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A QUICK READ OF THE NEWS

Not the usual Nativity ...

An Elizabethton (Tenn.) High School anatomy class constructed its Nativity scene entirely with cat cadavers.

"It was disgusting. It was nasty," one unidentified student said in Monday's Elizabethton Star. "One cat was hanging from the ceiling as an angel. It had a halo. There were three dressed as the wise men and two as Mary and Joseph and one in a cradle dressed as baby Jesus."

The project, using dissected cadavers, was done for a school decorating contest. It was on display for several days in the classroom until students removed it.

MTV will save the world

MTV has selected six human specimens to survive into 2000, whatever New Year's Eve may bring.

The cable music network has tapped three men and three women to stay in its "millennium bunker" through New Year's

MTV says it wants them there in the event of a millennial apocalypse so they could then repopulate the world and assure the network a future audience.

The "bunker-nauts" climbed into their temporary quarters in New York City, built from three tornado shelters in the basement of The New York Times Building, near the network's Times Square studios.

Among those chosen for the project is Maureen Kyle, 19, of suburban Westlake, Ohio.

MTV chose Kyle because of her wholesome midwestern values, but she said her parents understand that her role could entail sex with strangers should civilization reach its end.

Video from the bunker will be broadcast 24 hours a day on the Internet.



Drawing date: Saturday, Dec. 25 Winning numbers: 11-19-25-26-31-40 Estimated jackpot: \$4 million Winners: 0

Next drawing: Wednesday, Dec. 29 Estimated jackpot: \$7.million

On this date in history

Dec. 30 - Frederick W. Thayer, captain of the Harvard University Baseball Club, patented the baseball catcher's mask (1878).

Dec. 31 — Ellis Island in New York harbor becomes the receiving station for all immigrants entering the United States on the Atlantic coast

Jan. 1/2 — On Jan. 1, Charles and John Farwell of Chicago agreed to build the Texas state Capitol and accept as payment 3 million acres of Panhandle land (1882).

LOCAL WEATHER

Daytime high temperatures in the low to mid-60s are expected to last through the weekend. Look for morning lows of about 33 Thursday, 28 Friday and warming to 35 Saturday and Sunday. Mostly sunny conditions are expected for Thursday and Friday, changing to partly cloudy but still mild during the weekend.

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Missed your paper? Call carrier Melissa Flores at 272-6719 or the Journal during business hours, 8:30 am-5 pm.

500 potential jurors called; Reyes murder trial near

By RONN SMITH Editor

Jury selection in the capital murder trial of Muleshoe resident Gilbert Guadalupe "Tito" Reyes is scheduled to begin Jan. 10.

District Court Clerk Elaine Parker said Tuesday that notices were mailed Monday to 500 people ordering them to report for jury duty at the Bailey County Coli-

Potential jurors are being asked to report at 9:30 a.m. Jan. 10.

Reyes is scheduled for trial in the March 1998 death of his former girlfriend, Yvette Barraz, who allegedly was abducted from the parking lot at Leal's Restaurant, where she worked.

Her body was found stuffed behind the back seat of her car in the Mexican border town of Presidio, Texas. Reyes had been allowed to cross the border into Mexico legally before the body was discovered because he was not wanted for anything at the time.

Reyes was arrested in Portales after returning to the United States, and then extradited back to Texas in June 1998.

The case is to be heard by Senior District Judge Jack Young since Judge Gordon Green recused himself last January.

Young was appointed to hear the case by Judge Ray Anderson, presiding judge of the Ninth Administrative Judicial District.

David Martínez of Lubbock was appointed March 24 to serve as Reyes' attorney.

At the time of Barraz's death, her family had been seeking a court order to keep Reyes away from her. He was accused of threatening her with a gun just a few days before she allegedly was abducted from the restaurant parking lot.

Reyes and his attorney were in court Dec. 15 for a hearing on several pre-trial motions submitted by Martínez. One of them was a request for cameras to be barred from the courtroom during the trial.

Social Security data should be checked as soon as it arrives

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COLLEGE STATION - In October, the Social Security Administration began mailing individualized Social Security statements to 125 million workers age 25 and older who are not currently receiving Social Security benefits.

This is the largest customized mailing ever undertaken by a federal agency, and what workers learn from their statements can help them plan their financial futures.

"Don't disregard the statement when it arrives. Check it over because part of your future retirement income as well as other potential benefits will depend on its accuracy," said Nancy Granovsky, professor and family economics specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

The statements are being mailed on a staggered schedule according to birth month, with statements scheduled for mailing about three months before a worker's birthday.

Statements will be mailed to workers on an annual basis.

The four-page statement will help workers with financial planning by providing estimates of their retirement, disability and survivors' ben-

The statement provides an easy way to check on the accuracy of earnings posted on the Social Security record. The amount of Social Security benefits at the time of retirement is based on an individual's career wage record, so it is important for the earnings amounts to be correctly posted.

One out of every three Social Security beneficiaries is not a retiree but a disabled worker, or a member of a disabled worker's family, or a survivor of a worker who died.

Social Security provides disability coverage for a worker with a family equivalent to about a \$233,000 disability policy. The survivor protection provided by Social Security is equivalent to

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Journal photo: Beatrice Morin

A different perspective

Brandon Jaime (left), age 4, and L.A. Jaramillo, age 8, spent some time during Tuesday's beautiful weather monkeying around at East Park. Temperatures reached the 60s for the first time in weeks. Adults were keeping an eye on the boys from across the street.

Vegetable conference Jan. 18 in Hereford

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL states," he added.

LUBBOCK — A full day of The conference will run from presentation and workshops awaits vegetable growers Jan. 18 at the West Texas Vegetable Conference in Hereford, a Texas A&M University horticulturist said recently.

"Our speaker this year will address topics such as pesticide laws and regulations, how to do business with large retail chains, water management, and crop health," said Dr. Roland Roberts, horticulturist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Lubbock.

"We will also have a potato health workshop at this year's conference — which routinely draws growers from five

8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. at the Hereford Community Center (Avenue C at Park Avenue). Registration begins at 8a.m. and costs \$25 per person, which includes a luncheon provided by the Deaf Smith County 4-H Parents Association and admission to a trade show stocked with commercial and education displays.

"Participants can earn CEU towards their pesticide applicator licenses. Certified crop advisers can earn professional development credits, and certified master gardeners can earn six hours credit toward their vegetable specialty certification," Roberts said.

The morning session will include a potato health workshop, and presentations on pesticide laws and regulations; plant breeding at Texas A&M University; and how to do business with large retail chains.

Keynote luncheon speaker John McClung of the Texas Produce Association will explain how retail consolidation may affect Texas growers and shippers, Roberts said.

A lunch break will allow participants to visit the trade show and see poster displays on dripirrigated watermelons, potato seed piece treatments, post

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Y2K update: Texas in good shape

A coalition of Texas agencies known as Readiness 2000 has provided the city of Muleshoe with information about many of the issues that concern citizens as the new year approaches.

The Journal will be printing some of this material until Jan. 1.

More information on any of these issues is available by calling city hall at 272-4528.

No. 9: Texans are generally in good shape.

Much—some might argue too much — has been written about the approach of the year 2000, or Y2K.

Some preach a litany of gloom and doom about the new year, a scenario that often seems straight from a 1950s science-fiction movie.

The effort that resulted in Readiness 2000 was launched almost four years ago to get Texas ready for the transition that is now upon us.

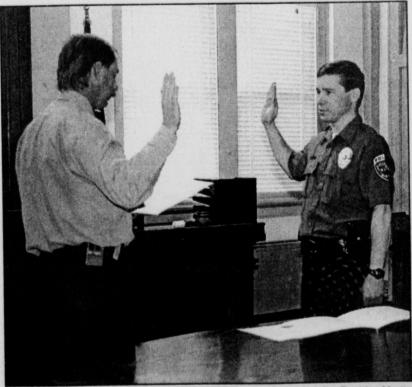
All the critical private-sector industries, including banking, have now certified themselves as Y2K ready.

Texans should not be swept up in a potential panic, either real or perceived, because of Y2K. The coalition's message is simple: Don't panic; just be ready.

Why "don't panic"? Because experts in many fields tell us that technical glitches will be few and far between. But people problems — folks overreacting, worrying, hoarding food or falling victim to scams - are potentially worrisome, according to Railroad Commissioner Tony Garza.

And why "be ready"? Because the

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Journal photo: Beatrice Morin

Officer sworn in

The South Plains' newest police officer, Steve Clifton of Muleshoe, is sworn in Monday by Justice of the Peace (Precinct 4) Todd Ellis. Clifton had been working for the Muleshoe Police Department for some time, waiting for a chance to become an officer.



Journal photo: Beatrice Morin

Stars for the Food Pantry

Gathered when members of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8570 presented the results of their canned-food drive to the Muleshoe Food Pantry were (from left) Freddy Anzaldua, post quartermaster; Mariann Anzaldua, senior vice president of the Women's Auxiliary to the post; Joy Nicholson, secretary-treasurer of the auxiliary; Gina Mardis, a Food Pantry volunteer; and Joe Ambriz, post commander.

Churches plan New Year's youth event

Several Muleshoe-area churches are combining forces to sponsor a New Year's Eve party/lock-in at the First Assembly of God in Muleshoe.

The even is open to all youth from the ages of 11 through

There will be free food, drinks and refreshments, games and entertainment.

The deadline for items to appear in Around Muleshoe is 5 p.m. Monday for Thursday's editions and 5 p.m. Thursday for Sunday's editions.

Pistachios make the grade for healthy snacking

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL When serving snacks to

friends and family, consider choosing a snack that is not only delicious but nutritious, too. Pistachios help adults and children meet their daily nutrient needs while being fun to eat at the same time.

America's reliance on snacking continues to increase, as more than half of Americans (51 percent) eat a snack or two each day according to a 1999 Roper Poll.

It has been predicted that close to 40 percent of calories

will come from snacks in the compressed lifestyles espeyear 2000, making wise snacking choices critical for building healthful diets.

A snack that delivers nutrition in a nutshell, pistachios are a good source of fiber, vitamins and minerals, are low in saturated fat and relatively high in monounsaturated fat, considered by nutritionists to be the 'good' fat.

With the current trend toward "commitment-free eating," or eating snacks rather than a meal, pistachios can be a smart snack for today's timecially during the holidays.

Pistachios date back to the Holy Lands of the Mideast, where they grew wild in high desert regions.

A rare delicacy, pistachios were a favorite of the Queen of Sheba, who hoarded the entire Assyrian supply for herself and her court.

The royal nut was imported by American traders in the 1880s and introduced in vending machines 50 years later to become on of America's most popular snack foods.

The California pistachio industry produced its first crop in 1976, and currently produces 95 percent of the pistachios in the U.S. Today, California is also the second largest producer of pistachios in the world.

Pistachios provide a variety of nutrients that are an important part of a balanced diet. Each 1-ounce serving of inshell pistachios offers 300 milligrams of potassium, 6 grams of protein and 9 grams of total carbohydrate with 3 grams of dietary fiber.

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about a \$354,000 life insurance policy, according to the Social Security Administration.

The administration wants workers to check their statements and help correct mistakes right away. Here are the things to check and what to do about them if there is a mistake or a discrepancy:

 Wrong address — Anyone who has moved since filing their last federal income tax return should notify the Internal Revenue Service, not Social Security.

Social Security does not keep the wage-earner's address in its system until they actually apply for benefits. In the meantime, it relies on the address from the latest income tax re-

Submit Form 8822 to the IRS to change the home mailing address. The form is available by calling the IRS at (800) 829-3676 or printing the form directly from the IRS' Internet Web site for the form, http:// ftp.fedworld.gov/pub/irs-pdf/ f8822.pdf.

Be sure to provide the employer with the new mailing address, too.

· Wrong name or date of SS-5, Application for a Social Security Card. This form is available from local Social Security offices.

If the location of a nearby office is not known, call (800) 772-1213.

Or, if the wage-earner has access to the Internet, the Social Security Office Locator can be utilized by typing in the person's zip code; SS-5 can be printed directly from the Web site (http://www.ssa.gov/

online/ss-5.html). • Error(s) in the earnings record: Carefully check over

the earnings record to make sure it matches the actual earn-

The best way to check is with copies of the W-2 forms that were attached to federal income tax returns from previous years. If there is a birth — If this vital informadiscrepancy, contact a Social tion is wrong, it will have to Security Office or call (800) year, file the statement in its corrected by completing Form 772-1213, keeping W-2 forms or tax returns handy for the visit and/or conversation.

The Social Security Administration urges workers to contact them even if there is no W-2 or tax return readily available, as the administration may be able to search records when they receive information about an employer's business name and address.

Earnings for the current year will not appear on the record until next year.

Earnings for the past year may not yet have been posted by the time the statement was mailed.

"Consumers should check their statements very carefully. Plan to keep the statements with permanent financial files. The easiest way to do this is to make a make a file folder for each worker. After checking the statement for accuracy each folder," Granovsky suggested.

Further information about the Social Security Statement may be found at the web site http://www.ssa.gov/ mystatement/index.htm.

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emergent weed control in chilies, food and clothing pesticide safety, and smart lunches for the field.

Speakers at the afternoon session will discuss implication of the Food Quality Protection Act, Texas produce leadership and needs, consumer food safety, vegetable establishment techniques, soil and water salinity management, chile production techniques and pesticide record keeping.

"This is an invaluable opportunity for vegetable growers, market gardeners and crop consultants to learn the latest techniques for establishing and maintaining healthy vegetable crops," Roberts said. "More importantly, all of the information is portable - you can take it home and put it to use right way."

Conference sponsors include the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, High Plains Vegetable Growers and Ship-Council, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Deaf Smith County Extension Vegetable Development Committee, Deaf Smith

County Chamber of Commerce, Texas Tech University and the Texas Department of Agriculture.

More information is available by contacting Roberts at (806) 746-6101 or the Deaf Smith County Extension Office at (806) 364-3573.

Y2K UPDATE

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occasion has served to remind us that all Texans need to keep a readiness kit for themselves and their families.

For people in the Panhandle, ice storms are an annual occurrence. Texans who live along the coast need to be prepared for hurricanes. And for those in the vast central regions of the state, flooding is an all-toocommon problem.

So, in all parts of the state, Y2K is a great reminder for every household to make sure there is a three-day supply of food, water and essential supplies kept in a safe place in the

While having to use these supplies this week seems unlikely, getting them together would ensure that everyone is ready for the next big storm.

The The A of the off Congratulations to these

Gift Certificate Winners! Thanks for shopping with Muleshoe merchants

Gilbert Vela of Muleshoe — Bealls #649 Seth Whitworth of Muleshoe — Fry & Cox. True Value Dayna Brakebill of Lazbuddie - James Crane Tire Co. L.W. Shafer of Needmore — Leal's Restaurant J.R. Copley of Muleshoe — McDonald's of Muleshoe Virginia Bowers of Muleshoe — Muleshoe Art Loft

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Having trouble with mountain ash? Try a relative!

By RONN SMITH Editor

OK, folks, it's official: Spring is springing! The snow crocus are up and growing — what surer sign is there?

These little flowers were blooming by mid-January last winter, and it looks as if they'll be that early

For my money, if your yard doesn't have any snow crocus, you ought to find a few square inches (that's all it takes, they're so small and well-behaved!) and start some for next winter. The earliest type seems to be the bright golden-orange one, and what better time of year for a spot of gaudy color in the flower bed?

I got an anonymous note from someone who says they really like mountain ash for its display of berries, but have tried three times and not been able to get one established, and do I have any pointers to offer?

Now, first of all, I have heard that there are a few mountain ash trees in Clovis that were established without much trouble.

I wouldn't be surprised if that's true, but I think it depended on: 1) the tolerance of the individual mountain ash that was planted; 2) the individual pocket of soil it was planted in; and 3) a possibly special



relationship between that individual mountain ash and its Creator.

Seriously, though, this is like most landscape problems: The solution is not so tough, but it also isn't too well-known.

The mountain ash family (Sorbus) is divided into two very distinct "clans," and the trick is in knowing the difference.

The side of the family known as rowan trees contains the familiar European mountain ash (Sorbus aucuparia) and American mountain ash (Sorbus americana).

These are beautiful trees in the right climate, with their big clusters of berries. Unfortunately, they are intolerant of heat (ouch!) and drought (ouch! ouch!), and I don't think there is any way to "cheat" and help them adapt. To top it all off, they prefer acid soils (with pH below 6, anyway), so there's another factor that everybody in our part of the world has to deal with in order to grow mountain ash.

What to do? The other group of sorbus species is generally known as the whitebeams — but, just to

keepthings confused, some of them also have common names that include the term mountain ash!

By the way, the experts disagree on whether we're talking about mountain ash or mountainash. I write it as two words because I think mountainash just looks like a mistake.

Anyway, the whitebeams and related species are much more drought-tolerant than typical mountain ashes, and also don't mind soils in the neutral range (pH around 7), which includes most of our region.

The biggest difference to you and I between the rowan trees and the whitebeams is that with the whitebeams you don't get the compound, frond-like leaves so familiar on mountain ashes. But you do still get the fruit display, and on some of the whitebeam group the fall foliage is color is possibly even more spectacular than with rowan

Even in the summer, whitebeams generally have leaves that are white on the bottom (covered with "tomentum") so that any breeze sets up an interesting display.

The "true" whitebeam (Sorbus aria) is a tree of similar size (small to medium) to ordinary mountain ash species. Berries are crimson, usually with brown speckles. Some cultivars of this tree (notably 'Lutescens' and 'Majestica,' the latter with especially large fruit) are considered among the most desirable small trees in cultivation —

Another species that is often described as "magnificent" is Sorbus vestita, the Himalayan whitebeam. This one doesn't have the spectacular fruit color — its fruits look like like russet-colored pears, which actually are close relatives to the mountain ash clan. This species, while well worth growing, is not going to be easy to find — you may have to go through one of the big mail-order "boutique" nurseries.

Another very desirable species with subdued fruit color, and this time with lobed maple-like leaves, is Sorbus torminalis—the Chequer tree or wild service tree (not to be confused with several native American species known as service trees).

And finally, adapted to our climate and with spectacular fruit crops and more easily located, is Sorbus alnifolia — the Korean mountain ash. The fruit color is variable, but whether you get the pinkish red, orange-red or scarlet, they're all good and they all last well into the early winter months.

This species is different from most of them in one regard, however — it becomes a full-size tree (up to 40 feet tall and 20 feet or more across) so don't plant it in a tight space thinking it's going to stay a postage stamp.

So, to the writer who was so embarrassed about losing three mountain ash trees, I'd say don't give up the idea — just switch to a related species. It probably wasn't that you have a "black thumb," but

just that you hadn't yet matched the right plant to the right site.

Happy planting! Questions and suggestions can be sent to Garden Writer, Route 2, Box 880, Muleshoe, Texas 79347.



Cotton payment limitation still plagues producers

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Even though Congress eagerly responded to the economic situation threatening agriculture, some producers are still faced with unattractive choices when it comes to marketing their 1999 cotton.

Even though the 1999 Loan Deficiency Payment/ Marketing Loan Gain payment limitation was doubled from \$75,000 to \$150,000 per entity, many producers are experiencing problems.

Exceptionally high loan deficiency payment rates and better than expected production have combined to put some producers near or over the \$150,000 threshold for LDPs or marketing loan

Producers with bales that are no longer eligible for LDP because the payment limit has been reached have realistically only one place to go - the Commodity Credit Corp. loan.

With no market above the loan value of the cotton foreseen, producers with cotton they cannot receive LDPs on and market immediately will be forced to put their cotton in the Commodity Credit program in order to limit their losses.

Once the decision is made, producers need to understand what their options are once the cotton is in the loan.

The producer needs to remember, assuming that the Adjusted World Price is below the base loan rate of 51.92 cents, a few

Upon initiation of the loan, the producer will be asked to pay all accrued warehouse and storage charges from the time the cotton was ginned up to the date the loan is initiated

Once in the loan, the cotton can follow one of three possible paths:

· Sale. Cotton is sold under standard "option to purchase" or "equity" type contract through which the producer passes the right to redeem the cotton on to the

The buyer can then redeem the cotton at the Adjusted World Price, with the marketing loan gain charged against the producers payment limitation;

• Redeem at the full loan value. If marketing loan gain payment limitation for the producer has

been reached, the producer can redeem the loan at full value.

All storage on the cotton and interest on the loan is waived under this scenario and the producer redeems cotton for the loan principle only;

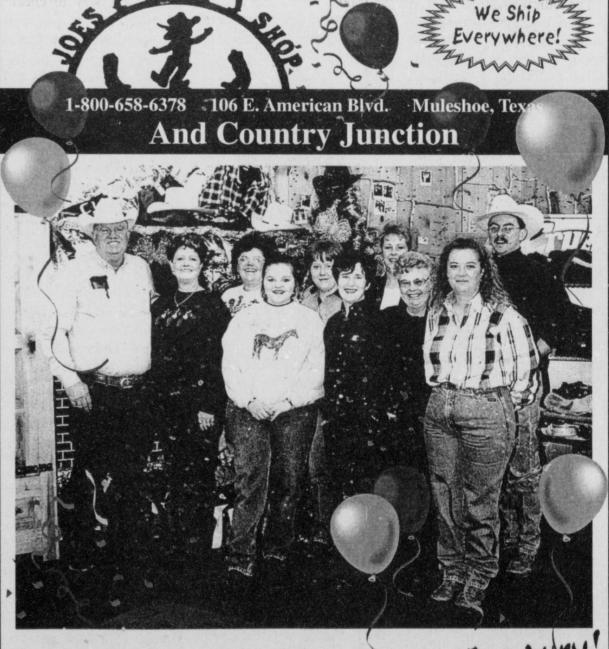
· Forfeit the cotton to Commodity Credit. If the producer forfeits the cotton, the storage on the cotton and interest on the loan are waived and Commodity Credit takes control of the cotton.

One possibility whose role is still uncertain is the option of generic certificates. Congress provided authority for the use of generic certificates; unfortunately, the cotton industry and USDA have not come to any agreement on how they might be used or how soon they could become available.

Additional information on cer-

tificates will be made available as soon as it is released.

For now, the best option for many producers will continue to be putting the cotton into the loan and subsequently forfeiting that cotton to the government.



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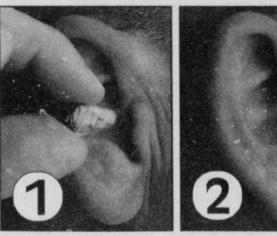
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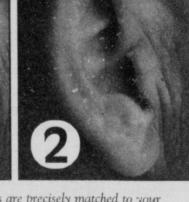


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Come meet Hearing Aid Specialist, Patrick McCarty of Livingston

Hearing Aid Center. He will be demonstrating the new Direct Digital Hearing Aid one day only, Monday, Jan. 3rd at the Bailey County Coliseum in Muleshoe.



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minated its contract with

Wachenhut Corrections Corp.

to run a state jail in Travis County. Last week, the Texas

Department of Criminal Jus-

tice assumed operations of the

• State Rep. Leticia Van de

Putte, D-San Antonio, moved

to the state Senate last week

after winning a special election

to succeed the late Sen. Greg

Luna, who died Nov. 6 of com-

plications related to diabetes. • The Texas Department of

Transportation has released a

list of the most problematic cars

in 1998: Chevrolet Malibu and

Cavalier, Dodge Caravan and

Jeep Grand Cherokee.

1,033-bed facility.

Santa knows how

Santa Claus showed up at the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce office recently to draw the name of the winner of the \$1,000 in mad money being given away by the chamber for Christmas. He drew the name of Tammy Lueras, owner of Tammy's Kitchen.

Official says sales-tax holiday handed consumers \$33 million

AUSTIN — Shoppers who purchased clothing and footwear during Texas' first sales-tax holiday, Aug. 6-8, saved nearly \$33 million in state and local taxes.

Over those dates, shoppers purchased more than \$400 million in tax-exempt clothing and shoes, about double the amount that normally would have been sold on a typical three-day weekend in August, Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander said.

"The sales tax holiday allowed families to stretch their shopping budgets at a critical time — the back-to-school shopping period," Rylander said in announcing the sav-

The 1999 Texas Legislature approved an annual sales tax holiday to fall on the first weekend of August each year.

Starting in 2000, cities, counties and other taxing entities will be allowed to opt out of the sales tax holiday and not offer the exemption from local sales taxes, but shoes and clothing price at less than \$100 will continue to be exempt from the state sales tax.

Hacker hits state web sites

A computer hacker vandalized web sites of at least five state agencies Nov. 5-8, posting profanity.

Among those targeted were Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services, Department of Licensing and Regulation, Alcoholic Beverage Commission, state auditor's office and the Department of Public Safety.

All of the agencies' web sites use the Microsoft Windows NT Internet Information Server, The Associated Press reported.

Computer hacking is a federal crime, punishable by up to five years in prison and a



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\$250,000 fine for each offense. School safety discussed

Southwest Texas State University at San Marcos conducted a statewide summit on school safety Nov. 11 in Austin. Among topics discussed were school security, bullying and gang activity.

The university established a center to study causes and solutions for school violence in the wake of the Columbine High School shooting in Colorado

Attorney General John Cornyn, who spoke at the summit, called for a study on school violence earlier this year.

Other highlights

• Thousands of Texas veterans marking the last Veterans Day of the 20th century marched in a parade up Austin's Congress Avenue to the steps of the state capitol.

Bands played and speeches were made, honoring the men and women who pledged their lives and sacred honor to the

• Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has introduced the state's first wildlife conservation license plate, which sports the image of a horny toad and the slogan "Keep Texas Wild." Cost of the specialty plate is \$25 in addition to regular regis-

• The state of Texas has ter-

event again SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL The Mobile Dairy Classroom, sponsored by the Southwest Dairy Museum of Sulphur Springs, Texas, will give educational demonstrations for Roosevelt County third-graders again during the Feb. 22-23 New Mexico Ag Expo in

Dairy project

Portales. Printed material will be provided for the students and their

In the 45-minute presentation, children can learn such dairy-related facts as vanilla being the most popular ice cream, cows have four stomachs, all children need two or three servings of milk per day, and there are 2,000 kinds of cheeses

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JOURNAL INFORMATION...News You Can Use

EDITORIAL INFORMATION

(1) In order to help accommodate our readers, we urge everyone to keep in mind that the newspaper is put together on Tuesday and Friday. To increase the probability that your information will be placed in your preferred edition, the earlier that stories, information about meetings or any editorial subject is brought to the Journal office the better!

(2) Deadlines for "Around Muleshoe" and "Around the Area" -Monday at 5 pm (Thurs. edition) and Thursday at 5 pm (Sun. edition). (3) The following represents a list of information that appears FREE in the

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ADVERTISING INFORMATION Effective Jan. 1, 1999

(1) Display ads are located throughout the newspaper. Ad costs are based on the number of column inches that the ad occupies. The Journal's open rate is \$3.40/col. inch. Discounts are available under certain conditions. Borders and artwork are added at no extra cost!

(2) DEADLINES FOR DISPLAY ADVERTISING are Tuesday at Noon (Thurs. edition) and Friday at Noon (Sun. edition). If you are a business or individual in need of placing a DISPLAY AD or you have questions about display advertising, call Leah at 272-4536.

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Noisy toys can damage children's hearing

Bonanza from baby

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

"peace on earth" and good will toward men. They can damage a

parents are guided by the child's

request, the color or the novelty.

Parents assume that if a toy is in

the store, it's OK. But that's not

professor of otorhinolaryng-ology

· If a toy makes any noise, par-

"Loud things can come in small

UBLIC RECORD

at Baylor College of Medicine.

child's hearing.

Terry Brewster, front-end group manager at the Muleshoe

buy it.

Small businesses urged to report scams

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

LUBBOCK — Businesses that recognize scams but don't report them are preventing other businesses from being warned, according to the Lubbock Better Business Bureau.

A recent nationwide study indicates that nearly 29 percent of business office managers say their organizations have been targeted by some form of mail fraud.

Yet when asked what they would do if they had been victimized by mail fraud, only 29.5 percent of businesses surveyed indicated they would contact the U.S. Postal Ser-

Less than 20 percent said they would report it to a national consumer protection organization. In contrast, 71.5 percent said it would be useful or very useful to receive free educational information on how to help protect their companies from

This independent study, commissioned by the Yellow Pages Publishers Association in cooperation with the Better Business Bureau system, underscores the reason both organizations sponsored the second annual "Protect Your Business Week" during the second week in November.

"This study underscores the need for businesses to educate employees responsible for paying bills to recognize and report unscrupulous and questionable offers for products and services," said Ed Blackman, executive vice president of the national not-for-profit trade association for the Yellow Pages publishing industry.

According to the Better Business Bureau, the most aggressive scams targeting businesses include:

- · Bogus billing for Yellow Pages advertising;
- Vanity publications;
- Phony advertising solicitations; · Fraudulent telemarketing of-
- fers for office supplies; · Advance-fee loan brokers;
- Phony promotion/prize offers;
- · Fund-raising appeals from questionable nonprofit organiza-

"Your organization's accounting department, or the individuals responsible for placing orders and paying bills, should be made aware of solicitations disguised as invoices and other dubious solicitations from unfamiliar companies or organizations," said Nan Campbell, president of the Better Business Bureau of the South Plains.

Consider these suggestions:

high school students who suffer

from hearing problems," she said.

"Loud noise levels can become a

· Examine every invoice carefully;

· Contact a Better Business Bureau to see if it has information on the company involved;

· Look for invoices bearing the new "Get an Idea" trademarked of the Yellow Pages Advertising Council that is being used by a growing number of member publishers;

· Alert the state attorney general's office;

· Photocopy the solicitation and post it on company bulletin boards;

Notify the local postal inspec-

More information is available by contacting Nan Campbell at (806) 763-0459, ext. 229, or e-mailing presidentbbbsouthplains.org

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Alco store, presents Meals on Wheels volunteers Harold and Mary Jo Burge a check for \$969.74 raised for Meals on Wheels by Alco store's "cutest baby contest."

• If a parent has to raise their HOUSTON—Noisy toys from voice to be heard over the sound Santa can do more than shatter of the toy, if it hurts theears or causes ringing in the ears, do not

"And remember, children don't "When selecting a toy, most usually play with toys the way the manufacturer intended. Sounds that may be tolerated at arm's length become dangerous when a child puts the toy to his or her so," said Dr. Lois Sutton, a clinical

Sutton notes that standards set by the Occupational Safety and Only a few safety regulations Health Administration limit the address the noise levels of toys, so time and length of noise exposure Sutton provides the following in the workplace to 80-85 dBA in an 8-hour period for adults.

The dBA is a scale that reflects ents should try it out before they the sensitivity pattern of human ears in decibels.

"OSHA recommends that hearpackages, even plush toys. Test ing protection be worn in the workplace when loudness and ex-

posure time exceed the standards. However, there are no standards for children," Sutton said.

Parents could be surprised to find that musical toys such as electric guitars, drums and horns emit sounds as loud as 120 dBA.

Toy phones can measure between 123 and 129 dBA, and toys that produce firearm sounds can measure 150 dBA a foot away from the noise source. According to Sutton, 85 decibels is about the loudness level of city traffic while 135 decibels is the level of a jackhammer.

"Noise exposure is cumulative," Sutton said. "Constant wear-andtear on the fragile middle and inner ear structures can cause trauma. Over time, those noise exposures begin to add up.

"Loud may be considered cool, but we are seeing more and more habit." Sutton urges parents to set limits, such as "the louder the toy,

the shorter the play time." And limits should include preteens and adolescents who listen

to stereo systems with headphones and boom boxes with noise levels of 105-110 decibels, she added.

"If you can hear the music when you approach a child wearing a headset, it's too loud," she said.

everything before you buy."

MULESHOE POLICE

Dec. 7

guidelines:

take it home.

Nathan Benner, forgery of a financial instrument.

Dec. 8

Terry Lynn Villa, motion to revoke probation (two).

Dec. 11

Arleen Theres Keithley, theft - class B.

Dec. 13

Pamela Flores Martínez, theft — class B, warrant for unrestrained child (two).

Dec. 15

Inocente Lozano Arellano, public intoxication.

Dec. 16

Guadalupe Artalejo, no insurance and no driver's license. Dec. 18

Michael Ray Alcorta, sexual assault.



The Fair Store 120 Main 272-3500

Victor Manuel Treviño, public intoxication. Ricardo Treviño, public in-

toxication. José Guadalupe, public in-

toxication. Dec. 19

Ruben Leal Jr., driving with suspended license.

BAILEY COUNTY SHER-Dec. 10

Armando Peña, public in-

warrant

toxication. Dec. 14 Larry Darnell Richardson,

— motion to revoke

probation, possession of control substance.

Dec. 16

Cecilia Laire Smith, possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces.

Michael Dean Jernigan, possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces.

Dec. 19

Armando Trevino, public intoxication.

Ernestina Favela, public intoxication.

Benjamin Lee Salter, Erath County warrant, failure to provide identification



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BITUARIES

WISIAN

Services were held Tuesday at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel for Ottilie Wisian, 94, of Springlake. The Rev. Henry Stone officiated. Burial was in Muleshoe Memorial Park.

Mrs. Wisian was born March 15, 1905, in Travis County, Texas. She died Dec. 23 in Farwell.

She married Hilbert Wisian in Neiderwald, Texas, on Feb. 2, 1927. She worked for many years as an Avon representative and was a member of Earth United Methodist Church in Earth.

She is survived by two sons, Ralph Wisian of Amarillo and Hilbert Wisian of Muleshoe; a daughter, Kathleen Hawkins Blackstock of Abilene; a sister, Irma Schaefer of Houston; eight grandchildren; and 10 greatgrandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband and by two sons, Elroy Wisian Sr. and Harold Wisian.

The family suggests memorials to the Earth United Methodist Church (303 E. First St., Earth 79371) or to a favorite charity

MENDOZA

Services were held Friday at the Church of God of the First Born in Muleshoe for Patricia Orozco Mendoza, 40, of Muleshoe. The Rev. Ramón Mendoza officiated. Burial was in Muleshoe Memorial Park.

Ellis Funeral Homes handled arrangements.



Mrs. Mendoza was born Sept. 11, 1959, in Muleshoe. She died Dec. 20 in Roosevelt County, N.M.

Mendoza

She had lived in Muleshoe all her life and was a 1979 graduate of Muleshoe High School She married Alberto Mendoza in Muleshoe in Septemeber

IRTHS

WAGGONER

Eddie Waggoner and Kathlene Thomas of Route 1, Box 925, Muleshoe, are the parents of a son, Joe Edd Waggoner, born at 11:47 a.m. Dec. 20 at Lamb Healthcare Center in Littlefield.

He weighed 6 pounds, 11 ounces and was 20 3/4 inches long.

TORRES

Raul and Tracy Torres of Route 1, Box 142-D, Farwell, are the parents of a son, Joshua Ray Torres, born at 7:47 p.m. Dec. 20 at Muleshoe Area Medical Center.

He weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces and was 19 inches long. Joshua has one sister, Cassy,

age 5. Grandparents are Bill and Linda Stovall of HCR 5, Muleshoe, and the late Benadito and

Cruz Torres. McDANIEL

Kendall and Melinda McDaniel are the parents of a son, Logan Wade McDaniel, born at 10:49 a.m. Dec. 16 at Plains Regional Medical Center in Clovis.

He weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce and was 21 inches long.

Grandparents include Robin and Sue Scott and Tuffey and Becky McDaniel, all of Mule-

Uncles are Kyle McDaniel and Ray and Glen Scott, all of Muleshoe.

1979. She was a homemaker and a member of the Church of God of the First Born.

She is survived by her husband; two sons, Albert Mendoza and Abraham Mendoza, both of Muleshoe; her parents, Josemaria and Maria Orozco of Muleshoe; a grandmother, Clara Castorena of Muleshoe; four sisters, Yolanda Martínez, Mary Alice Orozco, Mary Helen Saenz and Jessica Vara, all of Muleshoe; a brother, Joe Orozco of Muleshoe; and two grand-

C.W. BRADSHAW

Services were held Wednesday at the Muleshoe Church of Christ for C.W. "Neal" Bradshaw, 82, of Muleshoe. David Bennett and Harry Riggs officiated. Burial was in Muleshoe Memorial Park.

Ellis Funeral Homes handled arrangements.

Mr. Bradshaw was born Sept. 20, 1917, in Waxahachie. He died Dec. 25 at White Dove Rehab and Nursing Home in Littlefield.

He married Gladys "Skeet" Smith in Lubbock on Oct. 14, 1939. He was a farmer and a member of the Muleshoe Church of Christ.

He also was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, serving for 18 months in Germany with the 84th Division. He received three Battle Stars and the Combat Badge.

He is survived by his wife; a son and daughter-in-law, Lloyd and Janice Bradshaw of Lazbuddie; a daughter-in-law, Donnie Mae Bradshaw of Abilene; and a brother, Ted Melugin of Wilson, Texas; three grandchildren, Steve and Casey Bradshaw and Lori Hendricks; and four greatgrandchildren, Zach, Kyle and Shelby Bradshaw and Kaitlynn Home, all at Portales. Hendricks.

He was preceded in death by a son, Odis Neal Bradshaw, on Aug. 14, 1980.

The family suggests memorials to the New Mexico Christian Children's Home, 1356 New Mexico 236, Portales, N.M. 88130-9411.

JARED HARRISON

Services were held Wednesday at the First Baptist Church of Portales for Jared Ben Harrison, 23, of Arch. The Revs. Ken Moore and Tony Reynolds officiated. Burial was in Eiland Cemetery near Arch.

Wheeler Mortuary of Portales handled arrangements.

Mr. Harrison was born March 15, 1976, in Clovis. He died Dec. 24.

He was a 1994 graduate of Portales High School, where he played varsity basketball and was FFA chapter president. He also served as president on the FFA parliamentary procedure

He was chief of the Arch Volunteer Fire Department and an EMT; he was a member of the Arch Baptist Church.

He had been a student at Eastern New Mexico University and Clovis Community College and was employed at Walker Farms.

Survivors include his parents, Melanie and Stan Harrison of Arch; four brothers, Joel Stanley, John Kenneth, Jordan Ray and James Gordon, all of Arch; and his grandparents, Marjorie and Kenneth Precure of Muleshoe and Eva Mae Harrison of Arch.

The family suggests memorials to Gideons International (P.O. Box 1022, Portales 88130), the New Mexico Baptist Children's Home or the New Mexico Christian Children's

GENOVEVA MENDOZA

Services were held Dec. 24 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church for Genoveva "Beba" Flores Mendoza, 75, of Muleshoe. The Rev. Joe Augustine was the celebrant. Burial was in Muleshoe Memorial Park.

Ellis Funeral Homes handled arrangements.

Mrs. Mendoza was born Jan. 3, 1924, in Batesville, Texas. She died Dec. 22 at University Medical Center in Lubbock.

She married Jesús J. Mendoza in Muleshoe in 1969; he died in 1984.

She moved to Muleshoe from Crystal City, Texas, in the late 1960s. She was a homemaker and a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

She is survived by two sons, Arther Esquivel Sr. of Muleshoe and Joe Luis Flores of

Phoenix; two daughters, Rosa Hernández of Muleshoe and Angie López of Gruver; three sisters, Dominga Blanco of Moses Lake, Wash., and Lucia Rocha and Florinda Davalos,

both of Crystal City; three brothers, Elijio Flores of Crystal City, Fabian Flores of West Fargo, N.D., and Mike Flores of Dumas; 11 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

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Now, Vienna 1900 takes on special significance as Walter Cronkite and the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra greet a new century in Great Performances "From Vienna: The New Year's Celebration 2000." From the city's famed Musikverein concert Hall, Riccardo Muti conducts Strauss waltzes, polkas, and marches as Cronkite hosts and provides side trips to sites from the astonishing Vienna that greeted the 20th century — a mere six months after Strauss' death on June 3, 1899.

Great Performances "From Vienna: The New Year's Celebration 2000" can be seen Saturday, January 1st at 9:00 p.m. on KENW-TV.

"Tales from the Hive"

What's the buzz? Nova explores one of nature's most fascinating creatures on "Tales from the Hive."

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Honey bees are the ultimate intelligent insects, with a sophisticated system for communicating the location of food plus a selfless instinct for confronting danger and sharing resources. They have been called nature's most perfect society, but for many people their most commendable quality is the product of their labor: honey.

"Tales from the Hive" on Nova will be broadcast on Tuesday, January 4th at 8:00 p.m. The episode repeats Saturday, January 8th at 10:00 p.m. and Sunday, January 9th at 1:00 a.m.

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Muleshoe School Board

Members of the board of trustees of Muleshoe Independent School District, along with Superintendent David Hutton, paused earlier this fall long enough to sit for a portrait. Looking their best are (from left, back row) board members Thurman Myers, David Tipps, Arnold Price and Sergio Leal; and (from left, front row) Hutton, Board President Cindy Purdy, Vice President Curtis Shelburne and member Nick Bamert.

Extension risk management economist named for Panhandle

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

AMARILLO - Fred A. Hampel has been appointed risk management economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in the Texas Panhandle. He fills the position formerly held by James D. Sartwelle III, who assumed the newly created risk management position in Bryan-College Station.

Hampel will assist agricultural producers with risk management decisions through the Financial and Risk Management Assistance pro-

This effort became a major part of Extension's Texas Risk Management Education Program, first funded by the Texas Legislature in 1997, then expanded during the last session.

"We're fortunate to have someone with outstanding financial management credentials join our risk management education team," said Roland D. Smith, professor and associate head for Extension in the department of agricultural economics at Texas A&M Univer-

sity in College Station.

Smith said the new specialist's experience in private industry and agricultural production, when coupled with his mastery of business principles, make him uniquely qualified to assist area producers in dealing with the many challenges and risks in agriculture, now and in the future.

Hampel holds a bachelor's degree in accounting and two graduate degrees: a master of science in agricultural economics and a master of accountancy from Kansas State University.

At KSU, he served as an instructor in the accounting department. He was a graduate research fellow in the university's agricultural economics department.

Previously, Hampel worked for Koch Industries of Wichita, Kan., as a financial and risk analyst in the refined products trading section.

The specialist also owned and operated diversified crop production, cattle feeding and seed processing businesses in Kansas for 12 years.

"I look forward to working with the agricultural producers in this area," Hampel said. "Assessing risk and incorporating that uncertainty into strategic financial decisions is of vital importance to any manager who wants to make sound, sophisticated decisions regarding a business' profitability and competitiveness.'

The new FARM Assistance decision tool is state-of-the-art, and totally customized to the producer's operation.

"It uses the latest advancements in risk analysis techniques to look at business performance today and into the future," he added.

"I'm already seeing a large number of top managers wanting to take advantage of this opportunity," Hampel said. "They want to see how risk affects their bottom line over time, and how this riskreturn relationship changes across alternative business plans."

More information is available by contacting Hampel at (806)

Wildlife packets available to help establish pheasant/quail habitat

Managing land for wildlife is gaining interest in Texas, and the Texas Forest Service's West Texas Nursery in Lubbock has bare-root seedlings available to help landowners in creating habitat for pheasant and quail.

Now is the time to place orders,

before species are sold out, said Ray Cragar, a silviculturist with the service.

The packets are \$46 each, and include Russian olive, aromatic sumac, nanking cherry and plum.

Other packets are aimed at wild turkey (hackberry, bur oak, aromatic sumac and honeysuckle), deer (hackberry, flameleaf sumac, bur oak and four-wing saltbush) and squirrel (little walnut, Shumard oak, Osage orange and bur oak.

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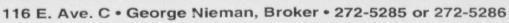
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- fenced yd., stor. bldg.!!! \$40's!!! CC-1 • 2-1-1 carport Home, wall frunace, evap. air, fenced yd.!! L-2 • 3-1-1 Home, wall heat, DW, fenced yd., \$20's!! L-5

COMMERCIAL

- •R.V./Mobile Home Park on 2.95 acres, home, office, 3 M.H. units. LET'S LOOK TODAY!!
- APPROX. 4,800' shop plus 600' office area on a 60' x 130' lot!!!
- •246' x 145' tract, Hwy. 84, \$29.5K!!

•NICE 26 UNIT MOTEL, Priced to Sell!! Call for details!!

- VERY NICE 51 UNIT MOTEL, Priced to sell!!! Call for de-
- Mobile Home for classrooms or parsonage!!! • 56' x 140' tract, approx. 4700' bldg., \$35K!!!

•GOOD INCOME PROPERTY - approx. 3490' bldg., paved

- parking, good net lease!! PRICED TO SELL!
- NICE CHURCH BUILDING, approx. 2 acre tract, with 3-2 Established Business: Land, Bldg. & Equip., \$75K!!

- NICE 3-1-1 Brick, cent. heat, evap. air, DW, fans, fenced yd., workshop-storage, extra garage, MORE!! \$38K!!! HS-6 • VERY NICE 3-1-1 Brick, Heat pump, DW, nice carpets, fenced
- yd., MORE!!! \$30's !!! HS-1 • NICE 3-2-1 Brick, Cent. A&H, built-ins, fenced yd., stor. bldg.
- \$50's!! HS-2 • VERY NICE 3-1-1 Home, Cent. A&H, nice carpets, six fans, 2
- stor. bldgs., fenced yd., \$30's!! HS-5 VERY NICE 3-1-1 Brick, Cent. A&H, stove, DW, fenced yd. MORE!! \$38K!! HS-4

RURAL

- PLEASANT VALLEY, Approx. 320 acres, 2 bdrm home, 1 bath, 2 car detached garage, on pavement!!
- VERY NICE 4 bedrm., 2 bath, Brick Home on Hwy. 70, total elec., Geo Heat Pump, built-ins, FP, loads of storage, fenced yd., auto spkler., storage bldg. & shed, 2 acre tract. MORE!!!
- W. of SUDAN-NICE3-3-2 Brick Home, 5 acretracton Hwy. 298, Cent. Air & Heat, built-ins, large Quonset Barn, MORE!!!! \$95K!!!
- 5 Acre tract on pavement close to town! Approx. 108 acres on Hwy. 70, approx. 2100' office area, 16,900' of commercial bldg. w/loading dock, 3,400' warehouse!! 2,800'
- •LONGVIEW GOOD Dryland Labor, fully allotted, planted in wheat. \$225.00 per acre.
- •152.8 acres, 15 hp & 20 hp. sub., Lockwood spklr., 85 acres seed grasses & 35 acres wheat. \$475.00 per acre.
- EARTH (Hite Park Add.), 3 bdrm. 2 bath!! Call for Details!!



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