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WHITE'S Wagging Tongue

by Cynthia White

An 85 year-old couple, having been married almost 60 years, died in a car crash. They had been in good health the last ten years, mainly due to the wife's neurotic interest in health food.

When they reached the pearly gates, St. Peter took them to their mansion, which was decked out with a beautiful kitchen and master bath suite and Jacuzzi. As they "oohed and aahed", the old man asked Peter how much all this was going to cost.

"It's free," Peter replied, "Remember, this is Heaven."

Next they went out back to see the championship golf course in back of the home. They would have golfing privileges every day, and each week the course changed to a new one representing the great golf courses on Earth.

The old man asked, "What are the green fees?"

"This is heaven," St. Peter replied. "You play for free."

Next they went to the clubhouse and saw the lavish buffet lunch with the cuisines of the world laid out.

"How much to eat?" asked the old man.

"Don't you understand yet?" St. Peter asked. "This is heaven. It's free!"

"Well, where are the low fat and low cholesterol foods?" the old man asked timidly.

"That's the best part . . . you can eat as much as you like of whatever you like and you never get fat and you never get sick. This is Heaven."

The old man turned to his wife and scolded, "If it wasn't for you and your darn bran muffins, I could have been here ten years ago!"

Two men were talking one day. "My wife asked me to buy ORGANIC vegetables from the market garden," said the first man.

"So were you able to find some?" the second man asked.

"Well when I got to the market, I said to the produce clerk, 'These vegetables are for my wife. Have they been sprayed with any poisonous chemicals?' ...

The produce clerk said, 'No, you'll have to do that yourself.'"

A climber fell off a cliff and as he tumbled down he caught hold of a small branch wedged in the rock.

"Help, is there anybody up there?" he shouted, and a majestic voice boomed through the gorge: "I will help you my son, but first you must have faith in me."

"Yes, yes, I trust you!" cried the man.

"Let go of the branch," boomed the voice.

There was a long pause, and the man shouted up again, "Is there anyone else up there I could talk to?"

THANK YOU FOR READING THE MUNDAY COURIER

Recent Rainfalls Increase Lake Levels And Hopes For This Years Crops

While the parched areas of the Knox Prairie have received some good rainfalls this winter the drought continues to worry local residents, ranchers, and farmers. Through out the years most have seen the winter and spring rains turn to dust in the midst of the ever-dry and always hot summer months.

However, most everyone in the area has only praises for the rains that have been plentiful since November 2000 and not many people were even heard to utter a discouraging word during the ice storm of last week. After all, the ice melted and left a fair amount of water on the streets and along the highways and bi-ways.

Texas A & M Research Station in Munday retrieves rainfall from four gauges that they observe. The totals of these gauges are averaged monthly. The Research Station recorded 3.68 inches of precipitation during November 2000 while only 0.93 inches fell in December of 2000. With the new year the rain totals increased to 2.03 inches in January 2001 and a wonderful 4.14 inches in February 2001.

Officials at North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority are also encouraged about the amount of water that has been added to the level at Miller Creek Reservoir. "Since October 15, 2000 we have covered our usage and evaporation and have gained 5 feet at the Reser-

voir," said spokesperson Dolan Moore. The lake was down 18 feet on October 15th and is now down by 13 feet.

While this increase is substantial it should be added that the effects of the drought from the past several years has greatly diminished the local water supply and conservation methods should still be utilized by all individuals in the area. Simple measures such as turning the faucets off while brushing teeth and shaving and washing only full loads of clothes and dishes in automatic washers could save hundreds of gallons of this precious commodity.



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FISHING could be good this spring at Miller Creek Reservoir which has gained five feet of water this winter. While the drought conditions of last year are not as severe it is good to remember that conservation is still a must!

Candidates File For Election To School Board - City Council

Candidates are filing their intentions to run for seats on the Munday City Council and on the Munday I. S. D. School Board. The last day to file for candidacy in all three local races is March 21 with election day being May 5th.

The Munday I.S.D. reports that two people have filed in their office. Judy Lowe will be seeking reelection to her three year term. Gregg Sanders has also filed his intent to run for a position on the School Board. Two 3-year terms will need to be filled in the May 5th election.

There will be three seats avail-

able on the Munday City Council. The two year terms of Jessie Andrade, Robert Bowen and Stan Decker will expire. The City of Munday reports that all three incumbents have filed their applications for consideration on the ballots. Other interested persons may file their candidacy intentions at the City Hall.

The Goree I.S.D. is seeking to fill five positions on its' School Board. To date, no one has filed. Those interested may fill out the application at the Goree I.S.D. office.

Pecan Seminar to be Held in Haskell County on March 12th

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.



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PRESSING FOR STATE! Munday High School Powerlifters Joe Rivera (above) and Brandon Urbanczyk (right) both advanced to the state level of competition over the weekend. Also advancing from Munday was Jennifer Carden. Marta Martinez will serve as an alternate. The girls Powerlifting State Meet will be held March 16 at Fort Hood while the boys will compete on March 24 in Fort Worth.

Three Munday Powerlifters To Take It To State Level Of Competition

Three Munday High School Powerlifters have worked their way up the ladder and are now eligible to compete at the state level.

On Friday, Jennifer Carden advanced to state by finishing 3rd out of 10 girls in her class. She was 1st in the Class A participants. Carden squated 230 (PR), 140 bench (PR), and 265 in the dead lift (PR) with a total of 635 points. She also won the Outstanding Bench Press Award for the 114-165 divisions. She is presently ranked at the top of the state Class A girls which consists of 123 other lifters.

Marta Martinez finished 7th out of the 17 girls in her division which allows her to act as alternate.

Three Mogul Stand-outs Named To All-District Team

Three Munday High School Basketball players were named to the All-District Basketball team this week with one receiving Honorable Mention awards.

Seniors Alan Albus and Tony Tomlinson were selected along with teammate Jeffery Toliver, a Sophomore. Receiving Honorable Mention

was Junior Chance Myers. Other area players selected were Paducah's Bud Morgan, Patrick Hemphill, Eric Hinojosa, Eric Richardson, and Jack Brown. Making the team from Knox City was Kendrick Green and Erick Rocha. Dewan Lee of Crowell was also named to the All-District team.

Cindy Hunter finished 10th out of the 17 girls in the 148 pound division. This gave her the 3rd place spot in the Class A division. Hunter squated 200, 95 bench, and 240 dead lift for a 535 total.

The Girls State Powerlifting meet will be held on March 16 at Fort Hood in Killeen, Texas.

On Saturday the boy powerlifters competed in Levelland and two Munday lifters advanced to the state level.

Brandon Urbanczyk finished second out of 11 boys in the 132 pound division and is now qualified to

compete at the state level. Urbanczyk squated 360, had 205 in the bench, and 420 dead lift (PR)

See: "Powerlifters"

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ALL DISTRICT PLAYERS. Named to the All-District Basketball team were (left) Jeffery Toliver, Keramie Brown, Megan Myers, Alan Albus, Jennifer Hernandez, Kylie Myers, Tony Tomlinson, Krisi Harlan, Laurie Welch, Keisha Collier - Most Valuable Player, and Chance Myers.

OPINION

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Calendar of Events

- Mar. 8 - School Board Meeting.
- Mar. 12 - Munday VFD, Begin Spring Break.
- Mar. 13 - Lion's Club.



Birthdays and Anniversaries

- Mar. 7 - Joseph W. Gulley, Holly Christensen, Micah Yates, Jessica Herring, Karen Meers, Rodney Bennett.
- Mar. 8 - Jeffery Reames.
- Mar. 9 - Ray Lynn Hardin, Raleigh Wilson.
- Mar. 11 - Robert Elliott
- Mar. 12 - Kailyn Jackson, Tatum Bufkin, Kyle Booe, Oscar & Hazel Cypert.
- Mar. 13 - Kristi Sandoval.

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Knox County Aging Center

Munday & Goree Menu

March 12 thru March 16

Mon. Mar. 12th. - Chicken fried steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, squash casserole, green beans, biscuits, and cake.

Wed. Mar. 14th. - Lasagne, corn on the cob, green salad, light bread, and jello with fruit.

Fri. Mar. 16th. - Roast beef with gravy, buttered potatoes, peas and carrots, salad, hot rolls, and pudding.

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

Whose money is it? A taxing discussion

(First of two parts)

We are dedicated to the preservation and strengthening of small business and our tax policy is designed to destroy small business. - Peter Drucker

Taxation in America may be described as a process of plucking feathers from a parrot with the desired result being to get the maximum amount of feathers with the minimum amount of squawking. Our Congress is adept at the plucking. We parrots (taxpayers) are so used to the plucking that most of us don't even squawk.

Recently, we've had a lot of media coverage of the highly partisan debate over tax cuts. I have been interested to observe the level of ignorance shown by many Americans during these discussions. From the man-on-the-street to high-ranking officials, ignorance of the taxing process abounds.

I am a great believer in education. So the rest of this column will be devoted to sharing facts that will raise the level of awareness for anyone who chooses to read on and learn a little more about taxation with representation.

I should point out that I write not as a Democrat or a Republican, but a taxpayer who has taken the time to research some facts. Let's begin with some basic definitions.

- **Taxes:** Money paid to the government by individuals and organizations having income or property or engaging in profit generating activities.
- **Budget deficit:** The condition arising from the government spending more than the amount of taxes it collects.
- **Budget surplus:** The condition arising from more taxes being collected than are spent.
- **Revenue:** The subtly inoffensive name given to taxes collected by the government. (See the difference in this headline: "Feds announce revenues increase by \$60 billion" versus "Feds announce taxes collected increase by \$60 billion." Or, "Internal Revenue Service" versus "Internal Tax Collection Service.")

Tax Facts

• The feathers belong to the parrot. In the American system we taxpayers earn income. We agree to provide a portion of our income to the government in exchange for services ranging from welfare to national defense.

In the event we send in more than was actually needed, it's still our money. Yet some members of congress are claiming the excess as "their" revenue to spend. Let me give a business analogy here. Assume you go to your local hardware store and ask for a widget. The clerk helps you find it, but there is no price tag on it. He says he thinks it's about \$10. You give him a \$10 bill. When he looks up the price it's only \$7. Who gets the change? Does the clerk get to keep the whole \$10 bill? I don't think so. It's your money.

• Tax cuts increase revenues. Tax cuts were defined by some wise person as the portion of the tax that each member of congress wants as his or her cut. In reality, a tax cut is nothing more than a reduction in the tax rate percentage. The actual amount of taxes collected will not decrease.

Interestingly, history teaches us that when federal tax rates are lowered, revenue actually increases. It happened when John F. Kennedy (Democrat) cut rates in the 60's and when Ronald Reagan (Republican) cut rates in the 80's.

Why does this opposite effect occur? It's about incentives. When smaller amounts of your earnings are taken as taxes, both business owners and workers have greater motivation to earn more, and worry less about tax shelters and deductions. The result: a growing economy.

Next week we'll discuss the effect of high tax rates and prove that there's something even better than a tax cut. Don't miss "Whose money is it..." part two.

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

Texans look to space as final frontier

By Mike Cox
Texas Press Association

AUSTIN—In the 19th century, many Texas communities looked to the railroads for economic life. Today, some Texans have set their sights on outer space.

A group called the Texas Spaceport Alliance is working to convince the Legislature to appropriate \$3.1 million for the upcoming biennium as a preliminary step toward development of a Lone Star spaceport.

Three areas of the state, the upper Gulf Coast, Pecos County and South Texas, hope a spaceport could eventually be developed in their region.

The Texas Aerospace Commission selected these three possible sites from a field of 14 locations.

The commission would use the requested appropriation to assist the three spaceport authorities in environment impact and engineering studies and in developing a business plan.

The estimate is that a spaceport in Texas would create 7,000 indirect and indirect jobs—a potential \$1 billion economic impact only slightly less powerful than a crashing asteroid.

No one is likely to start a countdown to blastoff any time soon, however.

Before it becomes commonplace to launch vehicles into space from diverse locations across the country, a new RLV must be developed. That's aerospace talk for a reusable launch vehicle that would replace the space shuttle currently used by NASA.

Once such a vehicle is flight worthy, plenty of work will await it. Though the U.S. manufactures three-fourths of all satellites, it launches only 14 percent of them. The rest of the launches are from Russia, China and France.

The Texas alliance says some 1,700 satellites will

be placed in orbit through 2007. If the state gets a commercial spaceport, it could enjoy a fair amount of that business.

Also being sought this session is passage of legislation creating a trust fund to contain future appropriations and grants for actual infrastructure.

Beyond that, there are even more steps in the spaceport launch sequence—federal support and landing a commercial entity with the bucks to buy, maintain and launch the reusable spacecraft.

Meanwhile, back on earth...

Lt. Gov. Bill Ratliff has formed an exploratory committee to look into the possibility of him running for a full term in office.

One of those named to the committee was Jan Bullock, widow of two-term Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock.

Two Democrats are looking at a run for their party's gubernatorial nomination, Laredo businessman Tony Sanchez and former University of Texas football star Marty Akin.

On the Republican side, it's incumbent Rick Perry and the possibility of a run by U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison.

The prime Republican contenders for the lieutenant governor nomination are Comptroller Carol Keeton Rylander and Land Commissioner David Dewhurst.

The primaries are still more than a year away, but 2002 promises to be an interesting year for Texas politics.

*Thank You For Reading
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Combs "Landmark Water Bill Will Help Agriculture, Rural Communities"

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs today said that a proposed bill to provide water to San Antonio from the Colorado River is an example of creative ways to meet the future water supply needs all Texans - including agriculture, the environment and rural and urban areas.

The pending legislation would allow the Lower Colorado River Authority to provide San Antonio with up to 150,000-acre-feet-a-year, about 80 percent of the city's current water use, and include extensive water conservation efforts such as lining irrigation ditches with concrete and leveling rice fields.

"This legislation shows that no one has to lose out - agriculture, the environment or rural areas - to keep the taps running throughout Texas," Combs said. "The proposal will provide for the needs of farmers and also help them continue to implement aggressive conservation techniques, such as laser-leveling rice fields to reduce the amount of irrigated water needed."

The legislation would allow the LCRA to sell water outside of the Colorado basin. LCRA is planning to build reservoirs along the lower Colorado River to capture floodwaters. LCRA's plan also addresses environmental issues to protect freshwater inflows into bays and estuaries.

"I strongly support this legislation and am working with out Legislature to encourage other innovative measures that will help us obtain 'new water,' for all Texans," Combs said. "Along with proposals like this, I would like to see more funding devoted toward improving technologies like desalinization, cloud-seeding, brush control and reusing water."

Reps. Robert Cook, Eagle Lake, and Robert Puente, San Antonio, and Sens. Kenneth Armbrister, Victoria, and Jeff Wentworth, San Antonio are sponsoring the legislation.

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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/allocsun/compsun.html.

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Mrs. Marcus McCuistion

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Feist-McCuistion United in Marriage

Melissa Dawn Feist and Marcus Ray McCuistion were married February 10, 2001, at St. Ambrose Catholic Church with monsignor Larry Droll officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Feist of San Angelo, the granddaughter of Francis Redder of Munday, and the great-granddaughter of Alma Wardlaw of Munday. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard McCuistion and Ms. Kathy McCuistion, all of San Angelo.

Maid of honor was Jessica Stroud of Holland. Bridesmaids were Mindy Wilde of Lubbock, Vivian Hoelscher of Ballinger and Tammy Hellyer of San Antonio. Flower girl was Aspen Feist of Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Best man was Tony Gonzalez of Scottsdale, Arizona. Groomsmen were Kevin Flanagan of San Angelo, Cody Wicker of Midland, and David Farris of Austin. Ring bearer was Ryan Redder of Big Spring.

Ushers were Tommy Feist of Colorado Springs, Rand Feist of San Angelo, Ray Latham of Big Spring and Cory Kadlacek.

The bride is a 1996 graduate of Wall High School and will attend Austin Community College. She will also be the manager of Sonic in San Marcos.

The bridegroom is a 1989 graduate of Ballinger High School and received a bachelor's degree in business in 1997 from Angelo State University. He is employed by Palm Harbor Homes in Austin.

After a wedding trip to Las Vegas, the couple will live in San Marcos.

Local Obituaries

Jones, E. J.

E. J. Jones of Abilene, Texas, died on Sunday, March 4, 2001.

Mr. Jones family moved to Goree, Texas in 1916. He met Grace Evelyn Reed, and they were married December 25, 1933 in Goree.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones moved to Floydada, Texas in 1949, after living for a number of years in California. Mr. Jones was employed as produce manager at Piggly Wiggly Grocery Store in Floydada. He also raised cattle and farmed in Dougherty near Floydada for approximately 25 years. E. J. was in business for himself as a house painter in Floydada prior to his retirement.

E. J. and Grace moved to Abilene in 1985 to be nearer family members. Mr. Jones was a member of Lytle South Baptist Church in Abilene.

Survivors include his wife of 68 years, Grace Evelyn Jones of Abilene, and two sons, Jimmie Gerald Jones of Abilene and Gary Dewayne Jones of Amarillo, Texas. He is also survived by three sisters, Lois Howard and Fannie Belle Lambeth both of Munday, Texas, and Agnes Stewart of Socorro, New Mexico; four grandchildren, Eddie Ray Jones of Graham, Sharon Lynn Brannon of Abilene, Darla Elaine Bowen of Amarillo, and Donna Gail Cooper of Amarillo; thirteen great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Services were at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 6th, at the Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home Chapel of Memories in Abilene, Texas the Reverend Rodney Watson, pastor of Lytle South Baptist Church, officiating. Graveside services were held in Goree Cemetery.

Noah Project to Hold Meeting at Haskell Courthouse

The Noah Project - North Advisory committee will meet in the Haskell County Courthouse jury room on Friday, March 9, at noon. All members are urged to attend. If you would like to be a member of the Advisory Committee please call 940-864-2551.

It's A Boy!



Kyle, Kelli, and Kaylen joyfully announce our precious gift from heaven!

Kason Wayne

Meers was born February 6, 2001 and weighed 7 pounds and 13 ounces. He measured 19 and 1/2 inches.

His grandparents are Jerry Wayne & Karen Meers. Kason's paternal great-grandparents are L.D. & Loretta Trantham of Lubbock and his maternal great-grandparents are Ruby & the late Boyd Meers.

Knox Co. Retired Teachers Hold Monthly Meeting

Knox County School Personnel met February 27th in the First United Methodist Fellowship Hall in Benjamin. There were 17 members and two guests.

President Billie Walker called the meeting to order. Margaret Hill led the prayer. Dan Sloan led the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag.

President Walker gave a reading *How Heavy is Your Bag*. She read letters from Legislators in answer to the letters she had written.

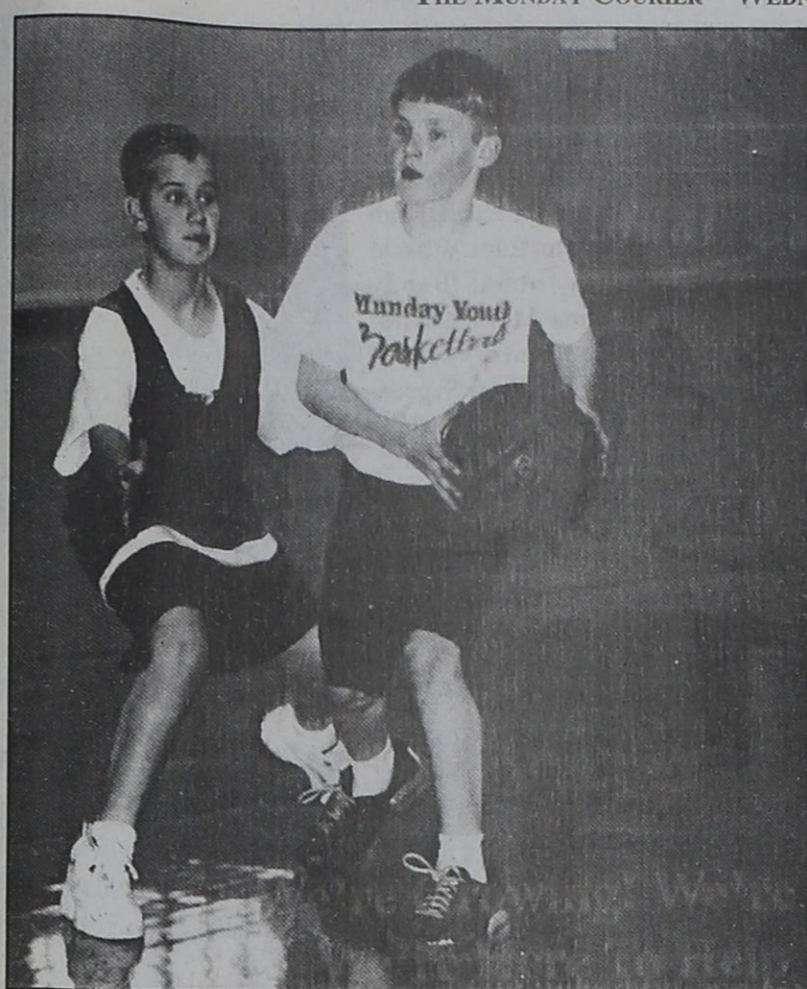
Wretha Fitzgerald our Community Volunteer Service Committee Chairman reported 19,270 hours this year. Dorothy Myers had the most.

It was decided to include March and April in bringing our books for the school children.

Bill Baker, legislation chairman, gave a report on update of the Legislature. He had a guest Bill Hudson, the first Vice President of District 9, that gave the program about membership and things going on in the T.R.T.A.

After the group adjourned the Benjamin and Gilliland members had refreshments.

Next meeting is March 27, 2001 in the Knox County Aging Center in Knox City. Suzanne Ster, Service Manager for Hendricks Cancer Center, will bring the program.



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LITTLE DRIBBLERS. Keith Booe and Jacob Putnam, both fifth graders at Munday Elementary School, take to the court during the first week of Little Dribbler's games. Tuesday and Friday evenings the Munday Elementary School gym is alive with the sounds of basketball. Be sure to come on out and watch these youngsters as they learn the sport. The concession stand is open for your enjoyment.

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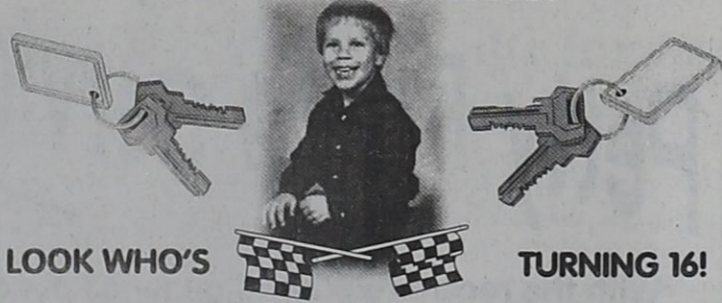
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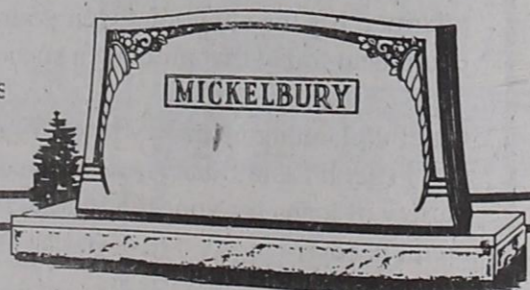
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Munday Elementary School Announces Honor Roll and Perfect Attendance for Fourth Six Weeks

Many Munday Elementary Students made the "A" and "A-B" Honor Roll for the fourth six weeks. Those making the "A" Honor Roll are:

First Grade: Kimberly Andrade, Katelyn Brown, Chelsea Ford, Jose Gonzalez, Morgan Griffith, Morgan Hendrix, Kristen Kuehler, Rita Martinez, Alyssa Moore, Lindsey Myers, Gorge Rangel, John Searcy, Lee White.

Second Grade: Rian Dillard, Will Kuehler, Chace Thompson, Kyler Urbanczyk, Pamela Walker.

Third Grade: Tanya Gray, Emiliano Lara, Bandy Moeller, Brittany Waggoner.

Fourth Grade: Rob Dillard, Kristen Hunter, Kalee Josselet, Gary Mizer, Andrea Ramirez, Laura Rangel, Sarah Reeves, Tiffany Rivera, Abby Sanders, Danyelle Tyra, Lari Dee Welch.

Fifth Grade: Destini Cooke, Michelle Gonzalez, Shelby Hendrix, Ashleigh Myers, Pate Stewart, Steven Urbanczyk, Cody Weeks.

Sixth Grade: Ashley Crownover, Kelli Cypert, Jerica Escobedo, Emily Mizer, Lynndy Moeller.

The elementary students making the "A-B" honor roll are:

First Grade: Holly Alexander, Lupe Campos, Eduardo Chavez, Makebra Collier, Dylan Cooke, Daniella Serrato.

Second Grade: Andrea Angerer, Kelly Bejar, Cody Benson, Calder Cude, Hannah Flowers, Maca Monasterio, Tyler Moore, Jonathan Offutt.

Third Grade: Lester Adams, Jonathan Birkenfeld, Maria Carranza, Lilliana Lopez, Candy Mata, Alessandra Mateos, Andres Mateos, Martina Molina, Kimberly Myers, Dustin Offutt.

Fourth Grade: Kaleb Alexander, Trey Bufkin, Ezequiel Carranza, Ana Castillo, Geoffrey Cude, Tyler Ford, Marcos Gonzalez, Sierra Johnston, Amye Moore, Michael Ramirez, Ronnie Weaks.

Fifth Grade: Keith Boe, Jonathan Key, Krystynn Myers, Sonia Olguin, Whitney Sanders, Kellie Sepeda, Kayla Upton, Jay White.

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First Grade: Holly Alexander, Katelyn Brown, Lupe Campos, Makebra Collier, Dylan Cooke, Jose Gonzalez, Morgan Hendrix, Kristen Kuehler, John Searcy, Daniella Serrato, Lee White.

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Fourth Grade: Trey Bufkin, Ana Castillo, Keith Cypert, Rob Dillard, Tyler Ford, Gary Mizer, Douglas Moore, Michael Ramirez, Sarah Reeves, Danyelle Tyra, Ronnie Weaks, Lari Dee Welch.

Fifth Grade: Amanda Bejar, Mandy Fernandez, Bryan Fetsch, Michelle Gonzalez, Shelbye Hendrix, Jonathan Key, Tabatha Lerma, Ashleigh Myers, Kelli Sepeda, Corey Thomas, Steven Urbanczyk, Jay White.

Sixth Grade: Kelli Cypert, Jacob Fetsch, Curt Groves, Elizabeth Gulley, Cody Kuehler, Edgar Mata, Lynndy Moeller, Beatrice Monasterio, Amayda Prieto, Brooke Rocha, Phillip Sosa, Ray Thomas.

Commissioners' Court Considering Replacements For Two Board Members of the Underground Water District

On the February 12th the Honorable Commissioners' Court of Knox County, Texas met at the courthouse in the City of Benjamin, Texas.

Judge David N. Perdue called the regular meeting of the Commissioners' Court to order at 1:30 p.m. Also present were Commissioners Weldon Skiles, Jerry Parker, Jimmy Urbanczyk, and Johnny Birkenfeld, Treasurer Penny Goodwin, Sheriff Dean Homstad, County Attorney Bobby D. Burnett, and Clerk Ronnie Verhalen.

The Court considered the following matter as posted and filed for Record in the office of the county Clerk on February 8, 2001 at 3:00 p.m.

Judge Perdue suggested to the Court that they be considering replacements for Louis Baty and Greg Clonts as Directors on the board of the Haskell-Knox-Baylor Underground Water Conservation District.

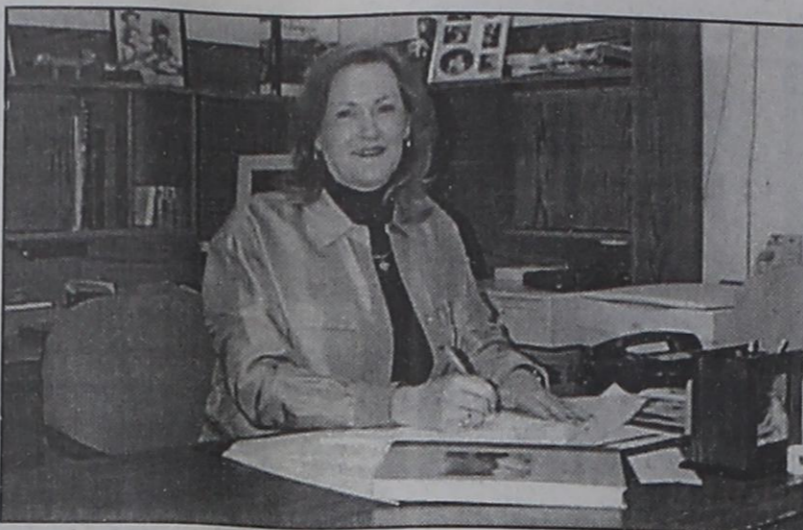
Upon motion by Commissioner Skiles and Seconded by Commissioner Parker, the Court voted unanimously to reappoint Dr. Shirley Barretto as Knox County Health Officer.

Commissioner Urbanczyk moved to accept the nominations of Becky Offutt and Dayle Kuehler to fill the expired terms of Linda Oustad and Kathy Bowen, respectively, on the Knox County Child Welfare Board. Commissioner Skiles seconded, and all approved.

Judge Perdue brought to the attention of the Court the possibility of switching the Courthouse to the Santa Rosa Phone Company. Upon motion by Commissioner Birkenfeld, Seconded by Commissioner Skiles, and unanimously approved, the Court decided to retain the present phone system until further notice.

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LOCAL POET Glenna Decker continues to become recognized for her impressive works. Another publication for her is in the works.

Local Poet Chosen For Selective New Work

"Poetry is a form of expression for me. I put things on paper that I can't say out loud," says Glenna Beach Decker of Munday.

And recently those expressions have gained recognition for the local poet.

Decker was first published approximately two years ago. Her

poem, "The House of My Youth" received 'Editor's Choice Award' and received space in the International Library of Poetry volume of that period.

In May of 2000 she was a semi-finalist in a national poetry contest and then in June of 2000 she was chosen as a semi-finalist in a po-

Birkenfeld and seconded by Commissioner Skiles, the Court voted unanimously to accept and pay bills.

Upon motion by Commissioner Urbanczyk and seconded by Commissioner Parker, and carried out unanimously, the meeting was adjourned until March 12, 2001.

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etry contest that was helping to raise money for Multiple Sclerosis research. The contest was sponsored by TV talk show host Montel Williams, who is also a victim of the disease. Decker received a congratulatory letter from Williams.

Decker's latest accomplishment names her as one of thirty-three poets who will be featured in a new work entitled "The Best Poets of 2000." Her poem 'One Heart To Give' will be professionally recorded and included in a new poetry collection called "The Sound of Poetry."

"One Heart To Give is a poem that relates the vulnerability of anyone that has been badly hurt in a prior relationship, but still believes that love exists for them," says Decker. Decker says that she still believes in happy endings in the love experiences of the human race and thinks that the thought of those happy endings "keep us in the game."

ONE HEART TO GIVE

I only have one heart to give.
It's battered and it's been broken,
But it's still full of love.
It's ready and waiting...
Waiting to be opened.

I only have one heart to give.
When I open my arms and take you in,
I offer myself to you.
My heart and my soul are yours
For the taking...
If you're ready to be loved.

I only have one heart to give.
if you take my heart into your hands,
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For the hurt runs deep...
But the love runs true and everlasting
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Glenna Beach Decker

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### Four Prison Sentences Handed Down in the 50th Judicial District

Last week saw action on the criminal docket in three of the four district courts in the 50th Judicial District including four prison sentences, according to District Attorney Bill Neal.

Tuesday in the Baylor County District Court, Earnest Minor, 43, of Seymour, plead guilty to Burglary of a Habitation and received a 10-year prison sentence from District Judge David Hajek. He was represented by Haskell attorney Andrew Ottaway.

Willie James Irvin, 66, of Wichita Falls, plead guilty to felony DWI, and pursuant to a plea bargain agreement with the State, he was sentenced to 10 days jail time, fined \$500.00, had his drivers license suspended for a year and then placed on felony probation for a three-year period. He was represented by Frances Lowenfeld of Wichita Falls.

Christina Hardamon, 31, of Vernon, who had been placed on probation for forgery, plead guilty to possession cocaine while on probation. Her probation was revoked and she was sent to the prison system's state facility for two years.

Bobby Peoples, 20, of Seymour, on probation for Burglary, plead true to several violations of his probation. Judge Hajek revoked his probation and sentenced him to 10 years in prison, but ordered that he first be sent to the prison's boot camp facility.

On Wednesday, in the Knox County District Court, a sentencing hearing was held for David Castillo, 44, of Austin. Castillo had previously been tried in the Knox County District court and found guilty of conspiring to deliver cocaine and doing so while engaging in organized criminal activity. Castillo, represented by Austin attorney, Neil Keceera, was the last of 10 criminal defendants who were caught up in an undercover sting operation in the Munday area in the fall of 1999 involving the North Texas Drug Enforcement Task Force, the Munday Police Department and the 50th Judicial District Attorney's Office. All 10 were either convicted of drug offenses or plead guilty to drug offenses as a result of the sting operation. Two 20-year sentences, one 15-year sentence, two 10-year sentences resulted from the ensuing persecution with the other five

defendants, who had lesser roles in the drug activity, receiving various probated sentences, according to District Attorney Neal.

Castillo and Frank Masias, Jr., both of whom were tried from the same drug offenses, found guilty and both sentenced to 20 years to do in prison, gave notice of appeal. Frank Masias, Jr., 33, of Austin, was represented by Abilene attorney Shane Deel.

Also Wednesday, in the Knox County District Court, Jamey Walley, 26, of Azle, Texas plead guilty to tampering with evidence and was assessed a 10-year probated sentence and fined \$500.00. Walley plead guilty to helping another defendant set fire to and thus destroy a van in an effort to prevent officers from discovering a methamphetamine lab inside the van.

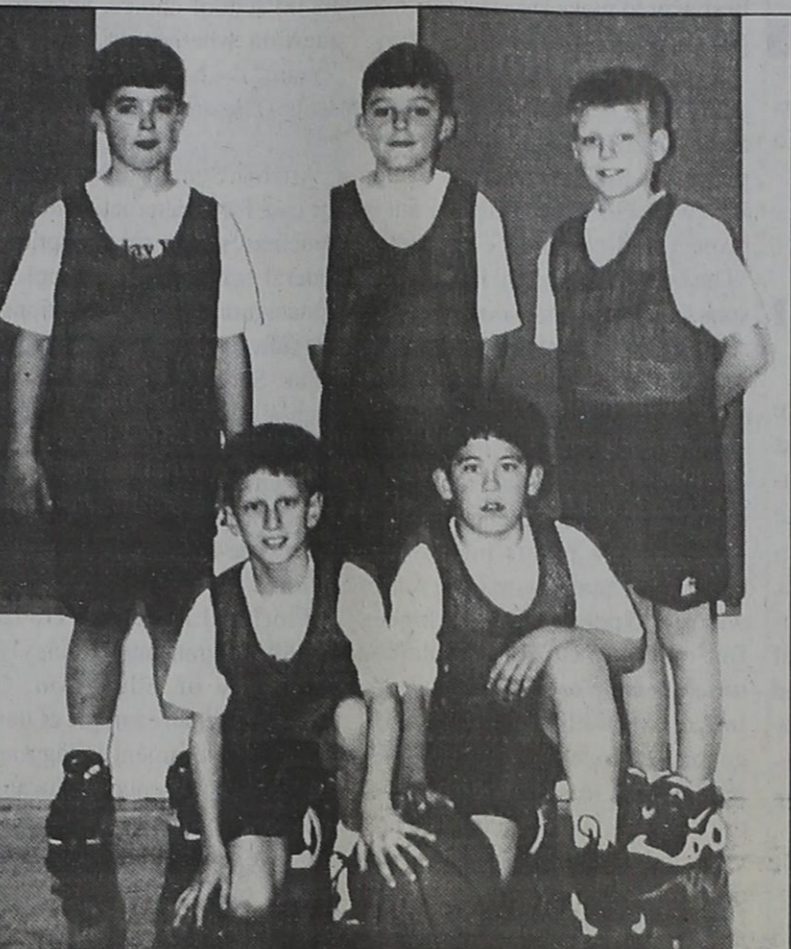
Thursday in the Cottle County District Court, James William Harrison, 36, of Paducah, plead guilty to a felon DWI indictment. In a plea bargain agreement with the state, District Attorney Neal recommended to the court that he be sentenced to 10 days in jail, fined \$500.00, have his drivers license suspended for a year and then placed on felony probation for five years. Judge Hajek accepted the state's recommendation. Harrison was represented by Steve Bird of Childress.

Betty Ruth Polk, 36, of Paducah, the last of the Paducah drug sting operation defendants, was arraigned on three felony indictments for cocaine offenses. She plead not guilty, and Judge Hajek set her down for trial on Tuesday, February 20, 2001 in the Cottle County District Court. Polk is represented by Haskell attorney, Andrew Ottaway. The undercover operation was accomplished through the combined efforts of the Texas Department of Public Safety officers of Lubbock, the Federal Drug Enforcement Agency, also out of Lubbock, the Cottle County Sheriff's Department, local DPS Troopers and the 50th Judicial District Attorney's Office.

Polk's prosecution had been delayed, Neal explained, while the state waited for Polk to be released from the prison system where she was serving a felony sentence for Unauthorized use of a Motor Vehicle. \*\*\*



GERALDINE KOENIG was one of the many volunteers at the Cotton Pickin' Quilt Show in Munday two weeks ago. Here she helped the St. Anne's Mothers Society sell chances on their donation quilt.



HOT SHOTS. Coached by Trey Thompson members of the Hot Shots are (back, left) Keith Cypert, Kobie Decker, Bandy Moeller, (front) Geoffrey Cude, and Louie Bejar. Not pictured is Andreas Mateos.



### Quality Implement Company Hires Customer Support Representative

Quality Implement Co. of Munday, Seymour and Stamford, TX is pleased to announce the employment of Max McMeans of Haskell. Max joined the Quality Implement Co. family on March 1, 2001, and will function in the capacity of CSR (Customer Support Representative). Max and his wife Doris reside in Haskell, TX. Max will be working closely with the customers of Quality Implement Co. to better help serve their needs in all areas of parts, service and sales. He will be making regular, personal customer call-backs to meet the potential needs of the farmer customer. Please join Quality Implement Co. employees by welcoming Max aboard.

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### Haskell National Bank To Host Workshop For Home Ownership

The Development Corporation of Haskell is sponsoring a workshop on Monday, March 19th that will help low to moderate-income families achieve "The American Dream" of home ownership.

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Sam Smith Electric of Sweetwater, Texas, along with a representative from USDA will be in Haskell on March 19th to tell you about the program, show floor plans, and assist in filling out the necessary paperwork to start construction.

The workshop is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. in the Haskell National Bank Community Room located at 600 S. 1st Street on Monday, March 19. Be sure to attend - it could be easier than you think to own a new home!

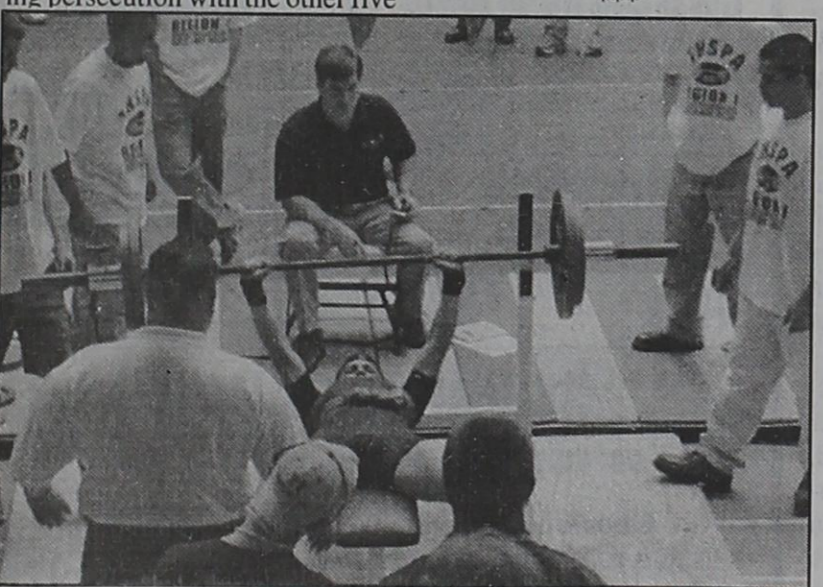
For more information contact the Development Corporation of Haskell at 940-864-3424. \*\*\*

### Watchout, Texas Polecats are Looking For Love

by: Dana Wright, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, Paducah

Have you noticed that familiar odor in the air lately? It is from probably the only animal that humans can easily recognize by smell, a skunk. In the last couple of weeks I have noticed an increase in the number of skunks ran over on the highway and running around in the city limits. February and March is typically the peak time for skunk breeding, which explains why they are more active right now, they are out looking for love.

In Texas we have six species of skunks, the most common being the Striped Skunk, which can be found over the entire state. The gestation period for a striped skunk is about 63 days, the average litter contains five babies and their nest will be located under a rock or in a burrow. Skunks are not picky eaters and their diet consists mainly of insects, arachnids, plants, small mammals, reptiles, eggs and birds. Skunks don't have much of a life span, on average a skunk is only expected to live about two years in the wild. They have few enemies, thanks to their smelly ways, their biggest enemy seems to be the highway and a 70 mile per hour limit. The musk that a skunk sprays at an enemy not only smells bad but also can cause temporary blindness, and can sting the skin. He can also shoot this musk in any direction, at a distance of up to 12 feet and shoot up to six times before running out of ammunition. It then takes up to three days to refill his supply. I recommend that you not handle any skunks for the obvious reason, they smell and also because they are known carriers of rabies. Be suspicious of skunks seen during daylight hours, since they are normally active at night, this could indicate that they are sick. You may contact Dana Wright, TPWD at 806/492-2264 for more information. Here's to keeping Texas wild! \*\*\*



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**THE RAIDERS.** Members include (back, left) Trey Bufkin, Marcus Gonzales, Gary Leon Mizer, Coach Gary Mizer, (front, left) Emiliano Lara, Jonathan Birkenfeld, and Lester Adams.

## Texas Counties Approved for Livestock Assistance Program

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs reminds livestock producers that 239 Texas counties have been approved by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency for the Livestock Assistance Program (LAP).

LAP, administrated by FSA, provides direct payments to eligible livestock producers in approved counties who suffered grazing losses due to natural disasters during 2000. Nationwide, \$430 million have been allocated for livestock producers for weather-related losses as part of the farm assistance package passed last October.

For drought-related losses, LAP benefits are available in approved counties where precipitation was 40 percent or more below normal for at least four months and where there was at least a 40 percent loss of available grazing during a 90-day period due to drought during

the 2000-crop year.

Eligible producers must have suffered a 40 percent or greater loss of grazing for three or more consecutive months during 2000 due to a natural disaster. Eligible livestock include beef and dairy cattle, buffalo or beefalo when maintained on the same basis as beef cattle, sheep, goats, swine, and equine animals used commercially for human food or kept for the production of food or fiber on the owner's farm or ranch.

Several of the approved counties in the area are: Baylor, Haskell, Jones, King, Knox, Stonewall, and Throckmorton.

For more information on LAP, visit the USDA-Farm Service Agency website at [www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/publications/facts/html/lap01.htm](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/publications/facts/html/lap01.htm) or contact the local USDA Service Center.

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## New Book Answers Critics, Disperses Myths About School Choice

As President George W. Bush's education reform plan garners increasing bipartisan support on Capitol Hill, the National Center for Policy Analysis (NCPA) held a day-long conference to introduce a new book on school choice published in cooperation with Children First America (CFA), An Education Agenda: Let Parents Choose Their Children's School.

"The book is a compendium of essays from the most cutting-edge thinkers in school choice," said John C. Goodman, NCPA president. CFA CEO, Fritz F. Steiger, agreed, "This book proves school choice is the best way to make sure that no child gets left behind."

Lynne Cheney, wife of vice president Dick Cheney and senior fellow at the American Enterprise Institute, provided the foreword. Former Delaware Governor Pete du Pont is project and conference chairman. "The book is important for two reasons," du Pont said. "First, it represents the most contemporary thinking on the issue and shows that choice works."

The book cites an independent study in Wisconsin-average math scores for choice students were 5 to 12 percentile points higher than non-choice students; reading scores were 3 to 5 percentile points higher. But improvement was not limited to scholarship or voucher students. In fact, Milwaukee public schools guaranteed each parent that children will be able to read by the end of third grade. If not, schools will provide one-on-one tutoring until the child can read.

In Albany (NY), faced with a quarter of the students taking advantage of a school choice program, the school district replaced the principal and the assistant principal, rotated 25 percent of the faculty and launched a literacy initiative.

The book includes contributions on ideas that make school choice possible and more broadly acceptable. "It's not enough to have choice work in pilot programs or theory," Goodman and Steiger agreed. "We've got to let school choice work so that even children from the humblest backgrounds can get a good education." Currently, more than 560,000 students take part in approximately 70 public and privately funded choice programs nationwide.

Nobel laureate Milton Friedman provides the intellectual foundation

for school choice-the injection of competition into the public school monopoly. In addition, New York University professor, Joseph P. Vitteri, explains that private school students outperform public school students mostly because private schools are decentralized and can focus on instruction rather than administration.

CFA chairman and director of UBS Warburg LLC, Peter M. Flanigan, outlines the success of choice projects in New York City, San Antonio and Indianapolis. And Harvard professor, Paul Peterson, one of the nation's leading researchers on school choice, answers the question whether private schools "cream" the best public school students. The answer, by the way, is no.

Arizona Senator John Kyl makes the case for an alternative to straight vouchers, suggesting adoption of a federal tax credit for people who donate money to organizations that provide scholarships to needy students. Sen. Kyl plans to introduce such a bill in the 107th Congress. In a separate chapter, Lisa Graham Keegan, Arizona's superintendent of public instruction, explains how their state-based tuition tax credits work.

Florida Lieutenant Governor Frank Brogan and Pennsylvania Secretary of Education, Gene Hickok offer an example of how the federal government is lagging behind improvements in education at state and local levels. Robert Aguirre, consultant, managing director of CEO San Antonio and member of CFA's board of directors, dispels fears about school choice by drawing on experiences with the HORIZON project, a privately funded choice program in San Antonio. Gordon St. Angelo, president, and Robert Enlow, vice president, of the Milton and Rose Friedman Foundation, review early school choice programs in Maine and Vermont.

In a high profile article, Nina Shokraii Rees, deputy assistant to the vice president for domestic policy, details the federal role in education and makes innovative recommendations.

Several other experts are featured, including; Center for Education Reform President, Jeanne Allen; Messmer Catholic High School President, Brother Bob Smith; Executive Director of DC Parents for School Choice, Virginia Walden; White House Writers Group Senior Director, Dan McGroarty; Institute for Justice Vice President, Clint Bolick; Lexington Institute Senior Fellow, Robert Holland; Greater Educational Opportunities President, Kevin Teasley; Dan McKinley of Partners Advancing Values in Education (PAVE) and Hoover Institution senior fellow, Terry Moe.

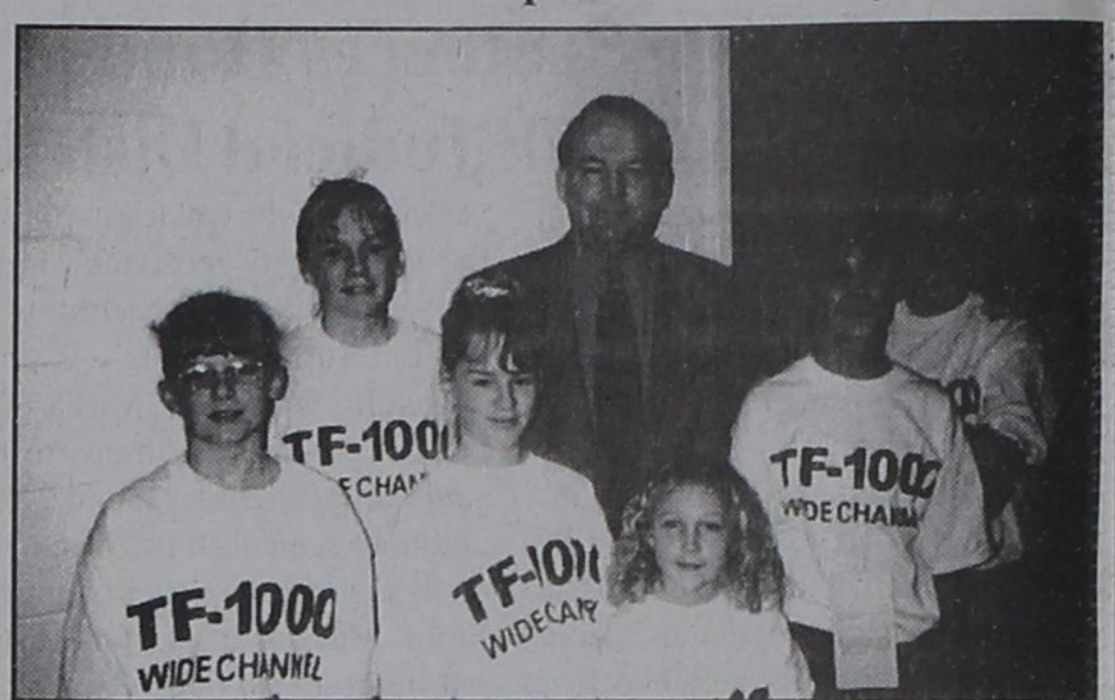
Traditional education nostrums-longer school days, higher teacher salaries, more money-haven't and, according to this book's contributors, won't work. As Governor du Pont says in the first chapter-A Backgrounder on School Choice: We Can Do Better-"It is time to replace a centrally planned education system with a customer-driven system in which parents choose their children's schools and schools compete for their students."

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**BALL GIRLS** this past weekend at the 2001 Girls' State Basketball Tournament in Austin were Lari Dee Welch, Kayla Moore, Krystynn Myers, Kyra Sloan, Katie Myers, and Angie Sehon. Pictured with these young ladies is Dr. Bill Farney, Director of University Interscholastic League.

## Munday Girls Track Teams Compete in Haskell Meet

Munday High School and Junior High girls participated in the Haskell Track Meet on Saturday of last week.

Laurie Welch took 2nd place in the high jump with a leap of 4'8". She also finished second in the 400 and 3rd in the 200.

Megan Myers was fourth in the 800 with 2:42 and finished 2nd in the 1600 with a time of 6:35.

Kylie Myers was 6th in the 100

Hurdles and 8th in the 300 hurdles with 57.7.

In the triple jump Martie Lowe finished 5th with 28'9". Lowe also took 7th place in the 100 and 8th place in the 200 with 30.3.

Angela Valencia finished with a 3:05 in the 800 and took 6th in the 1600 with a time of 7:10.

Toni Tidwell was 4th in the 100 hurdles with 18:65 and was seventh in the 300 hurdles.

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## A&M Professors Explore Currents at Bottom of Gulf

Like rocks in a stream, an ocean floor knoll known as Green Knoll disrupts strong deep currents in the Gulf of Mexico, scouring furrows up to 33 feet deep and 300 feet wide in and around the knoll and all along the Sigsbee escarpment. The high water currents pose engineering challenges to companies searching for new drill sites off the Texas and Louisiana continental slope and rise.

Texas A&M University professors William "Bill" Bryant and Ian MacDonald are among the few oceanographers to have seen these furrows first hand - on two dives last week in the mini-submarine ALVIN.

"From studying geophysical data, we knew the furrows were there, but his was our first close-up look at them," Bryant said. "The furrows are large grooves in the seafloor winnowed by high currents."

"Oceanographers hypothesize that the furrow were carved by extreme currents sometimes called abyssal storms, when the currents range between two and three knots, with undersea streams of water sweeping by at two to three knots for periods of up to three weeks," he observed. "Such currents are ephemeral, like the winds rising with a storm on land, and we don't know the space and time during which these currents are active."

MacDonald dove first, 10,000 feet deep into the area known as Farnella Canyon, in the Mississippi Fanfold Belt of the Gulf, and located the furrows at the base and part way up the side of a submerged cliff called the Sigsbee Escarpment. On the second dive, southeast of a large salt diapir called Green Knoll, Bryant and Dr. Erik Scott of BHP, Inc., Houston, descended 8,000 feet around the ALVIN

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### Texas A&M Geologist Seeks Ways to Squeeze Oil From Mature Fields

When he says "it's good to the last drop," Wayne Ahr isn't talking about his morning coffee. Research by this Texas A&M University professor aims to squeeze some of the last remaining drops of oil out of mature fields, potentially gaining needed energy reserves from sources drillers thought were used up.

"An enormous amount of oil remains in the ground at developed oil fields," Ahr said. "Only about 30 percent of the available oil is recovered from any field during 'primary recovery'. Nearly 70 percent of the oil stays there in the rock where it was trapped."

"Recent improvements in geological, geophysical, and engineering methods have enabled us to discover and develop a tremendous number of new fields worldwide," he observed. "Now we need to devise methods to allow us to go back and recover between one-third and one-half of the oil that primary recovery left in the ground."

Ahr, a petroleum geologist, is part of a project funded by the U.S. Department of Energy to develop those methods. Working with Texas A&M petroleum engineer Tom Blasingame, computer modeling experts at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, geophysicists at McGill University in Canada, and industry experts from smaller, independent oil companies, Ahr shares a \$1.3 million grant to figure out how to get to that residual oil.

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### It's Not Too Late - Make a Resolution to Get Fit

The holidays are a memory and the bills are due. Perhaps you gained a few pounds or made a resolution that this was the year you'd get in shape. It's not too late to begin again but you'll need to plan.

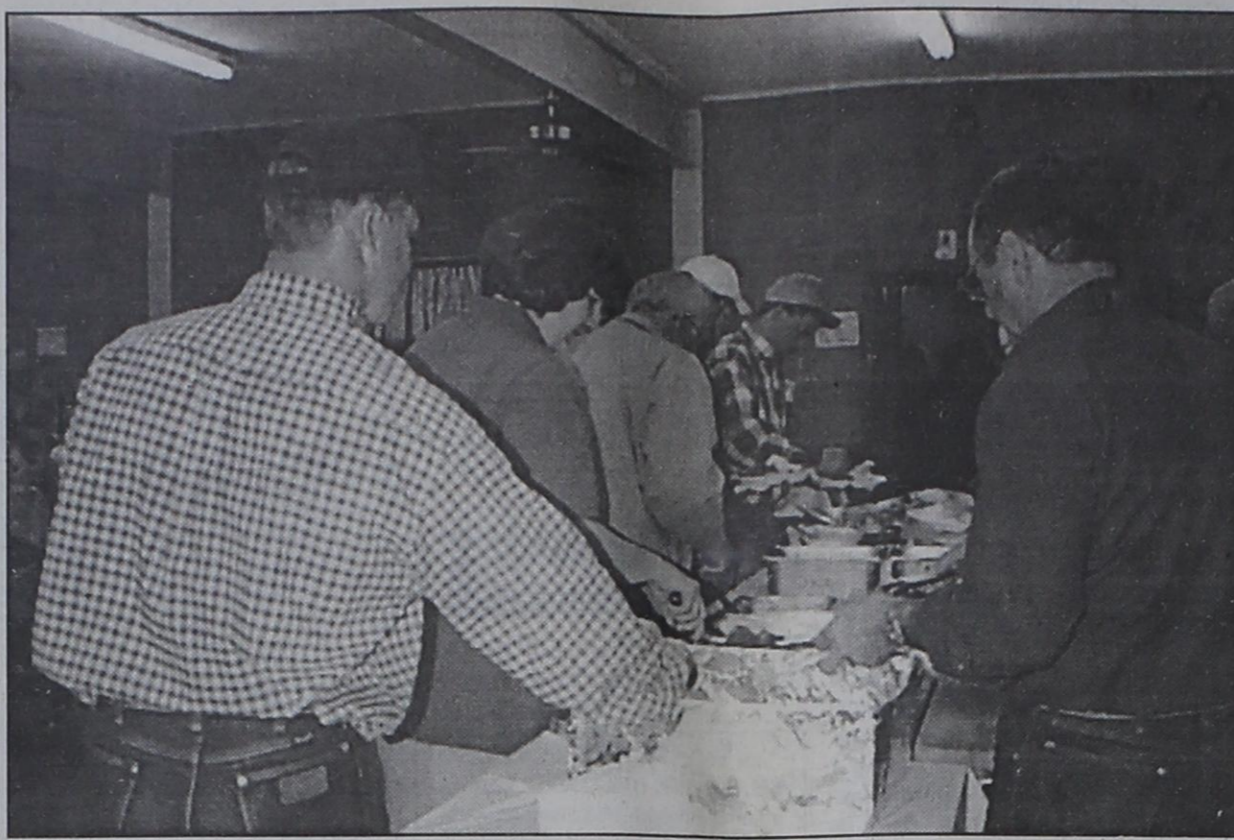
Many people fail in their fitness efforts because they set unrealistic goals.

"It is not reasonable to assume that you can go from couch potato to professional athlete in a week or two," said Mary Guzman, with the Community and Worksite Wellness Program at the Texas Department of Health (TDH). "If you try to do too much, too fast you face possible injury and burn-out." A smarter approach, she said, is to start slowly and gradually build more exercise into your schedule.

First, eliminate excuses. "The number one excuse for not exercising is, 'I don't have time,'" Guzman said. "Anyone can add fitness into their schedule if they look at the small things they can do rather than the bigger things they can't. A good example is taking the stairs rather than the elevator."

Just 30 minutes of physical activity on most days can achieve improvements in overall fitness if you are sedentary. You can even break the 30 minutes up into smaller segments throughout the day. Simple changes such as parking the car further away or taking a brisk walk after dinner, even housework and gardening, can improve your fitness level. According to the American Heart Association, a 180-pound person can lose three pounds a year by washing the car once a week for 30 minutes. The same person can lose five pounds in a year by walking up stairs for six minutes, five times a week.

Small changes in your diet can make a big difference, too. "Think about the long term when looking at what you eat," Guzman said. "Stringent denial, fad diets, or fasting can lead to binging and weight gain later. A slower weight loss of one to one and a-half pounds a



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**HUNGRY MULTITUDES.** St. Joseph's Catholic Church fed 920 hungry people last Sunday at their annual March dinner. As usual the feast of homemade sausage, sauerkraut, and fried chicken was delicious as were the many tasty desserts available.

### A&M Biologists Develop Genetically Modified Rice Resistant to Insects

Texas A&M University biologists are developing genetically modified rice resistant to insects and microbes, which could revolutionize the food and agriculture industries and help alleviate hunger in developing countries.

For many years, spraying insecticides on rice crops has been the best way to protect rice plants that would contain insect-killing proteins, so no insecticide would be needed.

"We are interested in killing insects that eat rice plants, like the rice water weevil," says Timothy

C. Hall, distinguished professor of biology. "This insect feeds on the leaves and lays its eggs on them. When the eggs hatch, larvae grow and spend about a month chewing the roots."

To protect rice plants from water weevils, Hall and his colleagues insert insect-killing genes in the seeds of rice plants. Ideally, when the plants grow, these genes produce insect-killing proteins in the plant roots, preventing water weevils from eating the roots.

However, Hall and his group discovered that many of the insect-killing genes are not expressed or expressed only in the early stages of the growth of the plants. These genes - also called transgenes - are turned off once they are inserted in plants.

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### Powerlifters

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for a 985 total.

Joe Rivera finished second out of the 11 boys in the 148 pound division and now advances to the state level of competition. Rivera had 395 in the squat, 225 in bench, and 425 dead lift for a 1045 total.

The boys state meet will be held March 24 in Fort Worth.

"I am very proud of all these kids for the great efforts that they put forth in the competitions. The judging at the regional levels is always very difficult and always affects the totals. But the kids held their composure and found ways to win," said a proud coach Terry Taylor.

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### Munday Child Development Center to Join Hands With St. Jude Children's Research Center

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee announced that Munday Child Development Center will join hands with the hospital to conduct a "Trike-A-Thon". This unique one-week event is scheduled to begin on April 2, 2001 and will promote bicycle safety while raising money for childhood cancer research.

Lack of training is the most frequent contributing cause of bicycle accidents and the Trike-A-Thon teaches riding safety tips using coloring sheets, stories, and riding activities. Parents support the program by collecting tax-deductible donations to sponsor their child.

Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee was founded by the late entertainer Danny Thomas. The hospital is an internationally recognized biomedical research center dedicated to finding cures for catastrophic diseases of childhood. The hospital's work is supported through funds raised by the American Lebanese Syrian Associated Charities (ALSAC). All St. Jude patients are treated regardless of their ability to pay. ALSAC covers all costs of treatment beyond those reimbursed by third party insurers, and total costs for families who have no insurance. For more information, please visit [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org).

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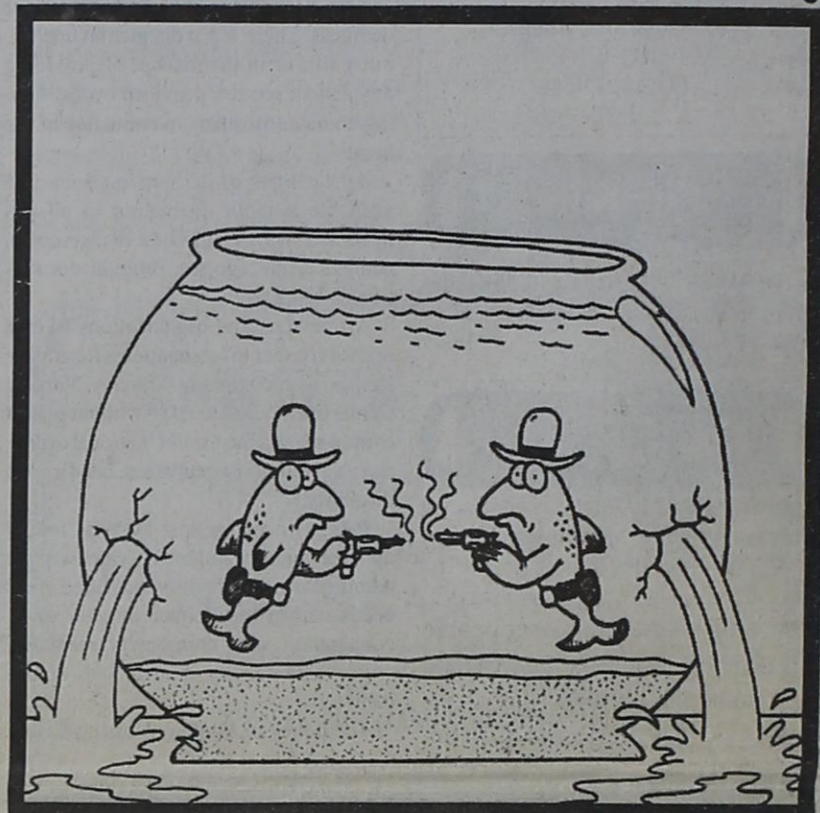
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