



Guess who's
getting married?!
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Mogulettes in action
Munday H.S. Gym
Saturday afternoon,
2:00 p.m.



Guess who's been
married 60 years?!
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WHITE'S

Wagging Tongue

by Cynthia
White

My friend's job as a land surveyor took him to a golf course that was expanding from 9 holes to 18 holes. Using a machete to clear thick brush in an area he was mapping, he came upon a golf club that an irate player must have tossed away. It was in good condition, so he picked it up and continued on.

When he broke out of the brush onto a putting green, two golfers stared at him in awe. He had a machete in one hand, a golf club in the other, and behind him was a clear-cut swath over 100 yards long.

"There," said one of the golfers, "is a guy who hates to lose his ball!"

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After Jay and I had a huge argument, we ended up not talking to each other for days.

Finally, on the third day, he asked where one of his shirts was. "Oh," I said, "So now you're speaking to me."

He looked confused, "What are you talking about?"

"Haven't you noticed I haven't spoken to you for three days?" I challenged.

"No," he said, "I just thought we were getting along."

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Thanks to Anita Russell from Belton, Texas:

The children had all been photographed, and the teacher was trying to persuade them each to buy a copy of the group picture.

"Just think how nice it will be to look at it when you are all grownup and say, 'There's Jennifer, she's a lawyer,' or 'That's Michael. He's a doctor.'"

A small voice at the back of the room rang out, "And there's the teacher. She's dead."

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Working as a pediatric nurse, a woman had the difficult assignment of giving immunization shots to children. One day she entered the examining room to give four-year-old Lizzie her shot.

"NO! NO! NO!" she screamed.

"Lizzie," her mother scolded.

"That's not polite behavior."

At that, the girl yelled even louder, "NO, THANK YOU! NO, THANK YOU! NO, THANK YOU!"

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A three-year-old went with his dad to see a litter of kittens. On returning home, he breathlessly informed his mother that there were two boy kittens and two girl kittens.

"How did you know?" his mother asked.

"Daddy picked them up and looked underneath," he replied. "I think it's printed on the bottom."

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Knox County Historical Commission leads way for Veteran's Day celebration

Under chilly but clear skies the Knox County Historical Commission held its annual Veteran's Day Program at the Knox County Veteran's Memorial on Monday of this week.

Providing music for the event was the Purple Cloud Band from Munday with Charles Baker serving as Master of Ceremonies.

Providing a welcome to the gathered crowd was newly appointed County Judge Greg Clonts. Benjamin 4th and 5th grade students led the Pledge of Allegiance and Representative David Counts rendered a short but stirring speech.

Placing a wreath on the memorial was Mrs. Manuela Rios of Knox City. Mrs Rios son, Paul Rios, Jr., was killed in action in Viet Nam on May 25, 1970.

Following the ceremonies the Historical Commission hosted a hamburger dinner. The event served as a fundraiser for the organization.

Along with the dinner the group had a display of war memorabilia set up inside the Knox County Courthouse.



Munday Moguls fall to Knox City 34 to 19 in district championship

Munday jumped on Knox City on the first offensive play of the night and scored as Jeffrey Urbanczyk out raced and ran over the Greyhounds for 73 yards on his way to the end-zone. Toliver added the PAT and with less than half a minute gone in

the district 9A championship game, Munday lead 7 zip.

The Moguls showed their intent on the kickoff as Jerome Flye laid the wood to Knox City's Quentin Spells on the return. On the first offensive play by the Greyhounds, quarterback

Sedric Roberson's pitch to Dominique Collier went awry and Knox City found themselves punting from their own 20. Munday's Dustin Flye showed speed and poise as he returned the punt to the Greyhound 43 where Munday would begin in

excellent field position. Munday advanced the ball to the Knox City 35 where Flye fumbled the football over on a fourth and two attempt.

Knox City ground out a 14 play drive starting on their own 38 and Roberson took it in from the 4 with only 22 seconds left in the first. Munday's next drive went 3 and out and Knox City mounted another ball control drive capped with another Roberson score from 2 yards out. Munday, trailing by 7 got the football on the Greyhound 44 before a Brandon Urbanczyk fumble gave it back to the opportunistic Knox City defense. This time the 'Hounds wasted no time as Roberson broke a big gainer to the Munday 6. Roberson ran straight ahead for 2 more and a Mogul penalty advanced the football to the 2 before Scooter Thompson crashed over from the 2 for another score. Collier's kick gave the 'Hounds a 14 point advantage, but the Moguls were not through yet.

On the next series Jeffery Toliver showcased the Mogul air attack hitting Brandon Urbanczyk for 15 yards, Jr.

Sanchez for 17 yards and Justin Josselett for 8 yards and a touchdown to bring Munday back to within 8. The PAT kick missed but Munday inched closer at 21 to 13.

Knox City answered the score with a pass of their own, a 54 yard touchdown pass from Roberson to Kendrick Green who took advantage of blown coverage in the Mogul secondary to add an easy score to the KC total.

With less than a minute left in the half, Jerome Flye took the kick at the Mogul 4 and bulled up to the 24 to set the Moguls up for another shot before the break. This time Toliver hit Josh Myers for 14 after a Dustin Flye 16 yard run. Myers was subbing for injured Mogul Jeffrey Urbanczyk who left the game early after a big game saving hit on Collier early in the first. Urbanczyk did not return to the game with speculation that there might be a pinched nerve in his back.

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BRANDON URBANCZYK, Mogul #25, struggles to keep possession of the football against a pack of Greyhounds.

OPINION

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Nov. 14 - School Board Meeting, Anson Basketball Tourn. JVG.

Nov. 15 - Aspermont High School Basketball 4 games starts 4:00p.m.

Nov. 18 - Munday VFD, JHG (away) 5:00, JHB (here) 5:00.

Nov. 19 - Lions Club Meeting, Throckmorton (away) - 4 games - 4:00.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Nov. 14 - Kayla Upton.

Nov. 15 - Brian Urbanczyk, Andrea Hunter, Mr. & Mrs. Tery Bufkin, Ronnie Urbanczyk.

Nov. 17 - Betty Tidwell, Bryan Clark Nix, Katie Myers, Ronnie Brown, Crystella Raynes.

Nov. 18 - Aaron Cypert.

Nov. 19 - Curt Groves, Mr. & Mrs. Wendell Partridge, Brandon Sue.

Knox County Aging Center

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Mon., Wed., & Fri.
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Tues. & Thurs.

Nov. 18 thru Nov. 22

Mon, Nov. 18th - Fish w/ tartar sauce, baked beans, buttered potatoes, cole slaw, hush puppies, pineapple crunch.

Tues, Nov. 19th - Bar-B-Q on a bun, fried okra, potato salad, relish, onion, pickles, dessert.

Wed, Nov. 20th - Chicken fried steak w/gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, squash casserole, hot rolls, cake.

Thur, Nov. 21st - Beef spaghetti, corn on the cob, green salad, batter bread, cobbler.

Fri, Nov. 22nd - Baked chicken, buttered noodles, sweet peas, salad, hot rolls, cobbler.

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 Nietenhoefer

"What was most significant about the lunar voyage Was not that man set foot on the moon But that they set eye on the earth."--Norman Cousins

The mention of Iraq--or North Korea--or Iran causes apprehension in many when they consider the possible effects of ill-planned actions by such rogue countries. There is talk of a pre-emptive strike against Iraq in order to thwart its effort in building and using weapons of mass destruction. Recently, North Korea admitted that it, too, had been developing nuclear weapons. Who's next?

Rep. Dana Rohrabacher of California, chairman of the House Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, warns us about a much greater danger than even Iraq or North Korea could possibly pose--KILLER ASTEROIDS.

You heard right--killer asteroids that zoom near the earth on a regular basis. For instance, The Wall Street Journal recently reported that a "near-earth object" (NEO) barely missed the earth back in June of this year. It turned out to be an asteroid the size of a football field weighing in at about 600,000 tons, hurtling through space at a relative speed of 24,000 miles per hour and missing the earth by only 71,000 miles. (Now, folks, by space standards, that's only a hair.)

Designated as "2002MN", had this baby collided with us, it would have generated an explosive force equal to that of a hydrogen bomb. Poor Saddam. He would've gotten the blame and even France would have joined our attack on him. (Maybe even the U.N. would have awakened from its stupor.)

Other near misses? Asteroid 1994XM1 missed us by 63,000 miles in 1994--asteroid 1999 VP11 missed us by 12,500 miles in 1999--asteroid 1950 DA barely missed us in 1950 and IT'S COMING BACK. Possible result: a DIRECT HIT.

That's the bad news. Here's worse news: There are approximately 46 comets and about 2,000 additional asteroids roaming around the universe

just looking for a place to play smash-mouth football. As a matter of fact, according to The Wall Street Journal, dust and small rocks enter our atmosphere continually--(shooting stars.) Rocks the size of a car hit our atmosphere about twice a month--exploding high in the atmosphere with the force of a small atomic bomb. The size of a blue whale--every few centuries (shock wave traveling 100 miles). The size of The Titanic--every few hundred centuries (a tsunami, if it hit an ocean). A half mile wide--a few every million years (a regional calamity.) One mile wide--every million years (world-wide calamity.) Three miles wide--every ten million years (human extinction.) It's believed that one of these babies wiped out the dinosaurs.

What to do? Remember the movie "Deep Impact"? An asteroid heading straight for the earth was diverted at the last second by utilizing a bomb to change its course. Well, that exactly what NASA will be doing in the future--determining how to divert the course of errant hunks of rock. (In January 2004, for instance, NASA will launch its Deep Impact probe into space and fire a projectile into an asteroid to study its interior so earthlings can be more effective in diverting these hunks in the future.)

The good news? Remember I mentioned that asteroid 1950 DA is coming back and may make Saddam seem insignificant? Although it's currently 138 million miles away, it will probably hit the earth. In the year 2880.

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Capitol Highlights

Tidal change washes over Texas politics

By Mike Cox
Texas Press Association

AUSTIN — As the election results came in last week and it quickly became apparent that all the Republicans on the statewide ticket were winning big, a retired librarian remembered her days as a teenage reporter in Sweetwater shortly after World War II.

She had been dispatched by her editor to the old Bluebonnet Hotel to interview three visitors to town — Republicans.

The trio, then about as welcome in rural Texas as union organizers, had come to Nolan County to see if there was any interest in organizing a local Republican party.

"From what I'd always heard and read about Republicans," she remembered, "I was a little scared." One of them later complimented her father, the local Chamber of Commerce manager, on her politeness in listening to their case and her fairness in writing about it.

Back then, Republicans in Texas were as scarce as pine trees in Monahans.

Many Texans had heard from their parents or grandparents about the near-despotic reign of Reconstruction era Republic Gov. E.J. Davis in the early 1870s and they figured Republicans were still not to be trusted.

Not until Ronald Reagan went to the White House in 1980 did Texans begin voting for Republicans in any significant numbers. Eventually, the tidal change was so powerful that Democrats began announcing their conversion to the Republican side of politics like so many saved souls at a brush arbor revival.

Given the results from the 2002 mid-term elections, it now seems as if it's the Democrats who are in short supply in the Lone Star state. More than 2 million of them did vote for John Sharp in his race for lieutenant governor, but 2.3 million Republicans voted for his opponent, David Dewhurst.

The race for Lt. gov. attracted more Democratic votes than for any other Democrat statewide officer seeker on the ballot. Sharp got 46 percent of the vote.

Republican Carole Keeton Rylander got 64.21 percent of the vote in her successful bid to continue as comptroller. (And Democrat Marty Akins, running against her, got the lowest percentage of any of the Democratic candidates, 32.8.)

Laredo oil millionaire Tony Sanchez didn't break the 2 million mark in his effort to unseat Gov. Rick

Perry, but he spent more than 30 times that many million in his unsuccessful bid.

"Talk about Texas values," one old time Texan said the day after. "What's Texas coming to when \$70 million won't buy the Governor's Mansion?"

Even some Democrats were taken aback by Sanchez' "I'm not conceding" speech, delivered in time for Austin and other big TV market newscasts Nov. 5.

A smiling Sanchez, clearly already defeated, said he was going to continue to give Perry "hell" and later repeated it, comparing the contest to 1948. (That was a reference to the famous "Dewey Defeats Truman" newspaper headline, not to the 1948 Senate race that made Lyndon Johnson a U.S. senator.) With only a couple hundred of 8,554 precincts counted, Perry had received 57.88 percent of the vote to Sanchez' 39.92 percent.

So what happened? Clearly, the name "Bush" continues to have political clout in Texas, even though the name was not on the ballot this time — the first time, in fact, in 22 years. The negative advertising probably cost both sides some points or fractions thereof. Finally, it just may be that Texas is a Republican state.

The day after the election, another important political campaign resumed after a pre-election hiatus: the behind-the-scenes work that will determine who will preside as speaker of the House when the Legislature meets in Austin in January.

Republican Tom Craddick of Midland was expected to announce that he had the votes to take over the job from incumbent Pete Laney of Hale Center, Texas' sole Democrat in a position of statewide power. That question will be settled Jan. 14.

Twenty-four hours after the polls closed, parking on 11th Street in front of the Capitol was even tougher than usual because of all the television station remote broadcast vans.

The scene in downtown Austin was of TV reporters standing in the bright, generator-powered light trying to explain to the voters of Texas what had happened the day before.

No matter what they said, no matter who won or lost, no matter how much money was spent by those who tried to get elected or didn't get elected, the big pink building at the head of Congress Avenue still stood.

THE VIEW FROM THE PULPIT

By Adrin Fletcher

What's in a name? A few years ago a short piece appeared in Reader's Digest which caught my eye. I'm not sure I remember all the details, but you will enjoy the gist of the story. This story has to do with our names, and how a name reflects character. We have all heard the song made famous by Johnny Cash entitled "A Boy Named Sue". We try very hard to avoid present and future problems when we name our children. Consciously or unconsciously, the names given to individuals are often powerful influences on the character of the individual. This little story is amusing, understandable, and poignant. Let me try to tell it for you.

Two factors are important to the setting of this story. First it is supposed to have happened in California. (I don't have anything against California or Californians, but the culture out there does play a part in this story.) Second this story takes place in the early seventies, just after the mid to late sixties when the movement toward alternative lifestyles was at its height. School officials had prepared for the first day of school with great care. Plans for every imaginable contingency had been worked out. One concern was focused on the kindergarten and first grade students who would be attending school for the first time, especially those who would be riding the school busses. Everyone wanted to be sure that each child would be picked up and delivered safely. Every parent was contacted and instructed to pin a name tag on their child. To insure that each youngster could be delivered to the correct stop on the way home they were to print an identifying location on the back of the name tag. Now remember, this was just about the time the children born to the generation known as "flower children" would be coming to school. One little boy seemed particularly inattentive. He made it to school just fine, but seemed to be unaware of his name, so much so, that the teachers were concerned enough to administer a hearing test and conduct other tests to determine if something was wrong with the little fellow. Several commented on how unusual his name was. Few if any children had ever come to school bearing the name "Fruitstand" before, but they assumed his family was perhaps "one of those" and accepted it. However, concern grew throughout the day as "Fruitstand" grew more and more distant and unresponsive.

Only at the end of the day as "Fruitstand" prepared to board the bus and someone checked the back of his name tag did the staff discover that "Fruitstand" was really named "Timmy" and "Fruitstand" designated his bus stop.

Do you sometime feel like your name tag is on backwards? Does it seem like people shout at you all the time, but do not know your name? I'm afraid that the world treats us that way sometimes. The Good News is that God always knows who you are. The Bible says that he notices when sparrows fall. God knows the number of hairs on your head. Surely if God is aware of such minute pieces of information, then God knows not just your name, but who you really are. You can have an intimate relationship with God, your name and your identity will be safe with God. Let God into your life, blessings will follow.

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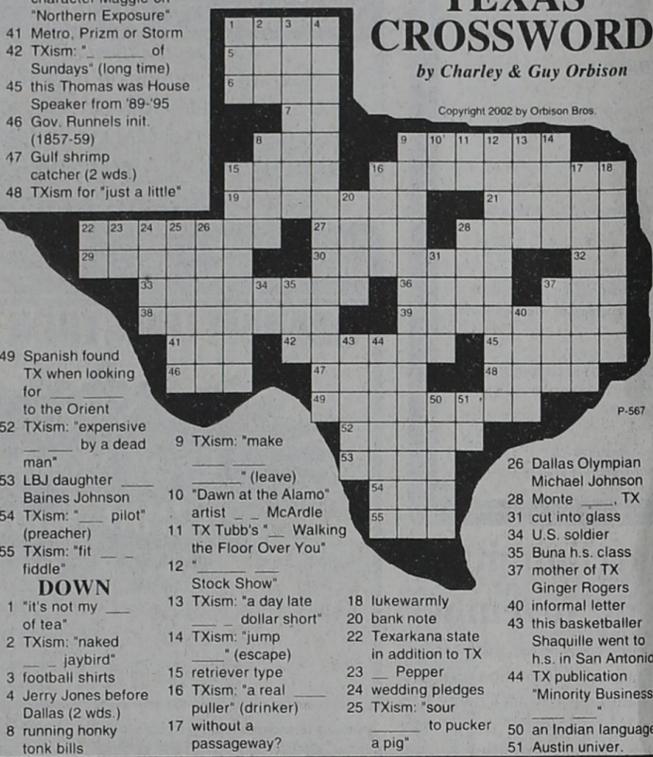
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Captain Maulding arrives in Tokyo at Yokota Air Base

Air Force Capt. Davis H. Maulding has arrived for duty at Yokota Air Force Base, Tokyo, Japan.

Maulding is a financial services officer assigned to the 374th Comptroller Squadron.

He is the son of Davis T. and Patsy J. Maulding of Derbyshire Lane, Carrollton, Texas.

His wife, Deborah, is the daughter of Nancy Merrell of Munday, Texas.

The captain graduated in 1990 from Newman Smith High School, Carrollton, and received a bachelor's degree in 1994 from Texas Tech University in Lubbock. In 1997, he earned a master's degree from Central Michigan University through the military extension program at Grand Forks Air Force Base, N.D.

Ex-Munday grad completes Army training course

Army Pfc. Ricky Serrato has graduated from the heavy-wheeled vehicle mechanic advanced individual training course at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the course, the soldier learned to perform unit maintenance on heavy duty vehicles, including prime movers designated as more than five tons and associated trailers, such as crane, hoist, and winch assemblies, and material handling equipment; performed maintenance and repaired systems, chassis, and assemblies pertaining to brake, ignition, engine, electrical, axle, hydraulic, transmission, suspension, wheel, and steering.

Serrato's wife, Amy, is the daughter of Art and Rachel Ramos of Weeks Park Drive, Wichita Falls, Texas.

He is a 1997 graduate of Munday High School, Texas.

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Any questions can be answered at the District office at 135 North Munday Avenue, Munday, Texas, by phone at (940) 422-1095, or by fax at (940) 422-1094.

Financial Focus

By Gary Decker



Act Now to Defray Long-term Care Costs

If you're a baby boomer, then your biggest threat to your future financial security may not be the fluctuating stock market. It may not be the solvency of Social Security, either. So, what then is this danger? It's the high cost of long-term care. And if you don't plan for these services well before you need them, you could be jeopardizing your financial independence during your retirement years.

Of course, you may never have to stay in a nursing home, or require home health care services. But you can't afford to ignore the possibility of needing long-term care - especially when you consider these facts:

- The average cost for a year's stay in a nursing home is \$50,000 per year, according to the Health Insurance Association of America - and it can reach twice that amount in some major metropolitan areas.
- Over the past several years, nursing home costs have been rising five percent or more per year, according to the American Council of Life Insurers.
- One out of every three men who live beyond 65 will require nursing-home care, while one out of two women will need these services, according to the American Council of Life Insurers.

These statistics point to one inescapable conclusion: You need to protect yourself from the potentially catastrophic costs of long-term care. If you rack up hundreds of thousands of dollars in nursing home bills, all your financial plans during retirement may go up in smoke. And you could even cause your grown children to assume a burden you'd never want them to have.

What can you do to prevent this from happening? First, you need to be familiar with the funding sources available for long-term care. Many people believe that some federally-sponsored program, such as Medicare or Medicaid, will pay for long-term care costs. But that's just not the case. Medicare only covers a small fraction of long-term care expenses, while Medicaid won't help at all, unless you're willing to "spend down" the vast majority of your financial assets.

In short, when it comes to paying for long-term care, you're going to have to take matters into your own hands. And that's why you should strongly consider purchasing long-term care insurance from a private insurer.

Not all long-term care policies are the same, however. So, before you buy, you'd better shop around. Look for a company that has earned the highest safety ratings from one of the major independent rating agencies, such as A.M. Best Company, Standard & Poor's, Duff & Phelps and Moody's Investors Services. And look for a policy that, at the minimum, has these features:

- Comprehensive coverage - Make sure your policy pays for care in a nursing home, assisted living facility or a private home.
- Inflation protection - As we've seen, nursing home costs are rising sharply. So you'll want a policy that increases its coverage to keep up with inflation.
- Waiver of premium - If your policy has a "waiver of premium," you won't have to pay additional premiums once you start receiving benefits.

Here's one final suggestion for buying a long-term care policy: Don't wait too long. The younger you are when you get your policy, the lower your premiums will be. Long-term care premiums increase particularly sharply between the ages of 60 and 70.

So, act soon. You may never need to take your long-term care policy out of your desk drawer - but you'll probably be glad it's there.

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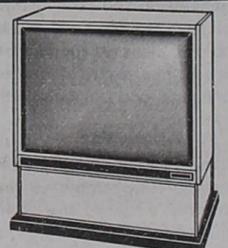
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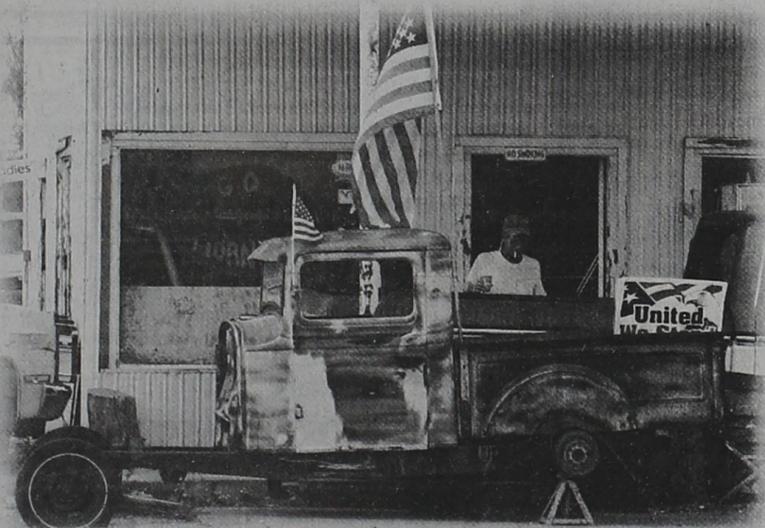
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THE HAPPENINGS AT MUNDAY ELEMENTARY

Campus Happenings

End of the Second Six Weeks

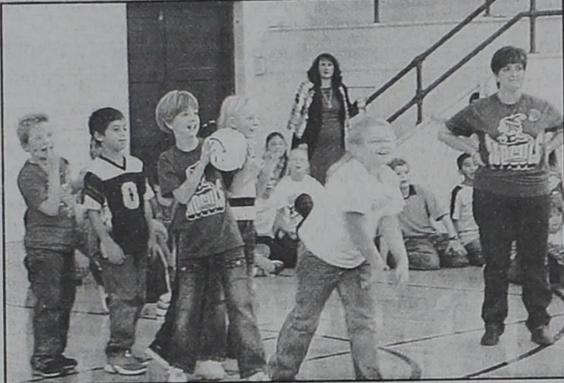
The second six weeks reporting period ending on Friday, November 8th. Report cards will go out on Wednesday, November 13. The third and final six weeks of the first semester began on Monday, November 11th. This means there are only 6 more Saturdays until Christmas Break! When put this way, time seems to be really flying!!!

UIL

November 12 and 14 are the UIL days at O'Brien. Results and pictures of participants will be in next week's paper. Good Luck to all. We know you have been working hard!

AR

Mrs. Cypert held the AR program on Thursday, November 7th. All students making his/her AR reading goal were given a chance to win a DQ treat furnished by our local Dairy Queen. Students had to serve volleyball over the net and try to hit a DQ box that was randomly placed on the other side on the gym floor. Ninety-three students and 12 teachers attempted this feat, with only two accomplishing it! Molly Denman and Andres Mateos were the lucky ones to hit the DQ box and win a treat! What a serve!!!



THIRD GRADERS have fun at the AR Party as each tried to serve over the net to hit a DQ box and win a prize--two of the 93 students who made his/her AR goal accomplished this feat-- Molly Denman and Andres Mateos

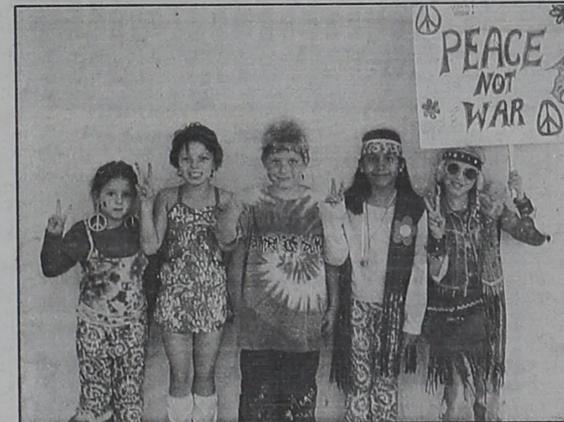
Then on Friday, the AR store opened for these great readers to spend some hard earned points/money! Reading does pay off!!



TOP AR POINT earners for the 2nd Six Weeks were (Front row) Kimberly Andrade, DJ Castorena, Ryder Cude, Ryder Dillard, Molly Denman, Tatum Bufkin, (Back row) Rob Dillard, Geoffrey Cude, Bo Tyra, Rian Dillard, Kimberly Myers, and Emiliano Lara.

Pep Rally

Peace, love, and Moguls to the groovy spirit winners for the week. Dressing up in 60's fashions were Diandra Avalos, Kristen Kuehler, Tanna Moeller, Pamela Walker, Lari Dee Welch, and Lee White. Way to show your love, baby, to the Moguls!



Groovy Spirit Winners (from left) Tanna Moeller, Kristen Kuehler, Lee White, Diandra Avalos, Pamela Walker, and (Not pictured) Lari Dee Welch. These students dressed up in the groovy 60's attire to help cheer on the Munday Moguls. Peace!

Class Happenings

Sixth graders are busy digging in the history of early India and China in Social Studies while science class had the class digging around rocks and minerals! Fifth and six graders are completing the reading of the Newberry book by Lois Lowery, *Number the Stars*.

Fourth graders are diving into the ecosystems in science and completing the study of the Alamo and Texas Independence in social studies. Oral reading is *Hatchet* by Gary Paulson, while reading class is reading *Homer Price* by Robert McCloskey. Birthday wishes go out to Andrea Angerer, Maribel Carranza, Sarahlee Sanchez, and Diandra Avalos. These girls are all the Perfect 10 age!

First graders have added "s" and "ing" to words as they continue to expand their reading skills. Exciting for these little ones as they completed the first basal and book test, and will be starting a second one. Remember readers are leaders! Math had the class telling time to the hour, counting by 2's, and identifying even numbers. Whizzes for the week were Rylie Decker, Molly Denman, Jarrett Earle, Jarred Escabedo, Yadi Gonzales, Ethan Griffith, Brandy Homstad, Tanna Moeller, Paloma Perez, and Kaylan Urbanczyk. Science lessons had the class exploring the desert

MUNDAY ISD BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS

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Breakfast Menu:

Monday - Pop Tart, milk and juice.
Tuesday - Sausage & biscuit, milk and juice.
Wednesday - Pig-in-a-blanket, milk and juice.
Thursday - Breakfast pizza, milk and juice.
Friday - Breakfast cereal, milk and juice.

Lunch Menu:

Monday
Chicken Tenders w/ peppered gravy or Salisbury steak w/ brown gravy
mashed potatoes, roll, lemon pudding, apple or orange,
chocolate or white milk.

Tuesday
Turkey or ham
dressing w/ gravy, green beans, sweet potatoes, rolls, fruit salad,
chocolate or white milk.

Wednesday
Spaghetti w/ meat sauce or Salisbury steak w/ brown gravy
bread sticks, green beans, lettuce and tomato set-up, applesauce
cake apple or orange, pineapple chunks, chocolate or white milk.

Thursday
Fajita or tacos
refried beans, lettuce & tomato set-up, shredded cheese, Jello
sprinkled applesauce, chocolate chip cookie, apple or orange,
chocolate or white milk.

Friday
Hamburger or ham & cheese sandwich
tator tots, English peas, lettuce & tomato, pears, apple or orange,
chocolate or white milk.

Extension program committees & council to meet in November

The Knox County Extension Program Council annual meeting will be held on Thursday, November 14, 2002 at the Perry Patton Community Center in Munday. Beginning at 6:30 p.m. a meal will be served by the Extension Program Council Board followed by Program Area Committee meetings. These committees are: Agriculture, Horticulture, Family & Consumer Sciences, 4-H & Youth, and the Extension Education Association. To conclude the evening the entire council will convene to discuss programming needs for Knox County and review program accomplishments for the past year.

Anyone interested in learning more about the Texas Cooperative Extension Service or willing to serve on one of the Program Area Committees is welcome to attend.

For more information you may contact Jane Rowan, County Extension Agent/FCS or Trish Jones, County Extension Agent/Ag at (940) 459-2651 or come by the Knox County Extension Office located on the first floor of the Knox County Courthouse in Benjamin.

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and forest, which was okay because social studies had the students mastering map skills.

A week of sense--no cents--no sense--yes cents--yes sense in Pre-K as students delved into the 5 senses and were introduced to the penny. Students took a fall foliage tour and enjoyed picking up colorful leaves, acorns, pecans, and squirrels (They just saw them scampering around--they didn't actually catch one to bring back to school!) Practice has already begun for the class's annual Turkey Tea, which will be held in less than two weeks!! Special guests visited the class also. Ross Denman's grandmother, Shirley Carroll visited, as well as some of Kelly Thompson's family (Tyson's mom, baby sister, and aunt!) Mrs. Thompson read *Who Stole the Cookies from the Cookie Jar*, and shared a cookie jar full of cookies with the students. Birthday girls were Mrs. Urbanczyk and Mrs. Myers. Neither gave her age, but most girls turn 5 in Pre-K so we can assume by looking that these two must have stayed many a year in Pre-K!

Also taking a fall foliage tour were the Kindergartners. These little ones couldn't "be-leaf" what they all discovered--vines, needles, prickly leaves, pinecones, beans, seeds, and tree bark. Then in Math classes, these leaves were used to sort and tag on the graph as well as make patterns. Students also had to use money to pay for items and match items. *Pumpkin, Pumpkin* was the reading story to recall and retell, while word cards were tested on. Teachers noted that several kids know all the high frequency word cards so everyone else needs to PRACTICE PRACTICE!!

Upcoming Happenings

November 27-29 Thanksgiving Holidays

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Prairie Pantry



The featured cook of the week in Prairie Pantry is, Polly Decker. Mrs. Decker got this recipe from her mother, Eula Mae Parks, several years ago and says her grandchildren just love these cookies.

Grandma's Good Sugar Cookies

- 1 Cup sugar
- 1 Stick melted oleo
- 1/2 Cup Crisco
- 2 Tbs. milk
- 1 beaten egg
- 2 cups flour
- 1/2 tsp. soda
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 Tbs. vanilla

Beat first 5 ingredients with electric mixer until well blended. Add dry ingredients and vanilla, then mix with spoon until all dry ingredients are mixed with sugar mixture. Chill 2 hours. Drop by rounded teaspoons on lightly greased cookiesheet and mash flat with a glass bottom that has been dampened with water and dipped in sugar.

Bake in a 325 degree oven until lightly browned (About 10-12 min.)
Cookie dough will be real soft before chilling, so I make a few like Tea Cakes. Just drop rounded teaspoons on cookie sheet and bake in a 325 degree oven for about 15 minutes.

Mrs. Decker also said, "Some of the kids like them soft like Tea Cakes, and some of them like them flat and crisp, so I bake some of both. I usually double the recipe."



This week's featured cook
Polly Decker, photographed with
granddaughter Riley.

(The Prairie Pantry is a column that is featured weekly in The Munday Courier. We hope that cooks in the area are excited about this feature and will volunteer to star in one of the weekly columns. If you have a recipe you would like to share or if you know of a good cook in the area that we could call on please telephone us at (940) 422-4314. Happy dining!



Welch & Beaty make plans for December wedding



Ambra Welch & Eric Beaty

Mr. & Mrs. Larry Welch would like to announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Ambra Kay, to Eric Allen Beaty, son of Allen Beaty and Nancy Beaty. The couple will be married December 27, 2002 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Rhineland.

Outreach Health Services WIC offers free cooking class

"Grains: the Foundation of Eating Well" is the topic of the first Neighborhood Cafe cooking class to be presented by the Outreach Health Services (OHS) Women, Infants and Children (WIC) clinic in Seymour. The class will be held Monday, November 25, at 10 a.m. at the Baylor County Extension Office, 500 N. Main in Seymour.

"Those who attend the class will learn to use the USDA Food Pyramid to plan, select and prepare delicious, healthy and economical foods," said Ann Latham, registered licensed dietitian and an assistant director for the OHS WIC program. "An OHS nutritionist will lead the class, which will last 90 minutes."

A "grains" dish will be prepared during the November 25 session, and participants will leave with recipes, spices and confidence to practice their new cooking skills. The class is open to the public and free.

Different Neighborhood Cafe classes, each focusing on a particular food group, will be offered each quarter. Future class topics are "Meats, Fish and Protein Foods," "Dairy Foods Calcium Rich Foods" and "Variety with vegetables/Cooking with Herbs."

WIC is a well respected, federally funded program that gives children a healthy start by encouraging optimal nutrition during the critical stages of development. WIC participants have access to vouchers for healthy foods, ongoing nutrition education classes, meal planning assistance, immunizations and breastfeeding instruction and support.

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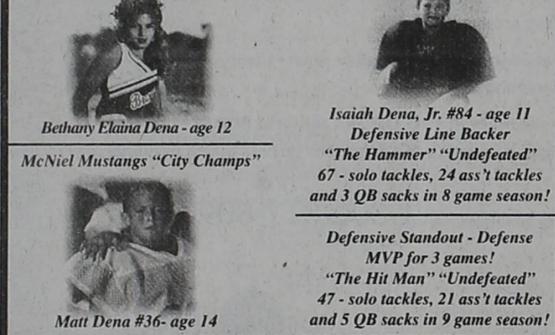
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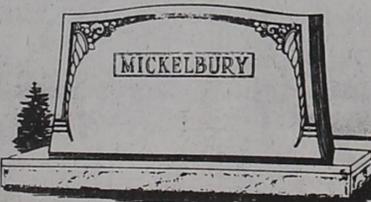
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MR. AND MRS. J.E. HUNTER



“Simple Life” keeps couple together for sixty years

“We’ve always shared a love for the simple way of life. We both love the things of nature, watching the crops grow, and things like that,” said Gladys Hunter of her sixty years spent with her husband and retired farmer J.E. Hunter. “We have loved living the farm life, being together, and raising our family,” she said.

J.E. and Gladys Hunter celebrated sixty years of marriage on Sunday of this week when their children and close friends gathered for the commemoration of the event.

J.E. Hunter has lived all his life on the land where the couple resides between Knox City and Munday. Gladys and her family began farming the land adjacent to the old Hunter farm in the late 1930’s. When Gladys moved to the farm with her family J.E. was a young college student at Tarleton State. “I became acquainted with his sister Juanita (Hunter) Nelson,” explained Gladys. During a visit back home on the farm J.E. was outside working in the barns with his father. His sister Juanita and her friend from the next farm intruded on the busy men to speak to J.E.’s father. Juanita introduced J.E. to Gladys and “she hasn’t let me go since,” beamed J.E. The couple married on November 7, 1942 at the Baptist Parsonage in Haskell.

The Hunter’s raised three children on the family farm. Days were spent working and entertaining themselves by playing dominoes and cards. “When we were younger we couldn’t afford any other kinds of entertainment,” says J.E. Today they still spend time entertaining themselves in the same way. “We usually play cards or dominoes together every day,” says Gladys.

“Working hard to have a good retirement life has been worth it. We have a great time with the kids and grandkids and we have each other to rely on. Just living on this old farm - we’ve had so many good time and we’ve loved it,” explains Gladys.

J.E. jokes “I never could get her to drive a combine or a tractor.”

“No,” says Gladys, “But I’ve done plenty of laundry and dishes!”

People who know the Hunter’s have asked how Gladys could stay married to J.E. for sixty years! “I take it a day at a time!” she says. “He would mutter under his breath and go out the back door and I would pout or cry - but we never had a knock down drag-out! We never talked ugly to each other. Rough talk wasn’t tolerated.”

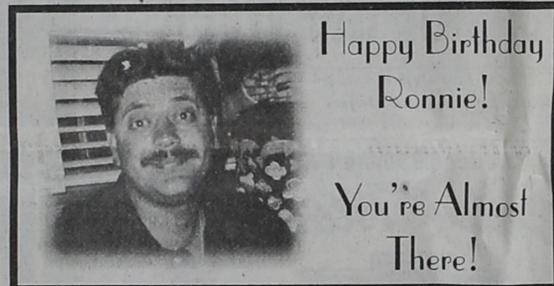
J.E. quickly defends himself by saying, “Well, she’s never gotten a sympathy card!”

The Hunters also instilled a love of nature in their three children. Their sons, J.L. and Johnny, still farm the land that their father and

grandfathers farmed in Knox County. Daughter Judy, a psychiatrist in the Metroplex, raises horses at her rural home in Cedar Hill.

“The secret to staying married so long was doing what she told me to do!” explained J.E.

“But everybody who knows you knows that that’s not the truth!” retorts his wife.



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SELECTING A WINNER! Munday Mauler football players T.J. Moore (left) and Dwayne Castorena (right) help head coach Blanford Paul (center) draw a winning ticket on a fund-raiser held for the football program. The winner of a rifle was Laura Aguaya of Knox City. T.J. sold 46 tickets for the rifle raffle and Dwayne sold 73!

SUBJECT: TODAY'S DRUG PROBLEM

I had a “drug” problem when I was young. I was “drug” to church on Sunday morning. I was “drug” to church for weddings and funerals. I was “drug” to family reunions no matter the weather. I was “drug” to the bus stop to go to school every weekday. I was “drug” by my ears when disrespectful to adults and teachers. I was also “drug” to the woodshed when I disobeyed my parents.

Those “drugs” are still in my veins; and they affect my behavior in every thing I do, say, and think. They are stronger than cocaine, crack or heroin, and if our children had this kind of “drug” problem, America would certainly be a better place.

(The above article was sent in by Billy Cypert. He had received it from a grandchild who resides in Houston.)

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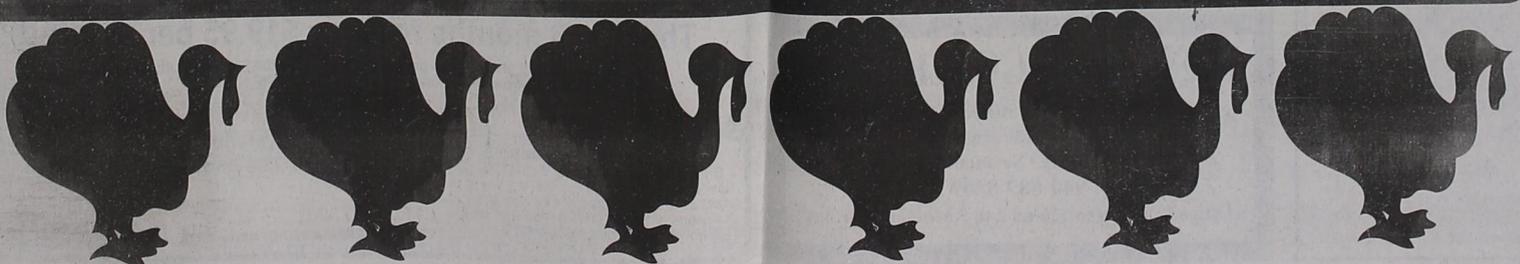
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Moguls head into playoffs

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Toliver hit Dustin Flye for 15 and with time running out and the football resting on the Knox City 29, Toliver hit Josselet with a short pass hook and ladder which advanced the football to the Knox City 20 with time expired on the clock and trailing 27 to 13.

Knox City scored once more in the third on another time consuming 14 play drive using up almost 8 minutes on the clock before the Moguls could even touch the football. Munday could muster no points in the period to keep pace but Toliver found Myers in the fourth with a 27 yard strike.

The Mogul defense which played for most of the game,

forced a Greyhound 3 and out punt and Toliver went back to work. Toliver put on an aerial show with passes to Myers, Sanchez Josselet, and Flye, avoiding pass rushers in heart stopping action before Thompson's 9 yard sack of Toliver would kill the drive and force a Sanchez punt.

Knox City held on to the football, the lead and the district championship with a 34 to 19 advantage at the end of the game.

Coach Matt Denman was notably unhappy about the loss, but excited about Toliver's performance as he was just about flawless in the passing department. Toliver was 23 for 29 for 212 yards with 2 touchdowns and no interceptions.

Munday Mogulettes play in scrimmages against Jayton and Rochester

by Coach Kent Josselet

The Mogulettes had two scrimmages last week. The first was against Jayton at Jayton. The junior varsity was able to come out on top against the Lady Jay's by 15. We did a good job of pushing the basketball, which has really stressed us during the preseason. We need to get better at communicating and work on our rebounding to help us to continue to improve.

The varsity squad did a good job of transitioning as well. We shot the ball well early in the scrimmage but I could tell that when we got tired we lost our legs. We really talked well early on, but we started to have defensive break downs as the scrimmage progressed. That was the

best we've blocked out in a long time. We have really emphasized that this preseason.

Saturday we took on Rochester. We played 2 - 20 minute halves and then two regulation quarters. We did a nice job of distributing the ball on transition. We played good defense at times and then started to revert back to bad tendencies when we got tired. The girls really worked at it during this practice and I felt we got a lot of good out of this scrimmage. We shot the ball really well as a whole.

We will travel to Stamford on Tuesday. Our next game will be on Saturday at home against Aspermont. That game has been tentatively set for 2:00.

This week Munday will enter the playoffs with a bye week and will have to watch the outcome of the Petrolia vs. Albany game to see who their next opponent will be. Both Petrolia and Albany have excellent football teams with this week's game promising to be an exciting match. Albany enters under head coach Denney Faith who has seen 20 seasons as the Lion's mentor with a 6 and 4 season record and a 4 and 1 district 12A record. Albany's lone district loss came at the hands of Windthorst in a 14 to 6 defensive struggle.

"We have to rely on our quickness," said Faith, "we're young and not very big." Albany has 6 seniors on the young squad.

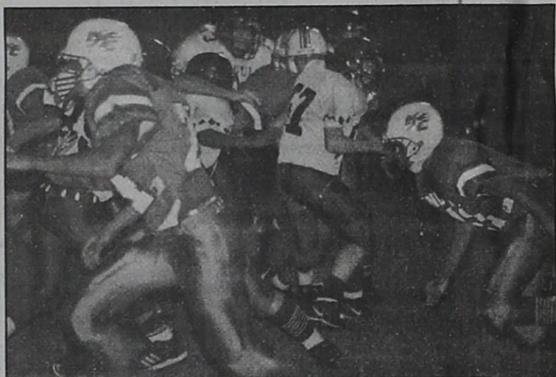
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J. Sanchez 21/34	Jr. Sanchez 1 1/2
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J. Josselet 18/11	
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T. Allen 0/5	
J. Dockins 0/5	
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A. Aguayo 1/1	
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J. Sanchez 5-65 Yds, 2 Pt. Conv.	
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J. Myers 3-50 - 1TD	
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J. Toliver 4	
J. Josselet 3	
J. Flye 1	
D. Flye 1	
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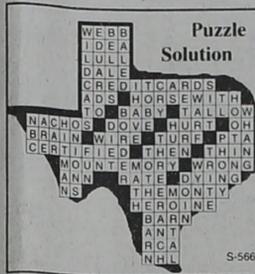
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Thousands of Texas hunters are taking to the woods and fields to hunt deer, doves and other animals; and they are not alone. All manner of critters that can carry diseases are out as well, say officials with the Texas Department of Health (TDH).

Hunters, along with campers and hikers, are at risk of exposure to diseases transmitted by ticks, fleas and mosquitoes. Many of these diseases begin with flu-like symptoms such as fever, chills, headache and body aches that can worsen quickly.

West Nile virus is a mosquito-borne illness new to Texas. "Both public health officials and the public are learning about a new virus that appeared on the East Coast just three years ago and in Texas this summer," said Texas Commissioner of Health Eduardo Sanchez, M.D.

The virus, which can cause encephalitis, is spread by mosquitoes. Encephalitis is an inflammation of the brain that may be caused by one of several mosquito-borne viruses. Symptoms include intense headache, high fever, nausea, muscle tenderness, partial unconsciousness and even coma. In rare instances, death may occur.

Another potential danger is Lyme disease, the most frequently diagnosed tick-borne problem in the United States. Lyme disease may result in skin lesions or rashes, which, if left untreated, may result in severe damage to the joints,

heart and nervous system. Rocky Mountain spotted fever also is spread by infected ticks. It can create a measles-like rash and is fatal if not treated quickly. Exposure to bacteria that cause tularemia, yet another tick-borne disease, also can occur by handling wild rabbit carcasses.

To protect against insect bites: • Use insect repellent containing DEET. Follow package directions carefully. • Stay on trails and avoid areas of overgrown brush and tall grasses.

• Wear protective clothing such as a hat, long-sleeved shirt and long pants tucked into boots or socks. Wear light-colored clothes to easily spot ticks.

• In areas with ticks, check your body carefully for them every few hours. Ticks are small, easy to miss and will attach to any part of the body from head to toe, so look carefully.

Plague, common in wild rodent populations of West Texas, is transmitted to people by fleas or by direct contact with infected animals such as prairie dogs, squirrels, cats, rat and mice. This disease sometimes includes the presence of painful, swollen lymph nodes. Unless treated quickly, death may result.

Infected rodents such as rats and mice also spread hantavirus infection to people. A rodent may have the virus in its droppings, urine and saliva. The virus also may be spread through dust particles in the air.

"You can become infected by inhaling dust that contains the virus," said Guy Moore, a wildlife biologist with TDH's Zoonosis Control Division. "Cleaning cabins, sheds or barns with out a mask can increase your chances of coming in contact with hantavirus."

Hantavirus infection may lead to extreme difficulty breathing and can be fatal. Patients are given supportive treatment, but antibiotics will not cure a hantavirus infection.

Hunters also need to be aware that deer can share the bacterium that causes anthrax in people, and feral hogs can carry brucellosis. Precautions include wearing latex gloves when field dressing animals or handling any wild animal carcass.

Rabies is a viral infection of the nervous system that may affect almost any warm-blooded animal. "It is impossible to tell by looking at an animal whether it is infected with the rabies virus, so avoid contact with any wild animals," Moore said.

Rabies occurs in many wild animal populations in Texas, especially skunks, bats, racoons, coyotes and foxes. Humans usually are infected through a bite by a rabid animal, which is why you should always consult a doctor if an animal bites you. Rabies is almost always fatal once symptoms begin, but timely preventative treatment can be lifesaving.

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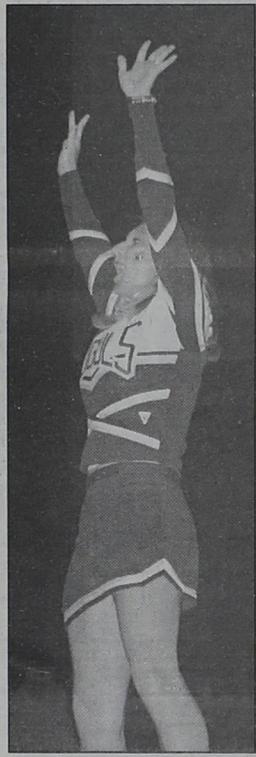
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