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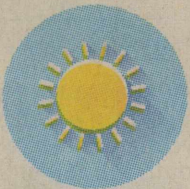
The Runnels County Historical Commission will be holding their First Annual County Award Dinner at The Rock Hotel Heritage Center in Winters at 6 p.m. Saturday July 30. The purpose of the event will be to honor a Runnels County resident that has exemplified outstanding preservation of Runnels County historical resources.

Anyone who would like to attend the event will need to RSVP by Wednesday, July 20 by calling Linda Duggan at 325-977-0625 or Diana Rozmen at 325-365-2784 to make reservations. The cost per person for the event is \$25 and that includes a steak dinner.

**Head Start
sign up**

Winters ISD Head Start is accepting applications for the 2016-17 school year for children that will be at least 3 years of age on or before September 1. Head Start is a pre-k program that partners with the local school district and is designed for low income families. The structured daily program is taught by certified teachers and is aimed to give children a head start on life and education. This program has a limited number of slots remaining. For more information, contact ESC Region 15 Head Start office at 325-658-6571.

ON THE NET:
<http://www.netxv.net/>



The last drop

Hot and dry conditions have been the norm so far in July with temperatures reaching the century mark and over in Runnels County, forecasters at the National Weather Service in San Angelo reported.

No rain was reported last week in Runnels County or Tom Green counties. However there were spotty showers in some areas north of Runnels. There is no chance of rain in the forecast, just more hot and dry weather.

Hot and dry weather continues through the weekend forecasters say with highs reaching over 100 degrees. Lows are expected to be in the upper 70s, the NWS reports. The heat index through out the week could reach as high as 104 the NWS predicts. And triple digit temperatures are in the forecast through Thursday, the National Weather Service says.

So far this year, Ballinger has received 17.56 inches of rainfall, with 16.71 inches reported in Wingate and 22.65 inches received in San Angelo.

ON THE NET:
<http://www.srh.noaa.gov/sjt/>

Winters ISD board adopts budget

District looking at deficit again this year

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The past several school years have shown significant declines in enrollment at all three campuses of the Winters Independent School District and for that reason, the recently approved 2016-17 budget, which was effective July 1, shows a shortfall.

The WISD Board of

Trustees approved a \$5,749,821 budget for the 2016-17 school year on Monday, June 27. Due to enrollment declines, and a decrease in property taxes, the district is showing a deficit of a little over \$100,000.

Superintendent Bruce Davis said the lion's share of the deficit comes from a shortage of state funding due to lower

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The Winters ISD Board of Trustees adopted a \$5.7 million budget for the 2016-17 school year on June 27, 2016.

Winters is on the map

Native Del Shores selects hometown for movie sequel

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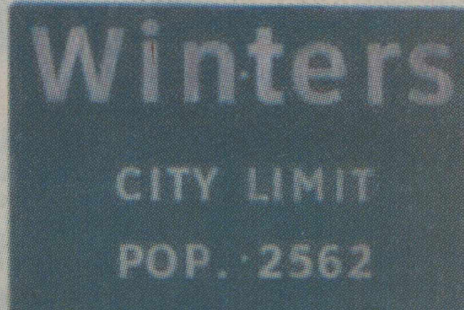
If you ask playwright and director Del Shores where he's from, he'll promptly tell you that he's from Winters, Texas. Shores, who has written and directed movies like "Daddy's Dyin' Who's Got the Will," is working on a sequel to "Sordid Lives," released in 2000 and set in Winters called "A Very Sordid Wedding."

Shores, who lives in Hollywood, has also written and produced several television series, including "Queer as Folk," "Dharma & Greg," "Ned and Stacy," "Touched by an Angel" and "Maximum Bob."

Shores was born in Winters in 1957 and says that he is probably the most famous guy to come out of Winters "that nobody knows about."

His mother Loraine Shores and his father William David Shores are both from Lawn and met at Jim Ned High School and married and later moved to Winters where he lived until the age of 6. The family then moved to Brownwood, where he attended school through the fifth grade before moving to south Texas. While the family lived in Brownwood, his father attended Howard Payne University and eventually became a Baptist minister. Meanwhile, his mother earned a degree in drama and that is where, he says his love of the theater began.

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Playwright and director Del Shores, a native of Winters, has set the sequel to the cult classic movie "Sordid Lives," titled "A Very Sordid Wedding," in Winters. Shores worked on all the details from the convenience store to the Winters sign. The movie starring Whoopi Goldberg, Leslie Jordan and Caroline Rhea, is set to be released at the end of this year.

Ballots in the mail for sheep and goat predator management board



METRO CREATIVE PHOTO

STAFF REPORT

SAN ANGELO — The Sheep and Goat Predator Management Board will mail ballots this week to elect three producers to represent sheep and goat raisers in its 111-county area. In addition there will be a vote to set the refundable assessment to \$.90 per head. Ballots must be returned to the Board office by the midnight July 29 deadline.

All sheep and goat raisers who reside in one of the three districts are eligible to vote in the upcoming election. The Texas Commodity Referendum Law, which governs the producer board, requires biennial elections. Ballots

must bear the signature and address of the voter, and indicate production totals.

Sheep and goat producers nominated for the three open positions on the nine-member board are: District 1: WILL M. BLACK; District 2: JASON BANNOWSKY; District 3: ROBIN GILES. These producers completed a nomination form with ten qualified sheep and/or goat producers supporting their nomination, and returned the completed form by the July 4, 2016 deadline. They will each serve a six-year term.

Sheep and goat producers who did not receive

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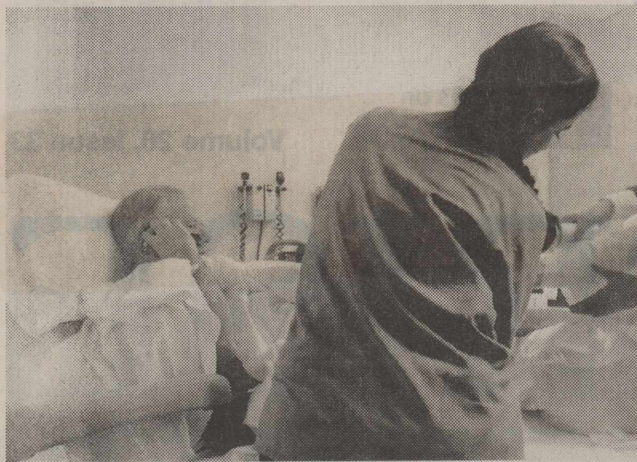
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Governor Greg Abbot was being treated for second and third degree burns below the knee on both legs Monday, July 11, 2016.

Update on Governor Abbott's medical procedure

STAFF REPORT

AUSTIN — Governor Greg Abbott today underwent a successful skin graft procedure at Brooke Army Medical Center to repair damage from significant burns on both feet. On the recommendation of doctors, Governor Abbott will extend his stay at Brooke Army Medical Center to allow for further healing and to ensure a prompt recovery. Governor Abbott has continued to communicate with staff, and our office will continue to provide updates on the Governor's well-being.

The Governor and the First Lady appreciate all of the thoughts, prayers and well-wishes they have continued to receive from the public.

Angelo State University Dean's List

SPECIAL TO THE WINTERS ENTERPRISE

Angelo State University in San Angelo has announced students achieving the Dean's List designation for 2016 Spring semester.

To be eligible for the ASU Dean's list, full-time students must maintain a 3.25 or better grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Students on the list from Ballinger: Justin Roy Carson, Sydney Rae Dankworth, Jennifer Danielle Fischer, Jeremy Michael Fischer, Julie Nicole Fischer, Alyssa Beth Flanagan, Jessica Lynn Good, Julie Riley Gray, Reese Hallmark, Benjamin Stuart Holden,

Blake Ryan Holle, Kassia B. Jaramillo, Kaylee Renee Morgan and Hannah Leigh Pinckney.

Students from Winters: Jordan Cole Hamrick, Rodolfo Lara, Sarah Bianca Lara, Elisabeth Marie Wenzel, William Lane Gibbs and Netasha Otekia Wilson.

Students from Miles: Janelle Renee Fant, Bailey Beth Halfmann, Stewart Gregory Hohensee, Charly Erin Holik, Kalie Clair McCrea, Kathryn Monica McLain Murray, Leslie Marie Schniers, Roxann K. Sloan and Devitt Blaine Smetana.

Students from Rowena: Sarah Nicole Brzymialkiewicz and Paige N. Zentner.

Blood supply low, UBS seeks donors

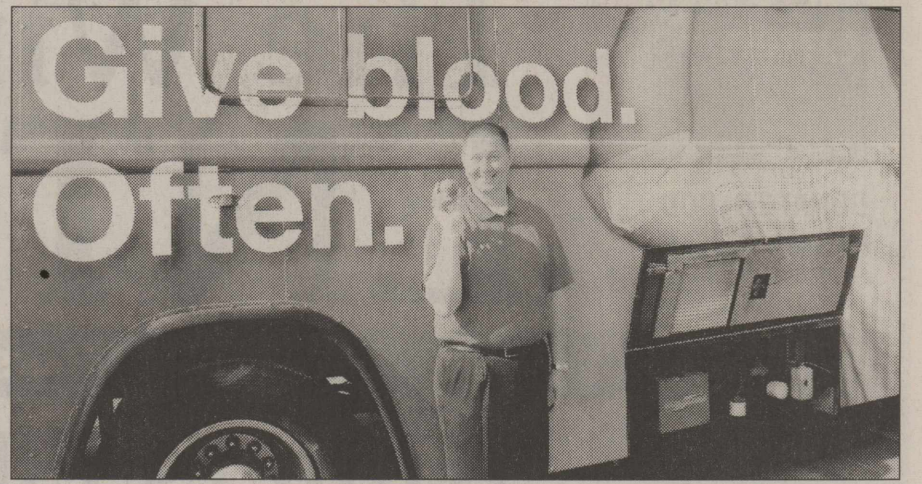
STAFF REPORT

SAN ANGELO — United Blood Services of San Angelo has issued an emergency critical appeal for blood of all types. The nation's blood supply is facing significantly low inventory levels. "Typically we count on other blood centers to help, but this critical need is occurring throughout the country," said Linda Grace, senior donor recruitment representative.

Every two seconds, someone in the US needs blood. It is indispensable and required in the treatment of millions of patients including individuals with cancer and other life threatening diseases, as well as patients undergoing organ transplants and trauma victims.

Grace said summer is always a challenge for us to maintain an adequate supply of blood on hand due to donors taking vacation, schools being out and due to Zika virus deferrals. Despite the season, the need for blood remains constant and patients continue to depend on the generosity of volunteer blood donors to meet that need. All blood types are needed.

Appointments are highly recom-



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United Blood Services of San Angelo has issued a critical appeal for blood of all types. Call 877-UBS-HERO or 877-827-4376 to schedule an appointment.

mended.

"Knowing how many to expect means we are better able to serve our donors," Grace said. "However, walk-ins are welcome."

To schedule a blood donation online, go to www.bloodhero.com or call United Blood Services at 877-UBS-HERO (877-827-4376).

United Blood Services Donation Center is located at 2020 W. Beaur-

gard in San Angelo and is open from noon to 6 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday and Friday and from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday.

There will be a mobile blood drive at the ICON Cinema from 5 to 9 p.m. Friday. Donors receive an ICON Cinema gift card which includes a free large popcorn and a t-shirt.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Summer camps slated

Winters ISD summer camps coming up include Boys Basketball July 12-14 from 9 a.m. to noon and Football Camp July 25-27 from 8 - 10 a.m. for grades 2-5 and 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for grades 6-9. All camps are \$30 per camper and include a water bottle, T-Shirt, and Blizzard towel. Registration forms can be picked up at the field house or administration building. Students who have completed the 9th grade are not eligible for the camps. If you have any questions please call Coach Matt McCarty 512-517-8288.

Immunization Clinic

Texas Department of State Health Services will have immunization clinic for children with Medicaid, no insurance, or under insured and adults with no insurance.

The clinic in Winters will be from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. today, at the Professional Building, 110 South Main, Suite 108 in Winters. Please use rear entrance (Grant Street). Please bring the child's immunization records. If the child is on Medicaid, please bring the card.

CASA volunteers wanted

The Children's Advocacy Center of Tom Green County, Inc. CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) is seeking volunteers. Currently CASA serves 60 percent of the

children in foster care. Training will be held from 5:30 to 9 p.m. July 11-14 and July 18-21. Dinner is provided. To sign up, call 325-653-4673 or email mblue@cactomgreen.org. CASA serves Tom Green, Runnels, Concho, Crockett, Coke, Irion, Reagan, Sutton, Sterling and Schleicher counties.

AA meeting

Sobriety First Alcoholics Anonymous group will meet at the First United Methodist Church, in Ballinger, at 7 p.m. every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. The group will meet Saturday with prior arrangements. Please use the Avenue A and Seventh Street entrance. Child care is available. For more information please contact the church at 325-365-2323.

A Time for Freedom

A new addiction class is forming in Winters called "A Time for Freedom," and Pastor Tommy Akin, of the Pioneer Church of God in Winters will be overseeing the program which will provide addiction education to addicts, family and loved ones. The meetings will be held at 7 p.m. every Thursday at the Pioneer Church of God at 158 North Main St. in Winters. For more information call 903-474-4740.

Ballinger Farmers Market

There will be a Farmers Market from 9 a.m.

to 1 p.m. every Saturday from June-September in downtown Ballinger. Fresh fruits, vegetables and eggs as well as other edible items such as canned goods, breads, jams, jellies and salsa - are welcome. Baked goods must be wrapped. Other items featured at the market will include plants, homemade lotions and soaps. Everyone from the area is invited to participate in the weekly event, which will not include arts and crafts at this time. Call Cody Rice at 316-549-2017 for information or stop by RM'S Cositas 718 Hutchings or fill out the application online at <https://codyrice12.wufoo.com/forms/ballinger-farmers-market/>.

Visit Friendly Neighbors

The Texas Extension Education Agency "Friendly Neighbors" invites everybody in the Runnels County area who is interested in learning about cooking, gardening, arts and crafts and other useful subjects to meetings at 2 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of every month (except during the summer). Meetings will alternate between the Runnels County Extension Office on the corner of south 7th Street and Sealy Ave. in Ballinger and the Winters Public Library at 120 N. Main St. in Winters. If you are interested and would like to find out more about this group, call

Martha at 365-3890 or Judy at 754-5386.

Runnels County Alzheimer's Support Group

The monthly Runnels County Alzheimer's Support Group will be held at Central Texas Nursing and Rehabilitation Center from 6:30-7:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month from. All concerned citizens are invited to share in discussion and education about the disease process and caregiver perspective. There is no charge for this public service sponsored by the National Alzheimer's Association.

Alanon meetings

Alanon meetings are held at the First United Methodist Church at 7 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday night Enter on Avenue A and Seventh Street. side. Alanon is open to all family and friends of alcoholics and drug abusers and those affected by other forms of addiction. Child care is available. For more information call (325) 365 2323.

Recycling Center Hours

The City of Ballinger's Recycling Center, located at South 7th Street and Sealy Avenue, is open from 8 a.m. to noon on Monday. The recycling center is open from 8 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. Saturday, the recycling center is open from 8 a.m. to noon.

WIC open to many incomes and families

Women Infants and Children, (WIC) located at 706 Strong Ave. in Ballinger is open from 7 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 6 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. WIC is closed every third and fourth Monday of each month. Phone 325-365-5925.

Wingate Masonic Lodge meetings

The Wingate Masonic Lodge 1042 A.F. & A.M., meets at 6:30 p.m. on the fourth Monday of the month, at the Wilmeth Lodge. For further information contact Hank Bourdo at 754 2048.

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A Time To Come Together

BY GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT
DALLAS MORNING NEWS

Our hearts are heavy. Last night in Dallas, five law enforcement officers were killed; seven officers and two civilians were wounded.

The coordinated ambush and deliberate, brutal executions were acts of cowardice - hiding behind innocents to target and savagely slaughter peace officers dedicated to preserving life and our freedoms.

The full force of the law must ensure all responsible are brought to justice and our communities are kept secure.

Justice will be served, but justice is small solace for the families left behind.

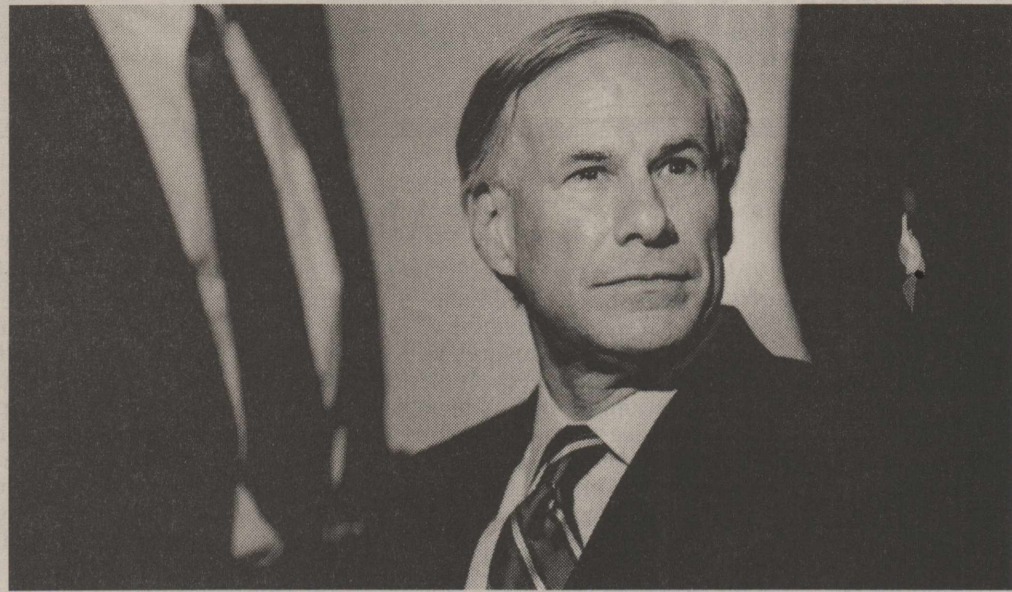
We mourn for the families of the fallen, for the law enforcement community and for our nation.

Respect for our law enforcement officers must be restored in our nation. The badge every officer wears over his or her heart is a reminder of a sacred trust, a commitment, a contract with each of us.

For law enforcement officers to stand in front of us and all that threatens, we must stand behind them.

Every life matters.

With each innocent life lost, we lose more of our



Governor Greg Abbott.

humanity.

It is time for us to unite as Texans, as Americans, to say no more.

No more will we tolerate disrespect for those who serve.

No more will we allow the evil of hate merchants to tear us apart.

Though anguish and sorrow may darken the days ahead, we will not be overcome by evil - we will overcome evil with good.

Texas is an exceptional state with exceptional people. We've faced tough challenges in the past, but we have come together to overcome those challenges.

In the coming days, there will be those who foment distrust and fan the flames of dissension.

To come together - that would be the greatest rebuke to those who seek to tear us apart.

There is far more that binds us together. We see that great strength in times of tragedy, in times of great need. Whether fire or flood or the acts of depraved individuals, Texans are the first to open their hearts, their homes, their wallets to offer charity and love.

I ask for your prayers - for our law enforcement officers, for the city of

Dallas, for our state and for our nation.

May God comfort those who've lost a family member.

And may God heal the hurt in our communities.

I have faith in the goodness of Texas, of America. For in the end, evil always fails.

Editor's note: This is a letter to Texans written by Gov. Greg Abbott Friday and released in the Dallas Morning News, in response to the tragedy in Dallas where five police officers were shot to death and seven were reportedly injured.

The Market Perspective

Correction in oil prices continues



Dennis Elam

Our presumption has been that the low in oil price occurred in February around the \$27 level.

Today we update the price action and examine how the industry is coping with reduced prices.

Noted market technician John Murphy advocates using exponential moving averages EMA of 13 and 34 periods. The judicious use of those measures has quite accurately tracked the decline and then rises in the crude oil market.

Weekly charts are much more important for long term price action than short term charts. The 13-week EMA dropped below the 34 EMA in the summer of 2014. I was warning of a drop then. Importantly the 13-week EMA stayed below the 34 week EMA ever since that date. As the price rose from the February low, the shorter EMA finally crossed to the upside in early May. Now the 13 week EMA is rolling over again. This sets up another test of the longer 34 week EMA. Should the 13-week EMA break below the 34, this would be a very negative sign. That would suggest that the final low in fact has not yet been seen.

Crude prices have had three big down days the

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House passes POLICE Act, heads to President's desk

STAFF REPORT

WASHINGTON — U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) and U.S. Representative John Carter (R-TX) released the following statements after the U.S. House of Representatives passed the POLICE Act, legislation that will allow law enforcement and medical personnel to use federal grant funds to train

and better prepare for active shooter situations, including training civilians how to respond if confronted by an active shooter:

"We were tragically reminded last week that an active shooter situation can happen anywhere, any time. Allowing local officials to apply existing grant funding to train our law enforcement and first responders will not

only better prepare our communities for whatever comes their way, it could help stop future tragedies," Sen. Cornyn said. "I commend Congressman Carter for his work in getting this legislation through the House, and I hope to see it become law soon."

"The threat of active

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John Cornyn

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Climate claims on meat overblown

It's very fashionable these days to attack meat as a carbon-generating threat to the environment. Cows, and people, do pass gas. As with all mammals, this natural activity produces methane, a greenhouse gas.

The staggering majority of greenhouse gases are due to internal combustion engines and manufacturing. Some think that if we stop raising livestock, we can use all that land to grow kale and bean sprouts.

The thing is, on much of this land, grass is about all that will

grow. All cattle eat grass for most of their lives. Some are finished with grain in feedlots. With livestock, we harvest grass for human consumption.

Then there is the misleading fact that cattle consume a lot of water. Do you really think that rainfall captured in Throckmorton, Texas to water livestock affects water supplies in Southern California? Really? I don't either. Regional droughts and rainfall patterns are part of the story.

Eating meat is a choice-free of climate guilt.



Gene Hall

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LAST WEEK'S ANSWER GRID

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Runnels County ROLL-UP

Runnels County Jail Record

July 14, 2016

Name	Age	Agency
Connie Escobar		RCSO
Warrant terroristic threat.		
Cynthia Vara	46	RCSO
Warrant theft by check.		
Kimberly D. Rogers	33	Coleman
Possession of controlled substance.		
Riley K. Marks	60	RCSO
Parole violation DWI (F3).		
Abraham Vasquez	37	RCSO
Warrant MTR drug sale and manufacturing.		
Danny Duff	27	RCSO
Sentenced 10 years TDC possession of controlled substance.		
Ruben Robles	47	Concho
MTR Engaged in organized crime.		
Miguel A. Alfaro	17	Concho
Possession marijuana.		
Arthur R. Garcia	32	Concho
Possession of controlled substance.		
Gary D. Huffman	37	WPD
Public intoxication.		

VETERANS CORNER



Sandra G. Van Zant

VA's Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry allows eligible Veterans and Service members to document their exposures and report health concerns through an online questionnaire. Eligible veterans and Service members include those who served in Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation Iraqi Freedom/Operation New Dawn, Djibouti, Africa on or after September 11, 2001, Operations Desert Shield or Desert Storm, Southwest Asia theater of operations on or after August 2, 1990. In total, 61,338 veterans and Service members completed and submitted the registry questionnaire between April 25, 2014 and February 28, 2016.

Check your eligibility and sign up. It takes about 40 minutes to complete the questionnaire. You can do it in one sitting or save it and come back later. You can print and use your completed questionnaire to discuss concerns with your provider. VA providers can also access an online copy of your questionnaire. There is no cost to participate, it is not a disability compensation questionnaire or required for other VA benefits. You can complete the questionnaire at <http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/burnpits/registry>. For more information, contact Sandra Van Zant at the Veterans Service Office at 602 Strong Ave on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., or call 365-3612.

— Sandra G. Van Zant, Veterans County Service Officer

DPS director issues statement on Dallas shootings

STAFF REPORT

AUSTIN — Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) Director Steven McCraw today issued the following statement regarding the shootings in Dallas:

"Today the Texas Department of Public Safety mourns the loss of our fellow law enforcement officers as well as those injured in the line of duty in Dallas last night. We join the people of Dallas, our brothers and sisters in law

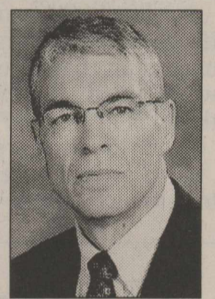
enforcement, and the families and friends of those impacted by this attack in trying to grasp the reality of this senseless tragedy.

"Protecting Texas would be impossible without the devotion and hard work of all the dedicated members of law enforcement who put their lives on the line every day to help keep their communities safe. As a law enforcement agency, when any peace officer dies in the line of duty, we all lose a comrade and a member of our

family.

"Our department will provide any law enforcement resources and support needed to assist the City of Dallas in the wake of this reprehensible attack."

Overnight and into the morning, DPS has provided assistance on scene, including perimeter support, aerial support and evidence collection. The department is also sending DPS counselors to provide victim services support for our law enforcement partners.



Steven McCraw

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DPS Urges Texans to use caution in extreme heat

Tips help residents beat the summer heat, stay safe

STAFF REPORT

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Public Safety is warning Texas residents to be prepared for hotter than normal temperatures and to take precautions to stay safe as temperatures and heat indices may hit 100 degrees and above in many parts of the state. Extreme temperatures increase the risk of heat-related injuries or deaths.

"Although hot conditions are expected during Texas summers, we want to remind Texans that high temperatures can be deadly and should not be taken lightly," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "In many cases heat-related deaths and injuries are preventable, and DPS urges residents to take the necessary steps to protect themselves and others against extreme temperatures - whether they plan to be outside or indoors."

Warmer weather places children at greater risk of injury or death if left unattended in a vehicle. Every year children die from heat-related injuries after being left in a vehicle or by entering a vehicle unnoticed. A child should never be left unattended in a vehicle.

Temperatures inside a car can rise more than 20 degrees in only 10 minutes; and even with an outside temperature of 60 degrees, the temperature inside a car can reach 110 degrees, according to the National Highway Traffic

Safety Administration.

Leaving windows partially rolled down does not help. Young children are particularly at risk since their bodies heat up faster than an adult.

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), extreme heat events or heat waves are one of the leading causes of extreme weather-related deaths in the United States. Periods of severe heat and high humidity tax the body's ability to cool itself and can lead to heat exhaustion and heat stroke, which can

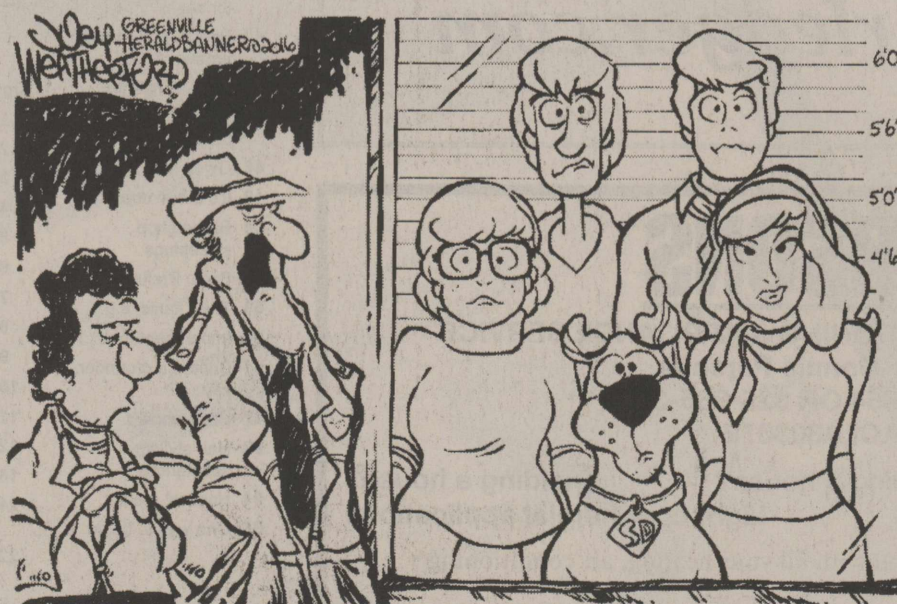
be fatal.

DPS offers the following tips for staying safe and managing the heat:

- Check on the elderly, sick or very young, especially if they don't have air conditioning.
- Drink plenty of water and avoid caffeine and alcohol during prolonged outdoor exposure. Start consuming water before you head outdoors; you may not realize you're dehydrated until it's too late.
- Pay attention to your body. Heat exhaustion and heat stroke can develop quickly. If you start feeling ill, immediately find a shaded or cooler area and slowly drink fluids. Seek medical attention if necessary.
- Monitor weather radios and newscasts for information on current conditions and weather alerts in your area.
- Stay indoors as much as possible, and limit exposure to the sun. Consider indoor activities this summer at places like shopping malls, the library or other community facilities.
- Light-colored, loose-fitting clothing and a hat are recommended during outdoor exposure.
- If possible, avoid strenuous outdoor activity during the hottest part of the day.
- Be extra careful when cooking outdoors, building campfires or driving off road to avoid igniting dry vegetation. Also, stay aware of burn bans in your area and always abide by restrictions on outside burning.
- Don't forget animals are also susceptible to heat-related injury or death - don't put your pets in these dangerous conditions. For more information on pet safety, visit <http://goo.gl/xi6A8o>.

For additional tips, visit <http://dps.texas.gov/dem/Preparedness/tips/hot-WeatherSafetyTips.htm>.

For more information about heat alerts, heat safety and tips for staying safe, visit <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/os/heat/>.



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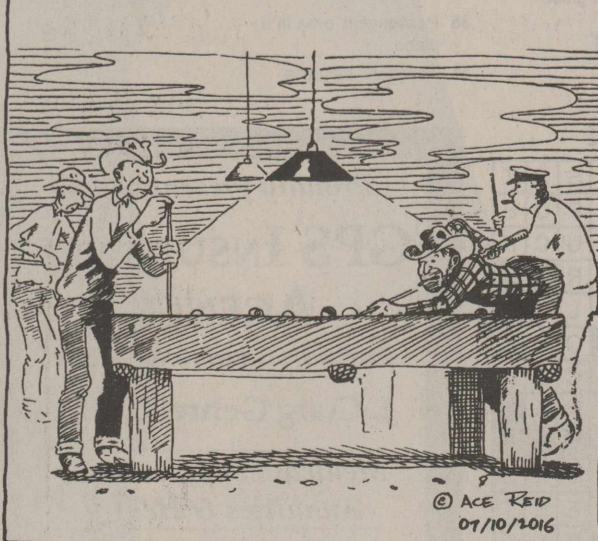
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"Fortunately, I quit worrin' about gittin' rich several years ago. This lets me devote all my time to improving' my pool game."

THE IDLE AMERICAN

On Ordering Filters and Other Stuff...

There's a good chance that ordering goods by mail, phone or email will always have drawbacks that are trumped by "in person" shopping. That's assuming we can get Mr. Whipple-types away from spying on "Charmin squeezers" long enough to take our cash or process our card.

My old momma—who rarely uttered epithets unless she banged her head—grimaced with mail orders. Often, something wasn't right, and the transaction—expected to span a few days—ballooned to a few weeks. (Most orders were placed with Sears-Roebuck and Montgomery Ward; she called them "Sears & Rareback" and "Monkey Ward.")

I think of her every time I take "one more chance" on placing on-line orders, not so much because of errors in placement or delivery, but because I know I'm being spied on....

Cited this day are two recent experiences. First was the need to purchase a refrigerator water filter. Though it's replaced but twice yearly, it seems far more often that the warning light starts blinking.

It grabs our attention each time we access ice or water. While we aren't really sure if filter life can be stretched by a few months, we want the warning light to be OFF, so we decide to rely on Internet suppliers.

And there are many....

On a recent order, I purchased three filters to avoid shipping charges. BUT, the filters I received were big enough for industrial-size refrigerators. Okay, no harm, no foul, and within a couple of weeks of the original order, I was stocked with enough filters to last until



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2018—perhaps longer if I want to endure several thousand "change filter" blinks.

Now, I am under assault from the "spies." I learn that others purchasing filters also bought this and that. My computer lights up with "pop-ups" offering cheaper prices, as well as filters with additional features. Before long, they'll design filters that trigger alarms, walk the dog and wrestle trash

to the curb. Same with air filters. Maybe a few dollars saved, but rest assured, the spies are at work to provide more information than one cares to know....

The probability is great that hitting the "more information" button is a grave mistake when visiting a site where goods or services are sold. For two successive months, I have dared to hit the button to learn more about reverse mortgages. I mistakenly thought info would be available, neatly presented on my computer screen.

After all, my interest was casual—perhaps less than that—but I did NOT anticipate a flurry of both emails and phone calls—four in 15 hours—trumpeting the advantages of reverse mortgages.

If I forget next month and once more seek LIMITED information, my wife may be on the receiving end of responses. And she may even sign up, just to get the mortgage people off our backs....

Finally, who among us has been spared annoying phone calls from the all-knowing woman at credit card services? She calls regularly, initially to say there is nothing wrong with our account.

However, she continues her spiel that we MIGHT be eligible for lower interest rates, and by pressing a number, we can learn details. (Oh for a button on the phone to request deletion from calling lists, as if it would do any good.)

The temptation is great to make our own recording: "I am now on the phone assisting other sellers. However, your call is very important to me, and your approximate waiting time is 35 minutes."...

All the while, researchers are hard at work, refining delivery systems. Amazon promises upcoming deliveries utilizing drones. Wonder if the drones will take return items as well, and will the blamed things know whether the items are returned in original packaging?

Ah, it makes one reflect warmly on the "good old days," when we could see dust stirring a mile or two up the sandy lane leading to our home.

Often, it would mean a salesman was taking the time to get off the highway and come to our house. We were so glad to have company, we were happy to look at his wares, whether or not we bought any....

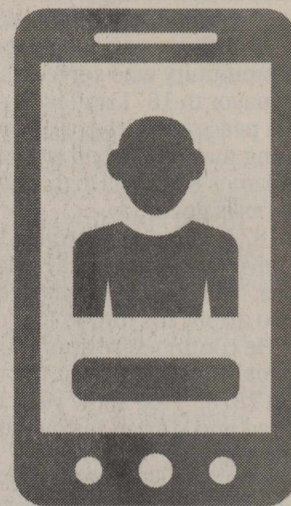
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Mobile site offers convenience to child support customers

80 percent of parents access their information from mobile devices

STAFF REPORT

AUSTIN — Attorney General Ken Paxton today announced the availability of a mobile site for parents to obtain information about their child support cases. The mobile-friendly version of Child Support Interactive (CSI) provides added convenience to parents who use smartphones and tablets to browse the web.



Attorney General Paxton said, "The Office of the Attorney General is committed to providing excellent customer service to mothers and fathers who pay and receive child support. I am pleased that CSI Mobile is available because it will provide more convenience to the families we serve."

Parents with OAG child support cases can obtain payment and case information from CSI located on a secure section of the agency's website at www.texasattorneygeneral.gov. CSI Mobile offers the most requested information in a format that is easy to access and read on portable devices.

Customers can view payments, balances, case status and pending legal actions from CSI Mobile. They also can generate and view payment records and income verification forms, which custodial parents need when applying for day care and housing assistance.

Customers visiting CSI from a smartphone or tablet are automatically directed to the mobile version. The direct link to CSI Mobile is m.childsupport.oag.state.tx.us. Mobile customers who require more detailed information can access the desktop version of CSI from all devices. According to the latest statistics, 80 percent of child support customers view their case information from a mobile device.

Under state and federal law, the Office of the Attorney General can assist families who request child support services and must serve families who currently receive or have received public assistance. Services offered by the Child Support Division include locating absent parents; establishing paternity for children born to unmarried parents; establishing, enforcing and modifying child and medical support orders; and collecting and distributing child support payments.

Statewide, child support collected by the Attorney General's Office exceeded \$3.9 billion for the state fiscal year that ended Aug. 31.

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shooters is increasingly real, as we have seen more recently in Dallas, Orlando and San Bernardino. Unfortunately, Central Texas has had its own deadly experiences with active shooters," said Rep. Carter. "I believe our men and women of law enforcement must be the best trained for the threats they encounter. This bill will provide training for more responders, and in turn make

our communities even safer. The better trained our Law Enforcement Officers are, the safer we all are, and I will continue to do all I can to support our law enforcement and emergency personnel. I urge the President to sign this important legislation, and I thank Senator Cornyn for garnering the support and leading the way in the Senate."

The Protecting Our Lives through Initiating COPS Expansion Act would revise the rules of the Office of Community Oriented Policing Service (COPS) to allow first responders

to use grants received through the program for active shooter response training. Representative Carter introduced the House of Representatives version of the POLICE Act in February, and it passed the Senate unanimously in May. The bill is supported by the National Fraternal Order of Police, the National District Attorneys Association, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the Major County Sheriffs Association, the Sergeants Benevolent Association, and the Department of Justice's VALOR program.

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lover the last couple of weeks. June 24, July 5 and July 7 were all outside reversal days. Such price action records a higher high than the day previous and then closes at a lower low. This signals a move to the downside. Thursday originally moved higher to \$48.25 but closed the day much lower at \$45.19. That is barely above the low of the day at \$44.87. The daily 13 EMA is about only one penny higher than the 34 EMA. So I am assuming a crossover will shortly occur.

Support is pegged at \$42-43. Failing that, the next level would be \$36-38. Again the 13 EMA has held above the 34 EMA daily since the crossover in later February. So a very important test of previous support levels is on the horizon. We will feature the charts described

here on our weblog at <http://www.themarketperspective.com>.

Persian Gulf Economies float on oil prices. So it is not surprising that the Gulf Cooperation Council states of Saudi Arabia, UAE, Bahrain, Kuwait, Qatar, and Oman have raised a record \$18 billion in 2016. It is all in debt of course. This makes the upcoming test of previous low prices all the more important for that group. It is no wonder the Saudis plan to sell 5% of ARAMCO in an equity deal to build a sovereign wealth fund.

Oil prices do not necessarily rise and fall completely on supply and demand. Other wise prices would never have rallied from the February low when reports had the oil inventories at record highs. Now the media is attempting to link every imaginable future outcome to the BREXIT vote. For example, the media wonders if a weakened Eurozone will result in less oil demand further weakening prices. The better idea

is to follow the market as we outlined earlier in this column.

Recent estimates are that 70 percent of fracking equipment in the US has been idled. And 60 percent of all oil field workers have been laid off.

We recently reported on the attempt by several state Attorney Generals to subpoena Exxon Mobil. The idea is to create enough legal chaos for XOM to admit that they have not joined the climate change illusory battle. Now Virgin Islands AG Claude Walker has withdrawn his XOM subpoena. Massachusetts AG Maura Healy will not enforce her subpoena. This leaves California's Kamala Harris and New York's Eric Schneiderman as the remaining AGs with outstanding subpoenas. For the time being it appears that the latest legal abuse of the energy industry has been put on hold.

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TEXAS HISTORY MINUTE

Governor Campbell was for progress

At the beginning of the twentieth century, Texas was moving ahead. The spirit of reform was in the air as the people demanded accountability from business and government alike. Gov. Thomas M. Campbell, who served from 1907-1911 dedicated himself to progress for the people.

Thomas Mitchell Campbell was born in Rusk in East Texas in 1856. His father was a farmer who had moved from Georgia. His father was a respected member of the community who served as Longview's first mayor in 1871 and later as a justice of the peace and Gregg County sheriff. As a young man, Campbell was also friends with James Stephen Hogg, another future Texas governor.

In 1873, Campbell enrolled at Trinity University with hopes of becoming a lawyer. However, he struggled with being able to afford his tuition and dropped out. He continued to study the law informally and was admitted to the state bar in 1878. That same year, he also married and started his own law office in Longview.

In 1889, he became the attorney for the troubled International-Great Northern Railroad. He guided the line through bankruptcy and later moved to Palestine to serve as its general manager. He resigned from the railroad in 1897 and moved into politics.

In 1906, at his old friend James S. Hogg's urging, Campbell ran for governor, his first run for any office. After a bitter campaign, Campbell won the Democratic



Dr. Ken Bridges

Primary and the election. Insurance reform became a special target for Campbell. The Robertson Act of 1907 regulated life insurance rates and mandated that out-of-state insurance companies operating in Texas had to invest a portion of their revenue in Texas itself.

In 1909, he announced to the state that because of the state's new property assessment policies, Texas enjoyed a budget surplus of nearly \$900,000. The total appraised value of Texas properties topped \$1 billion for the first time. This also allowed school funding to rise by more than half to \$9.4 million and allowed schools to adopt calendars longer than a six-month school year and also increase per-student spending by a third.

Campbell called two special sessions that year to force the legislature to act on reform measures. Legislators fought and argued, with several having to be escorted out of the House of Representatives. Eventually, they passed measures forcing railroads to be held liable for employee injuries on the job and strengthened state antitrust laws. The legislature also strengthened alcohol regulations and organized a standard ballot for all local option wet-dry elections. After fierce debate, the state mandated that banks had to guarantee the safety of customer

deposits, either using a state protection fund or a bond system. For the first time, Texas bank customers would not necessarily lose their savings if the bank were robbed or failed.

And for the first time, the legislature approved funding to bring electricity and modern plumbing into state-owned buildings. Many Texas communities already had electricity, but installation in government buildings lagged far behind. As a result of the bill, even the governor's mansion received electricity for the first time.

Several new regulatory agencies came into being under Campbell's leadership. The Department of Insurance and Banking was created to regulate the practices of those industries in the state. The Bureau of Labor Statistics was created to gather information on employment and wages. A new Texas State Board of Health was created in 1909 as well as the Texas State Library and Historical Commission to preserve state records and artifacts for future generations.

Campbell left office in 1911. He made one last attempt at elected office, losing a primary race for US Senate against incumbent Sen. Charles A. Culberson. Campbell spent his last years as a lawyer in Palestine and working behind the scenes in Democratic politics until his death in 1923.

Dr. Bridges is a Texas native, writer, and history professor. He can be reached at drkenbridges.com.

BROTHER J

Whose Child?



It started with a phone call and they were wondering if we could get together Saturday evening for a family, (kinfolk) cook-out. We started calling our children to see if they could make it. We don't have them very often but I look forward to them and especially this time because our children and our nieces and nephews had new arrivals in the last year or so. The latest arrivals included seven on eight children with the oldest being five. As we sat around the campfire I was trying to determine what child belonged to what parent. I started looking at color of eyes, size and shape of ears; color of hair and shape of head and it was evident whose child they were. That event reminded me of a similar situation we face in this life if a person is a Christian or not. The Bible says there is a way to know whose child they really are, (1 John 3:10). The anti-God group or children of the Devil, as the Bible calls them, have some unique characteristics. The Bible in (Romans 1:18-32 and 2 Timothy 3:2-4) gives us an explanation. We will know them by their actions or deeds, (Matthew 7:16-21). We may say we are Christians all long daylong but if our life doesn't show that, something is wrong. In, (Matthew 5:3-10) the Bible gives us the characteristics of Children of God. See you in Church next Sunday.

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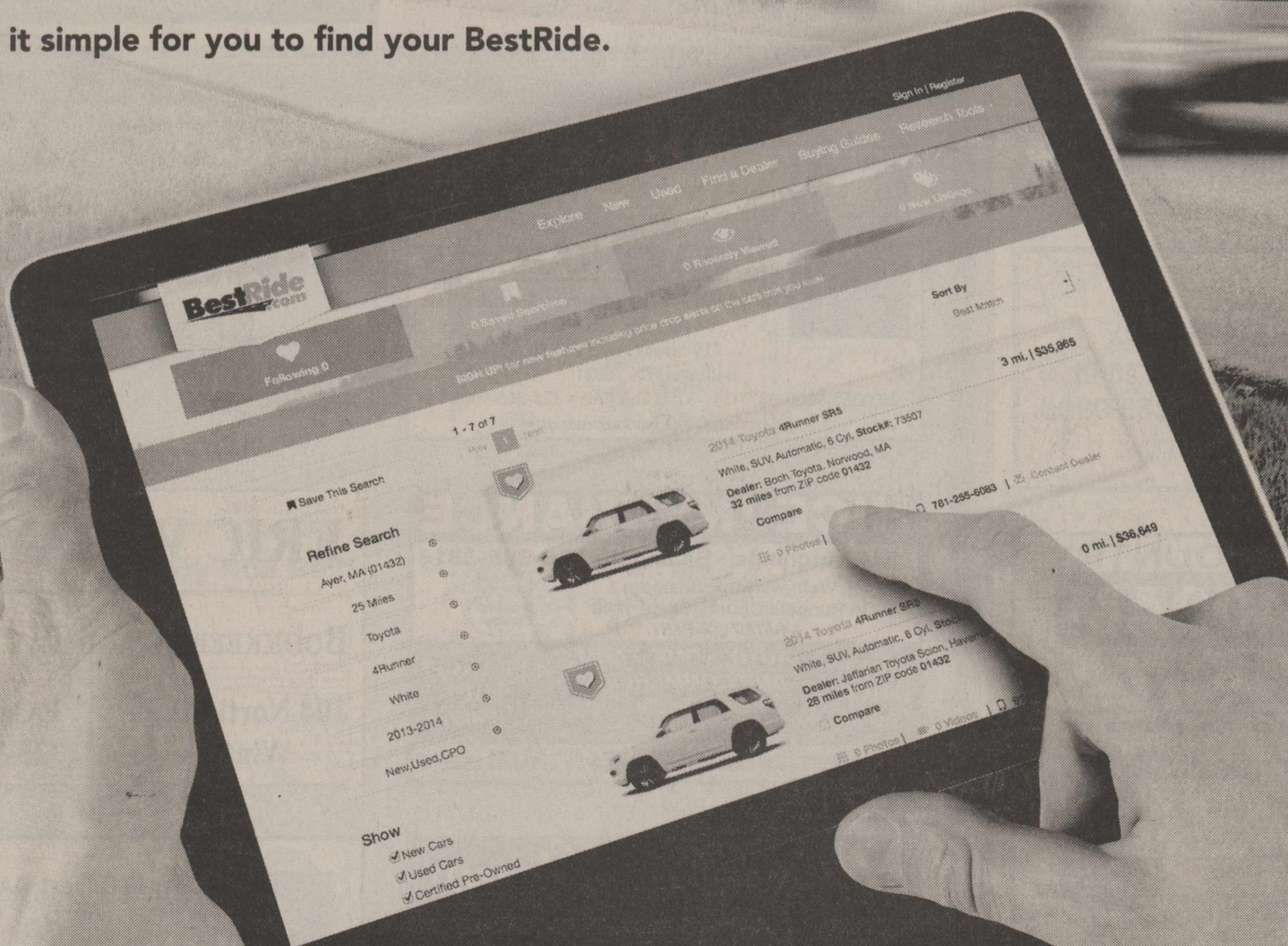
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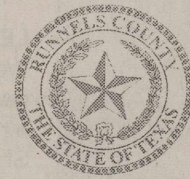
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- Digital Sentry System at the Runnels County Jail. Price will be for one server and one viewing station. This will also include a computer with software installed and monitor for viewing all cameras.

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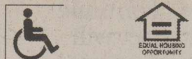
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LEFT: Filming for "A Very Sordid Wedding" was done in Selkirk, Winnipeg, Canada and wrapped about a month ago. Writer and director Del Shores, a Winters native, wanted to get all the details of his hometown right, down to the shops on Main Street.

RIGHT: The church used in "A Very Sordid Wedding," was modeled after a former Baptist church in Winters.



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RIGHT: Many of the scenes of "A Very Sordid Wedding," were filmed in The Corner Stop convenience store, modeled after a store in Winters.



SHORES

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"I fell in the love with the theater, at Howard Payne University - we would take our homework and kneel on the floor and do our homework so I could watch the plays being rehearsed," Shores recalled in a recent telephone interview. "Back then there was a couple named Forbes Woods and April Nash and they were the stars of every play."

The first movie also set in Winters and considered a cult classic, starred Bonnie Bedelia as Latrelle Williamson, Olivia Newton-John as Bitsy, Beau Bridges as G. W. Nethercott, Beth Grant as Sissy and Delta Burke as Noleta Nethercott and Leslie Jordan as Earl "Brother Boy" Ingram.

"Sordid Lives" tells the tale of a colorful family from a small Texas town must come to grips with the accidental death of the elderly family matriarch during a clandestine meeting in a seedy motel room with her much younger, married neighbor. The woman's family must deal with their own demons while preparing for what could be an embarrassing funeral.

Shores says that he is proud to be from a small rural West Texas town and that has been an inspiration in almost all of his writing and projects. Even, "Daddy's Dyin' Who's Got the Will," was set in the area - first in Winters, but the movie was eventually set in Lowake.

"A Very Sordid Wedding," was actually filmed in Selkirk, Winnipeg, Manitoba Canada and picks up 16 years after the events of the first film and deals with the impact of the advancement of same-sex marriage in the conservative, southern community. Several actors from the original Sordid Lives film are reprising their roles, including Bonnie Bedelia, Leslie Jordan, Newell Alexander, Sarah Hunley, Rosemary Alexander, Ann Walker and Kirk Geiger. Joining them from the Sordid Lives series are David Steen, David Cowgill and Caroline Rhea. Shores also announced that several new actors would be joining the returning performers. In Spring 2015, Whoopi Goldberg was added

to the cast as Ty's mother-in-law. Shores wanted to get all the details right - not just the cast of characters, but the location. As it turned out, Selkirk, Winnipeg, was a dead ringer for Winters, from the convenience store, to Main Street to the little country Baptist church and even down to a news stand filled with issues of the Winters Enterprise - the set was carefully planned.

"It was a place in Winnipeg where it is so amazingly cheap to shoot there, we got a great deal the town looked like Winters when I saw that downtown, I said where is Heidenheimer's? Shores laughed.

Shores said he decided to do the sequel after the U.S. Supreme Court handed down the decision approving same sex marriage and he hopes that with a little bit of laughter, he can send a more serious message of acceptance, equality and love.

"Here's the deal - the movie is about what happens when equality comes storming in to rural Texas," Shores explained. "I don't think anyone should be discriminated against - that is the kind of hypocrisy I wanted to point out. I did it to make people think - I want them to think and love a little bit more."

Shores raised the funds for the independent via an Indiegogo campaign. Filming wrapped in Canada about a month ago, and the final scenes are being filmed in Dallas. The film, owned by Beard Collins Shores Productions, is set to be released by the end of the year.

"We already have several people who are asking to distribute the film," Shores said. "We are blessed with abundance." Shores said, he never thought he would return to make a sequel to "Sordid Lives," because of legal battles with the television show that followed the movie.

"It was just a nightmare," Shores said. But after going on tour with his stand-up comedy, he found out how much the characters were loved.

"I wanted to see what happened to the characters and how they had evolved and when the Supreme Court decision was handed down, then we really wanted to tackle that subject matter because it is near and dear to my heart," he said.

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enrollment, which is based on average daily attendance, which is expected to be about 509 students down from 600 average daily attendance in 2014.

"It's happened over the last three years," Davis said. "We have to make adjustments."

Even though student numbers and property taxes are down, the trustees did not raise the property taxes during this budgeting cycle. The property tax rate remained at \$1.04 per \$100 valuation.

"It's been 12 years since we raised the tax rate," Davis said.

The district has seen significant declines since the loss of manufacturing and oilfield jobs and a decrease in oil production in the area.

This year, the trustees decided not to fill some positions left vacant through professional and non professional staff either resigning or retiring.

"We had some attrition this year," Davis said.

Trustees are looking at transfers to increase the enrollment numbers at the schools too, Davis said.

But he will enforce strict guidelines

on the students who want to transfer to Winters ISD.

Students must have passing grades from their previous school and have no discipline issues. Students must also be up to date on their STAAR testing.

"We are looking for people coming to contribute to what we do," Davis said.

Davis added that the district will not fund a bus route to pick up students outside the district, but parents may leave their children at a designated Winters bus stop for pick up.

Davis touted the positive aspects of Winters ISD, such as the 100 percent graduation of seniors this year and the dual credit classes offered through Cisco Junior College that allow students to get as much as 30 hours of college credit before they graduate from high school. In addition, classes are smaller than at larger schools.

"Diversification in our enrollment will not hurt us," Davis said. "It will be healthy for our school."

But, if enrollment numbers continue to decline, Davis said the district will have no choice but to cut professional and non-professional staff. In addition, he said the board will be considering consolidating the schools by having two campuses - an elementary campus and a junior/senior high school campus.

"We may look at that next year," Davis said.

BALLOTS

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