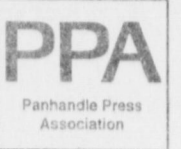




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Combest, Republicans pushing for tax reform

By TERESA STONE
Journal staff writer

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A new legislative session is underway with income tax and IRS reform being the center of attention on the hill.

In a teleconference earlier this week, U.S. Rep. Larry Combest (R-Lubbock) said his goals this year are to "continue to keep pushing for reduced taxes, reduced government and a balanced budget."

He said he would like to see "the people paying the bills (the taxpayers) start getting more benefits from the government."

But reducing taxes, reducing government and balancing the budget aren't expected to be easy tasks.

"Things we have tried to do in the past in balancing the budget are working and making strong impacts on the economy," Combest said. "What we want to do is expand this. There's a lot more we'd like to do, especially change

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— Larry Combest
U.S. Rep.

many of the laws that are intrusive. But the reality is for us (the Republican legislature) to change the law the President has to sign the bill. So right now, we are taking baby steps instead of the giant leaps we would like to occur."

One of the baby steps taken last year by the House was the passing of a major IRS reform.

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IN ALL HER GLORY



The late afternoon suns shimmers through an American flag flying in the front yard on a Second Street home

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A QUICK READ OF THE NEWS

CRP added at higher price

The Agriculture Department will add 5.9 million acres to the nation's largest private land conservation program and pay farmers more to set aside environmentally fragile land.

Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman said Thursday the added average per-acre cost of this round of Conservation Reserve Program signups—just under \$6 more than last year's sign-up—was justified to add more wetlands, wildlife habitat and other high-priority land.

"It was worth paying a little more to get higher-rent land that yields great environmental benefits," Glickman said.

Although the amount paid was slightly higher, averaging \$45.17, it is still below the historic average of over \$49 an acre and will save taxpayers \$261 million over the 10-year life of the CRP contracts, Glickman said.

LOOKING AHEAD

5 Area holding meeting

Five Area Telephone Cooperative is inviting all of their members to their annual meeting next Saturday.

The membership meeting is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 7 at the Bailey County Coliseum. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. Lunch will be served at noon. There will be drawings for door prizes.

Business to be conducted includes the annual financial report, report of the officers, directors, and committees as well as election of directors for District 1 - Lariat and District 3 - Lazbuddie. All other business will take place after the election of directors.

LOCAL WEATHER

	High	low	Pre.
Tuesday	70	22	—
Wednesday	64	32	—
Thursday	61	24	—
Total to date	.12 inches		

EXTENDED FORECAST

Partly cloudy and warmer Sunday with highs in the mid 50s. Warming back up next week with highs in the 60s and lows in the 30s.



Paving the way

Bailey County worker Oscar Anzaldua shovels tar Thursday while repairing the parking lot outside the motor vehicle department.

Muleshoe officials await word on UIL realignment

By RICK WHITE
Managing Editor

The University Interscholastic League keeps a secret better than the CIA.

The governing body for state high school sports will announce its bi-annual realignment plans Monday, putting an end to months of speculation.

"It's the best kept secret in Texas," Muleshoe athletic director and football coach David Wood said. "It just drives coaches nuts when they don't know something."

Wood is anxious to learn the results so he can get Muleshoe's football schedule set for 1998. He's developed a list that includes 10 different scenarios.

Wood said he would prefer to be moved into a six-team district, which allows schools to be more competitive for the playoffs, especially since the

UIL is expected to up the number of Class 3A playoff teams per district from two to three later this spring.

The consensus is Muleshoe could be moving south to join the likes of Littlefield, Denver City and Seminole.

A lot depends on what the UIL does with Childress, Wood believes.

Two years ago, Muleshoe was shifted north into the eight-team district, a district which stretches from Muleshoe north to the top of the Texas Panhandle.

The move caught nearly everybody by surprise.

"The only way they could have surprised me more two years ago is if they would have shifted us into a district in Kansas," joked Muleshoe school superintendent Bill Moore.

Moore said the bi-annual realignments are necessary to keep the

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Pierce announces district clerk bid

Jan Pierce, long time resident of Bailey County, has announced her candidacy for the position of County Clerk.

Pierce will be running in the March 10 Democratic primary.

She is currently serving as County Clerk, appointed by the Bailey County Commissioners Court to serve the unexpired term of Billie Downing.

Pierce has been employed by Bailey County for the past fifteen years as an office deputy with the Sheriff's department.

She is a high school graduate and has taken accounting/book keeping, computer, and telecommunications classes. She has also taken various other classes relating to work at the



Jan Pierce

Sheriff's office.

Pierce has been married to Gerry Pierce for 35 years. They have two children and four grandchildren.

Voter registration ends Feb. 9

Citizens have less than two weeks to register to vote for the upcoming party primaries.

Voters will be going to the polls March 10 to help decide party candidates for numerous national, state and local positions.

Everyone wanting to participate in the elections must be registered to vote by Feb. 9.

Bailey County residents can register at the courthouse. If you have changed precincts, you have until Feb. 9 to change your address in order to vote in your new precinct.

Republican and Democratic primaries will be held at each voting box. Precinct 1 voters can vote at the county courthouse. Precinct 2 voters can vote at the Bailey County Coliseum. Precinct 3 voters can vote at Three Way or at the extension office in Muleshoe. Precinct 4 voters can cast ballots in Bula, Needmore or at the Muleshoe City Hall.

Voters who won't be able to make it to the polls March 10, can vote early starting Monday Feb. 23. Early voting will continue through March 6.

Early voters can cast their ballot on the second floor of the Bailey County Courthouse between the hours of 8 a.m. and noon, and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Although many positions on the state and national level have more than one candidate running, locally there is only

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AROUND MULESHOE

Local students make honors lists at SPC

A total of six students from Bailey County were named to the honor lists for the fall 1997 semester at South Plains College.

Leslie R. Clawson from Sudan was named to the President's Honor List. She qualified by being enrolled in at least 12 semester hours and earning a 4.0 grade point average.

Making the Dean's Honor List was Eduardo Rodriguez of Muleshoe, Melissa Leffler of Muleshoe, Kandy Wilcox of Muleshoe, Andrew Willheim of Muleshoe, and Diana Salamaana of Sudan. These students were enrolled in at least 12 semester hours, and earned a grade point average of at least 3.25.

Last week to order Valentine cookies

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To place an order call 272-4012 or contact a member of Calvary Baptist Church. Last day for orders is Feb. 5. All proceeds go to benefit the Calvary Baptist Church Youth Group.

Project Graduation parent meeting

There is a Project Graduation 1998 parents meeting scheduled for 5 p.m., Monday, Feb. 2 at the 16th and Ave D Church of Christ.

Save lives, donate blood Feb. 5

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South Plains Community Action meeting

In keeping with the intent of the Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) Act, prior to submitting the Fiscal year 1998 performance statement and planning budget, South Plains Community Action Association, Inc. must conduct a public meeting.

The meeting will be designated to receive public input on the issue of CSGB funds and receive input on the types of services that may be needed in the community.

The meeting is at 7 p.m. Feb. 5, 1998 at Bailey County Community Action, 804 W. American Blvd. in Muleshoe.

For additional information concerning this program contact Janie Mejia from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays at 804 W American Blvd in Muleshoe or by calling 272-7537.

Lazbuddie seniors host luncheon Feb 8

Seniors at Lazbuddie high school invite everyone to a Valentine luncheon from 11:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8, 1998 at the Lazbuddie cafeteria.

The students will serve enchiladas, beans and rice, guacamole and queso with tostados, tossed salad, cherry cobbler a la mode, and homemade desserts.

The cost is \$6 and \$4 for a "lite" plate. Takeouts are available.

Junior High Valentine dance Feb 13

Watson Junior High theatre students are hosting a Valentine's Dance from 8 p.m. to midnight, Friday, Feb. 13 at the Muleshoe Volunteer Fire Department station.

The cost is \$3. Music will be provided by local DJ Danny May. The dance will serve as a fund raiser for a trip to New York City.

Return overdue books without a fine

The City Council has proclaimed Feb. 16-20 Muleshoe Area Public Library Amnesty Week. People with overdue materials will be able to turn them into the library without paying their overdue fines. There will not be another opportunity this year to return overdue materials without a fine.

Public library hosts annual book sale

During Feb. 16-20, the Muleshoe Area Public Library will be having their annual book sale. The money from the book sale will go to benefit the library renovation project. Please come in to the library and give a wonderful book a new home. Donations will gladly be accepted.

Friends of the Library meeting

The Friends of the Library are having a "Get Acquainted" meeting, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 16 in the Muleshoe Area Public Library. Anyone who is interested in becoming a Friend of the Library is encouraged to come.

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Now its the Senate's turn to move forward with the reform sitting in their laps waiting further action. Of course, once they are finished, the House must agree on any changes and then it's up to the President.

Combest realizes that taxpayers are also antsy to see what the government will do to reduce income taxes.

Right now Combest expects two major plans to be presented and heavily scrutinized in the House: a consumption tax and a flat tax.

The consumption tax would basically be a national sales tax and virtually eliminate income tax as it is known. The flat tax would repeal the current income tax system and replace it with a low, flat tax, currently proposed at 17 percent.

Before any sweeping reform is passed, Combest said that there are many sides to con-

sider and serious issues to examine carefully. "We need to understand the implications major tax reform could have on the economy. The wrong type of reform could have major repercussions and a negative impact."

Besides working on taxes and balancing the budget, Combest, who is up for re-election this year, will also be busy on the agricultural front. If re-elected, Combest will head the House Agriculture committee next year.

Current agriculture legislation includes a pending resolution for complete reauthorization for agricultural research. Also being drafted is a bill intended to solve credit issues and problems in agricultural and farm services.

Overall, Combest is positive about the current state of the country. "It looks very promising but there are some cautionary signs, such as the Asian market, which may or may not have economic impacts."

VOTERS

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one contested race in the primaries. Voters in precinct four have will have to decide between two candidates for county commissioner: incumbent Bennie Claunch and challenger Jerry Damron.

Two candidates, Sherri Harrison and Jan Pierce, are running for County Clerk, however, on different tickets.

Candidates chosen by the different political parties on March 10 will face each other in the general election in September.

UIL

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competitive balance intact in a society where populations can fluctuate wildly in two years.

Moore said playing in District 1-3A has worked out about as well as it could.

"We've been very pleased

with the folks we've been playing," Moore said.

Both Coach Wood and the superintendent said they prefer to be in the same district as Friona and Dimmitt.

Lazbuddie is expected to be moved down to the small school

division, according to school superintendent Phil Warren.

Warren said being in the small school division, which was 85 or less high school students two years ago, allows Lazbuddie to be more competitive in all sports and activities.

New Century reports improved earnings

DENVER — New Century Energies, the parent company of Southwestern Public Service, Tuesday reported higher fourth quarter earnings compared to 1996.

For the year, earnings were down although revenues were up.

For the fourth quarter of 1997, which ended Dec. 31, Denver-based New Century reported a net income of \$85.9 million, or 82 cents per share, on revenues of \$883.9 million.

For the same period in 1996, net income was

\$60.1 million, or 58 cents per share, on revenues of \$810.8 million.

The increased fourth-quarter earnings in 1997 was primarily attributed to higher retail electricity sales and natural gas deliveries due to customer to higher growth, colder than normal weather, and lower labor and employee benefit expenses resulting from the merger.

Yorkshire Electricity in Britain also contributed to the improved earnings. New Century owns 50 percent of the British operation.



The early Christian church had at least two saints named Valentine. One secretly married young couples. The other was unjustly imprisoned and received loving notes in his jail cell window. In 496, Pope Gelasius named February 14 as St. Valentine's Day.

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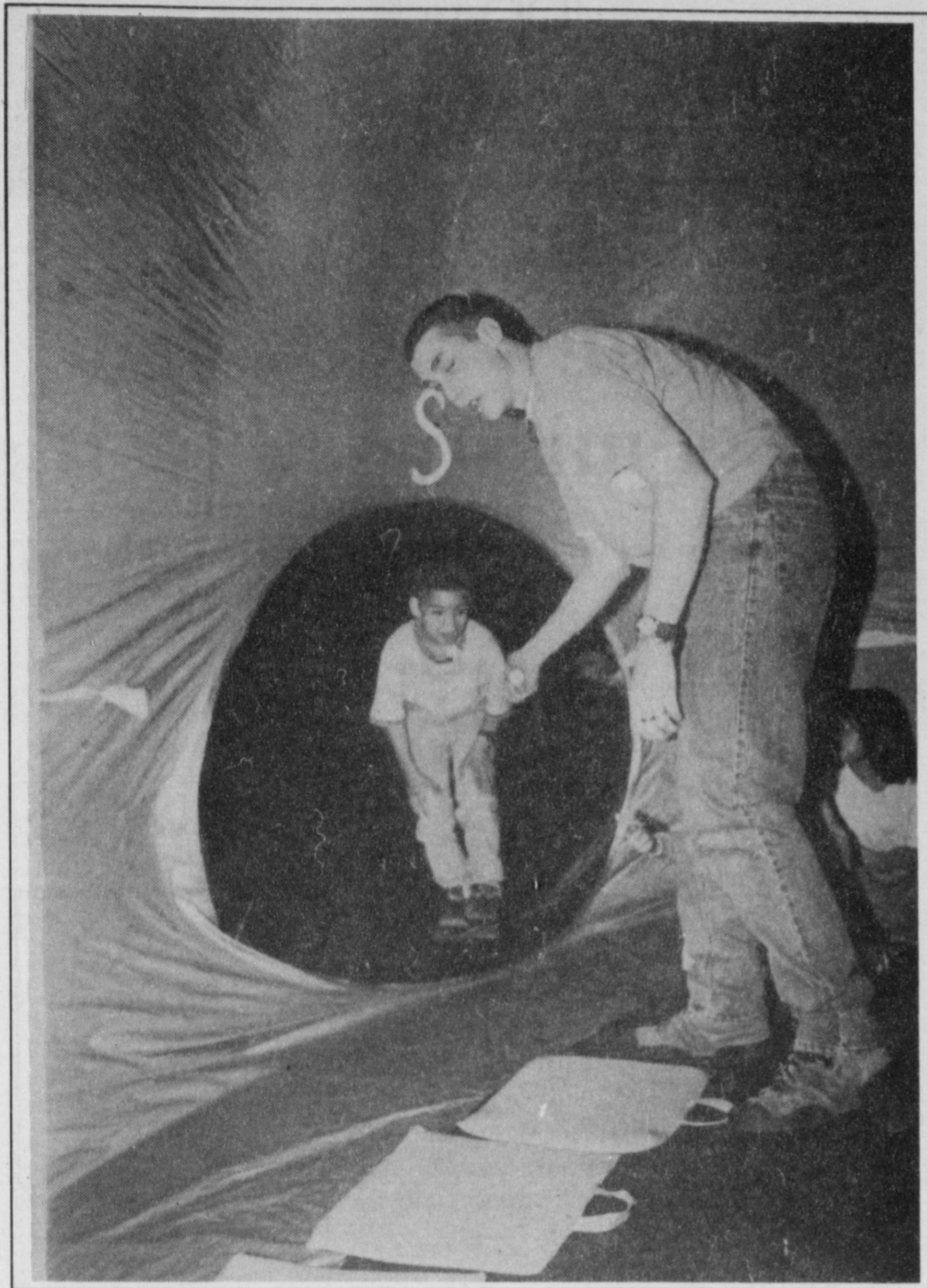
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Jesse Rodriguez gets a helping hand out of a planetarium brought to Dillman Elementary from The Science Spectrum in Lubbock. The event was hosted by the second grade PTA.

Lowe's opens 45th grocery store in area

Friena residents won't have to travel far to find fresh produce and friendly service. Lowe's has announced the grand opening of their newest grocery store.

Starting Jan. 28, 1998 the people of Friena can be some of the first to shop in the newest addition to the Lowe's family name. The Friena Lowe's is the 45th grocery store for the company to own. The other 44 stores are concentrated all over West Texas and New Mexico.

Since 1964, the Lowe's family has been providing quality groceries and courteous service to customers across the region. Company President and General Manager, Roger Lowe Sr., says their history of friendly, neighborhood service can be traced back to their beginnings.

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The word "curfew" comes from the French expression *couver feu* which means cover the fire.



Tax help available to low income families

The annual federal income tax filing season has arrived and the volunteers of the "Volunteer Income Tax Assistance" (VITA) program are ready to provide FREE tax preparation and tax assistance again this year.

The service is available to lower income people whose primary income is from W-2 wages.

Trained volunteers will provide free assistance by checking the return you have prepared for accuracy, by assisting you in preparing your re-

turn, or by preparing your return for you.

This service will be provided for the 1040EZ, 1040A, and the basic 1040 with schedule A. Earned income credit and childcare credits will be calculated when applicable.

All sites are open to everyone who qualifies for our service.

Assistance is available at the following locations in Lubbock: 800 Broadway (The Courthouse Annex), Room 106. The site will be open from 12 noon to 4 p.m. on Monday,

Wednesday and Friday of each week starting on Jan. 28 through April 15.

A second site is Mahon Library, 1306 9th Street. This site will be open each Saturday morning from 9 a.m. to 12 noon starting Jan. 24.

Bring all of the W-2s and 1099s you received, social security cards for yourself, spouse and each dependent being claimed, and a copy of your 1996 tax return.

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MHS puts clamps on Squaws again

Familiarity breeds not only contempt — but good defense.

For the second time this season, Muleshoe put the defensive clamps on Friona, holding the Squaws to seven first half points during a 41-31 District 1-3A win Tuesday at WJHS gym.

The seven points are actually an improvement from the first time the teams met, when the Lady Mules limited Friona to five points.

"We match up with them so well," Muleshoe coach Jim Gruhlkey said. "I think that's our biggest advantage. Knowing what they like to do also helps."

Lindsey Field scored 18 points and Erin Wilhite added 14 points and 11 rebounds as the Lady Mules (14-10 overall, 5-4 in district) kept their playoff hopes alive.

Muleshoe is tied for fourth with River Road, two games behind co-leaders Perryton and River Road with five games left.

"We're just trying to survive game-to-game," Gruhlkey said.

Muleshoe doubled hard from the weakside on Friona's post

DISTRICT 1-3A

Girls

	Dist	All
Perryton	7-2	18-6
Dimmitt	7-2	14-11
Friona	6-3	17-9
River Road	5-4	13-9
Muleshoe	5-4	14-10
Tulia	3-6	8-17
Dalhart	2-7	10-16
Sanford-Fritch	1-8	1-22

Tuesday's games

Muleshoe 41, Friona 31
Dimmitt 50, Tulia 40
Perryton 75, River Road 69 2OT
Dalhart 50, Sanford-Fritch 33

Friday's games

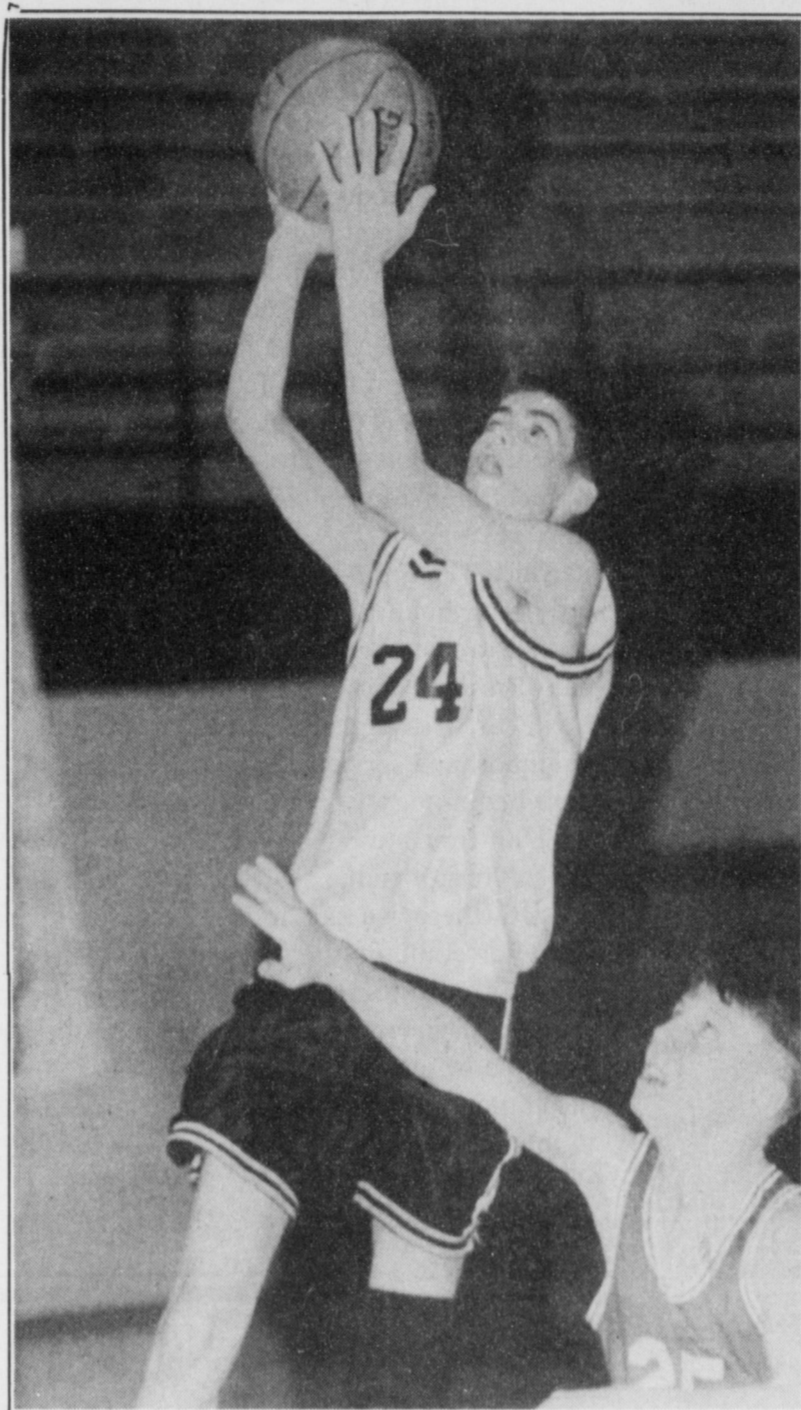
Muleshoe at Dalhart; Tulia at Perryton; River Road at Dimmitt, Sanford-Fritch at Friona

defenders and ran hard at the shooters, harassing the Squaws into 23 percent shooting.

Friona (17-9, 6-3) led only once, 26-25, on Tammy Spencer's third of four 3-pointers three minutes into the fourth quarter.

Muleshoe regained the lead on a pair of Field buckets inside and then some breathing room on Wilhite's three-point play with 1:45 left.

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High flier

Watson Junior High's Brennan Broyles soars past a Friona defender for a layup Monday during a 7th-grade game earlier this week. Friona won the game 41-39.

Friona loss leaves Mules in danger of missing playoffs

A hard-to-explain 58-52 loss at home Tuesday against Friona leaves Muleshoe in the unenviable position of needing outside help to make the playoffs.

The Mules' third district loss most likely forces them to run the table during the second half of the District 1-3A season if they entertain any hope of making the playoffs.

No easy task with games against two of the state's top four ranked teams ahead.

"We know what's ahead and what we've got to do," Muleshoe coach Ralph Mason said. "Hopefully we have the maturity and experience to take care of our end."

What Muleshoe (17-8 overall, 4-3 in district) couldn't take care of Tuesday was an improved and physical Friona team that hung around long enough to find a way to steal a win.

Sophomore Joseph Bandy supplied a huge lift off the bench for the Chieftains (18-4, 5-2), who roared back from

DISTRICT 1-3A

Boys

	Dist	All
Tulia	7-0	24-0
Dimmitt	6-1	17-7
Friona	5-2	18-4
Muleshoe	4-3	17-8
Sanford-Fritch	3-4	7-16
Dalhart	2-5	11-11
Perryton	1-6	6-14
River Road	0-7	2-24

Tuesday's games

Friona 58, Muleshoe 52
Tulia 54, Dimmitt 48
Sanford-Fritch 56, Dalhart 54
Perryton 68, River Road 45

Friday's games

Muleshoe at Dalhart; Tulia at Perryton; River Road at Dimmitt, Sanford-Fritch at Friona

seven points down to stun the Mules.

Bandy's long 3-pointer with 1:45 left put Friona in front for good 49-48. Bandy scored five of his nine points in the last four minutes.

Two Aaron King free throws put Friona up 53-50 with 45 seconds left, still plenty of time

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Lady 'Horns end losing streak

LUBBOCK — Lazbuddie took a break from its rugged district schedule and picked up a much needed win.

Lazbuddie halted a five-game losing streak Tuesday, beating Lubbock Christian High School 47-42, the Lady Longhorns first win since Jan. 6.

Rachel Rodriguez and Roxann Warren each scored 12 points and Scottie Brown finished with 11 as Lazbuddie (14-10) beat LCHS for the second time this season.

Down by three, Brown tied the game at 40 with her second 3-pointer two minutes into the fourth quarter and the Lady Longhorns limited LCHS to two points the rest of the way.

LCHS' quick start dooms 'Horns

LUBBOCK — A big first quarter and a huge edge at the free throw line pushed Lubbock Christian High School past Lazbuddie 56-46 Tuesday in a non-district boys basketball game.

Heath O'Bannon and Matt Paden hit a pair of 3-pointers each in a 24-point first quarter to put LCHS up by 10.

The Longhorns (12-5) never got closer than six points the rest of the way.

DISTRICT 3-1A

Girls

	Dist	All
Nazareth	5-0	21-5
Farwell	3-2	21-5
Vega	3-2	14-10
Happy	1-4	13-11
Lazbuddie	0-4	14-10

Tuesday's results

Nazareth 41, Happy 30
Vega 63, Farwell 51

Friday's games

Happy at Lazbuddie, Vega at Nazareth, Farwell open

"We've continued to work hard and haven't got down, but we needed a win bad," Lazbuddie coach Carey Sudduth said. "We played a better defense in the second half and got the ball inside."

The Lady Longhorns were missing two players because of the flu, including second-leading scorer Holly Engelking.

Kristy Stevens led LCHS with 13 points and Tabitha Cubty added 12.

The Lady Longhorns (0-4 in district) returned to league play Friday, hosting Happy (13-11, 1-4) in battle of fourth and fifth place teams.

Lazbuddie (47) — Brown 4 1-4 11, Rodriguez 2 7-11 12, Via 3 3-4 9, Morris 0 1-2 1, Warren 5 2-4 12, DeLeon 1 0-0 2. Totals 15 14-25 47.

LCHS (42) — Stevens 6 1-2 13, ZJ. Cubty 3 2-2 10, Richardson 1 0-2 2, Ellison 0 2-2 2, T. Cubty 11, Gililand 2 0-0 4. Totals 16 5-10 42.

Lazbuddie 9 11 17 10 47
LCHS 13 9 14 6 42

3-pointers: Lazbuddie 3 (Brown 2, Engelking); LCHS 3 (J. Cubty 2, T. Cubty).

DISTRICT 3-1A

Boys

	Dist	All
Lazbuddie	3-1	13-4
Happy	3-2	11-13
Farwell	3-2	13-12
Nazareth	3-2	8-15
Vega	0-4	4-20

Tuesday's results

Nazareth 49, Happy 46
Farwell 46, Vega 38

Friday's games

Happy at Lazbuddie, Vega at Nazareth, Farwell open

"Every time we made a run at them, they always answered," Lazbuddie coach Phil Warren said. "We didn't shot the ball well, but we didn't get any help when we got the ball inside either."

LCHS made 21 of 30 free throws in the game compared to 3 of 3 for Lazbuddie.

Josh Morris had three 3-pointers and 15 points to pace

see **HORNS** on page 5

Muleshoe JV wins 10th straight

Muleshoe survived a third-quarter charge, rallying for a 44-35 win against Friona Tuesday in a District 1-3A boys junior varsity basketball game.

With the score tied at 31, Muleshoe outscored the Chieftains 13-4 in the fourth quarter.

Ryan Hodge led Muleshoe (19-3) with 11 points, including one of the Mules' five 3-pointers.

Jeff Bruns added two 3-pointers and 10 points as Muleshoe stretched its winning streak to 10 remained undefeated in district play.

Friona (35) — Bustos 14, White 3, Niell 6, Smith 2, Mata 10.

Muleshoe (44) — Hodge 11, Barrett 4, Baeza 5, Reyes 6, Mason 3, Bruns 10, McLanahan 1, Turney 4, Latham, Black, Vaughn, Norman, Ramage.


Friona 7 12 12 4 35
Muleshoe 15 11 5 13 44

3-pointers: Friona 1 (White); Muleshoe 4 (Bruns 2, Baeza, Hodge). Muleshoe 19-3.

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Clark Price was born September 4, 1915 at his parent's country home in Seneca, NM. Mr. Price attended school at Seneca until the eighth grade and then "went to farming" to help his family during the Depression. Clark shared his chores with two brothers and three sisters. Mr. Price married his first wife, Mae, in February of 1946. Mae passed away in 1988. He then remarried in 1989. Hazel, his second wife, passed away in December of 1996.

Mr. Price spent several years farming and was in service of our country in WWII. He also worked for a New Mexico State Park from 1967 to 1980. He built shelters and took care of park guests.


Mr. Price moved to Muleshoe in January of 1981 to be near his only son, Arnold Price. Arnold is the owner of Pivot Products here in Muleshoe. Clark has three grandchildren.

Mr. Price enjoys gardening and hopes to return to the garden this Spring after recovering from his illness. He also enjoys baking cookies for the Muleshoe Nursing Home.

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Clark Price

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SHE WON HER ARGUMENT WITH JESUS!

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...JESUS ALWAYS MAINTAINED THAT HIS MISSION WAS TO PREACH TO THE JEWS AND NO ONE ELSE AND, WHILE RESTING NEAR THE CITY OF TYRE, HE WAS APPROACHED BY THE WOMAN WHO, MOVED WITH CONCERN FOR HER SICK DAUGHTER, PLEADED FOR JESUS' HEALING — JESUS' ANSWER WAS IN ACCORD WITH HIS LOGIC....

... SPEAKING, AS WAS HIS WONT, IN PARABLE, HE INFORMED HER IT WAS HARDLY RIGHT TO TAKE THE "FOOD" (HIS HEALING) THAT WAS MEANT FOR THE "CHILDREN" (THE JEWS) AND CAST IT TO THE "DOGS" (GENTILES)... BUT THE WOMAN ANSWERED WITH SOME LOGIC OF HER OWN, "TRUTH, LORD, YET THE DOGS EAT OF THE CRUMBS WHICH FALL FROM THEIR MASTER'S TABLE." SO IMPRESSED WAS JESUS WITH THE WOMAN'S SINCERITY AND FAITH THAT HE COMMENDED HER AND TOLD HER THE DAUGHTER WOULD BE HEALED INSTANTLY! (MATT 15:27, MARK 7:28)

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West Plains Telecommunications should be noted for outstanding years of devotion. Appreciation is long overdue.

Mike Hahn
Muleshoe

Immunization law benefits many Texas families

The Texas Legislature has a New Year's gift for many Texas families.

As of Jan. 1, a new law requires many insurance companies and HMOs to provide immunizations to children under age 6 with co-payment, deductible or coinsurance requirement.

Our legislators recognize that we cannot afford to let financial considerations endanger our children's welfare. They've removed yet another barrier children getting their shots on time.

Many families will be helped by this law in the coming months. The Texas Department of Insurance estimates that more than 4.8 million Texans have HMO coverage or insurance affected by this new law. Families will save \$330 on immunization costs for each child covered by the time the child reaches age 6.

Without question, a high rate of compliance with the vaccination schedule provides a valuable public health benefit.

Many young parents today have no idea how dangerous childhood diseases are. They don't realize that vaccines, along with other fundamental

Guest Column

William Archer, III

public health protections such as clean water and sanitation, are responsible for the long lives we now live.

The lifespan of the average Texan has almost doubled since the beginning of this century, largely because of public health advances such as immunizations.

My parents and grandparents understood first-hand how deadly these disease were. My mother had childhood friends who died of polio. Yet, due to vaccines, I'm confident my two small sons will have the protection the need to stay healthy into adulthood.

In 1991, in response to widespread measles outbreaks throughout the nation, the National Vaccine Advisory Committee recommended that "vigorous efforts should be made, including legislation if necessary, to assure that insurers provide or reimburse for immunization as part of their basic health benefits package."

Texas is the 10th state to pass such legislation. Other

states include Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Maryland, New Jersey and New York.

The Texas Department of Health is working with physicians and local health departments to reach national immunization goals in Texas.

We've come a long way in a short time. In 1991, only approximately 40 percent of our 2-year-old children were fully immunized. Today, 74 percent are fully immunized. Our immunization rate must reach and stay at 90 percent before we know that our children are fully protected.

For those families who do not have insurance for their children and cannot afford the cost of immunization, free immunizations are offered through the federal Vaccines for Children program.

The challenge now is to make sure eligible families with health insurance and HMO coverage and their physicians know about this new benefit.

Parents and health care providers who have question may call TDH at 1-800-252-9152.

William R. Archer III, MD is a member of the Texas Commission on Health

Medicare cuts may impact elderly Texans

Very little attention has been focused on the massive cuts to home health care under Medicare made by Congress last summer when it passed the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, but thousands of Texas families are about to feel and devastating effects.

Beginning in February 1998, 25,000 to 40,000 elderly Texans will lose their current home health services.

As 1998 progresses, many thousands more elderly persons and their families may find that they cannot get the home health services they need.

More than \$16 billion in home health services will be deleted from projected Medicare expenditures over the next five years.

The absence of these home health services will sorely burden Texas' state budget because many of these elderly will use Medicaid—the state/federal medical program for the poor—to meet the demands of their chronic illnesses.

This spells disaster, for Texas at least! Our state has more elderly people living below the poverty level than any state in the Nation. As far as Texas is concerned, it appears that Congress has passed the buck from the federal government to state government.

The dozens of changes Medicare embodied in the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 add up to the

demise of desperately needed home care services under Medicare.

The result is that the federal government is shedding responsibility for those elderly patients who need sustained home care services in order to continue living in their own homes independently.

That is really the saddest part of this scenario the effect it will have on elderly Texans who have thus far been able to retain their pride and independence with the help of home care.

Many of them will be forced into nursing homes to get their needed care, or they will bounce in and out of hospitals as their diabetic, cardiac or other conditions begin to destabilize.

This care is much more expensive when administered in a hospital or nursing home than through home care services, and the patients find it much less desirable.

By far the most troubling aspect of the situation is the fact that we Texas taxpayers are going to pay dearly for these changes. We will pay for them not only through additional state taxes for Medicaid, but also through the pain of watching our loved ones lose their dignity and their independence.

Anita Bradberry is executive director of the Texas Association for Home Care

Guest Column

Anita Bradberry

Continued marketing of heifers slowing progress in cattle cycle

The cattle cycle is unlikely to turn before 2000, report economists with USDA's Economic Research Service. For the second year in a row, producers retained fewer heifers than indicated in USDA's Jan. 1 cattle inventory report.

In both years feed or forage conditions deteriorated, encouraging the marketing of heifers as feeder animals rather than retention for breeding. Producers indicated on Jan. 1, 1997, that they were retaining 2 percent fewer beef heifers than

the previous year, but the July 1 report indicated a reduction of 4 percent.


Although feed grain prices were well below a year earlier in the spring and summer of 1997, pasture and range conditions were once again disappointing and hay prices were at record levels, reflecting very tight forage supplies and harsh winter conditions in the northern states.

The Oct. Cattle on Feed report found 21 percent more heifers on feed than a year

earlier. In addition, heifer slaughter for the first nine months of the year was at a near-record pace, second only to the prime herd liquidation years of the mid-1970s.

Beef cow slaughter remained near the high year-earlier level during the first quarter of 1997, as continued tight forage supplies led producers to cull less efficient cows. Since spring, however, beef cow slaughter has been down about 20 percent from a year earlier and more decline is expected.

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Muleshoe High DECA students advance to state

Muleshoe High School DECA students participated in the District 8 Career Development conference in Amarillo Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 26 and 27, at Amarillo High School.

The following twelve students won first place and will advance to state competition:

Kaycie Cox—business and financial services marketing research;

Melissa Lozano and Stephanie Sexton — food marketing marketing research; Bobby Ellis, Becky Flores

and Katie Woodworth — civic consciousness team event;

Thelma Castillo, Angela Castorena and Lisa Garcia — learn and earn team event;

John Paul Bustillos, Josh McElroy and Michael Thompson — public relations team event.

Congratulations to these DECA members and good luck at state competition in Austin in February.

DECA is developing future leaders in marketing and management.



Muleshoe High DECA students

BRIDAL SHOWER

Sonja Smith was honored at a bridal shower Jan. 23, 1998 at the hospitality room of Muleshoe Area Medical Center.

aunt of the bride, Rubie Kraft, aunt of the bride, and Andria Johnson, friend from Levelland.

The serving table was decorated with white lace with hunter napkins and a crystal punch bowl with serving pieces. Refreshments were bread, cookies, nuts, mints, and almond vanilla punch.

Hostess were Pat Prater, Debbie Lovelady, Alice Felan, Berna Villalobos, Zona Gatewood, Barbara Mills, Lynda Low, Toni King, Pam Helton, Becky Weaver, Kay Mardis, Kay Graves.

Special guests include Kay Gray, mother of the bride, Wanda Kittrel, grandmother of the bride, Audrey Kittrel,

Hostess gift was a Hoover Vacuum, and hunter and burgundy silk floral that decorated the serving table.

NURSING HOME NEWS

Thursday morning Pastor and our ombudsman, David McIntire, directed the Devotional and Reflection time. J.C. Shanks and Zona Gatewood directed the songs and music.

Friday morning the residents and staff took an imaginary trip to New Mexico, the Land of Enchantment. Lunch was served in the La Casa dining room, the Capital City of Santa Fe. We toured the oldest church, old houses, the place of the Governors, the plaza and a fry bread booth along the way.

In the day room of the Healthcare Center the residents made fry bread from scratch. The bread was served with honey while hot, out of the pan. We enjoyed a performance by Kaleiga, played by Carrie Morris, and the Indian maiden at the antique store, played by Crystal Castro. Music was provided by Billie Downing.

Saturday morning J.C. Shanks came to cut the men's hair and give shaves.

Mike Jones visited the Bible study Sunday morning, taught by Clara Lou Jones.

Brother and sister Green, Debra Noble, Billie Downing and Leona Harris from the Progress Baptist Church came Sunday afternoon for Church services.

Monday the residents watched a video of the Pueblo Indians of New Mexico. The tape was filmed by Mike Jones as he and his mother, Clara Lou Jones toured the reservation.

Tuesday afternoon Claudine Embry, Mary Jo Burge, Pat Watson, and Beverly Wagon came to shampoo and set the ladies hair and give a lot of T.L.C.

Velva Fryie came by to visit and encourage. She delivered some nice magazines also.

Guy Kindall was visited over the weekend by his son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Kendall of Houston, his daughter Darla Haye and sons Cody and Dusty of Clovis, his granddaughter Tommie and great grandson Dillon.

Joe Embry and Herald Burge came by Tuesday for some friendly conversation with the

residents.

Among those visiting Sam White this week were his wife Juanite White, grandsons Brian White and Paul Jackson, Afton Stancell, Flo Davis and Duane and Linda White.

Melvin Griffin made and hung a bird feeder outside of Sam's window.

Karen Cook, Nancy Lemons and David McIntire brought Indian artifacts for us to display Friday at our Santa Fe Day.

Nettie Quesenberry received visits from her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lane, her grand daughter Michelle, and Mrs. Damron.

Maxine Kimbrough visited her mother Vera Downing Tuesday.

Melvin Griffin delivered a fresh baked, still warm from the oven, banana nut cake baked by Wanda Griffin Tuesday. It was enjoyed by residents and Beauty Shop volunteers.

Teen volunteers Kimberly Dickerson and Chris Garcia came to work and help out this week.

Wednesday morning Jane Reeder, Loyce Killingsworth, Harald and Mary Jo Burge served coffee, juice and donuts to the residents. Following coffee time, Loyce Killingsworth and Jim Claunch directed our sing-spiration time.

Glenda Jennings and Jonessa Brockman came Wednesday afternoon for the sing-a-long and puppet show.

Dee and Ruth Clements will celebrate their 71st wedding anniversary Friday Jan. 30th. Congratulations !!

Mrs. Gibbs went out for supper with her son Boyd Gibbs of Lubbock Wednesday.

Edd Edmistrion will celebrate his birthday Feb. 5th. Happy Birthday Edd.

Jeanetta Hukills sister and brother-in-law, Carrie Lue and Cleo Richards of Lubbock and her daughter and son-in-law, Melvin and Wanda Griffin hosted and attended (Mrs. Hukill's) the Jan. birthday party with her, Thursday.

The local A.A.R.P. gave a donation to the Care Center.

Muleshoe public library receives technology grant

The Muleshoe Area Public Library has received a grant in the amount of \$10,000 from the Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund Board.

This TIF grant is designed to provide public libraries with the necessary equipment to allow their patrons access to the Internet.

"We are very pleased to receive this award," said Librarian Dyan Shipley.

"We will use TIF funds to bring the Internet into our library as an effective means of gathering information. Please be patient with us. This process will take some time. We plan to have the Internet in the library

by the later part of 1998."

This grant was a noncompetitive award process designed to level the playing field across the state.

TIF was created by the 74th

Legislature, under House Bill 2128, and is designed to provide grants and loans to improve telecommunications infrastructure around the state.

The most recent grant award

stresses the importance of modernizing the infrastructure of public libraries as a part of the overall plan to increase the economic competitiveness of Texas.

How Do You Deal With What You Cannot Control?

Some of us are pretty sure that two years ago when the UIL (University Interscholastic League) moguls got together to decide who would play whom athletically, the officials must have met in a dark, smoky room heavy with the acrid fumes of something smelling like burning rope, and up to their knees in empty beer cans. Unless they

for the next two years we will deal with the very practical consequences of a decision made by folks most of us will never even meet.

Do you realize how much of life is like that? I know we like to think we are in control of much of our own lives, but . . .

I have precious little to say (even in a democracy) about how much of what I earn goes to Washington, but that amount affects my family every day.

I think it is utterly irresponsible and criminal to drink and drive, but if a drunk driver going the wrong way on the highway hits my car, and my family, we get to deal with the consequences of a tragedy we did not set in motion.

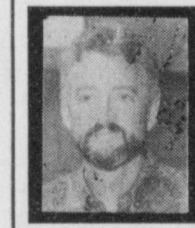
And if we have little control over the actions of other people, how much less do we have over, say, the weather, or the genetic predispositions passed down to us by our great-great-grandparents, or the microbes we'll be breathing in with the next breath?

When all is said and done, lots that is said and done by other folks, and much that just "happens" in this world, affects me and mine a great deal more than I like to think. And what do I get to control? In many arenas of life, about the only thing I can control is my attitude toward the many things in life which I cannot control.

Ultimately, only God is in control. I'm surely not.

Gotta go. We're driving to Dalhart today because UIL . . .

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Focus On Faith
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were "high" or drunk, why else, pray tell, would they put Muleshoe in the same district with Perryton, two towns barely in the same state?

Why indeed? It didn't make economic sense to waste gallons of extra gas and diesel and at the same time lower the "gate" by putting a damper on attendance. It didn't make academic sense to ship kids halfway across the state, often on school nights, run 'em ragged, and then expect them to perform fantastically the next day. It just didn't seem to make sense. But they did it anyway.

I hope they don't do it again. But I'm told we'll learn this Monday morning what the next two years will hold "district-wise," because the announcement is set for 9:00 a.m. Monday. Like it or not,

BIRTHS

ALEXANDER DIAZ
Angelica Diaz of Muleshoe announces the birth of her first child, Alexander Diaz.

Alexander was born at 5:05 p.m. Jan. 26, 1998 at University Medical Center in Lubbock. He weighed 9 lbs., 11 oz.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jose Diaz of Muleshoe. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jose Olivas of Muleshoe.

CAMERON HARDWICK
Michael and Jenna Hardwick of Ralls announce the birth of their son, Cameron Scott.

He was born at 5:11 p.m. on Jan. 17, 1998 at University Medical Center in Lubbock. He weighed 7 lbs. and was 20 3/4 inches long.

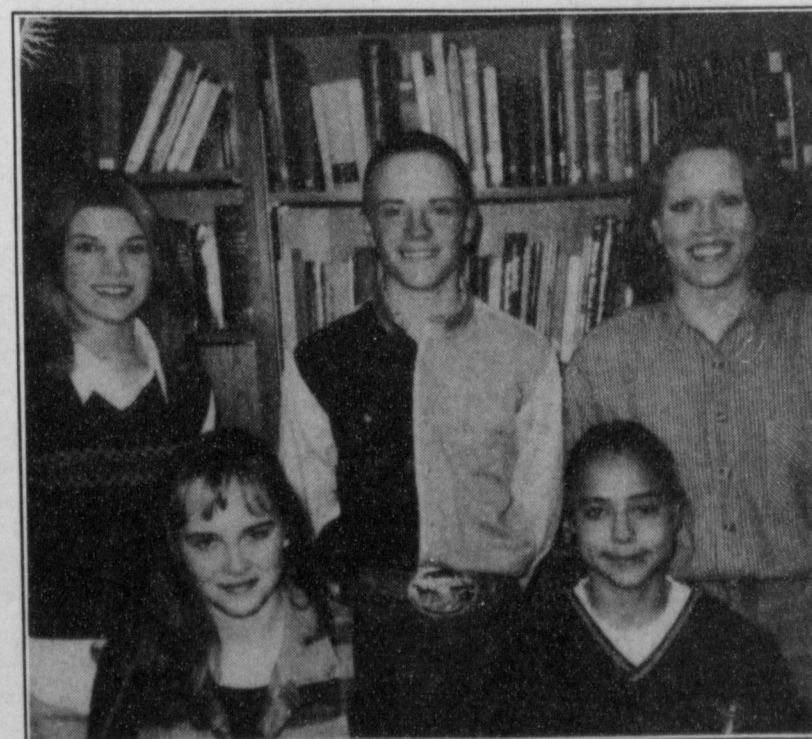
Grandparents are Gary and Joy Glover of Muleshoe, Vince and Calvin Sharp of Lubbock.

Lazbuddie students make All-Region Band

Five Lazbuddie High School Band members auditioned for and made the A/AA All-Region Band in Abernathy on January 12.

There were approximately four hundred students auditioning for the one hundred member band.

Junior Shena Seaton made second chair french horn, junior Rachel Rodriguez made sixth chair bass clarinet, sophomore Kristen Carson made eighth chair trumpet, Sophomore Michael Carson made fourteenth chair trombone and Freshman Kendra Gallman made twenty fourth chair clarinet.



Lazbuddie High All-Region Qualifiers

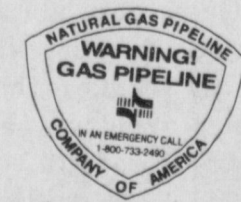
The Lazbuddie High School band members that qualified for All Region Band were (front, from left) Kristen Carson, Rachel Rodriguez, (back, from left) Kendra Gallman, Michael Carson and Shena Seaton.

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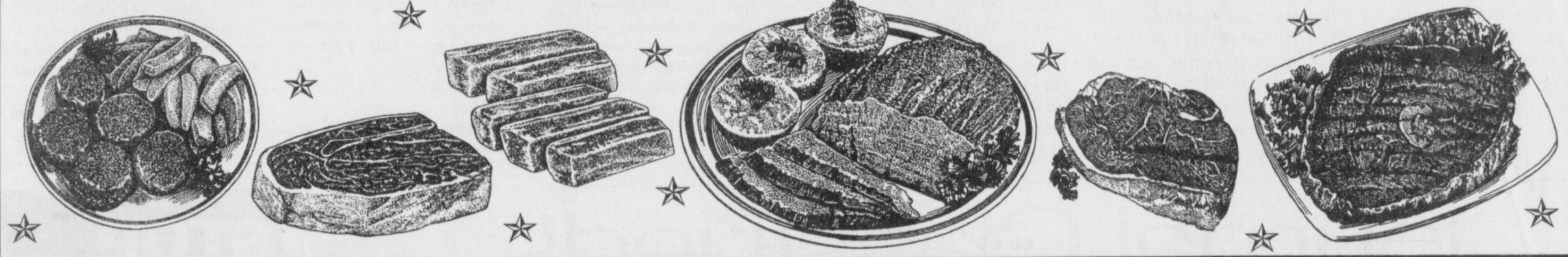
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