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### PAGE ONE

#### A QUICK READ OF THE NEWS

#### Police hunt banana thrower

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Police in Kenosha, Wis., are looking for an irate motorist who allegedly hurled a half-peeled banana at another car's windshield, then sped away.

The Kenosha County Sheriff's Department said the incident happened as a 35-year-old Kenosha woman was being tailgated. The offending driver allegedly made an obscene gesture after the woman tapped her brakes.

When she stopped for traffic several blocks later, the car drove onto the gravel shoulder along the right side, and the angry driver rolled down his window and threw the banana at her car, striking the windshield.

The car then turned and fled the scene.

#### Man caught in funeral theft

A man dressed in red sweatpants didn't seem to fit in at the funeral, but mourners ignored him — until he swiped the deceased's brooch.

The 51-year-old Cleveland, Ohio, man stole the brooch when he leaned over to look at the body of Erma Bailey during her funeral Thursday at Liberty Hill Baptist Church, police said.

The man is expected to be charged with burglary and gross abuse of a corpse.

"For the family, they were hurt as well as dumbfounded," the church's pastor said.

People caught on to the theft after the man dropped the brooch, then grabbed it again and ran out the church with mourners in pursuit.

## Chamber honors Hargrove, Holt, Barriers, United

#### By RONN SMITH Editor

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce handed out several honors Saturday night, and

when the curtain came down on "Muleshoe on Broadway" (the annual banquet's theme): · Gail Hargrove had been

named woman of the year; · Ronnie Holt was named man of the year;

· Tony, Nancy, Casey and Bailey Barrier were named

named business of the year;

employee of the year.

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## Residents had fun with theme

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Before Saturday night, who the more notorious "Hair" cos-Robert Domínguez of United

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Construction has been com-



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Roger Sowder and Kimble Kearns launch into the opening radio broadcast of "Greater Tuna" by discussing "Human Rights - Who Cares?" in a production that followed the annual chamber of commerce banquet.

Watson Junior High School placed 18th in the state and received a medal Saturday at the **Texas Math and Science** Coaches' Association state meet in San Antonio. She represented Muleshoe in the event's computer applications competition.



## Historic book presented to county

## State winner



#### delivery to the door of individual residents of the senior

farm family of the year; • United Supermarket was

· Tonya Pool was named

Sheree Hunt, in presenting the award to her employee of 1 1/2 years, said Pool's job began when Hunt just asked her to come down and help out at

"What started out as a favor to me has evolved into her receiving this award," Hunt said.

Julie Cage presented the Barriers' award, explaining in poetry how the family came to Muleshoe 14 years ago and was soon shouting "Hay! Hay! Hay!" as it became obvious

Robert Shafer, beguilingly dressed as the title character from the musical "Miss Saigon," presented the award for business of the year, detail-



Drawing date: Saturday, April 8 Winning numbers: 9-33-38-39-41-48 Estimated jackpot: \$17 million Winners: 0 Next drawing: Wednesday, April 12 Estimated jackpot: \$23 million

#### On this date in history

April 13 - Commissioners selecting a permanent capital for the Republic of Texas pick the village of Waterloo (now known as Austin) on the east bank of the Colorado River (1839).

April 14 — The Mexican Congress reauthorizes Stephen F. Austin's colony in the region of the Brazos River (1823).

#### LOCAL WEATHER

Mostly sunny and warm conditions are expected through the weekend, with high temperatures near 80 on Thursday, Saturday and Sunday - and about 86 on Friday. Morning lows should be mostly in the mid-40s throughout the period. No further chance for significant precipation is forecast.

Editor Ronn Smith can be reached at 272-4536 or ctyankee@fivearea.com

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

## Chamber building named for Young

One unique feature of Saturday's Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce banquet was the formal announcement that the chamber's new headquarters building has been named the Hugh Earl Young Building to honor the late Five Area Telephone Cooperative executive.

## quet. **Technology group** to mark official opening at MHS

#### JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Years of work will come to fruition Thursday night in the technology department at Muleshoe High School: The FACT Consortium has scheduled the official opening of its video network.

The consortium began in earnest in 1995 because Five Area Telephone Cooperative wanted to provide a high-quality telecommunications network in the school districts within its service area. Fiber-optic cable was run to six school districts for this purpose.

Five Area and the districts - Muleshoe, Lazbuddie, Three Way, Sudan, Springlake-Earth and Olton - have worked with South Plains College to bring education via interactive televison to the districts involved.

The group even adopted the name Five Area

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#### JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Ruth Hall and Julie Cage, on behalf of the Bailey County Historical Commission, have presented the commissioners court with a historic book framed in a shadow box. .

The book contains records of county expenditures for goods and services in the years 1931-34 - sometimes at costs of 5 and 10 cents.

The artifact was presented Monday during the commissioners' regular meeting, prior to Hall giving them copies of the historical commission's annual report to the state.

Hall also was commended for her work on a grant application aimed at continuing renovation work on the Bailey County courthouse.

She said funding for the current year was mainly concentrated on a few projects, a practice she questioned.

"I don't believe it was the intent of the Legislature to completely restore a few historic buildings with most of the money," she said. "I think the intent was to take a look at all 254 counties and try to get all our courthouses into functional condition."

Hall represented the county at a March 30 associates program workshop, "An Introduction to Oral History," sponsored by the Southwest Collection/Special Collections Library at Texas Tech.

Attendees furnished donated their time and furnished their own transportation to attend the workshop.



Journal photo: Beatrice Morin

#### Fountain fencing

Victor Arzola of Arzola's Ornamental Iron spends Saturday installing a fence around the new ornamental fountain at City Park. The Rotary Club had planted a specimen-sized ash tree adjacent to the fountain Thursday as part of continuing efforts to beautify the park.

pleted on the 900-square-foot building and a grand opening will be scheduled once interior appointments are in place. Young's widow, Pat, and several family accepted an award on his behalf at the ban-

## **AROUND MULESHOE**

#### Softball fund-raiser scheduled

The Muleshoe chapter of Family Career and Community Leaders of America will be sponsoring a softball tournament April 15-16 at the Muleshoe softball field.

The event is a fund-raiser to help the students in the chapter to attend their state meeting and competition in Fort Worth.

This is an ASA-rules, double-elimination tournament.

Entry fee is \$100 per team; T-shirts will be awarded to first-, second- and third-place teams

Entry deadline is 8 p.m. April 14. More information or entries are available by calling Brenda or Filemón Guzmán at 965-2111 or Ramón Guillén at 272-5050.

#### Muleshoe kindergarten enrollment set

Kindergarten and pre-kindergarten enrollment at Dillman Elementary School is scheduled for 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. April 14 in the Dillman gymnasium.

Children who will be 4 years old by Sept. 1 are eligible to enroll in pre-kindergarten; those who will be 5 by Sept. 1 are eligible for kindergarten.

Parents are asked to bring the child's birth certificate, immunization records and Social Security number.

Children who enroll April 14 will be screened for speech and language that day.

An immunization clinic will be held at the Muleshoe Area Medical Center Outpatient Clinic (118 W. Avenue C) from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. April 13. There will be a \$5 charge per shot.

#### Hanna to address luncheon

Muleshoe City Manager Rick Hanna will address those attending the April Soup and Sandwich Luncheon at 16th and D Church of Christ.

The event is scheduled for noon to 1 p.m. April 13 in the church's fellowship hall and is open to the public. The meals are always served on a donation basis.

Hanna is scheduled to speak on plans, events and challenges facing the city of Muleshoe.

The luncheon series is held on the second Thursday of each month. More information about this month's program, or on any of those upcoming, can be obtained by calling 272-4619.

#### Lazbuddie kindergarten enrollment set

Lazbuddie Independent School District will hold registration for kindergarten and pre-kindergarten students from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. April 14 in the school library.

Any child who will be 4 years old or older on Sept. 1 is eligible to enroll. Parents are asked to bring a birth certificate, Social Security card and a copy of immunization records for each child to be enrolled.

More information is available by calling 965-2153.

## Muleshoe could capture dual district track titles

#### **By KEVIN WILSON** Writer

Track season is winding down for Muleshoe, and both teams have a chance to do some damage at the district meet.

"We're a lot stronger (than last year)," said girls' track coach John Irwin, who is in his second season as coach and coming off a district championship in 1999.

"Our district's a lot stronger, but our girls are working hard," Irwin added.

The girls travel this weekend to Dimmitt to run a few events for practice, then they will travel to Shallowater on Joe Pat Wright said. Tuesday for the district meet.

The mile relay team of Olivia Alcorn, Bobbie Benham, Stacey Locker and Mindy Locker just set a school record with a time of 4:11. Irwin said a time probably would place first at district.

Senior leadership is a key in some of the other events as well. Irwin praised senior Kayla Johnson, who leads both the sprint and the 800 relay teams. On the boys' side, confidence

also running high. "If we can fill all the places,

we should do very well," coach

One of the stronger events will be the pole vault, where the Mules field Brandon Broyles, Jeff King and Tyson Purdy.

The 300 hurdles also should be a strong event for the Mules, with Jesús Tobar and Danny Ramírez.

Ramírez will join Chris Barrera and Jeff Bruns in the 100, while Lupe Nuñez and José Alarcón run the 400.

Alarcón also will be an integral part of the 800-meter relay team with Kyle Atwood, who also runs in the mile relay.

Both teams have a great shot to win district, but they must continue the excellent performances that have been constant all season.



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## Area communications personnel commended

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the public every day as the vital

link between people calling for

help and the agencies that pro-

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ing people and property is done

behind the scenes and often

The South Plains Association of Governments has expressed appreciation to the communications personnel of all the 911 public-safety answering points and responding emergency agencies in the South Plains Region.

This is in observance of Public Safety Telecommunications Week in Texas, April 9-15. The special week is pro-

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**OPENING** 

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Community Telecommunication (FACT) Consortum in honor of Hubert Kidd, longtime head of Five Area who

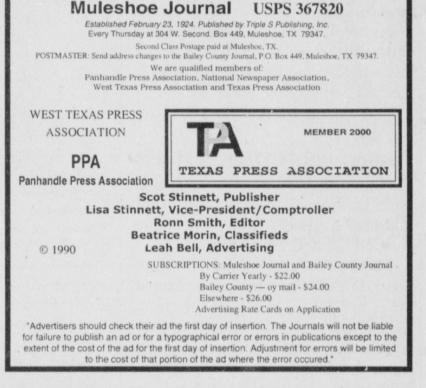
retired recently. The consortium then got a million-dollar grant from the Texas Infrastructure Fund Board that was structured around innovation and education in rural Texas and its ability to be replicated by others.

The grant helped to develop a very high speed network us-

ing a technology known as asynchronous transfer mode - the first of its kind among Panhandle school districts.

Many state and local dignitaries have been invited to the official opening, along with news media and others wishing to witness the occasion.

viduals for their dedicated efforts in making a difference, and helping save lives and properties - all in a day's work," stated a SPAG press release.





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Also popular were Southern belles from "Show Boat," and there were some alluring examples. Certainly the chamber's own Pam McCaul radiated stage presence when she was in the limelight.

Characters from "The Wizard of Oz," "Annie Get Your Gun," "Cabaret" and others mingled among ordinary mortals - as did at least one very classy "Phantom of the Opera."

Wells Hall's late-night talkshow host also welcomed "A Chorus Line" - known in everyday life as Lazbuddie High School cheerleaders Staci Foster, Crystal Scott, Myra Hernández, Desirae Brakebill, Kayla Kimbrough and Savannah Black.

The chorus line, in turn, welcomed half a dozen "volunteers" from the audience who imperiled their well-being by joining in a few high kicks.

Hall also presented his "Top 10 reasons for living in Muleshoe" as well as other guests Lavon Hunt, Marie and Harvey Bass, crowd favorites Corey and Colie Hunt (The Blues Brothers), and Alice Hall.

The best theme-related line, however, had to belong to Robert Shafer as "Miss Saigon." Introducing United Supermarkets as the business of the year, Shafer deadpanned, "It isn't often that a lady of the evening gets to present an award for business of the year."

Certainly not in Muleshoe, anyway.

## property by April 17th.

A "rendition" is a report to the appraisal district that lists all the taxable property you owned or controlled on January 1st of this year. The rendition form is available at your local appraisal district office... or you may draft a similar form.

#### Who must file a rendition?

You must file a rendition if you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income-such as the inventory and equipment used by a business.

#### Are there any advantages to you? The advantages of filing a rendition are:

- You give your opinion of your property's value. If the appraisal district believes the value is higher, it must notify you in writing of the higher value and explain how you can protest that value to the appraisal review board.
- You record your correct mailing address so your tax B bills will go to the right address. If your bill is mailed to the wrong address, the law still holds you responsible for paying your taxes on time or paying extra charges for late payments.
- You can also file a "report of decreased value" to no-B tify the appraisal district of significant depreciation of the value of your property in 1999. The district will look at your property before assigning a value in 2000.

#### What's the deadline?

The last day for filing 2000 renditions is April 17. Call your appraisal district for the last date the rendition may be postmarked, if mailing. You can get an extra 15 days if you ask for it in writing by the April 17 deadline.

Where do you file?

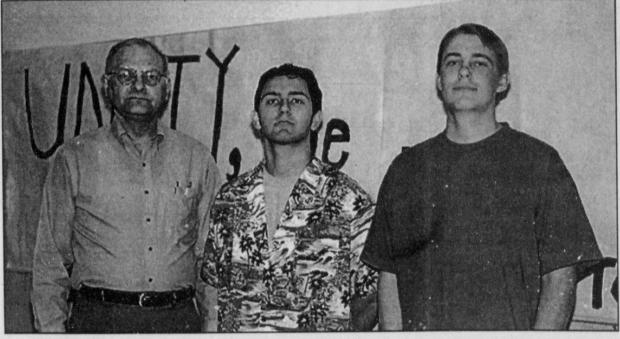
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#### **Potential Oscar winners**

Dr. Kerry Moore (left) congratulates two members of the Muleshoe High School oneact play cast who were honored Saturday during regional UIL competition. Louie Pacheco (center) was named best actor among students competing from Class AAA schools, while Westin Price (right) also made the all-star cast. Muleshoe performed the classic drama "Beckett."

#### Nominations for teacher of year being accepted through May 4

Written nominations for the Muleshoe Independent School District's teacher of the year are being accepted at the superintendent's office until May 4.

The sixth annual awards are scheduled to be presented at a general faculty meeting May 26 in the high school auditorium.

Teachers at Dillman Elementary and DeShazo Elementary are eligible for the elementary award while teachers at Watson Junior High and Muleshoe High School are eligible for the secondary award.

Underwritten by Muleshoe State Bank, the awards each consist of a golden apple and a check for \$250. Last year's winners were Carol Williams of Dillman and Lori Haseloff of Watson.

Nominees must be full-time classroom teachers. Anyone who lives, works or attends school in the district may submit a nomination.

Nominees will be sent an information packet, which will be due back at the office by 4 p.m. May 15 if the nominee wishes to be considered.

## **U.S. honors former naval personnel**

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

WASHINGTON, D.C. — With Mother's Day and Father's Day right around the corner, the U.S. Navy Memorial in Washington is encouraging sons and daughters to honor their parents who served in the Navy, Coast Guard, Marines or Merchant Marine by enrolling them in the Navy Log in Washington.

The log has thus far collected names and services information of 245,000 present and former naval personnel.

Most of the names are of living people self-enrolled or by gift tributes from friends or families, but a large number are of deceased veterans enrolled in the log by their descendants or by surviving shipmates.

All enrollments form a part of America's enduring naval heritage, a permanent and publicly accessible video register available for viewing at the Naval Heritage Center next to the memorial on Pennsylvania Avenue, midway between the White House and the Capitol, or on the memorial's Internet web site, www.lonesailor.org. Each log entry contains the entrant's name, date and place of birth, dates and branch of naval service, highest rate or rank attained, up to five top medals and awards and five duty stations.

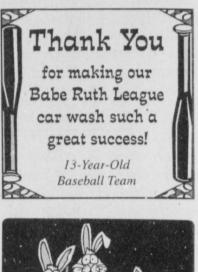
Log enrollments help support the memorial's values-based educational programs, which honor, preserve and celebrate America's enduring naval heritage.

Sons and daughters desiring to enroll their mother or father should send his or her name, date and place of birth, dates of naval service, highest rate or rank, up to five awards received and five duty stations served accompanied by a \$25 tax deductible enrollment donation to Navy Log Dept. Y2000, P.O. Box 96570, Washington, D.C. 20077-7685.

A head and shoulders portrait photo may be added for an additional \$25 (photo cannot be returned).

Enrollments make welcome gifts to veterans. Sponsored enrollments are also sought from relatives of deceased naval veterans.

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After a meal served by Mary Ann Ramírez and Alene Bryant, Noble Grand Thursie Reid opened the lodge meeting with 13 members present.

The charter was extended for Past President Pauline Ragsdale Simpson.

A card was sent to Sylvia Kennemer, whose son had been in a car accident and whose husband's grandmother had a stroke and is in the hospital in Lubbock.

Letters were received and read from Rebekah President Rosalie Gant and Secretary Rosie McMillin. A letter from Muleshoe High School student Stephanie Kirk also was read.

Sister Bonita Rainey was installed as right support to vice grand and Joy Nicholson was installed as inside guardian.

Commission was readby Secretary June Green and presented to Berni Marts as lodge deputy. Marts then gave a report on the Rebekah Assembly.

The association meeting was discussed and committees were assigned.

Ramírez announced that her son, David, plans to marry July 8 and that a bridal shower will be held at the lodge June 11.

The meeting closed with the Rebekah Creed and two verses of "An Evening Prayer."

#### **OPS NEWS**

TOPS No. 34 met April 6 at the Church of Christ on American Boulevard. There were 19 members present.

Laverne James, leader, called the meeting to order and presided.

The weekly weigh-in results were given by Alene Bryant and Betty Jo Davis.

The best loser was Missy Royal with Lucille Harp as first runner up and Rose Sain and Paula Cantrell tied for second runner up.

Tommie Fulcher was the best loser in the monthly report. Evelene Harris was first runner -up and Brenda Young was second. Betty Jo Davis was the best K.O.P.S. for the month.

James discussed eating breakfast and some favorite breakfast foods.

She conducted a poll of members' favorite breakfasts. The most popular is toast and coffee, cereal and toast and cereal and bananas. Graham crackers with fruit also was mentioned.

James commented that breakfast cereals have the best nutritional value if they are high in fiber and low in sugar.

The next meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. April 13. Visitors are welcome.

#### ETIRED TEACHERS

The 47th annual state convention of the Texas Retired Teachers Association was held April 5-8 at San Antonio's Four Points Sheraton Hotel.

The theme of the convention was "TRTA — Moving and Growing into the Next Century." Keynote speakers were state Rep. Robert Junell, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee; Charles Dunlap, executive director of the Texas Retirement System of Texas; and Mike Lehr, executive director of the Texas Retired Teachers Association.

The banquet speaker was Christopher Egan of Egan/Martinez Design.

Eight hundred four people registered for the convention. In addition to taking care of association business, they attended training sessions and interest sessions.

Founded in 1953, the association is the largest in Texas for public school and higher education retirees, and is composed of more than 45,000 members who continue to be involved in local public school education and the well-being of their communities.

In the past decade, members have contributed more than 52 million hours of community volunteer time to Texas.

Those attending the convention from the Muleshoe Area Retired Teachers were Lucy Faye Smith and Mary Nell Bleeker.

The Muleshoe group meet sthe third Friday of each month, September through May, in the 16th and D Church of Christ Fellowship Hall.

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**LEONA HARRIS** Graveside services were held Monday at Bailey County Cemetery for Leona Harris, 79, of Casper, Wyo. Curtis Shelburne officiated.

Ellis Funeral Homes handled arrangements.

Mrs. Harris was born Sept. 5, 1920, in Estelline, Texas. She died April 4 at Wyoming Medical Center in Casper.

She was a 1940 graduate of Mule-

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shoe High School and a longtime member of the Church of Christ.

She married Clarence "Pete" Harris on Dec. 21, 1939, in Muleshoe.

Her interests included quilting and gardening.

Mrs. Harris is survived by her husband; two daughters, Connie Gantzler and Brenda Van Tuyl, both of Sheridan, Wyo.; a twin brother, Leon Loe of Reedsport, Ore.; four grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

## Information on making an appliqué vest, dealing with loss and

applique vest, dealing with loss and grief, and making easy meals will be featured on "Creative Living" April 18 at 1 p.m. and April 22 at 3 p.m. (All times are Central.)

"Creative Living" airs on public broadcasting station KENW-TV from Eastern New Mexico University in Portales.

Jean Mallory of Lubbock, owner of Mallory's Classic Designs, will show how to make a beautiful iris and butterfly vest with appliqué.

Vickie Schmall of Corvallis, Ore., who represents the Oregon State University Cooperative Extension Service, will discuss how to cope with loss and grief.

Barbara Rose, who represents the California olive industry, will show how to prepare some quick and easy meals featuring ripe olives.

Gluten intolerance and home

### **B**IRTHS

#### WENDELL SMITH

Stanley and Eileen Smith of Route 1, Muleshoe, announce the birth of a son, Wendell Dean Smith, at 4:30 p.m. March 16 at Muleshoe Area Medical Center.

He weighed 8 pounds, 8 ounces and was 22 1/2 inches long.

He has two sisters, Keela, age 8, and Emily, 6, and a brother, Dalyn, 3.

Grandparents are Robert and Sylvia Smith and Samuel and Arlene Zimmerman.

#### TATUM HOOD

Teresa Hood of Earth announces the birth of a daughter, Tatum Hood, at 9:42 p.m. March 4 at Muleshoe decorating will be featured April 18 at 10:30 p.m. and April 20 at 1 p.m.

Cookbook author Bette Hagman of Seattle will discuss how gluten intolerant individuals can live well without wheat in their diets.

Cheryl Hyde of Augusta, Ga., an interior designer with Carole Fabrics, will create miniature vignettes showing different decorating elements for two trends that are becoming increasingly popular.

"Creative Living" is produced and hosted by Sheryl Borden of Portales.

Viewers can request copies of materials offered on the show by sending a first-class stamp for each handout requested.

Send the stamps, along with name, address and booklets requested, to "Creative Living" Requests, c/o KENW-TV, 52 Broadcast Center, Portales 88130.

#### GUNNAR BROWN

Russell and Jennifer Brown of Dallas announce the birth of a son, Gunnar Mac Brown, March 3 at Baylor Medical Center in Dallas.

He weighed 4 pounds, 10 ounces and was 18 inches long.

Grandparents are Mike Burcie of Arlington, Vicki Butler of Fort Worth, Mac Brown of Muleshoe and Sharon Gilbert of Midland.

Great-grandfather is Dee Brown of Muleshoe.

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Area Medical Center.

She weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces and was 21 inches long.

She has two siblings, Haicha Hood and Isaac Romero.

• Grandparents are Cal and Joyce Hood of Earth. Great-grandparent is Ora Lee Ward of Dimmitt. NADIA MARTINEZ

Fabian and Yolanda Martínez of Muleshoe announce the birth of a daughter, Nadia, at 6:25 p.m. March 3 at Muleshoe Area Medical Center.

She weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces and was 20 inches long.

She has three siblings, Alyssa, Michael and José.

Grandparents are Guadalupe Martínez of Abilene, Delfina Torres of Muleshoe and Hector and Rosavelia Barrientos of Mexico.

Great-grandparents are María and Santos López of California and Gregorio and Ines Martínez of Mexico.





## **Texans ID military's No. 1 task**

As has been the case in the past, responses to my December newspaper questionnaires proved that Texans offer great insight into our country's most pressing questions. I always look forward to reading your comments.

One set of questions had to do with one of the bedrock functions of government, to "provide for the common defense," as the U.S. Constitution succinctly puts it.

I asked you to identify which is most important, 1) for the United States to participate in more peacekeeping missions, or 2) to keep our troops' combat edge sharp or 3) to urge our allies to handle more peacekeeping duties.

The replies I received indicate that 47 percent of you believe guarding our forces' combat edge to be the most important, followed by 45 percent who thought it most important to urge our allies to handle more of the world's peacekeeping duties. Only 8 percent answered that peacekeeping missions should be our country's first defense priority.

I also asked what you believe to be the most important foreign or national security matter now facing the United States, and by far the greatest majority identified protecting our country from terrorism, followed closely by controlling our borders and keeping (or reclaiming) the Panama Canal.

A great many of you identified China as our greatest national security problem. What follows are some of your answers and comments:

• From Tomball — "We need to build the strongest military in the world and attract the best to serve in it with better pay."

• Denton — "The over-extending of our military personnel on peacekeeping missions is the single greatest threat to this country."

• Seguin — "The things we need to worry the most about are terrorism within our own borders, and



drug pushers."

• San Antonio — "Our military is being weakened. It is not a social club, and the governing of it has to be different from the way civilian life is conducted. We will be in serious trouble if we do not act to maintain a strong military and set the highest standards."

• Georgetown — "We are threatened by the indifference (or lip service) of our allies to the need to hold rogue nations in check."

• Bayshore - "I am most concerned about giving away the Panama Canal and China's growing influence in the region, so close to our shores."

• Cleburne - "We must not jump into every 'humanitarian' crisis. There has got to be a better way to handle things. We cannot continue to commit troops and money to every hot spot in the world."

• Trenton - "We should withdraw from the United Nations before we lose our sovereignty and our freedom."

• Waco — "Bring all the troops home and then re-think the way we do these things."

· Port Arthur — "Chemical warfare and terrorism lead the list. Why don't we train other countries to respond the way we do to these humanitarian disasters?"

• Bonham — "The most important things is to keep our troops combat ready."

• Temple — "I am very concerned about the internal security of our technology. China has already

done a great deal of damage and stolen information that can be used against us. Shame on those who allowed this to happen on their watch."

• Dripping Springs — "We should be rebuilding our military strength both in manpower, in moving forward with a missile defense, developing new defense technologies and weapons."

• Austin — "We need to find a better way to deal with Third World countries and encourage the growth of their economies, so their people won't all move here."

Texans' basic common sense has got it right. The growing number of peacekeeping missions are contributing to a downward spiral of military readiness, causing recruitment and retention problems and costing money we don't have budgeted.

More often than not, our allies are as well-suited to such missions as we are. We should focus U.S. resources on other priorities, which our allies share but for which they lack the unique capabilities that the U.S. alone has.

It is not in our allies' long-term interest for U.S. forces to be tied down on peacekeeping missions that could cause us to lose sight of the global security threats only we have the power to stop.

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On March 8, 2000 Energas Company filed a statement of intent with the Railroad Commission of Texas to increase its gas rates in the unincorporated areas ("Environs") surrounding the sixty-seven West Texas Cities listed below. The proposed increase would affect all classes of environs tariff customers including Residential, Commercial, Public Authority, Small Industrial and Air Conditioning customers and would be identical in relative magnitude to those proposed by the Company for thesixty-seven West Texas cities in the Company's pending Appeal at the Railroad Commission. The proposed effective date for the increase is April 27, 2000. The Railroad Commission may delay the proposed effective date for up to 150 days. However, the environs rates will not be changed until the rates inside the sixty-seven West Texas Cities are changed. There are approximately 22,275 Environs customers in the unincorporated areas surrounding the sixty-seven West Texas Cities from which the Company has appealed to the Railroad Commission. The proposed changes in environs rates are expected to increase the Company's annual revenues by approximately \$1.0 million or 8.5%, adjusted for normal weather. The change is a "major change" under state law only in the environs of Lubbock and Odessa.

Energas proposes to restructure its gas rates to moderate bill variability during the heating season, to increase its revenues from gas service by increasing the customer charges and lower pricing blocks, and to increase its charges for miscellaneous services such as reconnecting gas services following nonpayment. The Company also proposes changes to its Gas Cost Adjustment ("GCA") Clause to collect all of the gas cost and related taxes instead of just the difference between actual gas cost and a base cost of gas in the base rates. Copies of the proposal may be obtained at the Energas Office at 5110 80th, Lubbock, Texas, 79424.

Customers who are affected by the proposed environs rate changes may, within 30 days following the proposed effective date, file written comments or a protest with:

> Docket Services Section Legal Division (Re: Docket No. 9002-9068) Railroad Commission of Texas P.O. Box 12967 Austin Texas 78711-2967

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## Scientists working against food-borne illness

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL it's not even among the top 10 COLLEGE STATION -Food safety is what has been cooking in the United States in the 20th century, and researchers of the 21st century should be pro-active in finding the causes and develop prevention strategies to minimize further food-borne illness outbreaks, according to the director of the Center for Food Safety at Texas A&M University.

"Food safety has exploded as an issue in the United States and the world," said Dr. Elsa Murano.

In the last 100 years, food safety has made excellent progress with advances. Those include sanitation and hygiene, food processing and physical treatments such as heat and irraadvances diation, in microbiology, and better detection methods and treatment of food-borne illnesses.

At the beginning of the 1900s, diarrheal illness such as that caused by contaminated food was the third-leading cause of death in the United States. Now,

causes, she said.

However, in 1998 there were an estimated 76 million cases of food-borne illnesses and 5,194 deaths in the United States.

"Five-thousand deaths is not acceptable," she said. "Consuming food for your benefit should not be considered a risky practice."

More than \$37 billion is spent annually in this nation in medical costs and time lost from work because of food-borne illnesses, she added.

Certain production practices --- such as using non-composted material as fertilizer -- at the farm level can contribute to food-borne illnesses.

Also contributing to the number of cases in the United States is an increase in the number of people who are immuno-compromised — the very old and the very young.

The centralized food industry in the United States allows large outbreaks, she said. The trend toward all-natural, minimally processed food promotes

outbreaks.

"Unfortunately, bacteria and parasites are all natural and organic as well," Murano said.

Outbreaks can occur more frequently due to Americans' reliance on out-of-home food processing. On the average, we spend 15 cents per dollar

on food; 7 cents of that is spent outside the home, she said.

An increase in international trade could influence the emergence of Third World diseases among Americans.

Genetic exchange of virulent factors could encourage foodborne illness. In other words, "We're getting new pathogens," she said.

Additionally, new pathogens with special abilities defy traditional scientific beliefs as to what restricts growth; some grow even at refrigerated temperatures.

New pathogens resistant to antibiotics and to processing treatments also are emerging, she said. A proactive effort from the farm to the consumer level is imperative, Murano added.

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Several avenues researchers can take include:

· Research into the risk factors at each stage of production, processing, distribution, retail and preparation to minimize human pathogens;

· Developing and testing of decontamination strategies such as applying irradiation;

· Learning more about the behavior of food-borne pathogens in different environments; and

· Getting involved in educating consumers and the food industry about food safety, in cooperation with other agencies like the Texas Department of Health.

Finally, she urged, everyone involved in food preparation should remember the "three C's":

· Cook food to the necessary temperature and thoroughly to destroy food-borne pathogens;

· Cool food as quickly as possible and keep it at the desired temperatures during storage; and · Clean food preparation ar-

eas thoroughly.

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## **Electronic filing gets green light**

AUSTIN — Attorney General John Cornyn issued an opinion March 17 on a new law requiring candidates for statewide and legislative offices to file electronically with the Texas Ethics Commission.

Under the law, each candidate will file a list of their campaign donors' names, addresses and amounts of political donations, and the Ethics Commission will post those filings on the Internet in beginning in July.

Cornyn said the street address or post office box of each donor will be deleted before being made available electronically.

The deleted information will be available to the public on paper only at the Ethics Commission offices in Austin.

#### Dewhurst halts pipeline

Texas Land Commissioner David Dewhurst said last week he will not sign easements required for a company to operate a 50-year-old gasoline pipeline that crosses eight counties and six riverbeds.

In rejecting Longhorn Pipeline Partners' request for easements, Dewhurst said he is not convinced the U.S. Department of Transportation has done a thorough enough job of investigation the health and safety ramifications of shipping jet fuel and gasoline through neighborhoods and schoolyards.

"I saw with my own eyes how close this pipeline comes to



schools, churches and homes," Dewhurst said.

"I come from the oil and gas industry and I can say without hesitation that not enough objective study has been done to secure the safety of this pipeline."

The pipeline crosses Austin, Bastrop, Blanco, Fayette, Kimble, Reeves, Waller and Ward counties.

#### **Tobacco law unaffected**

In a ruling last week, the U.S. Supreme Court nullified Food and Drug Administration regulations that prohibit tobacco sales to anyone under 18, require photo identification of all tobacco purchasers under age 27 and restrict vending machine cigarette sales to adults-only locations.

Texas Health Commissioner Reyn Archer said the ruling does not apply to Texas law governing the sale of tobacco to minors. He said, however, the Texas Department of Health had received instructions from FDA to stop conducting FDA-sponsored retailer compliance checks, or stings.

The department received \$277,000 from FDA this year to conduct inspections of retail outlets throughout the state to determine if stores were complying with the regulations.

#### Charter schools studied

A study by the University of Texas at Arlington, University of North Texas, University of Houston and the Texas Center of Educational Research shows more than half of the teachers in independent charter schools in Texas are not state-certified.

The study focused on 89 of the 168 state-approved charter schools in operation during the 1998-99 school year in Texas. Those schools had a total enrollment of 17,616.

Other findings:

• Charter schools have larger classes than public schools and a higher proportion of minority students;

• Students enrolled at charter schools like them better than public schools and believe they get more attention from their teachers;

• Charter school teachers in Texas have an average six years of experience — or about half that of public school teachers; and

• Charter school teachers are paid an average \$7,500 a year less than public school teachers.



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## REPRESENTATIVE SALES

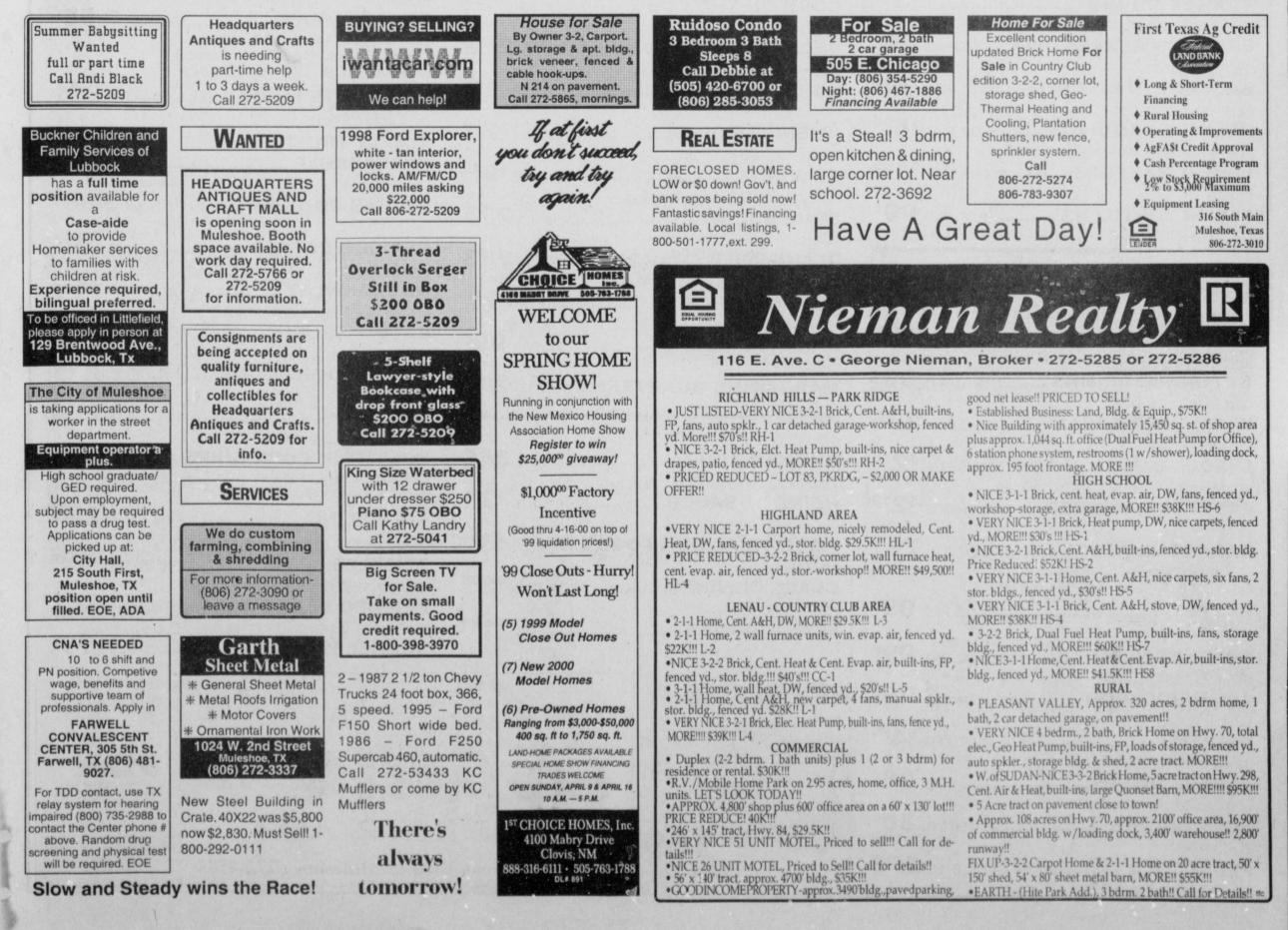
**1268 head of cattle, 183 hogs and 444 sheep and goats for** a total of 1,895 animals were sold at the April 8 sale. Market fully steady on all classes of cattle, with stocker heifers selling 2-3 dollars higher. We had an excellent set of cattle to offer this week, which made for a good sale & market.

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2/\$3	FRUIT COCKTAIL • CHERRY MIXED  FRUIT • PEACHES RASPBERRY FLAVOR  PEACHES YC SLICED • PEAR HALVES
\$129	DEL MONTE FRUIT 8-8.5 OZ. CAN 2/\$1
\$ <b>2</b> <sup>79</sup>	SMUCKER'S ASSTD. SIMPLY FRUIT
\$ <b>2</b> <sup>49</sup>	SPREADABLE
2/\$3	MARIAS COOKIES 6.4 OZ. ROLL 3/99¢
2/\$3	CLASICO COFFEE 7 OZ. JAR \$399 SWEETENER
\$299	NUTRASWEET 100 CT. PKG <b>\$199</b> NOBTHERN WHITE/ULTRA 4 BOLL
99¢	BATH TISSUE DOUBLE ROLL \$199 CHICKEN OF THE SEA WATER OR OIL PACK
2/\$1	CHUNK LIGHT TUNA 6 OZ. 2/\$1 FRITO LAY®
	BEAN DIP
3/\$5	TOSTITOS® CORN CHIPS 14.5 OZ. 2/\$5 COMSTOCK REG. APPLE
\$349	OR REG./LIGHT CHERRY PIE FILLING
s <b>3</b> 99	GEBHARDT TAMALES
\$199	GEBHARDT REG. OR JALAPENO
\$199	REFRIED BEANS 15 OZ. CAN 2/\$1 VAN CAMP'S ASSTD. CHILEE OR BEANEE
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