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## Residents voice concerns at School Board meeting

The Motley County ISD Board of Trustees met January 13 in a regular meeting. All board members were present except Coy Franks. Also present were Rick Copp, Sonya Herrell, and Denise Ford. Representing the staff was Marsha Dillard, Ginger Gilmore and Jim Cooper.

During open forum several local residents were available to voice concerns to the school board. Patty Lane presented the board with a written document outlining steps she felt needed to be addressed before extending or renewing any professional contracts.

D'anna Russell expressed concerns about 6th grade students not participating during athletic period. She also discussed the Career and Technology Education program weights for funding students in the vocational classes. She urged the community to get involved with their legislatures and let them know these are areas that do not need to have funding cuts.

Carla Meador expressed concerns about the school al-

lowing books to be sold in the teacher's lounge by an out of town business. Mrs. Meador felt this is in conflict with local businesses and that Motley County businesses should not have to compete with the school. She also stated that she is not opposed to the PTO Book Fair or fund raising activities in general at school.

Also attending the open forum were Tony Rose, Chelsea Read, Seven Alexander, Shirley Smith, Shane Jones, Vickie Pierce, Christi Fisk, Rodney Williams, Chesle Rains, Dianne Washington.

During Mr. Copp's Superintendent report, he recognized the Board of Trustees for the exceptional work they are doing for the students at Motley County ISD and presented them with a certificate of appreciation. He noted January is Board Appreciation month and how important each member is to the success of the District.

He informed the Board that the plumbing at the Superintendent's house is beginning to seep according to

Louis Drum, who had been called to work on a drainage problem over the Christmas holidays. Mr. Copp asked the Board about getting the plumbing replaced before a major problem occurred. The Board agreed to the work being done.

Mr. Copp announced that a bone marrow drive was to be held at the multi-purpose room on Saturday. The drive was sponsored by the El Progresso Club.

Current school enrollment is 181 and the current attendance is at 96.54%.

Items for board action included the following:

— Motion was made by Douglas Campbell and seconded by Shonda Elliott to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

— Motion by Tina Brooks, seconded by Pat Smith to approve the expenditure report and review the financial statements.

— Motion by Douglas Campbell and seconded by Les

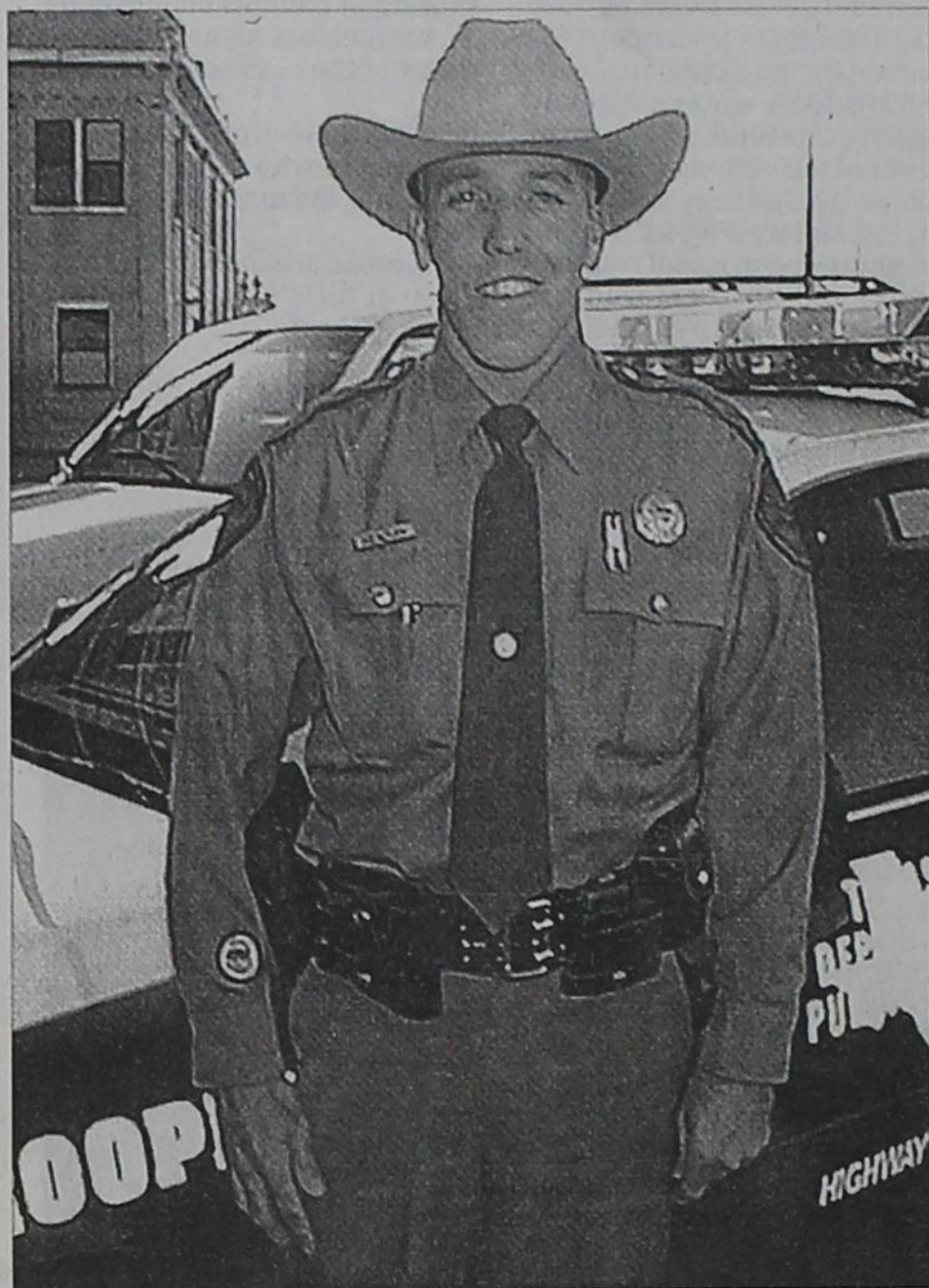
Woolsey to accept the 2001-2002 school audit report and the SCE Agreed Upon Procedures as presented by Diane Washington.

— Discussion was conducted concerning school fund-raisers that conflict with retail sales. It was decided that the policy of administrators approving fund-raisers would be followed and that the board would be kept informed of all fund-raisers. Motion was made by Pat Smith, seconded by Douglas Campbell to leave fund raising policy as it is written and to revisit the policy at a later date.

— Motion by Douglas Campbell, seconded by Les Woolsey to approve the tax abatements for local lots as presented by Rodney Williams.

The Board entered executive session at 10:30 p.m. and exited at 2:25 a.m.

— Motion by Douglas Campbell, seconded by Les Woolsey to extend the Superintendent's contract through 2006. Vote carried 4/2.



**NEW DPS TROOPER IN MATADOR** — Gregory Hendry is the new DPS Trooper in Matador. Mr. Hendry graduated from the DPS Academy December 13. He is from Lubbock where his wife, Connie works as an RN at Covenant Hospital. The couple has three daughters, Brandi, 12; Jordan, 10; and Amanda, 8.

## State Director of Tourism to speak in Roaring Springs

Linda Campbell, State Director of Tourism for Texas Parks and Wildlife of Austin, will speak to the Texas Highway 70 Association, Thursday, February 6, at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Community Center. Cold cuts for sandwiches will be served.

Everyone with an interest in this area is invited and urged to attend.

## MC ISD approved for Rural School Program Grant

Rick Copp, Motley County ISD Superintendent, received notice of approval of the Rural School Achievement Program Grant this past week. This federal grant, in the amount of \$15,345, will allow the district to employ an elementary aid to assist with the reading programs already established, for the remainder of the 2003 school year. These dollars, along with the Accelerated Reading Grant, will also allow stipends to be paid to teachers for after school tutoring, software and hardware, accelerated reading supplies and other materials to help prepare students for the new statewide TAKS test that will be administered this Spring.

## January Sales Tax allocations distributed

(Austin) — Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn sent \$283.1 million in monthly sales tax payments to local governments last Friday. Sales tax allocations are down 1 percent compared to January 2002.

Strayhorn sent sales tax rebates of \$190.7 million to Texas cities, down 0.1 percent compared to city sales tax rebates in January, 2002. Texas counties received \$16.4 million, down 2.7 percent compared to January 2002. Seventy-five special purpose taxing districts received \$7.9 million, up 3 percent compared to one year ago, and Texas' six metropolitan transit authorities and two city departments received \$68 million in sales tax revenue, down 3.4 percent.

January sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected in November and reported to the Comptroller in December. The state's share of sales tax reported during this period was \$1.1 billion, a decline of 1.3 percent compared to a year ago.

Matador, with a current rate of 1.000% received a net payment this period of \$1,615.81, compared to \$1,391.81 last year, a 16.09% change.

Roaring Springs, with current rate of 2.000%, received a net payment of \$1,804.75, compared to \$1,624.12 last year, a 11.12% change.

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation will be made on Friday, Feb. 14.

## Sen. Robert Duncan honored by committee assignments

Austin -- Senator Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, is pleased to accept committee assignments announced last week by Lt. Gov. elect David Dewhurst.

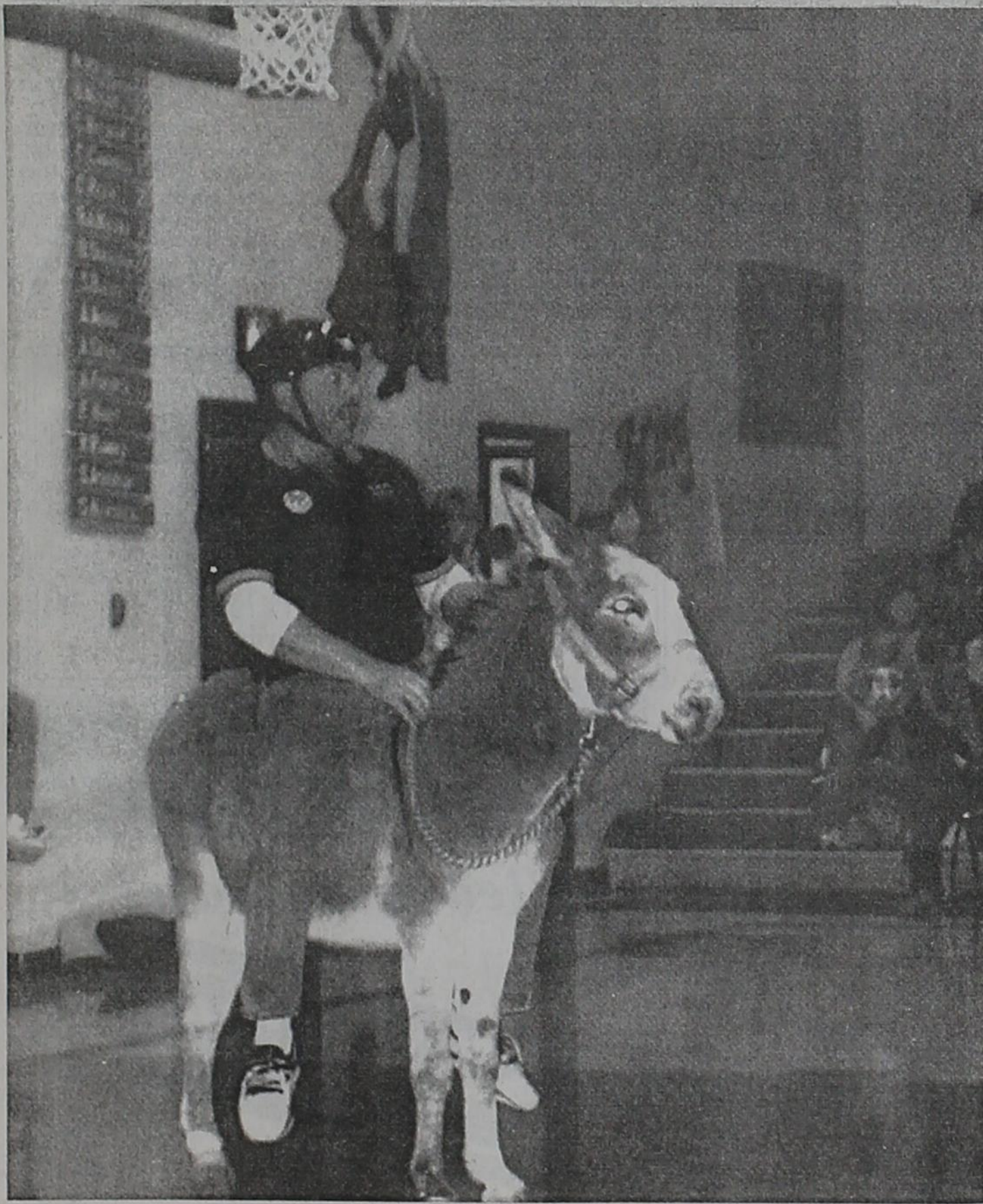
"I am honored by our new lieutenant governor's faith in my abilities, and I will work hard for the people of Senate District 28 and Texans statewide," Duncan said.

Duncan was named chairman of the Senate Committee on Jurisprudence and the Senate Subcommittee on Agricul-

ture. Dewhurst also charged Duncan with memberships on the Senate committees on Finance, Natural Resources and State Affairs.

This will be the third session Duncan has served on finance. He has served as acting chairman of the committee on Natural Resources; and this will be his second time to be chairman for Agriculture.

Duncan has served in the Texas Senate since 1996, when he won a special election.



### Basketball action ??

This donkey doesn't seem to be very amused at the basketball game taking place while he and his rider, Chuck Ream, await under the goal for a chance to get the ball and shoot. The Motley County Jr. Class sponsored this fun-filled and exciting Donkey Basketball game at the gym last Thursday night. Although calmness is depicted in this picture, the evening held some thrills and spills. Mr. Ream was only one of several Motley County residents who participated in the fun.

## Roaring Springs Community Volunteers plans upcoming events at recent meeting

The Roaring Springs Community Volunteers, Inc. met Tuesday, January 14, for their annual members meeting to elect new officers and discuss upcoming events.

Several events were scheduled that might be of interest to

local residents. On February 6, at 6:30 p.m., the Texas Highway 70 Association will be hosting a visit from a representative of the Texas Parks and Wildlife to discuss ways to help promote the towns along Texas Highway 70.

On April 5, 10:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., the American Legion will host a Spring Convention of American Legion delegates from all over the Panhandle. Immediately following the convention, the Roaring Springs Community Volunteers will host

a Pancake Supper for the public.

The July 4th Celebration was discussed and more details will be available later.

Kids Camp is set to be held July 28 - August 1. Please keep all these dates in mind.

### VALENTINE BRAG PAGES

February 13th Issue

DEADLINE IS THURSDAY, FEB. 6

Don't miss this chance to show off your Special Valentine!

See page 6 for more details





# Motley County BASKETBALL



LADY MATADORS: Standing left to right, Emily Hurt, Emily Fonseka, Ashlee Green, Susanna Mendoza, Sabrina Osborn, Angie Marvel, Sierra Atherton; (middle row) Mandi Ream, Cassie Campbell, Brittany Moore (Sr.), Brittany Moore (Soph.), Stachia Baxter; (front) Charli Ream, Brittany Donaldson, Clarissa Elizondo, Chasity Holman, and Amanda Ashby.

## DISTRICT SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Jan. 3	New Home	there	4:00 p.m.
Jan. 7	Southland	there	6:30 p.m.
Jan. 10	Wilson	here	4:00 p.m.
Jan. 14	Spur	there	4:00 p.m.
Jan. 17	Patton Springs	here	5:00 p.m.
Jan. 21	New Home	here	4:00 p.m.
Jan. 24	Southland	here	6:30 p.m.
Jan. 25	Valley JV Tourn.	there	TBA
Jan. 28	Wilson	there	4:00 p.m.
Jan. 31	Spur	here	4:00 p.m.
Feb. 4	Patton Springs	there	5:00 p.m.

**GO  
MATADORS!**



MOTLEY COUNTY MATADORS: Beginning at back, left to right, Chance Bingham, Kenny Johannes, Clint Cooper, Kevin Elder, Colton Russell, Seagram Sims, Clarissa Elizondo, Manager's assistant; (front) Xavier Elizondo, Manager's assistant, Quinten Rose, Matt Henzler, Lorenzo Salazar, Cody Cooper, Clay Cooper, Kittie Campbell, Manager.

### We support the MC Matadors & Lady Matadors:

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## Texas Highway 70 calls travelers with simplicity

Note: This article first appeared in the Sunday, January 12 edition of the Ft. Worth Star Telegram, by Art Chapman.

Way out in West Texas, on two-lane highways between towns like Matador and Turkey, there has always been an emptiness that was uninviting to urban travelers.

No fancy restaurants, no gas stations with fast-food franchises, no roadside parks with playgrounds or vending machines. Not much opportunity to run wide-open with the wind in your hair.

But now, an interstate highways become strangled with 10-wheeled commercial traffic, no one is running wide-open anymore and the threat of being crushed by a semi is more unnerving than that of being broadsided by a wayward tumbleweed.

The changes in our motor-ing habits have given rise to a change in attitude along those simpler highways. Now, Roaring Springs and Flomot, Dickens and Spur have all joined Matador and Turkey to form the Texas Highway 70 As-

sociation.

Their guest is to lure tourists of the big Texas interstates and coax them to local bed and breakfasts, small-town museums and open-country history and beauty.

"About 10 miles north of Turkey on Highway 70 is some of the most beautiful country you can find in Texas," said Alex Crowder, a retired Texas Tech University education professor who helped start the association. "When we gave a presentation in Clarendon, many of the people there didn't even know that beautiful canyon country was there."

Texas 70 begins its long journey through the vastness of West Texas just south of Perryton, near the Oklahoma border in the Texas Panhandle. It drops straight down through the Canadian River country to Pampa, then across Interstate 40 to Clarendon and on down across Interstate 20 to its terminus some 40 miles south of Sweetwater.

It is guarded along much of its route by the jutting Caprock, a rocky, red demarcation line between the high plains and the

lower prairie.

Texas 70 never once crosses a major metropolitan area. It runs its entire route with the help of Dairy Queens, Allsup's convenience stores and the occasional new Sonic.

Crowder, who lives in Roaring Springs, and his associates in other small towns along the route now believe that travelers from Fort Worth and Dallas will seek the relative tranquility of Texas 70. With rising gas prices and escalating costs at most tourists destinations, the rural towns present an economic alternative.

"We really think we should do well with the Dallas-Fort Worth travelers," Crowder said. "We will draw from places like Lubbock and Amarillo too, but we are too much like them. We are completely different from the bigger metropolitan areas like Fort Worth and Houston. We are maybe a little like the Wild West to people there."

They aren't all that wild, but they are West. And they do have their attractions. In Turkey, an old railroad hotel awaits visitors in much the same adornment as it had when the railroad came

through 80 years ago.

There are springs in Roaring Springs, dugouts scratched in the rusty dirt around Spur that were homes for early cowboys, and in Matador a jail with a gallows.

The trap door has been welded shut to avoid any accidental hangings.

There is a quiet along Texas 70 that can't be found in the bigger cities. Crowder talks appreciatively of the coyotes he can hear at night. His neighbors down the highway throw feed out for the wild turkeys, and he can hear the birds coming to roost at night.

Not everyone will enjoy the sounds. But he believes that some people will. That's why the Texas Highway 70 Association has printed 50,000 brochures and placed them in several West Texas visitor centers. There is also a CD on the way, showing the pleasures of the area.

"We're six little old towns out here where the population is dwindling," Crowder said. "We're not trying to have a population explosion, but we are fighting to stay even."



Former Flomot resident and Motley County High School graduate, Susan Hunter Smith, with United States Supreme Court Justice, Sandra Day O'Connor, daughters, Allison and Emily, and husband Steve Smith. Newly elected Justice Steve Smith was administered the Oath of Office by Justice O'Connor to serve on the Texas Supreme Court.

## New Texas Supreme Court Justice has Flomot ties

Steven Wayne Smith, husband of former Flomot resident, Susan Hunter Smith was elected to serve on the Texas Supreme Court, November 2002 elections. He was administered the Oath of Office by United States Supreme Court Justice, Sandra Day O'Connor during his Investiture on the Texas Supreme Court in Austin, January 6, 2003.

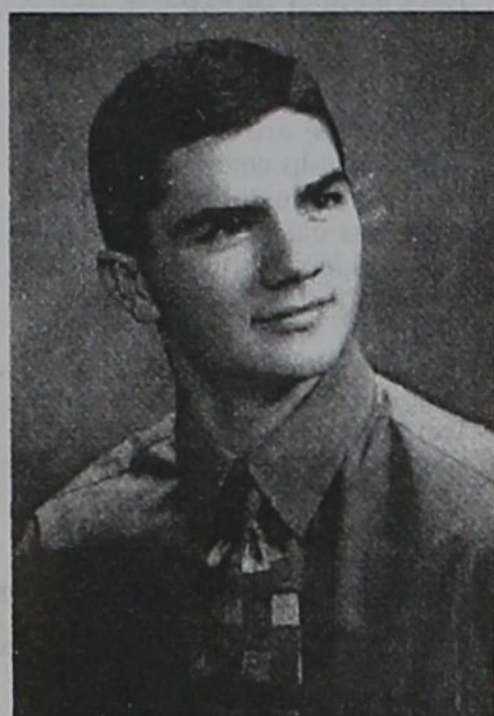
Susan and Steve have two daughters, Allison and Emily. Susan is employed by the Texas Education Agency. She is a 1976 Motley County High School graduate and was awarded her law degree from the University

of Texas in Austin. She is the daughter of former Flomot residents, Wayne and Jimmie Hunter of Lubbock.

Justice Smith and wife, Susan were pleased to sit beside Justice O'Connor and visit with her during dinner that evening. They learned that like Flomot resident, Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton, Justice O'Connor is also a member of the Cowgirl Hall of Fame.

Attending the ceremony were Justice Smith's parents, Kenneth and Barbara Smith of Fort Worth and Susan's brother and wife, David and Rhonda Hunter of Midland.

## Ryan Martin receives Bachelor's Degree



Ryan Martin

Ryan Martin graduated from Tarleton State University in Stephenville, December 14, 2002. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture Services and Development.

Attending the ceremony were his wife, Jamie, parents, Hal and Kelli Martin, all of Matador, and in-laws, Joanie Pigg, Erica Pigg and Madison Pigg, all of Turkey.

## Austin Rally to be held in opposition of TAAS/TAKS Test

Texans for quality Assessment is planning a rally to be held on the south steps of the Capitol Building in Austin on Saturday, January 25 at 3 p.m. The purpose of the rally is to show opposition to the current state mandated testing system (TAAS/TAKS) and to support the upcoming legislation (House Bill 2570 and House Bill 2118) calling for multiple criteria to be used in promotion and graduation decisions in Texas public schools.

Texans for Quality Assessment is a group from across the state who seek high quality public education and the correct way to evaluate and assess student learning, teacher and

school quality. The group is made up of teachers, parents, professors, educational researchers, school board members and others who feel that a high-stakes standardized test is an inappropriate way to evaluate students, teachers and schools.

Anyone concerned about the new TAKS test should voice their concerns with their legislators and attend the rally at the Capitol on January 25th.

For more information visit [www.texastesting.org](http://www.texastesting.org) or contact you local Texans for Quality Assessment representative Kay Donna Wolfcale at 806-259-2662.

## Thank You

The Motley County Junior Class would like to thank everyone who participated and helped to make our Donkey Basketball game a success. We appreciate all the support that made it a success. Thanks again!

The Motley County Junior Class & sponsors

We would like to express our thanks to all the kind, supportive people of Motley County for all the cards, calls, memorials, flowers and prayers during our sadness.

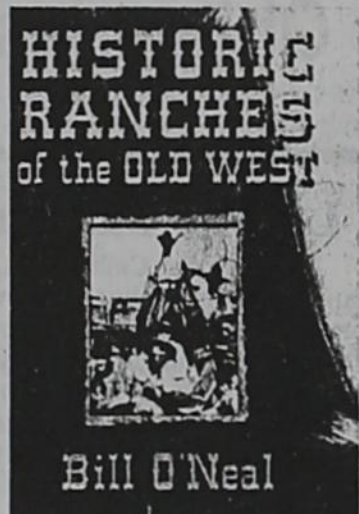
Kenneth and Suzanne Abbott

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Readers,

Hi! I am a 5th grader from J.F. Kennedy Elementary School in Medford, Oregon. Medford is located about thirty five miles north of the California border. Our main industry used to be timber, but now we are mainly a service industry town. We have Southern Oregon University nearby in Ashland, home of the Shakespearean festival. Maybe you've been there.

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I am writing to you because I am hoping to learn about your town and your state for a project I am doing at school. If you would take the time and send me a postcard or anything that shows me something about your state, I would really appreciate it!

I'd like to know if you have ever visited Oregon. Maybe even Medford? I think you'd like it here.

Thank you, and I hope to hear from you!

Sincerely,  
Emylee Chambers

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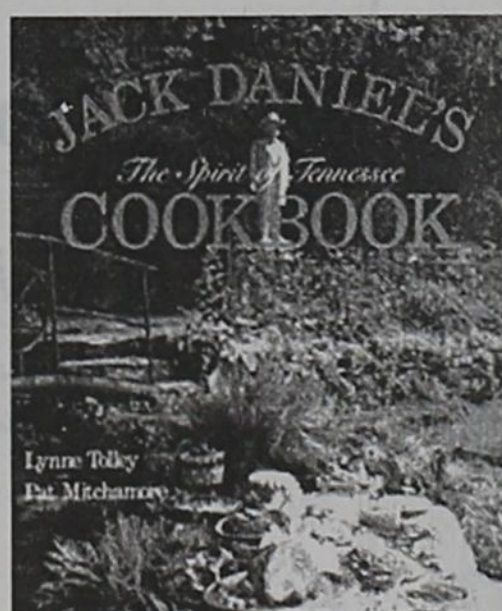
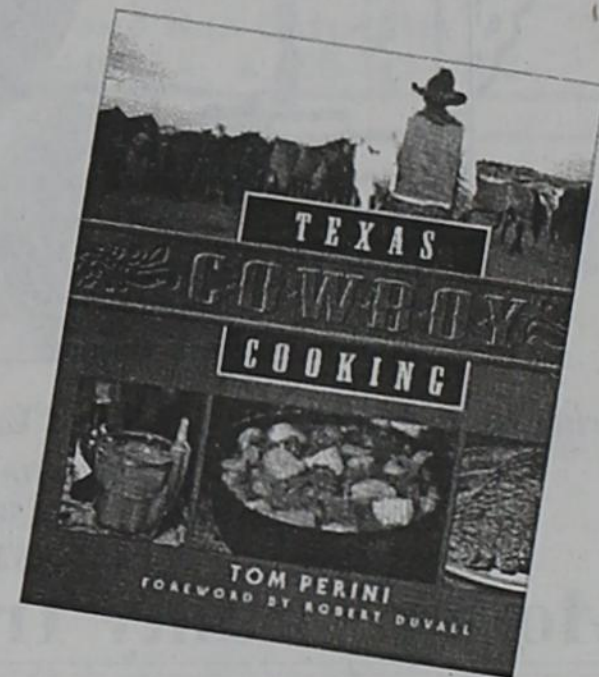
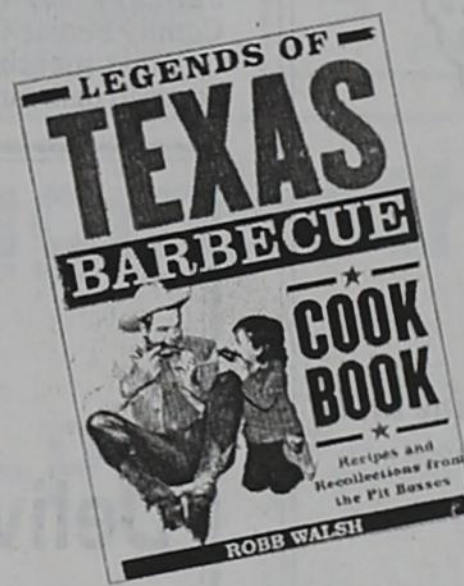
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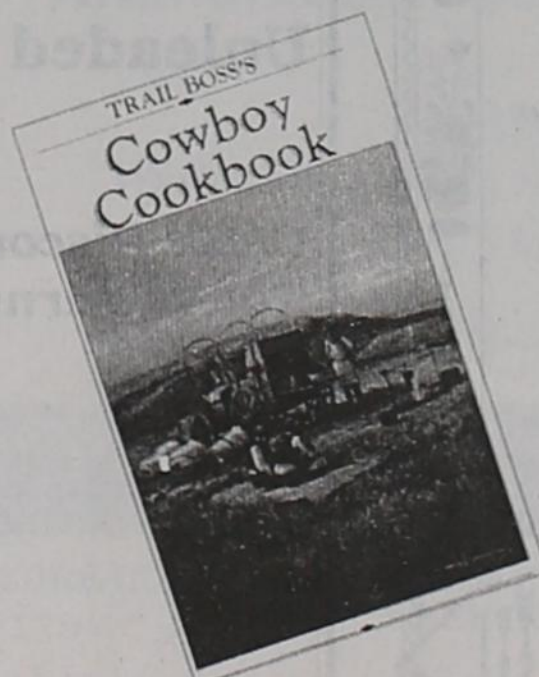
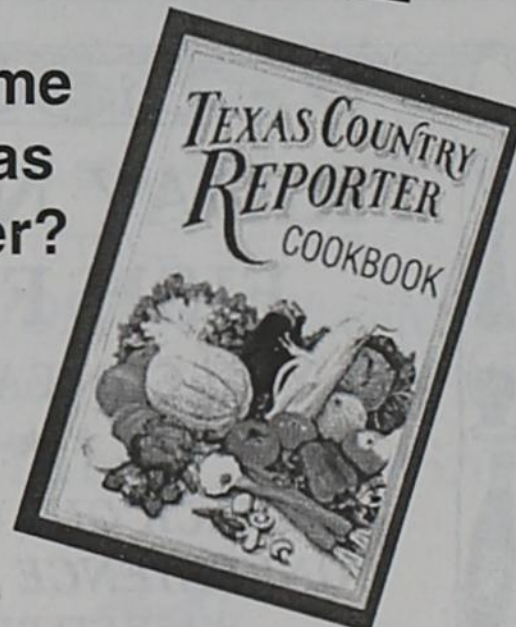
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