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## WHITE'S Wagging Tongue

by Cynthia White

David nervously approached his girlfriend's father and said "Excuse me, Mr. Hobbs, but there was something I wanted to ask you."

"Well, of course, young man!" the proud father replied. "You have my full blessing. My daughter's happiness is all I want."

"Blessing, sir?" David stammered.

"Yes, of course. You want to marry my daughter, right?" asked Mr. Hobbs.

"Uh, no sir, that's not it," said David.

"Then what is it?" asked Mr. Hobbs.

David replied, "Actually, my car payment is due, and I'm a little short until payday, and I wanted to know if I could borrow fifty dollars until Friday."

"Heck no!" yelled Mr. Hobbs. "I hardly know you."

The car was pulled over by a highway patrolwoman for speeding. As the officer was writing the ticket, she noticed several machetes in the car.

"What are those for?" she asked suspiciously.

"I'm a juggler," the man replied. "I use those in my act."

"Well, show me," the officer demanded.

The juggler took out the machetes and started juggling them; first three, then more, until he was tossing seven at one time - overhand, underhand, behind the back, putting on a dazzling show in the breakdown lane and amazing the officer.

Just then, another car passed by. The driver did a double take, and said to his wife, "I've got to give up drinking! Look at the test they're giving now."

A large college football player from a well known college football powerhouse in the South, was visiting a Yankee relative in Boston over the holidays.

He went to a large party and met a pretty coed.

He attempted to start up a conversation with the line, "Where does ya'll go to school?"

The coed, of course, was not overly impressed with his grammar or southern drawl, but did answer his question.

"Yale," she replied. The guy took a big, deep breath and shouted, "WHERE DOES YA'LL GO TO SCHOOL?"

Two youngsters were closely examining bathroom scales on display at the department store.

"Have you ever seen one of these before?" one asked.

"Yeah, my mom and dad have one," the other replied.

"What's it for?" asked the first boy.

"I don't know," the second boy answered. "I think you stand on it and it makes you mad."

THANK YOU FOR READING THE MUNDAY COURIER

## Moguls Fall to Era Hornets in Sectional Tournament

Munday's Moguls took a 5 point lead into the fourth quarter of play in the opening round of the sectional tournament at Wilkerson Greines Arena in Fort Worth this past Saturday and found themselves out-scored by the Era Hornets 16 to 5 in the final period sending the Moguls home with a season ending loss.

The Moguls who controlled the flow of the game for three quarters couldn't buy a bucket in the fourth and found the rebounding just as tough as Era cranked up

their game and shut down the now tentative Mogul attack.

Tony Tomlinson, with six points, was all but neutralized by the tough inside play of the Era Hornets, and Jeffery Toliver was held scoreless for most of the game and was held to four points. Munday's Jason Josselet had another hot game hitting for 17 points, leading all Munday shooters along with Senior Alan Albus, playing his final game for the Moguls, who also came away with 17 points, and left the game with five fouls late in the

fourth.

Munday had a chance to tie the game with 10 seconds left on the clock, but the jumper from Albus just wouldn't fall as Era took the ball down again and went to the line to add to their lead. Munday's final play ended in a turn over as Jason Josselet's coast to coast pass sailed through the hands of Tomlinson waiting underneath.

Final score was 48 - 44.

Munday defeated Baird for the Bi-District Championship last Tuesday.

## Haskell-Knox Underground Water Conservation District Registering Wells

The Haskell-Knox Underground Water Conservation District is in the process of registering the existing wells in Haskell, Knox and Baylor counties. Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code provides that the District shall locate and register all wells in the District. Existing wells are exempt from spacing requirements under a "grandfather" clause. The best way to make sure that a well falls under this classification is to register it.

Registration forms will be available at the District office at 135 North Munday Avenue, Munday, Texas, at the county extension offices in Haskell, Knox and Baylor counties and at the county tax appraisal district offices of Haskell, Knox and Baylor counties. Wells located in the city limits can be described ad-

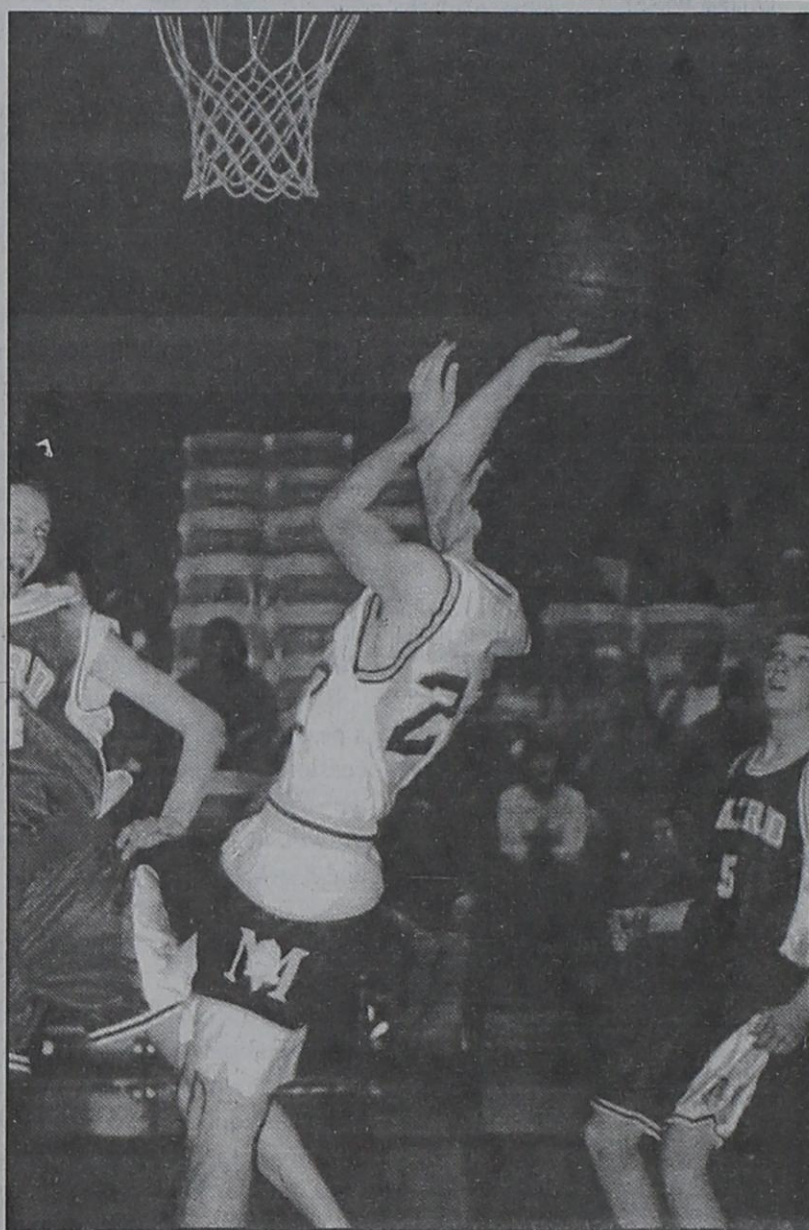
equately by using your street address on the form. Wells located outside city limits can be located by using the legal description on your tax form. Where a farm is in one block, FSA farm numbers can be used for location. Where there are several wells on a farm, the registration form has a grid where all the wells can be located. The wells will be precisely located by latitude and longitude with Global Positioning Systems (GPS) operated by the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation.

Using the resources of the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation (TBWEF) to locate these wells will be the most cost-effective method for the District. This will eliminate the overhead of buying equipment and hiring and training personnel for what will be a one-time activity. It does require that

the greater part of the paperwork must be completed before the TBWEF personnel can go into the field. To do the work efficiently, a sector must be designated that has 50-100 wells located near one another for a TBWEF employee to be sent out to map the wells.

It is important that all wells in the District be registered, if the well is producing or not. Even if a well is dry at the present time, with the lowered water table, it is important that the well location be known. Any pathway to the aquifer is a potential source of pollution. Knowing the location of a well can be invaluable in tracing the path and extent of any discovered contaminant in the future.

Any questions can be answered at the District office at 135 North Munday Avenue, Munday, Texas, by phone at (940) 422-1095.



Courier Photo

JASON JOSSELET takes flight during the Bi-District Championship game with Baird last Tuesday in Merkel.

## Keisha Collier Named Co-MVP for District 9-A

Munday's Mogulettes captured seven spots on this year's district 9-A All District Girl's Basketball Team, with senior Keisha Collier grabbing the Co-MVP honors.

The Mogulettes were lead by Collier this year to the sectional tournament at Wikerson Greines Arena in Fort Worth after winning their district and bi-district games.

Named to the All District Team from Munday were: Keramie Brown, Krisi Harlan, and Laurie

Welch. Receiving an honorable mention were Megan Myers, Jennifer Hernandez, and Kylie Myers.

Gina Campisi from Crowell was also named Co-MVP, and others on the all district squad included:

Kayla Garcia from Knox City, Nikki Gonzales from Knox City, Latrice Hurd from Paducah, Michelle Mosley from Paducah, Amber Range from Crowell, Jennifer Vacek from Knox City, and Shantera Wright from Paducah.



Courier Photo

COTTON PICKIN' QUILT LOVERS. Well over 350 people attended the Cotton Pickin' Quilt Show sponsored by the Munday Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture. Many volunteers spent countless hours preparing for the annual event that remains highly successful.

## Cotton Pickin' Quilt Show Attracts Over 350 People

Munday Elementary School Gym bustled with various activities included in the Cotton Pickin' Quilt Show of 2001 on Saturday, February 24. Area communities were represented by the hundreds of visitors and people from as far away as Dallas, Austin, Alvarado, Oklahoma, Kansas, South Caro-

lina and Scotland enjoyed the beautiful art work showcased in the quilts and also attended the two workshops, dined on Cotton Pickin' Chicken Pot Pie, and visited with various vendors.

Honored by receiving the "Viewer's Choice" award was Annie Belle Burdick from Graham,

Texas. Mrs. Burdick entered a Grandmother's County Album #2 design that she had hand-pieced and hand-quilted. The "Viewer's Choice" award is voted on by all in attendance.

Winner of this year's Chamber Raffle Quilt was Judy Cox of Archer City, Texas.



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WET STREETS, MUD PUDDLES, AND UMBRELLAS have been welcomed sights by area residents this year. While water tables and area lakes remain low, hopes for even more rain continue.



# OPINION

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Letters to the Editor are encouraged. They must be signed by the author and include the telephone number for verification purposes. Only the writer's name will appear in print. Letters should be kept to a minimal length and are subject to be edited for clarity, liability and for the purpose of only conveying a single point. Every attempt will be made not to change the meaning of letters. All letters are run space available. Each letter is accepted on that basis.

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## Calendar of Events

Feb. 28 - Ash Wednesday.  
Mar. 5 - Munday VFD, Band  
Booster Meeting.  
Mar. 6 - Lion's Club.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

Feb. 28 - Mary Denise Groves,  
B.J. Brown, Megan Elizabeth  
Jackson, Lauren Hawkins.  
Feb. (29) - Tim Nix.  
Mar. 1 - Zachary Merrell,  
Bernadette Moore.  
Mar. 2 - Monte & Beverly  
Hollar, Mary Huffman.  
Mar. 3 - Trent Tidwell.  
Mar. 4 - Mike Hosea.  
Mar. 5 - Lana Brewster.

FIND WHAT YOU NEED  
IN THE COURIER  
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## Knox County Aging Center

### Munday & Goree Menu March 5 thru March 9

Mon. Mar. 5th. - Chili dogs with cheese, potato wedges, seasoned pork & beans, onions, relish, and cake.  
Wed. Mar. 7th. - Salisbury steak with mushroom gravy, buttered potatoes, blackeyed peas, carrot & raisinsalad, hot rolls, pudding.  
Fri. Mar. 9th. - Sliced ham with cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes, green peas, hot rolls, fruit salad.  
If you plan to join the group at Munday, call Louise Fruewirth 422-4191. At Goree, call Juanita Davis at 422-4208 the day before.



## Minding Your Own Business

with Don Taylor, co-author of Up Against the Wal-Marts

### Great times never last, but great companies do!

Business will be better or worse. - Calvin Coolidge Surviving a slow down

Robert Schuller wrote a great book titled, Tough Times Never Last, But Tough People Do! I'd recommend the book to any of you who are struggling with your life or business.

Schuller's main premise in this book is that bad things happen to good people and you should expect some tough times. More importantly, you should know how to deal with tough times so that you get through your trials and difficulties with minimum damage.

I re-read portions of the book from time-to-time when I need a little mental toughening up. I was considering the title recently when it occurred to me that the opposite is also true in business. Great times never last, but great companies do. There is probably a good business book in that title, but for now I'll just use it for a column.

Before any of you accuse me of being a prophet or a pessimist, let me say that I'm not predicting a recession or even an economic slowdown. However, we've always had periods of decline alternating with growth. It's the nature of the business cycle to be up and down.

### Be prepared

One of the best ways to weather the storms of life is to be prepared for them. I don't expect my house to burn down, but I carry insurance. I don't expect to lose my job this week, but I have a back-up plan to go to if that happened. I don't plan to die soon, but I do own a burial plot.

One of the best ways to survive in business is to be prepared for difficult times. We cannot anticipate all of the bad things that can happen to us, but we can anticipate the most common problems.

Here are some tips for surviving a slow time. I hope you'll give some thought to incorporating them into your business plan.

• Have a back up plan. Every business needs a plan "B." If what you're doing suddenly doesn't work anymore, what will you do? When I was young and immature I had no plan. I didn't even have a clue. My thoughts for success were focused on today.

Now I have contingency plans. I call them my "what if" plans. What if I lose my day job? What if my work slows down? What if my health fails? I ask tough questions and I look for feasible answers.

Think carefully. Think ahead. Then you'll be ready to act quickly when a crisis comes.

• Have a cash reserve. Someone once said money is a good servant, but a bad master. When tough times come, having cash will serve you well. However, if you're caught short life gets hard very quickly.

Personally, I like to have at least six months cash reserve. I want it working - earning interest - but available. For businesses, I'd recommend being able to cover at least three months of your operating expenses.

• Tighten your belt before you're hungry. It is hard to convince most business owners that they should work hard to eliminate waste when sales and profits are good. But, it's the perfect time to do it.

I've seen at least a hundred folks spend themselves poor in good times only to regret it when a slowdown came. The late Sam Walton became the richest man in America in 1985. He built his empire by keeping his belt tight. Wal-Mart operated on only half the expenses consumed by other retail giants at the time.

Keep your belt tight in good times. Frugality is a great source of income.

Don Taylor is the co-author of *Up Against the Wal-Marts*. You may write to him in care of *Minding Your Own Business*, PO Box 67, Amarillo, TX 79105.

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## Capitol Highlights

### Prisoner reading program records progress

By Mike Cox  
Texas Press Association

AUSTIN—If you can read and understand this column, chances are you've never been in prison. And if you have, chances are you're not going back.

A study done by the Criminal Justice Policy Council, a state agency charged with researching prison trends, has demonstrated a link between the ability to read and the likelihood of an ex-convict returning to prison.

According to the study, high-risk (young property crime offenders) nonreaders who learned to read while incarcerated had a 37 percent lower recidivism rate.

Not that the ability to read is a guaranteed "Stay Out of Jail" card. Nineteen percent of the reading high-risk offenders still managed to get back to prison. But with nonreaders the return rate was 30 percent, the study said. Beyond the mere ability to read, overall educational level also is a major factor in recidivism.

Inmates with a ninth grade educational level or higher had an 18 percent lower return rate than those with a fourth grade education. Knowing a convict's educational level is almost as fundamental as knowing what they are up for.

"When a new inmate arrives, he or she spends three weeks at the diagnostic unit undergoing every kind of test there is," said Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokesman Glen Castlebury. "We want to know who the heck we've got."

One of the many tests assesses the inmate's education level. That, of course, quickly shows whether they can read.

"The average educational level claimed by an arriving inmate is 10.6 years," he said. "The average actual educational achievement demonstrated by

testing is 7.5 years."

In other words, most crooks aren't as smart as they think they are. If an inmate's achievement level is less than seven years, Castlebury said, education automatically becomes the prison system's top priority for that particular inmate. "Teaching them literacy takes precedence over work," he said.

Just why being able to read makes such a big difference on whether a convict will stay clean once he's back in the free world is a multi-faceted consideration. One reason, however, is economics.

"If someone can't read or write, they're not going to be able to get a job," Castlebury said. Those who can't get money in normal ways often turn to crime. The study on the importance of reading, "Impact of Educational Achievement of Inmates in the Windham School District on Recidivism," is only one of several completed within the last year that shows prison rehabilitation programs are working.

"This success is a modern-day phenomenon for Texas," said Texas Board of Criminal Justice Chairman A.M. Mac Stringfellow. "It marks a maturing of programs and policies which effectively started only with completion of the huge prison expansion six years ago."

A key to the success, Castlebury said, is the link between the institutional and parole aspects of TDCJ. Since the merger of the Board of Pardons and Paroles into TDCJ in 1990, the two components have vastly improved the system, Castlebury said.

"Parole used to be tied to a certain date," he said. "Now, more and more, it's upon completion of an educational program."

To view the recent studies online, go to [www.cjpc.state.tx.us](http://www.cjpc.state.tx.us).

## Ask The AG:

### Helping Nursing Home Residents

by John Cornyn, Attorney General of Texas

**Q:** While my father was in a nursing home, I spent a lot of time visiting him and the other residents. Now that he has passed away, I would like to continue working with nursing home residents. Any suggestions?

**A:** I commend you for your desire to help others. As Attorney General, one of my top priorities is to protect our most vulnerable Texans, including the elderly. With the help of volunteers such as you, we can work to ensure that no nursing home residents are abused or neglected.

One organization that you might be interested in is the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program, which is run through the Texas Department on Aging. The Ombudsman Program provides assistance to residents of long-care facilities such as nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

Ombudsmen are specially trained and certified volunteers or professionals who advocate for the residents of long-term care facilities. The volunteer ombudsmen are supervised by professional staff ombudsmen from the Area Agencies on Aging offices located throughout the state. The Area Agencies on Aging are supported by the Texas Department on Aging.

Ombudsmen help facility residents and their families resolve problems and differences that they may have with facility staff by defining concerns, explaining rights, and identifying possible easily.

In cases that involve serious abuse and neglect, complaints are referred to the appropriate regulatory agencies. In all cases, complaints are handled confidentially, and no information is released without the permission of the resident or his or her legal guardian.

To become a volunteer ombudsman, you must complete a three-month internship and finish 35 hours of initial certification training. Once you are certified as an ombudsman, you must complete 12 hours of continuing education per year.

All ombudsmen have the resources of the Department on Aging and other local regulatory agencies available to assist them in their goal of helping elderly residents and their families.

For more information on the Ombudsman Program, contact the Texas Department on Aging at (800) 252-2412, or visit their Web site at [www.tdoa.state.tx.us](http://www.tdoa.state.tx.us).

You can also help elderly citizens by supporting a local Triad program. Triads are joint efforts by local law enforcement agencies and senior community leaders to help prevent the victimization of elderly citizens.

The program was started by the National Sheriffs' Association, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, and the American Association of Retired Persons. Currently, more than 100 Triads operate in Texas.

The focus of each Triad is determined by the needs of the community. Triad-sponsored programs include ongoing crime prevention, telephone reassurance for isolated or frail seniors, refrigerator cards with emergency medical information, and visits to shut-ins.

For more information on Triads, contact Nancy Gresham in my Elder Law and Public Health Division at (512) 936-1317 or (800) 806-2092. You can also contact her by e-mail at [nancy.gresham@oag.state.tx.us](mailto:nancy.gresham@oag.state.tx.us).

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Missy Reneau & Brad Chambers

Courtesy Photo

Mr. and Mrs. John Reneau, formerly of Munday, are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Melissa 'Missy' Renee Reneau to Bradley 'Brad' Eugene Chambers, son of Gene and Carol Chambers of Alvin, Texas.

Missy is a Graduate of Texas A&M University and is employed with Merrill Lynch in Houston. Brad is also a graduate of Texas A&M University and a graduate of South Texas College of Law. Brad is an attorney with Tucker, Hendryx, Taunton, Snider and Slade Lawyers in Houston.

The wedding will take place on May 5, 2001 at eight o'clock in the evening at Second Baptist Church in Houston, Texas, with a reception to follow at Great Southwest Equestrian Center in Katy.

## Local Obituaries

### Orsak, Vlasta

Vlasta Orsak passed away at the age of 93, on Wednesday, February 7, 2001. The Rosary was held on Friday evening at the McCauley-Smith Funeral Home in Munday, Texas. Services were held Saturday, February 10 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church with Father Jeremy Myers officiating. Burial followed at St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery in Rhineland, Texas.

She was born on September 15, 1907 in Fayette County, Texas and was a resident of Rhineland for 55 years. Mrs. Orsak was a homemaker and attended Saint Joseph's Catholic Church in Rhineland. She was also a member of Saint Ann's Mothers Society.

She married Vince Orsak on October 16, 1933 in Fayetteville, Texas. She was preceded in death by Mr. Orsak on November 27, 1960.

She is survived by two daughters: Vivian Steinbach & Frances Brown, both of Rhineland, Texas; one son: John Orsak of Midland, Texas; one sister: Bessie Orsak of Seymour, Texas; and seven grandchildren; and twelve great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Chris Brown, David Kuehler, B.J. Brown, Bill Myers, Kenny Brown, and Keith Myers.

### Chilcoat, Mayre Jo

Mayre Jo Chilcoat, 78, of Amarillo passed away Saturday, February 17 at Palo Duro Care Center. She was born August 22nd in Truscott, Texas.

Services were held, Tuesday, February 20, under the direction of McCauley-Smith Funeral Home, at First Baptist Church in Benjamin, with Leonard Harper officiating. Burial followed in Truscott Cemetery.

Mayre was the seventh child born to Martha Ethel Barton and John Moore Chilcoat. She attended school in Truscott and graduated from Truscott High School in 1938. She then moved to Arlington, Texas where she was a secretary for Container Corporation. She retired from there in 1984 and later located in Amarillo.

She was a long time member of Birchman Avenue Baptist Church in Ft. Worth, where she sang in the choir, and have many friends there.

She is survived by her brother, John B. Chilcoat of Knox City, sisters, Ladelle Abbott of San Angelo, Connell Houston of Spur, Chrystal Fannin of Amarillo, Dorothy Thomason of Spur, and Gaye Barclay of Napa, California.

Mayre was a very loving and caring person and was very close to her family and nieces and nephews, including Gayle Morgan of Munday, Texas.

Pallbearers were Daret Barclay, Wyndel Fannin, Craig Stoker, Terry Qualls, Russell Houston, and P.J. Bonifield.

Memorials may be made to Crown of Texas Hospice or your favorite charity.

## American Red Cross Seeks Blood Donors in Munday

The American Red Cross is urging residents of Munday to donate at the upcoming blood drive on Monday, March 19th from 2:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Perry Patton Community Center.

The American Red Cross is urging first-time and repeat donors to take the time to give blood in order to ensure that there is enough blood available for the people who need it. The blood received will help people who depend on Red Cross every day for life-saving transfusions.

A few things to remember before you give blood: try to increase fluid intake 24 to 48 hours prior to donating, eat a good meal, and continue to replace fluids for 1 to 2 days following a donation.

Thousands of people rely on the generosity of blood donors daily. To donate blood, one must be healthy, at least 17 years old, and weigh 110 pounds or more. Please come spend an hour of your time to save a life—you can make a difference by giving this priceless

gift! If you have questions about donating, or would like to make an appointment, please call the American Red Cross at (940) 322-8686, ext. 13.

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## Pecan Seminar to be Held in Haskell County

The Haskell and Knox County Horticulture Committees are pleased to sponsor a Pecan Seminar on Monday, March 12th at the old school building in Weinert. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. Speakers for the meeting will be Scott Landgraf, Pecan Specialist with the Noble Foundation in Ardmore, Oklahoma; and Emory Boring, III, Extension Entomologist from Vernon. Topics covered will be general maintenance and care, grafting, handling pest problems, spraying, regimens and new varieties. If you have an interest in Pecans or would just like to find out more about the topic, please feel free to attend. Two (2) CEU hours for private pesticide applicators will be offered at this meeting. Refreshments will be served by the Crooked River Master Gardner Association of Haskell. For more information contact Brandon Anderson, Haskell County Extension Agent at (940) 864-2658 or Jane Rowan, Knox County Extension Agent at (940) 454-2651.

Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service or accommodation in order to participate in this meeting are encouraged to contact the Haskell County Extension Office at (940) 864-2658 to determine how reasonable accommodations can be made.

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin.

## Munday Residents Named to SPC Honor Roll

Amanda Myers and Christopher Rocha from Munday have been named to the Dean's Honor List for the fall semester at South Plains College.

"It is always a pleasure each semester to recognize those students who have been named to the college's honor lists," said Dr. Gary McDaniel, SPC president. "They have set high standards for themselves academically, and we appreciate and applaud their efforts."

Students named to the Dean's Honor List must maintain a minimum 3.25 GPA while carrying at least 12 semester hours of college-level work with no failing grades.

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## It's A Girl!



Zachary Kuehler is proud to announce the birth of his new baby sister. Morgan MacKenzie was born on February 16, 2001 at 7:55 a.m. She weighed 7 pounds and 4 ounces and was 20 and 1/2 inches long.

Proud parents are Tim and Shelley Kuehler. Grandparents are Mary and the late Charlie Myers of Seymour and the late Larry and Maxine Kuehler of Rhineland.

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## CONGRATULATIONS MOGULS & MOGULETTES, BI-DISTRICT CHAMPS

### ACROSS

- 1 when an entire TX appellate ct. hears a case: "en \_\_\_\_\_"
- 5 UH has won lots of \_\_\_\_\_ golf titles
- 6 TXism: "you can write \_\_\_\_\_ ink"
- 7 Fr. explorer of TX: Seur de \_\_\_\_\_ Salle
- 8 degree of many TX professors
- 9 TXism: "got an \_\_\_\_\_" (saw a lot)
- 15 Corpus Christi TV
- 16 TXism: "crooked as a \_\_\_\_\_ snakes"
- 18 former river channels in Rio Grande Valley
- 20 Texan flew scout for atomic bomber \_\_\_\_\_ Gay
- 22 a Caribbean site for TX-based Grandy's
- 27 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ a soul"
- 28 TXism: "homestead-ing cloud nine"
- 29 TX Earle was \_\_\_\_\_ & Bailey's "Tallest Man in the World"
- 30 Italian POW who painted mural in Castro Co. chapel
- 32 this Zapruder filmed JFK assassination (init.)
- 33 TXism: "mad \_\_\_\_\_ snake"
- 36 TXism: "never \_\_\_\_\_ anything in the glow of a neon light"
- 37 "Honest \_\_\_\_\_"
- 38 Mavs '93 acquisition Radisav \_\_\_\_\_

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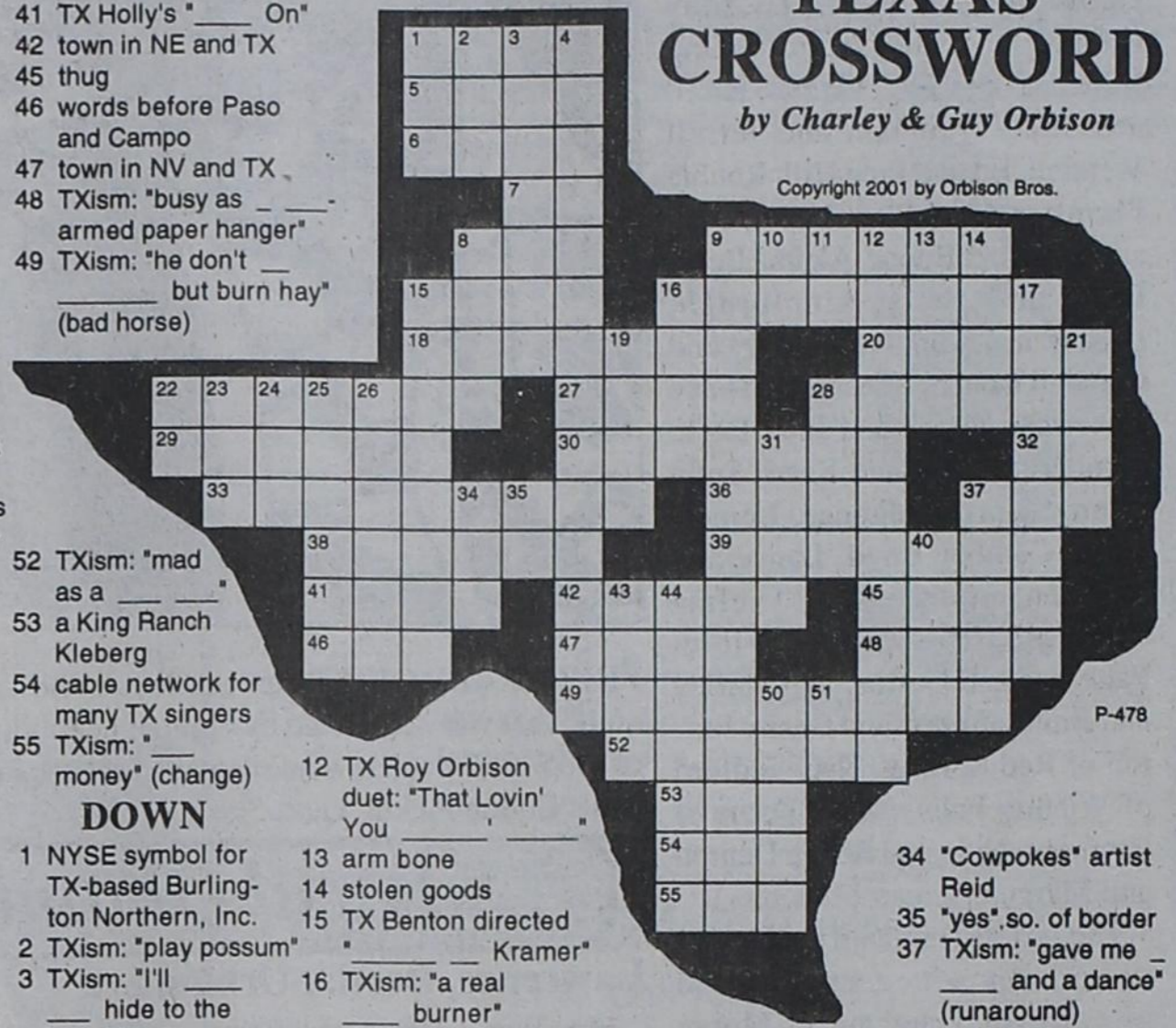
- 1 NYSE symbol for TX-based Burlington Northern, Inc.
- 2 TXism: "play possum"
- 3 TXism: "I'll \_\_\_\_\_ hide to the barn door"
- 4 newspaper in seat of Hemphill Co.
- 8 pecan and pumpkin
- 9 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ ducks"
- 10 365 days (abbr.)
- 11 TXism: "let \_\_\_\_\_ rip!"
- 12 TX Roy Orbison duet: "That Lovin' You"
- 13 arm bone
- 14 stolen goods
- 15 TX Benton directed \_\_\_\_\_ Kramer"
- 16 TXism: "a real \_\_\_\_\_ burner"
- 17 plant once thought to repel itchy pests
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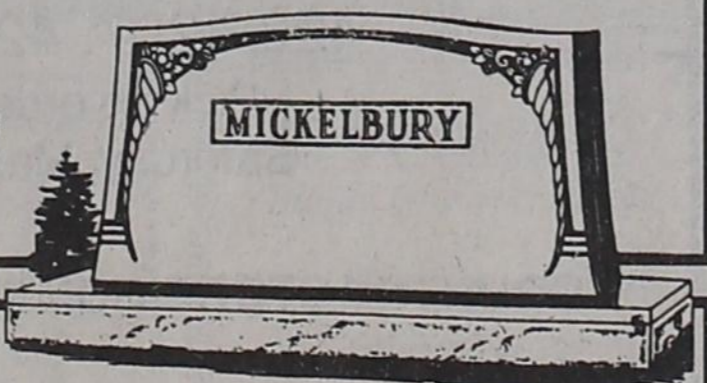
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**Vera News**

By Mrs. Thelma Coulston

Mary Bratcher, Wilma Beck, Lometa Doss, and Edith Beck hosted the monthly dinner at the Community Center, Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m. Attending were Paul and Teresa Weiss, Jerrell and June Trainham and Jerrell Wendell, Ed and June Hill, Robbie Feemster, Alma Jean Boone, Tony and Margaret Boone, Aleitha Beck, Billy and Betty Kinnibrugh, Harold and Edith Beck, Mary and Claudell Bratcher, Morris and Faye Robertson, Keith and Judy Beck, Kimberly, Clint, and Kerri, Sulin Young, Doris LaFrance, Lometa Doss, Cember Boyd, Lance and Kersten, Carl and Thelma Coulston, Bill Wood, Violet Patterson and Destiny and Shirley and Jimmy Burton and Danny Burton of Red Springs, Katy Tedford of Wichita Falls, Nolan Davis of Seymour, Nola and Royce Denton and Margaret Enner of Goree.

The Jerrell Trainham family visited Sunday with a son, Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Trainham in Moran and with Clifton and Stephanie Brandon and Teagan and Eva Ann Crooks and Brett of Abilene who were visitors in the Trainham home.

A donation has been made to the Vera Cemetery Association by Mrs. Bertha Faye McKinney in memory of Wallace Gore.

Sunday visitors in the Carl Coulston home were Stuart and Carla Hays, Zachary and Andrew of Elk Horn Nebraska and Stephen and Meg Coulston, Brett and Liam of Austin.

Larry and Patti Bratcher of Seymour had lunch Sunday with his parents, Claudell and Mary Bratcher who were celebrating their 56th wedding anniversary. Saturday evening the Bratchers attended the Chamber of Commerce Banquet at the Cliff Styles Activity Center in Seymour. Monday they met for lunch with their friends, Lloyd and Merry Ann Bench of Ft. Worth who were visiting in Seymour.

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**It's A Boy!**

Leigh and Eric Smith of Floydada are proud to announce the arrival of their son, little Ethan Simmons Smith. He was born Monday, February 5, 2001, at 2:45 p.m. at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock and weighed eight pounds and 5 ounces. He measured 20 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Judy and Danny Lain of Knox City.

JenniSu and Eddie Smith of Floydada are paternal grandparents.

Great-grandparents are Betty and Ed Smith of Lorenzo, Dot and Al Lehman of Georgetown and Chester Lain of Munday.

Ethan's only aunt, uncle, and cousin are Christi, Trevor, and Tristin Lain of Lubbock.

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**FRIENDSHIP QUILT.** Janice Albus is shown here with a "friendship quilt" that was completed by eight of her quilting friends. She was one of 135 quilt owners who displayed their treasures at this past weekend's Cotton Pickin' Quilt Show.

**Local Obituaries**

**Lawrence, Bertha Urbanczyk**

Mrs. Bertha Urbanczyk Lawrence, 78, passed away February 4, 2001 in an Albuquerque hospital.

A private burial service was held Saturday, February 24 at the St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery at Rhineland with Father Leo Schloemer officiating.

Mrs. Lawrence was born July 2, 1922 at Rhineland. She attended school in Rhineland. She moved to California in 1944 and worked in the shipyards, during WWII. She met and married her husband, Ray G. Lawrence in San Francisco. They married in 1946. He preceded her in death in 1980.

She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Anna Urbanczyk, of Munday; 1 son and wife, Brent and Jackie Lawrence of Greensboro, N.C.; 1 daughter, Kaye Barlow of Albuquerque, N.M.; 1 sister, Corrine Wilson of Carrollton, Texas; 2 brothers, Buddy Urbanczyk of Munday and Louis Urbanczyk of Goree; and five grandchildren.

**Reynolds, Mary Yates**

Mary Yates Reynolds, 81, died Tuesday, February 20, 2001, at Hillview Manor Living Center in Goldthwaite. Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday at Johnson Memorial Cemetery in Munday with the Rev. W.O. Smith officiating. Services were under the direction of McCauley-Smith Funeral Home.

Mrs. Reynolds was born July 16, 1919, in Munday. She married Ezell Reynolds October 15, 1936, at Munday and lived there all her life until entering the Goldthwaite nursing home in 1998. She was a homemaker and a member of First Baptist Church in Munday.

Survivors are her husband, Ezell Reynolds of Comanche; a son, Gerald Reynolds and wife, Nancy, of Comanche; two sisters, Dorothy Pearce of Tahoka and Virginia Burnison of Graham; a brother, Tom Yates of Weinert; two grandsons, Rick Reynolds of Comanche and Dr. Russell Reynolds and wife, Sherry, of Comanche; two great grandchildren, Brandon Reynolds and Katy Reynolds of Comanche.

**Foundation Hires New Zone Managers; More Personnel Added to Headquarters Staff**

(ABILENE)-The Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation has appointed five zone managers to meet the growing personnel needs of the program. In addition, three other positions have been filled that will aid the statewide effort.

Patrick Burson, a Haskell native, has been named zone manager for the Southern High Plains/Caprock Eradication zone. Burson, a fourth-generation farmer, studied agronomy and entomology at Texas Tech University. He joined the Foundation in 1996 as an environmental monitoring specialist in Haskell, where he was later promoted to field unit supervisor. In 1999, Burson moved to Muleshoe to become assistant zone manager of the Northwest Plains Eradication zone. He will be based in Lubbock.

The Southern Blacklands Eradication zone manager is Joey Hogan. Hogan was formerly the zone manager in the Northern Rolling Plains Eradication zone. He is a graduate of Texas A&M University. Hogan joined the Foundation in 1996 as a field unit supervisor and was later promoted to district supervisor in the Munday office. A location for the Southern Blacklands zone office is yet to be determined, but Hogan anticipates he will be based in the Bryan/College Station area.

Wes Jones has accepted the zone managers' position in the Northern High Plains Eradication zone. Jones hails from Rule, where he farmed and ranched for 16 years. He began working for the Foundation in 1996 as a field unit supervisor in the Rolling Plains Central Eradication zone before moving to Olton to take over the Littlefield/Springlake district. Jones anticipates the zone office being based in Plainview.

Two existing zones also have new zone managers. In the Northwest Plains Eradication zone

Stanton Mote has accepted the zone manager position. Mote is a Sam Houston State University graduate and was previously employed by Farmers Coop of El Campo and John Deere. He joined the Foundation in 1999 as the environmental monitoring specialist in Lamesa and later moved to Big Spring to become the district supervisor. Mote will replace Terry Futch, who has accepted the logistics director position at Foundation headquarters in Abilene.

In the Permian Basin Eradication zone DeAnn Yates has been named the new zone manager. Yates has farmed and ranched in Tarzan for 25 years and has worked as a computer graphics designer. Yates has been employed by the Foundation since 1999 as the district supervisor in Stanton. She succeeds David Murray, who resigned in December.

Before becoming zone manager in the Northwest Plains, Terry Futch served as the assistant zone manager in the Rolling Plains Central Eradication zone. He farmed cotton for 16 years and served 10 years in the Marine Corps, where he specialized in logistics. He will be in charge of inventory, acquiring equipment and securing leases for all Foundation offices. In addition to these duties he will also as-

ist the program director and assistant program director in the training and quality control of all field personnel. Futch began his duties as logistics director in January.

Other recent changes at Foundation headquarters include the creation of two new positions, a training director and fleet manager. Holly Mote will be heading up the statewide training of Foundation employees. Mote was previously the assistant zone manager in the Permian Basin Eradication Zone. She is a 1996 graduate of Texas A&M University and has worked as an IPM agent for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Midland and Martin counties. She began working for the Foundation in 1997. She will be based out of Littlefield where her husband, Stanton, is the zone manager.

Rick Gordon has been named Fleet Manager and will oversee all management aspects of fleet services, which includes all Foundation vehicles. Gordon is a longtime resident of Roby, where he graduated from high school and farmed for 15 years. He joined the Foundation in 1996 as a mechanic in the Rotan office and was later transferred to the Lamesa office as a vehicle safety officer. Gordon will be based in Abilene.

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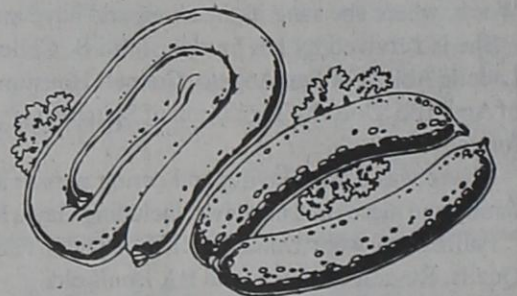
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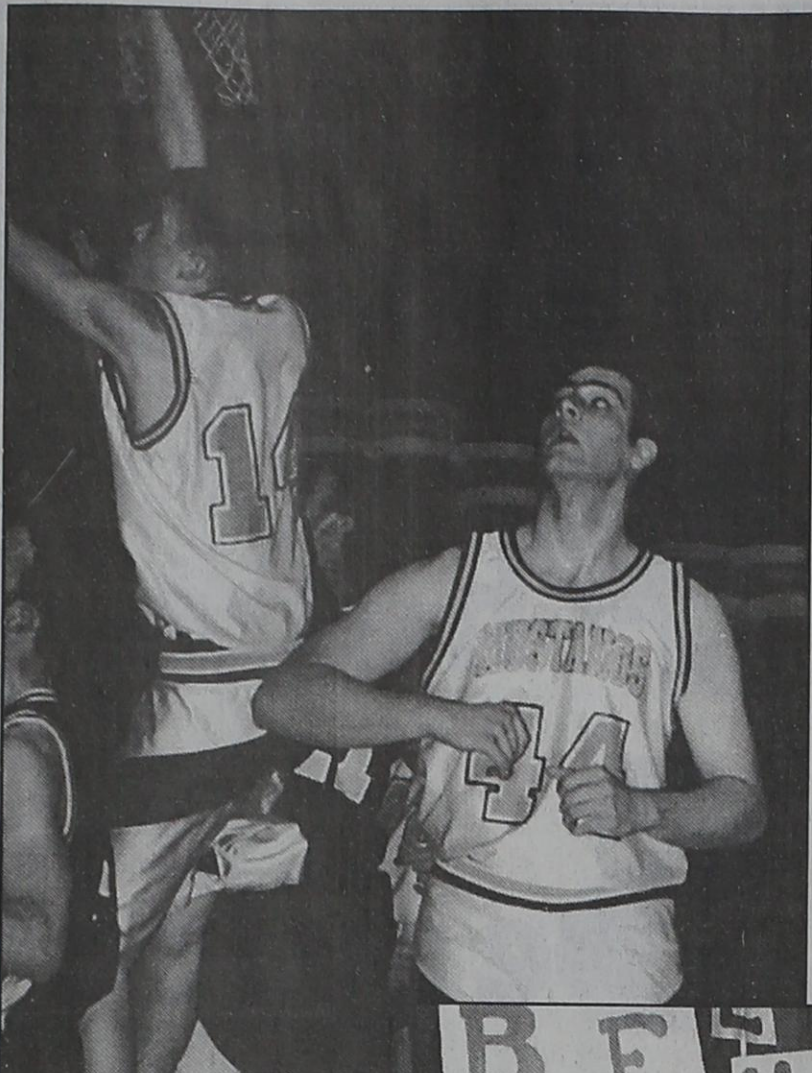
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### BENJAMIN MUSTANGS

Hunter Meinzer, #10, (above) goes for two against a Greyhound from Throckmorton. (right) #14 Clayton Conner and #44 Garrett Favor eye the game.



#42 John Shaw stretches toward the net.



CHEERING ON THE MUSTANGS. Ashley Bufkin, Sandra Acevedo Mascot Ashley Cartwright, Christi Phillips, and Jessica Zavala.



BENJAMIN STUDENT BODY cheers on the Mustangs at the Bi-District game last Tuesday with Throckmorton.

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**EXAMINING THE ART.** Those who attended the Cotton Pickin' Quilt Show on Saturday at Munday Elementary School enjoyed viewing all the masterfully designed quilts on hand.

## Elementary School To Observe Texas Public School Week

The week of March 5-9 has been designated as Texas Public School Week. Munday Elementary School has scheduled several activities surrounding this event. There will be a Book Fair in the library beginning Monday, March 5, and running through Friday, March 9. Parents are welcome to come and browse through the materials on display. Special times have also been set for parents and grandparents to visit the school and eat lunch with their children/grandchildren. The following is a schedule for lunch visitation:

Tuesday, March 6 - Grade 5 at 11:00, K/PPCD - 11:30, PM Pre-K - 12:00.  
Wednesday, March 7 - AM Pre-K - 10:45, Grade 4 - 11:20, Grade 3 - 11:50.  
Thursday, March 8 - Grade 1 - 11:10, Grade 2 - 11:40.  
Adult lunches will be served at a cost of \$2.00 per plate, while children age 3 and under may eat free of charge. If you have not already made reservations to eat with a student, please call or come by the school as soon as possible. If you wish to visit your child's classroom, please arrive at the school 15 minutes prior to the scheduled lunchtime.

Remember, Spring Break begins with the dismal of school at 3:35 on March 9. School will resume Monday morning, March 19. Have a safe and enjoyable holiday.

## Munday Students Qualify For Scholarships At Academic Meet

The Regional Small Schools Academic Competition was held Sunday, February 18th, in the Munday Gymnasium. This contest allows students to compete in the areas of Math, Science, History, and English to win scholarships. Munday was represented very well at the contest. Our teams took 1st place, 2nd place, and 5th place, qualifying each team for the state contest in April where they will compete for additional scholarships. The 1st place team (Erik Sosolik, Nathan Neal, and Alan Albus) was awarded \$1750 in scholarships, the 2nd place team (Megan Myers, Jessica West, and Jeremy Lowe) was awarded \$1050 in scholarships, and the 5th place

team consisted of Jonathan Ramirez, Will Longan, and Tony Tomlinson.

The students are having a car wash on Sunday, March 4th (weather permitting) at the Tri-County Electric Building to raise money for their trip to the state competition at Texas A & M University of Corpus Christi. Tickets are presently being sold by the above students and their sponsor, Kendra Bevel. They will vacuum, wash, and dry your vehicle for \$10 (drive-in's welcome). Donations are accepted and appreciated. Thanks for your support!

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**MUNDAY SCHOLARS** who competed at the Small School Academic Meet were (from left) Jonathan Ramirez, Tony Tomlinson, Will Longan, Jessica West, Jeremy Lowe, Megan Myers, Alan Albus, Erik Sosolik, and Nathan Neal. All have now advanced to the State level meet which will take place in April.

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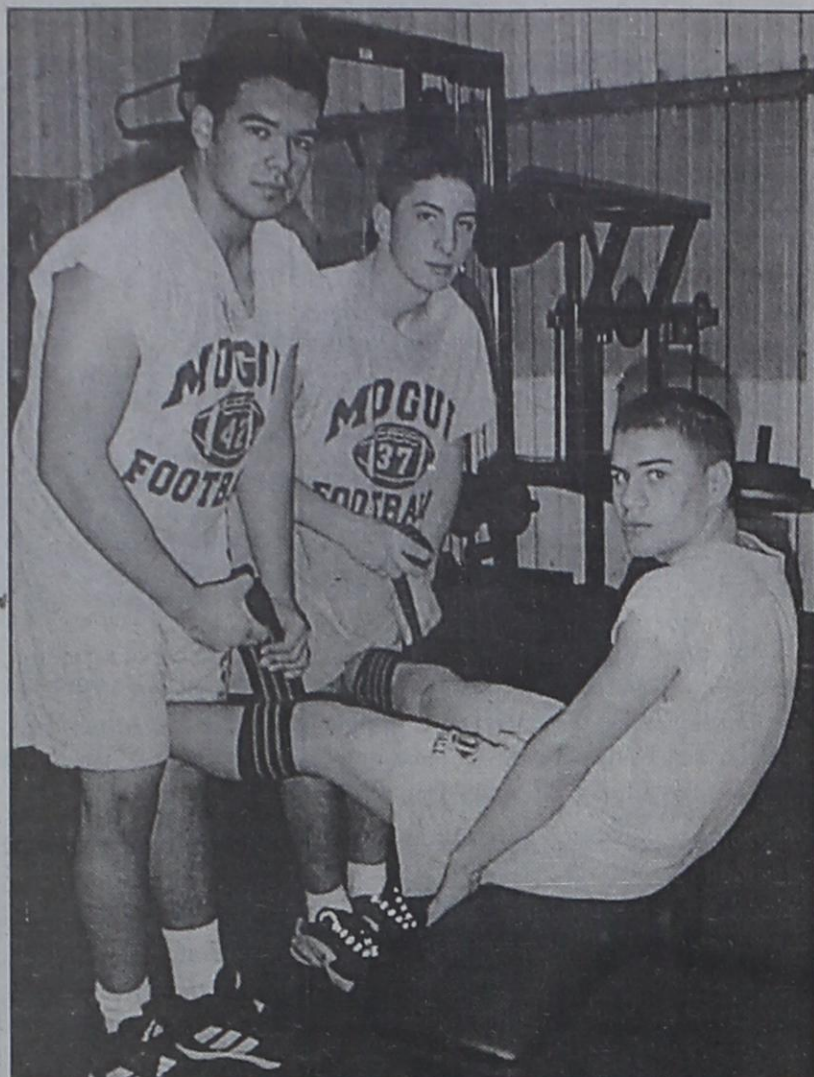
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These changes are embodied in two identical bills filed in the Texas Legislature as House Bill 1232 filed by Rep. David Counts and Senate Bill 611 filed by Sen. Tom Haywood. These bills were referred to the Natural Resource Committees of the House of Representatives and the Senate.

On February 20, 2001, Senate Bill 611, sponsored by Senator Tom Haywood, was passed out of the Senate Natural Resources Committee and sent to the floor of the full Senate.

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These Bills may be tracked at [www.capitol.state.tx.us/capital.htm](http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/capital.htm)

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### Mountain Lions Making Comeback in Former Areas of the Texas Rolling Plains

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Every year I receive at least a dozen calls from people claiming to have seen a mountain lion, heard a mountain lion, found a mountain lion kill or found mountain lion tracks. I try to investigate all recent sightings, by talking to the witness and try to determine whether it is a legitimate sighting.

Since 1992 there has only been one mountain lion mortality that I know of in the Panhandle District, which covers a 56 county area, a mountain lion was killed in Kent County by a hunter in 1992. I have had what I consider legitimate mountain lion sightings in 5 of the 9 counties I cover (Childress, Cottle, Foard, Hardeman, and King).

The Texas Parks & Wildlife Department is trying to collect all the information it can get on mountain lion populations in the state in order to determine current distribution and population status. If you have a recent, reliable first-hand sighting or mortality information concerning a mountain lion, you can contact your local Texas Parks & Wildlife office or 1-800-792-1112.

If you do encounter a mountain lion these tips could make the en-

counter more pleasant: remember to stay calm, do not run away, sudden movement or fleeing behavior can trigger instinctive predatory attacks by a lion, do not turn your back to the lion, do all you can to enlarge your image and if the lion does attack, fight back, lions can be frightened away by aggressive behavior. If you are concerned about lions around your house there are few things you can do to help prevent a lion attack: install outdoor lighting in areas where you walk after dark so you can see a lion, remove any vegetation a lion could hide in, such as shrubs or tall grass, make it difficult for a lion to approach unseen, do not feed wildlife such as deer, hogs, raccoons, etc. around your home, predators follow prey, keep pets confined to the house or in a kennel at night, pets are easy prey for a lion and children should be closely supervised while playing outside if lions have been seen in the area. You may contact Dana Wright, TPWD at 806/492-2264 for more information. Here's to keeping Texas wild!

## MHS Powerlifters Muscle Their Way To Region Meets

The Munday High School Powerlifting Team finished the regular season this past weekend in Colorado City. The region Powerlifting Meets will be this Friday in Colorado City for the girls and Saturday in Levelland for the boys. The athletes had season best performances as each one increased their totals from 20 to 65 pounds.

Results are as follows:  
Joe Rivera - 1st place out of 15 in the 148's. 415 Squat (PR), 235 Bench (RP), and 430 deadlift. 1080 total (PR), presently 3rd in Region. Was named the "Outstanding Lifter" of the Meet in the 114-165 classes.

Brandon Urbanczyk - 1st place out of 9 in the 132's. 370 squat (PR), 215 Bench (PR), and 415 Dead Lift for a 1000 total (PR). Presently 2nd in the Region. Was runner-up for the "Outstanding Lifter" of the meet in the 114 - 165 classes.

Matt Arismendez - 5th place out of 15 in the 148's. 345 Squat (PR), 155 Bench (PR), and 375 Dead (PR) for an 875 total (PR). 55 pound increase over last meet total.

Micah Yates - 6th place out of 15 in the 148's. 320 Squat (PR), 165 Bench, and 340 Dead Lift for a 825 total (PR). An increase of 45

pounds over previous best.

Cody West - 11th out of 16 lifters. 250 Squat, 180 Bench (PR), and 400 Dead Lift (PR) for an 830 total. An increase of 30 pounds over previous best. The 400 Dead Lift is outstanding for a Freshman.

Marcus Sosa - 12th out of 16 lifters in the 181 class. 265 Squat (PR), 185 Bench (PR), and 345 Dead Lift (PR) for a 795 total. 30 pound increase over best total.

Marta Martinez - 13th out of the 30 girls entered. Had 205 Squat (PR), 125 Bench (PR), and 225 Squat (PR) for 555 total. This incredible day was a 55 pound increase over previous best and qualified her for Regionals on Friday.

Cindy Hunter - 12th out of the 30 girls entered. 200 Squat (PR), 110 Bench (PR), and 245 Dead Lift (PR) for a 555 total. This outstanding effort also qualified her for Friday's Regional competition.

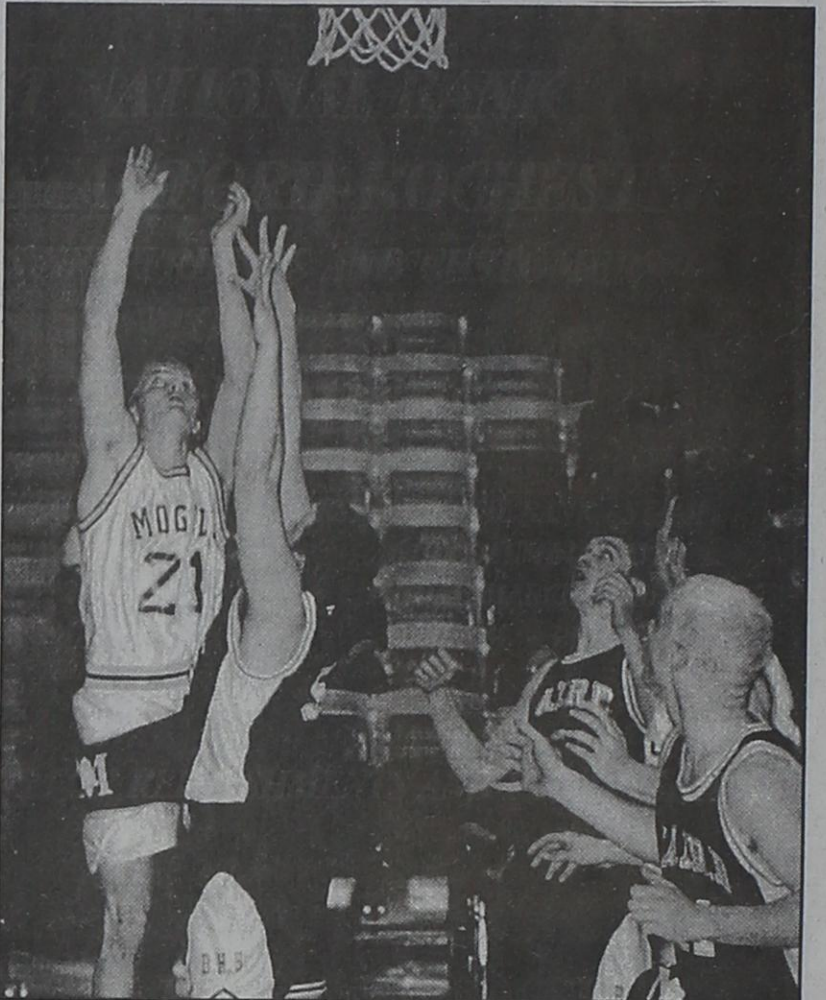
"I am extremely proud of the kids in the efforts they gave. They had a great week of work and attitudes were to go all out on their final meet. The efforts really paid off."

Jennifer Carden, Marta Martinez, and Cindy Hunter will lift Friday in Colorado City. Joe Rivera and Brandon Urbanczyk will lift Saturday in Levelland.



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**ROYALTY.** Honored as Valentine's Queen and King at Munday Nursing Center were Pearl and Bill Ryder. Residents of the Nursing Center are treated annually to a Valentine's Party by the Home Ec students at Munday High School.



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**ALAN ALBUS** uses his leaping ability to lead the Moguls past the Baird Bears in the Bi-District round held at Merkel last Tuesday. Munday Beat Baird to advance to last Friday's sectional contest

## Job Growth Strong Despite Slight Unemployment Rise

Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose to 3.8 percent in January from December's rate of 3.7 percent, but is down seven-tenths of a percent from January 2000.

"While the Texas unemployment rate moved up slightly, this is the first time Texas has had two consecutive months under four percent since April and May 1974," said TWC Chair Diane Rath. "Despite the fact that some national economic indicators are down, Texas unemployment remains low and annual job growth remains strong at 2.8 percent."

Nonagricultural jobs grew by an estimated 4,100 over the month, gaining 261,800 jobs over the year.

"Services led all major industries in monthly job gains," said commissioner representing Labor T.P. O'Mahoney, "and shows the highest over-the-year growth of 123,300 jobs."

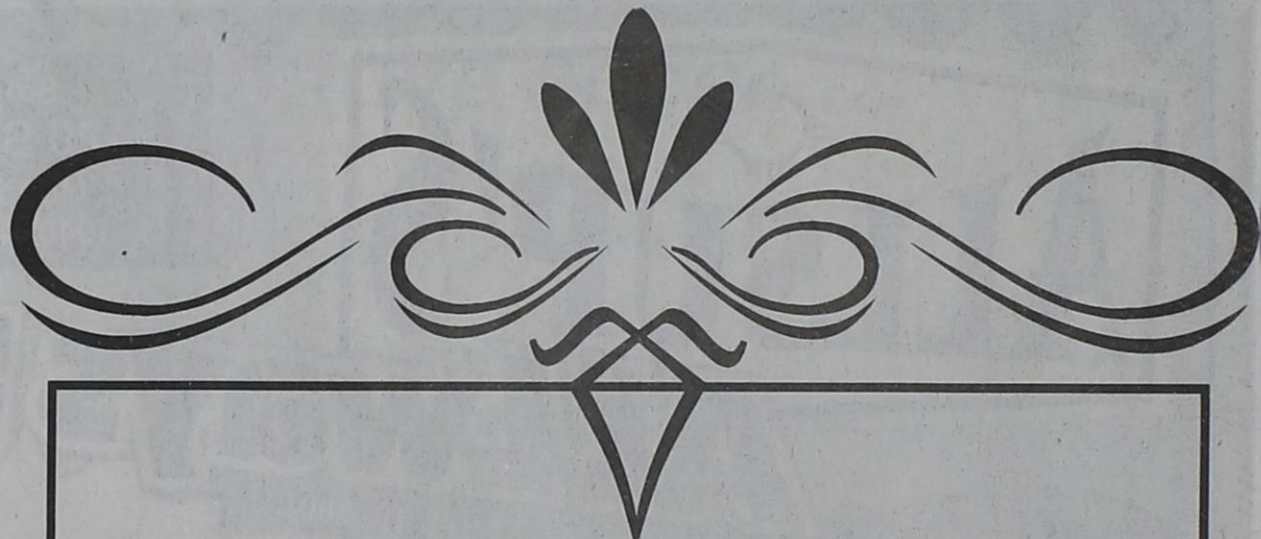
The Mining industry, the majority of which is comprised of the Oil and Gas industry in Texas, added 1,200 jobs in January.

"This is the largest monthly gain in a year," said Commissioner representing Employers Ron Lehman, "and is the seventeenth consecutive month of growth in the Mining industry."

The lowest unemployment rate among the Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) was 1.6 percent in Bryan-College Station. Austin-San Marcos was next at 2.1 percent, followed by Lubbock at 2.5 percent, Amarillo at 2.9 percent and San Angelo at 3.0 percent.

The highest unemployment rate

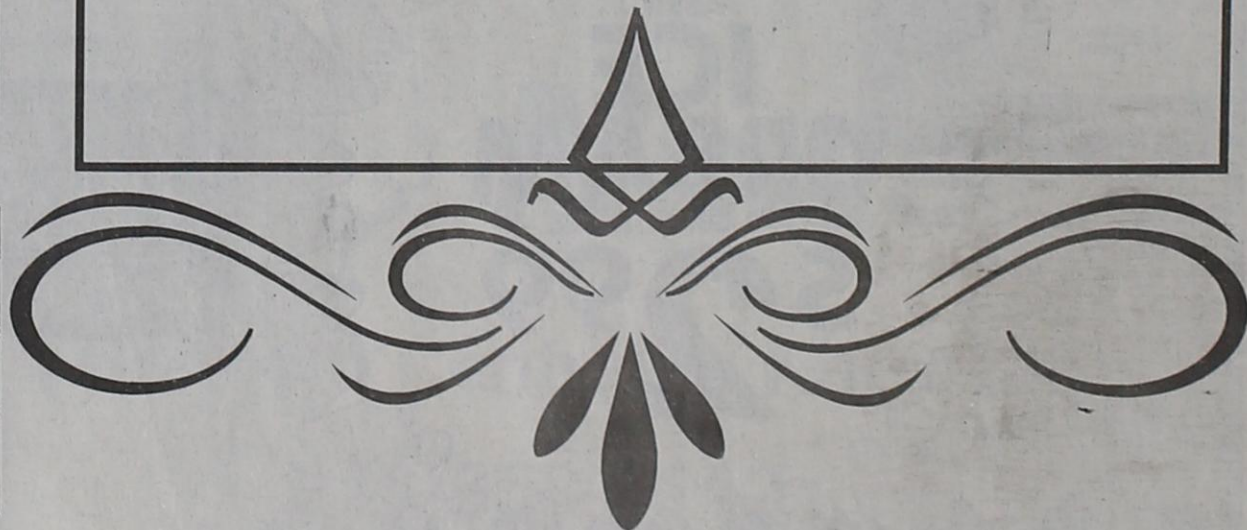
was 14.8 percent in the McAllen-Edinburg-Mission MSA, followed by Brownsville-Harlingen at 8.5 percent, El Paso at 7.8 percent, and Laredo and Beaumont-Port Arthur each at 7.3 percent.



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**QUILTING INSTRUCTOR.** Christi Ross, a Benjamin native, was on hand at the Cotton Pickin' Quilt Show this past Saturday. Ross taught two quilting workshops that were well attended and enjoyed by all.

## Texas WheatBoard To Hold Biennial Election

The Texas Wheat Producers Board (TWPB), engaged in wheat research, market development and services designed to add to the value of the crop, will hold its 15th biennial mail election between March 30 and April 12, 2001 according to David Cleavinger, farmer-elected chairman of the organization. The Board was formed in 1971 in the Panhandle-North Texas Area and expanded statewide by a producer referendum in 1985. Six year terms of five of the current fifteen board members expiring at this time include: District I: Cagle Kendrick, Stratford; District II: Tommy Womack, Tulia; District III: Fred Dwyer, Wichita Falls; District IV: Jack Norman, Howe and Ken Davis, Grandview. All Boar members with expiring terms are eligible for re-election.

In 1971, the Board was formed by producers as a self-help program to enhance the value of wheat in Texas. The 1.5 million acre crop produced 31.4 million bushels for a value of about \$37 million. Texas peak harvested acres of 5.8 million in 1985 produced a 187 million bushel crop valued in excess of \$800 million. Changes in government programs, particularly the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), and the state-wide drought which Texas has experienced over the past three years have reduced the production to 66 million bushels for a value still in excess of \$275 million. The Texas wheat industry has an impact on the state's economy of nearly \$2 billion annually. Approximately 6 million acres of wheat are grown statewide on an annual basis of which nearly 3 million are harvested. Texas leads the nation in producing dual purpose wheat, wheat used as grain for human consumption and forage for livestock. Because most Texas wheat producers grow wheat for grain and forage, the TWPB is supporting research and education to help address the problems of disease and insect, drought and late freezes. We are still dedicated to assisting the producers through research, market development and education in an effort to strengthen producer income. The Texas Wheat Producers Association continues its efforts to strengthen producers' income through State and National government liaison on farm policy issues.

Any farmer producing wheat in Texas is eligible to vote for a board member for that district in which he resides. Counties included are: District I: Dallam, Sherman, Ochiltree, Lipscomb, Hansford, Roberts, Moore, Hartley, Hutchinson, and Gray District II: Carson, Potter, Oldham, Deaf Smith, Randall, Armstrong, Briscoe, Swisher, Castro, Parmer, Hale, and Floyd District III: Childress, Hardeman, Foard, Knox, Throckmorton, Haskell, Archer, Baylor, Wilbarger, Wichita, Young, and Clay District IV: All other counties in Texas

Cleavinger points out that any person qualifying to vote in the

election may place his name in nomination for a six-year membership on the Texas Wheat Producers Board by application to the organization, signed by himself and at least ten (10) other persons eligible to vote in his District in the election, at least 30 days (February 8 - March 12) prior to the election final (April 12) date, in order to have his name placed on the ballot.

The election will be held by mail ballot, which will be provided to all eligible voters 14 days prior to the election, Cleavinger said. He also indicated that any person qualified to vote who does not receive a ballot 14 days before the election date, may obtain one at Agricultural Extension Service offices as provided by the Texas Commodity Referendum Law.

In addition to the five members with expiring terms, other TWPB members are David Cleavinger, Wildorado; Gary Murphy, Dawson; Scott McGarraugh, Perryton; C.L. Edwards, Panhandle; Bob Beakley, Ennis; Foy Gibson, Bend; David Moore, Dumas; W.R. Moore, Jr., Munday; Ben Scholz, Wylie; and Ralph Sides, Childress.

Applications for names to be placed on the ballot should be sent to the organization's headquarters office, 2201 Civic Circle, Suite#705, Amarillo, Texas 79109. \*\*\*

### Rhineland Sausage Dinner Served Up This Sunday

Enjoy homemade sausage and great cooking this Sunday, March 3, at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Rhineland. Serving time is from 11:00 - 1:30. Price is \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children. Take out orders will be available at the door. Don't miss it! \*\*\*

## Better Working conditions: Teachers' Number One Concern

by Peggy Venable

Texas public schools are having a tough time. One teacher puts it this way: "There are no serious consequences for bad behaviors, vulgar language, rude treatment of teachers by students or even hitting a teacher. Our teachers feel we have lost control over our student body."

These words taken from a Texas Public Policy Foundation survey point to the major problem affecting teaching recruitment and retention. Morale is plummeting among teachers due to lack of discipline among students, poor leadership by officials and fear of lawsuits when teachers attempt to maintain order and discipline.

What is the solution to this? Well, it all depends on who is defining the problem.

Politicians in Austin have decided that the problem causing low teacher morale is not enough pay and benefits, and their solution is to have the state provide for health insurance for all school district employees.

Teachers deserve health insurance, as do all Texas. But does the medicine treat the ailment? Is teacher health insurance a problem?

Texas has 1,183 districts and charters schools with almost 542,000 employees. Of all the school districts or charters schools in the state, only 17 did not offer health insurance to their employees. The total number of school district and charter school employees in the state who aren't offered health insurance is 350.

Only 0.06% of all public school employees aren't offered health insurance. State financing of teacher health insurance is a solution looking for a problem.

What teachers really need is the freedom to restore discipline in the classroom and legislative protection from the frivolous lawsuits.

As part of a trend in increased litigation, the number of lawsuits against schools and teachers has been rising in the last decade. One of the main reasons teachers join unions or associations is to get liability insurance: those joining the Texas State Teachers Association (TSTA) receive a \$6 million liability insurance policy.

This fear of lawsuits ultimately harms educational opportunity for our children.

Two-thirds of principals surveyed have changed or ended school programs out of concern for lawsuits. Gymnastics, driver's education and field trips are some of the more visible casualties.

Even more damaging is the impact this fear has on discipline in

the classroom. Student attitudes and behavior are a major problem in the classroom because teachers and administrators fear taking steps to instill standards and discipline in the classroom due to the threat of lawsuits.

For instance, a 15-year-old Ohio girl sued her school district and 11 teachers after she received failing grades due to constant tardiness and was absent more than the district's 12 day limit allowed. She is seeking \$6 million in compensatory damages because these grades hurt her chances for receiving

ing scholarships, being admitted into college and getting a good job later in life.

Money is always an issue, and if legislators want to help teachers, they should move to free tax dollars now being spent in litigation and lining the pockets of trial lawyers. That money could better be spent in the classrooms and for teacher salaries or benefits.

Passing legislation to protect teachers from civil and criminal liability and punishing those who knowingly file false claims will renew our emphasis on education, no litigation. It will return the classroom to the teachers, the schoolyards to our children, and our tax dollars to education, not litigation. \*\*\*

*The family of Mary Yates Reynolds would like to express our gratitude for the thoughtfulness shown to us at her death. You have expressed your sympathy and concern to us in many ways and each is deeply appreciated. We send a special thank you to the First Baptist Church of Munday for opening your building to us and for the wonderful meal you so generously provided.*

*Ezell Reynolds, Gerald & Nancy Reynolds, Rick Reynolds, Dr. Russell, Sherry, Brandon, & Katy Reynolds*



## The New Folks in Benjamin Are Throwing a party!

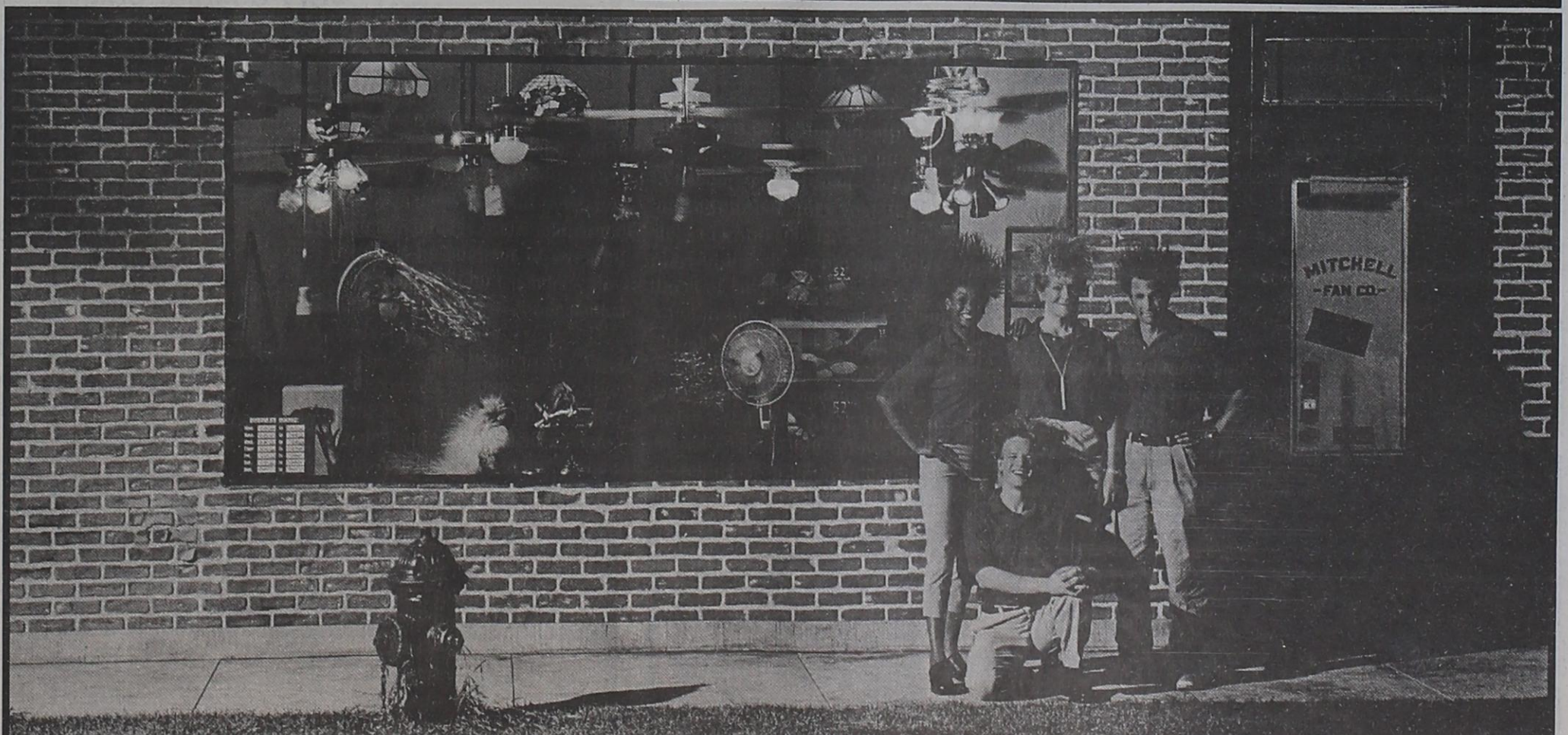
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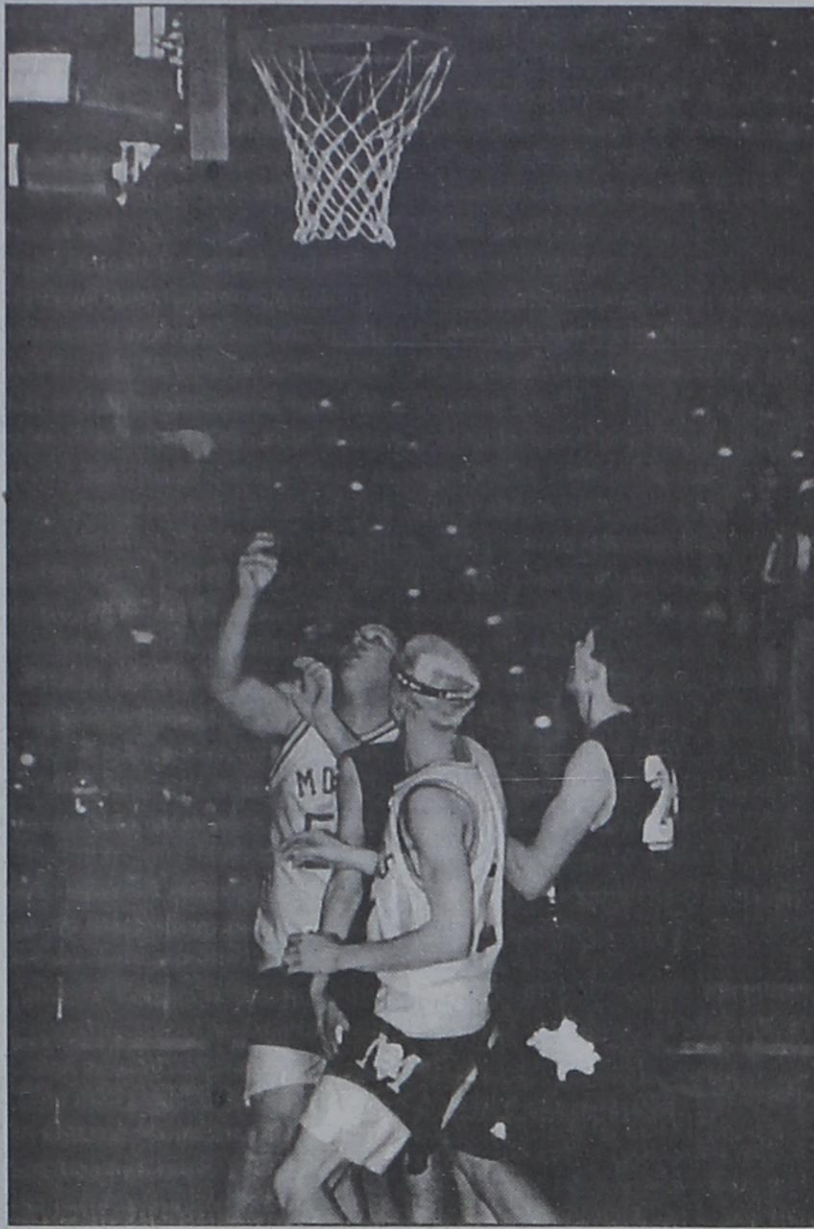


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TONY TOMLINSON AND ALAN ALBUS check to see if 2 points for the Moguls were made during the Sectional Tournament in Fort Worth last Friday.

## Junior High Teams Take To The Track

Both the boys and girls Junior High Track Teams at Munday High School were in action over the week-end.

The girls took second place honors at the Double Mountain meet in Aspermont with a team total of 128 points.

In the 2400 event Tamara Dockins took second place with team mate Rileigh Wilson coming in 6th. The Sprint Relay team of Katie Myers, Jocelyn Decker, Jennifer Sosa, and Eden Collier out paced all others and took first place. Jalenn Earle was 4th in the 100H and Kaitlyn Sosolik was second in the 800 and second in the 400. Crystal Sample was 4th in the 400 and Johnica Fetsch was 3rd. Jalenn Earle took 4th in the 300H. In the 200 Eden Collier was 1st with Crystal Sample close behind at 3rd. Rileigh Wilson was 5th in the 1600. In the Mile Relay the team of Myers, Dockins, Decker and Johnica Fetsch placed 1st as did the 800 Relay team of Myers, Decker, Dockins, and Collier.

Kari Kuehler was 5th in the discus with Jocelyn Decker 4th in the TJ and Lindsey Wilde 7th.

The 8th grade boys did well at the Double Mountain Relays.

In the High Jump Tye Lemmond tied for 4th. Johnny Thomas was 4th in the Long Jump with Lenny Moore 5th. Kevin Brown was 4th in Discus with Tye Lemmond finishing 6th in the Triple Jump. Trey Taylor leaped into first place in the Pole Vault event.

The 400 Relay team of Johnny Thomas, Charles Sample, Lenny Moore, and Tye Lemmond finished 2nd.

Julio Molina was 6th in the 800 run.

Trey Taylor captured another first place in the 100 dash with Lenny Moore coming in 3rd and J.J. Collier in at 5th.

In the 400 Dash Johnny Thomas was 3rd, followed by Charles Sample in 4th and Tye Lemmond in 5th. Julio Molina took 4th in the 200 Dash.

Finishing 3rd was the 1600 relay team of Sample, Lemmond, Thomas, and Moore.

In the 7th grade boys events Jordan Lowe threw for 1st in the Shot Put while Shawn Gray took two first place awards - 1 in the 800 run and 1 in the 1600 M Run.

Joseph Gulley was 4th in the Triple Jump and Jordan Lowe was 6th in the Discus.

The 400 Relay team of Joseph Gulley, Noah Lemmond, Jesse Putnam, and Josh Arismendez finished in 3rd.

Jessi Putnam took 4th in the 800 run and Ty Bufkin was 3rd in the 110 Hurdles.

Noah Lemmond finished 6th in the 400 Dash and Ty Bufkin was 3rd in the 300 I Hurdles.

Bryant Moore was 4th in the 1600 M Run and Trent Tidwell finished at 6th.

The 1600 M Relay team of Gulley, Lemmond, Putnam, and Arismendez finished 4th.

The Junior High track teams will compete in Seymour on Thursday, March 1.

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### Local Obituaries

#### Ratliff, Alta Bess

Alta Bess Ratliff passed away at the age of 83 on Sunday, February 25, 2001. Graveside services were held at the Goree Cemetery on Monday, February 26, 2001 under the direction of McCauley-Smith Funeral Home, with Charles Baker officiating.

Mrs. Ratliff was born November 18, 1917. She was a homemaker and a member of the Highland Park Methodist Church in Dallas, Texas. She married DonL Ratliff in Goree, Texas on November 12, 1937. Mr. Ratliff preceded her in death on September 7, 1999.

Her survivors include: one son, Tom Ratliff of Colorado Springs, Colorado; one sister, Ella Grace Cousins of Seymour, Texas; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

## Federal Budget, Appropriations Will Drive Farm Policy Options

As Congress began its first round of farm bill hearings in the House of Representatives, South Plains farmers were told the federal budget will drive short and long-term alternatives for U.S. farm policy.

John Maguire, National Cotton Council (NCC) vice president for Washington operations, told an estimated 300 growers he is uncertain how much of the \$5.61 trillion federal budget surplus will be allotted for agriculture programs.

Maguire was a featured speaker at the Feb. 14, 2001 Southwest Crops Conference - an annual event sponsored by *Southwest Farm Press* magazine, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and USDA's Agricultural Research Service.

"Talk in Washington has \$2.2 trillion for agriculture?" Maguire queried. "We're not sure, but it is positive that U.S. Rep. Larry Combest, R-Lubbock, is chairing the House farm bill hearings that open this week.

"We (producer groups) will be there to emphasize that farmers need enough funds to carry them

through until Congress writes a new farm bill. And that is still two years away."

Republicans only slightly outnumber Democrats in the House, which means the position and votes of a small 'moderate center' will be important, and possibly beneficial, for agriculture, maguire noted.

"We're not sure when the Senate will open its farm policy debate, but we are optimistic about Agriculture Secretary Anne Venneman," Maguire said. "She is strong on consumer issues, policy, and trade. And we've heard she and Rep. Combest intend to make disaster assistance a top priority in 2001.

"We would like to see short-term 2001 disaster assistance funded at the same level as in 2000. We also are pushing for sever economic loss assistance to address the fact that weather, depressed market prices and skyrocketing energy costs could be too much for some growers to overcome this year. We fear that far too many will simply get out."

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## American Red Cross Seeks Blood Donors

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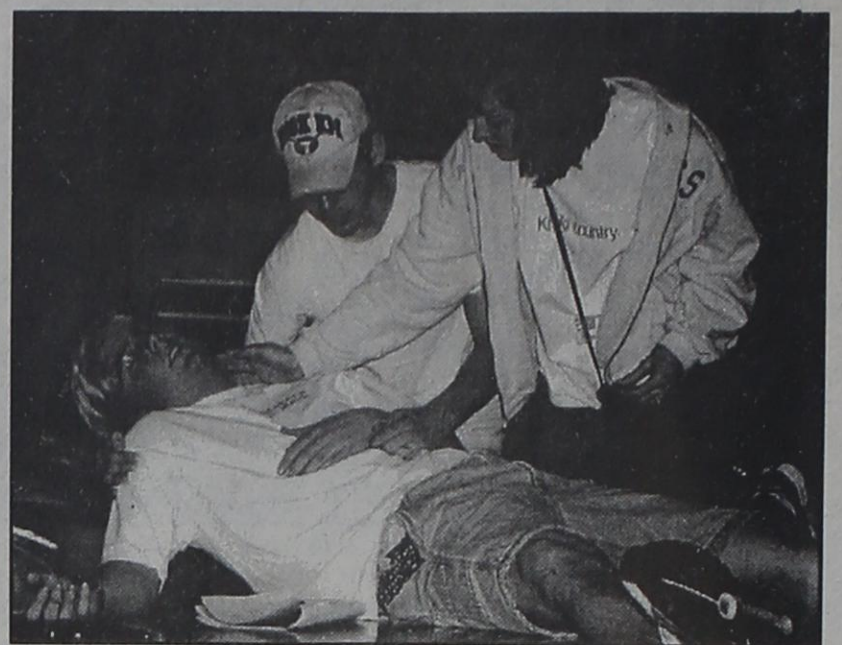
The American Red Cross is urging residents of Munday to donate at the upcoming blood drive on Monday, March 19th from 2:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Perry Patton Community Center.

The American Red Cross is urging first-time and repeat donors to take the time to give blood in order to ensure that there is enough blood available for the people who need it. The blood received will help people who depend on Red Cross every day for life-saving transfusions.

A few things to remember before you give blood: try to increase fluid intake 24 to 48 hours prior to donating, eat a good meal, and continue to replace fluids for 1 to 2 days following a donation.

The need for blood by patients being treated for accidents, routine surgeries, and serious diseases, such as cancer, heart disease, and hemophilia, is ongoing. Thousand of people rely on the generosity of blood donors daily. To donate blood, one must be healthy, at least 17 years old, and weigh 110 pounds or more. Please come spend an hour of your time to save a life--you can make a difference

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ONE-ACT-PLAY. Brian Urbanczyk portrays a fallen soldier while Will Loggan and Laurie Welch render assistance. The action takes place during a practice session of MHS's "Confederate Letters." A One-Act Play Festival will be held Friday at MHS. "Confederate Letters" can be seen at 6:00 - the public is invited to view.

## Comptroller Rylander Delivers \$335.3 Million in Sales Tax Rebates to Texas Cities and Counties

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander delivered \$335.3 million in monthly sales tax payments to 1,108 Texas cities and 119 counties, a 5.8 percent increase compared to the \$316.7 million allocated to cities and counties in February 2000. So far this year, sales tax rebates to cities and counties are up 5.4 percent compared to the first two months of 2000.

Comptroller Rylander delivered monthly sales tax rebates totaling \$310.9 million to Texas cities, up 5.8 percent compare to last February's payments. Rebates of \$24.3 million to Texas counties are up 5.7 percent compared to those paid in February 2000.

Another \$11.1 million went to 56 special purpose districts around the

state. Texas' six Metropolitan Transit Authorities and two City Transit Departments received a total of \$116.2 million.

This month's sales tax allocations include sales taxes collected by monthly filers in December, and reported to the Comptroller in January, plus quarterly returns for sales in October, November, and December, and returns from annual filers for the entire year 2000.

For details of February sales tax payments to individual cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts, locate the *Monthly Sales and Use Tax Allocation Comparison Summary Report* on the Comptroller's web site at [www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/allocsum/compsum.html](http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/allocsum/compsum.html).

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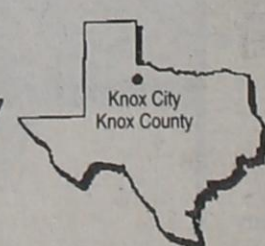
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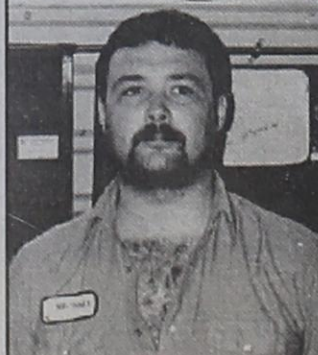
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Female Educator's Society Seeks New Members- Meetings Begin In March

The Beta Chi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International will begin the second half of their scheduled meetings on March 4, 2001. They will meet in the Home Ec. Room at Munday High School at 2:30 p.m.

This organization is composed of 68 female educators from Haskell, Knox and Stonewall Counties. Membership is by invitation to women who are employed in educational work and have had five or more years of experience. These women could be teachers, librarians, school nurses, or teachers aids.

The society meets six times each school year. This year and continuing next year, the programs center around "Journeys in Our Changing World". At each meeting a Key Issue in the realm of educational interest forms the central theme to inspire and improve the educational environment.

Educational personnel who are interested in participating in the professional organization are encouraged to make their interest known to local members. They are also welcome to attend the March meeting in Munday.

March Meeting Scheduled For Booster Club

The Booster Club of Munday High School has scheduled their March meeting for Tuesday, the 6th. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the high school.

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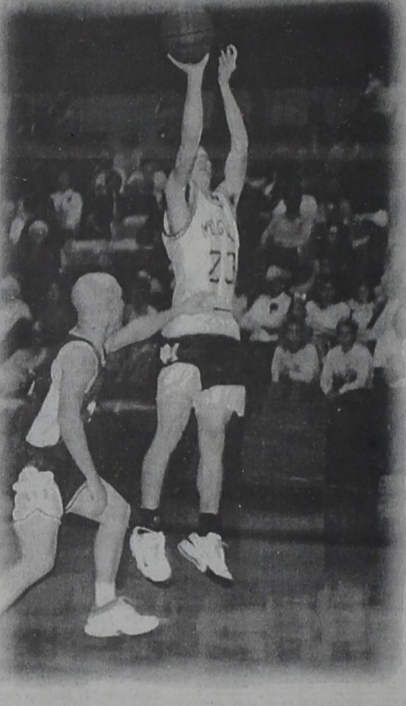
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