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NEWS

Enterprise Closed

The Winters Enterprise office will close Thursday and Friday, Dec. 25 & 26, for the Christmas holiday.

We wish everyone a very blessed holiday.

Christmas in Winters

A look at some of the fun during the annual Christmas parade last Saturday.

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Where? ... under God

Texas Attorney goes to bat for Pledge of Allegiance.

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Molly's gift from the heart

Local woman gives a prized possession to fulfill a promise.

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Still having fun at school

Runnels Association of Retired Teachers share a light-hearted time with Winters Elementary students.

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A jump start on New Year's resolutions

Noted author of *The Coach Connection* offers help to reach personal goals.

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Around the ag scene

Runnels County represented at Farm Bureau Convention; three-year-old bags his first deer; stock shows just around the corner.

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2004 Miss Sno-Queen



MARCI PASCHAL (center), the 2004 Miss Sno-Queen, is joined by first runner-up April Leverett (right) and Crystal Grenwelge, second runner-up. The girls were crowned Saturday following the Christmas parade. (photo by Jean Boles)

2004 Miss Sno-Flake



MACILIN OLIVER is the new Miss Sno-Flake. She is the 6-year-old daughter of Theresa Oliver and a first grade student at Winters Elementary. (photo by Jean Boles)

Lawrence Bros. IGA honored by American Workforce Center

Lawrence Bros. IGA Supermarket in Winters is among an elite group of businesses honored by the West Central Texas Workforce Center System for "outstanding service to the workforce, the industry they represent, and their communities."

The award was presented to Clay Bush, store manager, during a Salute to the American Workforce on Wednesday, December 17, at ??? in Abilene.

Bush also received certificates of appreciation from State Senator Troy Fraser, Representative Bob Hunter, and Congressman Charles Stenholm.

Ron Lehman, TWC Commissioners Representing Employers presented the award to emphasize the impact of the

nation's workforce on economic prosperity and quality of life.

"Our workforce is the lifeblood of the economy and we salute the contributions of these businesses and their employees," said Ken Becker, West Central Texas Workforce Development board chairman.

Of IGA's award, Store Manager Clay Bush said, "We're very proud of this honor. It's not only good for the store and my employees, it's good for Winters. I also want to thank the people of Winters and my employees for all their hard work. Bush has been at the Winters store for the past two years.

Laura Carrillo, Head Cashier, has been with IGA for the past 20 years.



CELEBRATING THEIR AWARDS from the Texas Workforce Center are employees of Lawrence Bros. IGA Supermarket of Winters. The business was honored for "outstanding service to the workforce and their community" during ceremonies in Abilene on December 17. Employees include (l-r) Clay Bush, Store Manager; Steve Owens, Market Manager; John Shireman, Assistant Manager; Joyce Weems, Bookkeeper; Justin Wagley, Stocker; Laura Carrillo, Head Cashier; Shanna Weems, Bookkeeper; and Pearl Guerrero, Non-Food Manager. (photo by Jean Boles)

Nothing out of the ordinary for Commissioners' meetings

contributed by Roeneal Boles of The Ballinger Ledger

Runnels County Commissioners met in a brief 15-minute special meeting on Tuesday.

They voted to allow a county employee, when approved by the county official in whose department the employee works, to serve on the Early Ballot Voting Board or as a voting precinct clerk in the primary and general elections. The employee will receive regular wages in addition to the pay authorized for election judges and clerks.

Commissioners approved an order appointing Tammy Burleson as Runnels County District Clerk and also approved the bond for Ms. Burleson.

County Judge Marilyn Egan was given permission to purchase a computer monitor for use by the county's Emergency Management Coordinator at an estimated cost of \$179.

Finally, Commissioners approved January 2, 2004 as a paid holiday for county officials and employees.

In their regular meeting on

Tuesday, December 9, Commissioners approved payment of the annual maintenance support for computer software in the Treasurer and Auditor's offices at a cost of \$3,750.

Mutual Aid Agreements between the County and the cities of Miles, Ballinger and Winters was approved. The agreement was required by the Homeland Security Act. An agreement was also approved between member counties and West Central Texas Council of Government.

Finally, the Commissioners cast their votes for candidates for the board of directors of Runnels County Appraisal District as follows:

- Allen Belk-432 from Precinct 1;
- Allen Belk-433 from Precinct 2;
- Preston Barker-432 from Precinct 3;
- W. J. (Billy) Schwertner-433 from Precinct 4.

Six Blizzards earn All-District honors

Six members of the Varsity Blizzard football squad have received all-district honors in Class 9-2A.

Named to First Team Offense are Jacob Bridgeman, a 6'2", 250 lb. junior, offensive lineman, and Tim Fenwick, a 5'10", 150 lb. senior, wide receiver with 43 catches for 560 yards.

Garnering First Team Defense honors are John Heathcott

and Benjie Valles. Heathcott had 46 solo tackles, 87 assists, 4 tackles for a loss, 1 caused fumble 1 interception and 1 blocked pass. The 6'0", 175 lb. linebacker is a senior.

Valles, a 5'10", 160 lb. senior, played defensive back and had 12 solo tackles, 21 assists, 1 tackle for a loss, 1 blocked passes, and 1 safety.

Fenwick was also named to the Second Team Defense as a defensive back with 23 solo tackles, 20 assists, 1 fumble recovery, 3 interceptions and 7 blocked passes.

Earning Honorable Mention Offense is Benjie Valles, Blizzard quarterback for the 2003 season. Valles had 56 carries, 205 yards, 1 touchdown, 73 completions of 177

attempts for 1028 yards and 5 touchdowns.

Honorable Mention Defense includes linebacker Pete Griffin and defensive lineman Matthew Cook.

Griffin, a 5'9", 175 junior, had 18 solo tackles, 23 assists, 1 tackle for a loss, 2 interceptions and 3 blocked passes.

Cook had 9 solo tackles, 35 assists, 5 tackles for a loss, and 3 fumble recoveries.

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Editorial

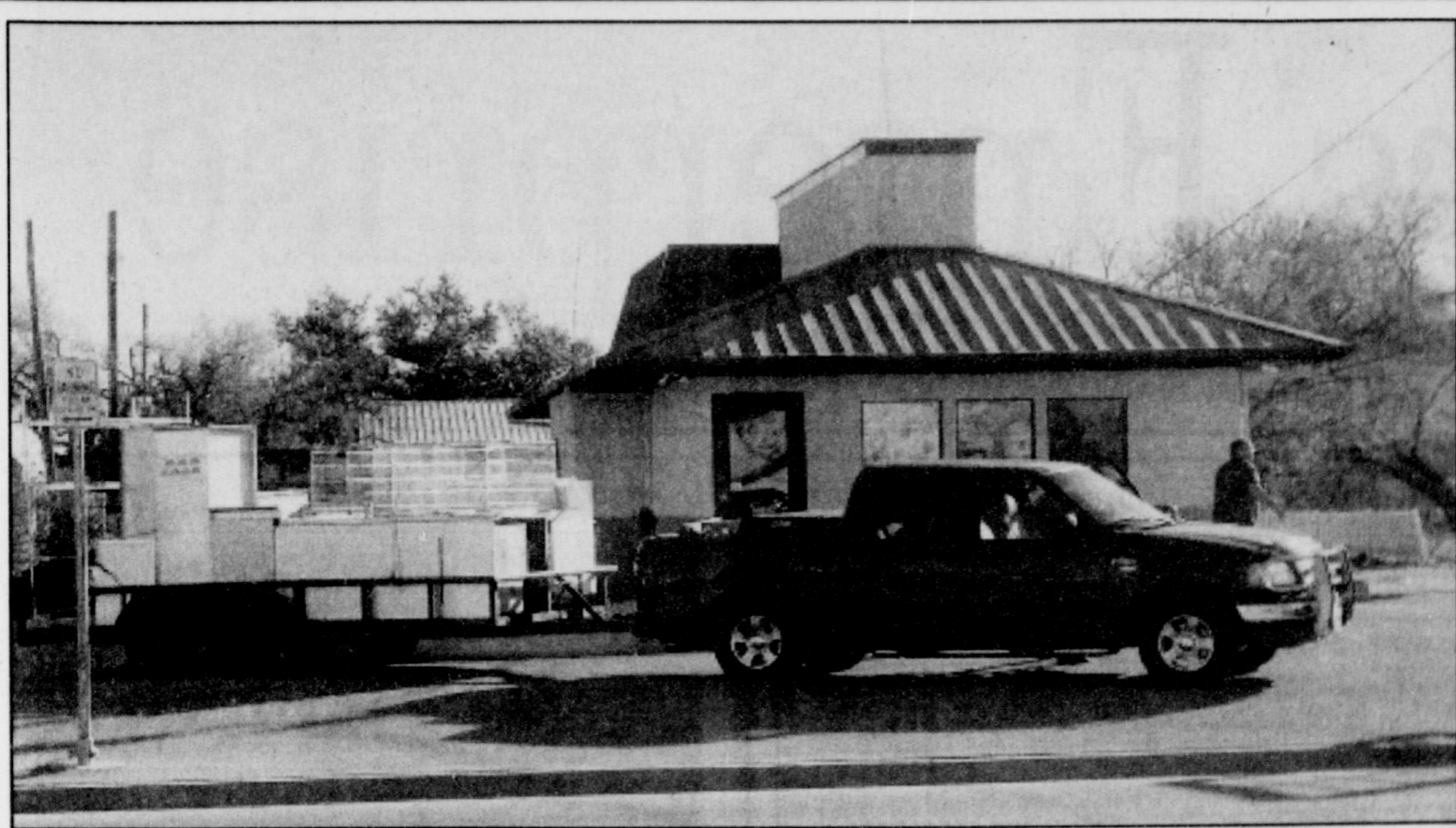
Obituaries

Dorothy Daphene Simpson

WINTERS—Dorothy Daphene Simpson, 79, died Thursday, December 18, 2003, in Hendrick Medical Center. Mrs. Simpson was born to Charlie Gibson and Annie Gooch Gibson on August 13, 1924 in Winters. She attended school in Winters and graduated high school in Electra, Texas. She lived in Electra from 1945 to 1990 when she returned to Winters. Daphene married Greg Simpson in 1948. She was preceded in death by her husband and parents. She was a member of the Church of Christ and Runnels County Historical Society. Daphene is survived by her cousins, Betty and Keith Thomason of Winters. The body was cremated and a memorial service will be held later.

Coleman Frank Foreman

CREWS—Coleman Frank Foreman, 80, died Saturday, December 20, 2003 in an Abilene hospital. Mr. Foreman was born December 12, 1923, near Gustine, in Comanche County, Texas. As a young child, he moved with his family to Runnels County, settling in the Crews Community and attending school at Blanton. He served in the United States Army and then the National Guard. He married Lawan Leath on July 25, 1971 in Lubbock. He was a retired farmer and a long time member of the Hopewell Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ottie Z and Ina Perkins Foreman; two brothers, Leslie Dee Foreman and Lonnie Z. Foreman; and one sister, Imogene Rutland. Survivors include his wife of 32 years, Lawan Foreman of Crews; two brothers, Wayne Foreman of Arlington and Welson Foreman of Kerrville; four sisters, Ila Dean Tate of San Angelo, Ilene Canion of Fort Worth, Joyce Yoes of Shelbyville, TN, and Twila Nowell of Abilene. Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, December 23, 2003 in the Hopewell Baptist Church with Reverend Ferris Akins and Reverend Oscar Fanning officiating. Burial was in the Crews Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the West Texas Rehabilitation Center in Abilene. Funeral arrangements were under direction of the Winters Funeral Home.



WORKERS WERE BUSY last week loading the contents of the local Pizza Hut Express which closed December 14. Franchise owners say a decline in business and an increase in expenses forced the closure. The Pizza Hut first opened in June 1986 and closed for a short time in January 1997. At that time a dining area was added and the fast-food chain re-opened. Members of the Winters Area Business and Industrial Corporation have tried to encourage the franchise owner, but to no avail. The property is owned by Milton and Naomi Gerhart of Winters. (photo by Jean Boles)

Oil Bidness
by Reg Boles © 2003

Not available this week

Early deadlines set for New Year's edition

Enterprise to mail papers Dec. 30, close Jan. 1

Due to the upcoming New Year's holiday, *The Winters Enterprise* requests that newsprint for the Jan. 1 edition be turned in to our office no later than the following dates and times:

NEW YEAR'S EDITION, 01-01-04 (WILL BE MAILED DEC. 30)		
General news/retail advertising	Fri., Dec. 26	Noon
Classified advertising	Fri., Dec. 26	5 p.m.

The *Winters Enterprise* office will be closed Thursday and Friday, Dec. 25 & 26, as well as Thursday, Jan. 1, so that employees may enjoy the holidays with their families. A drop box will be placed at the front door for delivery of news or advertising. Have a Happy New Year!

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Did you know?

In 1892, Winters had a population of 163 people, with a stage that ran daily to Abilene and Ballinger.

Letter to the Editor

I believe in Santa

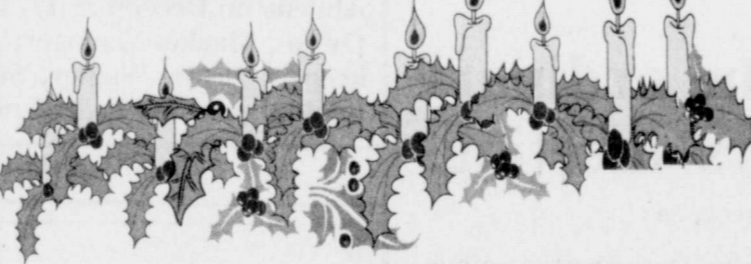
Christmas! I love it. I like all the Christmas carols and the silly reindeer songs. I like the lights, Christmas parades, wish books, shopping lists, baking, and everything that goes with Christmas. All of it. I love to shop for presents and I love to get presents. I enjoy all of the things that appeal to children. Lots of folks say I'm naive. I may be, but I'm also happy. When I was small I believed in Santa Clause. Without any doubts, I knew the big guy existed. I was shocked the Christmas I caught my older sister digging in dresser drawers and looking behind bookcases for presents. "Why would Santa Clause hide the presents here when he could store them at the North Pole?" I asked. "Why would anyone do something so silly as to hide presents where the person they were intended for could find them?" My sister was as disgusted with me as I was with her. I really did believe in the big, fat man with a beard, you know, the one who laughs easily and tries so hard to get the right presents for everyone. Turns out I was right. Look at who gives Christmas presents now. It's a big, fat man with a beard. He laughs easily and often. He really tries hard to get what everyone on his list wants. The presents are really good ones — not the kind that you wish you could exchange. Everything is the right size and color. Just like I wished for. How could I possibly say I don't believe in Santa Clause? Pole?" I asked.

Martha Shepard
Tuscola, TX

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Community

Pastor's Points

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

The Father's Choice

by Mark Edge, preaching minister of the North Main church of Christ

Sophie's Choice is a compelling story told by William Styron. (Hollywood later filmed a motion picture based on Styron's book. For her portrayal of Sophie, Meryl Streep won the Academy Award for Best Actress.) It concerns an obviously mentally and emotionally troubled young woman, Jewish, who has survived a Nazi concentration camp and then takes her own life. Why? Why has she done so? At the end of Styron's story, you know.

Sophie is a young mother living in Poland when Nazis capture her and her two small children and take them to a concentration camp. Their crime? Existence as Jews. Entering the camp, one of the German guards presents Sophie with an opportunity and a dilemma. She can keep one of her children, but the other will have to die in the furnace of fire. So now a decision awaits Sophie, one rife with good and evil, death and hope. Because of Man's evil, one child will live and one child will die. The decision is Sophie's choice.

We are in the midst of the Christmas season. Many of us reflect on the basic goodness of the Son of God to come into our world, as we should. But I wish to invite us as we remember the Son to remember the Father also. He too had an agonizing decision to make. Because of evil in this world, we human beings faced certain spiritual death. There was only one hope, yet it by necessity required the Son of God to experience spiritual death. The Father faced a choice—death for his human children and life for his Son, or death for his Son and life for his human children. Do not take this decision lightly. One like it damaged a mother and drove her to suicide.

Fortunately for us, "God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16). The Father's choice meant a tragic death for his Son and eternal life for those who believe in him. So this Christmas season, as you remember Jesus, say a little prayer of thanks to the Father for his loving and sacrificial choice.



THE BEST OF PALS are Eusebio Reyna (left) and Taylor Riffe as they performed in the second grade students' Christmas musical on December 16. More photos will be published in next week's edition of *The Winters Enterprise*. (photo by Jean Boles)

Good News Class enjoys Christmas luncheon

The Good News Class of the First Baptist Church met December 15, in the home of Jerry Lloyd for a Christmas luncheon and fellowship with games in the afternoon.

Present were Jo and Royce Mears, Arlene and Monroe Boles, Louise Seals, Vera Lee Sneed, Thelma Taylor, Jerry Lloyd, Jean Boles, and class teacher Randall Boles.

Town Crier



Ella Clare Hoff

Brenna and Noel Hoff of McKinney are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Ella Clare Hoff, on Friday, September 19, 2003 at North Central Medical Center in McKinney. She weighed 8 lbs. 1 oz., and was 20 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Brent and Scarlotte Mikeska of San Angelo. Paternal grandparents are Cal and Pam Hengst of San Angelo.

Maternal great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Bradshaw of Ballinger and Joyce Mikeska of San Angelo. Paternal great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gainer of San Angelo.

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Social Security Rep. in Winters on Jan. 26

Manuel Castaño, representative for the San Angelo Social Security Office, has scheduled his January visit to Winters. He will be at the Winters Housing Project Office on Monday, Jan. 26, between 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Anyone who wants to file a claim for benefits, get information, or transact other business with the Social Security Administration may contact him at this time.

Your Social Security matters can be handled just as

quickly by telephone. For help when you first want to sign up for Social Security or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits, call (915) 949-4608. The office is open every weekday (Monday through Friday) except holidays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you just need information or are already receiving benefits, call 1-800-772-1213 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. every weekday except holidays.

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Tuesday, Dec. 30: Hamburger steak w/mushroom gravy, rice, peas & carrots, hot roll, and apple crisp.

Wednesday, Dec. 31: Steak & gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread, and dessert.

Thursday, Jan. 1: Closed for New Year's holiday. Happy New Year!

Friday, Jan. 2: Closed for New Year's holiday. Happy New Year!

Meals are served at 11:30 a.m. daily. Anyone who does not take the meals regularly are asked to reserve a lunch by contacting the Activity Center at 754-4205 by 10 a.m.

WISD Fitness Center sets holiday hours

Holiday hours for the WISD Fitness Center will be as follows:

- Mon., Dec. 22, 6-8 p.m.
- Tues., Dec. 23, 6-8 p.m.
- Wed., Dec. 24, closed
- Thurs., Dec. 25, closed
- Fri., Dec. 26, 6-8 p.m.
- Mon., Dec. 29, 6-8 p.m.
- Tues., Dec. 30, 6-8 p.m.
- Wed., Dec. 31, closed
- Thurs., Jan. 1, closed
- Fri., Jan. 2, 6-8 p.m.

This will be the schedule, provided a "trainer" is on duty. If no trainer is available, the center will be closed.

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Services for December 28

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Worship 10:30 AM • Evening Service 6 PM

New Year's Eve Dance



December 31, 2003
8 PM to 1 AM
Winters Country Club

Public Invited
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WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

Dec. 25-SCHOOL HOLIDAY

No Sr. Citizens Meal Served

*Merry Christmas to One and All,
and to All a Good Night!*



Dec. 26-SCHOOL HOLIDAY

No Sr. Citizens Meal Served

Cowboys for Christ, Drasco

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

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

Noon, Lions Club, Sr. Citizens Activity Center

7 p.m., AA, First United Methodist Church

7 p.m., Athletic Boosters, Blizzard Stadium

Dec. 31-7 a.m., Industrial Board, Windmill Enterprises Office

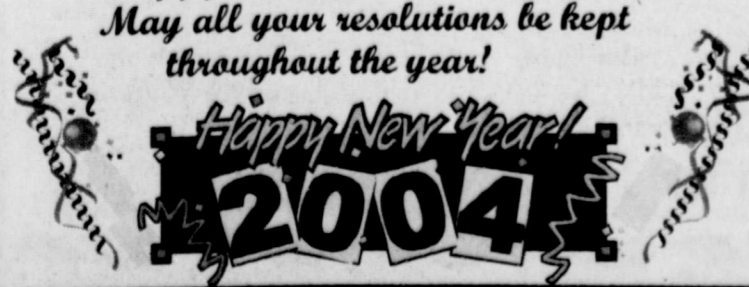
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Jan. 1- No. Sr. Citizens Meal Served

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Happy New Year!
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Community

Two file for County offices January 2 deadline approaching

contributed by Roeneal Boles, *The Ballinger Ledger*

Two persons have filed for positions in the Democratic Primary for Runnels County offices, according to County Democratic Party Chairman Delphine Rodriguez.

Billie Schaefer has filed for election to fill the unexpired term of the District Clerk's office.

James T. (Thurman) Self has filed for reelection to his position as Runnels County Commissioner, Precinct 3.

As of Monday, Dec. 15, no one had filed in the Republican Primary.

The filing period for those who are seeking election in Runnels County began December 3 and closes at 6:00 p.m. January 2, 2004.

Runnels County elected office terms which are expiring and up for election in 2004 are as follows:

Sheriff-position currently held by Bill Baird;

County Attorney-position currently held by Stuart Holden;

County Tax Assessor-Collector-position currently held by Robin Burgess;

County Commissioner, Precinct #1-currently held by Skipper Wheelless—Wheelless has announced he will not run for re-election;

County Commissioner, Precinct #3-position currently held by Thurman Self;

Constable, Precinct #1-position currently held by Charles Moeller;

Constable, Precinct #2-position currently held by Archie Jobe.

Also, since the death of District Clerk Loretta Michalewicz, the office of District Clerk will be open for candidates to fill the unexpired term. Deputy Clerk Tammy Burleson has been appointed Clerk to fill the position until the new Clerk can be elected to fill the unexpired term.

Filing fee for the positions of Sheriff, County Attorney, Tax Assessor-Collector, District Clerk and Commissioners positions is \$750.00. Filing fee for the Constable positions is \$375.00.

In lieu of the filing fee, candidates may present signatures of 56 voters when filing for the positions of Sheriff, County Attorney or Tax Assessor-Collector; 50 voters for the Commissioner and Constable positions.

Prior to making any expenditures, candidates should obtain and file an "Appointment of Campaign Treasurer" form from the Runnels County Clerk's office.

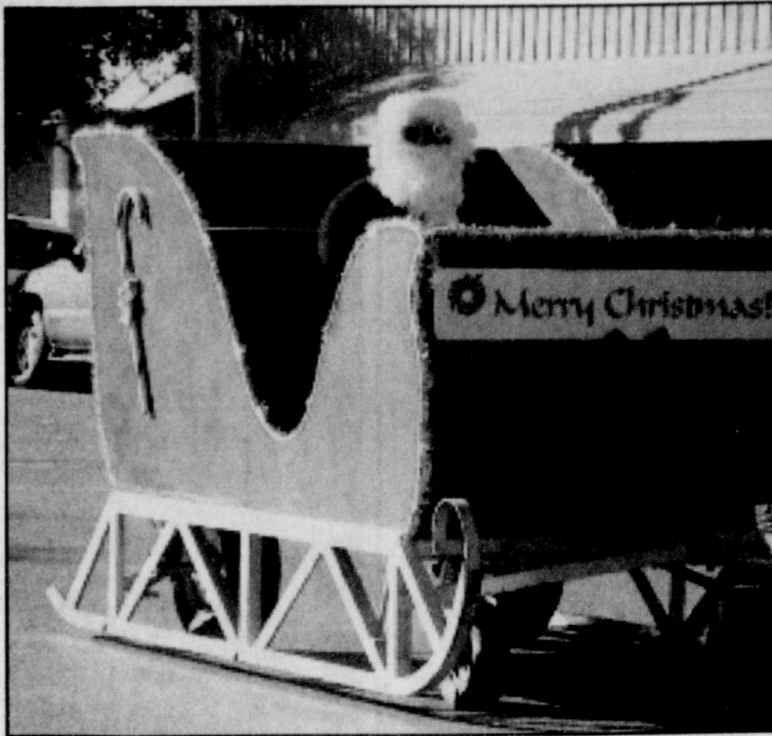
Candidates wishing to file in the Republican Primary should contact:

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Filers in the Democratic Primary should contact:

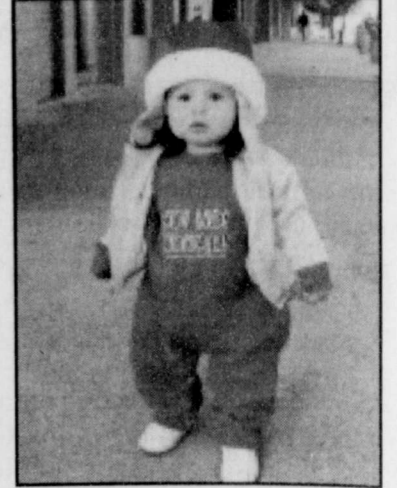
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A look at the 'Winters Wonderland Christmas' parade



A VISIT FROM SANTA always brings excitement.

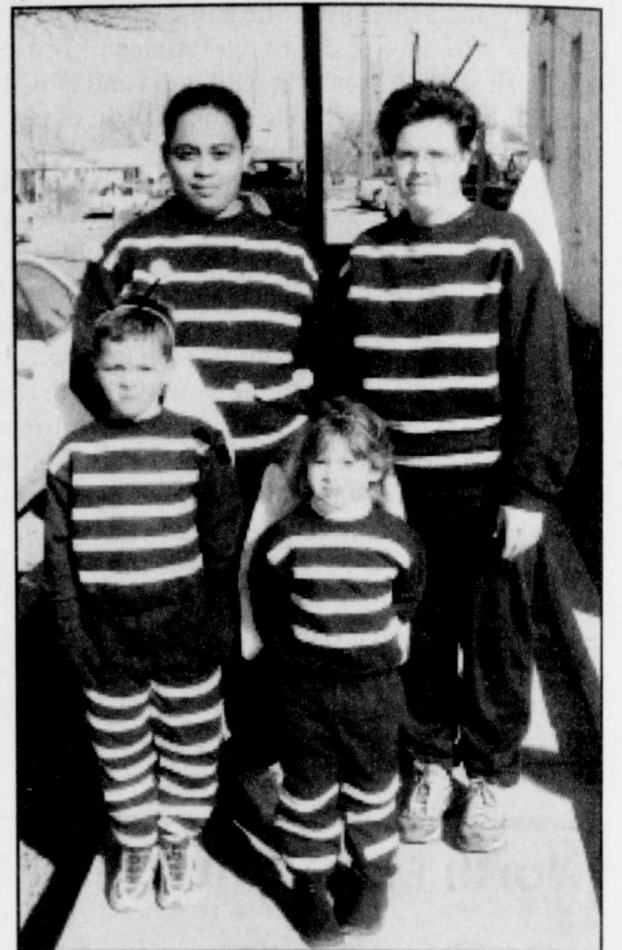
(photo by Susan Ripple)



QUERSTIN RASHAE LARA, age 1, shows off her special Christmas shirt, compliments of her uncle Michael Lara with the U.S. Army. Querstin is the daughter of Leslie Luera and Domingo Lara. (photo by Jean Boles)



THE NOLAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE won first place in the riding club category. (photo by Susan Ripple)



THESE BUMBLE BEES added a humorous touch to the float sponsored by the Busy "B" Laundry and Cleaners. Bees are Daryl Hagle (front left) and Peyton Jackson. At back left is Becky Lopez with Kay Hagle. (photo by Jean Boles)

Happy Holidays from All of Us

With best wishes to you and yours for a holiday season that's brimming with glad times and good fellowship. Your warm friendship makes us proud. Thank you!

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May your heart and hearth be filled with the blessings of peace, love, faith, and harmony, as we celebrate the Miracle that is Christmas.

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Holiday Greetings

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HECTOR REYNA, age 14, and brother Christian Tamez, age 6, spin through the parade on their decorated go-cart. (photo by Susan Ripple)

A special thank-you to Randall Conner for making sure Santa joined the Christmas parade.

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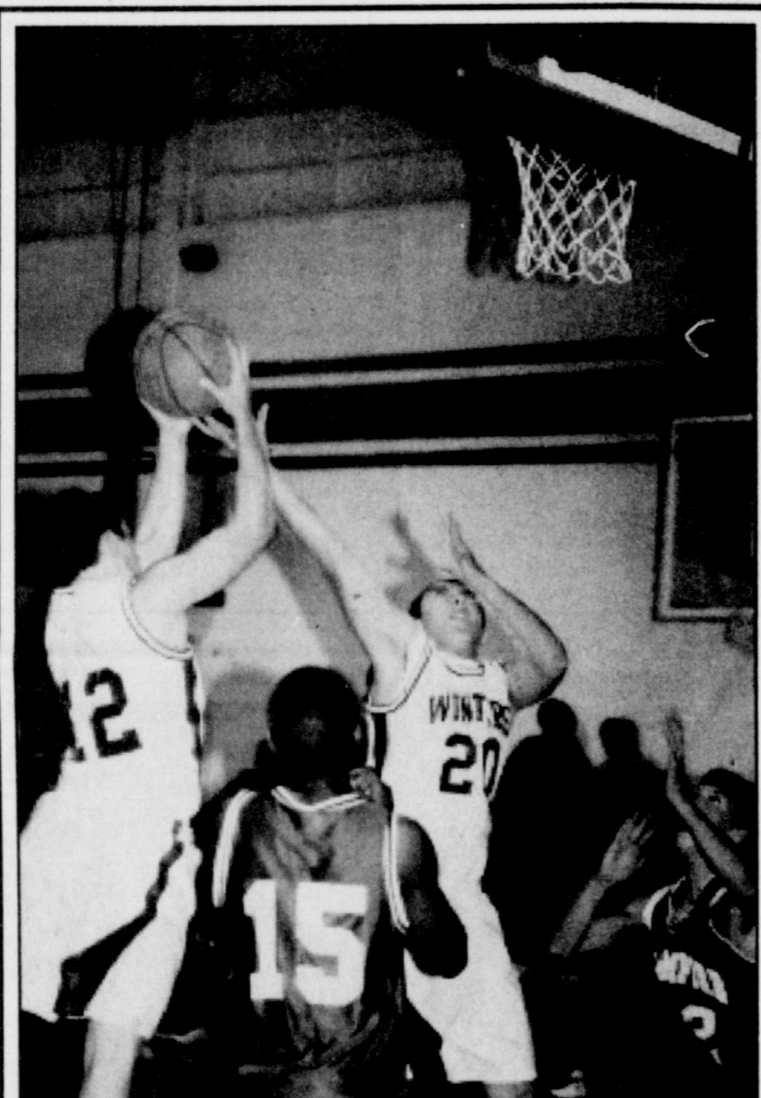
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(photo by Jean Boles)



KAEL DENTON #12 and Jordan Sanchez #20 go up and over their Stamford Bulldog opponents for the rebound during Blizzard Junior Varsity action.

(photo by Jean Boles)

Basketball Hoopla

Team: JV Boys Coach: Todd Harrison
 Opponent: Hamlin Date: 12-09-03
 Place: Hamlin

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER							
	1	2	3	4	OT	TOT	FIN
WINTERS	11	8	6	11		36	35
OPPOSNT	1	5	6	7		19	19

Free throws made: 4 of 10 for WINTERS
 Player's Name Points Rebounds Steals Assists
 Justin Fenwick 3
 David Scates 10
 Don Davis 1
 Karl Denton 7
 Jordan Sanchez* 15
 *Denotes High Point Individual for Winters
 Coach's Comments: The kids played hard, and it really showed with the first win of the year.

Team: Winters 8th Girls "A" Coach: Landa Grohman
 Opponent: Jim Neel A Date: 12-08-03
 Place: Winters

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER							
	1	2	3	4	OT	TOT	FIN
WINTERS	4	8	10	7		29	29
OPPOSNT	12	8	9	6		35	35

Free throws made: 3 of 10 for WINTERS
 Player's Name Points Rebounds Steals Assists
 Susan Sneed 4
 Laura Armendariz 2
 Kyli Knight 5
 Cassi Mendoza 2
 Aracelie Flores 4
 Shelby Walker 4
 Christina Marentes* 4
 *Denotes High Point Individual for Winters
 Coach's Comments: We played hard the whole game, but missed too many easy shots.

Team: Winters 8th Girls "B" Coach: Landa Grohman
 Opponent: Jim Neel B Date: 12-08-03
 Place: Winters

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER							
	1	2	3	4	OT	TOT	FIN
WINTERS	0	0	5	2		7	7
OPPOSNT	8	2	6	11		27	27

Free throws made: 1 of 2 for WINTERS
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Registration deadline for next ACT test is Jan. 2

The next national test date for the ACT Assessment is February 7, 2004. College-bound students should register by the January 2 postmark deadline. Late registration postmark deadline is January 16 (an additional fee is required for late registration).

Students can register online at www.act.org or they can get a registration packet from their high school guidance counselor and register by mail. The website also has sample test questions and a link to a free financial aid calculator.

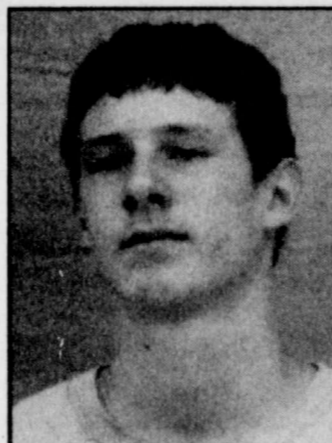
The test fee is \$26 (\$29 in Florida). Colleges use ACT scores, along with a student's high school GPA and other information to help determine admissions and the appropriate course placement.

The ACT Assessment is curriculum-based, designed to measure a student's academic achievement. There are four sections to the exam: English, reading, math, and science.

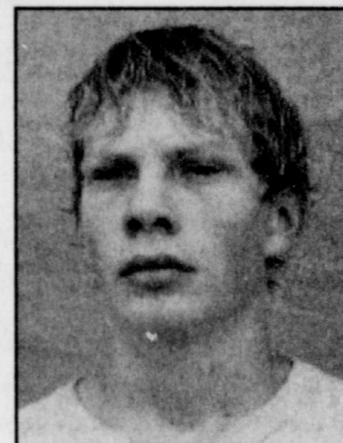
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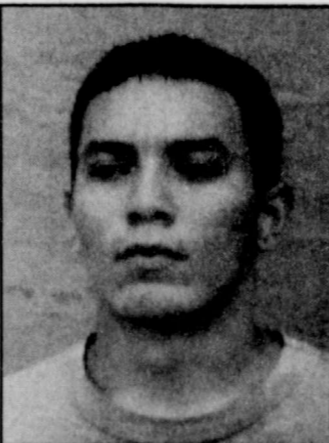
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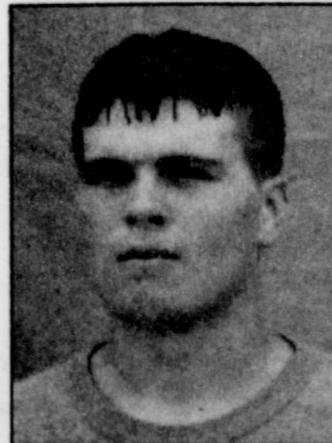
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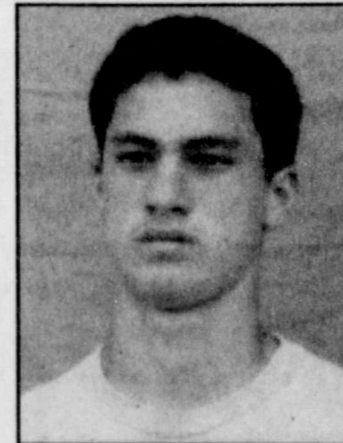
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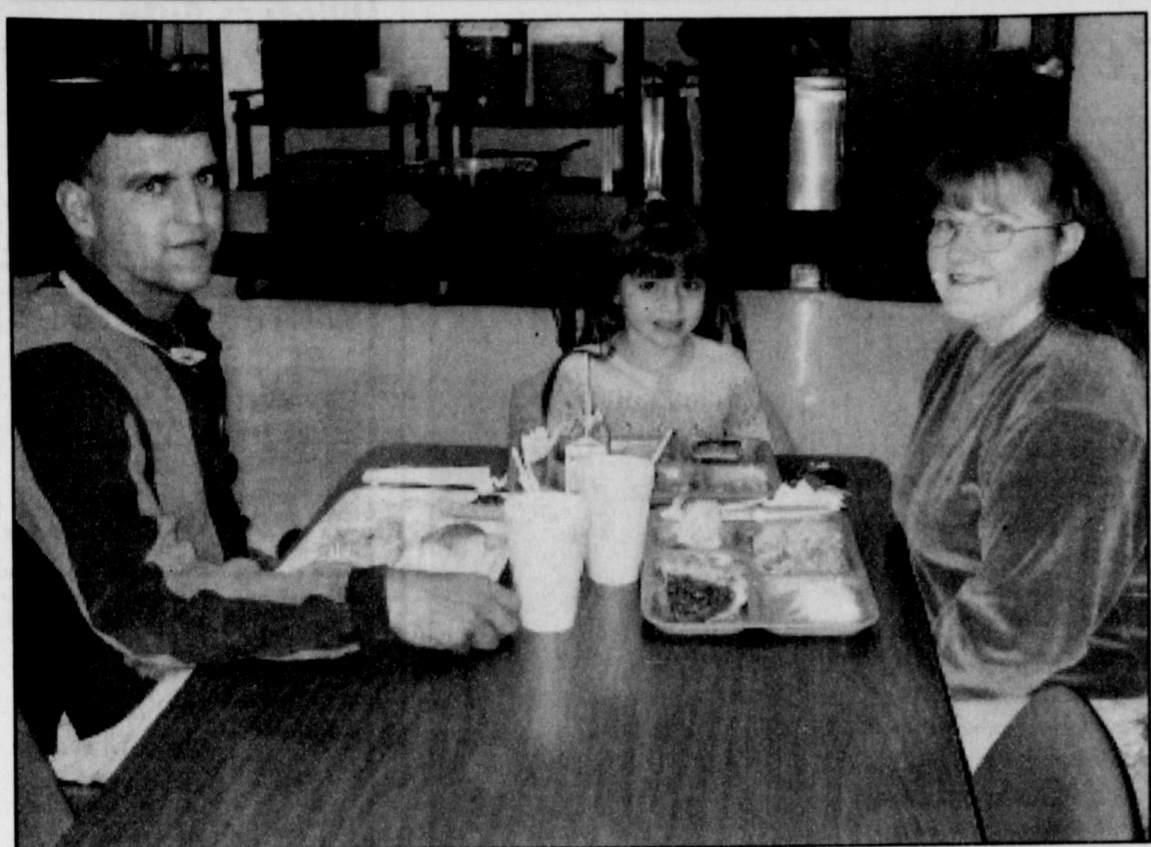
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ENJOYING PARENT DAY at WISD with their kindergarten-aged daughter Alyssa are Kenneth and Alicia Gray. Approximately 480 parents participated in the week's lunches as part of Parent Appreciation Week. (photo by Jennifer Cravens)

Texas A&M University to offer four-year \$20,000 scholarship to first-generation college students

Texas A&M University will begin offering scholarships totaling up to \$20,000 over four years to entering first-generation college students from families with an annual income of \$40,000 or less, announced President Robert M. Gates.

"Consistent with our entire history, and in furtherance of the need to respond to the need for affordability and 'Closing the Gaps' (a statewide initiative to encourage more young Tex-

ans to attend college), I am today announcing the Texas A&M 'Regents Scholarships,'" Gates said at a Wednesday evening forum to discuss admissions and related matters.

Every student admitted to Texas A&M who is a first-generation college student and whose family income is \$40,000 or less will be guaranteed in his or her admission letter a \$5,000-per-year schol-

arship for four years, with the ability to add other scholarships for which they may be eligible, up to the cost of attendance, Gates explained.

Approximately 575 freshmen would have been eligible for such scholarships if they had been available last year, he noted.

For the full story, go to www.tamu.edu/univrel/aggiedaily/news/stories/03/120403-7.htm.

Attorney General Greg Abbott asks U.S. Supreme Court to uphold 'under God' in Pledge of Allegiance

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott urged the U.S. Supreme Court to uphold as constitutional the practice of reciting the Pledge of Allegiance in public schools. Attorney General Abbott made his argument in an amicus curiae ("friend of the court") brief that he filed on behalf of all 50 states, in a case involving a California man who contends that having public schoolchildren recite the Pledge of Allegiance violates the U.S. Constitution because the Pledge contains the words "under God."

"From the time of her founding, our nation has recognized her religious heritage in historical documents, speeches, and even her architecture," Attorney General Abbott said. "The phrase 'under God' in the Pledge of Allegiance is one such acknowledgment, and I urge the Supreme Court to protect its continued presence in our public schools."

The court's decision in the case, *Elk Grove Unified School District v. Michael A. Newdow*,

will directly impact the laws of at least 43 states, including a newly enacted Texas statute that requires school districts to have students recite the Pledge of Allegiance once during each school day. The law was passed to help fulfill the Texas Education Code's mandate that students be taught to be "thoughtful, active citizens who understand the importance of patriotism."

Attorney General Abbott notes in the brief that virtually every reference to the Pledge of Allegiance by the Supreme Court has agreed that the Pledge is entirely consistent with the First Amendment. Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, for example, said in 1985's *Wallace v. Jaffree* that the reference to God in the Pledge of Allegiance "serve[s] as an acknowledgment of religion with 'the legitimate secular purposes of solemnizing public occasions, [and] expressing confidence in the future.'"

Attorney General Abbott added, "The Supreme Court has consistently acknowledged a key distinction be-

tween government-sponsored religious ceremony or display, and simple historical and patriotic recognition of religion by government institutions. We urge the court to continue that tradition in this case."

The case was appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court after the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled the use of the words "under God" in the Pledge violated the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment. Oral arguments have yet to be scheduled at the Supreme Court.

After and early form first appeared in a youth publication in 1892, the Pledge of Allegiance grew in notoriety and changed form until Congress officially adopted it in 1942. Congress added the phrase "under God" in 1954.

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"This is a great program for people who want to help a charity, but aren't able to make a significant cash contribution," says Karen Campese, CEO of cars4charities.

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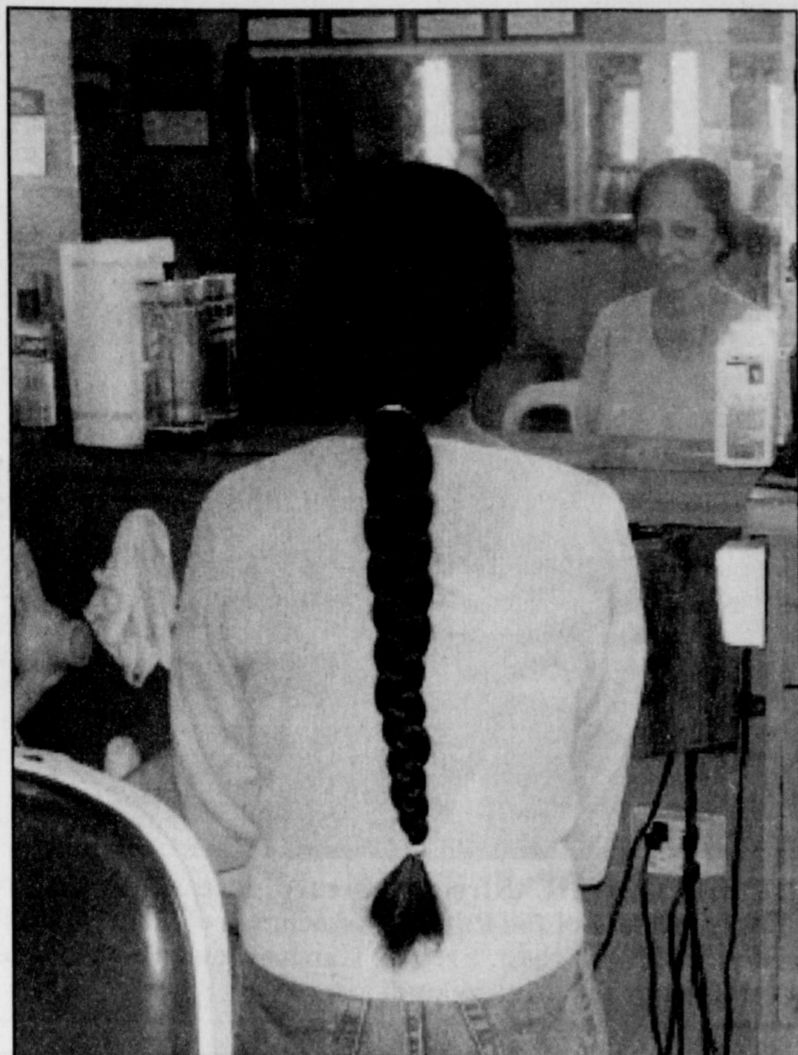
Story and photos by Jean Boles, editor

Christmas is a time for giving and for some people, their gifts truly come from the heart. For Molly Escamilla of Winters, her gift came right off her head because of what she felt in her heart.

On Wednesday, December 17, Molly and her friend and neighbor, Kay Russell, held hands as Molly sat in a barber chair at Raymond's Clip Joint. While cosmetologist Hilda Woffenden covered Molly with her stylist drape, the tears began to flow. Seconds later, after only a few clips with a pair of large scissors, eleven years of planning fell into Hilda's hands. She patiently waited as Molly uncovered her eyes and held out her hand to hold her 21-inch braid of beautiful, jet-black hair.

Molly's story starts eleven years ago when she and a companion traveled to San Juan, Puerto Rico, to one of the largest Catholic Churches in the area. At that time and place, Molly asked God for a special blessing and promised to do something good. This prayer request was recently answered and Molly knew it was time to "make good on her promise," she says.

Except for a two-inch trim every three months to keep her hair healthy, Molly had not had a true haircut for the past eleven years. She admits that feeling her hair being cut off was a little scary and she was



MOLLY ESCAMILLA TAKES ONE LAST LOOK at her braid she had been growing for eleven years.



MOLLY GETS SOME MUCH NEEDED SUPPORT from friend and neighbor, Kay Russell, as Hilda Woffenden clips off the braided ponytail.

afraid of how she'd look without her braid that she had worn for such a long time.

In spite of those reservations, however, she never faltered in her belief that she should cut her hair for a good cause.

One of Molly's three daughters, Cindy Escamilla, suffered first, second, and third degree

burns in an accident at a July 4th celebration three years ago in Ballinger. Cindy spent almost four weeks in the Burn Unit of University Medical Center in Lubbock, and still bears severe scars from her injury.

"My daughter was hurt so bad," said Molly. "I was so afraid for her and it's a miracle

that she was able to get well."

Just early last week, Molly shared her story with her neighbor and friend and relayed how she felt the time had come to fulfill her promise. Kay looked on the internet and found information about *Locks of Love*, a foundation that uses human hair to make wigs for cancer patients, burn victims,

or other people in need of hair

Kay then called Hilda who scheduled the appointment for 3:30 in the afternoon. After cutting off the long braid and making a new, updated style for her client (at no charge), Hilda said, "I'm so grateful to be a part of this. It made me feel good they thought about me."

So Molly dried her tears,

looked in the mirror and grinned, possibly even admiring her new hair style. Admittedly, it might take some time to adjust to less hair but she knows she did the right thing.

"My prayer was answered," Molly says, "so maybe I can help answer somebody else's prayer."



KAY AND MOLLY TAKE A FINAL LOOK at the hair that will be sent to Locks of Love, an organization that provides wigs for burn victims, cancer patients, and others who need hair.



MOLLY AND HER DAUGHTER, Cindy Escamilla, admire the new hairstyle. Cindy, who suffered third degree burns in an accident three years ago, was part of Molly's inspiration in her decision to cut and donate her hair.

Merry Christmas

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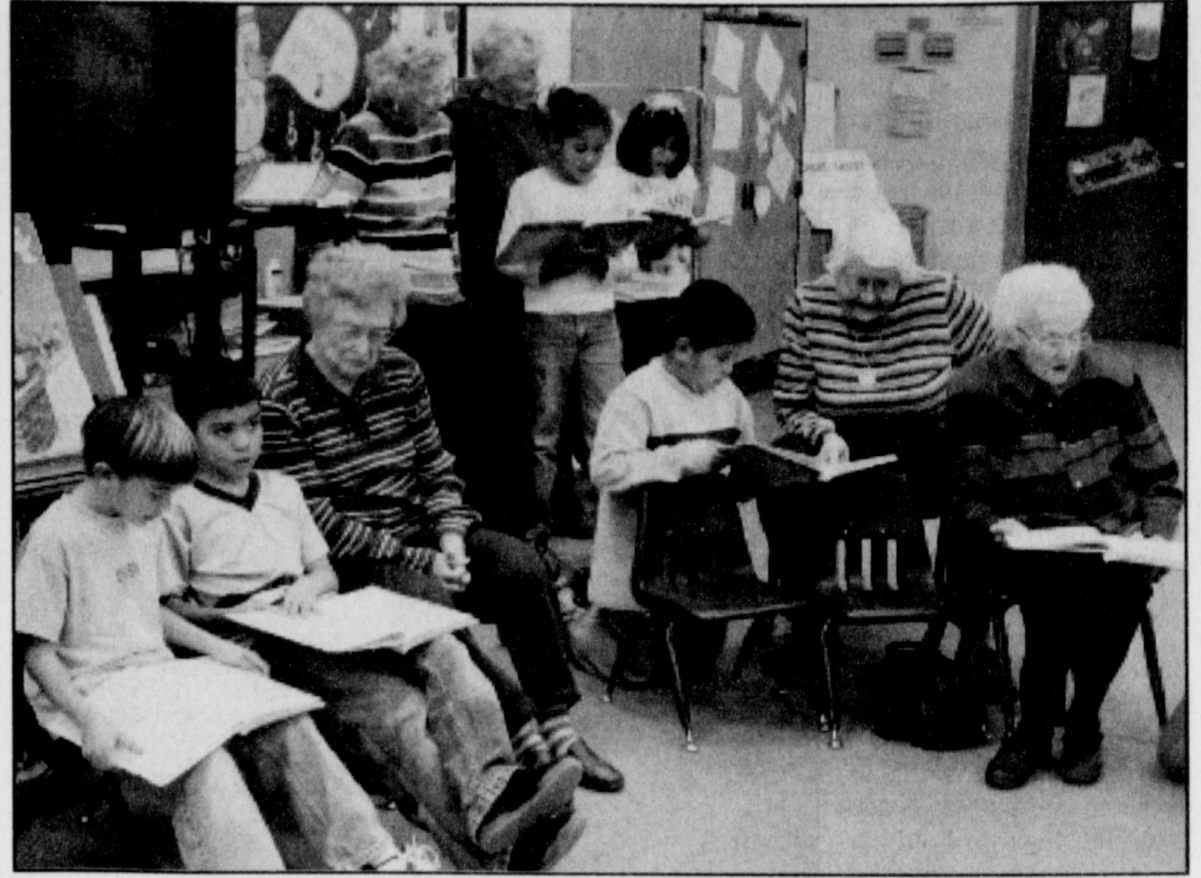
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Still having fun at school



JORDAN BUSER (left) and her fellow third grade music students entertain members of the Runnels County Retired Teachers Association with one of their many fun songs led by Fran Kidwell, Elementary Music Teacher. Former teachers enjoyed the youngsters' program before gathering at Casa Cabana for lunch. (photo by Jean Boles)



RETIRED TEACHERS from Winters enjoy reading with third grade students during the monthly meeting of the Runnels Association of Retired Teachers. Joyce Krause, Sarah Parker, Pat Hambright, Freddie Gardner, and Hortie Joyce were among the teachers entertained by the Winters students. (photo by Jean Boles)

A Cowboy's Christmas Prayer

Contributed by Congressman Charles Stenholm

I ain't much good at prayin', and You may not know me, Lord—
I ain't much seen in churches where they preach Thy Holy Word,
But You may have observed me out here on the lonely plains,
A-lookin' after cattle, feelin' thankful when it rains,
Adminin' Thy great handiwork, the miracle of grass,
Aware of Thy kind spirit in the way it comes to pass
That hired men on horseback and the livestock that we tend
Can look up at the stars at night and know we've got a Friend.

So here's ol' Christmas comin' on, remindin' us again
Of Him whose coming brought good will into the hearts of men.
A cowboy ain't no preacher, Lord, but if You'll hear my prayer,
I'll ask as good as we have got for all men everywhere.
Don't let no hearts be bitter, Lord. Don't let no child be cold.
Make easy beds for them that's sick and them that's weak and old.
Let kindness bless the trail we ride, no matter what we're after,
And sorter keep us on Your side, in tears as well as laughter.
I've seen ol' cows a-starvin', and it ain't no happy sight;
Please don't leave no one hungry, Lord, on Thy good Christmas night—
No man, no child, no woman, and no critter on four feet
I'll do my dog gone best to help you find 'em chuck to eat.

I'm just a sinful cowpoke, Lord—ain't got no business prayin',
But still I hope you'll ketch a word or two of what I'm sayin':
We speak of Merry Christmas, Lord—I reckon you'll agree
There ain't no Merry Christmas for nobody that ain't free!
So one thing more I'll ask You, Lord; just help us what You can
To save some seeds of freedom, for the future sons of man!

(author unknown)

If our need had been information,
God would have sent us an educator.
If our need had been technology,
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If our need had been money,
God would have sent us an economist.
If our need had been pleasure,
God would have sent us an entertainer.
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Romans 5:8

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ZACHARY JOERIS, 4, tells Santa what he wants for Christmas. Santa visited the Winters Fire Department Christmas Party on Dec. 13 as a special treat for the children. Zachary is the son of John and Rhonda Joeris.

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- Helps in crime
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- Ship
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- Old Testament book
- Pole with a broad blade
- Confusion
- Word with center or duty
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- Like Pisa's tower
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- One of three that crossed the sea
- Sounds
- Gaelic
- Roe

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- Cook's seasoning
- General Bradley
- Explorer Zebulon
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- Learn well
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- FBI or ERA
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- Fencing prop
- Los Angeles and Louisiana, for short
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- River in Europe
- Go-getters
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- Aleutian island
- Shining
- Skin mark
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- Force
- Perennial bestseller
- Bird's feature
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*One day,
One birth,
One life...
One world,
Changed forever.*

Wishing you a peaceful and blessed Christmas, and reminding you to remember the reason for this season.

*Merry Christmas,
Jean, Susan,
& Jennifer*

The Winters Enterprise

Life

9 secrets to achieving your New Year's resolutions

by Bill Dueease, © 2003 by Bill Dueease

It's that time of year where many people list New Year's resolutions. Most people list a whole host of New Year's resolutions with high hopes and aspirations to get them done in the coming year. Yet, studies have shown that the average person abandons his or her resolutions within 6 weeks.

The feelings failure and disappointment resulting from not completing your resolutions do not have to occur. In fact, if you follow the following 9 steps, you will not only feel better about yourself, but you will reap the personal rewards of actually accomplishing your New Year's resolutions this year.

1. Turn your resolutions into future goals. Set positive goals that represent future accomplishments, as opposed to referring to the past or being negative. For example: set the goal of reaching a weight of 158 pounds, as opposed to I will stop gaining weight. Another example would be: set the goal of getting your ideal income position, as opposed to: I will stop complaining about my job.

2. Set goals that have an unmistakable target. You want your goals to be clearly defined so you will know exactly when they have been accomplished. Avoid open ended or vague goals. For example: set the goal of being free from smoking for 100 consecutive days, as opposed to I will stop smoking.

3. Set goals that mean the most to YOU. Make your goals very personal and very valuable to you when achieved. Set goals that have the highest personal priority to you. Avoid setting goals to please others or because you feel you should. Goals set to appease others are really tasks and are best left off your resolutions list.

4. Commit yourself to achieving your goals. If you are not committed to achieving a goal, drop it. If a goal is not worthy of your full commitment, it is not worth the bother. Dropping a goal because you are not committed is not a failure or a reason to be disappointed. It is a very practical

and responsible thing to do. You will release more energy and time to accomplish the more important goals you ARE committed to.

5. Separate your goals into two groups.

A. Group A includes goals that require you to improve and grow as a person to achieve them. Some examples would be: Improve as a leader to direct your team to a 75% growth, or discover and get your ideal income position where you "Go to Play" every day, or organize your life to attend all of your son's baseball games.

B. Group B includes goals that do not require you to improve or grow as a person to achieve them. These are goals that are external to your personal growth, but can still be important. Some examples would be: Complete your tax returns by March 30, or build a personal web site by August 15, or have the house painted by September 3.

6. Connect with someone you trust to accomplish Group A goals. Growing and improving, as a person is not a self-help process. You will need assistance from another person to achieve your goals in group A. But not just any person will do. Get the best assistance you can find by connecting with a partner who will care enough about you to be objective, who you trust enough to reveal your struggles to find positive solutions, and who respects you enough to constantly keep you accountable to assist you to accomplish your goals in group A. By having such a strong partnership, you will be virtually assured of achieving these goals.

7. Consider (very strongly) in getting expert help to accomplish the goals in group B. Since you are not required to change or improve as a person to accomplish the goals in group B, you may want to have experts accomplish them for you, and probably do it better than you would. Remember it is the completion of the goals in group B that counts, not that YOU have to personally accomplish them. If one of your

goals is to paint the house, you might consider hiring an expert house painter to paint the house for you, so you can focus on your goals that need your personal involvement (like those in group A).

8. Personally celebrate the achievement of each goal. Rejoice with someone who cares about you and who understands the importance of each goal. Do so immediately when the goal has been completed. Your goals mean a lot to you and you want to maximize the rewards and feelings of accomplishment when each are completed. For example, celebrate 60 smoke free days by treating yourself to a fine meal with someone who understands what it meant to you; celebrate the painting of your house with a house party, even though it was done by your expert house painter.

9. Feel free to add new goals to your list. You will want to add new goals (resolutions) as you complete old ones, or you will want to adjust the goals you have to meet new circumstances. Why wait until the beginning of each year to plot and achieve your most important achievements? Make goal settings and achievements a year round successful and enjoyable process. This year, have fun with your New Year's resolutions and enjoy the rewards of actually achieving them.

Provided as an educational service by Bill Dueease of The Coach Connection, where "connecting great people with great coaches" is their goal. You may receive a free copy of the article "The Ten Paths to Human Improvement" by contacting The Coach Connection at 800-887-7214 or 239-415-1777 or coaches@findyourcoach.com, or www.findyourcoach.com.



TAMMY BURLESON of Ballinger is sworn in by District Judge Ben Woodward as Runnels County District Clerk on Thursday, December 11. Burleson has been a Deputy Clerk in the office for four years and was appointed to fill the position following the death of District Clerk Loretta Michalewicz in late November. To the right is Burleson's daughter, Kayla. (photo courtesy of The Ballinger Ledger)

Winters Public Library holding used book sale

The Winters Public Library has begun their used book sale that will continue through January 4, 2003.

All hardbacked books will sell for \$1.00 and all paperback books will go for only .50 cents.

All proceeds will be used toward the purchase of new books for the library.

For more information you may contact Kristina Bullard at 754-4251. Library hours are Monday through Thursday from noon until 6:00 p.m. and Saturday mornings from 10:00 until noon.

Just for fun

The four stages of life:

- 1) You believe in Santa Claus.
- 2) You don't believe in Santa Claus.
- 3) You are Santa Claus.
- 4) You look like Santa Claus.

Attention: 2003 graduates of Winters High School

The 2003 Glacier yearbooks have arrived and a special time has been designated for any 2003 WHS graduate to pick up their book on Tuesday, December 30, from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the WHS library.

According to Mrs. Sharon Rice, Glacier yearbook sponsor, this time is for the convenience of college students who might want their yearbook before returning to college; however, any 2003 graduate may come at that specific time.

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North Runnels Hospital

5:35 p.m. Thursday

Lighting up the holidays.

As you begin using decorative lighting in and around your home this holiday season, AEP reminds you to keep safety in mind. Check light strings for frayed cords, and use only UL-approved lights and extension cords. Remember not to overload circuits, and remind children not to touch lights or outlets. And on behalf of all of us here at AEP, please enjoy a safe, bright holiday season with your family and friends. **AEP is there, always working for you.**

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Law & Order

One-vehicle accident kills former Ballinger resident, injures two others

contributed by Roeneal Boles, editor of *The Ballinger Ledger*



EMERGENCY PERSONNEL work with survivors of the fatal accident near Ballinger's Wal-Mart on Friday. The single vehicle accident claimed the life of Joe Fuentes and injured two others. (photo courtesy of *The Ballinger Ledger*)

A one-vehicle accident claimed the life of a former Ballinger resident last Friday. Henry Joe Fuentes, 25, of San Angelo, was pronounced dead at the scene by Justice of the Peace Greg Lange. Fuentes, his younger brother Juan, and Sophia Morreal were traveling toward Ballinger on U. S. Highway 67 when Joe Fuentes, who was driving, apparently fell asleep and ran into the ditch on the right side of the road. The 1996 Nissan pickup rolled, then hit a culvert at the entrance to Wal-Mart and flipped end-over-end. The vehicle traveled 600 feet after leaving the roadway, ending right side up on the parking lot entrance. Police Chief J.C. Gore, who investigated the accident, said the three had worked all night at Standard Testing Labs in San Angelo and had gotten off at 7:00 a.m. that morning. The accident happened just after 8:00 a.m. Juan Fuentes was transported by helicopter to Shannon Hospital in San Angelo. His injury status was not released by the hospital. Sophia Morreal was taken by ambulance to Ballinger Memorial Hospital with less severe injuries.

Man killed riding motorcycle

contributed by Roeneal Boles, editor of *The Ballinger Ledger*

Hampton (Hamp) Byler, 46, of Ballinger, was killed in a motorcycle accident on Saturday night near Marble Falls.

According to investigating Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper Peter Campbell of Burnet, Byler was riding a 2003 Harley Davidson motorcycle exiting Highway 71 to the entrance ramp of U.S. Highway 281 north, south of Marble Falls. The motorcycle hit the left guard-rail, ejecting Byler from the mo-

tocycle. Trooper Campbell said conditions were dry and clear and that Byler was wearing a helmet at the time of the accident, about 10:55 p.m. Saturday night, December 20. He was pronounced dead at the scene by Justice of the Peace J.T. Cutchin of Burnet. Responding to the scene and assisting were DPS Trooper Talmantez, Burnet Sheriff's Department, and the Marble Falls Fire Department.

Official Records

County Court Dispositions

Andres Sanz Urias, driving while license invalid, pleaded nolo contendere, fined \$250, plus \$211 court costs
Michael Will Eldred, driving while intoxicated, pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to six months in county jail, assessed \$236 court costs
Michael Will Eldred, driving while intoxicated, pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to six months in county jail, assessed \$236 court costs
Michael Will Eldred, failure to appear, case dismissed, defendant convict in another case
Stephen Ray O'Neil, criminal mischief, case dismissed, insufficient evidence
Sarah Ann Tarrant, possession of marijuana, pleaded nolo contendere, placed on deferred adjudication community supervision for one year, fined \$500, plus \$211 court costs, assigned 40 hours community service
Freddie Silva Jalomo, driving while intoxicated, subsequent offense, pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to 180 days in county jail, probated to one year, fined \$750, plus \$236 court costs, assigned 60 hours community service
Michael David Keese, driving while intoxicated, subsequent offense, pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to six months in county jail, assessed \$251 court costs

Criminal Cases Filed

December 12
Juan Jose Galvan, filed for theft
Jordan Reeves Garrett, filed for theft
Eric Alejandro Lopez, filed for driving while intoxicated
Hunter Hays Simmons, filed for driving while intoxicated
December 16
Amy Drummond, filed for hunting from a vehicle on a public road
Leroy Lancaster, filed for hunting from a vehicle on a public road
December 18
Noe Martinez, Jr., and Lois Parks Mitchell
December 18
Justice of the Peace Precinct 1
Felony Cases Filed
December 15
Diana Martinez Reyna, filed for tampering with a government record
December 14
Jeffrey D. Rodgers, filed for no hunter safety certificate

Kennel and livestock regulations

Animal Control Officer Lillian Grissam reminds residents of regulations of the Winters Code of Ordinances pertaining to kennels and livestock.

Kennels

No person shall own or harbor more than four (4) dogs of more than three months of age or more than one litter of puppies, or more than three (3) cats of three months of age or more than one litter of kittens, or more than a total of five (5) dogs and cats more than three months of age in any combination, or engage in the commercial business of breeding, buying, selling, trading, training, or boarding dogs or cats or both or other pet animals without having obtained a valid kennel license.

No kennel license shall be issued until an inspection certificate is issued by the City.

The yearly license fee for kennels is:

- \$25 per year plus the license fee for more than five (5) and less than ten (10) animals.
- \$50 per year plus the license fee for more than ten (10) and less than twenty (20) animals.

The license granted shall specify the maximum number of animals permitted to be kept, handled, or exhibited by the licensee. Any applicant

within the city who is required by state statute to be licensed by the Texas Department of Health must have a valid license issued by said department in order to qualify for a city license. The possession of a state license does not assure that a city license will be granted.

Any kennel licensed under this Code found to be in violation of any zoning law, health law, or any other applicable law of the city or of the state or that is maintained in such a manner as to be detrimental to the health, safety, or peace of mind of persons residing in the immediate area, may have its kennel license suspended or revoked by the City Administrator.

This section does not apply to a veterinary hospital, zoological park, research institution using animals for scientific research, animal pound, or shelter operated by an organized humane society.

Livestock

The following applies to the keeping of horses, Shetlands, donkeys, goats, burros, cows, calves, and the like within the city limits.

The site shall contain a minimum of one-half (1/2) acre of open pasture for each animal quartered.

If the site contains a build-

ing in which the animals are sheltered and/or fed, the building must be set back from all adjacent property lines at least one hundred (100) feet.

Standings under roofed stables shall be made of a material which provides for proper drainage so as not to create offensive odors, fly breeding, or other nuisances.

Manure shall be collected at least once a day and placed in concrete or metal fly-proof containers, and shall be removed from the premises at least once a week.

Fences for pens, corral fences, or similar enclosures must be of sufficient height and strength to retain animals.

Owner of livestock within the city limits must buy a city permit. The cost of the permit is \$10 for each animal. In the event that a livestock animal must be picked up by the City, the charge shall be \$10 plus an additional \$7.50 per day for each day of care.

The foregoing rules concerning livestock within the city limits are not applicable to any veterinary clinic within the city limits.

Editor's note: The above information is from the Winters Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Animal Control.

For more details, contact City Hall at 754-4424.

Police Beat

The following are cases from the Winters Police Department. Some cases may still be under investigation. Information, reported through Crime Stoppers, leading to the close of any case could result in up to a \$1,000 reward.

The following are calls investigated by the Winters Police Department during the week of Dec. 15 through Dec. 21, 2003. Officers:

- arrested a subject on a municipal warrant issued by the Winters Municipal Court.
- filed a report of Theft. Formal charges are pending.
- filed a report of Burglary of a Motor Vehicle. Formal charges are pending.
- filed a report of Burglary of a Motor Vehicle occurring in the 900 block of West Dale Street.
- filed a report of Cruelty to Animals.
- arrested a subject on Department of Public Safety warrants.

Please be sure with the Christmas season here to keep your vehicles and homes secure due to an increase in burglaries this time of year.

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Kenneth Slimp
Attorney at law

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Presents

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1 TX Billy Sol con
5 holder of TX Blue Bell scoops
6 TX Burnett starred with this Alan in "The Four Seasons"
7 TXism: "a hand"
8 Tex-Mex mafia: "El"
9 state nurses' org. (abbr.)
12 first president of TX Rice: Edgar Lovett
17 TX ground-water advocate: "Springs"
19 big track meet: "Texas"
21 Del Wilber's manager career with Rangers (2 wds.)
22 TXism: "restless" in church
23 TXism: "she's got her bonnet" (med)
28 TX-based film "Two Together"
29 TXism: "camps out in the corner" (religious)
30 Dist. 101 state rep. Reyna
31 Caesar, TX was named for a emperor
35 TXism: "will miss you blink" (small town)
36 why Jimmy left Dallas? (2 wds.)
42 written by TX Reeves: "Am I"
44 TXism: "barn burner!" (exciting)
46 egg burglary? (2 wds.)
48 TXism: "let's skee out of here"
49 Davis Mtns. tree
50 TX-based "Frito"
51 TX Ty of the "Mighty Ducks" films
52 clairvoyance (abbr.)
53 pre-cable: rabbit
54 TXism: "happy as a dog with two"
56 asgn. for major TX colleges (abbr.)
57 TXism: "just a (a little)"
58 TX "Family Stone" singer
DOWN
1 TXism: "fits like"
2 in Coleman Co. on hwy. 84
3 TX King: "Buy land sell"
4 Bell TX
9 TXism: "hot enough to sunburn a horny"
10 TXism: "on a dead worm"
11 TXism: "his facts elastic" (liar)
12 TXism: "don't give a hoot" (holier)
13 San Jacinto loser: Antonio Lopez
14 this Jack starred in "Texas Wheelers"
15 Tawakoni
16 TX Henley tune: "Eyes"
18 many TXns have a big one
20 TX Duncan (Init.)
23 TX Holly's "That'll be the Day"
24 Lago, TX
25 TXism: "in cahoots with the devil"
26 TXism: "he can't stick horse" (dude)
27 TX perennials
32 "good boy"
33 TX Red Duke (abbr.)
34 TXism: "ugly sin"
36 sound of disgust
37 this Louis starred in "Harper Valley PTA"
38 TXism: "reading room"
39 instructions for a "menu mama"
40 TXism: "a beet"
41 TXism for "all of you"
43 Bible part (abbr.)
45 "the" under the fleur-de-lis
47 normal
48 TXism: "bull give milk?" (no) film "Texas"

Solutions for this puzzle appear in this issue.

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Outdoors

Seven from Runnels County participate in Farm Bureau convention at Waco



VOTING DELEGATES representing the Runnels County Farm Bureau at the 70th annual Texas Farm Bureau convention in Waco December 7-8 were (first row, l to r) Elaine Pelzel; Linda Duggan; Debbie Bryan; (second row) LeRoy Pelzel; Dale Duggan, President; Doug Bryan; and Bill Bredemeyer. (courtesy photo)

Seven voting delegates from Runnels County Farm Bureau recently participated in the 70th annual Texas Farm Bureau convention December 7-8 in Waco.

They were Dale Duggan, President; Linda Duggan; LeRoy and Elaine Pelzel; Doug and Debbie Bryan; and Bill Bredemeyer.

Policies directing the state's largest farm organization were adopted by more than 1,200 delegates from 207 organized

Farm Bureaus. Approved recommendations on national policies will advance to the American Farm Bureau Federation annual meeting to be held in January in Hawaii.

Addressing the delegates were Kenneth Dierschke of San Angelo, TFB president; Dale Jeske of Alamo, secretary-treasurer; and Vernie Glasson, TFB executive director. The business session covered the final day of the meeting. The last order of business was the elec-

tion of the president, Kenneth Dierschke of Tom Green County.


This year's youth winners were Marissa Patton of Jones County, Miss Farm Bureau; William Rutherford of Uvalde County, Talent Find winner; and Marissa Patton of Jones County, Free Enterprise Speech winner.

Named "Outstanding Young Farmer/Rancher of 2003" was Donnell Brown of Throckmorton County.


A birthday to remember—




MASON DONICA killed his first deer, a 6-point buck, on the night before his 4th birthday, November 7, 2003. He is the son of Lance and Nicia Donica of Winters. (courtesy photo)



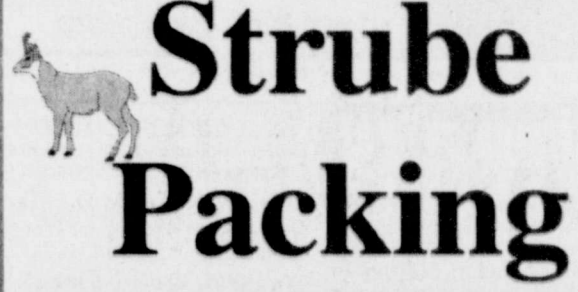
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