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Editorial

Oil Bidness

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lighted the newest world records in the business. After reading over them, I thought it would be useful to share some of those with you illustrations of how innovation, because they indicate how far this diligence, and pursuit of profit business has moved into the 21st century.

Hart's E&P is a respected industry publication that covers the world of oil and gas in many facets. In their latest issue, they include their annual recitation of world records. Some of the new world records are due to implementation of high tech equipment, others are due to innovative use of technology by hard-working field hands, and others are the result of long-term diligence in trying to improve methods used in finding and producing oil and

Some of the more noteworthy include records in drilling wells.

In one field in the Middle East, one bit ran more than 20,000 feet before being changed, beating the previous record by 4,000 feet! Another record described a perforating interval of almost 5,000 feet, making the common 20 and 30 feet perforating jobs look almost inconsequential.

A list indicating wells that had been drilled over 5 miles (over 26,000 feet) has grown so long, that is no relegated to the "oh yeah" section. Not too long ago, anything over 20,000 feet was considered ultra deep. Now, it is just a "pretty deep" well, but a mile or so short of the 5-mile club. One well was drilled to 28,901 feet — not too far from 6 miles.

Some really impressive records for those frugal operators out there concerned longevity of equipment, particularly bits. Late last year, one bit ran a cumulative 203,000 feet before being retired. Some bits don't see that much distance counting their runs in a pickup to the location!

In the emerging world of lateral wells, there are a number of very interesting records.

One well included 12 laterals off one vertical well bore. Another well drilled over 100,000 feet of horizontal section in laterals off one well! For the average be three or four laterals that drill 175. a thousand feet or so each.

Other records related to surface facilities.

The world's longest pipeline was finished during 2002 and it wasn't cheap but worth every Sur., A-1203. penny to those producers with no outlet for their crude.

leading-edge technology destination, and 2002 was no exception. One well was drilled in over 7,000 feet of water in the Gulf of

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A recent article in a well- Mexico, and another was tested known oil and gas magazine high- in 9,000 feet of water. The boundaries for deep water continue to be pushed back.

> All of these records are clear can improve technology and methodology to make us all more

Now, if I could just find a way to get my kids to take out the

HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY

COMPLETIONS

Coleman County

The Window Operating Company has completed the Bowers #4 in the Coleman County Regular Field (5 miles NE of Coleman) at an initial rate of 275 MCFPD in an unidentified zone (perf 1811-20). The well is loc. G.M. Deadrich tifying against the state law-Sur. No. 84. Concho County

B.J. Oil Company has completed the S&H Livestock #1 in the East Paint Rock Field (4 miles

SE of Paint Rock) at an initial rate of 12 BOPD & 70 BWPD in the Goen Lime (perfs 3358-64). The well is loc. in Sec. 136, Blk. 72,

Bowerman Energy has completed the W. Mika #1 in the Ryan Case Field (3 miles E of Eden) at an initial rate of 26 BOPD & 10 BWPD in the Crosscut Lime (perfs 2532-36). The well is loc. in Sec. 2019, Blk. 72, J.D. Arnold Sur.

LeClair Operating has completed the Krieg #2 in the Cark Horse Field (3 miles W of Eden) at an initial rate of 7 BOPD & 15 BWPD in the Crosscut (perfs Sec. 171, T&NO RR Sur.

Runnels County

Imperial Gas Resources has completed the Decker #2 in the Goldsboro Field (4 miles W of Goldsboro) at an initial rate of 26 BOPD & 99 BWPD in Gray (perfs 3947-4000). The well is loc. in the W.A. McGrew Sur., A-370.

St. Mary Energy Co. has completed the Fort Chadbourne Odom Lime Unit #2812 in the Fort Chadbourne Field (7 miles W of Wingate) at an initial rate of 8 BOPD & 95 BWPD in the Odom (perfs 5337-60). The well is loc. everyday lateral well, there might in the H. Friley Sur. No. 448, A-

STAKINGS Callahan County

Hane Operating, Inc. has

staked the Morris-Knox as a Wildreaches form Azerbaijan to Tur- cat, 11 miles NE of Coleman key or more than 1,000 miles. At (Depth 2800). Loc. is 1200 FWL a cost of 2.9 billion dollars, it & 330 FSL from Sec. 74, HT&B

Singleton Investments has staked the Ezzell #7 in the Callahan Deep water continues to be a County Regular Field, 5 miles SW of Putnam (Depth 1000). Loc. is 660 FWL & 1320 FNL of SPRR Sur. No. 318, A-1245.

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Letters to the Editor

The chairs of power should sit in Daniel's chair for a day

Dear Editor.

thinking I had had a really long week and it felt good to get back home. I sat down to read the paper, although there is not much good news being reported in any news vehicle these days. On the front page was an in depth story about a proposed budget cut that could have a direct impact on at least a quarter of a million of our neediest children's health care. off when those in the powerful

and saw the picture of Daniel Wiederhold, a 10-year-old boy from Round Rock, Texas, I do not know Daniel or his family, but Daniel was in Austin, tesmakers health care benefits. Daniel told members of the State Finance Committee that he wanted to stay with his family instead of being sent to an

is why a 10-year-old boy who morning, pick themselves upwas wearing a Texas T-shirt sometimes literally-and make was worried about being sent the best of every day. These are to an institution.

quent who is about to be sent to a correctional institution? No. Daniel is simply a 10-yearold boy sitting in a chair with a Texas T-shirt on. But the chair in which he sits is no ordinary wheelchair. A chair that is that bol of freedom.

him away from his family.

Why should he or any young these heavy things at the age

Maybe it is because those sit in a wheelchair.

Those sitting in the chairs of

power have been instructed to I got home Friday night cut their budgets and nothing is sacred.

But there are some things that are sacred.

Daniel is sacred, and where do the powerful draw the line when it comes to justice?

We will all find out very soon whether or not the wheels of justice under the direction of this legislature and this administration have come completely Then I turned to page seven chairs decide the fate of the Daniels in their wheelchairs,

For you see, those whom we think of as strong-the lobbyists, politicians, and committee chairs are not the strong ones

The strong ones are the ones like Daniel and his family, and hundreds of thousands of Texas who have been dealt a pretty tough card in life.

These are Texans who play What you might be asking by the rules, get up every the Texans who may be weak Is Daniel a juvenile delin- in material things, but strong in will, and purpose, and faiththe ones that stick by their families and loved ones through it all.

They have no big paid lobbyists or PAC money. They chair; it is one with seatbelts, a chair no committees. But withmotor, rubber tires, and a out question, these weak ones 2957-77). The well is located in Mickey Mouse cushion to pro- with no voice are the strong tect him from bedsores. It is a ones that we must speak up for.

For they are the family young boy's legs and his sym- medal of honor winners-mothers who work in a job and take Yet this young 10-year-old care of the ones in the wheelboy sitting in a wheelchair was chairs too-the sisters and brothcoming before the Senate's ers who live a normal life and most powerful committee. He still take the time to care and was asking them to not take defend the ones in wheelchairs too. These are the brave hearts.

So the question before the Texas have to worry about powerful that sit in the chairs of power is this. Is nothing sacred when it comes to cuts?

In my family, we had our sitting in the chairs of power Daniel. Her name was Susan. who will decide his fate don't And make no mistake about it, she was indeed sacred.

Roy M. Spence, Tr.

Roy Spence is President of GSD&M Advertising, the Austin ad agency that created "Don't Mess with Texas." His sister, Susan Spence, was born with severe Spina Bifida, and lived to be 47 years old.

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Obituaries

Refujia (Susie) Rios Fuentes

ROWENA-Refujia (Susie) Rios Fuentes, 64, died Sunday, March 9, 2003, at Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo.

Refujia was born April 13. 1938, in Olfen to Santiago and Maria (Parra) Rios. She married Isabel Fuentes, Jr. on September 1, 1966.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Isabel Fuentes, Jr., on December 6, 2001: her parents; and one brother. A.P. Rios.

Survivors include her chil-

dren, Mario and Shanna Fuentes of Winters, Cecilia Fuentes of Rowena, Martin and Christy Fuentes of Norman, Oklahoma, Francisco Fuentes of Rowena, and Monica Fuentes and Robert Fuentes, both of San Angelo; two grandchildren, Andrew Fuentes of Ballinger and Kaitlyn Fuentes of Winters; three brothers, Justo Rios of Houston, Salvador Rios of Fort Worth, and Alfredo Rios of San Angelo.

Rosary service was held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 11, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rowena. Funeral Mass was held at 10 a.m., Wednesday, March 12, at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Burial followed in St. Joseph Cemetery in Rowena.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Rains Seale Funeral Home of Ballinger

"A mother's love makes a difference in every heart it

Irene Bertha Kahlig

SAN ANGELO-Irene Bertha Kahlig, 89, died Wednesday, March 12, 2003, at Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo.

Mrs. Kahlig was born in Olfen on April 20, 1913 to Frank and Emilia Block. She married Joseph Kahlig on November 3, 1931 in St. Boniface Catholic Church in Olfen.

He preceded her in death on April 1, 1980. Her daughter. Ethel McCrohan, also preceded her in death on September 21, 1990.

She is survived by two sons,

Eugene Kahlig and his wife LaUna of Ennis, Roy Kahlig and his wife LaDonna of Port Arthur; one daughter, Lorene Halfmann and her husband James of Ballinger; 12 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren; one brother, Robert Block of San Angelo; two sisters, Esther Havlak and Helen Landis, both of San Angelo and Pauline Wilde of Temple.

Rosary was held Thursday, March 13, 2003 at Rains-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral services were held Friday, March 14, at St. Mary's Star of the Sea Catholic Church offficiated by Father Hubert Wade and Father Louis Moeller. Burial followed in St. Boniface Catholic Cemetery in Olfen under the direction of Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

Opal Inez Hash

EL PASO-Opal Inez Hash, 78, formerly of Ballinger, died Monday, March 10, 2003, in El Paso.

Opal was born on November 11, 1924, in Ballinger. She married James Hash in Ballinger on July 17, 1943, and was a

She was preceded in death by her husband James on October 31, 1982.

Survivors include one son, Ronald L Hash of El Paso; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held on Friday, March 14, at 9 a.m. at the Evergreen Cemetery with Rev. Mike Riley officiating. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

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Winters Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary

Chicken Fried Chicken Dinner Sunday, March 23, 2003 WISD Cafeteria 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.

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DIRECTORY

Community

Pastor's Points

Editor's Note: This column will feature a different Winters minister each week in no particular order. Comments may or may not reflect the opinions or views of The Winters Enterprise.

Sticks and stones...

by Lola Scott, Somebody Cares Ministries

Have you ever stood and skipped rocks across a body of water? Have you ever considered all the purposes for which we use rocks, and why? Have you ever thrown a rock at someone and hurt them?

As I was thinking about rocks today, I thought about a response I used to make, about "sticks and stones" when I was a kid, and someone said something cruel to me. "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words can never hurt me." But my spirit was wounded by some childhood remarks I heard repeat-

Our words can hurt or heal; curse or bless. God's words minister life to those who hear them and obey them. In the Bible, God mentions words of grace, promise, truth, life, wisdom, reconciliation, etc. He cautions us to not speak idle words. He says we are known by the words we speak.

It's easy for us to put our foot in our mouth" when we speak carelessly or in anger. We can't take back harsh words we have Holy Week Services, April 14-18 spoken. There are words that can wound someone's spirit.

What is the effect of a talebearer? Are we tempted to gossip, when we express a prayer request? Does the one with whom what we know about someone else? If the person who needs prayer was present as we shared, would we "rephrase" what we say? Would we be "more sensitive" about how we share the needs of another person? Can a person hear that we have compassion and mercy for someone in need of a prayer? Are we quick "to point the finger" at anyone we know? If we are, we are judging that person.

Does this mean we shouldn't talk to a person who is doing something that would grieve the Lord and hurt someone else as well as ourselves.

Jesus encountered some men, who had caught a woman in the act of adultery. They brought the woman to Jesus, wanting her to be stoned to death. In His wisdom, Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground. He acted as though He didn't hear the men continuing to condemn the woman. Then He stood up and said, "He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her." Jesus stooped down again and wrote in the dirt. One by one, from the oldest to the youngest, her accusers walked away. In their hearts and consciousness they knew they were guilty of wrong doings. They had no right to condemn her to death. In His great love for her, Jesus spoke to her, "Woman, where are your accusers?" No man remained to throw stones at her. Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go and sin no more."

How do we talk about other people? Do we condemn? Criticize? Throw stones with our words? May we prayerfully remember that kind words are like flowers that bloom forever in our memories. Let's speak the words we speak with compassion, forgiveness and love.

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WINTERS TIGER CUB TROOP # 249 enjoyed a tour of The Winters Enterprise recently during Newspapers in Education Week. The Cubs were able to see how the newspaper is assembled each week using new computer technology. Pictured are (back row, l-r) Daniel Gerhart, Taylor Riffe, Ty Black, (front) Marshall Scates, Zachary Schwartz, Corey Pritchard, Christopher Gerhart, and Ryan Young.

Winters Ministerial Alliance planning when we express a prayer request? Does the one with whom we are sharing think we're being judgemental in how we share sharing think we're being judgemental in how we share

by Randall Conner, WABIC

ing on Monday, March 3, 2003. A variety of topics and issues were reviewed.

One of the topics discussed was the lice problem in Winters Schools. Based on information presented by J'Lynn Cooper, WISD school nurse, it was decided to purchase 14 packages of "Rid" to be distributed through the Outreach Center. Reverend Barry Taylor has contacted the Bayer Company in hopes they will provide additional packages.

Letter of Concern and Reflection and will present additional

The Relay for Life is tentapraise and worship service is being considered for 8 a.m. on Sunday, June 22, 2003, following the Relay for Life.

The March for Jesus is set for Saturday, June 7, 2003.

about a possible Appreciation Dinner for Outreach Center workers sometime after Easter.

There was a request that

The Winters Ministerial Al- nior Citizens, possibly with a more information the cell liance held their regular meet- month being assigned to each phone number is 365-1417. church and that church planning two or three activities per present for the Ministerial Al-

held Monday, April 14, member Georgia Orr and Gilthrough Friday, April 18, at bert Smith in prayer. noon each day at the Winters Community Center. The schedule for providing the meals is held Monday, April 7, 2003, at as follows: Monday-Catholics 9 a.m. at the Winters School and Lutherans; Tuesday-Methodists (Winters and Wingate); Wednesday-Assembly of God, Church of God, & Somebody Cares Ministries; Mark Edge reported on a Thursday-Baptists (all churches); Friday--Church of Christ. The ministers will meet someinformation at the next meet- time later this month to discuss speakers and music directors.

The Outreach report for tively scheduled for Saturday, February showed that the Food June 21, 2003 and an early Pantry served 40 families, 132 people, with two new families added. The Relief Fund helped one family for \$17.82. At this time, there have been no requests for free tax service.

The Winters Outreach Cen-Some discussion was held ter is located at 141 N. Church just south of the Methodist Church. Maudella Reeves is the coordinator for activities and can be contacted at the cen-Ministerial Alliance help coor- ter from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m., dinate more activities for Se- Monday through Friday. For

MIDWEST

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PHYSICAL

THERAPY

Two of the people usually liance meeting have been hos-Holy Week Services will be pitalized recently. Please re-

> The next Winters Ministerial Alliance Meeting will be Administration Office.

Winters Public Library seeking donations for silent auction

Would you like to get rid of some of those things cluttering up your closets, basement, or garage? Would you like to get a tax write-off for your donation and be able to support the Winters Public Library?

The Winters Public Library is looking for items to sell at its annual Mayfest silent auction and would appreciate any donations from the public.

Bring an appliance that works, a knickknack that no longer fits your decore, some tools, utensils, furniture, or anything in reasonable, workable, or usable condition. All donations may be brought to the Winters Public Library, 120 N. Main, or for more information you may call the library at 754-

All proceeds will benefit the Winters Public Library.

Evangelism Rally March 26

Runnels Baptist Association will meet for an evangelism rally on Wednesday, March 26, at First Baptist Church in Ball-

The executive board and W.M.U. will not meet. No meal will be served.

The rally will begin at 7:00 p.m. Morris Johnson, mission/ evangelism director, is in charge of the program.

The public is invited.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Mar. 20-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center 2 p.m., District U.I.L. One Act Play, Brownwood

7 p.m., Elementary Select Choir, WHS Auditorium

7 p.m., Women's Service League Mar. 21-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center

7:30 p.m., Cowboys for Christ, Drasco Reagan County Tennis Tournament, Big Lake 4:30 p.m., Lady Blizzard Softball @ Jim Ned Blizzard Track Team @ San Angelo Relays

Breezes Track Team @ Wall Mar. 22-5-7:30 p.m., Pancake & Sausage Supper, Norton Community Center 8 p.m., Winters Squares, Winters Community Center Reagan County Tennis Tournament, Big Lake Blizzard Track Team @ San Angelo Relays

Lady Blizzard Track Team @ Pirate Relays, Eula

Mar. 23-First Baptist Church of Winters Revival Begins Mar. 24-WHS District U.I.L. Academic Meet, Coleman

9 a.m.-5 p.m., Estate Planning Seminar, Taylor Co. Expo Center 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m., Social Security Rep, Housing Authority 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center 4 p.m., JV Baseball @ Grape Creek

6:45 p.m., 4-H, Catholic Hall 7 p.m., Wingate Masonic Lodge

Mar. 25-School Board Candidate Workshop, San Angelo

8 a.m.-5 p.m., Concho Valley Cotton Conference, San Angelo 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Estate Planning Seminar, Taylor Co. Expo Center 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center Noon, Lions Club, SCAC

4 p.m., Varsity Blizzard Baseball vs. Bangs, Winters Field 4:30 p.m., Lady Blizzards Softball vs. Eldorado, Winters Field 7 p.m., WVFD Auxiliary, Fire Station Lady Blizzard Golf @ San Saba

Blizzard Golf @ Coleman

Mar. 26-7 a.m., Industrial Board, Windmill Enterprises Office 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Estate Planning Seminar, Taylor Co. Expo Center 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center

5 p.m., Hale Museum Board of Directors

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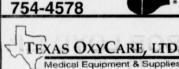
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Project Graduation would also like to remind area businesses and individuals that donations are still being accepted for this year's graduation celebration. For more information contact Kim Jackson at 754-5032 or 754-4339 or mail donations to: WISD, 603 N. Heights, Winters, Texas 79567, Attn: Rhonda Neal.



(photo by Jean Boles)

GUY SLIMP, second from left, gives the extra effort and takes the second place with a time of 54.0 in the 400 meter run at the Blizzard Relays. Slimp improved his time last Saturday at the Roby track meet with a personal best of 52.84 and another second place victory.

HOUSTON, continued

shows in Texas.

2003 HLSR Market Steer one day, what many stock Show found 10-year-old De- showing families dream of exvon Shackelford winning the lightweight Horned Hereford In addition, they were a part division. All smiles, she waited patiently in the holding area with her steer "Smash" to return to the ring to show for champion Hereford honors.

Ever the "showman," Devon marched back to the show arena, exhibited "Smash" to perfection, and was rewarded with a hefty slap on the steer's rump to indicate he was chosen Reserve Champion Hereford.

Smiles, handshakes, and congratulations came in mass from fellow Winters families, Runnels County exhibitors, Ag teachers, county agents, and friends from across the state, while Roy frequently wiped tears from his eyes.

Amidst the frenzy of paper-Ann, as well as Devon, kept straining to see into the show ring where brother Dalton, 12, was exhibiting "Ribeye," a

Only moments after Roy was able to make his way back to the corner of the grandstands to watch Dalton did I see a Runnels County 4-H mom give started back down the steps. Dalton was first in his class. This time Roy used both hands to rub the tears flowing freely from his eyes and shook noticably while trying to apply chapstick to his lips.

Although Dalton wasn't

at the Granddaddy of all stock chosen in the champion Polled Hereford drive, the Shack-The very first class of the elfords had accomplished, in periencing in an entire career. of the elite group to win the first show ever to be held in the new Reliant Center facilities. Devon was a part of the first Grand Champion Market Steer drive to ever be held during a rodeo performance in Reliant Stadium.

Between smiles and giggles, both Devon and Dalton, fourth and sixth grade students at Winters Elementary, were gracious and appreciative of all the attention showered upon them. The brother/sister duo had worked hard the past 11 months on their steer projects and showmanship skills, and were very deserving of the awards for their efforts.

After many, many "early" work, official photos, and more morning feedings which had congratulations Roy and wife finally paid off, Mom Ann was immediately held responsible for all of the hardware the duo had won including two "Houston Hat Trophies," two lightweight Polled Hereford blue rosettes, and a Reserve Champion banner and belt buckle.

Dad and advisor Roy remained humble and almost shy, yet appreciative of the accolades. Never one to boast, him another big hug before he Shackelford just smiled a lot, shook a bunch of hands, and wiped away more than one

As one Winters FFA parent said while others nodded in agreement, "It couldn't have happened to a better guy. He's been bustin' his butt for our kids and supporting them for years—now he's getting to enjoy his own kids and watch

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20. Soak

26. Hound

them win. Every one of them (the Shackelford family) work hard at showing and taking care of their animals...and it's finally paid off for them. I'm tickled pink for 'em."

Pianists receive **Superior** ratings

Piano students from the studio of Susan Conner participated in the Abilene Music Teachers Springer-Manly Music Festival on March 1st in Lee Hemphill Music Building on the campus of Hardin Simmon's University.

All of Mrs. Conner's students earned a Superior rating and received a blue ribbon for their performance.

Susan Cusenberry of Wichita Falls judged the local stu-

Students who participated were Lisa Dees, Haleigh Edge, Haley Kaczyk, Zannie Slimp, Kathleen Mills, Julie England. Addison Bergman, and Kelsey Curry of Blackwell.

Each performed a movement from a Sonatina to earn their ribbons.

Kathleen Mills played a complete sonatina and received three ribbons for her efforts.



CODY PRITCHARD, WHS sophomore, gets good hang time during the junior varsity triple jump competition at the Blizzard Relays.

(photo by Deb Pritchard)

TY CASON, Winters 8th grader, lets go of his toss of 39'25" for a second place win in the shot put during the Breezes Junior High Track Meet on March 7. At left is Winters Athletic Director Coach Chuck Lipsey.

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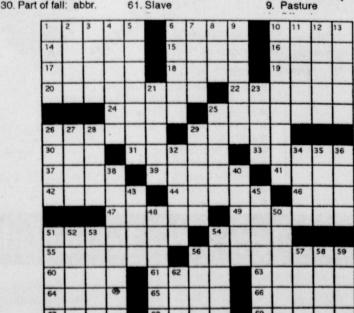
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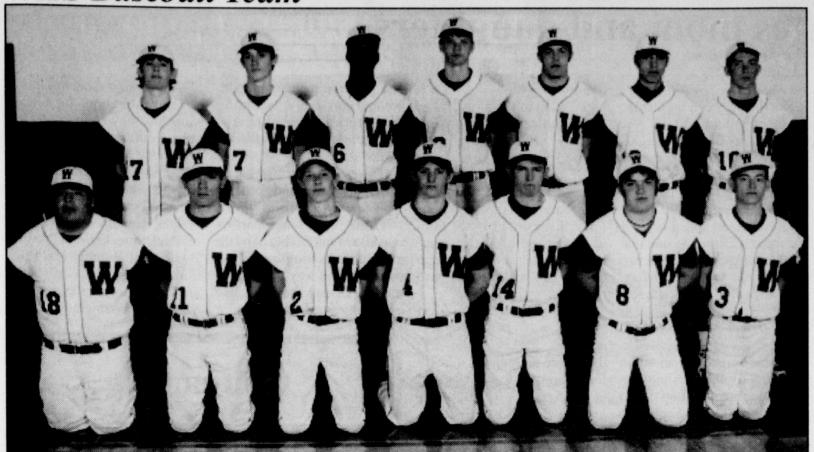
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2003 VARSITY BASEBALL TEAM members are (back, I-r) Brian Pritchard, Brandon Davis, Yul Gibbs, Scotty Bryan, Shane Colburn, Max Harrison, and Guy Slimp; (front) Mark Moreno, Benjie Valles, Tim Fenwick, Jared Airhart, Alex Blackerby, Chad Landers, and Tim Medina. Not pictured is Coach Jamie Seago. (photo by Deb Pritchard)

Elementary G/T nominations now accepted

Nominations are now being accepted for the Winters Elementary Gifted/Talented program, grades 1-5. If you believe your child might benefit from a gifted/talented program, your nomination is welcomed.

Nomination and parent-permission-for-testing forms may be obtained at the Elementary Principal's office during normal working hours, 8 a.m. to 4

All forms must be completed and returned to your child's homeroom teacher by April 21, 2003.

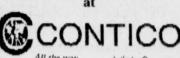
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David Evans announced his serviced by Region 15 ESC. campus is also "making good graduates in February.

approved for the following em- state. ployees:

Jerry Awalt, Cindy Davis, Laura Dees, Ral Dees, Nancy Evans, Melissa Gerhart, Marta Hollowell, Tracy Gray, Susan Mostad, Tony Ramirez, Sharon Rice, Jillian Koslan, Roy Shackelford, Mindy Shaw, Martha Shepard, Lori Smith, Beth Wortham, Cheryl Kruse, Debbie Bible, Stephanie Turner, Charlotte Jackson, Karen Mills, Connie Tounget, Mary B. Ahrens, Becky Airhart, Naida Petty, Dawn Bryan, Cheryl Butler. Cindy Cathey, Karen Colburn, Landa Grohman, Lou Ann Hatler, Camille Denton, Marlene Hogan, Troylene Lincycomb, Jody Meyer, Melinda Meyers, Linda Mitchell, Cathy Oliver, Chris Parramore, Cathy Pringle, Ann Shackelford, Audine McBeth, Cheryl Sneed, Teressa Tekell, Brenda Bahlman, Mary Wilkerson, Mary Slimp, Charles Murphy, Geoff Murphy, Phillip Mooney, Houston Guy, Zach Boxell, Bryan Green, Josh Damron, David Acevedo, Deb

Whittenburg, Mandie England. The resignation of Ed Poehls was accepted with re-

Board members then heard reports of a somewhat negative nature.

Superintendent Clack emphasized the budget cuts from state funding and how those will affect Winters schools. He said the Alternative Education Program is uncertain for next year. "It (the Program) has to exist but as far as the level, we won't know for a few months," said Clack.

was reported at 675.87—"... bills reflect decrease funding public forum. "This needs to be wants to begin the process with a contract with JR3, a retiresaid Jimmy Butler, WISD grams, vocational programs, Clack. Business Manager. Attendance transportation, and Education on August 19, 2002, was 692. Service Centers (ESC). Win-Alternative School Principal ters is one of 45 school districts

progress," with two recent sure going to change," Clack told trustees. He said that bud-Trustees approved employ- get decisions for Winters may ment contracts as recom- be on hold until June and July mended by Superintendent when schools will know more in the activities and away from ate, requiring only 6 credits or Andrae, Larry Walker, Jerry Clack. Term contracts were about funds available from the

> (from the state)," said Clack. ISD is estimated at \$5,000 to nior falls below this rate they Business Manager Butler; "We'll still get our share but \$15,000 per year. that share will be a lot smaller. There will be a lot of money going out from the right hand but very little coming into the left hand."

He also reminded trustees that the current tax rate for Barker, Kayleen Bergman, Sondra WISD is \$1.39 while 60 percent of Texas districts have a tax rate of \$1.46 to \$1.50, and 408 districts have \$1.50 or

Clack next asked trustees to review current policies for drug testing students in extracurricular activities. He presented policies from school districts in Hawley, Lampasas and Dimmit, and asked trust-

ees for opinions. Trustee Jerry Sims said, "Our policy will have to have enough teeth for everybody, with tough consequences."

Athletic Director and Dean of Students Chuck Lipsey added, "We may lose some good kids early (in extracurricular activities) but I think the consequences need to be pretty

The board agreed that drug testing must be confidential and done randomly. Clack suggested asking the District Team to propose a policy rough draft which will be addressed in a

From that meeting a revised policy would be drafted and brought before the parents and drugs and alcohol.

board as Clack emphasized he

right about where we figured," for Gifted and Talented pro- a community effort," said input from parents and com- ment employment company munity members.

In other action, trustees approved a school/work plan for qualifying seniors beginning in public again before consider- the 2003/2004 school year. teachers at the present time. "The face of education is ation by the school board. This would allow seniors who Clack emphasized that the purqualify to be required to attend pose of the testing is not to six periods during the school keep kids out of extracurricu- day. Qualifications include belar activities but to keep them ing currently on pace to gradu-meeting were Trustees Allen Clack told trustees that costs quirements, and maintaining a chal, Cheryl Bryan, and Bob "There's a shortfall of funds for the drug testing at Hawley 90% attendance rate. If a se- Prewit; Superintendent Clack,

Trustees approved to enter Chuck Lipsey.

which supplies teachers to districts who are short of qualified teachers. Clack said Texas reports a shortage of 44,000 A resolution against private

school vouchers was also approved by trustees.

Present for the March 17 less to meet graduation re- Sims, Manuel Vera, Shelia Paswill be required to attend 7th Principals Hale, Magee, and No action was taken by the and 8th period to make up time. Evans; and Athletic Director

Lady Blizzards at Eula Saturday; Blizzards in San Angelo Relays on Friday & Saturday

The Blizzards, JV Blizzards and the Lady Blizzards competed at the Roby Invitational Track Meet during spring

break last week. The Blizzards took fourth place with 73 points while the JV Blizzards came in with 65.25 points to claim fifth

The Lady Blizards will travel to the Pirate Relays at Eula on Saturday while the Blizzards will compete in the San Angelo Relays on Friday and Saturday. The JV is idle this week.

Last week's individual re-

sults are as follows: LADY BLIZZARDS 3200 M Run 6th, Briana Parramore 100 M Hurdles 2nd, Laci Walker, 16.42 400 M Dash 300 M Hurdles

5th, Jena Bahlman, 69.57 2nd, Laci Walker, 48.68 1600 M Run 4th, Briana Parramore, 6:28.47

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2nd, Yul Gibbs, 22.96 400 M Dash 2nd, Guy Slimp, 52.84 1600 M Run 4th, Jose Hernandez, 5:13.03 110 M Hurdles 2nd, Eric Lopez, 15.70 Long Jump 4th, David Scates, 18' 7" Discus 3rd, Rusty Jackson, 139' 7" Triple Jump 3rd, Yul Gibbs, 42' 2" 6th, Eric Lopez, 38' 11" **High Jump** 2nd, David Scates, 5' 10" 400 M Relay 4th, (Eric Lopez, Yul Gibbs, David Scates, Michael Liggins), 46.09

800 M Relay 5th, (Eric Lopez, Rusty Jackson, David Scates, Yul Gibbs), 1:36.79

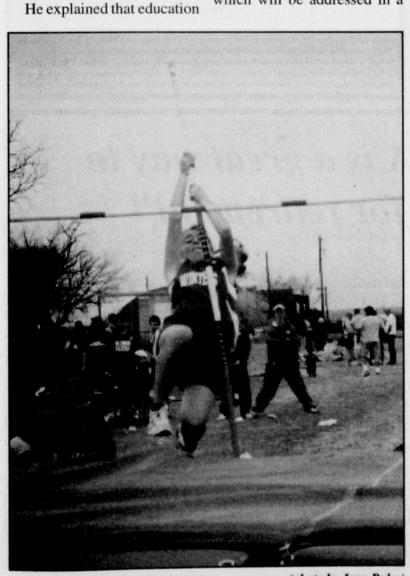
4th, David Scates, Michael Liggins, Rusty Jackson, Guy Slimp), 3:49.50 JV BLIZZARDS 100 M Dash 1st, Josh Cavanaugh, 12.15

4th, Randy Jackson, 12.68 400 M Dash 4th, Shawn Kraatz, 59.97 5th, James Vasquez, 60.82 800 M Run 5th, Jose Cruz, 2:25.35 3200 M Run 5th, Jonathan Meyer, 13:12.27 300 M Hurdles 6th, Jonathan Meyer, 49.73 **Shot Put** 2nd, Jacob Bridgeman **High Jump** 3rd, Pete Griffin, 5' 4" Pole Vault 3rd, Jonathan Meyer 8'

400 M Relay 2nd, (Cody Pritchard, Pete Griffin, Josh Cavanaugh, Randy Jackson),

1600 M Relay

4th, (Jose Cruz, James Vasquez, Jonathan Meyer, Shawn Kraatz),



(photo by Jean Boles)

JESSICA MEYER, of the Junior Varsity Lady Blizzards, goes up for the pole vault competition.



(photo by Jean Boles)

COACH CHUCK LIPSEY gives some last-minute pointers to discus thrower Rusty Jackson. Jackson won first place at the Blizzard Relays with a toss of 136'11".

Kidnapped girls return to U.S. from Lebanon

'Miracle" reunion unites mom and daughters

by Jean Boles, editor, with contribution from Kerry Drennan of the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal (Portions of this story are reprinted with the permission of the Lubbock Avalance-Journal)

Family reunions are always fears thanks to a renewed ing back." even touches the lives of relatives in Winters.

February 28, 2003.

mother by their father who, also." according to Romans, were kidnapped June 25, 1993, durweekend visitation.

nam Slim, refused to release daughters home. the girls to their mother and

the international dateline.

them, but I think I was just and God would do all the work. afraid that he would keep me I started praying, thanking God there or kill me," she said.

She finally overcame those I just believed they were com-

a big deal, especially in Texas. Christian faith and the kinddaughters, a recent reunion was who accompanied her on her the thrill of a lifetime which first trip to Lebanon in May,

Recalling that first meeting Angie Romans of Lubbock with her daughters, Angie says, has waited ten very long years "We all had our faces in our with her three daughters on arms around one another. It about a week before the two was our first time to have hours The three girls, Jami, 16, and hours to talk alone in their Jenna, 15, and Jessica, 12, have bedroom. We bonded right spent the last nine years in then and there, and I knew God Lebanon, separated from their was working from their end

ters over the last two years so-Her former husband, Beh- her determination to bring her with her father.

returned to his native Lebanon ily Harvest Church in Lub- had put a hold on their names eight years she spoke with the even a month after I gave my girls over the phone and fought life to Christ that things started custody of the third child. a custody battle that spanned happening to make this reunion that they were coming back -

But their father continued to And for one mom and her three ness of a missionary friend fight Romans for custody. She said the girls became increasingly unhappy, to the point that in early December, 2002.

girls ran away to the Embassy, she told her husband, Jack Romans, "I feel like God is leading us to buy a larger house."

Two visits with her daugh- tape of her father beating her, forgotten as the plane landed the judge ruled the two oldest at 10:45 p.m. ing what was supposed to be a lidified their relationship, and, should stay at the Embassy.

"My church family (at Fam- girls to the airport but Behnam don't let go."

the court ruled Slim had au- daughters. thority to prevent them from

minors.

granted her sole custody in the two oldest sought help from 1992, it wasn't until late Januthe U.S. Embassy in Lebanon ary, 2003, that the Lebanese court gave a final ruling to en-Giving God the glory for force that custody after Slim for the reunion she celebrated hands, crying, and wrapped our this miracle, Romans said that was arrested on an international warrant from the U.S. on charges of kidnapping and molesting a young girl.

> The Lubbock reunion on Feb. 28 was "unbelievable," When Jenna provided a according to Angie who says Lebanese court with an audio the severe fatigue was quickly

With about 75 wellwishers as Roman's faith grew, so did However, Jessica remained on hand, the four females shared "the biggest, longest The Embassy took the two hugs — the kind where you

During the last two months with the then 2-, 5-, and 7-year- bock) had been praying con- and the girls were not allowed Romans was in Lebanon, she stantly and helped me so to leave the country. The girls and Jack, who remained in Romans said over the next much," says Angie. "It wasn't returned to the Embassy and Lubbock, talked on the phone Romans started fighting for and e-mailed but were not allowed to discuss details of the Romans said she arrived in case. Jack was also busy sellpossible. I just had to believe Lebanon on Dec. 14. She, ing their house, buying a larger "He told me that I could see that they were coming back Jamie and Jenna tried to fly home, and getting everything back to the United States, but moved and ready for his new

> "Jack has been amazing," leaving because the girls are Angie says. "He's been totally

one hundred percent supportcourt battle. Although the And we love our new house work.'

typical teenage girls, complete with giggling, pizza parties, especially freedom.

Angie says she has done So Romans continued her ive and constantly reassuring. several interviews for television and newspapers. "This United States courts had it's just another show of God's story would not have happened without God," Angie says. This new house now has all "And now I have the opportuthe sights and sounds of three nity to share what God has done and can do."

Jack Romans is the nephew music, and fun clothes. And the of Paul Stoecker and Nadine girls are adjusting quickly to Bedford of Winters and Ruth the American way of life, lov- Shriver of Abilene. Great aunts ing school and shopping, and are Doris Stoecker and Leona Matthies of Winters.

Obituaries

continued from page 2

Howard M. Bramley

BALLINGER-Howard M. Bramley, 87, passed away Sunday, March 16, 2003, in Heritage Oaks Estate in Ballinger.

He was born on October 27, 1915, in Dallas to Howard Craig and Miriam Mayfield Bramley. He married Vera Pryor on May 16, 1941, in Palestine, and they moved to Ballinger in 1952. He later married Johnnie Jones Gallagher on September 7, 1997, in

Mr. Bramley worked for Lone Star Gas as a production engineer for 33 years before retiring. He was a member of the Seventh Street Baptist Church and a past member of the Ballinger Noon Lions Club. He was also past president and member of the Ballinger Rotary Club and a member of the San Angelo Geological Society.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Vera Pryor Bramley, on July 13, 1991.

Survivors include his wife, Johnnie Bramley of Ballinger; one daughter, Jackie Greebon of Arlington; two stepchildren, Karen Bly and Eddie Gallagher, Jr.; two grandchildren, Scott Greebon and Kimberly Greebon; and one great-granddaughter, Elizabeth Greebon.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 18, at the Seventh Street Baptist Church in Ballinger with Reverend Tony King officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery in Ballinger.

Memorials may be made to the Hendrick Medical Center Hospice Wing or the Seventh Street Baptist Church Building

Funeral arrangements were under direction of the Rains-Seale Funeral Home of Ballinger.

To stay young in spirit, keep taking on new thoughts and - Anonymous

throwing off old habits.

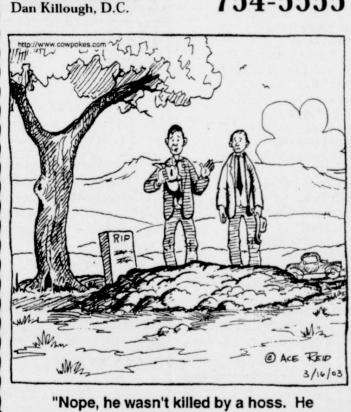
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Susan Mansell, Ballinger resident, wins honorable mention in San Antonio for watercolor painting

The Texas Watercolor Society's 54th Annual Juried Exhibition opened at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio during the weekend of March 7-9. Susan Mansell's painting, The Anniversary Gift, won an honorable mention and was selected to tour the State of Texas during the upcoming year. Mansell, of Ballinger, received signature membership in the Texas Watercolor society this year.

Mansell also has works accepted in the Western Federation of Watercolor Societies Annual Exhibition at the Barrick Museum of Natural History in Las Vegas, Nevada; the Watermedia 2003 Challenge of Champions in Houston; Plano Art Association Exhibit in Plano, and the Big County Art Association's show at the Grace Museum in Abilene, where she won first

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is March 22

Sausage Supper

The Norton Lions Club will

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March 22, from 5:00-7:30 p.m.

at the Norton Community Cen-

Price is \$4 per person for all-

Proceeds will be used for

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iums to the Crepe Myr-

tle Project along High-

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Beard at 206 Parklane

Winters, TX 79567, or

call 915-754-4596.

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available.

nity Center.

Letters to the Editor

City Manager Aref Hassan realizes he's "on the right track"

Dear Editor,

On February 19, 2003, Mayor McGuffin, Alderman Esquivel, and I drove to Austin for Texas Midwest Community Networking (TMCN). On our way back, I was thinking about the glory and prestige of the Texas Capital. Then I thought of days when I had visited the White House and Capital Hill in Washington. I could not stop comparing these glories with the poor condition of government buildings and government system in my homeland of Afghanistan.

Do we appreciate and respect enough what we have in Washington and Austin? Did I do enough in Austin to demonstrate my respect and appreciations? Am I a true American a true Texan? What can I do to do better? Before I found the answers we were back in Winters. I bought a Winters Enterprise. In the Editorial section I read a topic "A true American, a true Texan." I became emotional and cried in the privacy of my home. This article had given answers to my questions. I thought; God knew that these questions were on my mind and called on the writer to write the answers. In my judgement Terry Loehman, who wrote this article, is a man of God; he must be. I felt this from reading his short and sweet message. It takes a man of God to think positive, feel positive, and have the courage to express it in writing. His writing was a gift. It gave me comfort and peace of mind.

I am not sure I deserve all he wrote. However, I found out that I was on the right track. One of the true Americans noticed it, appreciated it, and wrote about it. Thank you so very much, Mr. Loehman. In my perception you are dedicated to God's truths and to people who believe in those truths. Love of your country and your state are parts of the truths. Too many ugly movements are going on. We all watch them on television. In such time and circumstances true Americans are needed so badly to console us. Thank you Editor for publishing positive and comforting messages. We are nice people. Winters is our home. Nothing is better in a home than finding reasons to be positive, and constructive about the members of the family. We must boost and build each others' morale. Destruction of human beings is the act of the devil.

> Aref Hassan, Ph.D., TRMC, TLTI City Manager/Secretary/Fire Marshal

Citizen encourages parents to be strict and responsible

Dear Editor:

My wife and I were blessed with 5 children. We had 3 girls and 2 boys. My wife said the boys were easier to raise; I said the girls were easier.

My wife and I both come from strict parents. When our baby girl was almost 18 years old, she ran off with a man. It took my wife and me until 1:00 a.m. the next morning to find her. We finally found her at the house of the man she had run off with. We talked to the police and they told us to let her do what she Call Sharon at 979-845-2226 wanted since she was almost 18 years old.

My wife said when she became 18, she could do what she wanted so we brought her back home.

My daughter told my wife and me she didn't like us because we were so strict. We never allowed her to see the boy again

Now she tells us she loves us for what we did for stopping

People look for other people to straighten them out. They're letting their daughters live with men. They let them get pregnant and then say they could not help.

But I am here to tell you if your daughters get pregnant, it's the parents' fault. Stand up and take responsibility because what your children do reflects a lot on you. In God we trust.

P.S. Our baby daughter is now married and has two boys of her own. She tells us now she knows why we were so strict.

John and Sammie Wright 2 in Rotan, April 9 in Ballinger,

Winters, Texas

· Adopting a resolution designating Margarette Smith, County Treasurer and Darlene Smith, County Auditor to sign on behalf of Runnels County for funds available through the Texas Community Development Program grant (Ballinger-Abilene Ivie pipeline).

COMMISSIONERS, continued

 Approval for Loretta Michalewicz, District Clerk, to purchase criminal fee books from the Courthouse RMO fund at a cost of \$632.53.

All commissioners, County Judge Marilyn Egan, County Treasurer Margarette Smith, County Auditor Darlene Smith, County Clerk Elesa Ocker and District Clerk Loretta Michalewicz were present for the 30-minute meeting.





BRENDA GREEN shows one of her lucky bills worth \$5 she found during the open house at Higginbotham's Monday evening. Lucky bills were hidden throughout the store and drawings were held for door prizes. Winners included Betty Henson, Lea Angel, Randall Boles, and Charles Bahlman. Hank Bourdo won the grand prize, a voucher for \$100 in merchandise at the store. The open house was sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce to promote business-after-hours. Any business interested in hosting such an open house is asked to contact the Chamber of Commerce. Serving refreshments (in background) are Chamber directors Michael Mostad, Ruth Cooper, and Sharon Kennedy, president.

March is Red Cross Month

March 24-25 Texas Cooperative Extension will be presenting a twoday seminar discussing estate planning topics on March 24-25 at the Taylor County Expo Center in Abilene. The seminar is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days.

Estate planning

seminar set for

Dr. Wayne A. Hayenga, professor, Texas Extension economist, and attorney, will be the speaker.

The program is structured to help people learn how to lower their tax burden and ease administrative burdens that affect passing their estates to their loved ones. In addition to discussing estate planning systems, tax savings possibilities will be discussed from corporations, partnerships, and trusts when family members are involved in the business.

The registration fee is \$100. for registration information or e-mail s-wehring@tamu.edu.

TMNC sponsors

Texas Midwest Community

Network (TMCN) will sponsor

a series of network luncheons

in April for community lead-

April 10 in Gorman and April

Luncheons are set for April

According to TMCN Ex-

ecutive Director Nicki Harle,

"The luncheons are for com-

munity leaders who are work-

ing to insure a brighter future

for their respective community.

This year's series of luncheons

will focus on the ingredients

needed for community suc-

make reservations by calling

Ballinger at 915-365-2333. For

more information about the

Interested participants may

ers throughout the region.

April network

luncheons

23 in Albany.

cess."

Each year the president of the der the circumstances, however, during the remaining years of the United States proclaims March the public response was imme- war and then to make it the ocas "Red Cross Month." The diate and overwhelming. Within casion of it's annual membership American Red Cross uses this a few days more than \$115 milopportunity to promote it's services to the American Public and

For the first quarter century of it's existence, the Red Cross held no regular fund-raising drives. Since Clara Burton created the organization in 1881, it was largely dependent on the spontaneous support of people who learned of catastrophic dent Roosevelt, the honorary events and the Red Cross's response to them.

for fund-raising.

This changed abruptly in 1917 when the United State entered World War I. After declaring war, President Wilson ordered the American Red Cross to raise funds to support it's aid to the military and civilians afgoal at \$100 million, an astound-

lion was raised.

Pearl Harbor, and the United States entered World War II, as in the previous World War, the Red Cross responded immediately by declaring a War Fund campaign. By June 1942, it had raised more than \$66 million.

After discussions with Presichairman of the Red Cross, the whole month of March 1943 was declared "Red Cross Month." The Red Cross set a goal of \$125 million, the biggest amount ever asked for in one campaign by any American organization. Again, the response was overwhelming. It took less than six fected by the war as Congress weeks to reach the target and by

This success caused the Red families. ingly large sum at the time. Un- Cross to repeat the March drive

and fund-raising efforts ever since. As part of the tradition the When the Japanese attacked President of the United States customarily issues a proclamation each year declaring March

as Red Cross Month.

The American Red Cross is a volunteer-led humanitarian service organization dedicated to helping make families and communities safer at home and around the world. The American Red Cross annually provides almost half the nation's blood supply, trains more than 11.7 million people in vital lifesaving skills, mobilizes relief to victims in more than 60,000 disasters nationwide, provides direct health services to 2.8 million people, assists international disaster and conflict victims in had mandated the Red Cross to June 1943 donations totaled nearly 30 countries, and transdo. In response, the Red Cross nearly \$146 million, Roosevelt mits more than 1.4 million emerheld it's first national War Fund called it "The greatest single crugency messages to members of drive in June 1917 and set it's sade of mercy in all of history." the U.S. Armed Forces and their

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION ESPECIAL)

To the registered voters of Precinct 2 of the County of Runnels, Texas: (a los votanies registrados de Precinto Núm. 2 del Condado de Runnels, Texas:)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on April 8, 2003, for voting in a special election to elect County Commissioner, Precinct 2. (Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 8 de abril de 2003 para votar en al Elección Especial para eliegir Comisionado del Condado, Precinto Num. 2.)

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES (DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

ELECTION PRECINCT 2- BALLINGER RUNNELS COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT OFFICE, **406 HUTCHINGS**

ELECTION PRECINCT 3-WINTERS HOUSING AUTHORITY BUILDING, 300 N. GRANT

Early Voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at:

(La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en:) County Clerk's Office, Runnels County Courthouse, Ballinger, Texas

(Location) (sitio)

between the hours of 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00-5:00 p.m. beginning on March 24, 2003, (entre las 8:30 de la mañana - 12:00 de la tarde y las 1:00-5:00 de la tarde empezando el 24 de marzo, 2003) and ending on April 4, 2003 (y terminando el 4 de abril, 2003).

Application for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: (Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán adelantada por correo deberán enviarse a:)

Elesa Ocker

(Name of Early Voting Clerk) (Nombre del Secretrio de la Votación Adelantada)

P.O. Box 189

(Address) (Dirección) Ballinger

76821

(City) (Ciudad) (Zip Code) (Zona Postal)

Application for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on: (Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán adelantada por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el:)

April 1, 2003 (1 de abril, 2003) (fecha)

(Date)

Issued this the 14th day of March, 2003. (Emitada este dia 14 de marzo, 2003.)

Signature of County Judge (firma del Juez del Condado)

Law & Order

April 8 in San Saba-

"Do-It-Yourself Brush Control" to offer hands-on experience

of the day April 8 as Texas Co- trol treatment now used over "Do-It-Yourself Brush Con- rangeland. trol" at the San Saba Civic

purest form will be the order Busters individual plant con- easy to understand."

who are now doing some fashion. The program coordinated by chemical brush and weed con-Neal Alexander, Texas Coop- trol," said Alexander. "We teaching the proper use of each erative Extension Agent in San thought it would be very ben- chemical and comment on their Saba County, features Dr. eficial forthem and anyone else individual strengths and weak-Allan McGinty, Extension planning noxious plant control nesses," he said. McGinty also Range Specialist at San treatments to see and hear will demonstrate various kinds Angelo. McGinty is an origi- McGinty speak. He's to the of spray equipment and discuss

Marriage Licenses Filed

March 10

March 14

District Court

Divorce Cases Filed

March 7

March 10

March 13

Divorces Granted

March 13

Civil Cases Filed

March 17

cerning Ronald Ray McNaley and

Karen Kay McNaley and 1100 Broad-

way Street, Ballinger, Texas 76821,

Justice of the Peace

Precinct 1

application for foreclosure

In re: Order for foreclosure con-

Boderich Devon Taylor and

Dixie Lynn Seals vs. Bobby Jerell

Donna Harrison vs. Wayne Juarez

Marcella Kay Tripp vs. Robert

Mae Scott

Garcia, Jr.

Seals

Harold Tripp, Jr.

Mandy Sue Taylor

McKinley Walker III and Rosie

E. Linda Valencia and Santos

"Hands-on teaching" in its nator of the popular Brush point, very educational, and

McGinty said he will bring operative Extension presents millions of acres of Texas all the major rangeland herbicides to the program and dem-'We have several folks here onstrate them in true hands-on

> "I'll devote the first hour to such finer points of brush control as spray nozzle types, pressure regulation and pumps.

McGinty said he'd stay as long as needed to allow participants to become familiar with the actual spraying techniques and to answer any questions they may have.

The program is free and open to the general public. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m., and the program will run to 11 a.m. Two Texas Department of Agriculture continuing edu-

cation units for pesticide applicators will be offered. For further information,

contact Alexander at (915) 372-5416.

Community Forum invites coordination of events among local entities

nizations, and civic organizations will meet for a Community Forum at noon on Wednesday, March 26, at Potbellies Restau-

NOTICE MEMBERS OF NORTH RUNNELS WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION

The North Runnels Water Supy Corporation will hold its 26th

Included on the agenda is a program on Cross Connections by William White, with Tx. Rural Water Association. The 2003 Financial Statement Audit will be presented by Harold Shelburne, vealed. The Director's terms for The present Directors are Ed

Seeking re-election are incum-Raymond Lindsey. The other candidates for election are Jack Burton, Cal Waters, Alpheus Hill, and Rick McClure.

Gary Bryan will not seek reelection. Gary has served on NRWSC Board since 1988. The board of Directors, employees and members of the Corporation would like to express their appreciation to Gary, for his outstanding contributions to the water sys-

New officers for the year will be elected at the annual meeting. Presently serving as officers are Lanny England, President, Gary CPA. Also, the ballots for the three Bryan, Vice President, and Den-Directors will be counted and re- nis McBeth, Secretary/Treasurer. Gary Bryan, Dennis McBeth, and Bredemeyer, Duane Geist-mann, Raymond Lindsey will expire at Raymond Lindsey, Lynn Billups,

There will be a drawing for bents, Dennis McBeth and door prizes and refreshments will be served. ALL MEMBERS OF THE CORPORATION ARE URGED TO ATTEND THIS AN-NUAL MEETING.

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FIRE PREVENTION BASICS

Fire Safety Tip of the Week courtesy of The Winters Volunteer Fire Department

Do not store flammable cleaning fluids or other combustible material in water heater or heater closets. Always read labels on products to make sure they are not flammable or combustible.

Representatives of local government entities, business orgarant, 135 N. Main.

Sponsored by the Winters Area Business and Industrial Board, this will be an opportunity for these groups to coordinate community activities.

Legal Notices

Annual Membership Meeting Monday, March 24, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in the Winters Community Center, located at 114 Novice Rd., Winters, Texas.

Felony Cases Filed March 11 Bryan Dwayne Allen, filed on two counts: for felony driving while intoxicated and for evading arrest or detention with a vehicle **Criminal Cases Filed** March 11 Riley Keith Marks, filed for pickup

this meeting.

Ted Ahrens, and Jerry Chambliss.

ATTENTION COX COMMUNICATIONS CUSTOMERS

Effective April 15, 2003, Cox Communications will be making some channel changes on our channel line up. GAC is moving from channel 32 to channel 272 and CMT is being added to channel 32. Inquiries concerning this change or any other cable-related issue can be made at 28 W. Concho Ave., San Angelo, Tx or by calling 655-

Police Beat

The following information has been obtained from reports and or incidents investigated by the Winters Police Department during the week of March 3, 2003 through March 9, 2003. These are just a few reports received each week by members of the Winters Police Depart-

· Officers were contacted by a Winters female, stating that her granddaughter had not been seen since March 7, 2003. Officers were told that the juvenile female had been removed from school by her mother and returned to live in Abilene on that date. The grandmother then stated sometime that evening the juvenile had a friend from Winters come pick her up in Abilene without her mother's consent. The mother and grandmother believed the juvenile to be with the other. When it was realized that the juvenile had run away the grandmother came and reported her missing. The grandmother gave officers names of friends. Within a short time of checking several residences the juvenile was located and taken back to her residence. This case has been filed with Juvenile Probation.

 Officers responded to a terroristic threat in the 100 block of West Pierce Street. The reportee stated that a black male from San Angelo, a Timothy Starkey, had called the residence and claimed he was going to come shoot the reportee. The reportee stated that the night before there were five black males driving around the house and one of them was Timothy Starkey. The reportee stated that the black males were waving guns and threatening the residents of the house. Officers looked for the individuals that night but were unable to locate them. For the following three nights officers responded to the same report, and were unable to locate the suspects. This case is under investigation.

• Officers received a report of two juvenile male relatives that had left town with a white female without the consent of their legal guardians. The female was said to be an 18-year-old Winters female by the name of Lisa Lee. Officers took the report and returned to the office to enter them as missing persons. The officer was contacted when the juveniles returned. Officers spoke with the parents of the juveniles and with the female. They were informed that the juveniles would be reported to juvenile probation. The parents did not wish to file charges on the

 Officers were called to suspicious activity in the area of Bishop and Manning streets. Officers were told that a blue Chevrolet truck had dropped off individuals in an alley and continued on to Bishop. When the officer attempted to stop the vehicle, it turned the corner onto the 100 block of Bishop. The officer turned the corner to find the vehicle running, unoccupied in the roadway in front of a residence. The owners of the residence were contacted and they did not know to whom the vehicle belonged. The officer began an impound inventory on the vehicle and found alcohol in an ice chest in the bed of the vehicle. The officer called for a wrecker to impound the vehicle. A 17-year-old white male from Winters, named John Heathcott, approached the officer and claimed responsibility for the vehicle. John Heathcott admitted to having consumed alcohol and that the alcohol in the ice chest was his. The officer attempted to contact John's parents to no avail. John was arrested for Minor in Possession of Alcohol and Minor in Consumption of Alcohol. During the inventory, there were three radio tower warning signs found. John stated he had picked them up from an unknown location. The officer had John empty the alcohol containers on video camera. The possession of the warning signs is still under investigation.

• Officers were called to the 600 block of North Rogers on a disorderly conduct complaint. The officers spoke with the victim that stated she had heard her neighbor, 20-year-old Jeremiah Gardner, throwing rocks at a residence across the street. When she asked him to stop, so not to damage any of her property, he began cursing at her and her daughter. The lady stated that the language offended her and also her daughter. This case has been turned over to the Municipal Judge for review.

which leads to the grand jury indictment or conviction of offenders and the caller does not have to give his or her name. To give a Crimestoppers tip, call your local law enforcement agency at:

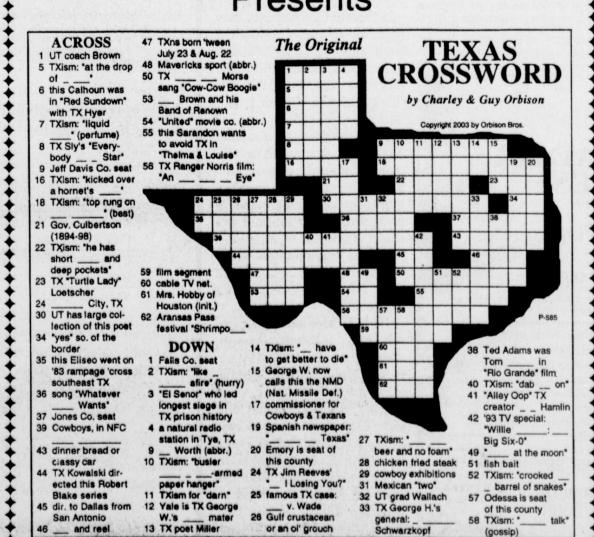
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Official Records

Dispositions Kimberly Yvette Nolan vs. William Roger Nolan III, application for protective order granted until March

County Court

Maria Meredith, theft by check, pleaded nolo contendre, sentenced to six months in county jail, probated to six months, fined \$100, plus \$236 court costs, \$43.52 restitution, \$25 hot check fees, assigned 20 hours com-

Carol E. Northington, theft of merchandise by check, pleaded nolo contendre, fined \$100, plus \$211 court costs, \$77.50 restitution, and \$25 hot check fees

Howard Ray Capps, possession of marijuana, pleaded nolo contendre, sentenced to six months in county jail, probated to one year, fined \$500, plus \$236 court costs, assigned 32 hours community service

Lee Escobar, assault, case dismissed, insufficient evidence

Daniel Alsdorf, theft of food by check, pleaded nolo contendre, fined \$100, plus \$211 court costs \$22 restitution, \$25 hot check fees Criminal Cases Filed

March 13 Robert Castillo, Jr., filed for failure to appear

Paul Juarez, filed for failure to

Eddie Jowers, filed for failure to

Gil Levi Pena, filed for failure to

appear

NOTICE OF GAS RATE INCREASE REQUEST TXU Gas Distribution (the "Company"), in accordance

with the Gas Utility Regulatory Act, hereby gives notice of its intent to implement a new schedule of rates for natural gas service to be charged to all residential, commercial and industrial customers in the unincorporated areas in the vicinity of the West Region Distribution System ("Environs Customers"). The West Region Distribution System includes the following cities: Abilene, Albany, Alvarado, Anson, Avoca, Baird, Ballinger, Bangs, Benjamin, Blackwell, Blanket, Blum, Bronte, Brownwood, Buffalo Gap, Carbon, Carlsbad, Cisco, Cleburne, Clyde, Coleman, Colorado City, Comanche, Covington, DeLeon, Desdemona, Dublin, Early, Eastland, Glen Rose, Godley, Gordon, Goree, Gorman, Granbury, Hamlin, Haskell, Hawley, Hermleigh, Hillsboro, Impact, Itasca, Joshua, Keene, Knox City, Lawn, Lipan, Loraine, Lueders, May, McCaulley, Meridian, Merkel, Miles, Moran, Morgan, Munday, Novice, O'Brien, Olden, Osceola, Ovalo, Putnam, Ranger, Red Springs, Rhineland, Rio Vista, Robert Lee, Roby, Rochester, Roscoe, Rotan, Rowena, Rule, San Angelo, Santa Anna, Santo, Seymour, Snyder, Stamford, Stephenville, Strawn, Sweetwater, Sylvester, Talpa, Throckmorton, Trent, Truscott, Tuscola, Tye, Valera, Vera, Weinert, Whitney, Wingate, and Winters.

The proposed revisions to the respective rate schedules will impact Residential Service, Commercial Service, Industrial Sales, Industrial Transportation, Rate Adjustment Provisions (Gas Cost Adjustment, Tax Adjustment, and Surcharges), and Miscellaneous Service Charges (Connection Charge, Read for Change Charge, Returned Check Charges, Delinquent Notification Charge, Main Line Extension Rate, Excess Flow Valve Charge, and Certain Stand-by Gas Generators). The proposed new schedule of rates will also eliminate the Rate Schedule for Public Schools-N and Commercial Contract Public Schools Rate.

The proposed rates are expected to produce a \$357,845 or a 10.27 percent increase in the Company's annual revenues from residential, commercial and industrial environs customers in the West Region Distribution System. The proposed change will affect 3,494 residential, 475 commercial customers and 18 industrial customers. The proposed change may constitute a "major" change as that term is defined by Section 104.101 of the Texas Utilities Code. The proposed changes will have differing impacts on individual residential and commercial customers, depending on consumption and current applicable rate schedules. A residential customer receiving a bill for 6 Mcf will see a bill of approximately \$50.93, which would constitute a change ranging from a decrease of \$6.93 to an increase of approximately \$7.60 per month. A commercial customer receiving a bill for 30 Mcf will see a change ranging from a 14.71% decrease to a 15.39% increase. Information on the change in any specific area can be obtained from TXU Gas Distribution.

A complete copy of the Statement of Intent, filed with the Railroad Commission of Texas on January 31, 2003 is available for inspection in the Company business office located at 1601 Bryan St., Dallas, Texas 75201. Persons with questions or who want information about this filing, or a copy, may contact TXU Gas Distribution at 1-800-460-3030. Any affected persons may file written comments or protest concerning the proposed change in environs rates by March 21, 2003, with Docket Services Section of the Legal Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967

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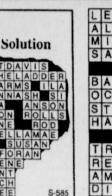
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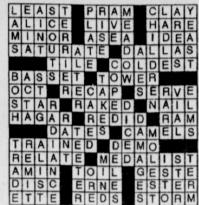
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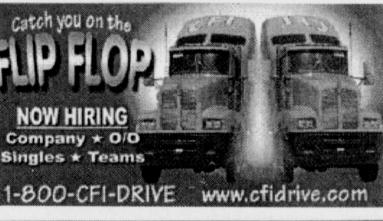
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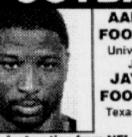
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ALL IN THE FAMILY... This brother and sister duo spent their spring break making history and garnering some of the top honors at the Market Steer Show of the 2003 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Devon Shackelford (above left), a 10-year-old fourth grade student at Winters Elementary, exhibited the Reserve Champion Horned Hereford steer which was first in the lightweight division, while brother Dalton, 12 and a sixth grader, exhibited the first place lightweight Polled Hereford. Devon and Dalton are the children of Roy and Ann Shackelford. The 2003 show was the first in the brand new Reliant Center and Stadium. (photos by Deb Pritchard)

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Pest Management News

by Rick Minzenmayer, CEA-IPM, Runnels-Tom Green counties

The Concho Valley Cotton Conference is set for Tuesday, March 25 at the Convention Center in San Angelo. Three CEU's will be given to those attendee's who participate in the day long programs

Cotton Variety Tests

The cotton variety tests have been written up and all area gins and seed dealers have received copies of them. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Chris Bubenik, Kevin and Brent Niehues, and Curtis, Harvey and Cecil Kalina for their time and effort in establishing these tests for us. If you would like a copy of the written report, give us a call. Wild Oat Control

There have been several folks asking about Wild Oat control. Remember that most herbicides labeled for Wild Oat control in wheat are to be applied prior to wheat jointing. So read and follow label instructions carefully. The three products most commonly used are:

1) AssertÆ 2.5 EC @ 1.0-1.5 pt. per acre. Crop Rotations: grain sor-

ghum and cotton 15 months 2) SilveradoÆ 0.67 EC @ 1.0 pt.

3) HoelonÆEC@ 2.0-2.7 pt. per acre Stripe Rust

Joseph Kransky, Plant Pathologist at College Station, recently reports Stripe Rust in wheat fields in south and central Texas. With a probable wet spring in store (which is good for a change), stripe rust could become a problem in some areas. During favorable weather for this disease, stripe rust can rapidly damage leaf area with the potential to significantly reduce yields and test weights. The presence of stripe rust in south and central Texas indicates that in-

Stripe rust can be distinguished from the two other rusts that occur in Texas, leaf rust and stem rust. Stripe rust pustules form between the leaf veins as long streaks and are yellow as compared with the smaller, circular, orange, pustules of leaf rust or the short, rectangular, brick red pustules of stem rust. The optimum temperatures for

oculum is present.

stripe rust than for either leaf rust or stem rust. As night temperatures exceed about 65°F, stripe Co., Ltd. for Intruder Insecticide rust infections become less aggressive and the disease progress often is reduced.

The systemic foliar fungicides Quadris, Tilt and Stratego can be used to protect high-yield wheat from stripe and leaf rust when applied properly. Field tests have shown that all three fungicides are effective against stripe rust when applied properly. Tilt and Stratego have a Section 24 (c) special local needs registration for late-season use on wheat in Texas for protection against rust. These special registrations permit application on wheat as late as Feekes Growth Stage 10.5 (full head emergence, pre-bloom), but not any later. Tilt is labeled at 4.0 fl. oz/acre and Stratego at 10.0 fl. oz./acre. Quadris is also labeled for application up until Feekes Stage 10.5 at 6.2 to 10.8 fl. oz./acre. More information will come later.

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by Rick Minzenmayer, CEA-IPM, Runnels-Tom Green counties

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Visitation

Concho Valley Cotton

The Runnels/Tom Green IPM committee, the Tom Green Crops committee, The Runnels County Crops Committee and the Texas Intruder is a brand name of the Cooperative Extension staff will active ingredient aceta-miprid, be sponsoring their fifth Concho Valley Cotton Conference on Tuesday, March 25, 2003.

The schedule of events are: MORNING SESSION

8:00 Registration

8:20 Opening Remarks 8:30 "What We've Learned After Five Years and BMP's," Mr.

Charles Stichler 9:00 "An In-depth Look at Conservation Tillage in SRP," Mr. Rich-

ard Minzenmayer 9:30 "Weed and Residue Management in Reduced Tillage," Dr. Wayne Keeling

> 10:05 Break & Booth Visitation 10:35 "Herbicide Resistance Man-

2:05 "Drip Irrigation Systems and Management," Mr. Hubert Frerich 2:30 "2003 Weather Predictions! What, Why, and How," Mr. Buddy 3:00 Break and Booth Visitation 3:30 Southern Rolling Plains Cotton Growers Association Annual

siderations for SRP Con-till," Dr.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Economic Assessment in the SRP,"

Dryland Production," Dr. Chris

12:00 Catered Lunch and Booth

1:15 "Conservation Tillage: An

1:40 "Economics of Bt Cotton in

To pre-register call the Runnels Co. Extension Office at 365-2219, the Entomologist Office at 365-5212 or the Tom Green Co. Extension Office at 659-6523 by MARCH 21. After this date, there will be a \$10.00 registration fee.

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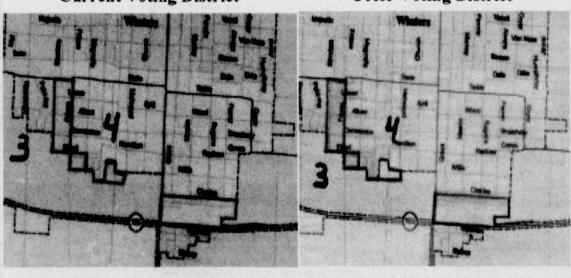
'LEAVING' A TIDIER LOOK are Shelby Gehrels (left) and Bibi Mendoza, both 10, who spent some of their spring break improving the downtown area.

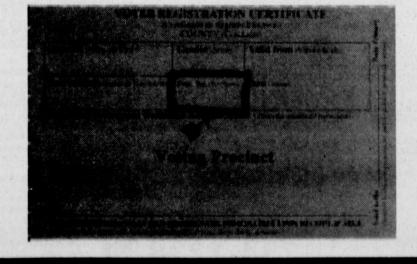
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The assessment for 2003 is 80 percent of the maximum assessment for the zone. The commissioner approved the reduction in the assessment based on the recommendation of the zone's grower steering committee and the foundation Board of Directors.

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