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Department Of Agriculture To Capitalize On Free Trade Agreement

Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry said the Texas Department of Agriculture is working with ag commodity groups and food companies to expand trade to Mexico and to capitalize on the North American Free Trade Agreement.

"I was a vocal proponent of NAFTA from the get go," Perry

told those attending the 1994 Caprock Cotton Conference in Crosbyton. "This agreement on the whole is great news for Texas agriculture and great news for Texas cotton. That's because I believe this agreement is going to create jobs in Texas and jobs in Mexico."

Perry noted that Mexico was

Texas' number one trading partner before NAFTA, and the treaty will only accelerate trade between the two. During the next 10 years, Mexico's 10 percent tariff on cotton will be phased out, so U.S. cotton exports should increase, Perry said.

"Clearly, any time a new market is opened to our prod-

ucts, the potential is there to support price increases," the commissioner said.

To expand Texas' cotton exports to Mexico, TDA is working with the Texas Cotton Association to send a trade mission to Mexico this year, Perry said. The group plans to meet with textile industry officials and buyers in Mexico

City, Guadalajara, Monterrey and Puebla to explain improvements made in the state's cotton quality during the last several years. Mexico used to buy a lot of cotton from Texas, but presently purchases most of its cotton from Tennessee.

"We are going to educate Mexican buyers on Texas cotton and explain to them how

our cotton meets their spinning requirements," Perry said. "Frankly, there's no need for them to go all the way to Tennessee anymore when they have access to Texas cotton right in their backyard."

This year, the High Plains cotton crop is estimated to earn about \$1.2 billion in gross cash

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Lady Mules to play for district title here Friday

MHS rallies for 56-48 win over Friona

FRIONA — The Muleshoe Lady Mules took a giant step in their bid to win their first district district championship in three decades here Tuesday, rallying for a 56-48 District 2-3A victory over the Friona Lady Chieftains.

Muleshoe hit 16 of 16 from the free throw line in the fourth quarter — Allyson Field and Kristin Holmans each hit eight-of-eight — to fight off the Lady Chieftains down the stretch.

The victory clinched a post-season berth for the Lady Mules, who improved to 19-9 overall and 7-2 in the district. But more importantly, the Lady Mules moved within one win of the school's first girls' district championship since the early 1960s.

For all practical purposes, the game for the district championship will be played Friday (Feb. 11) at the MHS

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Mules hold off Friona 71-64 in overtime battle

FRIONA — The Muleshoe Mules got their second District 2-3A win of the season here Friday, beating the Friona Chieftains, 71-64 in overtime.

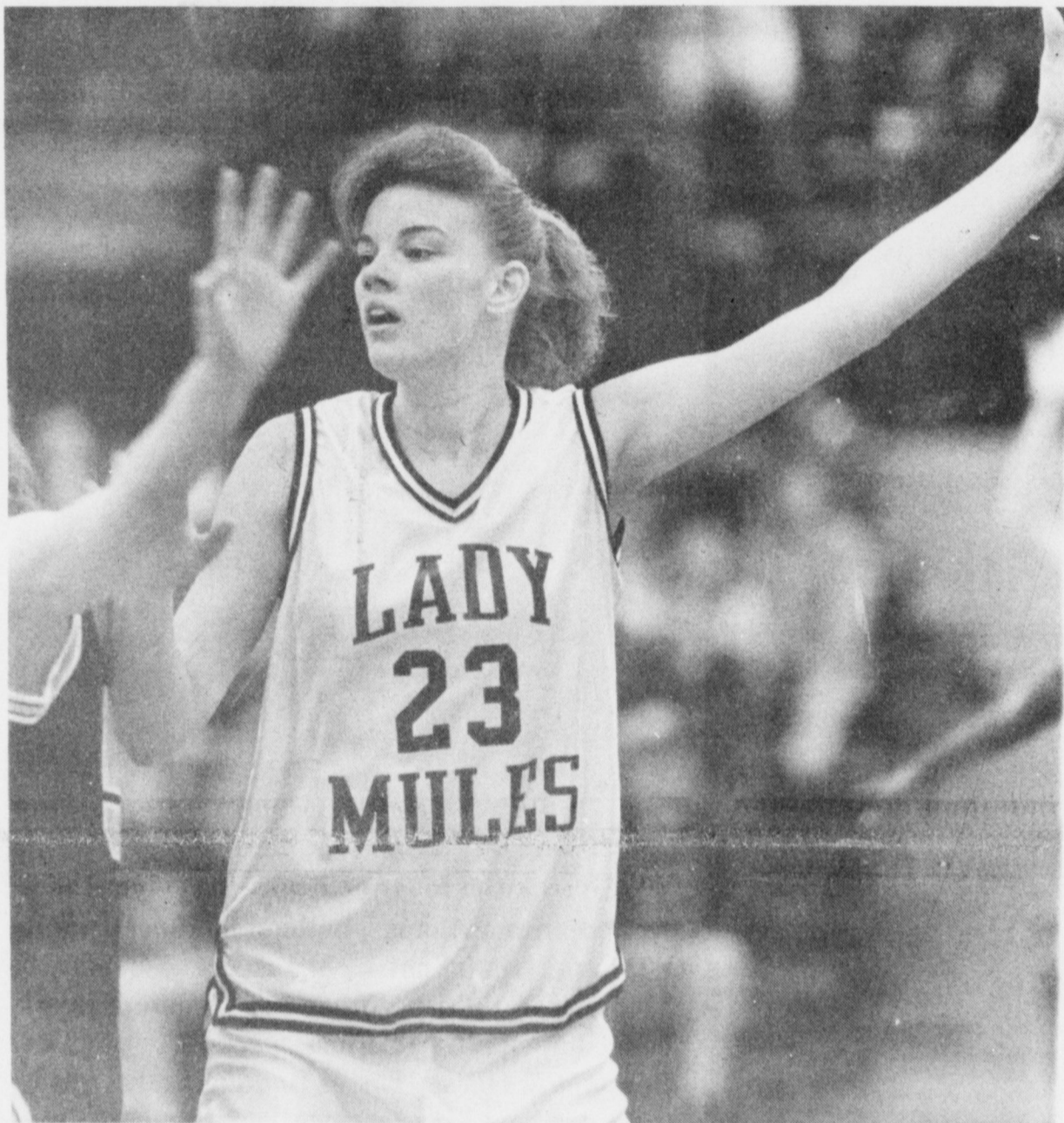
Mark Miller tossed in 21 points and Freddy Perez added 15, as the Mules improved to 6-19 overall and 2-7 in the district.

Friona led by 11, 38-29, at

the half, but the Mules rallied in the third period to tie the game at 49-49. The game remained tied at 64-64 at the end of regulation.

In the overtime, the Mules held Friona scoreless to nail down their second win over the Chieftains this season.

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WORKING FOR POSITION — Lady Mule Misty Davenport works for position during a recent Muleshoe victory. Davenport and her teammates beat Friona Tuesday to clinch a post-season playoff berth. They will host Dimmitt Friday in a game that could mean a district title for the Lady Mules.

U.S. Cotton Industry Maintains Strong Coalition On Cutbacks

National Cotton President, W. Neely Mallory praised the U.S. cotton industry for maintaining its strong coalition last year and avoiding excessive Congressional cutbacks in important farm programs.

Speaking to delegates attending the National Cotton Council's Annual Meeting, Mallory said industry leaders read the signals well and acted early to protect U.S. cotton from devastating cuts initially

proposed by the Clinton Administration.

"I want to commend leadership in every segment of our industry for the quick and persistent response that enabled us to get through the most intensive budget reduction process ever undertaken by the federal government," said Mallory.

While sounding a positive note for the industry's response to that challenge, Mallory said

it is imperative that U.S. cotton continue to have a working partnership with the government.

Meanwhile, Mallory said other factors will continue to affect U.S. cotton's ability to remain economically viable in the next decade. He cited international trade agreements (GATT and NAFTA), stability in world cotton markets, prices, shrinking agricultural coalitions in congress, and

health and safety regulations among the important issues still confronting the industry.

Despite the presence of those issues, Mallory said cotton can survive future crises if it can sell its programs to the government—and truly forge new "working partnerships."

"We simply have to make the Administration and Congress understand that the U.S. cotton and textile industries are important components of the

U.S. economy," said the Council president. "They must be preserved and kept healthy in any successful strategy for invigorating the U.S. economy. The facts are overwhelmingly on our side."

Even with the threat of additional cuts in farm program spending this year, Mallory said the cotton industry actually is operating from a position of strength in trying to protect

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Diplomas were awarded to more than 3,300 Texas A&M University graduates during December commencement ceremonies.

The degrees were presented at three separate ceremonies. Commencement speakers were Texas A&M University System Chancellor William H. Mobley, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts John Sharp and U.S. Representative Joe

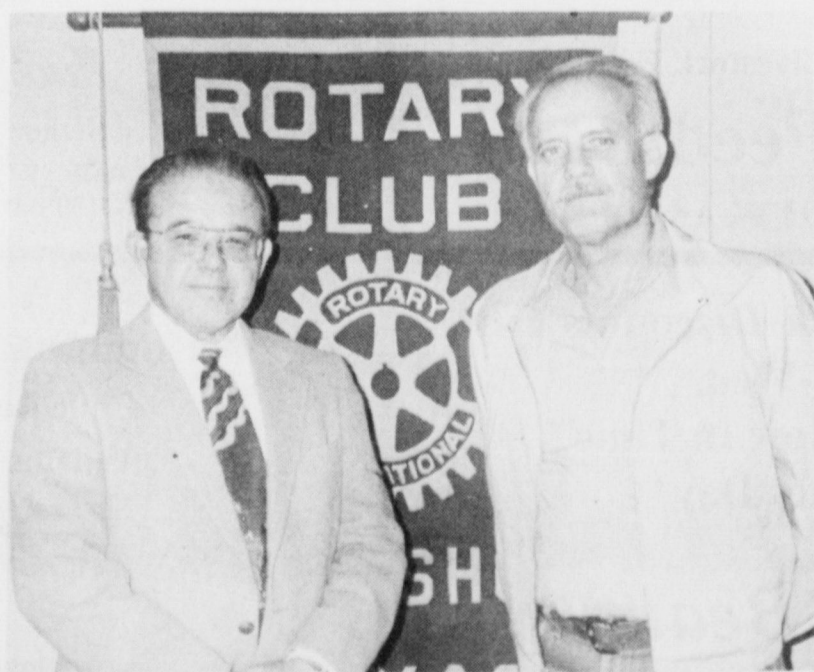
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Producers Reminded To File

Corn and sorghum producers with 1993 disaster losses are reminded they must request disaster assistance by March 4, 1994 to be eligible for possible forgiveness of advance deficiency overpayments, Grant Buntrock, Administrator of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, said today.

"Even if the disaster losses

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ROTARY HEARS PROGRAM ON LIVING WILL — Rotary members at Tuesday noon's meeting heard a program on the living will, presented by visiting Rotarian Charles Aycock of the Texico-Farwell Rotary club.

Genetic Map Possible Answer To Better Production

More disease resistant livestock and lower producer costs are hoped to be seen within the next 3-5 years, due to new genetic "maps" being developed by USDA scientists.

The new genetic "maps" are considered a major milestone

in improving U.S. livestock, according to USDA Secretary, Mike Epsy.

Immunity to the E. Coli virus, and animals requiring fewer pesticides and antibiotics are anticipated to be on the market, due to the genes and

groups of genes that make up the tiny bits of information making up the genetic "maps" or genetic markers. However, it could be 15 years or more before the development of an E. coli-resistant animal is even

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Montford Installs New Association President

Great Plains Chapter Of Texas Association Of Appraisal Districts

The Great Plains Chapter of Texas Association of Appraisal Districts met on Thursday, January 27, 1994. Bailey County Assistant Chief Appraiser, Kaye Elliott, was installed as President by Senator

John T. Montford. The installation ceremonies were held in conjunction with the association's quarterly meeting at the 50-Yard Line in Lubbock, Texas.

Ms. Elliott has been a mem-

ber of TAAD throughout her tenure at Bailey County Appraisal District. She served the local chapter as Secretary-Treasurer in 1992 and as Vice-President in 1993.

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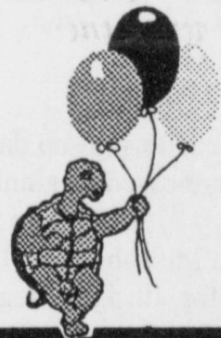
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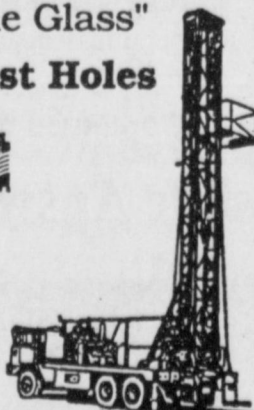
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Lady Mules

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Gym. Muleshoe will host the Dimmitt Bobbies at 6:30 p.m. in the final game of the regular season. A Muleshoe victory would guarantee no worse than a share of the district championship for the Lady Mules.

The Tulia Lady Hornets are the only wildcard remaining in the district race. Tulia had been scheduled to play at Dimmitt Tuesday night, but the game was postponed when the referees failed to show up. The game has been rescheduled for Thursday at 7 p.m. in Dimmitt.

At 20-7 overall and 6-2 in the district, Tulia still has a shot at a share of the district title, if the Lady Hornets can beat Dimmitt on the road Thursday, then win at home against Littlefield the following night.

Should Tulia and Muleshoe finish the season tied for the district title, they would be named co-champions and have a one-game playoff at a neutral site to determine seedings for the first round of the playoffs.

Against Friona, the Lady Mules trailed 25-21 at the half and by the same margin, 38-34, after three quarters.

Muleshoe rallied to tie the game at 42-42 with about 3:00 to play. But Friona's Renee Downey broke free on two consecutive trips down the floor and hit three-pointers each time, putting the Lady

Chieftains up by six, 48-42.

The Lady Mules held their composure, with Field hitting four straight free throws and Holmans canning a jumper to tie the game at 48-48.

Friona continued to foul and Field hit two free throws for a 50-48 Muleshoe lead.

Holmans polished off the fourth-quarter run with six straight free throws and the Lady Mules had the win.

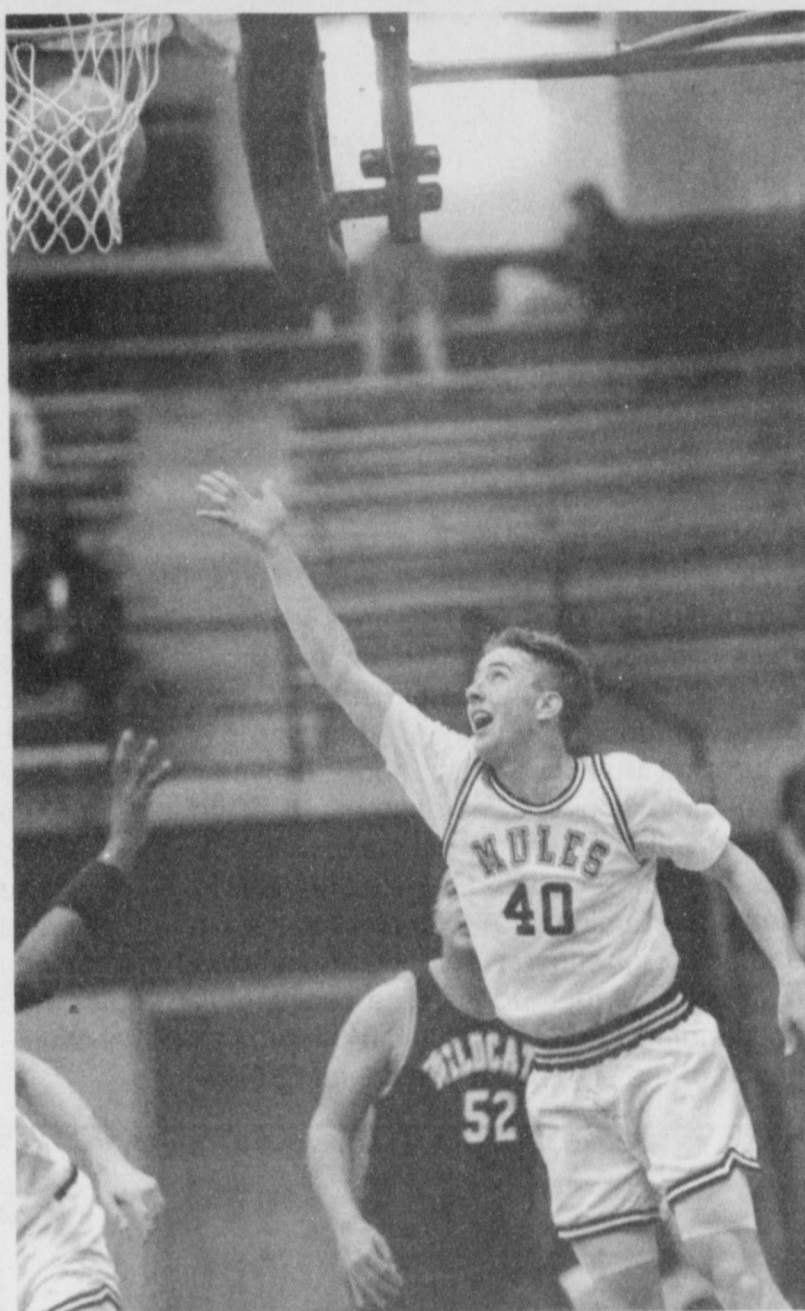
The victory avenged a 49-42 loss to the Lady Chieftains on the Lady Mules' home court Jan. 21.

"I was extremely proud of our kids for being mentally strong enough to come back in a tough situation," said Muleshoe head coach Jim Gruhlkey. "I give a lot of credit to our fans too. We had a great crowd and they got loud. When you've got that kind of support, it makes a huge difference."

Holmans finished with 23 points to lead all scorers, while Field added 10. Downey paced Friona with 23, as the Lady Chieftains fell to 18-9 and 5-4.

Gruhlkey said Friday's game with Dimmitt will be the same as a playoff game for the Lady Mules.

"I told my assistant that the Dimmitt game is for the district championship," Gruhlkey said. "It doesn't matter what



BASELINE DRIVE — Mule Chad Freeman scores from behind the backboard during the Muleshoe-Littlefield game last week. The Mules beat Friona in overtime Tuesday and will host Dimmitt Friday in the final game of the regular season.

else happens in the district, we can win the district championship if we take care of ourselves."

Friday's action starts with JV boys and girls playing at 5 p.m., followed by varsity girls at 6:30 and varsity boys at 8:00.

Cotton

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those programs. He pointed out that the seven segments of the U.S. cotton industry provide more jobs in the economy than any other industry.

Despite all the obstacles that U.S. cotton faces, Mallory believes there are plenty of positive signs for the industry. He pointed to the U.S. government's participation in the AMTEX program, which

is helping to generate greater efficiency in the manufacture of textile and textile products.

Mallory discussed other developments which can keep the U.S. cotton industry in a leadership role in the world. He pointed to bio-technology and variety improvements which can "maintain and hopefully widen the 10 year lead we already enjoy over foreign cot-

Genetic Maps

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developed through the research of the gene maps, according to Espy.

The E. Coli virus is what caused the death of several people last year, due to eating hamburgers in fast food stores. USDA scientists said that the

next step is to complete breeding experiments to determine which traits are linked with which markers.

Over the past few years, approximately \$6 million has been spent on the gene mapping research.

Couple To Celebrate 50th Anniversary

A.D. and LaNell Stancell will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, February 13, 1994 at the American Blvd. Church of Christ in Muleshoe from 2:00-4:30 p.m. The couple was married on Feb. 12, 1944 in Lubbock, Texas, and are the parents of Sherry Curtis of Farwell, Gary Stancell of Progress, and Danny Stancell of Levelland.

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Mules

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Blair Burney had 20 points and Kit Preston added 18 for the Chieftains, 6-18 and 0-9.

Muleshoe's junior varsity continued to lead the district standings, improving to 20-4 and 8-1 with a 58-51 victory over the Friona JV.

The Mules will wrap up the season at home Friday, when they host the Dimmitt Bobcats. Action begins with JV boys and JV girls playing at 5 p.m., followed by varsity girls at 6:30 and varsity boys at 8.

Littlefield wrapped up the 2-3A boys title Tuesday with a

65-38 win over Floydada. The Wildcats are now 26-4 and 9-0, with a road game left at Tulia Friday.

The battle for the second playoff berth in 2-3A is still up for grabs however, as Tulia and Dimmitt remain tied at 6-2 in the league. The two teams were scheduled to meet in Dimmitt Tuesday night, but the game was postponed when the referees failed to show.

The teams will meet in Dimmitt Thursday at 8 p.m. Dimmitt must then come to Muleshoe Friday, while Tulia hosts Littlefield.

Div. 18 Licensed Vocational Nurses Association To Meet

Licensed Vocational Nurses Association of Texas, Lubbock Division 18 will meet Monday, February 16, 1994 from 6-9 p.m. in the Arnett Room of St. Mary of the Plains Hospital. The meeting will be a workshop. The workshop will be on "Aids-What You Should Know". Barbara Pierce will conduct the workshop.

Registration will begin at

5:30 p.m. Pre-registration is encouraged. Pre-registration can be made by contacting Peggy Wayland at 795-6903 or Melvena Coverdell at 828-4565. Registration fee is \$5.00 for members and \$15.00 for non-members.

The workshop meets the criteria for (3) three hours of Type I continuing education.

The Muleshoe Area Calendar Of Events

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1994
American Cancer Society, Noon Dialogue, 3:00-4:00
Muleshoe Hobby Club, Senior Citizen Complex, 2:00 p.m.
Oddfellows, Lodge Hall, 7:30 p.m.
Tops Club, Amer. Blvd. Church of Christ, 5:30 p.m.
Muleshoe Squares, Legion Hall

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1994
Muleshoe Road Riders
Daisy Girl Scouts, Girl Scout Hut, 3:30 p.m.
Kiwanis Club, 6:30 a.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1994

IF YOU WISH TO ADD TO OR CHANGE ANYTHING ON THE MULESHOE CALENDAR, PLEASE CONTACT ANNETTE AT THE JOURNAL, 272-4536

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VALENTINE SWEETHEARTS — Members of Beta Sigma Phi sororities held their annual Valentine banquet and dance on Saturday, Feb. 5, 1994 at the Muleshoe Country Club. Valentine Sweethearts crowned were Lesli Scott-Alpha Zeta Pi; Starla Ellis-XI OMICRON XI; and (not pictured) Alice Liles-Zeta Roe.



DESIGN A LOGO CONTEST WINNER — The winner of the Muleshoe Classroom Teachers Association Design a Logo contest is Anna Mendoza, daughter of Ramon and Janie Mendoza of Muleshoe. Anna, who is 16 years old and a junior at Muleshoe High School, received a \$25.00 check from Muleshoe CTA for her efforts. Runners-up were Ruben Saldena, Jessie Villarreal, John Rodriguez, Chad McCormick, Loraine Cavazos, Melissa Williams, and Catherine Espinoza. A total of 41 entries from high school and junior high school students were submitted and examined by a panel of four judges. The quality of the entries was outstanding and Muleshoe CTA appreciated the participation of the students in the contest.

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are not large enough to qualify for disaster payment, it may mean eligibility for some advance deficiency payment forgiveness," Buntrock said. "Final deficiency payments will not be calculated until early March, but it is almost certain, given current prices, that the final payment will be less than the advance.

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A bridal shower, in honor of Stacy and Ric Petersen of Sudan, was held Sunday, February 6, 1994 from 2:00-3:30 p.m. in the home of Lonnie and Hellen Adrian of Muleshoe.

Refreshments of thumbprint cookies, mints, punch, and pound cake were served by Christi Adrian from crystal appointments. The table was adorned with a hunter green cloth with lace overlay. A silk arrangement centerpiece of mauve and burgandy, accented

with magnolia blossoms, enhanced the serving table.

Special guests attending were Wanda Guenther, mother of the bride; Mrs. Allen Petersen, mother of the groom; and Amy Petersen, sister of the groom.

Hostesses for the occasion were Lanelle Skaggs, Cindy Magby, Rebecca Young, Hellen Adrian, Louvenia

Garlington, Helen Redwine, Billie Downing, Tonya Poole, Laverne James, and Glenda Copley.

Lazbuddie Fire Department Receives New Dry Hydrants

The Lazbuddie Volunteer Fire Department has received two new dry fire hydrants, to be put on irrigation wells, from the Texas Forest Service, a cost share program. They will pay half of the cost of materials for the hydrants.

Irrigation Pump and Power have volunteered to install the hydrants at no charge.

One of the hydrants is located near Clays Corner and the other will be located near Lazbuddie.

Darrell Mason and Richard Engelking have allowed the fire department to place the hydrants on their property.

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Grissom/Reese Exchange Wedding Vows In Candlelight Victorian Setting

In a Victorian Christmas wedding, Amanda (Amy) Dawn Grissom and Kyle Truman Reese proclaimed marriage vows at 7 p.m. on Saturday, December 18, as Stacy Conner, pastor of Muleshoe First Baptist Church, officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Glenn Grissom of Seminole and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Truman Reese of Amarillo.

The bride was given in marriage by her parents, and escorted by her father. She wore a Victorian designed candlelight wedding gown of satin sprinkled with seed pearls, and an 11.5 foot veil which complemented the dress. She carried a bouquet of burgandy roses, cedar, greenery, pearls, and brocade ribbons, featuring



Mrs. Kyle Truman Reese (nee Amanda Dawn Grissom)

a lace covered Bible which her mother had carried at her wedding.

Maid of honor was Shalea Singleton of Lubbock. The bridesmaids were Melanie and Crystal Grissom of Seminole, sisters of the bride, and Heather Griffin of Plainview. They wore floor-length long-sleeved peplum suits of forest green iridescent taffeta with velvet collars trimmed in lace.

Paige Grissom of Stephenville, cousin of the bride was junior bridesmaid and Cloe Grissom of Stephenville and Kimberly Golden of DeLeon, cousins of the bride, were flower girls.

The ringbearer was Timothy Conner of Muleshoe.

The bridegroom wore a traditional black tie and tails.

Best man was the groom's father, Billy Reese of Ama-

rillo. Groomsmen were Rodney Thompson of Lubbock, Greg Gasaway of Odessa, and Donnie Brown of Olton. The ushers were Jeffery Reese of Amarillo, brother of the bridegroom, and Mason Conklin of Muleshoe.

His attendants and ushers wore black tuxedos with forest green cummerbunds and ties with burgandy rose boutonnières.

A reception followed in the fellowship hall of the church. Refreshments were served by Cami Southall of Dublin, Jay Wiseman of Plainview, Lyndee Carter of Plainview and Charlotte Terry of Seminole.

Serving at the groom's table was Stacie Harris of Amarillo, Shannon Burns of Seminole, and Dori Grant of Plainview.

The bride is a graduate of Seminole High School and is

currently a music education major at Wayland Baptist University.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Amarillo River Road High School and a graduate of Wayland Baptist University. He is currently on staff at First Baptist Church of Muleshoe as Youth Minister. He will also be attending classes at Southwestern Baptist Seminary Extension at Lubbock.

Following a trip to Ruidoso, NM, the couple now make their home in Muleshoe, TX.



UIL PARTICIPANTS — Muleshoe High School math and Science teams participated at a practice meet in Andrews on Saturday, January 29, 1994. Those participating were (back row) Lissa Leffler, 1st place 9th grade science; Samuel Villareal, 2nd place 10th grade science; James Cox, 7th place 9th grade science and 12th place 9th grade math; John Bryant Cowart, 4th place 9th grade science and 11th place 9th grade math. (front row) Latonya Payne, 11th place 11th grade calculator; Gage Tosh, 5th place 11th grade calculator, 7th place 11th grade number sense, and 11th place 11th grade math; Colby Latham, 10th place 9th grade math.

Rebekah News

By Ina Wilemon

FEBRUARY 1, 1994 — For some reason, January 25, 1994 listing of some supporters were left off. L.S.V.G. was Ruby Garner, R.S. Chaplain was Thursie Reid. Our Secretary June Green received letters from our President as June turned in a perfect annual report. This she always does and this is a great honor. We really appreciate all our Secretary does.

Doris Lambert and Dorothy Browning served refreshments tonight. Our N.G. Mary Ann Ramirez opened lodge. Our Chaplain Alene Bryant, gave the opening prayer. June Green, Secretary, read the roll call of officers and members, 17 present.

Plains Secretary and Scribes Association will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday, February 12, 1994 at Abernathy Senior Citizens Building.

An application for new members was read.

Ina Wilemon, Treasurer read the financial report.

Ona Berry, Becci Venzor, and Alene Bryant undraped the charter.




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Agriculture
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receipts and has a total economic impact of \$3.7 billion on the High Plains economy. Trade missions also are being planned with the grain, lumber, fruit and vegetable commodity groups. And Texas food companies are being encouraged to attend Mexico's trade shows, Perry said.

"Trade shows and trade delegations allow Texas agriculture to find out what Mexico needs, so that we can provide it," the commissioner said. Mexico-based companies also are showing interest in investing in Texas agriculture and establishing Texas-Mexico partnerships, Perry said.

"A two-way movement of capital will be evident in emerging Texas-Mexico partnerships," Perry said. "In some instances, Texas and Mexico are going to work together to produce products to ship to Europe and Asia. These partnerships are going to capitalize on the efficiencies in both

Mexico and Texas to produce products that can compete in the international marketplace. These partnerships will create jobs in both Texas and Mexico." Perry said, "Part of TDA's job is to put buyers and sellers together, and we are intensifying these efforts in Mexico thanks to NAFTA.

Appraisal
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The Texas Association of Appraisal Districts is a professional organization dedicated to helping Appraisal Districts keep their staff, Board of Directors, and Appraisal Review Board members, as well as the general public informed and up to date on all matters of law. Senator Montford spoke on

various areas of legislation and a desire to see all of us make a united effort to help in the prevention of juvenile crime. Other officers installed with Ms. Elliott were Jack Cargill, Board of Director from Terry County as Vice-President and Nick Williams Chief Appraiser, Hockley County as

To The Editor

Dear Editor,
Alternative motor fuels have become hot topics in the media and in government circles over the past several years. As more and more state and federal laws and mandates are proposed and passed regarding alternate motor fuels, it is important the public receive information regarding this issue. Texas Chemical Council has been following this topic closely and has several comments to make. The chemical industry strongly supports the use of alternative motor fuels and, in fact, is a major producer of

alternate fuel blend stocks such as MTBE. To be considered viable, alternative motor fuels should meet the dual objectives of both reducing vehicle emissions and decreasing dependency on energy imports. Furthermore, it is imperative that these fuels compete on a "free market" basis between each other and with the new reformulated gasoline and diesel fuels required by the Clean Air Act to ensure availability of needed fuels. Unfortunately, the alternative motor fuels movement is

in many cases being driven through government intervention that includes mandates and subsidies instead of free market forces. For example, in Texas, odorized propane has a special tax applied to it which is subsequently used by the state to advertise and promote propane. In Washington, congressman Bill Tauzin (D-LA) has recently proposed similar legislation called the "Propane Education and Research Act of 1993" (H.R. 3546 or PERA) that would tax odorized propane on a nationwide level.

This legislation would create a multimillion dollar fund with one of its purposes being to develop propane markets, artificially increasing propane demand and propane prices. It goes without saying that research and development, market studies and promotion costs should be paid for by those that will benefit - not the general consumer through taxation. Having the government collect taxes on a product and then promote the product on behalf of the business is simply bad public policy. In

addition, some groups are working to have road taxes removed from certain fuels so they will appear more attractive versus existing motor fuels. With government grants and low cost loans currently in place to subsidize many fuel conversions and existing federal mandates that require alternative motor fuels for some fleet operations, why is more special treatment needed? In summary, Texas Chemical Council supports a "free market-based" approach to the developing alternative fuels

market because market intervention artificially inflates demand and increases costs to the consumer. Current efforts by groups to wrangle special tax treatment, mandates or government-run promotion programs are not in the best interest of the general public and the country as a whole. Sincerely, Harry P. Whitworth, President Texas Chemical Council

Chamber News

Minding Your Own Business

By Don Taylor

It's Not My Job
We had been standing in line for several minutes. The restaurant was busy and the order line was moving slowly. As we finally made it to the front of the line, we observed an interesting little scene. The young person who was taking orders and running the cash register also had the responsibility to prepare each customer's drink. He needed to refill the ice container before he could complete our order. This youngster turned to another employee who was watching and asked politely if the watcher would take the next customer's order while he went to replenish the ice supply. The watcher snapped, "That's not my job. I'm busy filling the trays." The young man who was running the register apologized to us for making us wait for our drinks. Then he told the next family in line that he would

return to take their order in a moment. He dashed after a bucket of ice, returned, and again apologized as he served our drinks. While all of this transpired, the watcher simply watched. As we walked back to a table with our food, my wife smiled at me and said, "That was interesting." My daughter said, "Dad, there has to be a column in there somewhere." I reached for my pen and a clean napkin and made a few notes. A Column Indeed The more I thought about that incident, the more I grew certain that I should write about it. I believe there is an epidemic of "It's-not-my-job-its" sweeping the country. From our leaders in Washington through the young minimum-wage workers in business, this insidious disease is spreading. It is easier to deny responsibility and just stand back and watch than to accept responsi-

bility and get the job done. We need people in business, government and education who can produce positive results. It doesn't matter whether we're serving our country or serving our customers, we must take responsibility for doing what needs to be done. Three Little Lessons: I've learned three lessons over the last few years. These lessons relate perfectly to the "it's-not-my-job-its" disease. The first lesson is that folks who develop the habit of saying "I wasn't hired to do that" or "that's not my job," often find themselves without a job. An employee who tries to dictate to an employer what they will or won't do is asking for early retirement. This is particularly true if customers are involved. Specialization is not a luxury many small businesses can afford. Therefore, every employee must learn to do whatever it

takes to keep customers happy. Even if it's not in our job description. Don't forget that satisfied customers are our only long-term job security. I learned the second lesson early in my own career. I discovered that if we look for work to do, we can always find it. When I earned my living on the farm, I found there were always fences to mend, equipment to repair and chores to complete. In business there are always customers to serve, floors to clean, windows to wash, and tasks to finish. The work is there if we look for it. The third lesson is the most important one. It is this: If we want to get ahead in life, we often must put other's wishes ahead of our own. We need to do what needs to be done, whether or not it's our job. Look for ways to make another's job easier. When you're dealing with customers, help them get exactly what they want, when they want it. We may find that it is not only our job, but is also fun and rewarding.

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News From Congressman Larry Combest

President Clinton's State of the Union words will need some conservative parenting to see that they turn out the way the public expects. Last year, Bill Clinton's words early on in the budget process grew up to be the largest tax increase in history. Now, with his State of the Union address, we have the birth of a new legislative agenda for crime, health care and (perhaps) welfare reform. However, will these ideas grow up to be legislation that is tough on punishment of criminals instead of misdirecting more gun control on law-abiding citizens, or a healthy approach to medical care costs without nationalized control of your health care choices, or all talk

but no action on welfare? In his State of the Union address, he continues to try and convince taxpayers that it was only the "rich" who felt his tax increase. Incredibly, he even challenged that, "On April 15th, the American people will discover the truth about what we did last year on taxes." On April 15th tax day, the American people will be reminded instead of his broken promise for a middle income tax cut, that American people will be reminded instead of his broken promise for a middle income tax cut, that America got a gas tax increase and more taxes dragging down job-producing small businesses. Due to the recession that ended before the

end of George Bush's term, government's interest rate borrowing is lower. However, spending continues to be fueled by the largest tax increase in history while Congress will add on an extra \$1 trillion to the national debt.

In addition to borrowing more money on our children's futures, Bill Clinton was also borrowing heavily from many conservative ideas. Our agenda is consistently marked by nonsense punishment for criminals as well as workfare easing people out of welfare. At every turn however, the liberal majority blocked action on these tough initiatives. With his surgeon general repeatedly advocating a study of drug

galization and his Justice Department softening legal opposition against child pornographers, how truly tough will the Clinton Administration be on crime?

There is also a basic philosophical difference I have with Bill Clinton regarding government's role in people's lives. I do not agree that it is the government's role to mandate that everyone has nationalized health care with its cost, rulings and regulations coming between you, your insurance company and your doctor. What I do believe strongly is that government has a role in encouraging and providing incentives for people and small

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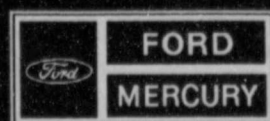
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bath home. Central heat,
utility, garage, large
fenced backyard. FmHA
Financing Available.
**ALL
REASONABLE
OFFERS
CONSIDERED**
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message. Or daytime
hours, phone: 272-4536,
ask for Annette

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FOR SALE

GOLDEN RANCH,

Containing
approximately 6080
acres, located
approximately 25 miles
West of Muleshoe,
Texas, on New Mexico
State Line.
Approximately 1205
acres in CRP and 4,855
acres in native Sandhill
Pasture.

METHOD OF

SALE-

By sealed bids,
to be presented to the
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OF DIMMITT,
Dimmitt Texas, on or
before March 10, 1994,
at 2:00 p.m. Parties
wishing to submit a bid
on the property should
contact Ms. Patti
Cartwright, Trust
Administrator of The
First State Bank of
Dimmitt, 201 North
Broadway, P.O. Drawer
929, Dimmitt, Texas
79027, or 806/647-
4151, to obtain a bid
packet. The bid packet
will contain additional
information regarding
the real estate and the
terms and conditions of
the sale. All bids must
be in accordance with
the instructions
contained in the bid
packet and delivered to
THE FIRST STATE
BANK OF DIMMITT
no later than 2:00 p.m.,
Thursday, March
10, 1994. THE FIRST
STATE BANK OF
DIMMITT RESERVES
THE RIGHT TO
REJECT ANY AND
ALL OFFERS
SUBMITTED
THROUGH THE BID.
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11. FOR SALE

Grass Hay For Sale.
Round Bales. Minimum
order of 12 bales.
Contact Bamert Seed
Co. 272-5506.
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FOR SALE

200 Acre- 160 irrig-good
well- 40 acre CRP 10
Mi East Muleshoe on
Highway 70 2 1/2 North
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[915]365-2495.
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15. MISCELLANEOUS

**Major Appliance
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Repairs!
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Bill Mumme.
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Notice to

Contractors

Sealed bids addressed to the
City of Muleshoe, Texas
will be received at the City
Hall until 1:00 PM,
February 18, 1994 and
then publicly opened and
read for the furnishing all
plant, labor, material and
equipment, and performing
all work required for SEAL
COATING CITY
STREETS AND
COUNTY ROADS.
Portions of various county
roads for Bailey County
will be included with this
project.

Bids shall be submitted in
sealed envelopes upon the
blank form of the proposal
attached hereto and marked
in the upper left hand
corner.

All proposals shall be
accompanied by a cashier's
check or certified check
upon a national or state
bank in the amount of five
(5%) percent of the total
maximum bid price
payable without recourse
to the City, or a bid bond

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15. MISCELLANEOUS

Pen space available in
small custom feed lot to
feed up to 1,000 head.
For information call
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2828.

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HOROSCOPE

Week of Feb. 14, 1994

AQUARIUS—Jan. 20
to Feb. 18—Watch for
items on sale this week.
You could encounter
some really great buys.
You can also save money
by stocking up on food
items that are priced
lower than usual.

PISCES—Feb. 19 to
March 20—A sensible
health program is a must
for this year. Discipline
yourself to include
proper diet and exercise
in your daily program.

ARIES—March 21 to
April 20—You feel as
though you have reached
the calm after the storm
as youngsters settle down
and start doing all the
things they should.

TAURUS—April 21 to
May 20—If you are bored
with present surround-
ings, change your routine.
Try reversing your sched-
ule. You end up with a
new outlook when you
get out of the old rut.

GEMINI—May 21 to
June 20—A dead-end
type of destiny doesn't
appeal to you, so you get
on the stick and start
planning for a really good
future.

CANCER—June 21
to July 22—Limit your
social and civic involve-
ment. Taking on too
much puts you on a
merry-go-round where
you find yourself doing
nothing very well.

LEO—July 23 to Aug.
22—Read to find out
more about a project in
which you have recently

become interested in.

There is a wealth of read-
ing material available.

VIRGO—Aug. 23 to
Sept. 22—Lack of com-
munication within the
family circle may upset
you. Don't be alarmed.
Happier days are ahead.

LIBRA—Sept. 23 to
Oct. 22—You have a ma-
jor chore to complete.
Don't waste time. Set
aside a certain time pe-
riod to work on the
project and get busy.

SCORPIO—Oct. 23 to
Nov. 22—You are greatly
relieved by something
you feared might happen,
but fortunately did not.
Help those who need
help.

SAGITTARIUS—Nov.
23 to Dec. 21—Pay off
debts as soon as is practi-
cal and take care not to
build up new ones.

Capricorn—Dec. 22 to
Jan. 19—If time project
seems to be dragging and
you find yourself bored,
undertake a new creative
project. Handcrafts can
be especially enjoyable.

Country Club Addition, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, enclosed
carport, new protective siding. Carpet throughout, wood
fence, storm doors and some storm windows. Ceiling
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Legal Matters

By Texas Attorney General Dan Morales

Credit Clean-Up A Dirty Deal

A good credit rating is one of your most valuable "possessions". Unblemished, it can lead the way to purchasing such things as your dream home or a shiny new car. Stained and soiled, it can put a damper on your financial capability.

In exchange for sky-high fees, bogus credit repair outfits often promise you the moon. They tell you they can "erase" bad items on your credit report. But in reality, the only effective way to restore a good credit rating is to pay bills on time, and pay them in full.

The Pitch

Several so-called credit improvement companies have set up shop in Texas. They promise to fix your credit and erase negative items on your credit reports. But many of them are unable to keep these extravagant promises. What they do keep are their high fees, which range anywhere from \$50 to \$500.

Typically, credit improvement companies write credit bureaus and have false items corrected. But you can do the same thing yourself for free.

Under the Federal Fair Credit Reporting Act, consumers have the right to have inaccurate information on their credit report corrected. The credit reporting agency cannot charge you for the necessary corrections.

Nixing Negative Entries

Although there are legitimate credit improvement companies, some are scam artists. They prey on consumers who are desperate to improve their credit rating, and deliver little or nothing in return for their fees.

Some companies may appear effective because they exploit loopholes in the procedures established by credit bureaus.

For example, say you had a car repossessed three years ago. You pay a fee to an outfit that

says they'll erase the entry. The outfit writes to the bureau, which informs the repossessing firm. If the firm is slow in responding, you may have the repossession erased from your record, but only temporarily. As soon as the repossession firm responds, the negative item will reappear. Paying for

that kind of service is the same as throwing away your money.

What You Should Do

If you are denied credit, you have the right to get a free credit report from the credit

reporting bureau that denied you. If there are erroneous entries on your credit report, write the bureau and insist that they take the mistaken items off your report.

There is no easy, one-stop way to fix a bad credit report. The only sure way to improve your credit is to pay your bills in a timely fashion and wait until your credit improves.

For more information about credit improvement companies or other consumer issues, please call our toll-free Consumer Hot Line at 800-621-0508.

Nursing Home News

By Joy Stanell

We are very blessed to have such faithful and dedicated volunteers. Each week you will see Clara Lou Jones leading exercise class on Monday, Bible study on Sunday and playing at our devotional on Thursday. Rev. David McIntire comes each Thursday morning for devotional time. Rue Kimbrough comes on Thursday to lead the singing for our

devotional. Ben Green brings communion and leads the service each Sunday morning. Clifton Finley comes each Wednesday morning and Friday to run errands and go shopping for us. Melvin Griffin and Buster and Wanda Kettrell come each Wednesday morning for coffee, Spudnut time and table talk.

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"Tabloid Truth: The Michael Jackson Scandal"

It began as a whisper in the valley. On a quiet Sunday morning at home in the San Fernando Valley, a free-lance reporter got a call from an expert in child sex crimes: Michael Jackson was under investigation. Calling locksmiths at random, the reporter confirmed the tip. Jackson's homes had been raided by police. The tale had everything: celebrity, crime, sex. By the time the reporter's story aired twenty-four hours later, the media feeding frenzy was underway.

In "Tabloid Truth: The Michael Jackson Scandal," Frontline goes behind the scenes of the television coverage of the Michael Jackson story to look at the people, organizations, and

economic pressures that have led to the tabloidization of American television.

"Within a matter of days, this story jumped from hard, verifiable news to spectacle and entertainment," says Frontline's producer. "And it wasn't just *Hard Copy*, *A Current Affair*, and *Geraldo* spinning out material; it was CNN, the network morning shows, and their nightly newscasts — *Nightline*, *PrimeTime Live*, *Dateline* — everybody. They all got caught up in the chase."

"Tabloid Truth: The Michael Jackson Scandal" on Frontline will be broadcast Tuesday, February 15th at 8:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.

Getting the Love You Want:

Am I married to the right person? Can I do better? Why is there conflict rather than peace and love? According to Harville Hendrix, Ph.D., best-selling author and relationship therapist, if you are asking these questions, you probably are married to the right person.

In the ideal marriage, both partners get the love they want and give the love they feel; but in real marriages, many of us experience fear and anguish, and inflict the same on our partners.

Getting the Love You Want is a seven-part series that takes on-site workshop participants and television viewers on a journey of discovery. Using documentary storytelling, visualization, and workshop exercises,

Dr. Hendrix explains techniques and exercises to help couples recapture safety and passion in their relationship. The ultimate goal of Dr. Hendrix's work, and of the series, is to help partners in a marriage create the relationship of their dreams, get the love they want, and accomplish their own personal growth within their committed partnership.


The series presents fifteen thoroughly tested exercises. Couples learn to heal each other's childhood wounds, eliminate destructive fights and arguments, and listen to each other with more love and compassion.

Getting the Love You Want: A Guide for Couples airs Tuesdays at 10:00 p.m. beginning February 15th

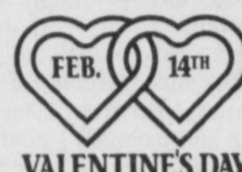
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