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A QUICK READ OF THE NEWS

Workers ate protected turtle

Flesh from a protected species of sea turtle that died at the Miami Seaquarium was turned into stew and eaten by some of the facility's workers.

No charges were filed because the Seaquarium's permit to handle endangered species didn't specify how dead animals were to be disposed of, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Lt. John D. West said.

The leatherback sea turtle had died of injuries caused by a collision with a boat.

Leatherbacks, one of the rarest sea turtle species, are protected under the federal Endangered Species Act.

Seaquarium general manager Robert Martínez sent workers a memo after the incident last year warning them to properly dispose of animal carcasses or face disciplinary action or even dismissal.

"This is the height of stupidity," said Dolphin Freedom Foundation and Seaquarium critic Russ Rector. "We're changing the name to the Miami Seaquarium and Barbeque."

Two workers — Dr. Maya Dougherty, the veterinarian who conducted the necropsy, and Chris Plante, the animal-care supervisor — had letters put in their personnel files stating they used poor judgment in allowing a park worker to take part of the turtle's meat home for a stew, Seaquarium officials said.

City, county road damage estimated at \$1 million

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Bailey County and the city of Muleshoe are seeking state funds to help repair an estimated \$1 million in road damage from recent snows and cold weather.

County Judge Marilyn Cox and Mayor Victor Leal have sent a letter to Gov. Rick Perry asking for his assistance in securing financial help.

The letter points out that roads and streets have not yet a chance to dry out during a month-long freeze-and-thaw cycle. Damage is estimated at \$100,000 to Muleshoe streets and \$920,000 to county roads.

The situation is of "such severity and magnitude" that it is beyond local capabilities to recover without state or federal assistance,

the letter to Perry states, and constitutes a public safety hazard.

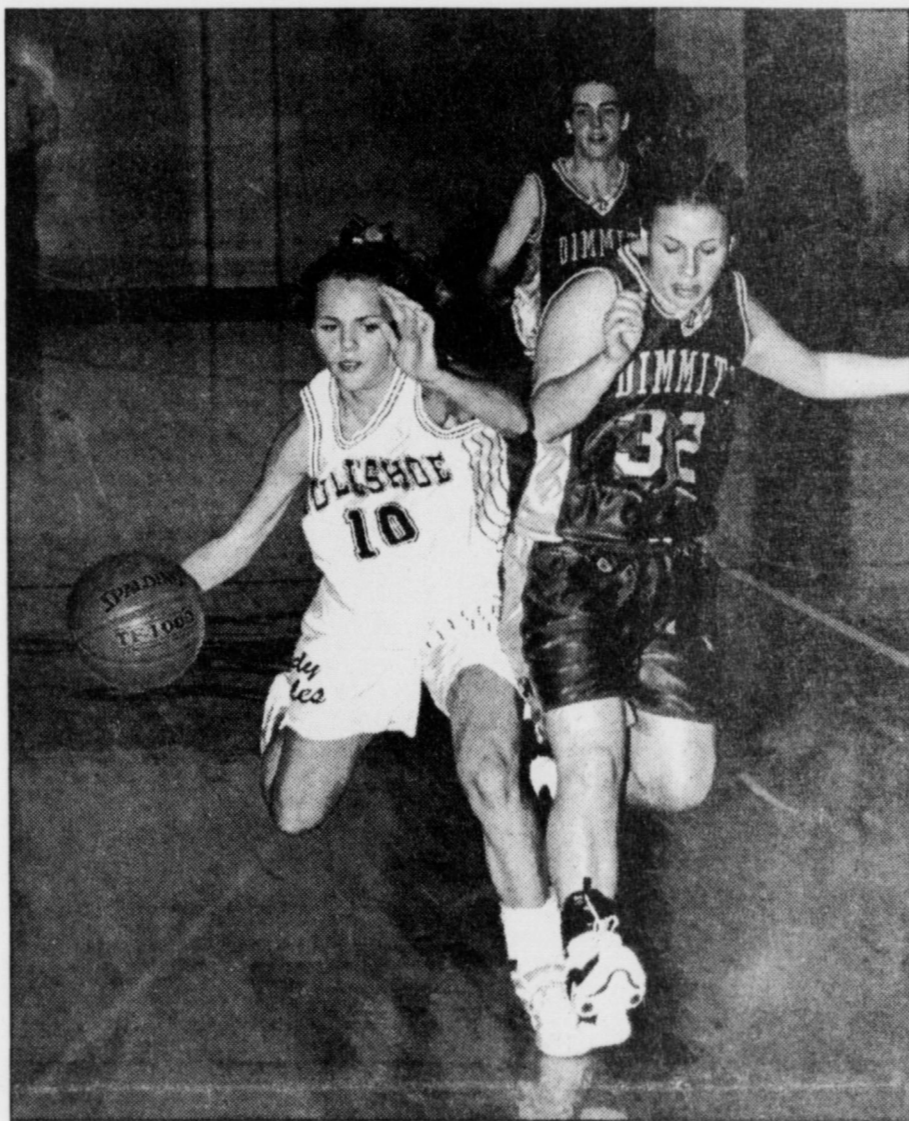
"Muleshoe and Bailey County do not have local funding available to make the needed repairs," the letter states.

Cox and Leal also signed a resolution declaring a local state of disaster in seeking the funds.

The resolution states that Muleshoe's Emergency Manage-

ment Plan has been implemented and that the state of disaster will continue for seven days or until extended by the Bailey County Commissioners' Court.

Weatherman J.K. Adams has said Muleshoe got 1.1 inches of moisture out of the last snow (Jan. 27-28) and 1.25 out of the major storm during the holidays. Other smaller snows fell in between.



Courtesy photo: Mike Hahn

Jessica Carpenter drives against a Dimmitt player Friday night.



Courtesy photo: Mike Hahn

Mindy Locker comes down with a rebound in the Dimmitt game.

Lady Mules in sole possession of district's second spot

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal correspondent

By defeating Dimmitt 41-38 Friday night, the Lady Mules put themselves in sole possession of second place in District 3-AAA and clinched a shot at the playoffs.

The runner-up spot still could end up a tie, depending on the outcome of Tuesday night's games being played at press time.

Muleshoe's Mindy Locker had her first double-double against Dimmitt — 11 rebounds and 11 points. Locker set the tone for the game in the first period by grabbing seven rebounds and scoring seven points in that quarter.

"We played a really good defensive game tonight," said Lady Mule coach Shana Simms. "We felt like if we could get them in their half-court set, and make Heather Black and Tamara Robertson work for their points, we had a shot at them. They are very good in transition, and both scored a lot of easy points in our first game.

"We worked on our 1-2-2 zone defense this week because our posts are versatile and can get out wide to defend when necessary," Simms said.

The Lady Mules limited Black to 12 points and Robertson to 13.

Locker's offensive rebounds and put-backs in the first period put Muleshoe in the lead early — 11-5 at the end of one quarter. The Bobbies mounted a comeback in the second frame, taking a one-point lead with one minute remaining in the first half.

Britni Gartin (who led the Lady Mules with 20 points) was set up on an in-bound play and nailed a three-pointer from the corner. Gartin then picked a Bobbie's pocket in the final seconds and scored, giving Muleshoe a 20-16 cushion at intermission.

Muleshoe outscored Dimmitt 16-9 in the third frame, with defensive pressure by the Lady Mules forcing Dimmitt to turn over the

ball and allowing Muleshoe to score some easy baskets in transition. Gartin made 11 of her 20 points in the third quarter.

Muleshoe failed to score on its first six opportunities (three and a half minutes) of the final quarter, until Myndi Heathington broke the scoring drought by sinking a free throw. Dimmitt scored at the three-minute mark to cut Muleshoe's lead to 41-38.

Neither team scored a point in the final three minutes.

"This win takes the pressure off us and now we can just go play Shallowater and whatever happens happens," Simms said. "I have 10 solid kids, and it was definitely a team effort here tonight."

Shallowater leads the district with a 9-0 record, and hosted the Lady Mules in their final regular-season game Tuesday night.

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Drawing date: Saturday, Feb. 3
Winning numbers: 2-12-14-41-48-53
Estimated jackpot: \$6 million
Winners: 0
Next drawing: Wednesday, Feb. 7
Estimated jackpot: \$9 million

On this date in history

Feb. 8 — Davy Crockett and the other Tennessee volunteers arrive at the Alamo (1836).

Also on Feb. 8 — The first person executed by electric chair dies at Texas' Huntsville Prison (1924).

Feb. 9 — Gov. Sam Houston orders elections to ratify the Secession Ordinance, taking Texas out of the United States (1861).

Feb. 10 — The U.S. government creates the Military Department of the Gulf, which includes Texas (1865).

LOCAL WEATHER

Cold weather is expected to return — about 16 degrees on Thursday and Friday mornings. Highs those two days should be in the 40s, with temperatures returning to 50s in the daytime and 20s for morning lows from Saturday through Monday. Expect windy conditions Thursday, forecasters say, with calmer and partly cloudy conditions returning after that.

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 a.m.-5 p.m.

Big auction planned to aid Lariat preschool academy

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

A huge silent auction will be held in conjunction with Life in Christ Academy's Valentine fund-raising dinner Feb. 11 at the Bailey County Coliseum.

The public is invited to the dinner, which will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and participate in the auction. Items up for auction have been donated by more than 35 area businesses.

Funds raised will help the academy's preschool program buy supplies and equipment. The preschool is in its second year of operation at St. John Lutheran Church of Lariat.

Tickets, which will be available at the door, are \$8 for adults and \$5 for

children ages 3 to 12. Children under the age of 3 will be admitted free.

The dinner will feature brisket, beans, coleslaw, potato salad, dessert and drinks. Take-out plates will be available.

The silent auction will be held during the meal. Bidding will involve placing the name and telephone number, along with the amount bid, on each item desired. Winners will be notified after the dinner. Items will have a minimum starting bid, and bid increases must be in 50-cent increments.

The auction will include a handmade quilt made by the preschool students and volunteers. Other items will include:

- Rayovac Renewal Power Station,

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Cotton farmers get ray of hope

A Texas A&M University economist said last week that cotton prices "could" rebound to 69 cents per pound by the May planting season.

Carl Anderson also said, "I wish I could tell you that we will see 80- or 90-cent cotton ahead, but a combination of factors will likely keep the 2001 market rather lackluster." He spoke at Thursday's Llano Estacado Cotton Conference at the Bailey County Coliseum.

"Based on the USDA crop report, there will probably be enough cotton in 2001 to hold December futures between 62 and 72 cents per pound until the end of the year," Anderson said.

Imports and exports, consumption, uncertainty about China's cotton-marketing position and higher U.S. planting intentions will play a role in setting 2001 prices, he said.

If the U.S. economy slows and European and Asian economies remain stable, world cotton demand should be stable this year, the economist said. But even though USDA's latest numbers imply that world production is not keeping up with global consumption, carryover stocks need to decline even further to sustain a rally in cotton prices, Anderson told more than 120 people at the conference.

AROUND MULESHOE

GED scheduled at high school

The General Education Development test will be given Feb. 16-17 at Muleshoe High School.

Testing will begin at 5 p.m. Feb. 16 and 8 a.m. Feb. 17, with a fee of \$40 payable at the time of registration.

Because of changes being planned in the test, candidates holding partial scores must successfully complete the five tests before the introduction of new tests next Jan. 1.

Seventeen-year-olds must be Texas residents and must have officially withdrawn from school and have the appropriate form signed by a parent or guardian in order to take the test.

Others must be a Texas resident and not have a diploma from an accredited high school.

More information is available from Gayla Gear at 272-7304.

Speech team wins at Tascosa

The Muleshoe High School speech team brought home the sweepstakes championship from last weekend's Tascosa Speech Tournament in Amarillo. Students from 39 schools participated.

Louie Pacheco was named the tournament's outstanding performer and won the Marti Kirk Award.

Placing were:

- Pacheco — second in poetry interpretation, second in prose interpretation, second in duet acting, second in humorous interpretation;
- Aubrey Ruthardt — first in poetry interpretation;
- Westin Price — second in duet acting;
- Eric Madrid — second in impromptu speaking and fourth in United States Extemp;
- Rocky DeHoyos — fourth in prose interpretation; and
- Jason Riggs — fifth in United States Extemp.

Mayor to address luncheon

The Soup and Sandwich Luncheon at 16th and D Church of Christ this month will feature Muleshoe mayor and restaurateur Victor Leal sharing experiences from his trip to President George W. Bush's inauguration.

The public is invited to the noon to 1 p.m. event, and to any of the upcoming monthly luncheons in the series. The meal is provided on a free-will donation basis.

The series is held on the second Thursday of the month during the school year in the church's fellowship hall.

More information is available by calling 272-4619.

Senior citizens to meet

A business meeting for area senior citizens will be held at 7 p.m. Friday in the First Assembly of God Family Life Center.

The meeting is expected to address issues related to securing a senior citizens' center in Muleshoe.

Singing Valentines available

Members of the Muleshoe High School Chorale will be performing singing Valentines from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Feb. 14. The cost will be \$10.

Order forms are available from any chorale member or by calling the office at 272-7307.

Lazbuddie plans Valentine's supper

The senior class of Lazbuddie High School plans a "Valentine's supper" from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Feb. 18 in the school cafeteria.

The menu will include enchiladas, refried beans, Spanish rice, tossed salad, tostados and salsa, and homemade pie.

The cost will be \$6 (\$4.50 for a "lite plate"), and take-out and deliveries will be available.

The class also sells anniversary/birthday calendars for \$5 each.

Valentine cookie sale in progress

The women and youth of Calvary Baptist Church are selling 9-inch decorated heart-shaped Valentine cookies to be delivered with a personal message for \$5.

Orders will be taken through Feb. 10.

More information is available by calling 272-4012.

Junior high Valentine dance set

A Valentine dance for junior high students is scheduled for 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. Feb. 17 at the Muleshoe fire station.

A spokeswoman for the event said it is a fund-raiser to send local junior high students on a trip to New York City. Admission is \$3 per person or \$5 per couple (strictly one male, one female).

Oklahoma Lane anniversary scheduled

The 75th anniversary of the Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church will be observed March 4 at the church.

There will be a catered noon meal, and organizers ask that anyone planning to attend RSVP by Feb. 15 to either Alma Pierson (Route 1, Box 26A, Farwell 79325 or 806-225-6822) or Doris Sides (Route 1, Box 96, Farwell or 806-825-3500).

The activities will begin with a 10 a.m. worship service featuring guest speakers and special music.

Energy assistance available

South Plains Community Action Association has received funding from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs to operate the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program through this calendar year.

The assistance is available to low-income households, with priority given to those containing one or more people age 60 or older, handicapped individuals or children under the age of 6.

Documentation required includes original copies (not duplicates) of the applicant's Social Security card and driver's license (with photo), birth certificate or college ID (with photo).

Documentation required from all household members includes Social Security card, birthdates and proof of income.

The household also must furnish current utility bills or statements with account numbers and their billing history for the past 12 to 18 months. Other information may be required also.

More information is available by calling 272-7537 or going by the office at 804 W. American Blvd.

Progress reunion scheduled

Anyone having addresses of former students or teachers at the Progress School are being asked to share the information with Billie Downing at 272-5169.

She will attempt to contact the former residents about the Progress School and Community Reunion being planned for May 27 at the Muleshoe Church of Christ.

Public calendar

Feb. 8 — 8 p.m. Three Way School Board, in the administrative office of the school.

Feb. 12 — 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Blood drive at Lazbuddie Methodist Church.

March 8 — Deadline for Muleshoe students to apply for the Kristy M. Landers Memorial Scholarship; application forms are available at the high school counseling office.

Special-education services available

Anyone who knows of a child (birth to age 22) who needs special-education services but is not receiving them is asked to call the South Plains Educational Co-op at (806) 894-6858.

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- Colgate Actibrush — Tom Bonds, DDS;
- One pair socks — Harvey Bass Appliance;
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- Free oil change — Muleshoe Motor Co.;
- Four video rentals — Silver Screen Videos;
- Fajitas for two — Leal's Mexican Restaurant;

LADY MULES

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Lubbock Roosevelt and Dimmitt share third place with 5-4 records and should move to 6-4 with wins over Littlefield and Lubbock Cooper, respectively.

A three-way tie would result in a coin toss and playoff games to be played Tuesday night in Littlefield.

Scoring behind Gartin and Locker were Heathington and Megan Tipps, four each, and Shani Rasco and Tommie Hernández, one each.

Muleshoe pulled down 33 rebounds (Locker's 11, Tipps 10 and Gartin seven), made four of 13 free throws and had 12 turnovers.

- Five-piece fireplace set — Fry and Cox;
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- Juststart scooter and a Tonka dumptruck — United Supermarkets;
- Horse halter — Muleshoe Feed Barn;
- 14-piece wrench set — Oklahoma Lane Farm Supply;

- Continental battery and emergency air compressor — Lariat Gin and Supply.

Anyone unable to attend the benefit event but who wants to make a contribution to the academy is asked to contact Tina Symm, preschool director, or Pastor Dave Symm at St. John Lutheran Church, (806) 825-2409.

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Counting birds in the back yard this month can help science

By **RONN SMITH**
Editor

Don Clapp, manager of the Mulshoe National Wildlife Refuge, is promoting something different this month.

The Great Backyard Bird Count is scheduled for Feb. 16-19, and all that's required is to see what type of birds are in your back yard (or a neighboring park or on school grounds or wherever you happen to be). Then go to a computer, call up the web site <http://www.birdsource.org>, click on "Great Backyard Bird Count" and list what you found. You don't even have to waste time registering, and if you don't have access to your own computer, try your local library.

Participants are asked to count the highest number of each bird species seen at one time (to ensure that the birds are not counted more than once) and keep track of the amount of time spent counting.

Count results are displayed on the web site instantly, and side-by-side distribution maps allow for comparisons with previous year's counts. By logging on to the web site and clicking on the name of a state or province, you can see a



checklist of the birds most frequently reported from that area.

It costs nothing, no prior experience is required, it gives you a little exercise and fresh air, and the information will help scientists keep track of bird populations across the country.

"By tracking changes in bird distribution and abundance over time, such a vast database can serve as the SOS signal for species that may be in trouble," said John Fitzpatrick, director of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology in Ithaca, N.Y.

The web site provides a vocabulary section and a wealth of information on such topics as birdwatching, bird-feeding tips, bird vocalizations and even information about the eye disease that in many parts of the country infects house finches, one of the most common visitors to bird feeders in

our area.

For educators, there are suggestions for conducting the count with groups of young people as well as bibliography and geography sections that should prove useful.

It's a good, quick project for Scout troops, too.

The web site even has tips about planning and preparing the spring garden aimed at attracting and feeding birds — how is that for helping chase away the winter blahs?

Anyone needing more information about the bird count can call the Cornell lab toll-free at (800) 843-2473 or call the National Audubon Society at (212) 979-3083.

You don't have to be a "bird expert" to participate in this. If you can identify a robin and a blue jay and a mourning dove, you have a good start. If it looks like a sparrow with red streaks down its head and neck and breast, it's probably a male house finch (females have gray-brown streaks but no red). If it's a big woodpecker, it's probably a northern flicker. If it looks like a sparrow with bright little zebra stripes on its head, it's a white-crowned sparrow. A sooty little bird

(sometimes with chestnut flanks) that flashes white tail feathers when it flies is probably a dark-eyed junco.

One species that usually isn't around our area but has been seen at various times this fall/winter season is the plainest little streaked sparrow when it's sitting still but flashes bright yellow when it flies: That would be the pine siskin.

Big, noisy, long-tailed shiny-black birds, usually found in flocks this time of year, are probably grackles of some sort.

And among the birds of prey you are likely to spot: A pretty, slender, long-legged owl? Barn owl (commonly called monkey-faced owl). A huge, chunkier owl? Great horned owl. Medium-sized gray-brown hawk that flashes a white rump in flight? Northern harrier (formerly called marsh hawk). Medium-sized hawk that is blue-gray above and barred below? Cooper's hawk. Tiny falcon with bright-colored feathers? Male American kestrel (formerly called sparrow hawk). Same bird but with drabber plumage? The female.

If we aren't experiencing a blizzard on the count days, try getting outside for a few min-

utes and help science!

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

Barbara Rose, representing the California Olive Industry in Huntington Beach, will discuss easy ideas for hassle-free entertaining using olives.

Pat de Santis, representing Wm. Wrights in West Warren, Mass., will demonstrate how to make handmade flowers.

Christine Palumbo, a representative of the American Plastics Council in Washington, D.C., will show how to put an end to refrigerator and freezer clutter.

Information on recycled products and cooking with peanuts will be featured on Feb. 13 at 10:30 p.m. and Feb. 15 at 1 p.m.

Joyce Gagnon, another representative of the American Plastics Council in Washington, D.C., will suggest ways to plan, revise or improve a garden by incorporating recycled products. She will discuss the design plan, explain how to get samples of

recycled products and tell how to calculate quantities needed.

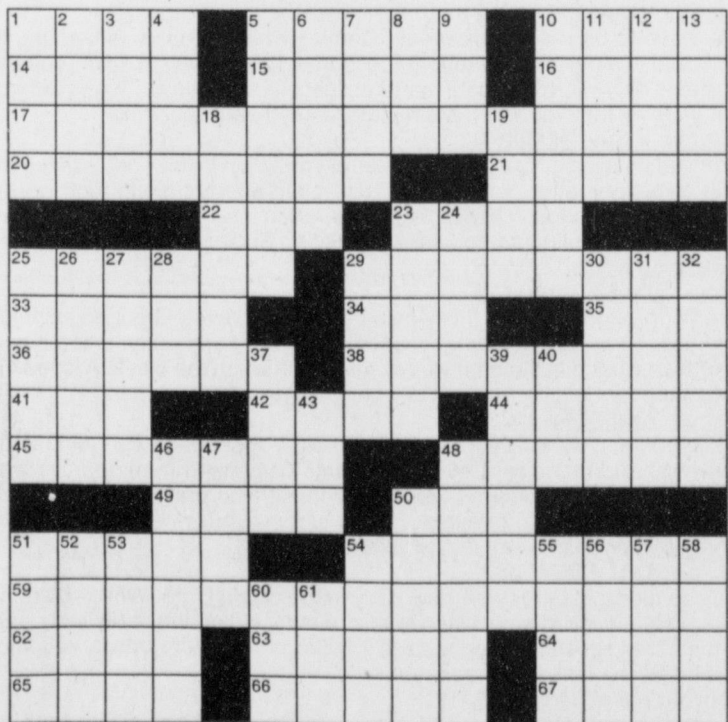
Gayle Stephenson, representing the Texas Peanut Producers Board in Gorman, will discuss cooking with peanuts and demonstrate peanut recipes. Stephenson will discuss storage, availability and roasting of peanuts and share some fun facts about peanuts as well.

"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, along with name,

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11. Rank
12. Dicot genus
13. Money (informal)
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24. Emerald Isle
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26. Fudge
27. Plant (Greek)
28. Stomach
29. Spanish right-wing organization
30. Hurler
31. Ground
32. Food rich in sugar
37. Departs
39. _____ Simon Ochs, publisher
40. Follows sigma
43. Before (prefix)
46. Altered
47. Sweet person
48. Killer
50. Joint
51. Carrie Chapman _____, suffragist
52. Resound
53. Syngman _____, Korean president
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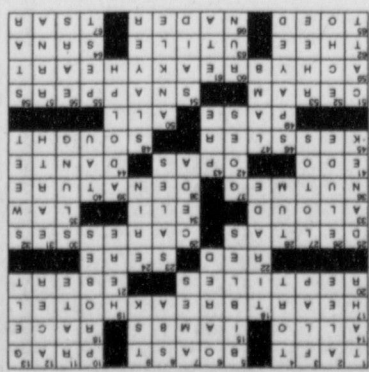
Clues ACROSS

1. 27th U.S. president
5. Show off
10. _____matic, practical
14. Quick tempo (abbr.)
15. Metrical units
16. Contest of speed
17. Presley hit
20. Vertebrates
21. Siskel and _____ critics
22. Commie
23. Withered, especially vegetation
25. Mississippi and airline
29. Strokes
33. Blaring
34. _____ Lilly, drug company
35. Civil or martial
36. Hard, aromatic seed of an East Indian tree
38. Alter the original state
41. Tokyo
42. Belonging to the Office of Population Affairs
44. "Inferno" poet

Clues DOWN

1. Wild goat
2. Away from wind
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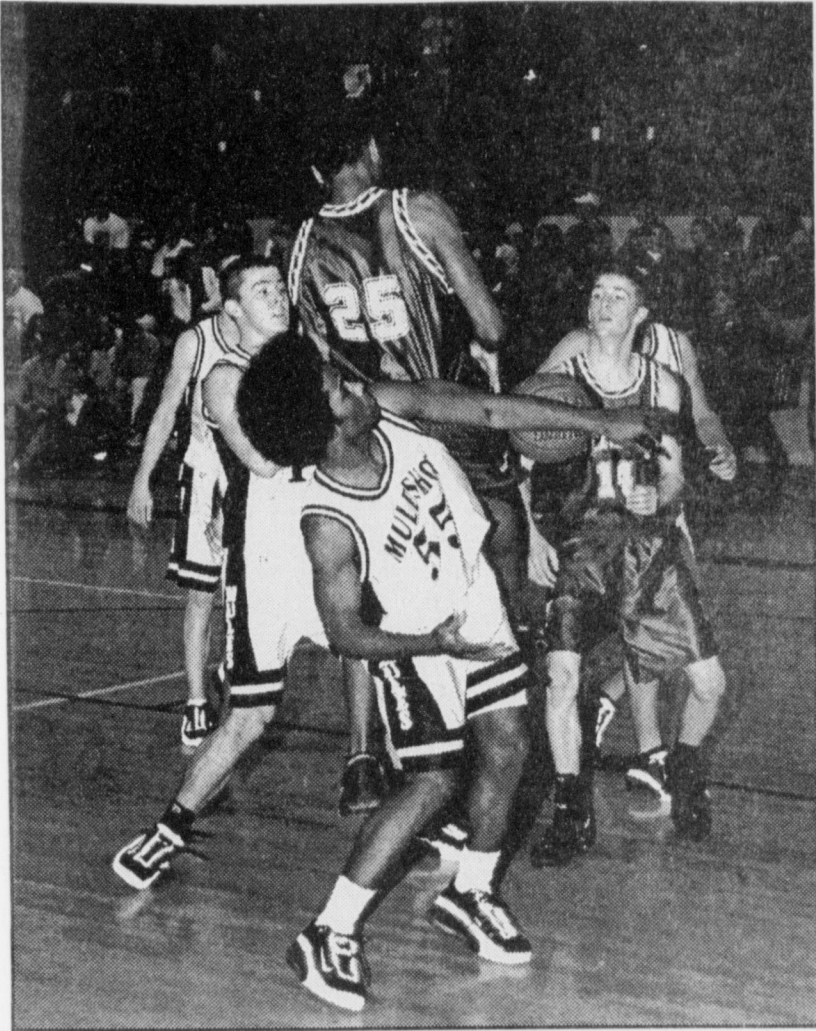
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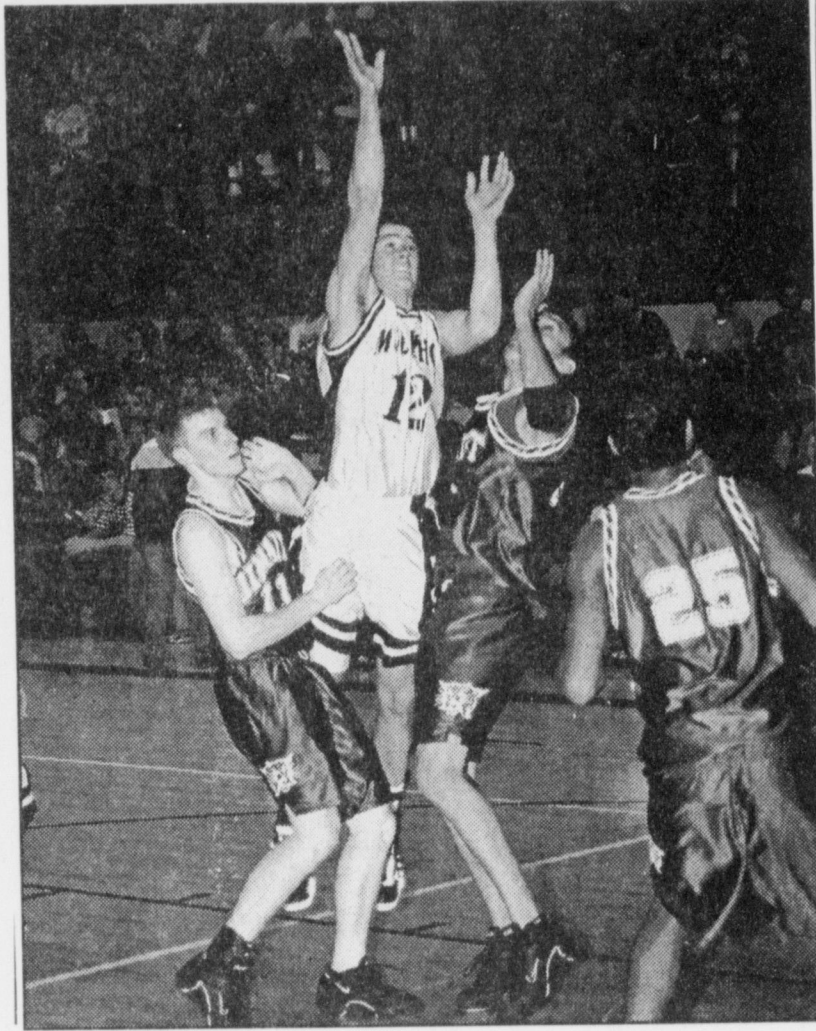
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budgeting an inch," while at right Lincoln Riley goes airborne. The loss means that the Mules must win their final three regular-season games if they are to make the playoffs. See story on page 6.

Plenty of action

The Muleshoe Mules may have lost to Dimmitt 46-37 Friday night, but they generated plenty of action in the game. At left, Darrell Lewis signals a Littlefield player that "I'm not

Insurance checkup may be in order

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

AUSTIN — Most people recognize the importance of having insurance protection and wouldn't be without health, life, homeowner and automobile coverage. But many of those same individuals are leaving themselves and their families exposed to a number of serious gaps in insurance protection.

The Texas Society of CPAs has provided a checklist to help individuals determine if they need more specialized forms of insurance.

• Renter's Insurance — Many renters mistakenly believe their landlord's insurance covers the contents of their apartments. This is probably not so. To protect personal belongings from a number of perils including fire, theft and vandalism, among others, the renter needs to have renter's insurance.

This is similar to homeowners' insurance, but is designed for renters. It provides some liability protection along with coverage for loss. Look for a renter's policy that offers replacement value coverage, which means the policy pays what it actually costs to replace the damaged or stolen items. Actual cash-value coverage pays only for what your property was worth at the time it was damaged or stolen.

• Personal liability insurance — In the day of multimillion-dollar lawsuits, standard homeowners' and automobile policies don't always offer enough protection. Personal liability or "umbrella" insurance provides liability protection over and above what is provided by homeowners' and automobile insurance.

Suppose someone was injured on your property and successfully sued you for a million dollars. If the homeowners' policy provides only \$300,000 of coverage, the personal liability policy would kick in where the homeowners' policy leaves off.

For the amount of protection provided, personal liability insurance is not expensive. Expect to pay a few hundred dollars per year per \$1 million of coverage.

• Home office insurance — Many homeowners' policies exclude computers, copy machines, fax machines and similar home office equipment from coverage. People who work from home need to inform their insurance agent about the home-based business.

It may be possible to add to the homeowners' policy an "incidental business option" rider that

includes office equipment and general liability coverage for the business.

However, if the business is incorporated, has employees who work in the home office, and runs the risk of being sued, the owners will need a business owners' policy. Designed for small businesses, business owners' policies typically provide extended coverage for property, equipment and general liability.

• Private disability insurance — Most people don't realize it, but disability insurance is, in many cases, more important than life insurance. That is because for all but the elderly, the chance of becoming disabled is much greater than the chance of dying. Anyone who is working and relies on the income for daily living expenses should protect it with disability insurance. There are a number of variables to consider carefully: the amount of monthly benefit, the

company's definition of disabled, the amount of time the recipient must be disabled before benefits kick in, and the benefit period.

• Medigap — New Medicare patients are often surprised to learn that Medicare does not cover all health-care costs. Patients must pay a large deductible for hospitalization, and prescription drugs are not covered at all.

Years ago, Medigap, a private insurance program, was designed to fill in the gaps in Medicare coverage. There are now 10 basic types of Medigap plans with varying coverage options that are standard in all states. This makes it easier to shop around for the best plan to fit individual circumstances and budget.

• Long-term care insurance — Long-term care insurance can be costly. But with nursing home costs running anywhere from \$40,000 a year and up, it can more than pay for itself if you need to use it. Be

sure that any policy you consider covers home health care in addition to skilled, intermediate and custodial nursing home care, and that the policy is guaranteed for life. There are a number of variables in coverage that can help to lower premiums, so be sure to carefully research the options available.

• Valuable items insurance — Most homeowners' and renter's policies have limits on how much coverage they provide for high-priced belongings. Anyone who has expensive jewelry, fine artwork, furs or antiques may want to speak to an agent about purchasing a separate rider for coverage of valuables.

Insurance protects valuables and offsets costs associated with maintaining health, but only if it is the right type and amount of insurance. Anyone who is not sure what they need should consult a CPA who specializes in financial planning.

HONORS

HOOTEN

Amy Hooten of Muleshoe has been named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Lubbock Christian University.

In order to achieve this honor, students must earn at least a 3.5 grade-point average for the semester while taking at least 12 semester hours of work.

More than 1,600 students were enrolled at LCU last semester.

BURRIS

Stacie Burris of Muleshoe has been named to the fall honor roll at Amarillo College.

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FEBRUARY 11-17

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Aries — March 21/April 20

Speak your mind when a business associate says something hurtful to you early in the week. Don't let this person get away with being so cruel. Let him or her know that you won't tolerate such actions. You'll be respected for standing up for yourself. Scorpio plays an important role.

Taurus — April 21/May 21

A loved one turns to you for support when he or she gets into a difficult situation on Thursday. Be strong for this person, and help him or her to figure out a way to rectify the problem. You really can make a huge difference in this case. That special someone has a surprise for you this weekend. Enjoy, because you deserve it.

Gemini — May 22/June 21

You have to be patient this week, Gemini, when it comes to learning the outcome of a personal situation. Pressuring those involved to tell you their opinions only will complicate matters. Just bide your time. Things will work out the way that you want. Libra plays a key role in all of this.

Cancer — June 22/July 22

Don't let your emotions get the better of you when loved ones ask for help with a family matter. You need to stay calm and focused if you want to rectify this situation. These people are counting on you; don't let them down. An interesting person asks you out on Friday. Say yes, because it's sure to be a good time.

Leo — July 23/August 23

Bite your tongue at work this week, Leo. Complaining about an incompetent associate only will make you look bad. So, keep quiet, and focus on your own work. It's the best way to make it through the week. A loved one asks for your help on Friday. Do what you can for him or her.

Virgo — Aug 24/Sept 22

While you just want to be alone this week, Virgo, you're not going to get your wish. It seems as if everyone wants something from you. Do what you can for these people — especially those who really need your help. Your efforts will be appreciated. Don't worry about relaxing; you'll have plenty of time to yourself this weekend.

Libra — Sept 23/Oct 23

A close friend asks for your help early in the week, Libra. While you're not sure what advice to give, listen to this person. He or she really just needs to talk. That special someone calls it quits. While you're upset, you know that he or she isn't the one for you.

Scorpio — Oct 24/Nov 22

Don't let a business associate coax you into doing something that you don't agree with. Stand your ground, and do what you know is right. Those around you will be impressed with your determination. A loved one turns to you for financial advice. Steer him or her in the right direction. Pisces plays an important role on Friday.

Sagittarius — Nov 23/Dec 21

Think before you speak when in an important meeting early in the week, Sagittarius. Saying something ridiculous will make you look bad and cost you a potentially lucrative opportunity. You certainly don't want that to happen. A close friend reveals his or her true feelings for you on Tuesday. Let this person down gently.

Capricorn — Dec 22/Jan 20

There is a lot to get done this week, Capricorn. So, don't let those around you distract you from the tasks at hand. You need to stay focused if you want to make progress. Others will be impressed with your efforts. A loved one offers to help you with a personal matter. Say yes.

Aquarius — Jan 21/Feb 18

Don't overanalyze an acquaintance's friendliness this week, Aquarius. This person isn't trying to make any moves on you. He or she just wants to get to know you better. Be open to this, and you're sure to gain a close friend. Leo plays a key role.

Pisces — Feb 19/March 20

While you would like to help a business associate who gets into trouble early in the week, don't. This person is in quite a sticky situation, and you don't want to get involved in that. If you do, you're sure to lose the support of your higher-ups.

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Video equipment coming up

Mike Holt, manager of the United Supermarkets store in Muleshoe, prepares to give a \$1,000 check to the Athletic Boosters Club to be used in buying video equipment. David Wood, athletic director for the school district, stands by to accept the check.

California's power woes can be explained

What's wrong with this picture?

The population of California increased dramatically in the past 10 years but has discouraged any new power plant construction.

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The population of the front range of water-starved Colorado grows every year, but we block any new dams.

By presidential decree, we are making extensive chunks of our national forests and public lands off limits to any kind of productive commerce.

We are voting to reduce the hunting of sleek, beautiful animals like bears and mountain lions but continue to build homes, raise children, jog and keep pets in the hunting ground of these predators.

These activities, and many others, are done in the name of saving the environment. And yet we are perfectly willing to ac-

PUBLIC RECORD

MULESHOE POLICE

Jan. 15

Xavier Sigala Gallegos, 19, Presidio County warrant, motion to revoke probation.

Jan. 21

Joseph E. Fahnrapp III, 18, DWI (chemical).

Abel Adrian Estrada, 36, DWI.

Jan. 22

José Pablo Cano Cordero, 28, failure to provide identification; immigration hold.

Jan. 25

Ismael Ramírez Reyes, 25, Bailey County warrant on a harassment charge.

José Isidro Torres, 45, public intoxication.

Jan. 26

Terry Ann Garza, 27, Hockley County warrant, motion to revoke probation for domestic violence.

Noe Rascón Ortiz, 26, immigration hold; assault—family violence (Class C).

Jan. 31

Rachel Martha Martínez, 27, possession of cocaine and methamphetamines.

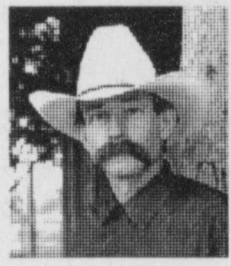
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Jan. 16

Delores Costilla Ontiveroz, 34, sentencing on DWI.

Jan. 30

Noe Everett, 47, warrant for theft by check (second).



BAXTER BLACK

ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

cept the lava flow of urban development that is ravenously appropriating farm land as fast as it can be cleared, leveled and paved — permanently defacing the environment far beyond any changes made by a drill, a plow or a chainsaw.

But there are brick walls of common sense appearing on the horizon. Californians having power black outs, Chicagoans paying more than \$2 a gallon for gasoline, New England facing heating oil shortages every win-

ter, Denver instituting water restrictions, suburbanites being attacked by bears and mountain lions endangering children.

These are hard lessons that bring our self-absorbed, feel-good policies home to roost. "Save the Whales" takes on new meaning when the whale turns out your lights, burns down your house and eats your dog.

We want the nice yard without the upkeep. We want the SUV without the drilling rig, we want the air conditioning with-

out the nuclear power, we want the redwood deck without the sawmill, we want the ribeye medium rare without the feedlot. We are acting like spoiled children expecting someone else to make the sacrifice, run the risk, do the work and clean up the mess.

We as a nation must take responsibility for ourselves, admit there is no free lunch and open our eyes before these shortsighted, "no-consequence" quick-fix mentalities result in our own collapse. California's brownouts are the sound of termites gnawing on our house of sticks. And they're just getting started.

Words hurt more than you may realize

KATYE'S KALEIDOSCOPE

By Katy Cook

I'm sure anyone who ever got their feelings hurt as a child also hear the saying, "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me."

NEWSFLASH: Words hurt. The person who came up with that saying probably was a very clever person, but in this case they were very wrong. WORDS HURT.

Words hurt as much as having a heavy door slammed on every one of your fingers, or at least they do for me. The way I see it, if you fall down and skin your knee, you can doctor it, put a Band-Aid on it watch it heal.

You can't do that when someone attacks the way you look, the way you talk, the way you walk, the people you hang out with, or the person you are.

You can't slap some-

Neosporin on it, cover it with a Band-Aid and hope it doesn't scar.

I don't know where some people got the idea that it is fun to attack people's personalities. I can understand a few harmless jokes, but I'm talking about when it goes beyond joking. Do you know the difference? I know I don't always know when to stop.

When I realize I have hurt someone, I try to apologize — but my point is, the damage has been done. No matter how much you try to apologize, sometimes it still leaves the injured person feeling inferior and self-conscious about ev-

erything they do.

Insults leave people feeling just plain bad about themselves. There is no reason to insult others except that sometimes we need a little boost to our

own self-esteem. That is no excuse for hurting someone else's feelings.

So next time you open your mouth to say something that doesn't need to be said, close it. And I'll try to do the same.

Katy Cook is a freshman at Three Way High School, and writes this column for the Journal.

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In the first half of the 20th century, more than five million African Americans journeyed from the cotton fields and Jim Crow environment of the rural South to the promise of a better life in the industrial cities of the North and West. The largest internal migration in United States history—the largest peacetime migration of any people in the world—dramatically transformed American politics and popular culture. Yet today, few people know it occurred—or understand how it affects Americans today.

Goin' to Chicago will be broadcast Sunday, February 11th at 2:00 p.m.

NOVA "Lost King of the Maya"

Sixteen centuries ago, a mysterious, left-handed warrior seized control of the Mayan city of Copan, founding a dynasty that would last for 400 years. *Nova* pieces together the fascinating puzzle of this mighty monarch in "Lost King of the Maya." The film takes viewers deep into the Central American rainforest to the ruins of Copan, a once majestic jewel of Mayan civilization that was inexplicably abandoned more than a thousand years ago.

The key to Copan's history is an elaborately carved, table-sized stone called Altar Q, which stands at the heart of a monumental man-made mountain called the Acropolis. Altar Q shows 16 human figures, which were long thought to represent a conference of astronomer priests. Mayan scholar David Stuart has translated one of the most puzzling elements of this carving.

The first figure sits on a name glyph that means "lord" and he appears to be dispensing his powers to the 16th—and last—king. Scholars assumed the first figure was a god. However, Stuart found the glyph in his headdress identifying him as Yax K'uk Mo, the founder of the dynasty.

"Lost King of the Maya" on *Nova* airs Tuesday, February 13th at 8:00 p.m. It repeats Saturday, February 17th at 10:00 p.m. and Sunday night, February 18th at 1:00 a.m.

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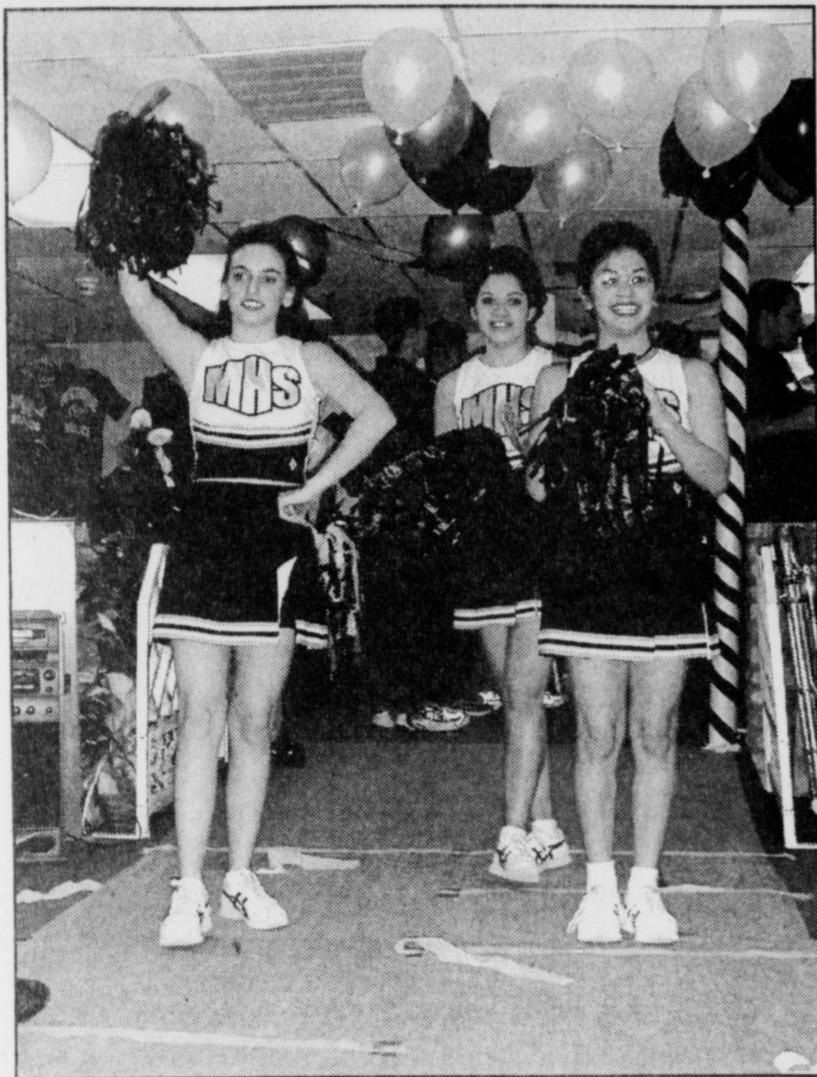
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Revving it up

Muleshoe High School cheerleaders Stephanie Kirk (left), Melissa Flores and Roxann Garcia do their part to keep things lively during a Jan. 26 visit by the cheerleaders and Mule athletes to Muleshoe Area Healthcare Center.

Dimmitt Bobcats derail Mules 46-37

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal correspondent

The collapsing zone defense shut down the Mules' post players Friday night and helped Dimmitt to a 46-37 win over the Mules.

Muleshoe outscored the Bobcats 25-20 in the second half but could not overcome a 26-12 intermission deficit.

When the ball went inside for Muleshoe, two or three Bobcats would be on top of the situation and prevent the Mules from getting off an inside shot. Jeff Shelburne was held to one free throw in the first two quarters, and Darrell Lewis had no points at all in the first half.

The bright spot in the Mule lineup was Landon Sheets, with his back-to-back three-pointers in the opening frame.

Dimmitt posted 11 unanswered points in the second frame before D.J. Domínguez made one of

two from the charity stripe to break the run. Lincoln Riley was fouled grabbing a defensive rebound and made both ends of a one-and-one for the final points of the first half.

Joey Tucker struck twice from behind the three-point arc in the third period as the Mules trimmed two points off the Dimmitt lead. Muleshoe would shave off three more points in the final period, with Sheets again hitting two three-pointers and Shelburne adding four of his eight points.

Dimmitt spread the floor with 2:30 showing in the game and drained the time off the clock while making seven of 12 free throws to complete the game.

Holding Dimmitt to 46 points is a defensive accomplishment, Mule coach Ralph Mason said. "We are playing good defense. You look up at the board and they are not killing us, but

JV Lady Mules turn back Littlefield

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal correspondent

Sara Benham notched a first for a junior varsity Lady Mule this season on Jan. 30 against Littlefield: Her 12 rebounds and 10 points were the team's first double-double this season. Her efforts were one of the big reasons for Muleshoe's 43-36 victory over the Lady Wildcats.

The win was not as easy as the final score would indicate. The Lady Mules trailed 20-16 at halftime; they changed their full-court press from a 1-2-2 zone press to a man-to-man press in the second half. The increased pressure and intensity were too much for the Lady 'Cats, and Muleshoe unreeled 16 points to only two for Littlefield in the third frame.

The Lady 'Cats recovered from the Muleshoe scoring

flurry in the final frame, outscoring the Lady Mules 14-11, but could not overcome their deficit.

Benham's 10 points led the Lady Mules in scoring, followed by Tiffany Flores and Jodi Hawkins with nine apiece, Tori Barton six, Megan Barrett four, Sarah Sheets three and Eva Pylant two.

Muleshoe grabbed 26 rebounds Benham 12, Flores six, made 20 of 42 free throws (Hawkins seven of 11 and Sheets three of four), had 14 steals (Benham four, Pylant three) and 15 turnovers. They were called for 21 fouls.

we are not scoring when we go down court," he said. "We played with more emotion in the second half, and that helped us. We are hustling and the kids are not giving up, but we are not scoring."

Sheets led Muleshoe scoring with 12 points, including the four three-pointers. Shelburne and Tucker added eight points each, Riley had six, Lewis dropped in two and Domínguez one. Muleshoe had 27 rebounds (Tucker eight), four steals, blocked three shots (Riley two), made nine of 12 free throws and committed 17 turnovers. The Mules were called for 27 fouls.

"We are in a must-win situation now, and have to go on the road and win three games in a row to have any playoff hopes," Mason said.

The Mules were scheduled to travel to Shallowater on Tuesday and to Lubbock Roosevelt on Friday.

Littlefield trounces JV Mules 56-39

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal correspondent

Littlefield did not have as much snow on the ground Jan. 30 as Muleshoe had, and the junior varsity Mules found it tough sledding there.

The Mules were able to outscore the Wildcats only in the fourth period, and then by only one point. When the final buzzer sounded, the Mules were down 56-39.

Littlefield jumped out to an 18-9 first-quarter lead. The

second period was a defensive battle, and the Mules held the 'Cats to only eight points — but only put seven on the board themselves.

Jordan Dale banked in a 12-foot jumper and after a Littlefield turnover made an 8-foot jumper in the lane, cutting the Littlefield advantage to five points.

Brennan Broyles fought for a loose ball in the lane, put it in and was fouled with four minutes remaining in the pe-

riod. He made the charity toss and trimmed the 'Cats lead to 18-16. Then Littlefield scored eight unanswered points in the final four minutes of the half to take a 26-16 halftime advantage.

The Mules never threatened in the second half.

Broyles led Mule scorers with 20 points, Matt Luna had seven, Dale four, Stephan Shelburne four, Chris Peña two and James Hancock and Chance Turney, one apiece.

TOPS NEWS

The Muleshoe Church of Christ was the site Feb. 1 for the TOPS No. 34 meeting. Seventeen members attended.

The meeting was presided over by leader Laverne James, who also led the prayer and pledge.

Janie Hughes led both the opening and closing songs.

Hughes, TOPS No. 34 secretary, read the previous week's minutes which were approved as read.

The weekly and monthly reports were presented by weight recorders Betty Jo Davis and Alene Bryant.

Tommie Fulcher was the best loser in the weekly report. There was a four-way tie between Hughes, Evelene Harris, Sherry White and Anna Bales for first runner-up.

Lucille Harp and Betty Jo Davis tied for second runner-up in the same report.

The best loser in the

monthly report was Molly Davis, with Molly E. Pedroza as first runner-up.

Polly Ottwell and Cheryl de Graffenreid tied for second runner-up in the monthly report.

Molly Davis was the best T.O.P.S. loser and Betty Jo Davis the best K.O.P.S. loser named in the monthly report.

The next meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. Feb. 8 at the same site. Visitors are welcome.

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OBITUARIES

JAMES LITTLETON

Services for James A. Littleton Jr. were held Monday at the First Baptist Church of Earth for James A. Littleton Jr., 78, of Earth. The Rev. Bobby Broyles officiated. Burial was in Earth Memorial Cemetery.

Parsons-Ellis Funeral Home of Earth handled arrangements.

Mr. Littleton was born Nov. 11, 1922, in Wellington. He died Feb. 2 in San Antonio.

He had been a resident of Earth since Dec. 16, 1930, and married Gayle Anglin in Earth on Feb. 5, 1950.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Earth, a past member of the Masonic lodge in Earth, a member of the Shriners and a past patron of the Earth Order of Eastern Star.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II.

Mr. Littleton is survived by his wife; two daughters, Jan Allison of San Francisco and Becky Upchurch of San Antonio; and two grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to a church of the donor's choice.

MIGUEL F. GARCIA

Services were held Wednesday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church for Miguel F. Garcia, 79, of Muleshoe. The Rev. Alfonso San Juan was the celebrant. Burial was in Bailey County Cemetery.

Ellis Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Mr. Garcia was born Nov. 30, 1921, at Eden, Texas. He died Feb. 3 in Lubbock.

He had lived in Muleshoe since 1952, moving here from Mathis, Texas. He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8570 in

Muleshoe and the Chicanos Unidos Campesinos of Muleshoe. He was self-employed as a welder.

He had served in the U.S. Marines, U.S. Army and in the U.S. Naval Reserve during World War II.

Mr. Garcia is survived by his wife, Irene; a son, David Garcia of Fort Worth; three daughters, Maria E. Garza of Muleshoe, Tencha Gonzales of Alamo, Texas, and Gloria Lopez of Decatur, Texas; 24 grandchildren; 41 great-grandchildren; and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

WINIFRED MAE ORCUTT

Services were held Feb. 3 at the First Baptist Church of Vega for Winifred Mae Orcutt, 69, of Muleshoe. The Revs. James Peach and Randy Tucker officiated. Burial was in Memorial Park Cemetery at Vega.

Vega Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Mrs. Orcutt was born in Newkirk, Okla., and died Feb. 1.

She married Hyrum Van Orcutt in 1958 at Fairfax, Okla. She had lived in Vega for several years before moving to Muleshoe a few years ago.

Survivors include her husband; two daughters, Kerry George of Vega and Robin Dickerson of Muleshoe; two sons, Sam Orcutt of Amarillo and Scott Orcutt of Muleshoe; a sister, Loretta Hernandez of Donaldsonville, La.; and eight grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Muleshoe Area Healthcare Center.

CATHRYN BOX

Services were held Tuesday at the First United Methodist Church of Borger for Catherine Box, 83, of Borger. The Rev.

Jim Terry officiated. Burial was in The Garden of Devotion in Westlawn Memorial Park at Borger.

Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors of Borger handled arrangements.

Mrs. Box was born Feb. 2, 1918, in Hughes Springs, Texas. She died Feb. 4 in Amarillo.

She married Fred Box on Feb. 28, 1938, in Wheeler County, Texas. He died Sept. 18, 1989.

She had been a resident of Borger since 1947. She was a homemaker and a member of the First United Methodist Church of Borger, where she was a member of Amity Sunday School Class.

Mrs. Box is survived by a son, Kenneth Box of Muleshoe; a daughter, Carolyn Reinert of Amarillo; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the First United Methodist Church of Borger.


DARVEY HARGETT

Services for former Lariat and Farwell-area resident Darvey Hane Hargett, 45, of Williamsburg, Va., were held Friday at Bucktrout Funeral Home Chapel in Williamsburg. His brother, Harl Hargett, officiated.

He died Jan. 30 and was retired from the U.S. Navy.

Mr. Hargett is survived by his wife, Rosemary Vitello Hargett; his mother, Mary Jo Hargett of Muleshoe; two brothers, Harl Hargett of Denver and Aaron Hargett of Fort Scott, Kan.; and a sister, Dana Stewart of Denver.

The family suggests memorials to Heritage Humane Society (430 Waller Mill Road, Williamsburg, Va. 23185).



Muleshoe Cattle Market
SATURDAY, FEB. 3, 2001

REPRESENTATIVE SALES

796 head of cattle, 268 hogs and 334 sheep and goats for a total of 1,408 animals were sold at the Feb. 3rd sale. Market steady on stocker cfls., 1-2 lower on feeder cattle. Pairs and Bred cows steady from a week ago.

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.

FOR INFORMATION ON SALES OR TO CONSIGN CATTLE, CALL (806) 272-4201

Seller, City	#	Type	Wt.	CWT or PH
Luis Martinez, Farwell	4	Hol. Strs	265 lbs.	at \$111.00
D&J Dairy, Rogers, NM	3	Hol. Bulls	297 lbs.	at \$104.00
Robert Baker, Rogers, NM		Hol. Hfr	215 lbs.	at \$121.00
Sandra Frost, Dickens		Hol. Hfr	640 lbs.	at \$96.00
Easy Street Farms, Levelland		Blk. Str	325 lbs.	at \$115.00
Easy Street Farms, Levelland	3	Mxd. Strs	402 lbs.	at \$111.00
Tony Azua, Sudan	4	Blk. Strs	413 lbs.	at \$110.00
Tony Azua, Sudan	5	Mxd. Strs	452 lbs.	at \$105.00
Tony Azua, Sudan	9	Blk. Strs	495 lbs.	at \$100.00
7C Cattle, Bovina		Blk. Str	445 lbs.	at \$96.00
John Thiessen, Denver City	6	Limo. Strs	468 lbs.	at \$103.00
EDR Cattle, Whiteface		Blk. Str	615 lbs.	at \$97.50
Mike Cleavenger, Muleshoe	4	Blk. Strs	645 lbs.	at \$87.50
Mike Cleavenger, Muleshoe	7	Mxd. Strs	696 lbs.	at \$85.50
Steve Carr, Littlefield	2	Char. Bulls	668 lbs.	at \$85.50
Luis Flores, Muleshoe		Char. Hfr	285 lbs.	at \$114.00
Easy Street Farms, Levelland	3	Mxd. Hfrs	290 lbs.	at \$112.00
Rafeal Lopez, Amherst		BMF Hfr	305 lbs.	at \$113.00
Wilbur Kalbas, Farwell	5	Blk. Hfrs	449 lbs.	at \$93.00
Pablo Azua, Sudan	2	Char. Hfrs	458 lbs.	at \$94.00
John Thiessen, Denver City	7	Blk. Hfrs	496 lbs.	at \$93.00
Don Bandy, Bovina	3	Char. Hfrs	520 lbs.	at \$91.00
Robert McCurry, Springlake	2	Mxd. Hfrs	580 lbs.	at \$84.50
Harold Belcher, Rogers, NM		WF Pair		\$650.00
F&T Rowland, Morton		Red Cow P6		\$590.00
Lust-Dodd Cattle, Muleshoe		Char. Cow P8		\$550.00
Joe Steelman, Bovina	2	Blk. Cows P		\$520.00
Todd Drake, Hereford	2	Char. Cows P7		\$630.00
Dale Schuler, Friona		Blk. Cow	1350 lbs.	at \$44.50
Jose Rueda, Hereford		Blk. Cow	1275 lbs.	at \$44.00
Norris Konkli, Muleshoe		Red Cow	1340 lbs.	at \$45.00
D&J Dairy, Rogers, NM		Hol. Cow	1655 lbs.	at \$43.00
Greenfield Park Dairy, Portales		Hol. Cow	1640 lbs.	at \$41.75
A&B Cattle, Muleshoe		Blk. Bull	2265 lbs.	at \$56.50
Robert Kloiber, Littlefield		Red Bull	1850 lbs.	at \$57.50

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- LOT 83, PKRDG. - \$1,000 .00, SEVERAL OTHER NICE LOTS ARE AVAILABLE - CALL FOR MORE INFO!!
- NICE 3-3-1 Brick, Cent. heat, evap. air, built-ins, fans, 2000' + lv. area, fenced yd., patio, stor. bldg.!! \$57.5K!! RH-1
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HIGHLAND AREA

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- VERY NICE 3-1-1 Brick, Heat pump, DW, nice carpets, fenced yd., MORE!!! \$30's!!! HS-1
- REMODELED 3-2-1 carport Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, new carpet & vinyl, 5 fans, new roof, MORE!!! \$38K!! HS-2
- VERY NICE 3-1-1 Brick, Cent. A&H, stove, DW, fenced yd., MORE!!! \$38K!! HS-4
- 3-2 Home, corner lot, floor furnace heat, fenced yd. \$25K!! HS-10
- PRICE REDUCED - NICE 3-1-1 Home, Cent. Heat & Cent. Evap. Air, built-ins, stor. bldg., fenced yd., MORE!!! \$35.5K!!! HS8
- 3-1-1 Brick, Dual Fuel Heat Pump, DW, Disp., 4 fans, cov. patio, 2 stor. bldgs., fenced yd. \$34,500!! HS-3
- VERY NICE 3-1-1 Brick, Cent. A&H, 3 ceiling fans, stor. bldg., fenced yd. \$38K!! HS-5
- VERY NICE 2-1-1 Brick, Elec. Heat Pump, stove disp. fans, deck, fenced yd., MORE!!! \$32.5K!! HS-13
- 3-1-1 Brick, Cent. heat, evap. air, Dishwasher, fenced yd.!! \$28K!! HS-6
- NICE 3-2 1/2-2 carport Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, 2650' + Lv. area, fans, storm windows & doors, new roof, cov. patio, concrete cellar, fenced yd. w/ add. 2 carport, large workshop, & stor. bldg.
- VERY NICE 2-1 1/2-2 carport Mobile Home, Elec. Heat Pump, built-ins, nice carpet & vinyl, fans, storage bldg., fenced yd. MUCH MORE!!! \$23.5K!! HS-9

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- PLEASANT VALLEY, Approx. 160 acres, 2 bdrm home, 1 bath, 2 car detached garage, on pavement!!
- W. of SUDAN-NICE 3-3-2 Brick Home, 5 acre tract on Hwy. 298, Cent. Air & Heat, built-ins, large Quonset Barn, MORE!!! \$95K!!!
- PRICE REDUCES - 108 acres or 7 acre tract on Hwy. 70, approx. 2100' office area, 16,900' commercial bldg. w/loading dock, 3,400' warehouse, new well, 2,800' runway!!!
- 3-2-1 Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, fenced yd., man, spktr., 300' stor. on .84 acre on pavement, edge of town!! \$40's!!
- PROGRESS-VERY NICE 3-2-2 Home on 21.8 acres on Hwy. 84, Elec. Heat Pump, built-ins, FP, 3 fans, 10 hp., sub. irrig. well, undgrd. tile, valves, & gated pipe!!! MORE!!! \$55K!!!
- EARTH - 4-2-2 carport home, Heat Pum, fans, storage-workshop!! \$35K
- 3 Bedroom 2 Bath Home at edge of town on pavement, 8 acre, wall furnace heat, evap. air, DW, FP, fenced yd., 20' x 24' gar./shop w/loft stor., 1 hp. dom. well!!! \$49,5000!!!

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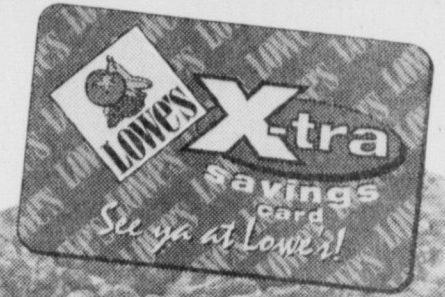
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