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WHITE'S Wagging Tongue

by Cynthia White

During Show and Tell, Jamie was telling the class about her new daddy. "How did your mother meet this delightful man?" asked the teacher.

"One morning our doorbell rang while she was in the bathtub," Jamie explained. "I answered it and this strange man said, 'I'd like to see your mother.' So I let him."

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First Woman: "I've been all over town trying to get something for my husband."

Second Woman: "Had any offers?"

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The grade-school teacher began her life science class with a discussion of wading birds. "The largest, of course, is the stork..." She was interrupted by a giggle, so asked, "What's so funny, Mary?"

"Gosh," the child blushed, "don't you think we're old enough to know there aren't any storks?"

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A lady lion tamer had the beasts under perfect control. At her summons the fiercest lion came meekly to her and took a lump of sugar from her mouth. The crowd marveled - all except one man.

"Anybody can do that," he cried repeatedly.

"Would you like to try it?" asked the ring-master scornfully.

"Certainly," replied the man, "but first get that crazy lion out of there."

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The officer blew his whistle at the lady pedestrian and demanded: "Didn't you see that 'Don't Walk' sign?"

"Oh, yes," she replied, "but I thought it was a bus advertisement."

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A hypochondriac exclaimed to his doctor that he was certain he had a fatal liver disease.

"Nonsense," protested the doctor, "You wouldn't know whether you had that or not. With that particular disease, there's no discomfort of any kind."

"Good heavens!" the alarmed patient gasped. "My symptoms exactly!"

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Some people get lost in thought because it is unfamiliar territory to them.

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"The woman next door has a hat just like the one I bought," the wife wailed.

"And I supposed you want me to buy you another one," her husband replied.

"Well, it would be cheaper than moving."

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A parent asked his son about his final grades.

"Oh, they're under water."

"What?"

"Yeah, you know. Below C level."

wag

Doing nothing is the most tiresome job in the world because you cannot quit and rest.

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School Violence - Could It Happen Here?

The reports and the television film footage causes us to squirm. "What is happening to our kids? Why all the meanness and violence? Could it happen here? Are my kids safe?" These questions race through the minds of parents all across the nation.

And while most rural parents and children have felt safe through the years it seems that school violence is becoming more wide-spread, reaching out its ugly arms to smaller schools. Now it has even caused pain and remorse in non-public religion affiliated classrooms.

Last week students and teachers at Munday High School were shocked and frightened by what turned out to be a false alarm.

On Thursday morning of last week a non-student called her probation officer and informed him that a Munday student had a gun and planned to use it at the Munday campus. Immediately after the phone call the probation officer notified the Munday Police Department who responded to the school in mere moments. There a Munday police officer and high school principal Jim Cearley confronted the young gentleman in question. No weapons were found in his possession nor in his backpack or locker and the student had no idea about the phone call or where the caller obtained the information.

Class room doors were locked as a means for faculty members to monitor their students. "It was a false report but we acted on it immediately and took the proper measures and put safety precautions in place," said Cearley.

"The young man was very responsive to us and knew that we were only looking out for his welfare and the welfare of his fellow students," said Cearley.

According to Superintendent Jerome Hall, "This was a serious situation. It caused a lot of anxiety at the school - with both the faculty and the students." And both Hall and Cearley, like all high school faculty members in the nation, are all too aware of the increase in school violence. "We have steps in place in case there is an incident. Our teachers know the guidelines," says Cearley. "We talk about it quite often in teachers meetings." Cearley's theory is that some students won't come to school if they feel threatened. "We make it as safe as possible but still give them freedom," he says.

But questions still linger as to why students resort to physical violence. Why are they so angry? Is it due to the availability of guns? Have we not taught our children the sanctity of life? Or is it a combination of all these things?

In a recent ABC News investi-



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HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL JIM CEARLEY (far right) bids students a safe Spring Break as they leave the Munday campus last Friday. Cearley believes that authority figures need to be visible and play a key role in school safety. Faculty members of Munday I.S.D. discuss school safety often.

gation kids who claimed to understand the dangers of guns were so seduced by the sight of a fire arm that they seemingly could not resist the urge to handle one. Guns that had been planted and disabled for the experiment seemed to be completely irresistible to the youngsters.

There is also a sense of invulnerability to teen-agers, especially in males. This sense that they are unconquerable translates into recklessness. Teen-age boys also crave attention from their peers and a gun is a symbol of power to them.

Investigations into past school violence events have found that the majority of the guns used in the campus crimes were obtained from the home. While this is a great appeal for gun control and more responsible behavior on the part of gun owning parents, the better answer to the problem still seems to lie in morals that are taught at home.

Students who commit violent acts on campus have all been described as "angry," "loner," "picked-on" and of course, "troubled."

In a perfect world parents would be able to spend quality and quantity time with their children. They would teach them the value of human life and how to treat others. They would instill in their children the fact that "different" is good - not bad or below average - just different from the way that they are. Parents would teach their children that being a bully and physical abuse is not acceptable.

However, this is not a perfect world and there are children who have been cheated out of loving homes or who have been given far too many freedoms at a very young age. There are children who have been taught that they have to be the best and the toughest at all they try to do. There are children who place no value on the feel-

ings of others nor do they realize the damage they can do to other's

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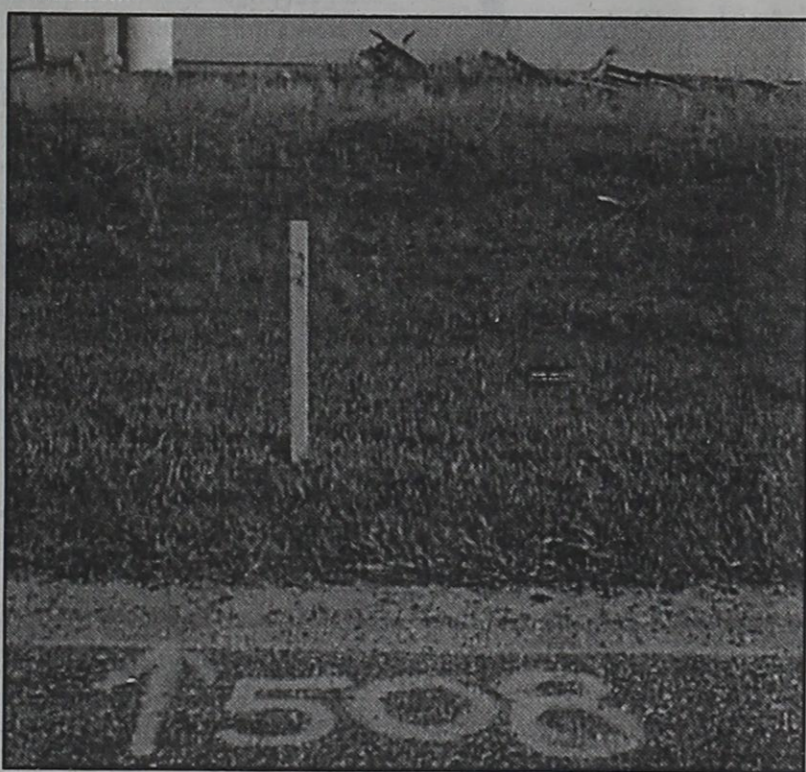
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Red Cross Blood Drive Next Monday

The American Red Cross will be in town next Monday, March 19, 2001, at the Perry Patton Center for their Spring Blood Drive. The time for the drive is set from 2:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Remember, the time is now...the need is real. Your blood donation could make someone else a winner!

For questions or to make an appointment, please contact Brenda Smith at (940) 422-4701.



MARKINGS AND SURVEY POSTS - sure signs of impending construction along Highway 277 outside of Munday.

Texas Department of Transportation to Hold Meeting to Discuss the US 277 Project Status

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will host an informational meeting on April 5, 2001, at the Perry Patton Community Center located at 131 W. Cisco in Munday, Texas. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Right-of-Way (land) acquisition procedure and design details. The public and all interested parties are encouraged to attend this meeting to get acquainted with Trevor Castillo, P.E. with the firm of Kennedy Consultants, Inc. of McKinney, TX who has been retained to perform detailed plan preparation and detailed design for the project and Cheryl Bennett of the firm of Universal Field Services, Inc., who will be performing the duties of Right-of-Way acquisition.

Those citizens with land inter-

ests along or near the new alignment of US 277 are urged to attend. A schematic (or preliminary design) map is available for viewing at the office of Gary Mizer, TxDOT Munday Area Engineer, SH 222 W, during normal business hours.

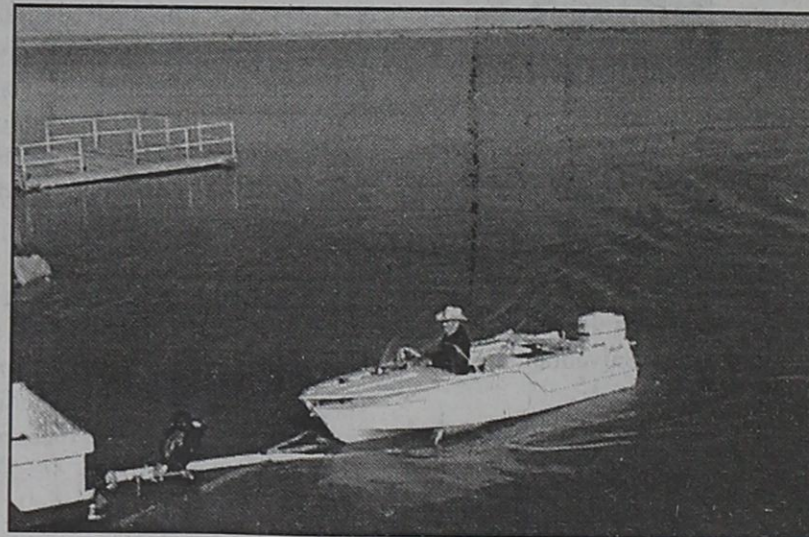
The multi-phase project to convert US 277 into a 4-lane Texas Trunk System route is scheduled for completion across Knox County by 2007.

The first phase to go to construction will be from the south city limits of Munday to the Haskell county line. The project manager for this first phase of design is Mike Hosea of Munday. This phase is scheduled for bidding in July. "We anticipate meeting that schedule and starting construction in the fall," added Hosea.

Miller Creek Water Level Still Rising

The rains of last Thursday, March 8, 2001 helped to increase the water level at Miller Creek Reservoir by some 2.4 feet. Texas A & M Research Station recorded 1.51 inches of rainfall in the Munday area for that date.

As of present time the elevation on the lake is 1324.95. Full elevation is 1334.54. This translates to the lake level being 9.5 feet down. On October 15, 2000 the lake level was down by 18 feet.



SPRING TIME BOATING AT MILLER CREEK

More Candidates File For Election

Two more candidates have filed their application to run for a seat on the Munday Independent School District Board of Directors. Filing last week was Bobby Sosolik. Sosolik is an incumbent whose term will be expiring with the May 5th election. Other candidates who have previously filed their intent to run for places on the School Board are incumbent Judy Lowe and Gregg Sanders. Deadline to file for the election is March 21. Interested persons may file their application at the Superintendent's office next week. The office is closed this week due to Spring Break.

The City of Munday is seeking three person to fill seats on the City Council. The two year terms of Jessie Andrade, Robert Bowen and Stan Decker will expire. Currently all three incumbents have filed their applications at City Hall to run for re-election. Other interested persons may file their candidacy intentions at City Hall.

The Goree I.S.D. is seeking to fill five positions on its' School Board. Those interested in applying may pick up an application this week at the George Cotton home in Goree or may file at the School office next week.



KELLAN REDDER

It's Spring Break! Watch for kids at play!

OPINION

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Calendar of Events

- Mar. 16 - End of Spring Break.
- Mar. 17 - St. Patrick's Day.
- Mar. 18 - Beginning of National Agriculture Week.
- Mar. 19 - Munday VFD.
- Mar. 20 - Lion's Club, National Ag Day.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Mar. 14 - Thomas Hamilton.
- Mar. 16 - Floyd & Rene Reed, Don & Anita Lyne.
- Mar. 17 - Jose Fernandez, Anna Urbanczyk, Nancy Cypert, Sheyenne Merrell.
- Mar. 18 - Salvador Fernandez, Brandy Homstad.
- Mar. 19 - Johnny Urbanczyk.

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Knox County Aging Center

Munday & Goree Menu March 19 thru March 23

Mon. Mar. 19th - Fish with tarter sauce, macaroni & cheese, baked beans, cole slaw, light bread, cobbler.

Wed. Mar 21st - Sliced Trukey with gravy, mashed potatoes, seasoned sweet peas, apple celery salad, hot rolls, dessert.

Fri. Mar. 23rd - Bar-b-que chicken, potato salad, navy beans, buttered spinach, cornbread, cookies.

If you plan to join the group at Munday, call Louise Fruewirth 422-4191. At Forcee, 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

Last week we defined some tax-related terms and explained that excess taxes collected belong to the taxpayer not the tax collector. We also described how tax rate cuts increase revenue. This week we'll continue the discussion of how tax issues affect both taxpayers and the economy.

•High tax rates kill incentive. Recent history (the economy after World War II) teaches us that in the long-term, high tax rates tend to both drain and slow the economy. The only thing more harmful than high tax rates is high progressive tax rates.

Follow me with this example. Take two professional baseball players. Both earn \$1 million per year. One is paid a bonus for each homerun he hits over 30. He gets \$10,000 extra per homerun up to 40, \$20,000 per homerun up to 50, and \$50,000 for each homerun above 50. Which player has the most incentive to excel?

A progressive tax rate works in exactly the opposite way. The more you earn the more you're forced to give back. The harder you work the less you get to keep. This is "disincentive."

In a fair tax system, people who earn more should pay more. If you earn twice as much as I do, you should pay twice as much in income tax. If you earn 10 times as much as I, you should pay 10 times as much tax.

However, with our current progressive system it doesn't work that way. If I earn \$100,000, I will pay approximately \$22,000 in income taxes if we ignore deductions and exemptions. If you earn \$1 million, you'll pay nearly \$368,000 or almost 17 times as much tax because of progressive tax rates both unfair and demotivating.

• This is better than a tax cut. Is there anything that could be better for a healthy economy than a tax rate cut? Yes, and it would be good in slow economic times, too. What is this magic elixir? Good stewardship.

I've had the opportunity to observe the business practices of a good number of Federal, State and local government agencies. The inefficiencies and waste are discouraging. While there are some exceptions, for the most part incompetence is rewarded and mediocrity is encouraged.

Instead of seeking efficiencies, the push is to make sure you use all your funds this year so you will get at least as much next year. Most ask for more.

While I'm proud to be an American, and willing to pay my fair share of the taxes, I'd be just as proud to pay a lot less. And, in my opinion, we could easily cut government spending if the system were designed to reward superior performance and reduce waste.

I believe we can apply good business practice to government operations. It could work like this.

An office has a \$1 million annual budget. There are 10 employees and their wages and benefits make up one half of the budget.

They are given this incentive: "For every dollar you can cut out of your budget, we'll give you 50 cents back in your paycheck." They get real creative and budget conscious. They watch their travel, eliminate some frills and focus on results. Without reducing the level of service they manage to cut 10 percent out of their budget. Half of the 10 percent (\$50,000) goes back to the taxpayer and half (\$50,000) goes to the agency employees. Each employee receives a \$5,000 per year raise.

I'm sure there are some doubting Thomas's even among you readers. But I'd bet my taxes this year it would work if our Congress had the guts to try it.

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

Capitol Highlights

State employee numbers up compared to last year

By Mike Cox
Texas Press Association

AUSTIN—Public relations practitioners and lobby groups continue to spin issues de jour, but the 77th Legislature continues to be primarily about passing a state budget. A big part of that is figuring a way to pay for Medicare increases, giving teachers state-paid insurance and funding existing programs.

A sub issue is privacy, which is getting a fair amount of attention. As soon as census data is released, lawmakers will be spending more and more of their time on redistricting.

No layoffs in state government

How big is your state government? The latest quarterly report from the State Auditor's Office on what government and business types refer to as FTEs (Full Time Equivalents) shows 273,231 FTEs on the state payroll.

Of course, an FTE may not be a real person. One FTE might be two real people, each of them working half-time on a 40-hour job. The real numbers, then, are 244,944 full-time workers and 74,706 part-time state employees. For every 14 and slightly less than a half employee, there is one manager.

These numbers are up 3.37 percent from the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2000. The auditor's office based its numbers on reports submitted by 212 state agencies and institutions of higher learning.

Lights, camera, action

One very small state agency, the Texas Film Commission, has had a very big impact on the state's economy during the last nine years. The commission says 442 movie and television projects completed in Texas since 1991 stimulated the state's economy to the extent of \$2.2 billion.

For the trivia buff, more than 1,000 projects have

been filmed in Texas since 1910. The state has 10 permanent sets available to Hollywood, from the venerable Alamo Village near Brackettville to The Grove, a typical Texas town in Bell County.

At the Indian Cliffs Ranch near El Paso, where the movie "Courage Under Fire" was filmed, helicopters, tanks and army trucks are available to film producers.

Clean those boots

Cattle raisers and wildlife biologists say an outbreak of hoof and mouth disease in Texas would be disastrous. So far, there is no indication that the epidemic raging in Great Britain has made it across the ocean, but animal experts say Texans need to be careful.

"If you've traveled internationally," said Dr. Linda Logan of the Texas Animal Health Commission, "don't risk carrying the disease home to your herd. Disinfect your boots before working with your livestock."

Those who feed waste food to swine should be careful to see that all scraps are well cooked, she said. Logan also suggested that producers limit traffic and visitors onto their property and keep new livestock isolated for several days before turning them out into the rest of the herd.

An outbreak in the U.S., something that has not happened since 1929, could cost millions. It could kill deer and other cloven-hoofed animals as well livestock.

"An outbreak costs a country millions of dollars to fight, and thousands of animals can be lost," Logan said. "Additionally, livestock markets must be closed to prevent spread of infection, dairies may not be able to operate, and transportation of livestock must cease."

National Agriculture Week in Texas

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Recognition Bestowed Upon Farmers and Ranchers Through National Agriculture Week

Many of us mark important dates such as birthdays and anniversaries. But here's one that's probably not on your calendar - and it should be. It's National Ag Day and Week, when America's farmers and ranchers are recognized for their invaluable contribution to our daily lives. National Ag Day is March 20. This year National Agriculture Week is March 18 - 24.

National Agriculture Week honors the men and women involved in agriculture across the nation. It's an opportunity for us to show our appreciation for our farmers and ranchers and to acknowledge the increasingly important role agriculture plays in the lives of consumers.

Agriculture touches the lives of each and every one of us in ways no other industry can. But in today's urban society, many consumers are becoming so far removed from the agricultural process that they often take it for granted. Whether reaching into their closets for a fresh cotton shirt, or into the refrigerator for milk, juice, or eggs - most consumers are confident the items they reach for will be there.

Most folks are not aware that agriculture products are used to make crayons as well as cosmetics. And they may not know that just about everything else they use, from soap, mouthwash and shaving cream, to the asphalt they drive on - all start on the farm. That's why it's crucial that we increase consumer awareness and teach consumers about agriculture and the impact it has on their lives.

One reason why agriculture is taken for granted is that the dependability of our food and fiber sources is rarely in question. At least 20 percent of the country's workforce is employed in the agricultural industry. That means more than 22 million people have one of the many thousands of jobs in agriculture, whether it involves the selling and trading of food and fiber, or marketing, producing, processing or transporting it.

American farmers play a huge role in feeding the rest of the world as well. Last year, U.S. agricultural exports exceeded \$50 billion. As one of the nation's major exporters of agricultural products, Texas ranks 6th in the value of its agricultural exports with \$2.5 billion in 1999, creating 39,000 jobs in the state. And, the Texas grain industry figures prominently in those numbers. Texas exported almost \$500 million worth of grain products in 1999 and the economic impact of the food and feed grain industry to the Texas economy is more than \$2.6 billion.

Through good times and bad, America's farmers and ranchers continue to provide consumers with an abundant supply of safe food at bargain prices and with a quality that is second-to-none.

Agriculture continues to reach out to consumers and to change with the times. New research is constantly producing better tasting and longer lasting fruits and vegetables, and foods like pork and beef have become leaner over the years to appeal to health conscious consumers. And many of the products we use are being made with convenience in mind as lifestyles move at a faster pace. We can be proud the agricultural community is doing a great job keeping up with the changing tastes and lifestyles of consumers.

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs invites you to join her in a salute to Texas farmers and ranchers, March 18 to 24. Whether you produce the food and fiber, or just buy them, you can take pride in Texas agriculture.

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Munday Elementary Staff Members Rehired for 2001- 2002 School Year

The Munday ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session on Thursday, March 9, 2001 at the Administration Building. Items on the agenda included approval of previous minutes, payment of all bills, and investment report, board of trustee certification of textbooks, and amendment to the budget, and personnel items.

The Board of Trustees approved the list of conforming and nonconforming textbooks. These are state-adopted textbooks from which local teachers will select the textbooks that are used in their classrooms. Included in this year's adoption are English, Language Arts, and Reading books for the elementary and high school.

The budget amendment was the budget additional state money provided for the Accelerated Reading Program at the elementary school. This is a state program designed to insure that all students are read-

ing on grade level by the fourth grade. The money is used to pay salaries of teachers who provide additional instruction in reading to students who are not on grade level or who have some difficulty in reading. This program is a before school or after school program.

In personnel items, all staff members at the elementary were rehired for the 2001-2002 school years. At the high school, the contract of Tifnee McNeill was not renewed. Kim Bowman was hired as Technology Coordinator and some of the technology courses will be consolidated. The board approved proposed nonrenewal of the contract of Ralph Klunkerman. All other high school personnel were rehired for the 2001-2002 school year.

The next regular scheduled board meeting is April 12, 2001. ***

VRJC Schedules Wordperfect I and Texas Safe Boating Courses

The Division of Workforce & Continuing Education at VRJC has once again scheduled a computer course entitled **Wordperfect I**. The course teaches the preparation of documents using basic word processing commands for formatting, editing, printing, and managing files.

The course is scheduled to meet from 6 until 10 p.m. on Thursdays beginning March 29 and ending April 5. Instructor for this course will be James Graham and the fee will be \$30.00 plus a book.

A course entitled **Texas Safe Boating** will be offered at Vernon Regional Junior College by the Division of Workforce & Continuing Education. This state approved course will cover choosing of boats, and the legal requirements and regulations of boating. Persons 13 - 16 are required to take this course before operating a personal motor boat over 15 horsepower or the popular jet ski. The duties and responsibilities of the boat operator will be discussed. Safety will be the primary focus.

This course is scheduled to meet from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Monday & Tuesday, April 2 & 3; in-

structed by Don Taylor. Registration fee is \$10.00 payable to Texas Parks & Wildlife and will be held at VRJC, 4400 College Drive in Vernon.

For further information or registration forms, contact the VRJC Continuing Education Office at (940) 552-6291. Preregistration is advised. ***

Sagerton Hee-Haw Tickets to Go On Sale March 16

The 31st Sagerton Hee-Haw will have something the previous years have not had - a fourth performance.

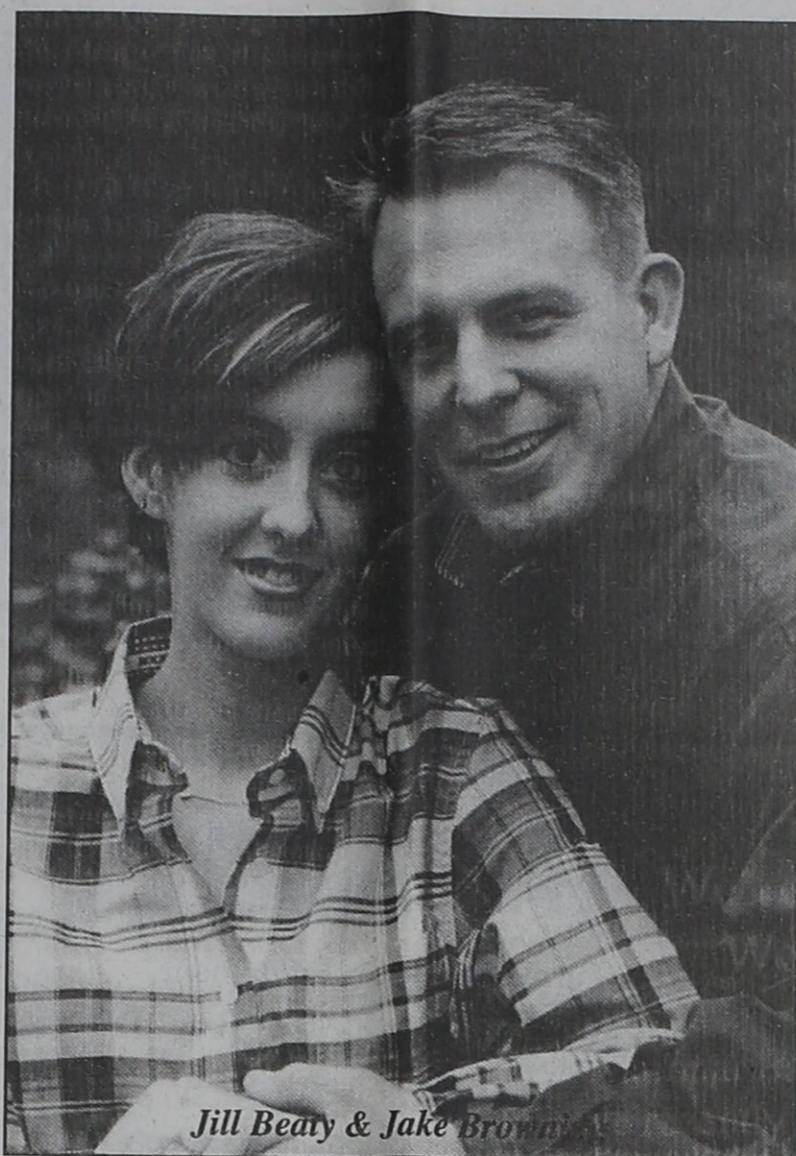
This year's music and comedy extravaganza will be March 29-31 with performances nightly - plus a Saturday afternoon matinee.

Tickets will go on sale at 3 p.m. on Friday, March 16, at the Sagerton Community Center, which will also be the location for the Hee-Haw. Tickets are \$4.

As in past years, Thursday night will be Senior Citizen Night and the Saturday matinee will serve primarily as a show for Thursday's night overflow crowd.

Sandwiches will be served Thursday night and Saturday afternoon. A plate lunch is planned for Friday and Saturday nights.

The cafeteria opens at 5:30 p.m. nightly; auditorium doors open at 7 p.m.; and the show begins at 8 p.m. On Saturday afternoon, the cafeteria opens at noon and the performance begins at 1:30 p.m. ***



Jill Beaty & Jake Browning

Courtesy Photo

Beaty and Browning Plan June Wedding

Gary & Jan Beaty of Lubbock, Texas are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Jill Beaty to Jake Browning. Jill is the granddaughter of Allene Beaty of Munday and Ruby Myers-Kiser of Munday. The groom-elect's parents are Belinda Browning & George Browning. The couple plans to have a June wedding in Lubbock. ***

Knox County Schedules Parenting Fair for April 17

The Knox County Extension Family & Consumer Sciences Committee will be conducting a "Parenting Fair" on Tuesday, April 17 from 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. at the Knox City High School Gym. The event is free of charge and everyone is invited to attend. Door prizes will be given throughout the evening.

Purpose of the fair is to provide parents wit information regarding services and products available for their use in raising children. The fair will also provide individuals, organizations, and companies an opportunity to promote their products and services.

There is still booth space available for exhibitors. If you would be interested in participating, please contact Jane Rowan at the Knox County Extension office, (940)0454-2651, for more information.

Educational programs of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin. Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service or accommodation in order to participate in a meeting or program are encouraged to contact the Knox County Extension office at (940) 454-2651. ***

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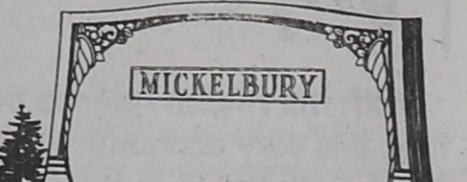
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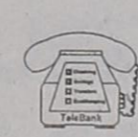



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Comptroller Rylander Kicks Off Fifth Annual Texas Tomorrow Fund Poster Contest

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander invited Texas elementary school and middle/junior high school students to send her a drawing depicting "What I Want to Be After College" for a chance to win Texas Tomorrow Fund scholarships sponsored by Belo Corp., Farmers Insurance Group, Intel Corp. and Fannie Mae.

"Today I am kicking off the fifth annual Texas Tomorrow Fund Poster Contest," Comptroller Rylander said. "This annual competition attract thousands of entries from children all over Texas. Six lucky kids will win Texas Tomorrow Fund scholarships that will guarantee that their tuition and required fees will be fully paid when they are ready for college."

The Texas Tomorrow Fund Poster Contest is open to all Texas students enrolled in elementary or middle/junior high school. The grand-prize winner from the elementary school category and the grand-prize winner from the middle/junior high school category will each receive a four-year Texas Tomorrow Fund scholarship sponsored by Belo Corp. and Farmers Insurance Group.

This year, a third grand prize, the four-year Intel Math, Science, Engineering and Technology (IMSET) Scholarship, will be awarded to an elementary or middle/junior high school student whose contest entry depicts a career in a technical or scientific field. To be eligible for the Intel scholarship, contestants must mark a box on the contest entry form to indicate that they want their drawing to be judged in the IMSET category.

Three runners up in the Texas Tomorrow Fund Poster Contest will receive one-year community college scholarships sponsored by Fannie Mae.

To enter, send a drawing depicting "What I Want To Be After College" to:

College Scholarship Poster Contest
Texas Tomorrow Fund
Comptroller of Public Accounts
P.O. Box 13407

Austin, Texas 78711-3407

The entry deadline is Monday, April 9, 2001. Winners will be announced during the week of April 23, 2001. For complete contest rules and a entry/parental consent form, go to the Texas Tomorrow Fund Web site at www.texastomorrowfund.org. Contest rules and entry forms are also available from local schools and libraries.

The Texas Tomorrow Fund allows families to set up a flexible, affordable plan to prepay their children's college tuition and required fees at today's prices. For as little as \$33 a month, parents or grandparents of a newborn can prepay for two years of community college. As little as \$129 a month covers tuition and fees for four years at a Texas public college or university for today's newborn. When the child is ready for college, the state guarantees to cover those costs, no matter how much they may have risen.

"Nothing is more important than education," Comptroller Rylander said. "Twenty-five percent of the jobs in our new Texas economy require a bachelor's degree, at a minimum. The Texas Tomorrow

Fund Poster Contest encourages kids to envision the career they want and think about the education and training they will need to make their dreams come true.

"I applaud Belo Corp., Farmers Insurance Group, Intel Corp. and Fannie Mae for helping put children on the road to a bright future by sponsoring Texas Tomorrow Fund scholarships for the poster contest winners," Comptroller Rylander said.

The current Texas Tomorrow Fund enrollment period ends May 25. For more information about the program or to enroll online, visit the Texas Tomorrow Fund Web site at www.texastomorrowfund.org or call 1-800-445-GRAD (4723).

Big Country Home Educators Sponsor Free Workshops

The Big Country Home Educators is sponsoring free home school workshops on Saturday, March 31st, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The speakers will be Tim Lambert, president of Texas Home School Coalition, and his wife Lyndsay.

- Schedule of workshops:
- 9-10 Getting Started
 - 10-11 Texas Home Schoolers and the Law
 - 11-12, Home Schooling - the Good, the Bad, and the Ugly
 - 12-1 Lunch Break - you may bring a sack lunch and visit with the Lamberts
 - 1-2 What Comes After the Graduation?
 - 2-3 Keeping Peace at Home
 - 3-4 Courtship from a Father's Perspective

The workshops will be held at the Beltway Park Baptist Church, 4009 Beltway South (707) across from Wylie Middle School.

These workshops are FREE and open to anyone interested in home schooling. You may attend all or any of the workshops of your choosing. For more information, call 695-2166.

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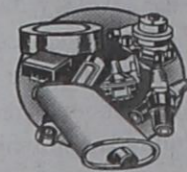
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Two To Compete In Pre-Teen Pageant

Spring Break will find two Munday youths in Waco, Texas for the National Pre-Teen Program.

Kayla Upton and Whitney Sanders, both 5th graders at Munday Elementary School, are scheduled to compete in the Miss Texas National Pre-Teen Program.

To qualify for the pageant girls born between January 2, 1988 and December 31, 1992 had to complete the application and acquire sponsorship for the program. Criteria included grades, achieve-

ments, and activities.

The program takes place March 16 - 18, 2001, at the Holiday Inn and Waco Convention Center in Waco, Texas.

Judging criteria includes academics and achievements, personal interview, poise and presentation in gown, and personality projection.

Sanders and Upton will also be competing in the sports wear, talent, and photogenic competitions at the program.



Whitney Sanders



Kayla Upton

Munday Senior Receives Scholarship From Fan

(The following letter was sent to Munday High School Basketball Coach Ralph Klinkerman after the sectional finals in Fort Worth, Texas.)

Coach Klinkerman,

Out of all the teams at the Sectionals I got to meet so many people from Munday. I handed out school passes, etc. As your team passed by the table I got them to sign a program. You see Munday is my favorite team.

Also I got to meet #21, Alan Al-

bus, his Dad and his grandparents. He seemed like such a good kid. I had no idea about his eyes. I wouldn't have noticed had his Dad not told me. Any way, I would like to give him a small scholarship for graduation if possible.

I also would like a group picture of your team please. In closing I hope to see your team back here next year.

Sincerely,
Ed Morelock

"Violence"...

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emotions and life situations. There are children who have no respect for authority, for other people's property, and virtually no respect for themselves. Now society is left having to cope and left trying to pick up the pieces of the damage that has been caused and will be caused.

Are rural schools ready? Hopefully, yes. Threats are being taken more seriously - as was evidenced last Thursday in Munday. Around the nation schools are becoming more quick to react.

In Perris, California, only 90 minutes from the Santana High School violence of a few weeks earlier, 4 teens were overheard discussing their desire to commit murder. Deputies were called in to investigate and found a knife in the back-pack of one of the students and guns at his home. In Little Rock, Arkansas students at Bryant High School were locked in their classrooms after a note containing a threat to a faculty member was found.

In many cases increased concern has paid off. According to Munday High School principal Jim Cearley, "Visibility is important. I walked the halls all day last Thursday, but then I'm nearly always in the halls anyway." And teachers are taught to be alert.

Teachers and parents can watch for certain warning signs in their youngsters. Poor coping skills, signs of depression, drug and alcohol abuse, alienation, narcissism, inappropriate humor, and abuse to other siblings or animals should be watched carefully. Parents should encourage their children to talk to them and should report any and all suspicions to authorities.

FRIGHTENING STATISTICS

In a poll conducted in 1999 researchers found that:

1 in 5 high schoolers said they knew a student who had brought a gun to school. 83% of them did not report it to an adult.

54% of students surveyed said it would be easy for them to get a gun. One-half of those said there are guns at home.

67% said it would be easy for them to get information on how to make bombs.

One-third of the students surveyed had heard a classmate threaten to kill someone. 78% of them never reported it. 5% said someone had threatened to kill them.

1 in 5 report classmates at their school are considered to be neo-Nazis or skinheads. Parents are less likely to know about it.

Are we ready? No, no one could ever be ready. But, yes, preparations are in place and precautions have been dealt with. Now it's up to the adult population of the world to teach our children right from wrong, monitor their activities, and place fire-arms under lock and key.

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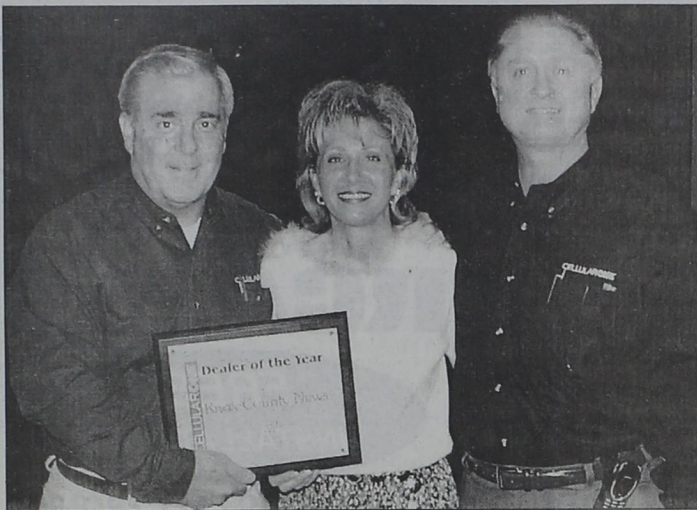
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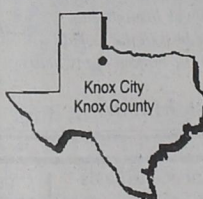
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Watching ice melt and water vaporize by increasing the temperature would not surprise anybody. Watching the nucleus of an atom transform from solid to liquid to gas is less common but is now possible.

To study how nuclei undergo changes from solid to liquid to gas, Texas A&M University scientists smash atomic nuclei together in an on-site accelerator, the Cyclotron. The two nuclei mix together, creating a very hot intermediate state where some nuclei are liquified and others are vaporized.

"We are talking about two things colliding, mixing for a very short period of time, and breaking up, and then we see the pieces of that," says Sherry Yennello, associate professor of chemistry at Texas A&M.

"The phase transition exists only for less than a billionth of a billionth of a second," Yennello says. To study the fragments of the collision Texas A&M physicists have built a detector called NIMROD.

"With the NIMROD detector, we can study all of the charge fragments that are emitted in the reaction," says Joseph Natowitz, professor of chemistry at Texas A&M and director of the Cyclotron Institute.

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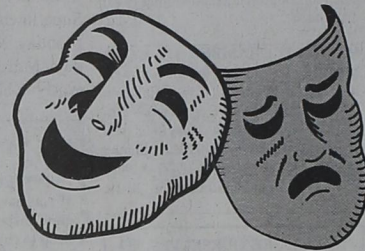
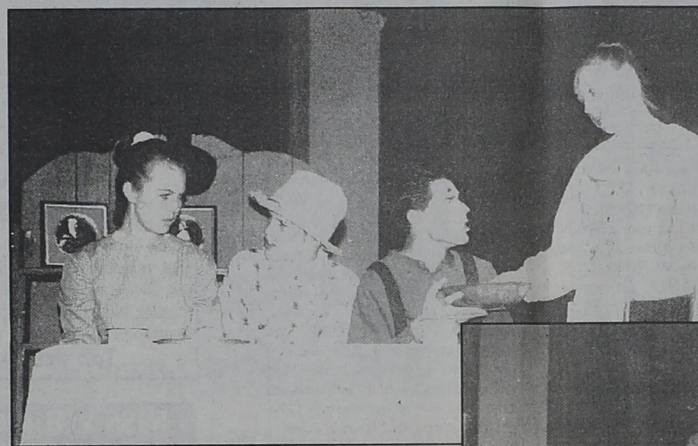
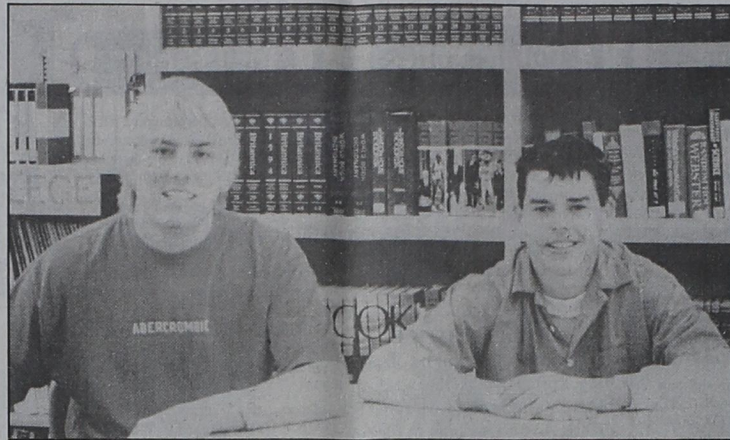
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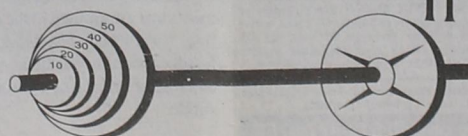
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