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NEWS BRIEFS

April 3 final day to register to vote in special election

AUSTIN — Texas Secretary of State Gwyn Shea would like to remind the residents of the 19th Congressional District of Texas that Thursday, April 3rd, 2003 is their final opportunity to register to vote in the upcoming special election to fill the congressional seat being vacated by Congressman Larry Combust. The 19th Congressional District includes all or part of the following counties: Andrews, Bailey, Cochran, Crane, Ector, Gaines, Hockley, Howard, Lamb, Loving, Lubbock, Lynn, Martin, Midland, Parmer, Terry, Ward, Winkler and Yoakum. The election will be held on Saturday, May 3, 2003. The early voting period will begin on Wednesday, April 16, 2003.

Applications for a voter registration certificate can still be obtained at the following locations, voter registrar's office, Department of Public Safety, your local library and many local post offices.

The application needs to be post-marked by April 3 in order to obtain a registration certificate for the special election. Texans should mail or deliver their application to their local voter registrar's office.

One of the most convenient ways for Texans to guarantee their participation in the election is to download an application from the Secretary of State's website (www.sos.state.tx.us). Secretary of State Shea serves as the Chief Election Officer for the State of Texas.



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On this date in history

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LOCAL WEATHER

Expect Thursday to be windy with a times of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the upper 30s. Plenty of sun on Friday. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the upper 30s. Saturday will be windy with times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the low 40s. Windy on Sunday with partly cloudy skies through next Wednesday. Highs will average from 67°-74° and lows averaging from 35°-38° according to the National Weather Service's Tuesday forecast.

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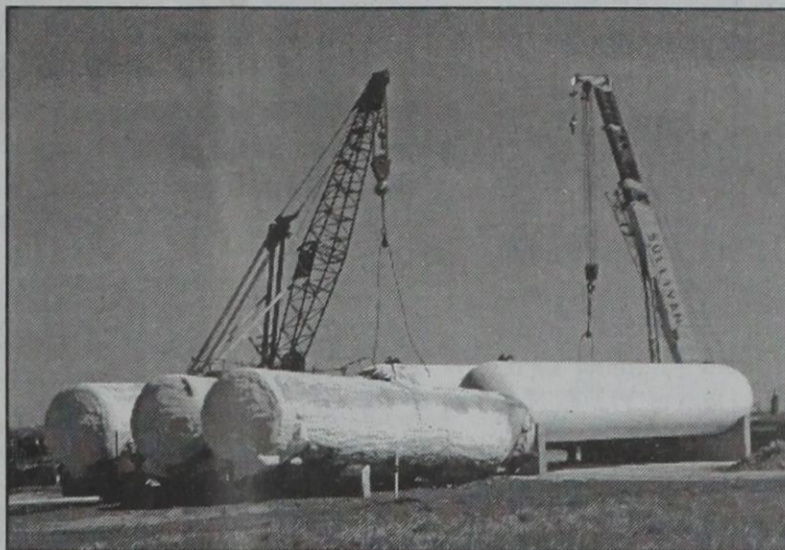
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Worker's death brings OSHA penalties of \$70,000

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

An explosion at a Reliant Processing Group worksite in Muleshoe in September 2002 that resulted in the death of a worker has led to citations from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) of the U.S. Department of Labor and proposed penalties totaling \$70,000. Reliant Processing, headquartered in Odessa, processes carbon dioxide gas for bottling and beverage companies.

OSHA began its investigation of Reliant following an accident in which an employee was killed when the tank he was insulating exploded. The tank was filled with carbon dioxide. No other workers were injured. The company employs about 300 workers, 10 of whom



Workers remove damaged carbon dioxide storage tanks while replacing them with new ones.

work in Muleshoe.

The company was cited for one alleged willful violation for exposing employees to a struck-by hazard associated with the sudden and cata-

strophic failure of carbon dioxide storage tanks. The explosion was related to a buildup of excessive pressure and brittle fracturing of two tanks due to extremely low temperatures. A

willful violation is defined as "an intentional disregard or plain indifference to the requirements of the OSHA law and regulations."

"Adhering to recognized and generally accepted engineering control practices as set out in OSHA's safety procedures may have prevented this accident," said Edward Cosgrove, area director of OSHA's Lubbock area office. "The company's failure to provide a safe and healthful working environment contributed to the worker's death."

The accident in Muleshoe prompted an investigation at the Reliant plant in Guymon, Okla., whose operations are similar. The investigation conducted by

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Area drivers warned of construction zone fines

By MARSHALL STINNETT
Journal writer

If you are coming from the north and make a right turn off of Texas Highway 214 and US Highway 84 and get a ticket, your minimum fine will be \$87. Justice of the Peace Herman Morrison pointed out to the *Journal*, state law requires the fine be doubled.

Morrison said, "Any fine in a construction zone is automatically doubled. Morrison added, "The court costs don't double, just the fine."

Morrison said he had three tickets issued Tuesday to drivers making the now illegal right turn. People will need to pay close attention to all the construction traffic signs during the project to rebuild Texas 214.



Road construction at the intersection of Highway 214 and US 84

Local agency joins collaborative effort to help end chronic homelessness in the area

According to Dawn Merriott, the Veterans County Service Officer for Bailey County, the U.S. Interagency Council on the Homeless (ICH) is coordinating a \$35 million joint initiative with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Health and Human Service (HHS), and Veterans Affairs (VA) to support the Administration's initiative to end chronic homelessness. This initiative seeks to create a collaborative and comprehensive ap-

proach to addressing the problems of homelessness of our most vulnerable citizens. This collaboration among the departments offers housing and service funding through a consolidated application. Applicants must show how the funds they are requesting will be part of a comprehensive and integrated community strategy to use funding resources, including mainstream services resources, to assist persons who are chronically homeless and homeless families with

a disabled adult member to move from the streets and emergency shelters into stable housing and receive the range of services and other support needed to promote and maintain greater self-sufficiency.

Funds will be awarded by HUD, two agencies with HHS, and VA based on one consolidated application. This application requests a description of the comprehensive approach (Section 1) being taken by each applicant, and includes four Agency-Specific application sections (Sections 2-5) tied to the four federal funding streams. Applications must address both the overall approach and specific technical requirements established by the participating agencies. Funding provided by HUD must be used to provide permanent housing; HHS/SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) funds will be directed toward substance abuse treatment, mental health and related supportive services; and HHS/HRSA (Health Resources and Services Administration) funds will be used for primary health care services. Applicants will be able to obtain additional resources from local VA facilities by addressing the specific needs of chronically homeless veterans in their application.

Court favors remodeling present jail

By MARSHALL STINNETT
Journal writer

After much discussion, the Bailey County Commissioners Court agreed to the \$75,000 spending cap to remodel the present jail complex after the new jail is built during a special meeting Monday. The \$75,000 will be included in the amortization of the new jail.

James Parkey of Corplan, contractor for the new jail, told the commissioners a new roof would cost \$20,000 to \$25,000. Parkey said to make the basement handicapped accessible and to meet safety standards there would have to be another entrance to the

basement. He estimated the cost to be around \$20,000. The court wants the basement to be available for an emergency shelter.

County Judge Marilyn Cox reminded the court there would be a partition to divide adult and juvenile probation offices. Both are now in rented space and the court wants to move them to the present jail location after the new jail is completed.

Parkey also told the court construction on the new jail could begin as early as mid-June.

The court agreed to the renewal of the sheriff's department radio license. The license has expired and the county is operating on a temporary license.

Hospital, nursing home getting tougher on collections

By MARSHALL STINNETT
Journal writer

The Muleshoe Hospital and Park View Nursing Home will be getting tougher on collections the Hospital Board was told last Thursday at the regular monthly meeting.

The financial staff presented

a series of follow-up collection letters to the Board and the Board members suggested the Administration file complaints with the Justice of the Peace Court to place liens against the hospital customers with past due bills.

Administrator Jim Bone

told the Board there will be serious consequences for the hospital and the nursing home if the proposed cuts in Medicaid funding by the legislature pass.

Bone told the Board that medical facilities would have to continue to treat the patients

without reimbursement or reduced reimbursement.

He also told the Board the old X-ray unit had been sold for \$1000.

The Board voted to write-off \$49,000 in bad debt and passed a resolution continuing the present personal property levy.



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AROUND MULESHOE

SCAC to hold Bake Auction

The Student-Community Action Club will be holding a bake auction on Saturday, April 5, 2003, to raise funds. Members' homemade baked goods will be on Channel 6 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. To bid on favorites, call 272-3990. Goods will be delivered to the highest bidder. All proceeds will be donated to the Muleshoe Heritage Foundation. We encourage the entire community to participate and support us.

Parents of 2003 Seniors to have sale

Parents of 2003 graduating seniors are taking orders for homemade cinnamon rolls that will be ready for pick up on April 13 at 6:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church kitchen. The rolls will be sold at \$5.00 a plate (3-4 large rolls per plate). The profits will go toward Project Graduation. The parents are making a limited number so reserve yours today by calling Lavon Hunt at 272-7777 or Susan Wedel at 272-5901.

Class of 1993 seeking classmates

Muleshoe High School Class of 1993 is planning a class reunion. Information is needed on the following classmates: Joe Alonzo, Jeffrey Bradley, Marcus Bryan, Orlando Camarena, Eric Cisneros, Michael Cearley, Tracy Clewis Hall, Kristie Collins, Becky Donaldson, Arturo Estrada, Robert Fisk, Stephanie Francis, Carmen Franco, Diana Gardea, Albert Garza, Genny Herrera, Libby Herrera, April Hugg, Johnny Jaquess, Stacy Langfitt Hendrickson, Brandon Lingnau, Aida Martinez, Albert Mendoza, Scott Miramontes, Lenny Pineda, Misty Ramage-Snow, Robert Rodriguez, Raul Rojas, Adrian Salazar, Ellen Salcido-Capps, David Serrano, Jessie Singletery, Brian Soper, Donny Strawbridge and John Verner. If anyone knows an address, phone number, email address or location of any of these people, please contact either Mandy Shipman at 806-795-2332 or Kristi (Chapman) Wilson at 505-838-9082.

FCCLA to hold bake sale

FCCLA (Family Career Community Leaders of America) will be having a traveling bake sale Thursday, April 3 beginning at 2:00 p.m. The FCCLA students will travel to different businesses in town until all baked goods are sold. All profits will go toward paying for the FCCLA State meet in May.

Lazbuddie round-up set for April

The Lazbuddie I.S.D. pre-kindergarten and kindergarten round-up will be April 11, 9:00-11:00 a.m. in the library. Parents are asked to bring social security and immunization cards and a birth certificate. For more information, call Alicia Pacheco at 965-2152 or 965-2153.

LICA registration to continue

Parents who still wish to register their child for the 2003-2004 school year for Life in Christ Academy (LICA) Preschool may do so throughout the month of April at the Life in Christ Academy preschool building. It is located next to St. John Lutheran Church of Lariat just off Hwy. 84 east of Farwell. Classes for three and four-year-olds will be held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8 a.m. to noon. The preschool follows the Farwell ISD calendar for all holidays. Children must be three years old and completely potty trained before September 1. Tuition for LICA is \$80 per month. A non-refundable registration fee of \$35 is due at the time of registration. Current immunization records must also be presented at the time of registration. For more information, contact LICA director Tina Symm at 825-2410 or 825-3074.

PLANT

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OSHA's Oklahoma City area office resulted in citations at the Guymon plant with penalties totaling \$70,650. Reliant Processing Group, LLC has 15 working days from receipt of the citation to either comply, request an informal conference with OSHA's Lubbock office, or

contest the citations and proposed penalties before the independent Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission.

Employers or workers who have questions concerning safety and health may call OSHA's Lubbock area office at 806-472-7685 or OSHA's toll free hotline number at 1-800-321-6742.

SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

By MARSHALL STINNETT
Journal writer

The Muleshoe Independent School District Board of Trustees met at noon Monday in the school administration office.

Sheets warned the board that proposed cuts in state funding could force the board to raise taxes to make up the cuts in future years. Sheets also told the board that good management has allowed the district to maintain fund balances to meet the eminent cuts from the state.

ing to cut budgets enough to make up a \$14.5 billion dollar shortfall in state revenues.

After hearing administrative reports, the board approved the District Technology Plan, the Federal Programs Action Plan and adopted a school calendar for the 2003-2004 school year.

The board voted to accept the resignations of Barbara Neal, Sherrie Reeves and Judy Coker. They also agreed to hire Sandi Fullerton of Clovis.

Basketball tournament scheduled

The Murray Youth Basketball Boys Tournament will be held April 10, 11 and 12 at Littlefield Junior High gym. Entry fee is \$150.00 per team. Divisions include 14 and under, 12 and under, and 10 and under. For more information, contact Maurilio Ontiveros at 806-632-1636, mobile or 806-385-4921, home. Deadline is April 4.

Addresses for charitable giving listed

Anyone wishing to send a donation to a local charity may mail contributions to:

- Hope Chest, Box 175, Muleshoe 79347;
- Bailey County Food Pantry, Box 175, Muleshoe 79347;
- Meals on Wheels, 300 S. First, Muleshoe 79347; and
- Rainbow Room, 902 W. Avenue J, Muleshoe 79347.
- Lazbuddie EMS and volunteer fire department, Box 125, Lazbuddie 79053.

Public calendar

April 7 through 11 — Muleshoe Public Library will hold annual book sale.

Also April 8 — 5:30 p.m. A general citizen membership meeting will be held at the Onieta Wagnon Senior Center. This will be a pot-luck. Seniors are asked to make their favorite dish and come to the meeting. Tables, chairs, paper plates, cups, etc., will be provided.

Also April 11 — 6:30 p.m. Muleshoe High School Fellowship of Christian Students will host "Light Your Fire" youth night at the Bailey County Coliseum. Special guests include 184 Christ, Curtis and Allison House and Ryan Figg. The event is sponsored by the Muleshoe Cowboy Fellowship. For more info call Sid Morris at 806-470-0142.

April 7 and 15 — Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Muleshoe Area Medical Center, 708 South First Street. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. Call 806-356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

April 20 — 8:30 a.m., Muleshoe Cowboy Fellowship, 117 E. Birch, Easter Sunday morning worship. Contact Steve Friskup at 272-5199 for more info.

Correction

In the March 27 edition of the *Muleshoe Journal*, the closing hours of the Chamber of Commerce building were incorrectly stated as being 2 p.m. The Chamber building is open until 4 p.m. Mon.-Fri. The *Journal* regrets the error.

END OF GAME NOTICE

These games will be closing on **April 30, 2003**. You have until **October 27, 2003**, to redeem any winning tickets for these games.

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- Stars & Stripes (Game #318)**
*Overall odds are 1 in 4.87
- Pay Me! (Game #321)**
*Overall odds are 1 in 4.77
- Super Lucky 7's (Game #328)**
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- Winner Wonderland (Game #358)**
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- Crossword (Game #365)**
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- Spin & Win (Game #714)**
*Overall odds are 1 in 4.94
- Spicy Hot Cash (Game #716)**
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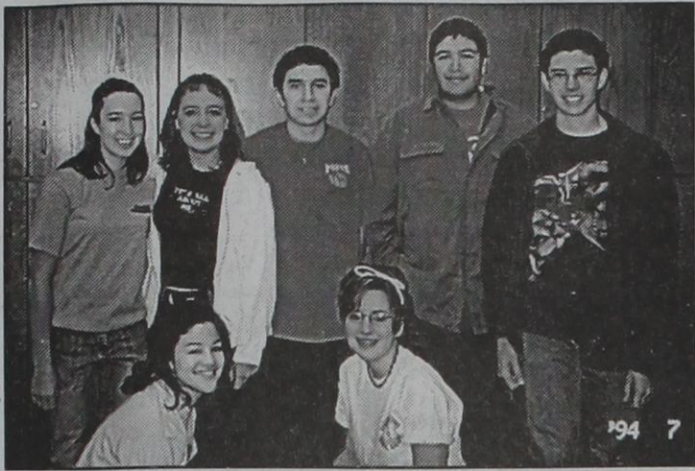
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Lady Mules dominate home meet

**By DELTON WILHITE
Journal sportswriter**

The Lady Mules defended their home track by defeating all comers to the Muleshoe Relays on Friday, March 28. Muleshoe scored 145 points to claim the meet, followed by Canyon Randall (119), Lubbock Cooper (91), and Olton (66).

Lamesa (44), Dimmitt (36), Denver City (24), Shallowater (21), Brownfield (20), Idalou (15), Lubbock Roosevelt (11) and Littlefield (12) rounded out the field.

Jessica Withrow and Amber Cowart placed first and fifth in the long jump with leaps of 16 feet nine inches and 14' 11" respectively. Sara Benham and Lindsey Wood took first and sixth in the triple jump with jumps of 35' 7" and 31' 8 1/2".

Withrow, Benham and Brandi Wood finished first, second and fifth in the high jump by clearing 5' 4", 5' 2" and 4' 8" respectively. Ashley Dickson and Kasey Wood placed first and second in the pole vault by

clearing 7' 0" and 6' 6".

Hillary Tipps finished the 3200-meter run in 13 minutes 50.63 seconds for fifth place. In the 400-meter relay, the team of B. Wood, Benham, L. Wood and Jamie Carpenter placed third with a time of 52.80.

Ashley Gutierrez was third in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:38.60. Withrow was first in the 100-meter hurdles with a 15.38. Cowart and Charissa Conner had preliminary times of 17.38 and 18.14.

Carpenter placed third in the 100-meter dash with a 13.32 and Dickson had a preliminary time of 13.98. The 800-meter relay team of Eva Pylant, L. Wood, Carpenter and Benham finished second with a time of 1:52.86.

Gutierrez and Sarah Sexton had preliminary times of 1:08.53 and 1:12.04 in the 400-meter dash. Withrow and Pylant finished first and third in the 300-meter hurdles with times of 48.13 and 50.62.

B. Wood, L. Wood and K.

Wood had preliminary times in the 200-meter dash of 28.76, 28.80 and 30.77 respectively. Pylant, B. Wood, Benham and Withrow placed second in the

1600-meter relay with a 4:20.71.

The Lady Mules will compete in the Eagle Relays in Canyon April 4 and in the District 2-3A meet in Littlefield April 10.

State bound performers

High School Band members traveled to Coronado High School recently to compete in the UIL Solo and Ensemble contest. Students performed Ensembles or Solo's by memory for judges that are specialist in each instrument they judged. Students receiving a 1 rating qualify for State Competition in San Marcos in May. Those students are (front row, from left) Janice Pacheco and Jessica Hall, clarinet solo's; (back row, from left) Jami Wedel, flute solo; Hailey Hamilton, piano solo; Cristobal Almanza, J.C. Orozco, and Brant Wedel qualified with a percussion ensemble. Other students participating were Timothy Villa, Alberto Daniel, Andy Ramirez, Erika Perez, Veronica Nuñez, Lucy Ortega, Stacey Mata, Lorenzo Nuñez and Marcélla Saxton. Becky Jones, band director said, "We are proud of all of the hard work all of these students put forth to help themselves become better players as well as benefit the band as a whole."

JV Mules finish third in track competitions

**By DELTON WILHITE
Journal sportswriter**

The JV Mule track team scored 99 points to place third in the Muleshoe Relays. Federico Arzola and Sam Regalado ran third and

fourth in the 3200-meter run with times of 12 minutes 8.48 seconds and 12:30.55 respectively.

Myles James cleared 10 feet, six inches in the pole vault to place second.

Landon Wilson jumped 37' 7" to place third in the triple jump and leaped 17' 9" to take third in the long jump.

The 400-meter relay team of Francisco Vidaña, Joel Salcido, Eric Sanchez and

Lorenzo Nuñez ran third with a time of 48:15. Glenn Scott placed sixth in the 800-meter run with a 2:25.05.

Vidaña, Salcido, Sanchez and Nuñez placed third in the 800-meter relay with a time of 1:41.30. Wilson and Barry Morris took second and third in the 400-meter dash with times of 57.64 and 57.65.

Arzola and Regalado placed third and fourth in the 1600-meter run with times of 5:25.51 and 5:30.22. The 1600-meter relay team of Eli Villa, Wilson, Salcido and Morris were first with a time of 3:50.32.

NURSING HOME NEWS

Thursday morning, Timi and Nancy Lemons delivered ceramics for the residents to paint in craft class. Residents participating were: Diane Copley, Clydetta Mitchell, Delphine Gruda, Aline Locke, Bootie Tiller, Cleota Kelly, Mary Johnson and Gladys Wilson. The Residents' Council met Thursday afternoon. Kathy Smallwood met with Council members. Kathy, a new employee, greeted each resident and stated that she was happy to be at Park View and was looking forward to knowing each resident better.

Zona Gatewood, Morris and Robbin Nowlin and Jacque Baker devoted a music and song devotional this week.

Friday afternoon, Janet Denton came to entertain with her music and songs. Janet was accompanied by her mother, Sharon Rector, and Janet's baby girl, Jody Denton.

The Cowboy Church directed the church services Sunday afternoon. Steve and Robin Friskup and their daughter, along with Jeral James and Janis Cowley directed the service. L.D. Johnson also participated in the service.

Several residents received visits from their families on

Saturday. Among those visited were: J.C. Shanks by Gerald and Lula Maye Shanks; Hattie Heathington by Aubrey and Margaret Heathington; Guy Kendall by his wife, Elsie Kendall; Alda Odom by Gary and Jo McCray; Joyce Morrison by Herman Morrison; Audry Magby by her family; and Johnnie Kimbrough by Donna and Ed Nickels, Nicky Nickels and the Glover brothers.

Monday morning, Janis Cowley directed a tribute to pigs theme party. The residents were busy before the event making pink pig noses for everyone to wear at the party. Aline Locke won first place in the hog calling contest. Cleota Kelly won second. After a time of pig trivia and games, "slop" punch was served and the movie "Babe" was shown.

Anne Locke, our ombudsman, directed a service in tribute to military people who are in service of our country.

Mrs. Guzman's class from high school came to direct bingo for the residents Monday afternoon. The students who participated were: Amy Burris, Maria Hernandez, Isela Flores, Jenny Toscano, Felisha Costilla, Kayla Spradling and Jenny Bush.

The residents made pigs-

in-a-blanket in their cooking class Monday afternoon. What a nice aroma came out of the kitchen! We had many volunteers to sample the goodies!

The residents and some staff members tied yellow bows (made by Decorators Floral & Gifts) on trees at Park View Monday as a tribute to those who are serving our country.

Tuesday morning, Pastor Gary and Judy Hubbard came to visit, fellowship and direct a music and praise service for the residents.

Volunteers came Tuesday afternoon to shampoo and set the ladies hair. Pat Watson has a piece about the volunteer beauty shop at Park View that has been published in the April edition of *Mature Living* magazine. Congratulations, Pat!

Herchel Patterson has had many visitors. Among those visiting were his wife, Freddie Patterson, Doyle and Doris Ford, the Alvis Burges' from Lubbock, and Jesse and Lois Stancell.

Saturday afternoon, Harold and Mary Jo Burge directed the "Bingo Bash!"

Sherry Wisian directed the devotional during the devotional and "Singspiration" time Wednesday morning. Loyce Killingsworth, Buster Kittrell and Janis Cowley visited the "Singspiration."

The Kittrells and the Burges served coffee, juice and cinnamon rolls to the residents at coffee time.

Glenda Jennings directed the sing-along and puppet show Wednesday afternoon.

Melvin and Wanda Griffin visited the residents and staff Friday afternoon.

Janice Bradshaw visited Marie Lane recently.

Keeli Pierce and Jan Pierce and Brenda Kee visited Jim Kee Sunday.

Aurora Del Toro was visited by the Floreses on Wednesday, March 19.

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HOSPITAL NEWS

The Muleshoe Area Medical Center reports the following patient load:

March 20 — Lucia C. Aguirre, Teresa McGaa and Anastacia Mendoza.

March 21 — Lucia C. Aguirre and Joe Saiz.

March 22 — Lucia C. Aguirre, Gene Caldwell, Derek Cockrell, Tomasa Garcia, Julie Hawkins, Jack D. Lane, Kanti S. Patel, Nancy Roberts and Jessie Sotelo.

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Performing soloists

Twenty two members of the Watson Jr. High Band traveled to Clovis recently to play solo's for the El Desayano Solo Festival. Each prepared solos to play for judges who rated their performances. There were 20 ratings of I, and two students received a II rating. The contest was an excellent preparation for High School UIL competition in later years. Band members who attended and their instruments are (front row, from left) Holly Hunt-flute, Morgan Baca-flute, Sara Cisneros-clarinet, Alyssa Lopez-mallets, Whitney Moulton-flute, Molly Pedroza-flute; (second row, from left) Ismael Mendoza-alto sax, Brittney Ambriz-alto sax, Calli Hancock-piccolo and flute, Laura Cogliandro-flute, Jami Whalin-flute, Kaitlyn Geissler-flute, Brittini Carter-flute, Elizabeth Symm-flute, Castle Crawford-mallets, Travis Thompson-tenor sax; (third row, from left) Rene Orozco-baritone, Brock Arington-tuba, Jami Hall-flute, Joaquin Ruvalcaba-trombone, Angel Daniel-alto sax and James Coffman-trumpet. Not pictured is Courtney Mardis-clarinet. After the competition, notice was received that the flute judge had named, in his room, Elizabeth Symm as Outstanding Soloist. Symm and her fellow soloists were praised for their dedication and hard work.

Mules fall to Bobcats; defeat Cubs

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal sportswriter

The Mules dropped a heartbreaker to the Bobcats of Dimmitt March 25 but bounced back against the Brownfield Cubs on Saturday, March 29. The Mules had committed only two errors in the first six innings and led the Bobcats 5-1.

A passed ball and a fielding error gave Dimmitt extra outs in their final at bat. The Bobcats made the Mules pay with a two-out rally that included a grand slam home run over the center field fence that ended the game with Dimmitt winning 6-5.

On Saturday, the Mules rallied from being down 2-0 in the first inning to blast the Cubs 15-3.

"Everybody was down after the loss to Dimmitt," said Muleshoe baseball coach Gilbert Ramirez. "But Coach (Carey) Sudduth helped us out by pointing out we had only missed two plays against Dimmitt. It was the best game we had played all season and that's why it hurt so bad to lose. We had great workouts all week to get ready for Brownfield."

Ramirez continued, "We made four errors early today and could have folded it up. But the kids didn't let it bother them and fought back to take the game. They deserve all the credit today. Jarad (Flores) threw a great game and the kids kept their hands back at the plate and put the bat on the ball."

The Mules scored five runs in the sixth inning to take 6-3 lead. The rally included a three run home run by Miguel Castorena.

"I just try to block everything out when I am at the plate," said Castorena. "The pitch was just perfect—like it was set up on a tee. It was a perfect pitch to drive."

During a big-run inning, sometimes a pitcher has problems staying warm in the dugout.

The Mules used intensity and a propane heater to keep Flores warm. He only had to throw seven pitches to sit

the Cubs down in the fourth.

The Mules added nine insurance runs in the bottom of the fourth to put the game out of reach for the Cubs. The Mules sent eight batters to the plate in the third inning and 13 in the fourth.

Juan Nuñez beat out an error in the third and scored. He singled in the fourth to pick up two RBIs and scored his second run of the game.

"When they changed pitchers in the fourth inning, he gave me a fast ball down the middle. I drove the ball to left field to pick up the base runners," said Nuñez. "Coach's workouts are making us faster and better base runners."

Jarad Flores said, "Coach has been working with me on the release point of my curve ball. It has been too high, but today I was able to keep it down in the strike zone and that made it a lot harder to hit."

The district leading Pirates of Lubbock Cooper put their record on the line Tuesday in Muleshoe. The Mules are tied with Slaton at 2-1. Brownfield and Dimmitt are tied for third with records of 1-2 and

Littlefield is in the cellar at 0-3.

The Mules travel to Littlefield on Saturday, April 5 for their final game of the first round of district and head to Slaton to tangle with the Tigers to begin the second lap.

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Amarillo College inducted 71 new members into the Beta Eta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) on March 29.

Among those inducted was Candice Randolph of Lazbuddie.

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Students of the month

Lazbuddie Elementary School has named its students of the month for February. These students have displayed outstanding qualities of character, citizenship and leadership. They are (back row, from left) fifth-graders Dylan Haney, son of Greg and Netta Haney, and Frankie Rodriguez, son of Monica Rodriguez; fourth-grader Colten Weaver, son of Shannon Weaver and Becky Russell; third-grader Merced Campos, son of Merced and Patricia Campos; (front row, from left) pre-kindergartener Abigail Jesko, daughter of Dustan and Stephanie Jesko; kindergartener Jose Robledo, son of Jose and Celia Robledo; first-grader Cutter Glover, son of Brian and Shanna Glover, and second-grader Shea Scott, daughter of Lee and Carolyn Scott.

Muleshoe gymnasts compete in Florida

The Acrospirit trampoline and tumbling team from Muleshoe Sports Academy (MSA) recently sent their elite team to a competition in Tampa, Fla. Six athletes made the trip to the competition which was the first Jr. and Sr. Elite trial for the national teams.

Being on the Jr. or Sr. Elite teams is a priority for these athletes. They don't receive direct funding as of yet, but they do get clothing, shoes and the opportunity to represent the U.S. in competitions around the world.

The junior and senior athletes on the team are Amber Cowart, Drew Rentfro, Nicole Roethle and Amanda Bailey. All four first competed in trampoline with Amber and Drew making finals in the event.

Amanda and Nicole had trouble with their second routines and fell to the end mat, eliminating their hopes for finals.

Amber went into finals in eighth position and would have moved up but landed on the end mat on her seventh skill, which left her in eighth position after finals.

Drew did one of her best routines of the year in finals and was able to hold on to her fifth place position. Drew also competed in tumbling, but failed to make finals.

Both Drew and Amber competed in the highest level double mini, Senior Elite. Amber was fighting a sprain in the arch of her foot but still finished up in fifth position. Drew, competing in her first senior elite competition, went into finals in second place. In finals, she landed both of her routines for perfect landing deductions and moved up into first place. This was the second Sr. Elite victory for an Acrospirit nationally since Cowart won in Las Vegas last January.

"I was very proud for

Drew winning like she did. It was great for all the girls to have one of them win after a tough round of trampoline. We felt like we could have all four been in the finals and taken home some medals, but it just didn't happen this time," said Will Green, MSA director.

USA Gymnastics also held a lower level invitational competition on Sunday. The Acrospirit team took Katlin Luscombe, Sara Sanford and Chelsey Hunt to this competition. All three girls did exceptionally well in their first major competition since nationals last years.

Katlin won gold in trampoline and double mini as well as bronze in tumbling. Chelsey won gold in tumbling and double mini as well as fourth in trampoline. Sarah won gold in double mini and tumbling and double mini as well as fourth in trampoline. Sarah won gold in double mini and tumbling as well as seventh in trampoline.

The Elite team will next compete in Holland and then in Canada before coming home for their State Championships in Muleshoe April 26.

Dillman to celebrate week devoted to youth

Lynn Cain, pre-kindergarten teacher, reports that the pre-kindergartener and early childhood classes at Dillman Elementary are planning a celebration for "The Week of the Young Child," April 6-12, 2003. "From Caterpillar to Butterfly" has been chosen as the school's theme for the week's activities.

"The Week of the Young Child" was established by the National Association for the Education of Young Children as a way to heighten awareness of the educational needs of young children.

A variety of activities are

CRP refunds issued

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL
United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced recently that it will begin issuing refunds of \$16.4 million to eligible producers who were assessed payment reductions in 2002 for emergency haying or grazing on Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acreage. The refund applies only to 2002.

Producers enrolled in CRP are permitted to hay and/or graze livestock on CRP land under certain natural disaster conditions. When haying and/or grazing is permitted, producers are assessed a reduction in CRP annual rental payments, as required by law, to account for the areas

hayed or grazed. In 2002, more than 1,825 counties were authorized for the benefit nationwide, and more than \$16.4 million was collected in payments reductions.

FSA will make the refunds to eligible producers as soon as possible. Estimated refunds for Texas are \$557,511.

Generally, to be approved for haying or grazing, a county must have suffered at least a 40-percent loss of normal moisture and forage for the preceding four-month qualifying period.

For more information on CRP, producers should contact the local FSA office, 111 E. Ave. D in Muleshoe or call 272-4538.

Golf teams compete in area tournaments

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal sportswriter

The Muleshoe boy's golf team opened their district season in Slaton March 24 with their best outing of the season. The Mules finished second in the tournament with a team total of 320 shots. The Slaton Tigers grabbed the tournament win with a 297.

Ariel Flores tied for second as an individual to pace the Mules with a 73 and Trevor Turnbow shot a 76 to take fifth place. Kory Atwood followed with an 85 while Trent Black shot an 86 and Myles James completed the course with an 87.

The Mules played their second district tournament March 31 at Elm Grove Golf Course in Lubbock with Lubbock Cooper as the host team.

The final District 2-3A tournament will on the Dimmitt Country Club course April 7.

The JV Mules jumped into the district lead with a team total of 359 points, finishing 21 shots in front of the second place Slaton Tigers.

Layne Sheets led the JV Mules with an 85, followed by Landon Sheets with 88. Tatom Heathington carded a 91 and Tyler Sheets finished with a 95.

The JV Mules play the same schedule as the varsity team.

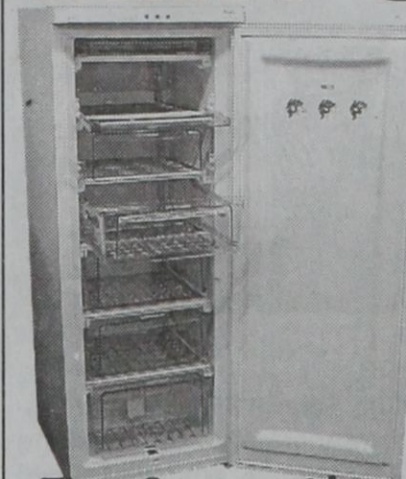
The Lady Mule golf team competed in their first district tournament at the

Brownfield Country Club March 27. Teams are comprised of at least four members and only three competed for Muleshoe, so there was no team score.

Hillary Tipps tied for ninth place individual with a 104. Morgan Burton followed with a 110 and Mandy Brantley recorded a 146.

The Lady Mules will host the next district competition April 3 and will complete the three-tournament schedule April 9 in Littlefield.

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Getting the job done

These four Muleshoe High School FFA and 4-H students returned home as winners after participating at the RodeoHouston calf scramble which was held on March 10, 2003. Gathered are (from left) Caleb Heinrich, Logan Caddell, Muleshoe High School ag teacher Sid Morris, Marlie Black and Ryan Marricle.



Journal photo Beatrice Morin

Cowboy poetry

Don Templar shares with residents at Park View Nursing Home some of his personal experiences through his poetry. He is the grandson of Erma Templar, a resident at nursing home.

OBITUARIES

WEBSTER "WEB" JOHNSON

Services were held Friday, March 28 at South Georgia Baptist Church for Webster "Web" Johnson, 77, of Amarillo. The Revs. Bob Miller and Robert Brown officiated. Burial was at Memory Gardens Cemetery.

Schooler Funeral Home of Amarillo handled arrangements.

Mr. Johnson was born in McLean, Texas. He died Monday, March 24, 2003 in Amarillo.

He graduated from Friona High School in 1943. He served in the United States Navy during WWII. He was awarded the Victory Medal.

He married Helen Dorothy Dawkins at Plainview in 1951. He then went to work for the Bureau of Mines Helium Activity. He then served on the Masterson School Board in Masterson, Texas. He also served as the Fire Chief at the Helium Plant. He retired in 1986 after 30 years of service.

He was Santa for 12 years at the Panhandle Plains Historical Society Christmas celebrations. Mr. Johnson was a very active member of South Georgia Baptist Church, where he was the church gardener, the money counter, and was on the Buildings and Grounds committee and other various

committees at the church. He served as the treasurer for Plantation Acres Baptist Church.

Mr. Johnson is survived by his wife; three sons and daughters-in-law, Richard G. and Jo Nell of Georgetown, Kenneth L. and Jan of Canyon Lake, Jesse D. and Marie of Jasper, Ga.; three sisters, Ellen Ladd of Muleshoe, Jean Hearn of Mesquite and Madge Cannon of Littlefield; his father-in-law, Foy Dawkins of Claude; and nine grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Talihina Johnson, and one brother, Leroy "Jiggs" Johnson.

The family suggests memorials be made to the "United We Build" Fund, c/o South Baptist Church, 5209 S. Georgia, Amarillo, Texas 79110.

CLAUDE DAVIS

Services were held Wednesday, March 26, 2003 at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel in Muleshoe for Claude Davis, 63, of Hobart, Oklahoma. The Rev. Bruce Cotton officiated. Burial was in Springlake Cemetery in Springlake, Texas.

Ellis Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Mr. Davis was born November 27, 1939 in Hart, Texas. He died Friday, March 21 in the Elkview

General Hospital in Hobart.

He had been living in Hobart since 1993 moving from Ft. Smith, Arkansas. He was raised in the Springlake Community. He had played and coached American Legion Baseball. He worked as a salesman and as an installer of playground equipment.

Mr. Davis is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Bethany Davis of

Bryan, Texas; a daughter, Stephanie Parker of Clovis; a sister, Joyce Hicks of Lubbock; and five grandsons.

He was preceded in death by a son, Rodney, and an infant daughter, Pamela.

The family suggests memorials be made to the American Diabetes Association, 8008 Slide Road, Lubbock, Texas 79424 or St. Jude's Hospital for Children.

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DOWN THE STREET

By LEAH BELL
Journal writer

Down the street this week, I talked with Kay Cole about a recent trip she took to Guanajuato and San Miguel de Allende, Mexico.

Kay described the trip as "one of the most interesting and delightful trips that she has ever taken." Not only was it great to be with her Dallas friends for several days, they got to visit private homes that are almost never open to the public. Clara Borja de Hinojosa, founder and director of the Mexican Cultural Center, led the tour.

The city of Guanajuato was founded in the beginning of the sixteenth century and supplied two thirds of the silver in the world. In 1824, when Mexico won its independence and wrote its first constitution, Guanajuato became the capital city of the sovereign state.

Kay's group was treated to a private welcome reception by the descendants of the Count of Valenciana and allowed to tour their eighteenth century hacienda. They visited the Valenciana Church and the Juarez Theatre among other places.

The next day, Eduardo Cast Busso, President of the Cultural Patrimony of Humanity, took the group on a tour of the art restoration workshop at the San Gabriel de Barrera hacienda. After reviewing the sixteenth and nineteenth century paintings and murals being restored, they toured some of the oldest colonial architectural treasures in the city, then visited the pottery workshop of the renowned artist, Capello. That evening, Kay and her compadres walked

through some of the legendary narrow streets and followed strolling musicians dressed in eighteenth century costumes.

According to Kay, San Miguel de Allende was named one of the eight best places to retire by *Money* magazine. It's located in central Mexico, just a few hours north of Mexico City. She said the city is popular with expatriates because of its rich culture, slow pace, beauty, proximity to the States and perfect weather.

The group was also taken on a guided tour of private homes and gardens by Alfredo Pliego, Urban Developer of the State of Guanajuato. The group visited Dolores Hidalgo, the famous church where the first Declaration of Independence of Mexico was established in 1810. They also toured the Gothic cathedral and house where Ignacio Allende lived, numerous art galleries and several wonderful restaurants.

"For me," Cole said, "the highlight of the trip was a private reception with the remarkable Sra. Faffie Siekman de Romero, the first lady of the State of Guanajuato." Sra. De Romero is Presidenta de DIF Estatal, Desarrollo Integral de la Familia, where she directs numerous programs to aid families. "One of the most significant programs she's involved in is teaching child care and nutrition to women in poverty," Kay said.

The trip was a program of the Dallas Summit, a group of Dallas women who are city-leaders working to create a whole, just and abundant community. Cole was a member of the group while living in Dal-

las and was invited to join the tour.

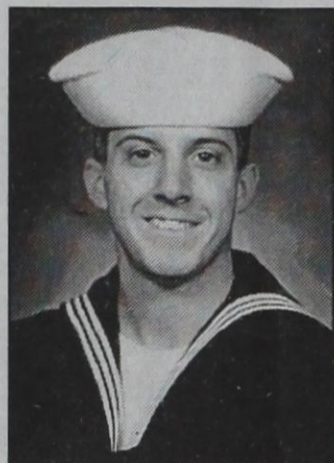
Crystal Helton dropped by the *Journal* office to bring me an email she received from her husband, Kelly, who is currently serving in the U.S. Navy.

His words of wisdom concerning the war in Iraq deserve to be passed on, and so I agreed to share them with you:

From: RMOO Helton Kelly S MM3

Titled: PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN

Hey there, family and friends. How are you doing? As for me, I am doing the best I can. Well, I guess Saddam bit off more than



Helton

he can chew, huh? I swear that guy is the dumbest man on the face of God's green earth.

And another thing, if you see any of those dumb kids protesting about the war and burning our beautiful flag which I can honestly say I'd die for, walk up and (please forgive me) knock them out cold. I tell you what, that just beats all I've ever seen. They need to be out here away from the ones they love for six or seven months or longer at a time and get a taste of reality.

If not for me and everyone else in the Armed Forces who have sacrificed our lives — being away

from wives who may be about to have children, being away from moms, dads, brothers and sisters or even just knowing that our lives could very well be on the line — those protestors wouldn't even have the right to freedom of speech that I'd say they've darn sure abused.

As for me personally, I am proud to serve my country and I do it with honor, courage and commitment. Those three things are the Navy's core values, and I really do realize now what they mean. I know that the chances of something happening to our ship are unlikely, but if, God forbid, the unthinkable were to happen, I would die as someone who was very proud to be an American.

The email was signed "With all my love and God Bless, Kelly S. Helton."

This email was written by Kelly to his wife in response to an email she had sent to him about actual war-protest events she witnessed, including people burning flags and turning cars over on the freeway in Bremerton, Washington.

Kelly and Crystal are expecting their first child in about five weeks (as of this writing).

I urge anyone with family members in the military to share their letters, emails and other correspondences with me. In return, I'd be honored to share them with our readers. Call me at 272-4536 for further information.

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Letters to the Editor make a difference!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

The privilege to vote gives us the power to change the course of our nation. Our parents, grandparents, and friends gave their lives, risked their livelihood, braved jail cells and billy clubs to win the right to cast their ballot. The stakes are too large for us to just stay at home.

Every year rural America loses more of its voice in our government, and still every election fewer and fewer of us exercise our privilege to vote. If we continue to neglect this privilege, one day we will wake up and find that the voice of rural America and its communities has been canceled out forever.

We have one chance to be heard and that is at the polling booth. So this May 3rd and in every election after that make sure you are heard, register and vote!

May God bless our wonderful country and protect all of our brave men and women who find themselves in harms way!

We should never forget the sacrifices they are making to keep us safe and to protect our freedoms!

FILEMON GUZMAN JR.
Muleshoe

Dear Editor,

It is unfortunate that the Texas Legislature is considering a proposal to handicap social studies and citizenship education for our children at the same time we are asking for more accountability and better performance from them. Delaying the purchase of social studies textbooks is being offered as a way to save money. It's not. It will only delay spending the money to a time when costs definitely will be greater, but economic conditions may be no better. The real cost of this proposal is in the classrooms and in the minds of our students. Social studies teach our heritage, good citizenship and patriotism. Social studies help kids become better global citizens, better stewards of our precious environment. I wonder if our legislators know that our social studies texts are already hopelessly out of date, some more than 10 years old. Further delay could mean an educational disaster.

Dr. Amy Jo Baker, Social Studies Director for the San Antonio ISD, points out, "Social Studies is the only core content area that does not have textbooks aligned with the new Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TAKS)." This means that

the present textbooks are poor fit for the state-mandated TEKS, and these requirements, for all grades, will show up on the high stakes TAKS test required for advancement. It's like removing two spark plugs and expecting the car to run smoothly.

Legislators need to understand that our sixth grade teachers and students have been studying "Contemporary World Cultures" for three years, and, because of non-alignment, have had to use World History texts with an emphasis on the Greeks, Romans, and the Egyptian dynastic period. Hardly contemporary!

The state of Texas has the finest, most complete social studies K-12 curriculum in the United States in spite of our current substandard textbooks. For this, we have to thank the Texas Council for the Social Studies and key officials at the Texas Education Agency. Let us not destroy this leadership position; let us not handicap our children in a misguided effort to delay spending state funds to purchase critical learning materials.

RICHARD G. BOEHM
Director of
Texas Alliance for
Geographic Education



Muleshoe Cattle Market
SATURDAY, MAR. 29, 2003

REPRESENTATIVE SALES

1,273 head of cattle, 122 hogs and 466 sheep and goats for a total of 1,861 animals were sold at the March 29th sale. Market steady on all stocker calves with good demand and good buyer participation. Feeder cattle sold 1-2 dollars higher with good demand. Pairs and bred cows steady. Packer cows and bulls also steady.

The Muleshoe Cattle Market is brought to you each week by Muleshoe Livestock Auction, located east of Muleshoe on U.S. 84. Muleshoe Livestock conducts sales every Saturday, beginning with hogs, sheep and goats at 10 a.m. and cattle following at approximately noon.

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Luis Martinez, Farwell	6 Hol. bulls	217 lbs.	at \$112.00
Antero Estrada, Texico, NM	3 Hol. str	233 lbs.	at \$111.00
Alvin Holmes, Hereford	.....	Hol. str	290 lbs.	at \$99.00
CM Cattle, Muleshoe	.....	Bik. bull per hd.	165 lbs.	at \$250.00
Rafael Zepeda, Portales, NM	.....	Bik. bull	365 lbs.	at \$118.00
Albus Cattle, Morton	.....	Brown str	435 lbs.	at \$109.00
Bullseye Cattle, Sudan	.....	2 Mxd. str	458 lbs.	at \$108.00
KP Farms, Lubbock	.....	3 Bik. str	482 lbs.	at \$99.00
Kim Hanlin, Littlefield	.....	3 Mxd. bulls	508 lbs.	at \$94.00
BT Livestock, Morton	.....	3 Mxd. bulls	582 lbs.	at \$84.50
Travis Bessire, Muleshoe	.....	Bik. str	595 lbs.	at \$83.00
Ronald Scott, Muleshoe	.....	6 BWF bulls	627 lbs.	at \$82.50
Ronald Scott, Muleshoe	.....	9 BWF bulls	700 lbs.	at \$75.00
Wayne Wood, Monahans	.....	Bik. str	645 lbs.	at \$85.00
Tolvin Tate, Clovis, NM	.....	2 Mxd. str	720 lbs.	at \$76.50
Gary Massey, Portales, NM	.....	5 Red str	806 lbs.	at \$73.75
B&P Cattle, Lubbock	.....	Yell. hfr per hd.	200 lbs.	at \$265.00
FM Farms, Brownfield	.....	5 Bik. hfrs per hd.	207 lbs.	at \$280.00
Martha Villegas, Plains	.....	Bik. hfr	345 lbs.	at \$104.00
Flying N Cattle, Amarillo	.....	31 B&BWF hfrs	387 lbs.	at \$97.00
Bullseye Cattle, Sudan	.....	2 Mxd. hfrs	412 lbs.	at \$93.00
Ronald Scott, Muleshoe	.....	11 BWF hfrs	578 lbs.	at \$85.00
Wayne Wood, Monahans	.....	5 Bik. hfrs	609 lbs.	at \$79.75
KP Farms, Lubbock	.....	9 Mxd. hfrs	671 lbs.	at \$75.00
Timothy Jinks, Muleshoe	.....	4 Brang. hfrs	684 lbs.	at \$75.50
B&P Cattle, Lubbock	6 Red hfrs	690 lbs.	at \$76.00
Flake Cattle, Muleshoe	4 Mxd. hfrs	693 lbs.	at \$77.00
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CM Cattle, Muleshoe	Bik. cow	1130 lbs.	at \$44.00
Charlie Marquez, Hereford	Bik. cow	1130 lbs.	at \$44.50
A&B Cattle, Muleshoe	.....	Bik. cow	1090 lbs.	at \$45.50
Red Rock Dairy, Amherst	.....	Hol. cow	1300 lbs.	at \$42.75
Cecilio Ontiveroz, Springlake	Hol. cow	1560 lbs.	at \$44.50
CM Cattle, Muleshoe	Bik. bull	1630 lbs.	at \$54.50

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(Circle of Champions is recognized every nine weeks at DeShazo Elementary School. Students must maintain at least a 75 average, earn an "A" in behavior and have not more than four absences during the nine weeks in order to be tested.)

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Claire Brown's class — Baylee Bessire, Melissa Casanova, Valerie Eccles, Michael Freeman, Hector Granados, Trevor Hill, Leslie Macias, Mike Martinez, Patrick Mendoza, Maricruz Quintanilla, Doroteo Ruiz and China Dawn Williams.

Brenda Lackey's class — Matthew Ambriz, Damian Gardea, Adelaido Godinez, Gilbert Gomez, Salvador Gonzalez, Breanna Loreda, Summer

Lowe, Dominique Mata, Brittany Moore, Chesiree Peña, Caitlin Sowder and Casandra Torres.

Bill Reed's class — Ivana Agundis, Angel Alvarez, Betsy Careaga, Hector Flores, Matthew Garza, Jodee Hall, Colton Hill, Belinda Pacheco, Crystal Rodriguez, Crystal Rubio, Gilberto Triana, Max Vargas and Stephanie Vasquez-Posadas.

Jodi Young's class — Isabella Alfaro, Tyler Cain, Marielena Campos, Roman Chavez, Sabrina Chavez, Thomas Devenport, Adrienne Fulton, Angel Garcia, Robbie Gregory, Adriana Guerra, Ricky Morin, Sofia Quezada and Ashley Thomas.

Fourth Grade

Dale Arnold's class — Erick Avila, Adrianna Camarillo, Ariel Castorena, Tyler Gregory, Taylor Hardt, Sandy Mojica, Valeria Olivas, Devnie Orozco, Aaron Pope, Gladis Ramos and Abigail Regalado.

Twila Arnold's class — Brandon Ellis, Heather Gutierrez, Sergio Montejano, Alejandra Montejano, Joey Ramirez, Zachary Toscano and Jenna Whitworth.

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Patty O'Hare's class — Roberto Corral, Yvonne Gardea, Alejandra Gomez, Natalie Head, Jasmine Hernandez, Amy Howard, Amy Regalado, and Skyler Smith.

Sandra Richards' class — Bradley Lennon, Jessica Medina, Jennifer Payen, Maxine Pulido, Anabel Regalado, Cinthya Ronquillo, Cooper Washinton and Maria Zaragoza.

Chantel White's class — Gage Edwards, Mindy Hamilton, Brook Lennon, Cassidy Lowe, Priscilla Mendoza, Chance O'Hare, Amanda Rainey, Crystal Rangel, Vivian Ronquillo, Keifer Ruthardt, Cassi Stegall, Tyson Turnbow and Gabriel Vargas.

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David Keller's class — Austin Bamert, Dalmacio Barron, Ashley Cisneros, Xavier Cuevas, Lucera Granados, Guadalupe Hernandez, Alyssa Lozano, Sarah Moradi, Lindsay Mouton, Michael Olivas, Stuart Precure, Julia Silva, Jared Skipworth and Erika Tovar.

Tonda Wood's class — Jessica Behrends, Craig Black, Tessa Burris, Carlos Bustillos, Adrian Chacon, Caleb Conner, Caitlyn Durben, Ali Eagle, Dustin Hawkins, Mariela Medina, Melissa Mendoza, Tony

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Maria Herrera, 17, no driver's license and no insurance.

Mario Esteven Diaz, 22, failure to appear (three) on no driver's license charge, no insurance and no driver's license.

Yesenia Blanca Salas, 29, driver's license restriction violation, unregistered vehicle and no insurance.

March 2

Martin Omar Morales, 19, DWI (first).

Jeremiah John Alfaro, 18, public intoxication.

March 5

Josue Sigala, 18, harassment.

March 6

Jose Luis Linares, 17, no driver's license, no insurance and expired inspection certificate.

March 8

Willie Dixon Wolfe, 68, motion to revoke probation — DWI.

March 9

Marcos Reyes, 26, failure to appear — no driver's license.

Kathleen Lenore

Loniewski, assault.

Jose Eduardo Sierra, 29, family violence.

Jose Pallares, 30, expired registration, no insurance

Number One on My Mother's List of Deadly Sins Was . . .

I suppose my mother probably heard somewhere in her early education, secular or religious, about the "seven deadly sins." I'm not sure if she did or not. But I can tell you with certainty what was #1 on her own list, a list, by the way, that was the law of the land in our house as I grew up in spite of the fact that no one in the family, least of all, Mom, ever stopped to ask for the children's input and opinion regarding that list. I never recall a vote on the matter. My mother seemed to think that democracy was highly overrated. But without a doubt, #1 on my mother's list of "deadly

we were right in that opinion. I remember pitching a lie in Mom's direction only once, and she caught it and recognized it for what it was before the cowardly and despicable words had barely left my sadly mistaken little mouth. Even before the certain punishment was inflicted, I felt terrible inside, having for a moment violated my mother's trust. Her love, you see, was as absolute as her standards, and she neither deserved nor expected deceit from offspring. It was a relief to throw myself on the mercy of the court! And I learned early that lying always causes more problems than it solves. I also learned how nice it is to be able to hold your head up and look yourself in the mirror, particularly if you are seeing yourself and your character reflected in the mirror of your mother's loving eyes.

I have plenty of my own faults. I'm well aware of my own weakness and fallibility. I know that I often fall to fits of stupidity, stubborn pride, etc., and so I honestly don't mean to be self-righteous here, but if I've ever lied or been tempted to lie to myself or others, I at least have never been so blinded as to feel comfortable with it. My mother saw to that. It's hard for me to understand those who habitually play fast and loose with the truth, and I can't understand why some people even seem to prefer a lie to the truth. They pay a heavy price.

Lots of lies are coming out of Baghdad these days. It's disheartening that so many in our world are so willing to spread them and believe them.

Truth is precious and never more obviously so than when lies abound.

Curtis Shelburne is minister of the 16th & D Church of Christ in Muleshoe.



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

sins" was LYING.

It would never have occurred to my mother to even consider lying to us, and she absolutely expected the same respect from her offspring.

We were not to lie. We were not to shade the truth.

Truth was understood to be a precious commodity that only the diabolical and demented would consider devaluing. The idea of "white lies" was understood to be complete nonsense. All lies, we were taught, are black lies, and falsehood was simply not tolerated by the management and not to be tolerated by the children themselves even, and perhaps especially, in themselves. Ever.

By the way, we were pretty sure that Mom was omniscient. I am still convinced that

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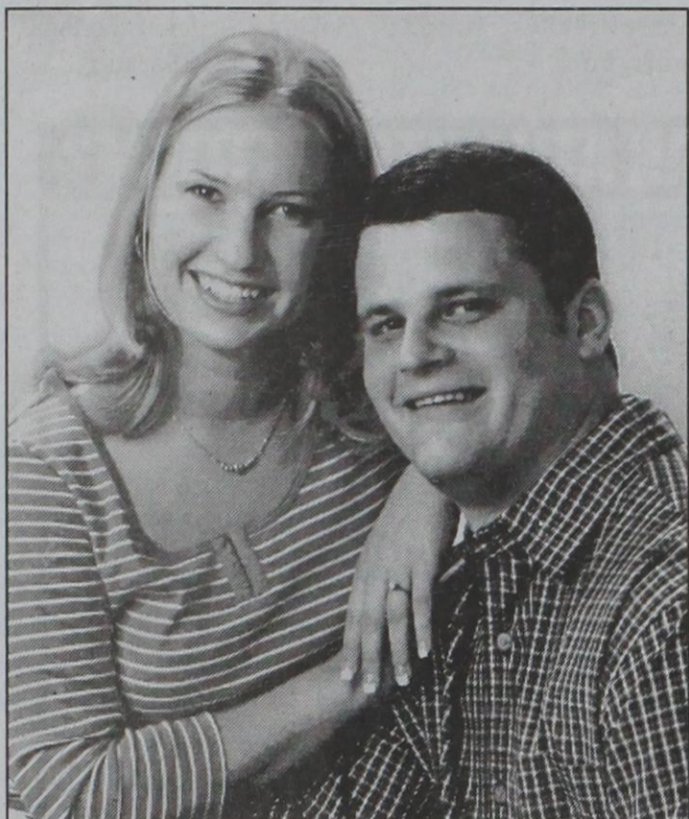
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Kenneth and Shirley Braden of Garden City, Texas announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Lora Lee, to Christopher John Smith, son of Dale and Debbie Gallman of Bovina. The bride-elect is a 2000 graduate of Garden City High School and is a pre-chiropractic major at Angelo State University. The prospective groom is a 1998 graduate of Lazbuddie High School and will receive his MBA in accounting from Angelo State University in May. He is employed by Oliver, Rainey and Wojtek, L.L.P. The wedding will take place on June 14, 2003. The couple plans to reside in San Angelo.

JV Lady Mules sprint for the championship

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal sportswriter

The JV Lady Mules ran away with the junior varsity division of the Muleshoe relays by racking up 179 points. April Morgan toss of 28 feet 10 inches in the shot put was good for second place.

Samantha Ruthardt and Yudi Aguirre took second and fourth in the long jump with leaps of 13' 4" and 12' 11" respectively. In the triple jump Monica Posadas, Kyla Ellis and Aguirre were second, fifth

and sixth with jumps of 28' 4", 25' 10" and 24' 11".

Tamara Thompson cleared 4' 4" in the high jump to take second place. Paje McRoberts won the 3200-meter run with a time of 16 minutes 45.10 seconds. The 400-meter relay team of Aguirre, Janice Pacheco, Ellis and Ruthardt took first with a time of 57.10.

Kristen Ambriz won the 800-meter run with a 3:01.22 and Emily Zackoski placed fourth with 3:20.28. Thompson finished fifth in the 100-

meter hurdles with a 21.91 and Ruthardt, Christy Morgan and Monica Posadas ran first second and fifth in the 100-meter dash with times of 13.47, 13.48 and 14.39.

The 800-meter relay team placed first with a time of 2:01.16. Jenna Rasco and Irene Torres placed fourth and fifth in the 400-meter run with times of 1:18.78 and 1:19.17.

Thompson ran second in the 300-meter hurdles in 1:00.03 and Aguirre and Kayla Spradling placed sec-

ond and fifth in the 200-meter dash with times of 32.23 and 32.39. Pacheco also competed with a time of 33.44.

Marisela Silva and Sara Dominguez placed third and fourth in the 1600-meter run with times of 7:23.15 and 7:23.76. No other junior varsity team entered a 1600-meter relay team so the Lady Mule team C. Morgan, Spradling, Ellis and Rasco placed first but ran with the varsity teams. A time was not available for them.

The Mule 1600-meter relay team of Merino, Landon Sheets, Reyes and Flores ran fourth with a time of 3:43.73. The Mules compete in the Eagle Relays in Canyon April 4 to prepare for the District 2-3A meet in Littlefield April 10.

Special guests attending were the bride-elect's mother, Mandy Seaton; and her grandmothers, Janice Lee and Tink Seaton; the prospective groom's mother, Julie Parks; his grandmother, Pat Parks; and his sister, Ashley Parks; the

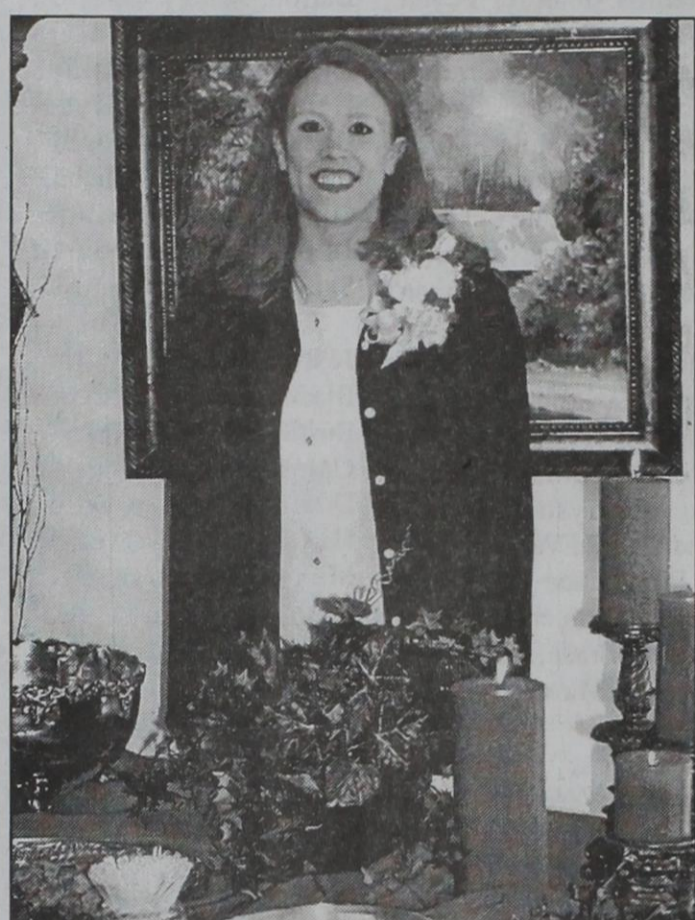
bride-elect's great-grandmother, Myrtle Zinanni; her aunts, Theresa O'Donald, Rickie Seaton and Tracy Brazile; and her great aunt, Mary Lou Menefee.

Hostesses, including Engelking, were Cindy Magby, Sheryl Morris, Marsella Jennings, Sandy Gregory, Barbara Lust, Marca Morris, Sharon Cox, Glenda Jennings, Vicki

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The wedding is scheduled for May 17, 2003 in Stillwater, Okla.



Shena Seaton

Seaton honored with bridal shower

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Other key assistance program details include: Sign-up for the \$50 million cottonseed program will begin after completion of the 2002 crop ginning season, which occurs around May 1; and a \$250 million Livestock Assistance Program that will reimburse producers for grazing losses will begin in July.

The Livestock Compensation Program is already in place. Sign-ups began April 1.

Another important date is the June 2 closing date to sign completed contracts for the 2002 and 2003 Direct and Counter-cyclical Program.

Crop disaster payments are also subject to a formula which states that the sum of (1) the value of the crop not lost, (2) the disaster payment, and (3) the crop-insurance indemnity cannot exceed 95 percent of what the crop's value would have been if there had been no loss.

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Mules take seventh position in Mule Relays

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal sportswriter

The Mules placed seventh from an 11-team field in the Mule Relays held Friday, March 28. Robby Bomer was fourth in the high jump by clearing 5 feet 8 inches and AJ Flores was first in the long

jump with a leap of 20' 2".

Rey Martinez's toss of 44' 5 1/2" in the shot put was good for fifth place. Flores placed fifth in the triple jump with a jump of 41' 2 1/2" and Brady Black placed fourth in the 110-meter high hurdles with a time of 16.45 seconds.

Flores ran third in the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.24 and the 800-meter relay team of Rudy Gonzales, Anthony Merino, Daniel Campolla and Juan Reyes placed fifth with a 1:37.48. Black took second in the 300-meter hurdles with a 42.34.

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HIGHLAND AREA

- 2-1-1 carport Home, Cent. A&H, stove, storm shelter, MORE!! \$21.5K!! HL-3
- VERY NICE 3-2-2 Brick, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, fans, fenced yd.!! MORE!! \$72K!! HL-1

HIGH SCHOOL AREA

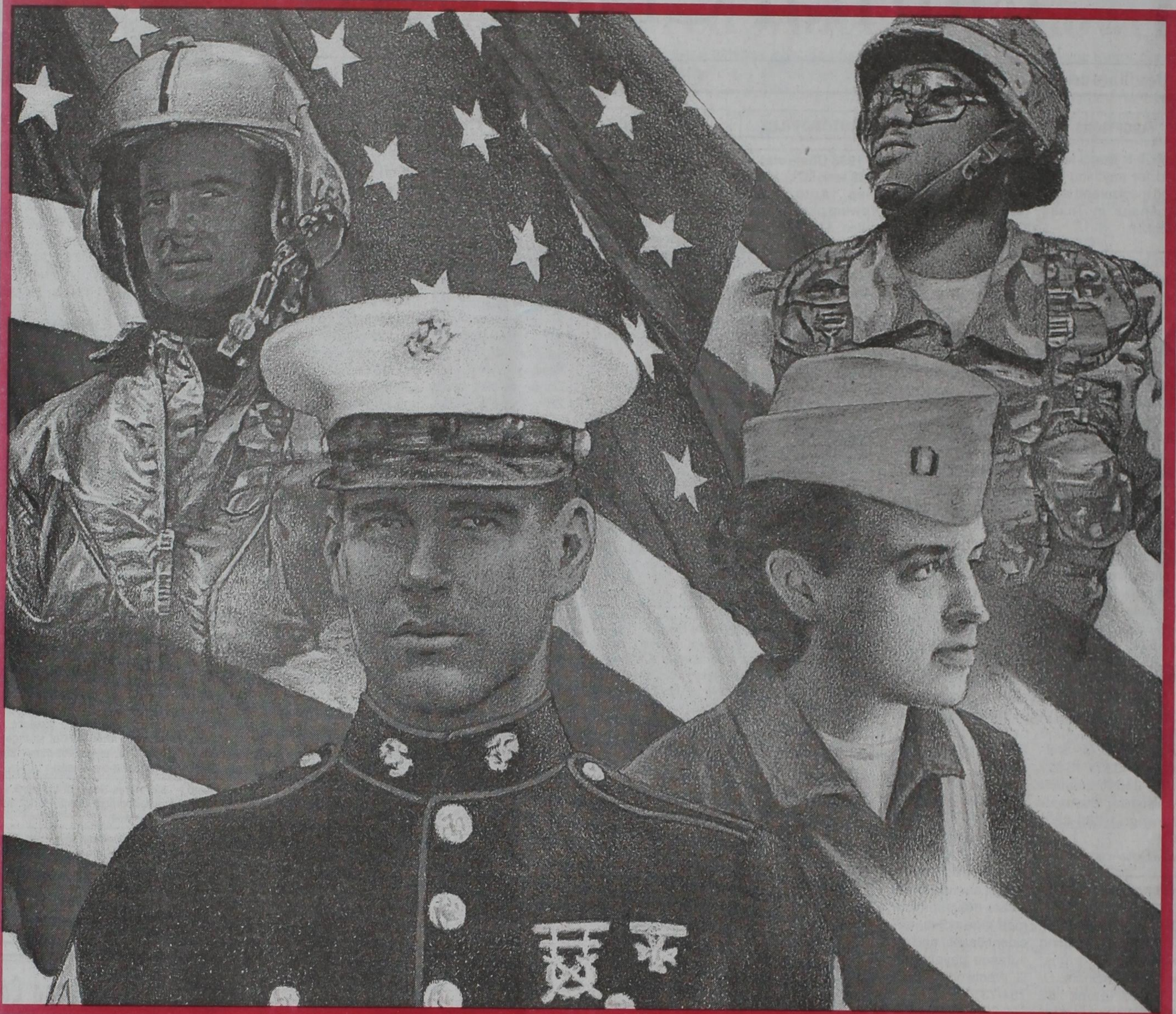
- VERY NICE 3-2-2 Brick, Cent. A&H, built-ins, nice carpet, fenced yd., pecan trees!! \$72.5K!! HS-1
- NICE 3-1/2-1 Brick, Cent. A&H, built-ins plus furniture, fans, fenced yd. MORE!! \$40K!! HS-2
- 3-2 Home, corner lot, fl. furn. heat, fenced yd. \$25K!! HS-10
- 2-1-1 Home, wall furnace heat, win. evap. air, stove, corner lot!! \$30K!! HS-3
- 3-2-1 Carport Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, storm win. & doors!! \$40K!! HS-7
- NICE 3-2 Home, new Cent. A&H, hardwood floors, 5 fans, storm win. & doors, stor. bldg., fenced yd.!! \$41K!! HS-6 COMMERCIAL

PRICED REDUCED!! HWY. 84 EXCELLENT BUSINESS LOCATION-125'x140' tract!!

- HWY 84/70-GREAT LOCATION -2870' retail, 16640' shop, 6000' paved, RR spur w/ loading docks, 3.44 acre tract!!
- GREAT LOCATION-13,000 sq. ft. bldg. Cent. A&H, paved parking!! \$85K!!!
- EXCELLENT BUSINESS LOCATION - Approximately 6,550 sq. ft. building, high traffic area!! \$115K!!!
- NICE six unit office complex, Cent. A&H, restroom facilities, and also has a nice one-bedroom and two bedroom rental units. \$39.5K!!!
- HWY. 84-150' frontage, office, warehouse, truck dock, railroad spur access, with or without fuel storage tanks!! \$30K!!!
- GOOD INCOME PROPERTY - approx. 3490' bldg., paved parking, good net lease!! PRICED TO SELL!!
- VERY NICE 2300' bldg., Cent. A&H, 175' frontage on Hwy 84 & 70!! MUCH MORE!!
- RANCH HOUSE CLUB/RESTAURANT!! \$70K!!
- Approximately 2,000' shop plus 450' office, cent. heat, evap. air, 250' x 100' tract on Hwy 84!! \$35K!!!

RURAL

- 3-1 Home on .59 acre, edge of town, wall furn. heat!! \$35K!!!
- 3-1-1 carport home on one acre, wall heat, evap. air!! \$12K!!!
- EXCELLENT DAIRY LOCATION-1120 ac., 7 circles, 20 wells, very nice 3-2-3 Home w/ basement, 40' x 60' barn w/ 30' x 40' shed, 3 mil. lb. grain facility, add 3 bdrm. home, 2 mobile homes, on pavement convenient to Muleshoe, Clovis, Portales, & 5K head permit. Could be split if needed!!
- W. of SUDAN-NICE 3-2-2 Brick Home, 5 acre tract on Hwy. 298, Cent. Air & Heat, built-ins, large Quonset Barn, MORE!! \$95K!!!
- PRICE REDUCED - 108 acres or 7 acre tract on Hwy. 70, approx. 2100' office area, 16,900' commercial bldg. w/ loading dock, 3,400' warehouse, new well, 2,800' runway!!
- GOOD 160 acre farm, fully allotted, 2 wells, valley circle!!



WITH HONOR AND RESPECT TO ALL OUR TROOPS

They are our family, friends and neighbors; everyday citizens, yet so much more. They are the brave men and women who have put their lives at risk to protect and serve our country in war. Time and again, our country's Armed Forces have been on the front lines in defense of our freedom. Today, we take this opportunity to say thank you to these brave souls.

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