

Combest outlines Senate farm bill

Editor's note: Congressman Larry Combest (R)-Texas is a member of the House Agriculture Committee and is co-author of the House's latest farm bill. Congress is expected to act on the Senate's proposed farm bill when they return from recess Feb. 26.

The Senate approved the Agricultural Reform and Improvement Act Feb. 7 by a vote of 64-32.

Provisions in the measure parallel Title I of the vetoed Balanced Budget Act of 1995 by extending farm commodity support programs for seven years, and fundamentally modifying some of them. (Several commodity programs also are expiring with the 1995 crop year.) The

most significant commodity program change would be "production flexibility contract payments" — under a new "Agricultural Market Transition Program" — to replace the traditional income supports (based on target prices) for grain and cotton producers.

The new contract payments would no longer be tied to required plantings of specific crops. More modest changes would be made to the peanut and sugar programs.

The commodity provisions of the Senate measure also parallel those of a House Agriculture

Proposed Senate farm bill

Analysis by Congressman Larry Combest

Committee bill now awaiting floor action.

However, the

Senate legislation is much more extensive, because it also includes major titles or sections — not in the House version — affecting foreign food aid and trade, conservation, agricultural credit, rural development, research, domestic food programs, and farm risk management, among other things.

Preliminary estimates by the Agriculture Committee staff put spending under the Senate bill at about the same level as under current law, resulting in little if any budget savings. This is

because savings from commodity program changes would be offset by increased spending in other areas (e.g., environment and rural development).

Farm Commodity programs (Wheat, feed grains, cotton, rice & oilseeds)

Fixed Annual Federal Spending — Pre-determined and capped annual spending levels for seven-year "production flexibility contracts" would replace current target price deficiency payments for grains and cotton. (Spending for deficiency payments now rises and falls counter to commodity market prices.) Annual spending for contract payments rise to \$5.817 billion in

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County in dire need of rain

Bailey County producers within the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 service area need four to ten inches of water from precipitation and/or irrigation to bring the five foot root zone soil profile to field capacity before Spring 1996 planting, according to pre-plant soil moisture survey data released by the Water District and the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

"We found that 12 percent of the Water District service area will need from 2 to 4 inches of moisture to bring the soils to field capacity. About 40 percent of the area will need 4 to 6 inches of moisture, and 40 percent will need 6 to 8 inches of moisture. About eight percent of the area needs 8 to 10 inches of moisture to refill the soil profile," says Gerald Crenwelle, USDA-NRCS Soil Scientist.

Soil moisture readings are taken by lowering a neutron probe into a permanently-installed aluminum access tube at each of the 293 monitoring sites within the 15-county Water District service area. Each site is chosen based upon the soil type, the variations in the saturated thickness of the Ogallala Aquifer which indicates potential well yields, and typical farming operations in the area.

Plant available soil moisture varies according to the previous crop produced at the site. For example, soil moisture from the one to five foot level ranged between 1.2 and 1.6 inches per foot for the four main crops grown within the Water District service area (corn, cotton, grain sorghum and wheat).

Generally, each foot of soil has a capacity to hold about two inches of soil moisture, or a total of about 10 inches in the

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Dust in the wind

SPS workers repair utility poles near the Tolk Station nine miles west of town after a grass fire burned Sunday nearly 3,000 acres in Bailey and Lamb counties. The utility pole in the foreground suffered heavy damage.

Baxter Black appearing at NM Ag Expo

PORTALES, NM — In late 1982, Baxter Black gave up his 'day job' as a large animal veterinarian and embarked on a new career — as a cowboy poet.

Baxter will bring his unique style of poetry and humor to Portales Feb. 27 when he performs at the annual Farm/City/ENMU Banquet during the New Mexico Agricultural Expo.

The banquet will be held at the Campus Union Ballroom at Eastern New Mexico University, beginning at 7 p.m. Tick-

ets are \$20 in advance and \$23 at the door. Ticket information is available from the Roosevelt County Chamber of Commerce, 1-800-635-8036.

Leaving veterinary medicine must have seemed like a risky move to the New Mexico native's family and friends, but Baxter threw caution to the wind and began presenting his humorous, off-center verse to audiences made up of the hard-working farmers and ranchers he'd met while doctoring their livestock.

Two years later, Baxter

came to the attention of late-night legend Johnny Carson, landing a guest spot on the Tonight Show. Although Baxter had published several books of his poetry, was writing a weekly column in syndication, and performing at banquets from Alabama to Alberta, Johnny and Baxter helped give the growing cowboy poetry movement a legitimate place among the more urban folks.

Twelve books, nine tapes, five television specials, three videos and thousands of fre-

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Sunday grass fire scorches 3,000 acres

A wind-swept grass fire burned nearly 3,000 acres in two counties Sunday, coming within a 1/2 mile of the Southwestern Public Service Tolk Station.

The fire, driven by 40 mile per hour southeast winds with gusting up to 60 m.p.h., started shortly after 2 p.m. about three miles east of Muleshoe along Highway 70. It burned a path east about 1 1/2 miles wide and five miles long across CRP and pasture land into Lamb County. The fire was brought under control about one mile east of the Tolk Station six hours later by 20 units from Bailey County and Lamb County fire departments.

"We were lucky with the way the wind was blowing and the path it took," Muleshoe Fire Chief Donald Harrison said.

The cause of the fire is unknown. Harrison speculated it might have been caused by static electricity.

The Muleshoe Fire Department responded to a second,

smaller grass fire near the Tolk Station Tuesday a little after 1 p.m. The fire, west of the Tolk Station, was under control as of 3:20 p.m. according to the Muleshoe Police dispatcher.

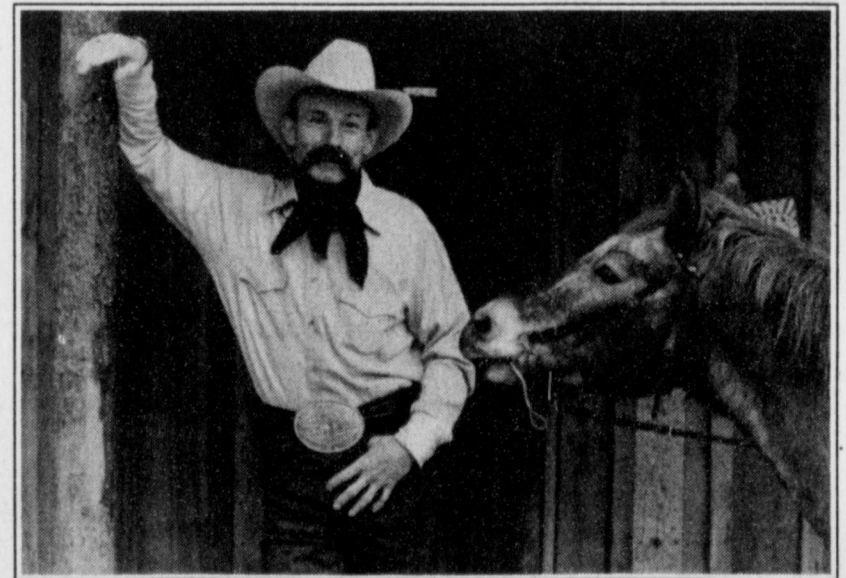
At one point Sunday, the Tolk Station was put on alert, according to Harrison.

Plant manager Dan Lusk said the Tolk Station was never in any real danger, although the blaze did come "pretty close." He said between a natural barrier of pot ash roads and barren land surrounding the plant, and readily available safety equipment, the Tolk Station had the capability of preventing any major problems. SPS did wet the grounds near the northwest corner of the plant as a precautionary measure.

Hundreds of thousands of tons of coal is stored on plant grounds, but it is "pretty hard to ignite in lump form," according to Lusk.

None of the ranches and

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Ag Expo feature speaker

Cowboy poet and humorist Baxter Black will perform at the annual Farm/City/ENMU Banquet during the NM Ag Expo, Feb. 27 in Portales.

City approves changes to sanitation codes

By MARTHA TOLES FROST
City Editor

The Muleshoe City Council Tuesday approved Housing Services, Inc. of Austin's proposal to apply for a State of Texas Home Program Grant, and to administer the grant, if it is awarded.

The \$200,000 grant, if approved, will facilitate the renovation of 10 single-family homes in Muleshoe this year.

Pointing toward the day when Muleshoe no longer has a landfill to help deal with its volume of trash, the Council also approved major changes to the City of Muleshoe's Garbage and other Refuse Code as well as Article 1, concerning collection and disposal practices.

The new code makes it illegal for non-subscribers to the City's sanitation service to use

trash containers provided by the City of Muleshoe.

Subscribers, who pay a monthly sanitation fee to the City, are specifically required to place trash which cannot be put into regular containers in neat and orderly piles adjacent to or on the edge of the alley "behind the residence or business generating the trash, but not over utility meters."

It is also illegal to deposit

trash in the alley any place other than directly behind the residence or business generating the trash.

Existing monthly charges for garbage, trash, and rubbish collection will allow for three, rather than five pickups per week.

Any additional pickups in excess of three per week will be charged at the rate of \$16 per pickup. In the event that

access is denied to a dumpster located off the public right-of-way, requests for a return collection will be billed as an additional collection.

The City is trying to discourage the practice of requesting extra pickups.

"If someone regularly has more trash than can be handled with three pickups per week, they are encouraged to ask for

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AROUND MULESHOE

SPS closing business office in Earth, consolidating to Muleshoe March 1

EARTH — Southwestern Public Service Company announces that its business office in Earth will close, and its accounting operation will be consolidated to Muleshoe, effective March 1.

Any daytime telephone calls related to electric utility service in the Earth-Springlelake area will be handled through the SPS office in Muleshoe.

The daytime number to call is (800) 658-2095, and the nighttime/holiday number is (800) 658-2075.

Beginning March 1, customers may pay electric bills at the Earth City Hall at First and Birch streets or in person at the SPS Muleshoe office or by mail. Customers will receive inserts with mailing or physical addresses for payments.

The change is being accomplished without a layoff, Jay Howard, manager of the Earth office, said. SPS has phased out several small offices since 1980 in order to control costs to SPS customers.

Muleshoe Hospital District hearing collections update, discussing rates

The Board of Directors of Muleshoe Area Hospital District will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22 in the MAMC dining room at 708 S. First St. to hear a presentation of the 1995 audit, to consider respiratory equipment, employee dental insurance and 125 Plan for employees, to receive a collections update and to discuss rate increases.

An executive session in accordance with Government Code, Chapter 551 will be followed by board action resulting from the executive session.

Bailey County Electric Cooperative reschedules annual meeting

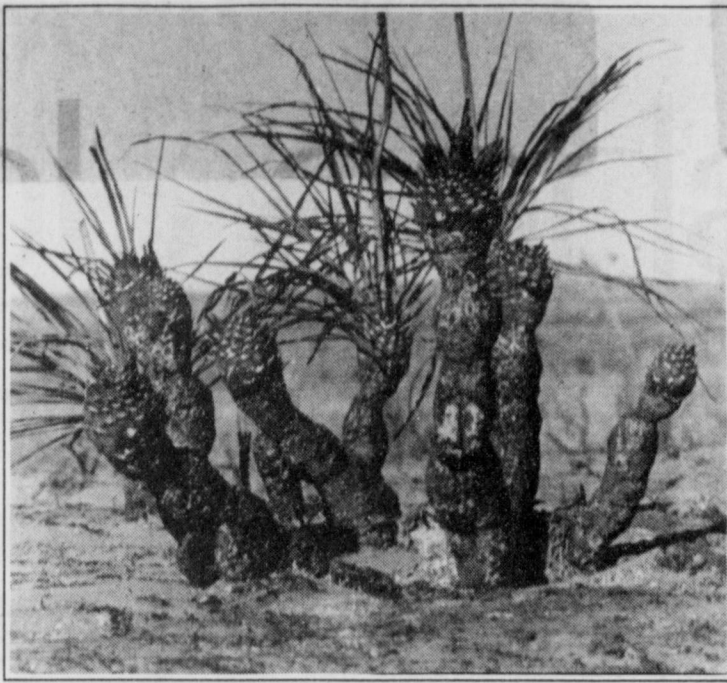
The rescheduled annual meeting of the Bailey County Electric Cooperative Association will be held Friday, Feb. 23 at the Muleshoe High School auditorium.

Registration is from 5:30 to 7 p.m. A free meal will be served to Cooperative members and their invited guests at 6 p.m., followed by the annual meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Earth Chamber holding annual banquet, with Ray Stone speaking

EARTH — The Earth Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual banquet in the Springlake-Earth school cafeteria Saturday, Feb. 24 at 7:30 p.m.

Speaker for the event will be Ray Stone of the Dallas



Fire casualty

Nearly 3,000 acres of pasture land, including this clump of baregrass, were scorched in a Sunday afternoon fire near the SPS Talk Station.

Cowboy Network, sharing stories about the Super Bowl champions.

A \$15 ticket will purchase a barbecue dinner, Dallas Cowboy stories, and a chance to win an autographed Dallas Cowboy football signed by Troy Aikman, Jay Novachek, Bill Bates, Roger Staubach, Emmitt Smith and Randy White.

"Come down to Earth" and share the fun. If you have any questions about tickets or the banquet, please call the Earth Chamber of Commerce at (806) 257-3365.

St. Ann Church in Bovina hosting annual German sausage dinner

BOVINA — St. Anne's Catholic Church of Bovina is sponsoring its annual German Sausage Dinner Sunday, Feb. 25 from 11:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. at St. Ann's Parish Hall on Third Street in Bovina.

The menu includes German sausage, creamed potatoes and gravy, green beans, sauerkraut, cranberry sauce, relish plate, bread and butter, desserts and tea or coffee.

Donations will be \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under six. Take-out plates will be available at no additional charge.

Sausage will be available by the pound the day of the dinner or by contacting any St. Ann's member.

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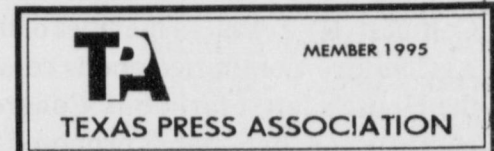
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**BAILEY COUNTY
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- Jack Dunham - County Commissioner, Precinct 1
- Curtis Hunt - Constable
- Gary Don Gartin - Constable, Precinct 1
- Jerry Hicks - Sheriff

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Quality high, production low

LUBBOCK — Year-end comparisons between Lubbock and Lamesa Cotton Classing Offices indicate the 1995 crop was very high in quality but came up somewhat short in terms of total production.

According to Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers, the 1995 crop totaled only 2,576,979 running bales compared to 1994's total of 2,978,927 running bales. This marks a decrease of 14.5 percent in area-wide production.

When converted to statistical, 480-pound bales, the 1995 crop jumps to 2,680,058 bales, down from 1994's total of 3,098,084 480-pound bales. Final county production figures will be released by USDA at a later date.

Readings for Color, Leaf,

Cotton News

Length and Strength appear to be higher on average than those seen in 1994 crop. Measurements for Micronaire appear to have dropped somewhat at each location. Base quality for the 1995 Upland Cotton Loan is Color 41 and Leaf 4.

Color grades contain more grade 21 and 31 and fewer grade 22 and 32 at both the Lubbock and Lamesa classing offices. Leaf grades also show an increase with more receiving grades 1 or 2.

"The 1995 crop proved to be better than average quality-wise even though many growers were disappointed that yields did not meet early season expectations," notes PCG Executive Vice President

Donald Johnson.

"The only real decline we saw in 1995 was a drop in micronaire measurements for bales moving through the Lubbock and Lamesa classing offices. Other than this one decline, each of the other quality factors matched up well with what we produced in 1994."

Yield appears to have jumped slightly in the Lamesa region with that office classing 619,279 bales in 1995. This is up from 1994's total of 561,227 bales.

• The 39th Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. Annual Meeting has been scheduled for Friday, April 12, beginning with registration at 8:30 a.m. The meeting will be held at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1996

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| Registration | 5:30 P.M. |
| Free Meal (Bar-B-Q, Chicken, and Fish) | 6:30 P.M. |
| Business Meeting | 7:30 P.M. |

Purpose of Meeting - - -

1. Give members a financial report, progress report and general condition of the Cooperative.
2. Elect two (2) directors for a term of three years.
DISTRICT #3 AND DISTRICT #6
3. Elect a committee on nominations, District #1 and #2 to be voted upon at the 1997 annual meeting.
4. Consider and take action upon any other matters that might be presented or come before the meeting.

The nominating committee has nominated the following members to be voted on for the following district.

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| <p>DISTRICT #3</p> <p>Jimmy Craft Steve Meiwes</p> | <p>DISTRICT #6</p> <p>Tommy Kirk Terry Sowder</p> |
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Additional nominations for directors may be made at the meeting.

Note: If you are a member or shareholder of a company, corporation or civic organization and you are acting as a voting delegate, you must present a letter of authorization at the registration table signed by the president and secretary of that organization.

The facility where the meeting is to be held is wheelchair-accessible and handicapped parking is available. Request for sign interpretive service and Spanish interpreters are available upon request if received at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. To make arrangements for these or other handicapped services, call 806-272-4504.

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NELSON CARLISLE, SECRETARY

Baxter Black

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quent flyer miles after his dubious career change, Baxter's quirky poetry and humor have become the standard for what Crown Publishing described as an "entertainment phenomenon."

Heard regularly by millions across North America, Baxter's commentaries are a staple on National Public Radio's "Morning Edition." His weekly radio feature, "Baxter Black on Monday," airs in over 150 commercial radio markets.

Humorist Baxter Black appearing Feb. 27 in Portales, NM

Among his unbridled accomplishments, which include best-selling author and world's sorriest team roper, Baxter recently turned novelist with the release of "Hey Cowboy, Wanna Get Lucky?". Although the rollicking rodeo hardcover was not nominated for the Pulitzer Prize, it has been read — and reviewed — by some very important people.

Yet the celebrated cowboy leads a reserved, semi-normal existence far from the 'show biz' circles, residing with his family on their quiet place in the Colorado outback. He still doesn't have a fax machine or a cellular telephone.

For more information on any Ag Expo event, contact the Roosevelt County Chamber of Commerce, (505) 356-8541 or 1-800-635-8036.



Flying free
American flags like this one above the Muleshoe State Bank were flying Monday in honor of President's Day. Banks, schools and federal offices had the day off.

Muleshoe

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Llano Chamber Music Series hosts musicians, the Wonderful Walzels

LUBBOCK — Scott Walzel, a bassoonist with the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, is appearing with clarinetist Robert Walzel of the Lubbock Symphony Orchestra at 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25 Main Stage at the Godbold Cultural Center, 2601 19th St. in Lubbock.

Tickets are \$5. Please call (806) 741-1953 for more information.

Bailey County ag reps electing PCG business director

Bailey County cotton producers and agribusiness representatives will elect a business director to Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27 at the Bailey County Coliseum in Muleshoe.

Each county in PCG's service area has two directors, one a business person and the other a cotton producer, elected on alternate years for two-year terms. Each is eligible for re-election every second year.

All producers and business people are invited to the meeting, but only current dues-paying members of PCG will be eligible to be elected as a director or to vote in the election.

This provision of the by-laws will be explained at the meeting.

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Fire

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homes in the area, or grazing cattle, were close to being in danger, according to Harrison.

Three fire fighters were slightly injured battling the blaze. One suffered minor eye damage from smoke and dust and two were blistered by the fire.

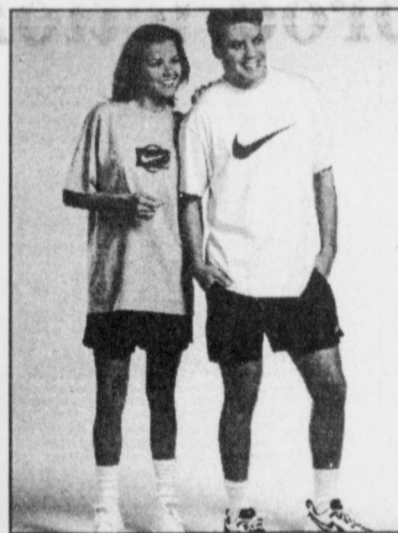
Five SPS utility poles were damaged, including one near the Tolk Station that was

burned completely in half. They were in the process of being replaced Monday.

Road graders helped contain the fire until it reached a short-grass pasture, where it was brought under control about 8:30 p.m.

Fire units from Muleshoe, Sudan, Earth, Olton, Littlefield and Amherst were involved.

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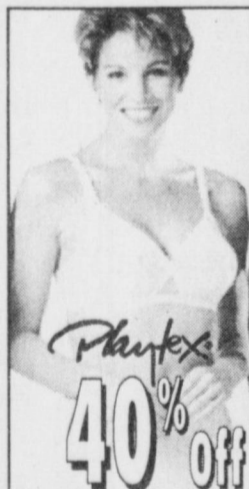
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Sports

Warren toes the line called courage

It was my favorite moment of the basketball season. Standing at the free throw line in a District 8-1A playoff game against Amherst, Roxanne Warren looked over to Lazbuddie coach Carey Sudduth for help.

Having suffered a **Rick White** fractured clavicle in a car accident **Managing Editor**

three weeks earlier, Warren was unsure of how to shoot free throws. The injury left her with little strength in her right arm.

Coach Sudduth indicated to Warren to shoot underhand, flashing her a quick demonstration of Rick Barry's grandma underhand style.

Warren, certainly too young to know who Rick Barry was or that at one time all free throws were shot underhand, threw the ball up with more body than arm. She missed both free throws in a game Amherst eventually won, 55-54, in the final seconds of overtime.

The only reason she was in the game was because she volunteered to play if needed. She was needed when Lazbuddie got into serious foul trouble (four starters fouled out).

It was Warren's first game since the injury. She practiced for the first time the day before.

It showed courage, the kind of courage that competition roots out of even the most ordinary of people.

This is not to say Warren is ordinary, but that competition brings out the best in people.

Lazbuddie qualified for the state playoffs for the first time since 1969, even though they didn't have a player taller than 5-foot-6. Two of their guards combined wouldn't come up to Shaq's waist.

Admiring work ethic

It's a shame that the only people who are going to remember Lauri Puckett, the basketball player, are her teammates and coaches. The Muleshoe senior, who probably didn't score as many points all season as Allyson Field did on a good night, was a joy to watch. She worked hard from the first whistle to the final buzzer, playing like a Tasmanian Devil on defense. As one area coach told me, "Lauri Puckett was raised on a farm and has the work ethic to prove it."

I got the pleasure of getting to know some of the Lady Mules. Heck, one of them even told me she liked my accent. Cliff Claven lives!

No pleasing some people

I don't know if I should even bring this up, but I keep hearing rumors that people are unhappy with Lady Mule coach Jim Gruhlkey. Ridiculous. Gruhlkey (two 20-win seasons in three years) is a good coach. Even a better person.

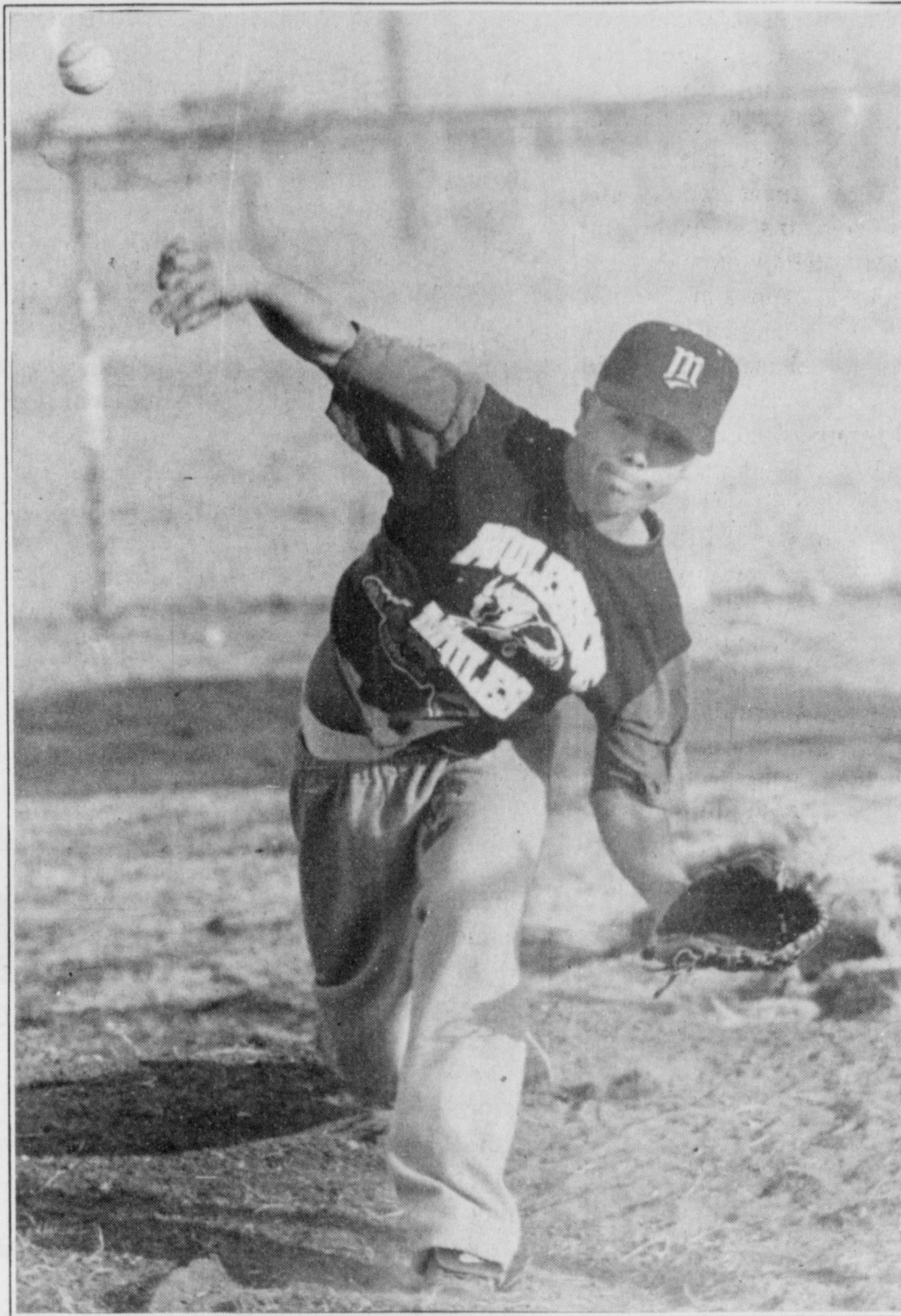
Muleshoe's stunning last-second District 2-3A playoff loss to Littlefield was a great game, but nothing tops the Lady Mules' overtime win at Littlefield. MHS had to rally from a double-digit deficit in the fourth quarter to force overtime in Littlefield's loud, cramped, old gym. Great crowd. Great game.

Getting bowled over

I took to calling Field the "Kamikaze Kid" for her reckless drives to the hoop that usually left her in a heap along the baseline. Upon reflection, she was probably more of a human bowling ball. I swear I saw her pick up a 7-10 split one game.

Make room for Magic

Now that I'm ramblin', here's some other thoughts. There's nothing better than the finality of playoff games, or the community spirit they promote. . . . Ralph Mason's laid-back nature on the sidelines drove many people crazy, but he did a good job this season and it looks like the Mules might be able to take a run at the playoffs in a few



Pitcher perfect

Muleshoe senior Alfredo Gonzales throws in the bullpen during practice Monday. The Mules scrimmaged Littlefield Tuesday and open the regular season Friday when they host Lubbock Cooper at 4:30 p.m. the city Babe Ruth Field.



Stuck on tennis

MHS' Kika Oliveras reaches high to return a shot during tennis practice last week.

years. . . . Dustin Cleavinger never played like a freshman and classmate Carlton Lewis looks like a keeper. Lewis needs to improve his ball handling, but the instincts are there. . . . Magic Johnson belongs in the NBA. He loves the game and has the most infectious smile in sports. Ironic huh? I know, I can hear Billy Bible Belt now. "That's what he gets for living a promiscuous life style."

People need to wear another's Nikes before inserting their sneaker in their mouth.

Baseball opener

Lubbock Cooper at Muleshoe 4:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23 at the Babe Ruth Field

Tempo telling tale in Bi-District playoffs

By RICK WHITE
Managing Editor

The game will be one of tempo.

The Charleston versus the Waltz. The Cotton-eyed Joe versus the Two-step.

"There's no doubt we have to control the tempo," Lazbuddie coach Gary Grahn said about Thursday's Class 1A Bi-District game against Sudan at Farwell High School (7 p.m.). "We can't get into a shootout with them."

District 8-1A champion Lazbuddie (23-6) likes to pound the ball inside to 6-foot-6 sophomore Jason Thomas, who is averaging a team-high 14.5 points and 8 rebounds a game. Junior wing Justin St. Clair (14 points, 7 rebounds) and sophomore guard Chris Smith (11 points, 47 3-pointers) keep defenses honest.

"No doubt they're going to try to keep our inside game at bay," Grahn said. "But no matter what, we have to get the ball inside on a consistent basis."

District 7-1A runner and defending state champion Sudan (15-6) uses full-court pressure to push to force the tempo and the 3-point shot is a huge part of its offense. Guards Roger

Bi-District playoffs

Lazbuddie vs Sudan

"There's no doubt we have to control the tempo. We can't get into a shootout with them."

— Lazbuddie coach Gary Grahn

Huey and Jerami Bourland are the Hornets' top scorers.

"They present a lot of matchup problems," said Grahn, who prefers to play straight man-to-man. "Especially outside. I feel really good about the way we matchup inside."

Lazbuddie beat Sudan, 62-55, in January.

"There's a lot of teams I'd like to be playing, but one of them is not Sudan," Grahn said. "The only thing that win does for us is give the kids confidence we can beat them. A lot of playing them is the mental block that they can't be beat."

Sudan beat Lazbuddie by 20 points in the Bi-District playoffs last year.

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Martha Taylor is a Certified Nurse Aide and has been with the Muleshoe Area Home Health Agency for 5 months.

Martha is married to Bob Taylor and they live in Sudan. They have one daughter Sherribob Johnston from Amarillo.

Before becoming a Nurse Aide, Martha owned the Dairy Bee Cafe in Sudan.

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Farm Bill

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billion in FY2002. Seven-year cumulative spending for commodity contract payments would be locked in at \$35.745 billion (for an average of \$5.106 per year).

Farmer Contracts — Seven-year "production flexibility contracts" would be offered (until April 15, 1996) for fixed annual payments to producers with acreage enrolled in the wheat, feed grains, cotton, and/or rice programs in any of the past five crop years. Payments would be made in proportion to each farm's former base acres and program yield, but no longer would require production of specified crops. Each farmer's payment would be prorated annually to maintain overall program spending within the annual caps. Contract holders would be required to satisfy conservation compliance and wetlands protection regulations.

Planting Flexibility — Currently, each farm has a specific acreage base for the program crops that must be planted to the specified crop, but not in excess of the acreage base. The bill would combine crop-specific bases to calculate a contract payment base for each farm. Participating farmers could plant any combination of wheat, feed grains, cotton, rice, oilseeds, or several other designated crops on the entire farm, not just the contract acreage (or put the land into a conserving use). With limited exceptions, fruits and vegetables cannot be grown on contract acreage. Specific rules apply to haying, grazing, and alfalfa production on contract acreage.

Acreage Reduction Authority — The bill would eliminate USDA's authority to impose annual cropland diversion requirements (i.e., Acreage Reduction Program) that shift base acreage out of crop production and into conserving uses. This was done in the past to reduce program payment acres and thereby federal expenditures, and also to raise market prices by reducing supplies.

Crop Loans — Nonrecourse marketing assistance loans, and loan deficiency payments, would be available for all grain, cotton, and oilseed production on contracting farms, with rates set within prescribed limits at or near current levels. The farmer-owned reserve (FOR) for grains, which subsidizes storage through extended loanmaking when prices are low, would be suspended. Additionally, for upland cotton, authority would be continued for cotton user ("Step 2") marketing certificates (with Step 2 outlays limited to a total of \$701 million over seven years), and a tariff-rate quota on imports.

Payment Limits — Contract payments made to those actively engaged in farming would be limited to no more than \$40,000 per "person" annually. Marketing loan gains or loan deficiency payments would remain limited to \$75,000 per person. There would be no change in the definition or rules for persons with interests in multiple farms, which effectively would allow total payments to reach \$230,000 per person annually.

Sugar — The sugar loan

program would continue to operate at "no net cost," and additional budgetary savings would be generated through higher marketing assessments. Domestic sugar marketing quotas and allotments, that now constrain and geographically allocate production, would be eliminated. Support prices would be frozen through 2002 at current levels (18 cents and 22.9 cents respectively for cane and beet sugar). Recourse loans would be made available to sugar processors when the import quota is set below 1.5 million short tons; otherwise, loans would be nonrecourse. A 1-cent per pound penalty would be imposed on loan forfeitures.

Peanuts — The peanut program would be extended through 2002, with the price support loan rate for quota peanuts (those produced within a farmer's assigned quota) set at \$610 per ton (compared with \$678 currently). The current marketing assessment, 1.2 % of the national loan rate, would be extended. The minimum national poundage quota (now 1.35 million short tons) would be eliminated, allowing the quota to be set equal to domestic demand.

The "under-marketing" provision (which now enables producers who under-utilize their full quota in one year to expand output the following year by the amount of the shortfall) would be eliminated. Disaster transfer payments would be limited to 70% of the support price on 25% of a producer's quota.

Permanent Price Support Authority — Unlike the pending House bill, the Senate bill does not abolish the permanent, mandatory price support authority for most commodities contained in the Agricultural Act of 1949. In fact, the Senate bill adds rice to the list of commodities guaranteed permanent support.

Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) Interest Rate — The interest rate charged on Commodity Credit Corporation loans (primarily commodity loans) would be increased by 1 percent over the formula rate used previously.

Conservation — The bill contains a number of conservation provisions. It would authorize a 36.4 million-acre Conservation Reserve Program (in place of 38 million acres), and a 975,000-acre Wetland Reserve Program, funded through the CCC instead of appropriations. A new Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) would combine four existing environmental cost-sharing programs, with annual mandatory funding by CCC set a \$200 million, to encourage the application of land management and structural practices. One-half the EQIP funding would be dedicated to livestock production. The small watershed program would be redirected away from structural impoundments and toward improved land management.

While the bill would eliminate numerous unfunded conservation programs, it also would create some new programs, including: a grazing lands management technical assistance program; a Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program; a \$200 million Everglades restoration and land acquisition program; a \$35 million farm-

land easement program to prevent conversion to nonfarm uses; a conservation Farm Option that would allow for 10-year whole farm conservation contracts; flood risk reduction contracts; and a non-profit Natural Resources Conservation Foundation.

Agricultural trade & food aid programs — Funding for the Market Promotion Program would be capped at \$70 million per year, and program access would be limited to domestic small businesses, cooperatives, and farmer organizations. Funding would be cut for the Export Enhancement Program (EEP), which provides cash (or surplus commodity) bonuses to U.S. markets. The annual EEP funding limit would range between \$350 and \$550 million — compared with current effective funding caps that decline gradually from \$959 million in FY 1995 to \$471 million in FY 2001. The bill would extend through FY 1996 the authority to enter into new agreements with other entities to finance and provide food assistance under the Food for Peace and other international food aid programs.

Agricultural credit — The bill would reauthorize farm lending programs — and significantly tighten both the qualifications for servicing delinquent USDA farm loans, and the eligibility requirements for direct and guaranteed loans. For example, the bill would eliminate a requirement, in place for the last nine years, that USDA provide operating loans to certain farm borrowers even if they are delinquent on previous loans; deny new farm loans to any borrower who had a delinquent loan on which the debt was forgiven; and reduce from 180 days to 90 days the mandated period USDA must wait to notify borrowers that they are delinquent and to inform them of their loan servicing options.

Direct farm ownership (FO) loans would, over time, be limited to borrowers who have farmed for less than 10 years, or to current FO borrowers of less than 10 years. Direct operating loans (OL) would, over time, be restricted to those who have farmed less than 5 years those who have been direct borrowers for less than 7 years. (A current prohibition continues limiting OL borrowers from receiving either a direct or guaranteed USDA farm loan for more than 15 years.) Other credit title provisions would reinforce the shift in USDA lending resources from direct to guaranteed loans, and expedite sales of acquired USDA farm properties. The bill also contains provisions affecting Farmer Mac (the agricultural secondary market) and the Farm Credit System that were signed into law by the President in February 10 in separate legislation (H.R. 2029).

Research, extension & education — The bill would authorize continued for public agricultural research, education, and extension programs. Annual funding authority would be \$850 million for Agricultural Research Service programs. \$310 million in Hatch Act formula funds for state agricultural experiment stations, \$460 million for the Cooperative Extension System,

Proposed Senate farm bill

Other selected provisions

The bill also includes language extending, modifying, and/or establishing a wide variety of other USDA operated programs and activities. The following includes selected examples.

Crop Insurance and Disaster Aid — Catastrophic crop insurance would be voluntary rather than mandatory for participants in federal farm programs. Seed crops would become eligible for insurance.

Alternative Risk Management Initiatives — The bill would establish pilot programs involving revenue insurance, commodity futures and options markets, and education in risk management.

Generic Promotion Programs — The bill authorizes new generic promotion and research programs for kiwifruit, canola, rapeseed and popcorn. It would also extend the fluid milk promotion program.

Humane Horse Transport — The bill requires USDA to issue standards regulating the welfare of horses while they are being shipped to facilities for slaughter, and specifies what those standards must include.

Lamb and Mutton Labeling — USDA would be required to establish labeling requirements for sheep meat products that would ensure that imported (and domestic) mutton are not improperly labeled as lamb.

Agriculture Quarantine and Inspection — A quarantine inspection user fee account would be established to receive fees, penalties, and interest.

Domestic Food Assistance — The bill extends through 2002 the \$27 Billion annual food stamp program, and several commodity food assistance programs, with no changes in current policy.

and \$500 million for the National Research Initiative Competitive Grants program. Several significant policy changes would include: establishing a comprehensive new research and extension policy advisory board to replace seven modernization and closure of public agricultural research facilities; requiring development of a new system for tracking and evaluating the outcomes of research and extension activi-

ties; and making USDA the lead agency for aquaculture programs.

Rural development — The bill would authorize a new delivery system for rural development programs called the Rural Community Advancement Program. It would consolidate existing grant and loan authorities and place primary administrative responsibility with the state directors of USDA's Rural

Rain

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five foot root zone soil profile.

Historical data shows that above-average crop yields are more likely when the five foot root zone soil profile is at or near field capacity at planting.

"We hope the area will receive significant precipitation that will help reduce these soil moisture deficits prior to planting," says Crenwelge. Rain gauge readings taken at soil moisture sites in Bailey County indicated an average of 11 inches of rainfall during 1995.

The annual pre-plant soil moisture survey data informs producers about general plant available soil moisture conditions across the Water District.

Copies of the regional and/or Bailey County soil moisture survey maps are available by contacting your local USDA-NRCS office or the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1, 2930 Avenue Q, Lubbock, TX 79405-1499 or by calling (806) 762-0181.

Economic and Community Development Offices. It would revise the Telemedicine and Distance Learning Services and the Alternative Agricultural Research and Commercialization Program, and would repeal various existing authorities. Existing rural housing, development, and research programs would receive \$300 million in mandatory funding by transferring funds from the CCC to the Fund for Rural America.



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Garbage

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an additional dumpster," City Manager Dave Marr, Jr. said.

Three provisions of the City code previously not enforced will be now.

Heavy or unusual accumulations not included in regular service (such as brick, concrete, automobile frames, dead trees), and the cuttings left by commercial tree trimmers and construction concerns shall be disposed of at the expense of the owner or person in control, plus 10 percent of such cost to the City Sanitation Division.

The City of Muleshoe will deliver to a residence or business a dump truck for loading trash, for a fee consisting of a reasonable charge for the use of the vehicle, the cost of delivering and unloading the vehicle, plus a fee for the use of the City disposal area.

Type IV Waste only (defined as brush, construction and demolition waste, and or rubbish free of putrescible and household waste by the State of Texas) will be disposed of as a part of this service.

The fee will be paid in advance of the truck being reserved at City Hall.

The following are the new definitions of "garbage" and "trash" as defined by the City and the State of Texas:

"The term 'garbage' shall mean solid waste consisting of putrescible animal and vegetable waste materials resulting from the handling, preparation, cooking, and consumption of food, including waste materials from markets, storage facilities, handling, and sale of produce and other food products.

Ride like the wind



A flock of pigeons ride the winds Monday near the Bailey County Courthouse.

"Putrescible waste is defined as organic wastes such as garbage, wastewater treatment plant sludge, and grease trap waste, that is capable of being decomposed by microorganisms with sufficient rapidity as to cause odors or gases or is capable of providing food for or attracting birds, animals, and disease vectors."

The City's previous definition of garbage consisted of a list of specific items of garbage and their probable sources, rather than a description of what substances would fall under the designation "garbage."

Similarly, the City's definition of "trash" has changed to reflect State law, from a list of items considered and not considered by the City to be trash, to a description of specific properties of rubbish the City considers to be trash.

"The term 'trash' shall mean rubbish which is nonputrescible solid waste (excluding ashes), consisting of both combustible and non-combustible waste materials.

"Combustible rubbish includes paper, rags, cartons, wood, excelsior, furniture, rubber, plastics, yard trimmings, leaves, etc.

"Non combustible rubbish includes glass, crockery, tin cans, aluminum cans, metal furniture and similar materials that will not burn at ordinary incinerator temperatures (1,600 degrees Fahrenheit to 1,800 degrees Fahrenheit)."

Also at the Council meeting, Jordon Paving of Irving was awarded the City/County 1996 Seal Coat Program contract with the lowest total base bid of \$115,773.12.

The base bid for the City paving project was \$99,000, along with base bids of \$16,017.38 and \$39,365.74 for paving projects in Bailey County Precincts 3 and 1.

Honor Rolls

Lazbuddie Elementary School has reported the following honor roll for the fourth six weeks:

Principal's Honor Roll

2nd Grade— Alan Jones, Nathan Pesch, Madison Smith, Richard Welker

3rd Grade— Chris DeLeon, Tanner Gartin, Mandy Haney, Brett Mimms, Melanie Winders

4th Grade— Shonah Black, Robby Martin, Shawndee Nichols, Bethenie Sanchez

5th Grade— Andy Martin, Brady Mimms

A-B Honor Roll

2nd Grade— April Godinez, Kirby Kimbrough, Roper Smith, Samantha Sterling

3rd Grade— David Godinez, Cory Puckett, Garrett Scisson

4th Grade— Violet Aguilar, Cobey Branscum, Kelli Harris, Kera Lewandowski, Nicole Lewandowski, Amanda Martinez, Raul Mata, Michelle Scott, Kolby Wilkerson, Kevin Williams

5th Grade— Brittany Brakebill, Lucinda Guzman, Andrew Martinez, Michelle Puckett, Tobin Redwine, Osiris Retiz

Rotary News

The Muleshoe Rotary Club celebrated the 1996 Valentine season at its weekly meeting Tuesday, Feb. 13. President Mike McDearmon opened the meeting by asking Curtis Shelburne to pray for the club and Todd Ellis to lead in recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Due to the nature of the meeting, several spouses were present. McDearmon brought

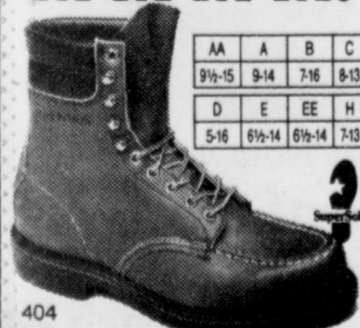
Brenda, Charles Moraw brought Vicki, Nick Bamert brought Rayneil, Ed Cox brought Carol, Harvey Bass brought Marie, Larry Kirk brought Pat, George Nieman brought Diane, Lary Hooten brought Wanda, and Bruce Purdy brought Cindy.

Melanie Gruhlkey provided entertainment for the group in singing two love songs as part of the Valentine celebration.

McDearmon introduced Betty Wuerflein, owner of Decorators Floral and Gift in Muleshoe. She gave an interesting talk about the history of Valentine's Day and about the significance of the colors of roses for gift giving purposes.

Robert Lepard was selected as the club's "Valentine Sweetheart" and lead the group in reciting the Four Way Test.

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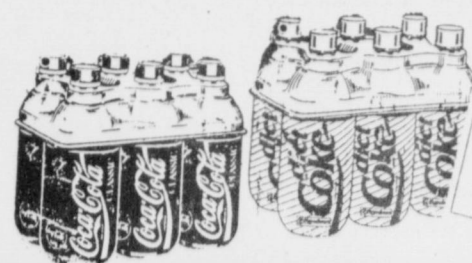
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Designer Valentine

Muleshoe Area Medical Center's Valentine design contest winners were Tina Vasquez (left), Iris Hinchey and Cindy Peña of the MAMC finance department. Home Health won second place, and the nursing home day shift won third.

Energas wins pair of national awards

LUBBOCK — Energas Company recently was named the Top Utility Marketing Company for 1995 and Consultant of the Year at the Annual Utility Automation Awards Ceremony, held in Tampa, Fla. The company also was a finalist for the Customer Care Award.

These awards were in recognition of the company's "Smart Water Management" program. This program demonstrates techniques and technologies that may be used to reach maximum irrigation efficiencies. Energas provides natural gas to farmers for engines that power irrigation pumps.

These are the second and third national awards that Energas has won. Last year Energas won an American Gas Association Marketing Achievement Award for its on-site power generation program, which also addressed water management and energy conservation.

Vice President of Marketing Lavon Pagett said, "Because Energas competed with more than 1,000 gas, electric, water and telecommunication utility companies from all across the nation, we feel very honored to receive this recognition."

Public Record

Obituaries

Alice F. Martin

EARTH—Funeral services for Alice F. Martin, 98, of Earth, were held Tuesday at the First Baptist Church of Earth with Mr. James G. Martin and the Rev. Bobby Broyles, officiating.

Burial followed in the Muleshoe Memorial Park under the direction of the Parsons-Ellis Funeral Home of Earth.

Mrs. Martin died Feb. 17, 1996 at her residence after an illness. She was born March 16, 1897 in Temple. She married Thomas C. Martin, Dec. 24, 1914, in White Rock, Texas. He died July 8, 1960.

She had been a resident of Earth for 41 years, moving there from Houston. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by one son, Calvin Martin.

Survivors include, five sons, Thomas Martin of Beverly Hills, Fla., James Martin of Goodman, Mo., J.B. Martin of Sulphur Spring, Texas, Kenneth Martin of Leesburg, Fla. and Ralph Martin of Amarillo; two daughters, Ella Maye Hnatek of Houston and Kathleen Cole of Earth; one brother, Jess Freeman of Tomball, Texas; 29 grandchildren, 48 great-grandchildren and 34 great-great-grandchildren.

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The family suggest memorials to the Hospice of Plains, 7109 Olton Rd., Plainview, TX 79072.

Births

Keelee Joy Whitaker

Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Whitaker announce the birth of a new daughter born Feb. 2, 1996 in the Methodist Hospital in

Plainview.

The young lady weighed 4 lbs., 8 oz. at birth and was 17 1/4 inches long, and has been named Keelee Joy Whitaker. She has a big sister, Trisha, 8.

Grandparents include Cleta Robertson of Muleshoe and Wayne and June Whitaker of Shamrock. Great-parents include Lorene Obenhaus of Muleshoe and James and Alma Robertson.

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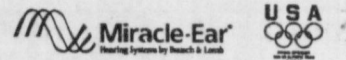


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"Heavy Weather"

A storm is brewing over Blandings, stately home of Clarence Threepwood, Earl of Emsworth. "Heavy Weather" on Masterpiece Theatre tells the antic tale of an eccentric family. Peter O'Toole, Richard Briers, Roy Hudd, Judy Parfitt, and Richard Johnson star in this adaptation of the novel by P. G. Wodehouse.

Lord Emsworth (Peter O'Toole) shares the Blandings Castle with his sisters, Lady Constance Keeble (Judy Parfitt) and Lady Julia Fish (Sarah Badel); his younger brother, the Honorable Galahad Threepwood (Richard Briers); the Butler Beach (Roy Hudd); and, most precious of all, the Empress of Blandings — his prize pig.

Trouble begins when Ronny Fish (Benjamin Soames), Lord Emsworth's nephew, announces his engagement to a pretty and charming chorus girl. Meanwhile, Galahad has written a scandalous autobiography in which many Threepwood friends and acquaintances appear, and a company is eager to publish it.

In the ensuing scramble, the offending manuscript changes hands and is eventually stolen, a would-be pig attacker is seized, and various Lords and Ladies endure unexpected indignities and threats. In the end, however, all is resolved happily — with a little help from Beach and the Empress.

Masterpiece Theatre's "Heavy Weather" airs Sunday, February 25th at 10:00 p.m. and Friday, March 1st at 12:00 midnight.

NOVA "Kidnapped by UFOs?"

In recent years, thousands of Americans have come forward with reports of late-night abductions by small, gray, humanlike creatures from outer space bent on performing sexual experiments. Although credible physical evidence is lacking, proponents—including some mental health professionals—contend that these stories are not based on bad dreams or psychotic episodes, but on real experiences.

Not everyone is convinced, however. Astronomer Carl Sagan speculates that the human capacity for hallucination may better explain the extraordinary reports. But others, such as Harvard University psychiatrist John Mack, believe that the kidnappings are real. "In case after case, I've been impressed with the consistency of the story, the sincerity with which people tell their stories, the power of feelings connected with this," Mack tells Nova.

Nova records several such sessions conducted by Budd Hopkins, an artist widely known for his research on alien abductions. One case study involved a suburban couple and their two preschool-age children. When Hopkins interviewed a next-door neighbor, it turned out that she, too, had been having abduction experiences.

"Kidnapped by UFOs?" airs Tuesday, February 27th at 8:00 p.m. It repeats Saturday at 10:00 p.m. and Sunday at 1:00 a.m.

Channel 3 Television from Eastern New Mexico University, Portales, New Mexico



Muleshoe Cattle Market

Saturday, Feb. 17, 1996

| STEERS | | HEIFERS | | BRED COWS | |
|---------|-----------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Weight | per # | Weight | per # | Weight | per # |
| 200-300 | \$.70-\$.80 | 200-300 | \$.55-\$.62 | Others | \$300-\$400 |
| 300-400 | \$.60-\$.75 | 300-400 | \$.50-\$.60 | | |
| 400-500 | \$.55-\$.65 | 400-500 | \$.48-\$.55 | | |
| 500-600 | \$.52-\$.55 | 500-600 | \$.45-\$.51 | | |
| 600-700 | \$.54-\$.57 ⁵⁰ | 600-700 | \$.45-\$.48 ⁵⁰ | | |
| 700-800 | \$.50-\$.57 | | | | |

930 head of cattle were sold.

There was a good run of stocker calves and yearlings with a steady market and good buyer participation. Feeder heifers were \$1-\$2 lower, feeder star steady to \$1 lower. Pairs and heavy bred cows were steady. Packer cows were \$3-\$4 lower.

| PACKER COWS | | BULLS | | PAIRS | |
|---------------|-----------------------------|--------|-----------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| High Yielding | \$.28-\$.34 ²⁵ | Others | \$.40-\$.43 ²⁵ | Good & Young | \$400-\$550 |

REPRESENTATIVE SALES

| Seller, City | # | Type | Wt. | CWT or PH |
|-----------------------------------|----|--------------|-----------|------------|
| Donald Prichard, Amarillo | 4 | Hol. Strs. | 318 lbs. | at \$37.50 |
| Gilberto Mojica, Muleshoe | 4 | Hol. Strs. | 421 lbs. | at \$36.00 |
| Bill Byrd, Littlefield | | Char. Strs. | 365 lbs. | at \$71.00 |
| Paula Nix, Olton | | Ywf. Str. | 260 lbs. | at \$77.00 |
| Martin Cattle, Farwell | 11 | Mixed Strs. | 410 lbs. | at \$65.75 |
| Martin Cattle, Farwell | | Rwf. Str. | 635 lbs. | at \$57.50 |
| Lauren Wooley, San Antonio | | Red Bull | 690 lbs. | at \$52.50 |
| D.C. Pearson, Ropesville | | Red Str. | 610 lbs. | at \$57.00 |
| Carroll Cook, Friona | 3 | Red Strs. | 338 lbs. | at \$73.00 |
| Carroll Cook, Friona | 5 | Mixed Bulls | 515 lbs. | at \$57.50 |
| Carroll Cook, Friona | 13 | Red Bulls | 600 lbs. | at \$54.00 |
| Stephen Thetford, Rogers, NM | 4 | Mixed Strs. | 724 lbs. | at \$56.00 |
| Teresa Howard, Rogers, NM | 2 | Mixed Strs. | 785 lbs. | at \$57.00 |
| R.E. Bell, Littlefield | | Char. Bull | 595 lbs. | at \$60.00 |
| Bill Byrd, Littlefield | 2 | Mixed Hfrs. | 275 lbs. | at \$61.00 |
| Carroll Cook, Friona | 2 | Limo. Hfrs. | 308 lbs. | at \$57.50 |
| Carroll Cook, Friona | 6 | Limo. Hfrs. | 463 lbs. | at \$55.00 |
| Martin Cattle, Farwell | 31 | Mixed. Hfrs. | 450 lbs. | at \$54.50 |
| Martin Cattle, Farwell | 28 | Mixed Hfrs. | 534 lbs. | at \$50.00 |
| Martin Cattle, Farwell | 5 | Rwf. Hfrs. | 665 lbs. | at \$49.00 |
| D.C. Pearson, Ropesville | 5 | Rwf. Hfrs. | 650 lbs. | at \$49.00 |
| Teresa Howard, Rogers, NM | | Grey Hfr. | 615 lbs. | at 48.00 |
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| Herrington & Herrington, Muleshoe | | Angus Bull | | \$625.00 |
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| John S. Thompson, Friona | 2 | Blk. Cows | 1213 lbs. | at \$34.00 |
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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 12 noon.

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Gatlins celebrate 70 years of marriage

Ernest and Nell Gatlin, formerly of Muleshoe, will celebrate 70 years of marriage on Feb. 29. They were married in Friona on Feb. 29, 1926.

In 1981, the Gatlins moved from Muleshoe to Amarillo, where they maintain their independence and do a great job of taking care of each other.

Nell lost her eyesight in 1985, but she doesn't let that keep her down, she paints ceramics and crochets afghans. Ernest drives once a week to the grocery store and is able to drive them to doctor appointments.

Their two daughters and their families also are former Muleshoe residents. Ernestine and husband, D.L. Vernon, now live in Canadian, and Dorris, who was married to the late James Moore, now resides in Pflugerville.



Ernest and Nell Gatlin

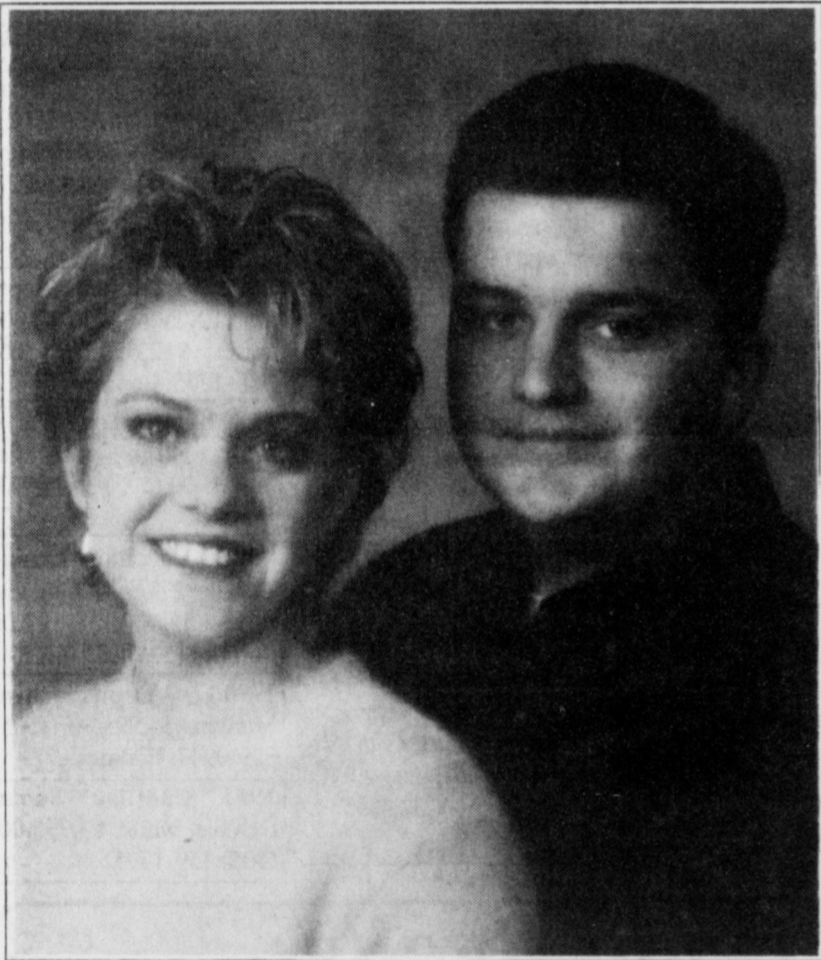
The Gatlins have 14 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

Family members are honoring the Gatlins with an anniversary "family dinner" celebration Saturday, Feb. 24, at

the Marizon Restaurant in downtown Amarillo.

A card shower from their friends in Muleshoe would be a special blessing to the Gatlins. Please mail them to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gatlin, 904 Crockett, Amarillo, TX 79102.

Engagement



Emilee Benton and Scott Trlica

Emilee Benton and Scott Trlica announce their engagement and approaching marriage. Emilee is the daughter of Steve and Paula Benton of Muleshoe and Lou and Sandy Kordek of Duncanville. Scott is the son of Lou Trlica of Beeville and the late Clifton Trlica, Jr. Emilee is a graduate of Eden High School and will graduate in May from Texas Tech University with an agricultural communications degree. She is currently employed with Ted L. Parker and Associates, Inc. in Lubbock. Scott graduated from A.C. Jones High School of Beeville and will also graduate from Texas Tech University in May with a degree in agricultural economics. He is currently employed at Albertson's in Lubbock. The couple plan an Aug. 10 wedding at the Faith Lutheran Church in Beeville.

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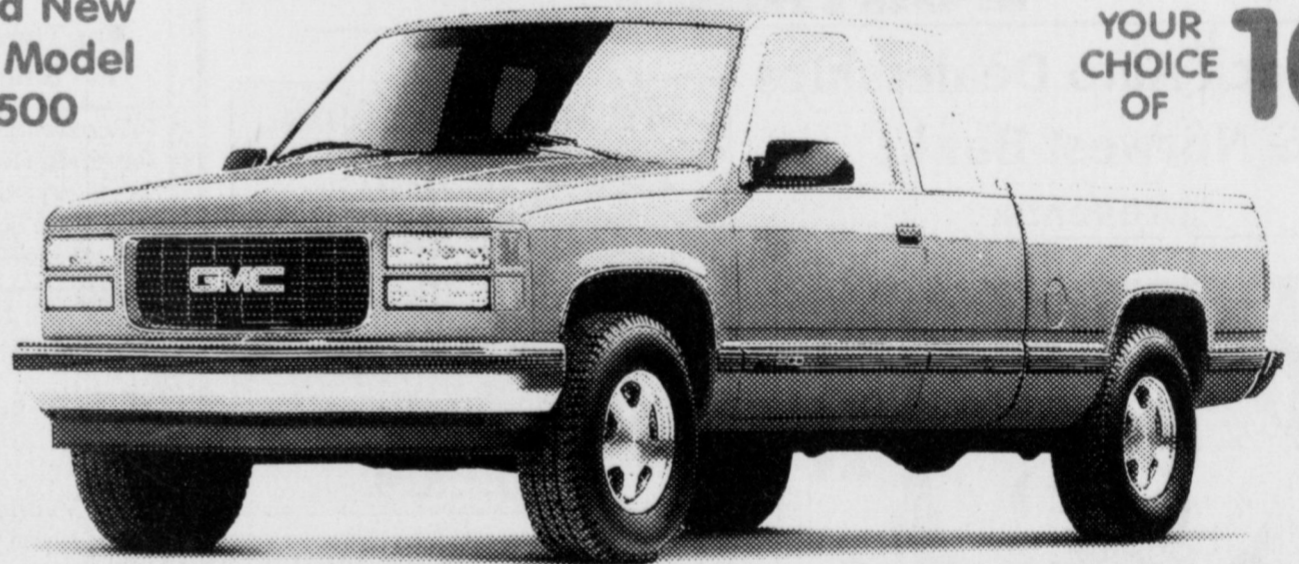
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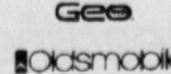
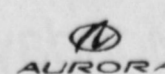
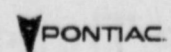
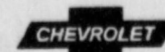
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