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## WHITE'S

### Wagging Tongue

by Cynthia  
White

When a precocious nine-year-old girl was asked by her teacher to write an essay on "Where My Family Came From," she decided to undertake a bit of research. So, before supper she sat at the table where she often did her homework and asked her mother some questions.

"Mom, where did I come from?"

Her mother, being a bit old-fashioned, found herself saying, "Well, the stork brought you, dear."

"Where did *you* come from?"

"Uh, the stork brought me, too."

"Okay, then where did Granny come from?"

"The stork brought her, too, dear."  
"Okay, thanks, Mom," said the girl, who settled down to writing her homework. After about five minutes the mother happened to walk by her daughter and read the first sentence of the essay: "For three generations there have been no natural births in our family."

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A small girl, her young brother, and the baby were together in the living room. The baby sitter was in the kitchen getting some milk and cookies when she heard the baby yelping. She came quickly into the living room and saw the boy pinching the baby.

"Willy," shouted the babysitter, "Why are you pinching the baby?"  
"We're playing automobile," said the sister, "and the baby is the horn."

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Austin, age 4, was very cross at the supper table.

"The trouble with you is," said his mother, "you didn't take a nap this afternoon."

Austin looked up at his mother directly and said, "Yes, and what's your trouble?"

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(Thanks to Randy Gressett for the following!)

A very wealthy church member had a young daughter who was about to be married. The father of the bride wasn't interested in a long ceremony and wanted to get right to the reception. Therefore, prior to the ceremony itself he approached the preacher. "Preacher, I don't want this ceremony to be long at all. I want the shortest possible talk you can give," he said. "In fact, I have \$10,000 in my pocket. For every word you say I'll take away \$1,000.00. The remainder will be yours as your fee."

The preacher didn't have much time to think about it so when the couple got up front he simply looked at the bride and said, "Take him?" After the bride made the acknowledgment he looked at the groom and asked, "Take her?"

The groom then affirmed the question.

At this point the preacher quickly announced, "Took!"

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# Winds batter community

## Property damage extensive

Munday residents were blindsighted by high winds in excess of 85 miles per hour Saturday night when a fast moving storm consumed the community. The lighting, heavy rain and hard straight-lined winds followed a picture perfect day and evening. Many residents were unaware that the storm was approaching until the winds were upon them. The gust line was quickly followed by the warning siren which sent alarmed citizens seeking the necessary shelter.

Among the heaviest damage sustained by area buildings was Munday High School. The roof of the gym and the auditorium, which are among the highest points of the roof, were blown off and the concrete decking was cracked. The roofing material from the top roofs was also responsible for damage to the lower roofs when the debris fell upon them.

Volunteers worked into the night hours Saturday and into early morning Sunday removing water and debris from inside the school. Early assessment of the situation found there to be water damage to the gym floor, the auditorium stage floor, and to the

carpeting in the auditorium, the counselor's office, and one classroom. Several computers also sustained water damage along with past issues of the year book and other items stored in an unused office.

In an emergency Board meeting on Sunday evening Booe Roofing was hired to repair the roofs and A-Town Hi-Tech, a commercial cleaning company out of Abilene, was contracted to help in the clean-up efforts. Also on Sunday, large de-humidifying machines were placed in the gym and auditorium to remove water from the air that could cause further damage to the floors and interior contents.

"We had a huge volunteer turnout from the community," said Superintendent Robert Dillard. "People came with brooms and elbow grease wanting to help. Two generators were offered to help us out during the power outage. Everybody helped out. They just dove in head first to help get the job done."

The City of Munday has been busy with the clean-up as well. On Monday the city started collecting limbs placed curbside on the north end of town. They will



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**AREA RESIDENTS** were busy Sunday morning surveying damage from a late Saturday night storm. Damage at Munday High School (above) was extensive as was other property damage in the area.

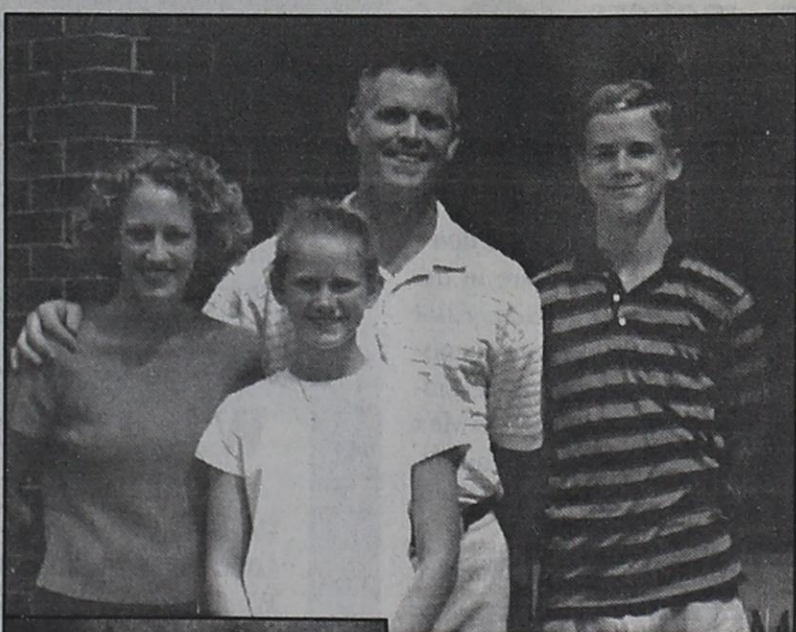
proceed with the collection process through the south end of town until the area has been covered. If you have limbs and trees that you are able to haul yourself you may take them to the vacant lot across from the Pecan Orchard on Highway 222 East. The location will be used for the Homecoming bonfire in September.

However, be warned that this is not a trash dump and is for limbs and trees only. Those caught dumping trash, rubbish, and discarded furniture or other items at the location can face a hefty fine.

The city also reports that many volunteers were on hand Sunday to assist with clean-up at the Munday City Pool. Volunteers

helped rid the area of debris inside and outside of the pool area.

The Munday Fire Department and storm chasers did a great job of handling the event on Saturday and on into Sunday morning. They also assisted eight stranded travelers who were sheltered at the fire hall until the storm had passed.



**NEW HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL** Joe Mobley is pictured above with wife Loretta and children Kassie and Bo. Wes Pierce (left) will be the new principal at Munday Elementary School. The Mobley's are moving from the League City School District while Pierce has been at Nocona.

## Wheat harvest comes to close in Knox County for 2002

According to FSA records in Knox County some 106,285.1 acres were certified for grain in Knox County. At press time harvest was about 95% finished for the 2002 year.

"We had a lower than average

test weight this year," said Danny Guley of Farmer's Grain. Test weight was about 56 for most producers in the county. The price of wheat is still low at \$2.68 per bushel. No kernal bunt was found in Knox County.

## Two new principals hired for Munday I.S.D.

Both the elementary and high schools in Munday will be welcoming new faces in the principals office when school begins in the fall.

Heading up the high school will be Mr. Joe Mobley. Mobley was born in Olney, Texas in 1961. He graduated as Salutatorian of Greenwood High School in Midland, Texas in 1980 and was a Distinguished Naval Graduate of Texas A & M University of 1985. He obtained a Masters of Science from University of Houston in

Clear Lake in 2002.

Mobley served as a Commissioned Officer of the United States Marine Corp and was on active duty from May 4, 1985 to July 31, 1990. He currently is a Lieutenant Colonel in the marine Corps Reserve serving with the 2nd Battalion 14th Marines in Grand Prairie, Texas.

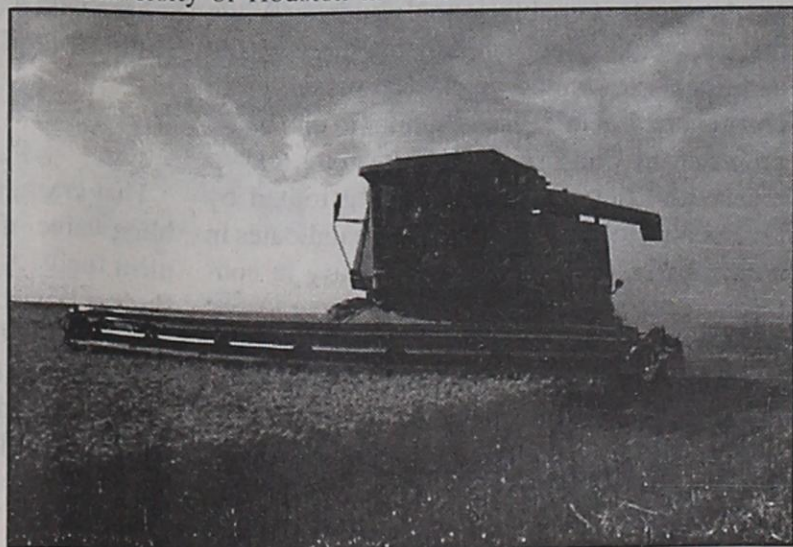
Mobley is familiar with the area as his father is Owen Mobley who resides in Seymour and farms at Bomarton. The elder Mobley is the son of the now deceased

Chester Mobley and Pauline Parks Mobley of Seymour and Bomarton. His aunt is Peggy Clark who resides in Knox City and he also has an uncle, Don Mobley, who resides in Seymour.

Mobley is married to a teacher, Loretta, who will be seeking employment in the area. They have two children - a son, Bo, who is 14 and will be a Freshman at Munday High School and daughter, Kassie, who is twelve years old and will be an eighth grader. Both of the Mobley's come from teaching careers at League City, Texas where they both also served as coaches.

Mobley says that he is very excited about the future in Munday and that he and his family are looking forward to the new school year. "I consider myself a disciplinarian however I do so with a loving hand," says Mobley.

Wes Pierce will be moving into the principal's office at the elementary school. He comes to Munday after serving as the Assistant Principal at Nocona Elementary School. He will be



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**WHEAT HARVEST** in Knox County was hampered by late rains but Kernal Bunt was not a factor here as it was in neighboring counties.

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# OPINION

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June 24 - Munday VFD.  
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June 19 - Mr. & Mrs. Sandy Lambeth.  
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June 21 - Jimmy & Phillis Urbanczyk, David & Shelley Booe, Johnnie Smith.  
June 22 - Kayla Moore.  
June 23 - Herbert & Catherine Stodghill.  
June 24 - Larry Welch.  
June 25 - Erica Ramirez, Jeremy Sanders, Roy Don Dudgeon.

### Knox County Aging Center

**Munday & Goree Menu**  
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**Benjamin Menu**  
Tues. & Thurs.

**June 24 thru June 28**

Mon. June 24th - Salmon croquettes, macaroni & cheese, blackeyed peas, green salad, light bread, dessert.

Tues. June 25th - Baked chicken, buttered noodles, mixed vegetables, hot rolls, cobbler.

Wed. June 26th - Tacos, pinto beans, Spanish rice, salad, Jello w/ fruit.

Thur. June 27th - Chicken friend steak w/ gravy, mashed potatoes, peas & carrots, cucumber salad, hot rolls, pineapple-crunch w/ topping.

Fri. June 28th - Beef stew stuffed celery, corn on the cob, cornbread, birthday cake.

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.



## A Breath of Fresh Air

By Ken Nietenhoefter

### Graduation or Commencement?

"In the long run, you hit only what you aim at." --Henry David Thoreau

Hey, high school graduates--listen up. Before I graduated from high school, I wondered, "Why do they call it 'commencement'?" Then, the next day, I knew.

This time of year takes all of us back to that magical time when we left high school, unabashedly to begin conquering the world. Even though we eagerly anticipated the future, we had no idea what it would be like. We, like you, were filled with dreams, but few of us had any real goals. How about you? Do you have only dreams? Or do you have real goals?

Okay, some of you will be able to avoid making the really tough decisions for several more years. Why? Because you will enroll in a college or university. Hey--living off your folks, partying, meeting new people--not a bad life. But what about when you get out? What then?

And what about those of you who will immediately enter the job market? Do you know what you want out of life?

The truth of the matter is: YOU HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY RIGHT NOW--TODAY--TO ENSURE A SUCCESSFUL LIFE FOR YOURSELF. Don't wait for someone else to do it for you. No--one--will.

Take a few minutes of your valuable time and make it even more valuable. Set out your goals in writing. If you don't HAVE any goals, make some up. Why? Because those of you who don't have any goals will work forever for those WITH goals. (And who wants to work for those GEKs?) Think consciously about what you want out of life and write it down. Only then will you look to the future with anticipation and excitement. The future will pull you like a magnet.

Once you establish reasons for living your life, you will find the answers. The future doesn't get better by hoping. It only gets better by planning.

Ask yourself, "What kind of person will I have to become to get all I want in life?" What you BECOME is an important as what you GET. You can have more than you have, because you can become more than you are.

Goals are the fuel in the furnace of achievement. They help us control our lives. Goals drive out petty feelings, because it's difficult to worry about the TRIVIAL when you are working on the TREMENDOUS.

On the other hand, don't become so obsessed with goals that you forget to live life as it occurs. This is the pivotal time in your lives. You are about to develop the habits that will control your lives for a long time.

Real success in life is success with SELF. It's not having THINGS. It's having MASTERY--having victory over self.

Set your goals just out of reach, but not out of sight. Surround yourself with motivated people. Stay away from the cynics. Be persistent. Winners work at doing things that the majority of the population is not willing to do. So, as you might surmise, it's not all that difficult. Just do it!

Remember, luck occurs when preparation meets opportunity. So, make yourself some luck by preparing for it. Have a great future.

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## Capitol Highlights

### Lawmaker proposes tax on soda drinkers, makers

By Mike Cox  
Texas Press Association

AUSTIN — The next legislative session is still six months away, with a general election before then, but a lot of thinking is going on in Austin and elsewhere. Much of that cerebral activity involves revenue, or a worrisome lack thereof. As reported last week, state Sen. Judith Zaffirini (D-Laredo) has proposed a \$1-a-pack tax increase on cigarettes.

Now another Democrat, Sen. Eddie Lucio of Brownsville, has suggested a \$2 a gallon tax on the syrup used to make soft drinks and a 21-cent a gallon tax on soft drinks in bottles.

Under his plan, taxing the syrup from which soft drinks are made could raise \$180 million in revenue annually. The money would go to the fund that helps pay for free breakfasts and lunches for Texas public school children. While the tax would affect wholesalers directly, the additional cost would quickly be passed on to consumers. Lucio's plan is similar to one being proposed in California. The cigarette tax increase and the soda tax are being touted by Democrats not facing Republican candidates in November. Candidates of either party in contested races don't like the T-word being tossed around prior to an election.

A Republican party spokesman summed it up nicely: "They (Zaffirini and Lucio) have the freedom to speak what's on the minds of most Democrats. (Tony Sanchez and John Sharp) run as if they were Republicans, especially on the issue of taxes." Both tax proposals could either go up in smoke or fizzle out when lawmakers convene in January, but the budget problem is there.

*Nachos in the news...*

As if the two mainstream political parties don't have enough to argue about, nachos are in the news in El Paso. Last week state Sen. Eliot Shapleigh (D-El Paso) invited his fellow Democrats to a post-state convention party at a restaurant known for its nachos and other Tex-Mex foods. The eatery, owned by one Nacho Padilla, is near the Tigua Indian reservation in the Ysleta area.

While no one complained about the nachos, those spicy cholesterol raisers on a chip, some of the invitees did find something distasteful: Padilla supported Republican George W. Bush in his presidential campaign. Despite that, Padilla says he's still a Democrat.

"I'm a Democrat, but I'm also an American citizen with a free choice and a right to choose," Padilla said of the restaurant-party loyalty flap.

### High-lites...

That crashing sound you heard was the tumbling value of six of Texas' nine major investment funds. A report released by the Legislative Budget Board said the nine funds have a market value of \$127.2 billion compared with \$142.2 billion in August 2000...

Texas Health and Human Services Commissioner Don Gilbert will be stepping down in January. Gilbert was appointed in 1998 by then Governor Bush. The replacement that Gov. Rick Perry appoints will have no shortage of problems. Estimates are that health care costs will grow about 12 percent a year for the next decade....

## Business Tips: Body Language Important to Customer Service

By: Mr. Corey Moore

In customer service, it is very important to say the right things. But one thing many business owners and employees forget is their non-verbal communication. Studies have shown time and time again people receive messages based on three factors: (1) what is said, (2) the tone of the voice used, and (3) the body language used. Amazing, however, is the manner the message is interpreted is opposite what one would think. Most of the way we interpret messages is determined by the delivering person's body language. This should be remembered when speaking with customers.

There are several different aspects of body language to consider. First, and possibly most important, is eye contact. Have you ever been complaining about something, only to have the other person not even looking at you? This shows a genuine lack of concern about your message. In dealing with a customer concern or complaint, it is important to make eye contact with the person. This shows the customer you want to understand their problem, and want to do all you can to address it. Remember, however, a repeated hard gaze can sometimes make a person uncomfortable.

Another aspect to consider is facial expressions. A genuine expression of concern should be shown when dealing with a customer. A smile can sometimes put the customer at ease. Adjust your facial expressions to the particular situation at hand, whether it is a tense discussion or a light-hearted conversation.

Another type of body language deals with your posture. When a customer is speaking to you, always face them directly. Not facing a customer directly shows a lack of concern for the customer. Don't walk off or away when speaking with a customer. Also, if you are sitting, don't lean back in your chair. This relaxation shows that you are not interested in the customer. Sit upright or even lean forward to show more concern. Sit on the edge of your chair as the customer expresses his needs. If the customer is standing, stand as well. If the customer sits, sit with them. Do not stand and tower over them, as this expresses ideas of dominance over the customer. Also, when showing concern for a customer, do not sit across a desk from them. Customers relaxing back in a chair or crossing their legs may show they are comfortable with the situation, and you may possibly be able to do the same. Take your cues from your customers and the position of their bodies when trying to determine what is appropriate.

The positioning of your hands is another type of body language to be considered. Standing with your hands behind your back may sometimes be mistaken as a lack of concern, or "hands-on" approach, when dealing with a customer. Open palm gestures typically show willingness to listen and receive information from the customer. Writing down important information may also be appropriate in some cases, but don't overdo it. Too much writing may cause lack of eye contact or other problems.

All these different suggestions are just that: suggestions. Remember, what may be appropriate in one situation, may be totally inappropriate in another. Take your cues from the customer, and adapt your body language to best fit the situation. Body language can be more important than words in many situations.

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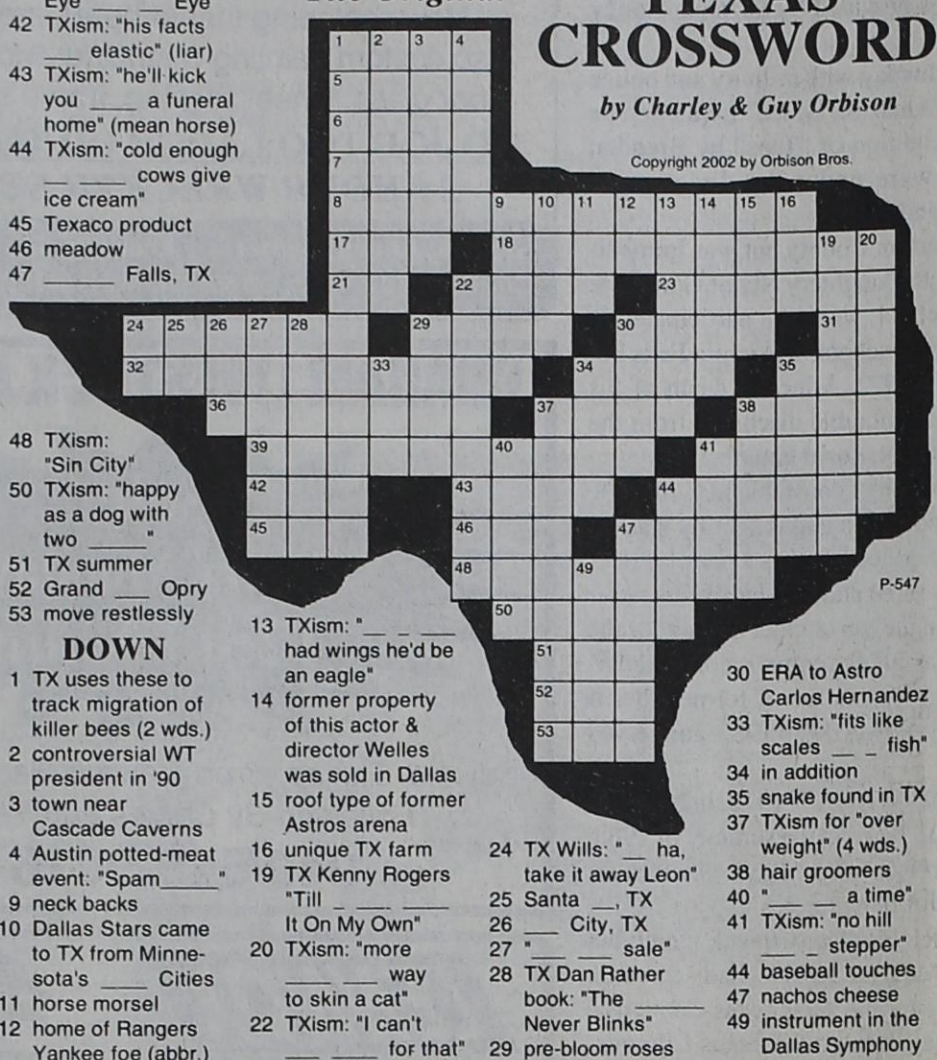
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## University of North Texas announces Dean's Honor Roll of Scholars

Chad Robert Reo has been named to the Spring 2002 Dean's Honor Roll of Scholars at the University of North Texas. Only students who have earned a 3.5 grade point average on a course load of 12 or more hours during the past semester earn the distinction of the Dean's Honor Roll.



## It's A Boy!

Caleb Reed Donoho is bursting with joy! He has a new baby brother to spoil. Cooper Douglas Donoho was born at Denton Regional Medical Center on June 11, 2002. He weighed in at 9 lbs. and 1 oz. and was 21 inches long.

His proud parents are Jay & Amy Donoho of Northlake, TX. His equally proud grandparents are: Vern & Dorothy Lankenau of Allen, TX and Doug & Nahwana Donoho of Munday. Also excited about this new arrival are Merle & Fan Lambeth of Munday. They are his great-grandparents.

## First United Methodist Church to hold VBS in July

Let's go to The Marketplace! Vacation Bible school at the First United Methodist Church will be a bit different this year. Children five to twelve will experience three days reliving Bible times events, occupations, and relationships acquainting them with the Christian heritage. Children will come to know Christianity was a living relationship with God in the days when Jesus was teaching.

Through involvement in the marketplace and living in small family clusters they will grow in their relationship with God and learn some of the Jewish customs of Bible times. Children will learn music and dance of the period, hear storytellers, make bricks and bread, and much more.

This three day event will take place July 17, 18, & 19 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Parents will share with their children the total experience on Friday evening. Registration for Vacation Bible School will be on Tuesday, July 2 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church.

## It's A Girl!



Sam and Meg Offutt welcomed their new baby sister with lots of love. Emily Caitlin Offutt was born on May 16, 2002 at 2:44 p.m. She weighed 7 pounds and 4 ounces and was 19 1/4 inches long.

Her proud parents are Dent & Kelly Offutt. The joyful grandparents are Dan & Becky Offutt. Her great-grandparents, Lonnie & Sara Offutt and R.J. and Jeanie Duncan can't wait to spoil this new little addition.

## Financial Focus



By Gary Decker

## Know What to Expect from Your Company Retirement Plan

All retirement plans are not created equal. In fact, they can be quite different. So it's important to understand which type of plan your employer is offering, and what you can expect from it - now, and when you retire.

To begin with, retirement plans come in two main varieties: defined benefit plans and defined contribution plans. If you're particularly lucky, you may be able to participate in both types of plans, but it's more likely that your employer offers one or the other. Let's see what you can expect from each of them.

If you have a 401(k) plan - or a 403(b) plan if you're a teacher or a 457 plan if you're a state or municipal employee - you're contributing to a defined contribution plan. In this arrangement, you choose to defer some of your salary, which you then spread among the available investment options. Your money grows on a tax-deferred basis until you start making withdrawals, usually at retirement.

To some extent, your defined contribution plan lets you control your own destiny. You pick the investments that match your goals and tolerance for risk. If you do a good job, you'll accumulate a substantial amount of money to help pay for your retirement. But this freedom to invest also can work against you. If you make poor choices, or if you don't properly diversify your retirement plan portfolio, you may be disappointed when it's time to start taking money out.

The situation is considerably different in a defined benefit plan, such as a pension plan. If you participate in this type of plan, you'll receive, upon retirement, a specific amount of money based on your salary history and years of service. In many defined benefit plans, should you leave before retirement age, you will not receive any benefit, or you will receive a reduced amount that you can't touch until retirement age. Many of these plans don't allow lump sum distributions, so you will receive a set monthly amount in your retirement.

With a defined benefit plan, you have to depend on your employer to make the right moves on your behalf. But that may not be as unsettling as it sounds, because companies that fund pension plans have traditionally based their contributions on a fairly conservative formula that has been pegged to the yield on U.S. Treasury bonds. A watchdog agency, the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC), also ensures that pensions are adequately funded.

However, in the past couple of years, as yields on Treasuries have plunged, plan sponsors have been required to set aside much more of their own money to meet their pension obligations. This predicament could eventually lead to cost-cutting measures, including benefit reductions, freezes or plan terminations. To ward off this problem, business lobbyists have asked Congress to liberalize the rules governing pension contributions.

As you can see, there are no "sure things" in either a defined contribution plan or a defined benefit plan. That's why you need to make well-informed decisions. Also, don't count on any one plan - defined contribution or defined benefit - to fund your retirement entirely. Instead, build up your other savings and investments. The more you put in today, the better off you're likely to be tomorrow.

## Leaving your job?

Don't forget to take your retirement plan with you.

It's common practice to take an out of sight, out of mind attitude once you leave an employer. But this isn't a good approach to take with your retirement plan. Consider a rollover into an Edward Jones self-directed IRA. Together we can put a plan in place to help make your retirement money work as hard as you do.



Call or stop by today to schedule a complimentary retirement plan review.

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## Local Obituaries

### King, Annie Mae



Annie Mae King, age 98, passed away Sunday, June 9, 2002, in Munday, Texas.

Her memorial service, a celebration of her life, was held at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 11, at the Believer's Chapel in Munday. W.O. Smith officiated. Burial was in the Riverview Cemetery in Seymour, Texas under the direction of Archer Funeral Home in Seymour.

Annie Mae King was born October 12, 1903 in Lamar County, Texas. She and Tom Nelson King were married December 23, 1922 and lived there until moving to Munday, Texas in 1989. She was a homemaker and a member of the Believer's Chapel in Munday.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Francis White, her husband, Lloyd White, and a grandson, Richie, all of whom died in an automobile accident on June 4, 1967. She was also preceded in death by two other grandchildren; Dicky Patterson and Justin White, and her son-in-law, Loran Patterson.

Survivors include two daughters; Violet Patterson of Vera, Texas and Tommie Crawford and her husband, Sonny, of Munday; 6 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and 7 great-great grandchildren, and a host of nieces and nephews.

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### Griffith, Carl Roddy, Sr.

Carl Roddy Griffith, Sr. son of David (Pa Dave) and Neva (Don) Griffith, was born July 2, 1924 in Haskell County. He had eight sisters and four older brothers. It was a strong, close-knit farming family bonded with lots of love, hard work, and typical large family pranks and practical jokes, especially by his mischievous sisters.

He served during World War II in the Army-Air Force as a top-turret gunner on a B-17 bomber and saw action over Germany and Central Europe. At one time, there were five Griffith children in the service - Charley, Burl, Jean, Roddy, and Gena Beth.

After the war, Roddy returned to Munday and owned a wholesale/retail gas and butane business, until he moved from Munday in 1963. He worked in construction as a heavy equipment operator moving to the San Diego, California area. Roddy retired in 1979 in Carson, California living in a retirement home near his two youngest sons.

Roddy is survived by three sons: Carl Roddy Griffith, Jr. of San Antonio, Herbert Jean Griffith of Torrance, CA, and Chuck Griffith of Lufkin; two sisters, Nettie Partridge of Munday and Gena Beth Ard of Houston; a brother, Jean Griffith of Trenton, TN; eight grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Roddy always had a great love for his family and friends. While living in Munday as a young man, he was active in the Volunteer Fire Department, Masonic Lodge, VFW, Little League, and loved to cook many hickory-smoked Bar BQ's on his huge home built Bar BQ pit next to the old Dairy Treat. These Bar BQ's were mostly fundraisers for local community organizations. His self designed Bar BQ pit could slow cook over 500 pounds of beef and 100 chickens at the same time and he delighted in everyone pitching in to keep the fire pit going for 30-40 hours non-stop and simmering his special home-made Bar BQ sauce.

He also enjoyed hunting and fishing and loved to sneak into Swenson Ranch to catch some big catfish and bass. For many years, Roddy and several of his Munday friends went deer hunting in Southern Colorado, where he later worked on a dam construction project as a heavy equipment operator.

The times Roddy loved the most were large family get togethers where all the love and teasing was always evident among the many sisters, brothers, nieces, and nephews.

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### "Principals..."

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completing a Master's degree at Midwestern State University and has completed the state required Instructional Leadership Development training and PDAS appraiser certification. He is a 1993 graduate of McMurry University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Multidisciplinary Studies.

Pierce is also familiar with the surrounding area. He grew up on a farm north of Old Glory and graduated from Rule High School "My wife and I have many ties to the area around Munday, so we are excited about the possibilities of coming home," says Pierce. "Hard work and dedication are the keys to success. I will strive to model both, while helping students to receive a first-class education," he says.

Pierce's wife, Tracy, will be teaching at the elementary school in Munday.

According to Superintendent Robert Dillard, "We are extremely pleased to welcome these two fine gentlemen to the Munday Independent School District. The members of the Board of Trustees and I feel like we were able to hire the two very best candidates for the positions and we couldn't be more excited about the possibilities for the future."

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### Nix, Morris E. (Gene)

Morris E. (Gene) Nix, 50, a longtime Knox County resident, died Friday, June 7, at his home in Hewitt, TX, from an apparent heart attack. Funeral services were at 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 11, at the First United Methodist Church in Munday, with the Reverends Larry and Carol Crumpton, pastors of the First United Churches in Seymour and Munday, officiating. Special music was provided by Suzanne Godby of Ft. Worth, Mrs. Nix's cousin.

Burial was at Johnson Cemetery in Munday with military and police burial rites, including a recording of "Amazing Grace" by a bagpipe and drum corps, and the traditional rendition of "Taps" by Brandon Melton of Munday. Arrangements were under the direction of McCauley-Smith Funeral Home of Munday.

Nix was born January 15, 1952 in Tarrant County but was immediately adopted by George Morris and Ruth Daugherty Nix of Goree. He was a 1970 graduate of Goree High School, where he participated in most school events. He attended technical school in Wichita Falls before joining the U.S. Army in January 1972. After the death of his father in August, 1973, he accepted an honorable discharge from the Army and finished his tour of duty in the National Guard.

In 1976 he ran unopposed for the position of constable in Goree. He attended police academy in Abilene sponsored and taught by staff of the Texas A&M University Extension Service. He was a patrol officer for the Munday Police Department for three and one-half years, after which time he was offered and accepted the job of chief deputy for the Knox County Sheriff's Department. That fall, the commissioner's court appointed him interim sheriff after the resignation of former sheriff James Redwine. Nix first ran for election for sheriff in 1982, and served in that office until July, 1988.

Nix married Joyce Collier of Seymour on April 7, 1978, in Munday. They lived here until the family moved to Waco in the summer of 1988. There Nix had served as a police supervisor for the Baylor University and Texas State Technical College police departments.

He had been a volunteer for the Goree Fire Department, a member of the Munday Volunteer Emergency Medical Service, had served on the Advisory Board of Criminal Justice for the West Texas Council of Governments and had instructed classes through the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education. A great source of pride for Officer Nix was that he was the third successive member of the Nix family to become public servants for Knox County. He had won a commendation of merit from then-Governor Bill Clements and a Community Service Award from Knox County for his years of service here. He had also recently achieved the distinction of earning his master peace officer certification.

Nix was preceded in death by his parents and several aunts and uncles. Surviving are his wife and son, Joyce and Tyler Nix, both of Hewitt, TX; an aunt, Nell Bauman of Huntsville, TX; and several cousins.

Bearing the casket of their longtime friend were David and Wayne Birkenfeld of Seymour, Troy Nuckols of Goree, Frank Dutton of Munday, and Johnny Hunter, Brian Williams, Danny Lain, and Danny Wainscott, all of Knox County.

## "All Roads Lead Home" for Homecoming Parade

Plans are being made for the 2002 Homecoming Parade. This year's parade theme is titled "All Roads Lead Home." There will be 2 divisions in the parade. The first division is floats following the specific theme and the other division is based on floats that are purple and gold and are related to beating the Windthorst Trojans. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top 3 floats in each division.

Classes, businesses, and individuals are encouraged to participate.

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# Prairie Pantry

"In the early sixties my mother won a blue ribbon for this scrumptious chocolate cake at the Vegetable Festival," explains Paula Cowsert when talking about this cherished family recipe.

### Mom's Chocolate Cake



*This week's featured cook  
Paula Cowsert.*

- 2 cups flour
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 tsp. soda
- 1/4 tsp. cinnamon
- 1 stick oleo
- 1/2 cup shortening
- 1 cup water
- 3 Tbs. cocoa
- 1/2 cup buttermilk
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp. vanilla

Mix and set aside the flour, sugar, soda, and cinnamon. Bring to a boil the oleo, shortening, water, and cocoa. Pour over the flour mixture. Mix well and add the buttermilk, eggs, and vanilla. Mix well and bake in 15 X 10 X 1 1/2 inch pan for 16 minutes at 400 degrees. Let cool.

- Iceing:
- 1/4 Tbs. white Karo
  - 2 cups sugar
  - 1 small can Pet milk or 5 1/2 oz.
  - 1 stick oleo
  - 1 6 oz. pkg. chocolate chips
  - 1 cup chopped pecans
- Boil the sugar, syrup and Pet milk for 2 1/2 minutes. Add oleo and chocolate chips. Beat until spreading consistency and add nuts. Spread over cake and keep covered.

"This cake is certainly a family tradition," says Cowsert. "It has been everything from the farm birthday cake for a 2 year old to the 80th birthday cake, trimmed with real flowers, for my father. It travels well on ski trips, fishing adventures and is always a holiday favorite," says Cowsert. Cowsert also says that the cake can be made ahead of time for any occasion because it keeps really well. "If it lasts a week, the last piece is just as good as the first."



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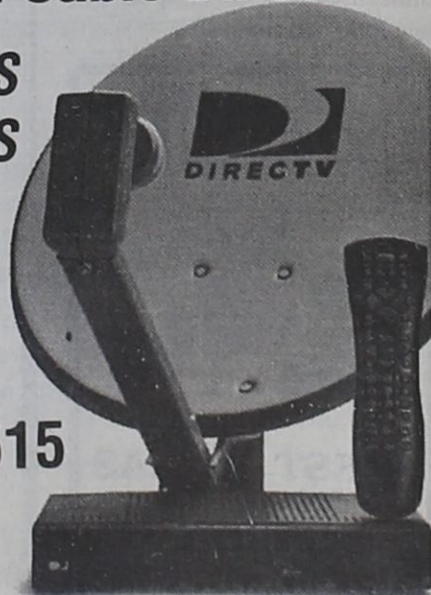
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## Brazos River Authority advises lake and river swimmers of a potential health risk

The report of three deaths last summer from a rare form of meningitis has prompted the Brazos River Authority to alert those who plan to swim in Texas lakes and rivers to avoid stagnant water. The infection, *primary amebic meningoencephalitis* or PAM, is caused by a common microorganism or ameba found in almost all untreated (non-chlorinated) surface water and in soil.

The ameba that causes the infection thrives in fresh water when temperatures are high, usually above 80 degrees. According to officials with the Texas Department of Health (TDH), the combination of lower water levels, high water temperature and stagnant or slow moving water produces higher concentrations of the ameba in the water.

Last summer, PAM infections in Texas involved children from Texas who had been swimming in lakes. The PAM infection occurs when water containing the organisms is forced into the nasal passages - usually from diving or jumping into water or water ski-

ing. The ameba them make their way into the brain and spinal cord. PAM is not spread person to person.

Symptoms of the infection include severe headache, high fever, stiff neck, nausea, vomiting, seizures, and hallucinations as the condition worsens. Though the disease is rare - affecting only about one to three people a year in Texas - for those infected, death usually occurs within a week.

Swimming pools that are properly cleaned, maintained and

treated with chlorine generally are safe, as is slat water. The TDH recommends that people never swim in stagnant or polluted water and take "No Swimming" signs seriously. Also, people should hold their noses or use a plug when jumping into lakes, rivers, ponds, or other bodies of fresh water when swimming.

For more information contact the Brazos River Authority at 254-761-3103 or the TDH Public Information Office at 512-458-7400.

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Today show - New York  
June 3, 2002

Courtesy Photo

GAY YOST, KELLY SANDIFORD, AND DOLORES LAMBETH give a Texas "howdy" to Munday from the Today Show in New York City. The three ladies were joined by Dolores's other daughter Angie Bailey of Mesquite and niece Jenni Lynn and daughter Meredith of Kilgore on a 3 day journey to the Big Apple. While in the city they toured and shopped, visited the Empire State Building, Ground Zero, the Statue of Liberty and other points of interest. They visited the Today Show on June 3 and held their sign that read "Hello Munday on Monday from the Today Show!" Gay and Dolores are Munday residents while Kelly, Dolores's daughter, lives in Belton, Texas.

### PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO ESTABLISH RATES

Pursuant to Section 104.103 of the Texas Utilities Code, TXU Lone Star Pipeline (TXU LSP), a division of TXU Gas Company, hereby gives notice of intent to establish a supplemental rate identified as the "Integrity and Safety Assessment" (ISA) to track and recover costs of implementing its Pipeline Integrity Assessment and Management Plan and costs of system modification required by class location changes. The Pipeline Integrity Assessment and Management Plan is required by the Railroad Commission of Texas (Commission) pursuant to its Pipeline Safety Regulations, Rule § 8.101, while class location changes are necessary to comply with the Federal Minimum Pipeline Safety Regulations, 49 C.F.R. § 192, adopted by the Commission.

The proposed initial rate for the ISA is 2.05 cents per MMBtu, and is proposed to take effect as of July 1, 2002. The rate will be adjusted each year to reflect the change in costs necessitated by the pipeline safety regulations, with an opportunity for those costs to be reviewed by the Commission. The ISA will remain in effect for ten years from its initial effective date. The ISA constitutes a major change as that term is defined in Sec. 104.101, Texas Utilities Code. The proposed rate will increase the total revenues of TXU LSP by 3.7%, representing \$4.1 million of additional revenues.

The ISA will apply to the following classes of customers: 1) TXU LSP's customers with gas consuming equipment at an end-use location physically attached to TXU LSP's pipeline system or to the system of a local distribution company physically attached to TXU LSP's pipeline system; 2) entities selling gas to such customers; and 3) local distribution companies served by TXU LSP's pipeline system. The ISA will indirectly affect all residential and commercial customers served by such local distribution customers, including TXU Gas Distribution. At the proposed initial rate of 2.05 cents per MMBtu, the bill of an average residential customer (6 mcf of gas consumption per month) will increase approximately 12 cents per month.

A Statement of Intent to implement the ISA has been filed with the Commission in GUD Docket No. 9304 and is available for inspection at the Commission's office at 1701 North Congress, Austin, Texas, and at the offices of TXU LSP at 301 South Harwood, Dallas, Texas. Any affected person may file written comments or a protest concerning the proposed changes in the rates with the Docket Services Section of the Office of General Counsel, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967, at any time on or before July 26, 2002. Any person or agency that has a justiciable or administratively cognizable interest in this proceeding who desires to be designated as a party may petition for leave to intervene and request to become a party to this proceeding. The deadline for intervention in this case shall be July 26, 2002.

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Jorge DeHaro

### Local student attends Farm Bureau Citizenship Seminar in San Angelo

Attending the Texas Farm Bureau's 39th annual Citizenship Seminar in San Angelo was Jorge DeHaro. Jorge will be entering the 11th grade at Goree High school this coming August. Sponsored by the Knox County Farm Bureau, Jorge was among approximately 350 high school junior and senior students from over 150 counties across the state.

The purpose of the seminar is to provide the students with a better understanding of their American heritage and the capitalistic free enterprise system, according to Joe Tidwell, Knox County Farm Bureau president.

"Farm Bureau - Your Host" was presented by Vernie Glasson, Texas Farm Bureau Executive Director, after the students were welcomed to Angelo State University.

Coleburn David (TFB Representative), Stacy Collier (2001 Miss Texas Farm Bureau), and Larry Lee Horn, the 2001 TFB Speech Contest winner, presented "Farm Bureau Scholarship Opportunities."

The students also participated in a program called "Congressional Insights", which allowed them to simulate a Congressional office and election.

Other speakers at this year's seminar and their subjects were as follows:

David Vernon, Lubbock Christian University, "Basics of Free Enterprise"; Ronald Trowbridge, Hillsdale College, "The Constitution"; and Clebe McClary, a motivational speaker, "Press on Regardless".

In addition, the students participated in a panel discussion led by Ron Trowbridge and David Vernon, followed by a question and answer session on "Our Rights, Our Freedom, Our Responsibility".

The students were entertained on Thursday evening by Neal Jeffrey of Dallas, a humorist and motivational speaker. Damon Whaley, 2001 TFB Talent Find Contest winner, provided special entertainment. Damon is an accomplished musician, comedian and impressionist.

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### Engraved bricks pave the way for elementary school lawn project

The Homecoming Committee has kicked off a campaign offering engraved bricks to individuals, groups, clubs, and businesses to help build a sitting area at Munday Elementary School. The area is located at the front of the school building in the area where the new addition meets the original building. Plans include adding lights, benches, and planter boxes. Bricks may be purchased for students currently attending elementary school or entire family names may be put on bricks. Bricks and other items may also be placed in memory of or in honor of someone. Brick sales will begin immediately and continue through September 30.

Brick order forms are available at the High School Administration office, First National Bank, Chamber of Commerce, and Charles Baker Insurance. Cost of the bricks are \$25 for a 4x8 brick. Over 500 engraved bricks are needed to complete the project.

The Homecoming Committee would like to begin laying the bricks in August and hopefully complete the project before Homecoming, September 29.

If you have any questions please contact Kent Josselet, Perry Kuehler, Debbie Pankhurst, or Kerri Urbanczyk.

### American Red Cross to hold Blood Drive

The American Red Cross will be holding a blood drive at the Perry Patton Community Center in Munday, Texas on Monday, June 24th from 2:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.

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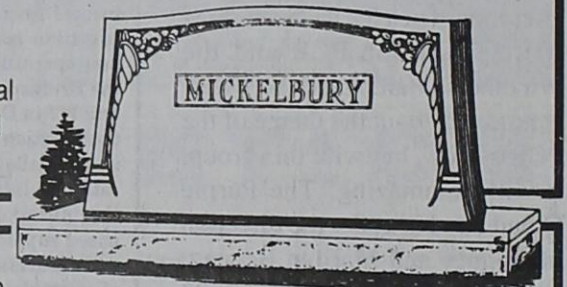
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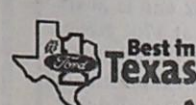


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## Homecoming 2002 to have plenty of entertainment for everyone

One of the attractions of homecoming has always been the great music that is offered. This year will be no exception. The dance music chairperson, Wayne Melton, has been working hard to ensure that everyone enjoys the dances during the homecoming weekend. On Friday, September 27, the Danny Letts Band from Aspermont will be on hand to entice us to do some "boot scootin". The street dance will be held between the First National Bank and Memories of Munday Antique Mall. There will be a concession stand in case you get the munchies and lots of room to dance. The dance will start approximately at 9:00 after the bonfire pep rally. Then on Saturday night, Jake Hooker and the Outsiders of Fort Worth will serenade us with good ole' swing music. The band has recorded a CD and is very well known in Texas. Some Munday folk have heard them and reported that they are fabulous! The dance on Saturday night will be held at the Young Farmer's Barn and will start immediately following the Mogul football game.

As you can see, there will be lots of good music at the dances. But that is not the only place to hear some great tunes. The award winning Purple Cloud Band will be on hand to entertain us with music and marching. The band will perform in the parade on Saturday afternoon. Then the halftime show will feature the PCB and the Windthorst Marching Band. There is no word about the theme of the PCB's show, but with this group, it will be amazing! The Purple Cloud band is under the direction of Rodney and Marilyn Bennett. The drum majors for the 2002 marching season are Cassie Gulley, senior; Jara Gray, junior; and Marti Lowe, junior. Brittany Alexander, senior, will be the fea-

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Justin Ray Key, son of David and Carla Key, made the Dean's list. Key is a freshman at Texas Tech and is majoring in Exercise and Sports Sciences.

Amber J'nae Reed, the daughter of Mark and Pam Reed, is a junior at the University. She was named to the President's List for the Spring 2002 semester. Miss Reed is majoring in Spanish.

Commencement ceremonies for Texas Tech University took place on Saturday, May 11, 2002. Ambra Kay Welch received her Bachelor of Science in Multidisciplinary studies. Miss Welch is the daughter of Larry and Annela Welch.

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**LITTLE LEAGUE CARDINALS.** This year's team members are (back, left) Coach Shawn Cude, Kobie Decker, Ronnie Weeaks, Steven Urbanczyk, Keith Cypert, Trey Bufkin, Coach Terry Bufkin, (front, left) Taylor Stewart, Geoffrey Cude, Calder Cude, Kyler Urbanczyk, and Jermaine Dockins



**LITTLE LEAGUE YANKEES.** (back, left) Cody Reece, Pate Stewart, Leandro Hernandez, Marcus Gonzales, Amanda Bejar (front, left) Louie Bejar, Corey Thomas, Marcie Cherry, and Blanford Paul.

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Pursuant to Section 104.103 of the Texas Utilities Code, TXU Lone Star Pipeline (TXU LSP), a division of TXU Gas Company, hereby gives notice of intent to establish a supplemental firm transportation rate and an interruptible transportation rate designed to recover the costs of constructing and operating a 76.5-mile, 24-inch pipeline extending from the Bridgeport area in Wise County to the junction of Lines W and W7 in Denton County and then in an easterly direction to the junction of Lines D 17-9 and D9 in Collin County, hereinafter called the "Northside Project." The supplemental firm rate and interruptible rate are proposed to be charged upon the initiation of service on the Northside Project. The proposed supplemental firm rate constitutes a major change and will result in an annual increase in the revenues of TXU LSP of approximately \$9.8 million. These revenues will represent an 8% increase in the total revenues of TXU LSP.

The proposed supplemental firm transportation rate will be applicable to all firm transportation customers contracting for capacity on the Northside Project. The only current customer directly affected by the supplemental firm transportation rate will be TXU Gas Distribution. No other customer has agreed to contract for firm capacity on the Northside Project. The supplemental firm rate may, however, indirectly affect all residential and commercial customers served by TXU Gas Distribution in the state of Texas. The supplemental firm rate will be assessed to TXU Gas Distribution for its contracted capacity on the Northside Project in addition to the city gate rate approved in the Railroad Commission of Texas (Commission) Gas Utilities Docket (GUD) No. 8976. The supplemental firm rate may then be passed on to TXU Gas Distribution's residential and commercial customers. If any other transportation customers contract for firm capacity on the Northside Project, those customers may also pay the supplemental firm transportation rate in addition to any other applicable rates charged such customers.

TXU LSP also proposes an interruptible transportation rate for the use of the Northside Project. To the extent that shippers other than firm transportation customers use the Northside Project, they will be charged this interruptible rate. TXU LSP proposes to reduce the proposed supplemental firm transportation rate charged to firm customers on the Northside Project through an annual revenue crediting mechanism based on revenues from the interruptible rate approved in this proceeding.

Construction of the Northside Project is estimated to be completed in approximately 23 months after approval of this rate application. The proposed supplemental firm rate and interruptible rate will be effective on June 4, 2002, but will not be charged until the initiation of service on the Northside Project and will be charged for an initial seven year period. TXU LSP further proposes to reconcile the projected capital costs with those actually incurred and to adjust the supplemental firm transportation rate and interruptible transportation rate accordingly.

A Statement of Intent to make such change has been filed with the Commission in GUD Docket No. 9292 and is available for inspection at the Commission's office at 1701 North Congress, Austin, Texas, and at the offices of TXU LSP at 301 South Harwood, Dallas, Texas. Copies of the Statement of Intent have also been sent to the appropriate city official of each incorporated city served by TXU Gas Distribution. Any affected person may file written comments or a protest concerning the proposed changes in the rates with the Docket Services Section of the Office of General Counsel, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967, at any time on or before June 17, 2002. Any person or agency that has a justiciable or administratively cognizable interest in this proceeding who desires to be designated as a party may petition for leave to intervene and request to become a party to this proceeding. The final date for intervention in this case shall be June 17, 2002.

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EQIP was reauthorized when President George W. Bush signed the bill into law on May 13, 2002. EQIP is a part of the Conservation Provisions section within the new legislation. Although reauthorized, EQIP has undergone a facelift to simplify the administrative concurrence process and improve delivery of the program.

Producers who request EQIP assistance will be able to use program funds in the first year of the conservation contract. Further the program increases total payment amounts to \$450,000 per individual for the life of the new Farm Bill. Changes also include elimination of both the Geographic Priority Areas (GPA's) and "bidding down" process for cost share assistance.

The revised program emphasizes conservation practices relative to livestock production and eliminates animal unit caps on large confined livestock operations.

Of benefit to many producers is the cost share incentive for defined limited resource or beginning farmers and ranchers. Qualified producers may be eligible for up to 90 percent cost share for needed conservation practices. Final rules for qualified producers are pending.

USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NCRS) has administrative and technical responsibility for EQIP. According to Tomas Dominguez, Acting State Conservationist for NRCS in Texas, "EQIP is a voluntary USDA conservation program for farmers and ranchers to treat soil, water, and related natural resource concerns on eligible land. Passage of the new Farm Bill represents not only an agency commitment to conservation, but an opportunity for landowners across Texas to install needed conservation on their lands."

Interested landowners should contact their local representatives for NRCS located in their county USDA Service Center. Applications for the 2002 funding period are being accepted through June 28, 2002. Additional information is available on the USDA Web site at <http://www.usda.gov/farmbill>.

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Also, a public meeting has been scheduled for the handlers of wheat at the Olney, Texas Civic Center in Young County at 7:00 p.m. on July 23, 2002.

The purpose of these meetings is to critique the 2001-2002 crop harvest season activities, identify problem areas, and discuss recommendations for change for the 2002-2003 crop harvest season.

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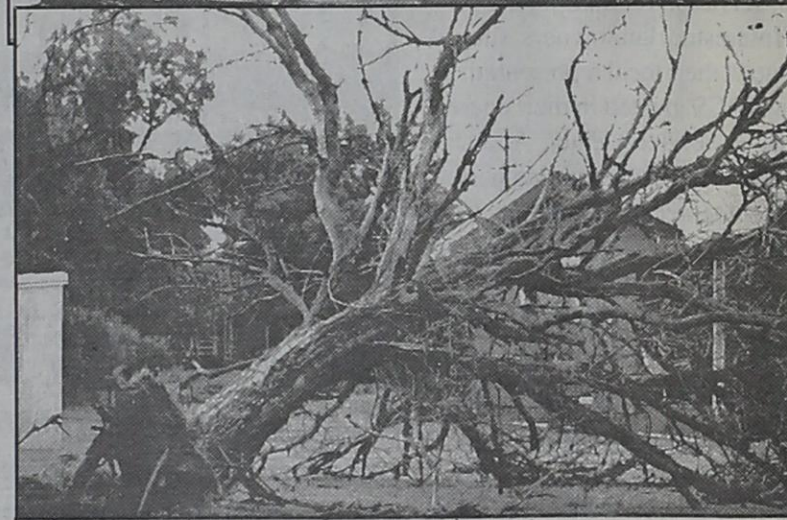
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