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A QUICK READ OF THE NEWS

Advertising for love

Some people seeking a companion rely on personal ads or dating services.

William Billings of Pittsburgh had a bigger idea in mind — he rented a billboard.

Drivers along Route 51 in the Overbrook section of Pittsburgh see Billings' grinning face plastered on a billboard along the highway, asking the question, "R U 4 Me?"

He describes himself and his quest this way: "Active, fun-loving, 5'8" SWM seeking a nonsmoking SWF 30 to 50 who wants to enjoy life and loves animals, romance and dancing all night."

The billboard also includes the 50-year-old man's phone number and e-mail address.

The \$200 sign has produced some results. Billings said that since the sign went up about a month ago, he has gone on a dozen dates.

Follow that cab!

When an escaped bank robber used a getaway taxicab for the third time in four days, it landed him back in the slammer.

Noel Miller, 48, was serving a nine-year sentence for a San Francisco bank robbery when he fled May 10 from Cornell Correctional Institute.

He was loose for 12 days.

He arrived in New Orleans last week and took up residence at a motel, police said. Two days later, he allegedly robbed Omni Bank in Metairie, taking a taxi to the airport and vanishing.

But after allegedly knocking off a New Orleans bank and a St. Rose, La., bank on Monday morning and heading back to the airport, his luck ran out: A witness this time followed his cab and notified police.

Miller, who was still staying at the New Orleans motel, told investigators he was robbing banks to finance a gambling habit as well as to support himself, authorities said.



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On this date in history

May 30 — The Confederate government of Texas surrenders to the Union (1865). The Galveston Causeway is dedicated by Gov. Oscar B. Colquitt, and six thousand vehicles use it the first day (1912).

June 1 — Texas' Constitutional Convention convenes in Austin (1868).

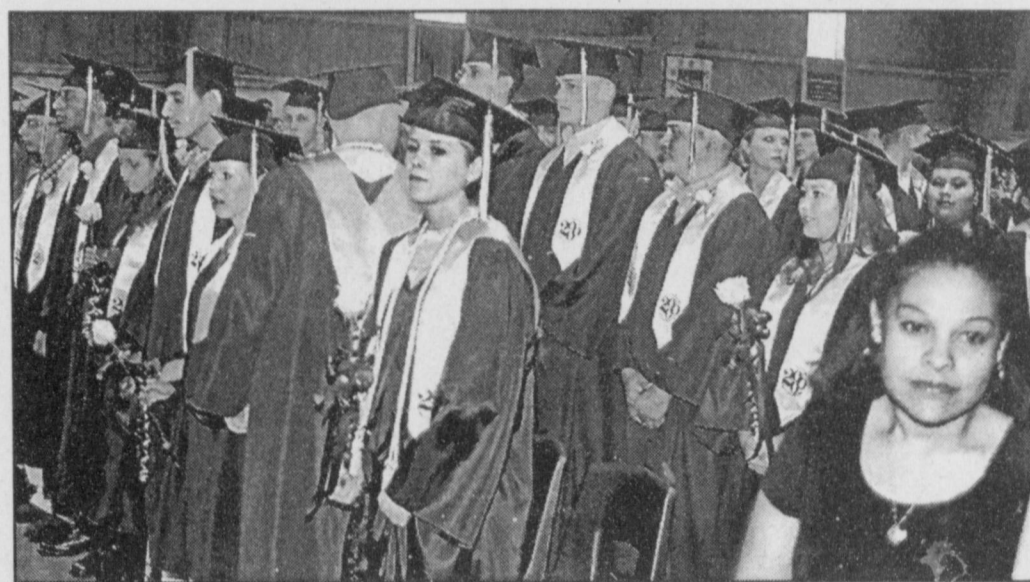
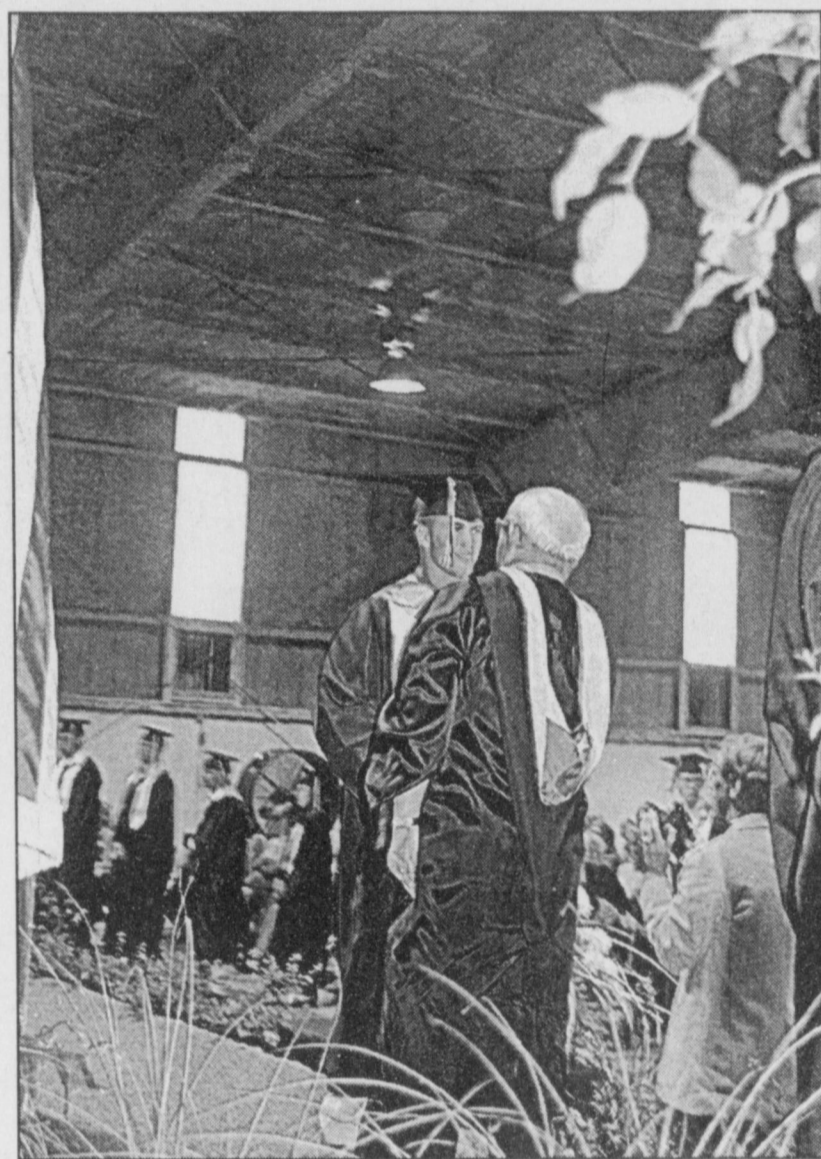
LOCAL WEATHER

The heat should begin returning in earnest Sunday, with a high in the upper 90s — reaching near 100 on Monday with a slight chance for evening showers. Tuesday should bring some temperature relief, with a high near 90 and continuing cloudiness. Wednesday and Thursday should reach at least the mid-90s.

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It's a wrap! Class of 2000 ends high school years



Journal photos: Ronn Smith

Members of the graduating class begin the evening with somber expressions (above, with an unidentified audience member) as they wait for their classmates to march into the Coliseum. At left, Clint Black is congratulated by High School Principal Dave Jenkins after Jenkins had switched Black's tassel from left to right, signifying the completion of high school studies.

Humor, inspiration mark commencement

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The faces of the Class of 2000 were mostly subdued as commencement began Friday night, but as the evening wore on, there was perhaps more humor and less sadness than usual in the annual rite of spring.

The keynote speaker, MHS speech teacher Dr. Kerry Moore, delivered serious lessons about role models but served them up with bits of humor.

Saying that his catch-phrase for one class period whose members leaned heavily toward this year's seniors came from the popular song "Send in the Clowns," Moore said his feeling about that period after Friday night would be a wistful "Where are the clowns?"

The Class of 2000 has helped lead a revival in Muleshoe school activities across the board, from athletics to fine arts, but apparently managed to emerge not taking itself too seriously.

Both valedictorian Leonard Joyner and salutatorian Kamal Bhakta were downright lighthearted in their remarks, with Joyner continuing a recent tradition by reading from a Dr. Seuss classic — this time *Green Eggs and Ham*.

Bhakta, at times sounding more like a cheerleader than a commencement speaker, told his classmates, "You never get old until regrets take the place of dreams."

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'Beginning of Summer' scheduled

A three-ball pool tournament, darts and a watermelon-seed spitting contest are among the activities scheduled for a "Beginning of Summer" fund-raiser June 11 at Post 8570 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, 203 E. Ash.

There will be a small entry fee for each contest, but free food will be provided by the post's Ladies Auxiliary, which is organizing the event.

Raffles and drawings will be held throughout the day.

Second rabies case confirmed

STAFF AND WEB REPORTS

Bailey County's second case of rabies this spring was confirmed this week as a series of rabies clinics was being organized.

Both cases involved skunks that became aggressive toward dogs, and Dr. Scott McCall of Muleshoe Animal Clinic says skunks are the usual carriers of rabies in this part of the country.

In the latest case, the skunk was killed on the Gary Pope property a mile north of town. The earlier case was six miles out of town near West Camp.

A spokeswoman for Muleshoe Animal Clinic said Friday that people need to remember that rabies is spread in saliva, and if any animal is behaving strangely — and especially aggressively — it should not be touched.

"They don't need to try to break up

Clinic location is moved

Organizers of a June 13 rabies clinic in Muleshoe announced Friday that the clinic will be held at the new fire station rather than the old one, as previously announced.

Pets can be vaccinated at the clinic from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A similar event with the same hours is set for May 30 at the Lazbuddie schools' agriculture building.

a fight, they don't need to touch the animal at all," she said. "Even after the animal is dead, pick it up with a shovel or some other tool — don't touch it." McCall said rabies can't be cured, so

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Chamber enlists worms as helpers

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

About 200 children converged on the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce last Tuesday. They left the place crawling with bugs and worms.

The chaos was all part of a plan, though. Lavon Hunt (the project coordinator), Dawn Williams and other chamber representatives organized Wormfest 2000 to call attention to their community beautification project.

Six hundred earthworms and 30,000 ladybugs brought many expressions of amazement and at least as many screams and squeals from the kids, who are members of DeShazo Elementary School's Circle of Champions.

The students buried the earthworms in soil that will soon hold new flower beds and other landscaping around the chamber headquarters and the Mule Memorial.

And now the rest of the community

has a chance to help by sponsoring various elements that will be part of the project.

Citizens can participate for as little as \$25, which will sponsor a plank in the deck that will be built around the Mule Memorial, a new gazebo and other elements of the beautification project.

Plank donors will have the option of having a name burned into the plank. Williams suggested that children's names could be burned into the boards, so they could come back to visit decades later and see their family's contribution.

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Victor Vásquez, at right, keeps an earthworm dangling from his spoon during Wormfest even though he can't miss what's happening with his classmates and their worms.



Journal photo: Beatrice Morin

The year's hottest day so far

Fifth-graders at DeShazo Elementary School soak up Tuesday's sunshine but try to beat the day's exceptional heat by playing spongelball on the school grounds. The object of the game is to spray cool water on everyone close.



AROUND MULESHOE

Summer meal sites announced

The Summer Food Service Program, co-sponsored locally by the Muleshoe Independent School District, has announced the serving sites and times for this summer, June 1-28.

Any child age 1 to 18 is eligible to participate in this program, and discrimination based on race, color, religion, national origin, gender, age, disability or political belief is prohibited.

This year, breakfast will be served at all schools from 7:30 a.m. to 8 a.m. weekdays.

Lunches will be served from noon to 12:30 p.m. the same days in the cafeterias at Muleshoe High School, DeShazo Elementary School and Dillman Elementary School.

Blackwood Brothers to perform

The Blackwood Brothers, a top name in gospel music for more than half a century, will appear in concert at 7 p.m. June 11 at the Lazbuddie United Methodist Church.

The church is located next to the school on Highway 1172.

Among the group's popular recordings have been "How Great Thou Art," "The Old Country Church," "Just a Little Talk With Jesus," "I'll Fly Away" and "I Love to Tell the Story."

Admission to the performance is free and the public is invited; an offering will be taken.

Lions Club plans charter night

The newly organized Muleshoe Lions Club plans to celebrate charter night at 6:30 p.m. June 2 in the fellowship hall of First Baptist Church.

The club's charter will be presented during the evening's festivities.

Guest speaker for the banquet will be Jimmy M. Ross of Flomot, Texas, a former international director of Lions.

A catered meal will include grilled chicken or Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, green beans and dessert. The public is invited.

As a fund-raiser for the evening, various items donated by area merchants will be raffled off.

Tickets for the event are \$15 per person and may be purchased from Mike Precure at Precure Chiropractic or Jack Glover at the post office.

Tournament to benefit Kim Puckett

A softball tournament to benefit Kim Puckett is scheduled for June 2-4 at the Muleshoe softball park.

Entry fee is \$120 per team and the tournament is open to Lower Class D and Class E teams. Entry deadline is May 30.

Proceeds will go to the Puckett family to help defer expenses related to her treatment for leukemia.

Awards will include first, second, third and fourth-team trophies, Golden Glove and most valuable player.

A raffle for a Mizuno bag will be held during the tournament. More information is available by calling Richard Orozco at 272-3576 after 6 p.m.

Memorial Day observance set

The Memorial Day ceremony at the Bailey County Cemetery is scheduled for May 29, with the Rev. Stacy Conner of First Baptist Church to speak at 10 a.m.

The flag ceremony will be performed by Muleshoe Boy Scouts under the direction of Dr. Bruce Purdy.

The public is invited.

The deadline for items to appear in *Around Muleshoe* is 5 p.m. Monday for Thursday's editions and 5 p.m. Thursday for Sunday's editions.

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once it's contracted it's fatal. "That's why if someone is bitten by a dog and the dog runs away, so no one can tell if the animal had rabies, shots are necessary," he said.

And any mammal is susceptible, he added, even though skunks are the most common carriers in our area.

He cautions people about any skunk that is active during the day, especially if it is approaching other animals.

"It's real unusual for a human to come in contact with a rabid skunk, but it's real common for pets," he said. "Pets are more inquisitive, and it's just natural for them to go up to a skunk."

Last year the number of diagnosed cases of rabies in animals increased in Texas from 303 cases in 1998 to 400, a 32 percent rise. Early this year, about 213 cases were seen during just the first three months.

Statewide, most rabies occurs in skunks and bats, but the number of cases in dogs and cats rose from 23 in 1998 to 34 last year—a public health con-

cern especially in Willacy, Tom Green, Nolan and Cooke counties where most of last year's rabid dogs and cats lived.

This year, rabies cases in January through March centered in Denton (26 cases), Wise (18), Cooke (12), Freestone (10), Limestone (9), Erath (7) and Terrell (8) counties.

Most of the 213 cases reported in January, February and March were found in skunks

(152 cases), but nine dogs and one cat also tested positive for rabies.

Jane Mahlow, DVM, director of the Zoonosis Control Division at the Texas Department of Health, says pet owners not getting animals vaccinated annually as required by state law is a big problem.

"Often, pet owners think that if everyone else gets their pet vaccinated, then there's not a

problem for their own pet," she said. "Or they think that because their cat never leaves their yard, the animal really does not need a rabies shot every year. But the fact is every dog and cat needs a rabies vaccination each year."

Aminals

By David Sung



GRADUATES

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Moore cautioned the new graduates to be careful about what type of influences they choose to be around.

"Don't think that you are strong enough to resist bad influences," he said. "Not one of us in this audience is."

He also told them that at this stage in their lives, each of them will become a role model for someone. He asked them to "start tonight to make decisions that will make you a positive role model."

As an example of strength and character, Moore used baseball player Lou Gehrig.

Moore said that late in life, Gehrig's hands were X-rayed and a total of 17 fractures were located. Gehrig had broken every finger on both hands yet continued to perform as baseball's biggest star of his day, Moore added.

Special guests at this year's commencement were about 25 members of the Class of 1950, the first Muleshoe class that studied in the present high school building and the first to use Mules as their mascot rather than Yellowjackets.

The Class of 2000 includes 96 students.

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Those who can consider a more substantial contribution have many options, with each donation eligible to be marked by a commemorative plaque:

- Redwood flower pots — \$200;
- Park benches — \$300 each;
- Flower beds at the front of the deck — \$300 each;
- Picnic tables — \$500 each;
- Monument restoration — \$500;

- Windbreak trees — \$650;
- Large burr oak trees — \$750 each; and
- The gazebo and butterfly garden — \$1,000.

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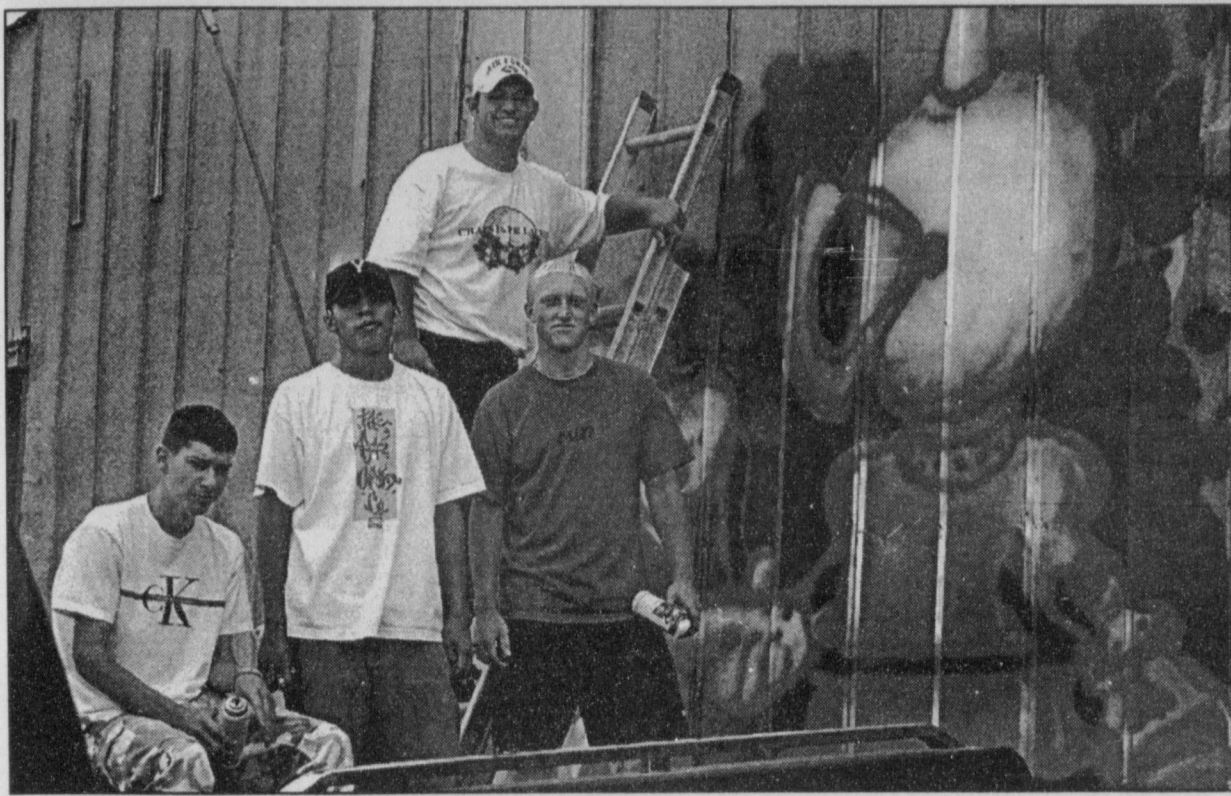
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Pre-graduation artistry

Bryce Embry (left), JoJo Elizarraraz, Cameron Nix (on ladder) and James Barrett — all members of the Muleshoe High School Class of 2000 — spend part of the day before graduation marking their territory by painting a diving scene on a building belonging to Ken and Lynn Box east of Muleshoe.



Journal photo: Beatrice Morin

Art teacher retires

Chantel White's class gathers in Chera Foster's classroom at DeShazo Elementary School in honor of Foster's May 18 retirement as art teacher at the school. From the lower left toward Foster (standing) are David Caraveo, Justin Kube, Albert Esquivel, David Del Toro and White. Seated in front of Foster is David Lucio. Continuing from left to right are Irene Domínguez, Priscilla Quezada, Mica Pugh, Ana Sigala (background) and Renessia Hernández (foreground).

Bluegrass camp set at Levelland

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL
Banjo player Tony Trischka and other bluegrass musicians will headline South Plains College's Camp Bluegrass 2000, scheduled for July 23-28 in Levelland.

The week-long seminar annually attracts students from throughout the United States and abroad.

The camp will include instrumental, vocal and band workshops, small group lessons, jam sessions and a student showcase report.

Special guests and faculty include Trischka, who founded the bluegrass band Skyline; Jim Hurst, the flatpick guitarist who has performed with Holly Dunn and Trisha Yearwood; Missy Raines, 1998 International Bluegrass Music Association bass player of the year; Bill Evans, five-string banjo player who has performed with the Dry Gulch Fire Squad; Dede Wyland, vocalist who has performed with Skyline; Adam Granger, flatpick guitarist and author of "Granger's 500 Fiddle Tunes for Guitar"; and Steve Smith, mandolinist.

Veteran SPC faculty members also will be involved.

Tuition is \$275. Meals and lodging are available in campus dormitories for a total of \$160 per person; RV hookups are available on campus. A \$100 deposit is required with registration.

Registration forms are available by calling (806) 894-9611, ext. 2341, or online at www.spc.cc.tx.us.



No more free ride

Bailey County Sheriff Coy Plott recently made the dumper clean up this rubbish found on County Road 203, but he issued a warning to future illegal dumpers: The county intends to prosecute. Plott said he had discussed the situation with County Judge Marilyn Cox, and they agreed to end the practice of allowing people to clean up the mess and go free.

Wardens warn of low water and lower legal limit for BWI

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

AUSTIN — As boaters prepare for the summer season, game wardens are warning of low water conditions throughout the state as well as strict enforcement of boating-while-intoxicated laws under the new minimum 0.08 percent blood-alcohol content law.

On lakes, rivers and bays throughout the state, game wardens, along with local law enforcement agencies, are patrolling busy waterways and will continue throughout the summer.

The key messages game wardens deliver to boaters are:

- Always wear a life jacket;
- Avoid alcohol;
- Be especially careful on personal watercraft;
- Maintain a proper lookout at all times (required by law); and
- Maintain a safe speed as weather, water, boat congestion, and traffic conditions dictate (required by law).

Legislation that went into effect Sept. 1 lowered the blood-alcohol content from 0.10 to 0.08 for boat operators as well as automobile drivers.

Any boat operator who appears to be under the influence or who has a blood-alcohol content of 0.08 or greater may be arrested.

Boating-while-intoxicated violations carry penalties similar to those of driving-while-intoxicated violations.

There will be no grace period for enforcing this new water-safety regulation, according to Jim Robertson, Texas Parks and Wildlife's law enforcement director.

"It seems that many boaters are becoming aware that drinking while boating is just as dangerous as drinking while driving," Robertson said.

"Nearly all accidents and fatalities can be avoided if people simply use common sense, are courteous on the water, wear their life jackets and avoid alcohol."

Despite recent rains in various parts of the state, some lake levels remain as much as 15 to 30-feet below normal. Boaters are reminded to be cautious when operating on lakes with low water levels.

Boaters operating on low-level lakes should make every effort to become familiar with the body of water, watch closely for submerged objects such as tree stumps, rocks, islands and sandbars, and avoid operating at night.

Water-skiers, wake-boarders and persons towed in inner tubes should be extremely careful on lakes in which the water level is low, according to TPW's boat-

ing law administrator Carlos Vaca.

Those being towed on inner tubes are particularly vulnerable to being injured by submerged objects because they are not able to maneuver the tubes.

More information on boating safety courses is available by calling (800) 792-1112 or visiting the department's web site at www.tpwd.state.tx.us.

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Lisa Ann Hill, Kalam Puckett wed April 8

Lisa Ann Hill and Kalam Ray Puckett were married April 8 in the historic Aura United Methodist Church of Aura, N.J. The Rev. Glenn Chaplan officiated, while Ethel Ashenfelter provided the organ music.

Bridesmaids were Jennifer and Heather Scoleri, cousins of the bride.

The groomsmen and ushers were William and Dominic Scoleri, also cousins of the bride. The best man was Andy Wilson of Muleshoe, a long-time friend of the groom.

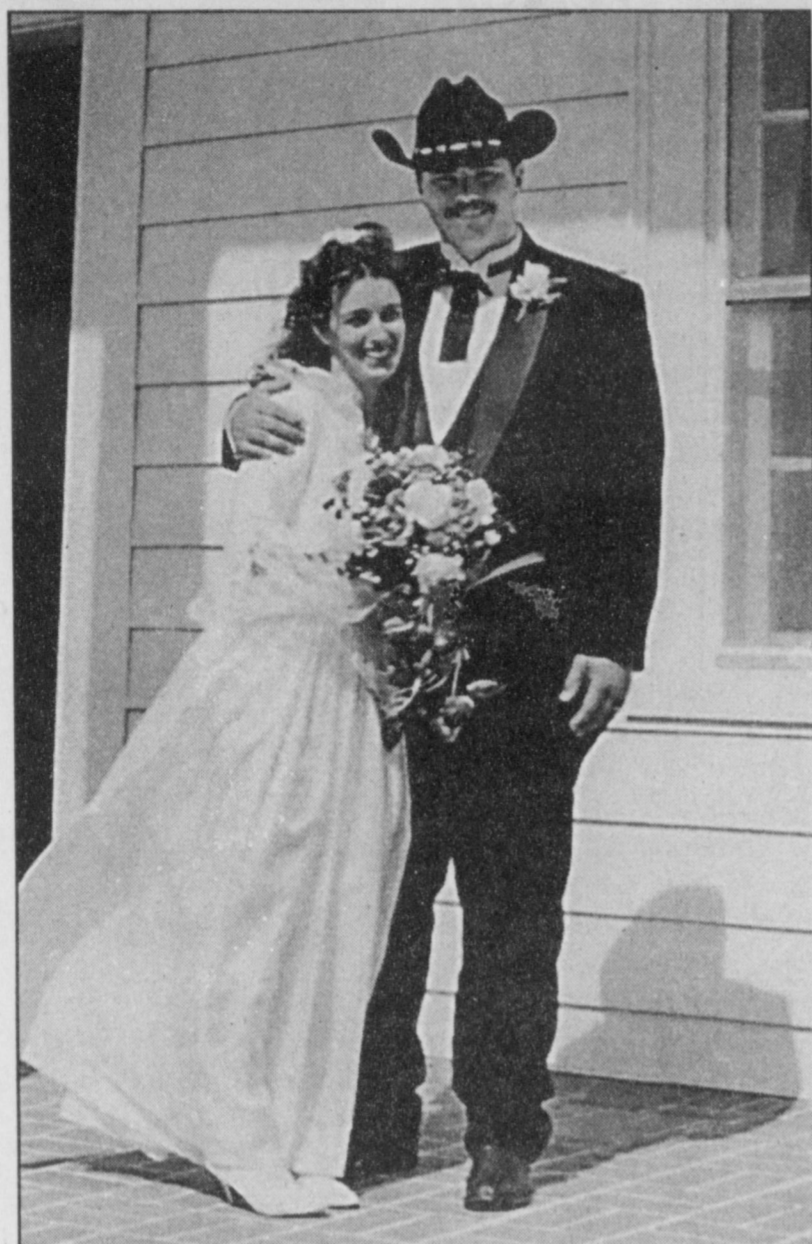
The bride's parents are Tom and Pat Clark of Monroeville, N.J. The groom's parents are Larry and Cheryl Puckett of Muleshoe.

The bride wore a full-length Victorian gown made by the groom's mother.

The white satin brocade dress featured a floor-length flared skirt fitted to a slim bodice with a shaped, lowered waistline. The sleeves were topped with slim lace around the shoulders and ended with 6 inches of lace flowing around the wrists.

The bride's headpiece was a barrette of white silk roses made by her mother. The hair clip had several dangling silk ribbons ranging from white to light lilac.

The groom wore a black Western-cut tuxedo with a



Mr. and Mrs. Kalam Puckett

white brocade vest. Out-of-town guests included the groom's mother Cheryl Puckett, his grandmother Barbara Puckett, and Krista Wilson, all of Muleshoe; Johnny Puckett, cousin of the groom

from Howe, Texas; and the bride's uncle and aunt, John and Gayle Scoleri of Phoenix. The reception was held at the Aura Fire Hall. Sound Investments disc jockeys provided the music. Marty and

Barb's Catering of Clayton, N.J., hosted the reception.

The couple spent their honeymoon in North Wildwood on the Jersey Shore.

The bride has an associate degree in general/English studies and served in the U.S. Army for five years. She is a homemaker now but plans to open an Italian restaurant in Muleshoe.

The groom graduated from Muleshoe High School in 1994 and attended Abilene Christian University. He served in the U.S. Army for four years and is employed at Wilson Drilling in Muleshoe.

The couple is living at Lazbuddie.



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Oil price hike to cut farm income

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL CHICAGO—The direct and indirect impacts of sharply higher energy prices would reduce net United States farm income in each of the next five years for crop and livestock producers, according to a study by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Oil prices are already about \$5 per barrel above USDA baseline projections for 2000-01, and could be headed higher. USDA's Economic Research Service analyzed the impact on U.S. agriculture if crude oil prices average \$25 per barrel, up \$5 from its earlier model.

"If, within a year, prices fall back to less than \$20 a barrel — the level for most of the last six years — the current price hike would have a negligible impact on agriculture," the agency said in a statement.

"If, however, oil prices were to stay at \$30 a barrel or higher, the sector would have to make even greater adjustments, and farm income would be more severely affected," the statement continued.

The service predicted that the more energy-intensive livestock/animal product processing enterprises would make early adjustments to a rise in energy prices due to higher production and processing costs.

By contrast, part of the impact on grain and oilseed producers would be delayed until 2001 because available inventories of manufactured inputs mean adjustments in prices of fertilizer, pesticides, and other oil-based inputs lag gains in energy prices.

Use of forward pricing also would postpone some of the impact on the crop sector until after 2000 — but on the downside, the drop in net income from crops also would persist longer than for the livestock sector, the service said.

In the livestock sector, the service noted that energy prices are a significant component in the costs of producing, processing,

storing, transporting and marketing animal products.

As these costs rise, the margin between farm gate and retail prices increases.

Since retail prices tend to be "sticky" and consumers' income growth is reduced by the higher oil prices, some of the initial oil-related cost increases would tend to be pushed back to the farmer.

Farmers, in turn, would attempt to adjust their longer-term production in response to lower prices received by reducing herd size and feed use, and limiting replacement of breeding animals. The increased slaughter would further depress livestock prices.

Short term, the impact of lower prices on cash receipts would be partially offset by increased sales, reduced purchases of breeding stock, and lower feed costs.

Reduced feed demand, in turn, would depress prices of grain and oilseeds. In addition, the direct cost of higher fuel prices would further reduce farm income from crops in 2000 and 2001.

Government payments would continue to partially offset lower cash receipts for major crops. Total government payments increased from \$7.5 billion in 1997 to a record \$20.6 billion in 1999. In calendar 2000, government payments to farmers, even without recent new legislation, probably would have approached \$16 billion, the second-highest ever.

The higher government payments would come from loan deficiency payments, and nearly all of the payments would occur in 2000 and 2001.

After 2001 or 2002, the livestock sector would begin to stabilize and grow again, but net returns from crops would recover more slowly because of continued high energy-related production costs, the ERS said.

"The cost-price squeeze that results from higher oil prices will strain already tight operating margins for many farms and

lead to a higher incidence of debt repayment problems," the agency forecast.



A sustained \$25-per-barrel oil price could lead to a 2-point increase in the share of farms with debt repayment difficulties across most regions and commodities, it said.



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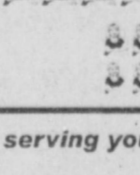
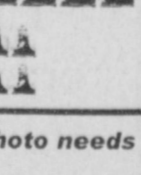
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Pacheco – Sabouchi wed on Maui beach

Amy Louise Pacheco and Babak Sabouchi were married April 21 on Makena Beach in Maui. Marc Alan Grodan officiated.

A reception followed the wedding in Ferraros Restaurant at Four Seasons Resort in Waelea, Maui. A violinist and guitarist played classical Italian music.

The bride's parents, Louie and Aida Pacheco of Muleshoe, hosted the reception.

The groom is the son of Mahmoud and Puran Sabouchi of Isfahan, Iran.

Guests at the wedding included Laura Leal, the bride's sister Monica Pacheco, the bride's brother Louie Pacheco and Dr. Michelle Morgan.

The bridal gown, designed by Mori Lee, featured a spaghetti-strap top, an empire waist and a sheath skirt with a godet flair. The dress featured a detachable "satu-pau" organza train and Chantilly lace with pearls and crystals.



Mr. and Mrs. Babak Sabouchi

The bride wore fresh white orchids in her hair and carried a cascading bouquet of fresh flowers.

Her gown was something new and a pearl necklace and earrings belonging to Leal was something borrowed.

The groom wore a classic black tuxedo and wore a Maile lei around his neck.

The bride is a 1994 graduate of Muleshoe High School and attended The University of Texas-Pan American in Edinburg. She is employed by Cosmair Inc. as a Retail Merchandiser for Ralph Lauren and European Fragrances.

The groom is a 1991 graduate of Newman Smith High School in Carrollton, Texas, and attended the University of North Texas. He is employed at Stream International as a telecom coordinator.

After the wedding trip to Hawaii, the couple will live in Dallas.

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PUBLIC RECORD

MULESHOE POLICE

May 24
B.H. Wagnon, 58, DWI.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

May 15
Joshua James Brewster, 20, motion to revoke probation.

May 16
Richard Herrera Sigala, 22, Lea County (N.M.) warrant.

May 19
Sandra Kay Faulkner, 21, Hutchinson County warrant — theft by check.

May 23
Trueshell Denise Grey, 34, Bailey County warrant — motion to revoke probation for injury to a child.

STATE POLICE

May 18
William James Dalton, 29, DWI and possession of marijuana.

TOPS NEWS

The May 25 meeting of TOPS No. 34 was presided over by Leader Laverne James. The meeting was held in the Fellowship Room of the Muleshoe Church of Christ.

Song leader Alma Robertson led "The Slimmer We'll Be" as an opening song and also led the closing song.

Robertson and Joline Franklin, who became KOPS members on Jan. 13, will have their graduation at the June 1 meeting.

The other KOPS members in TOPS No. 34 are Betty Jo Davis and Lucille Harp.

Twenty members weighed in. Davis and Alene Bryant, weight recorders, presented the results. Best loser was Robertson, with Cheryl DeGraffenreid as first runner-up and Ruth Clements as second runner-up.

Molly Davis and Robertson, who tied for best loser the previous week, were both presented a gift for losing weight again this week.

Nutrition and weight control were discussed in a study provided by James.

Losing weight certainly can be hard to do, but can be aided by following nutritional guide lines combined with sensible exercise, such as walking.

The next TOPS No. 34 meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. June 1. Visitors are welcome.

David Rivas, 29, Hidalgo County warrant — child support.

May 21

Jesús Meza Hernández, 40, DWI (second).

Richard Orozco Trillo, 31, public intoxication.

BIRTH

SANCHEZ

Arturo and Rosemary Sánchez of Muleshoe announced the birth of a daughter, Alexandria Marie Sánchez, on April 20 at University Medical Center in Lubbock. She weighed 6 pounds, 6 ounces and was 18 1/2 inches long.

She has a brother, Eric Sánchez, 3.

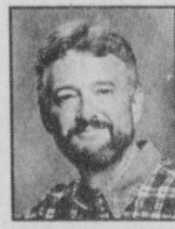
Grandparents include Arturo and Rosa Sánchez and Tomás and Alma Franco, all of Muleshoe.

Great-grandparents are María Valdez of Muleshoe, Vicenta Franco of Chihuahua, Mexico, Cruz Lucero of Ciudad Juárez, Mexico, and Francisco and Antonia Sánchez of Fabens, Texas.

Thank You, Lord, For the Stillness

What a day this has been! What a whirlwind week, one more whirling seven-day blur.

I sit now in the stillness of my study at the church, thankful for the quiet—and for a few precious moments of peace. On most days, I might daydream about what it would be like to have another full-time staff member to help in our work. But today, at this moment,



Focus On Faith

Curtis Shelburne

I'm glad to be alone for a little while. I'm thankful for the quiet. I don't sit still and just enjoy such quiet peace as often as I should. I laugh with my parishioners that one of the reasons I preach is that I would hate to have to sit still during a whole service. We laugh. But there is more truth in that than I care to admit. Like so much of our society, I suppose I rarely sit still at all. Which is a shame. Which hurts us all more than we can imagine.

We live such frantic lives, hardly conscious of the high price we pay for that pace. We'd have to think about it to calculate the price, and to think requires some time, and we just don't seem to have time. We're so like the man frantically driving down the interstate whose

wife, the official navigator, wakes from a nap and asks, "Dear, what direction are we going?" To which query the harried helmsman replies, "I don't know, but we're making great time!"

It's a good question, you know. What direction are we going? It's important that we know. Could it be that one of the reasons our society refuses to ever slow down, to ever sit still, to ever be quiet, is that we're frightened of the thoughts we might think if we just had time to think them—thoughts about our purpose, our direction, our values? I can well understand why our culture might be frightened of such thoughts, but should Christians?

It's been anything but quiet this week in my life—and probably the same thing is true for yours. And don't get me wrong, I thank God for the gift of life and his blessing in productive activity.

But at this moment, Lord, thank you for the stillness. Give me the wisdom to avail myself of it more often for in stillness is true wisdom born. As your Presence hovering over the vast pool of possibility at this world's dawning brought forth life and beauty, may your Spirit give birth in this stillness to worthwhile and meaningful depth of thought and of being so that when the time comes to speak, to act, our words and our actions carry with them depth of meaning and wisdom and love. The kind only forged in stillness.

Curtis Shelburne is minister of the 16th & D Church of Christ in Muleshoe.

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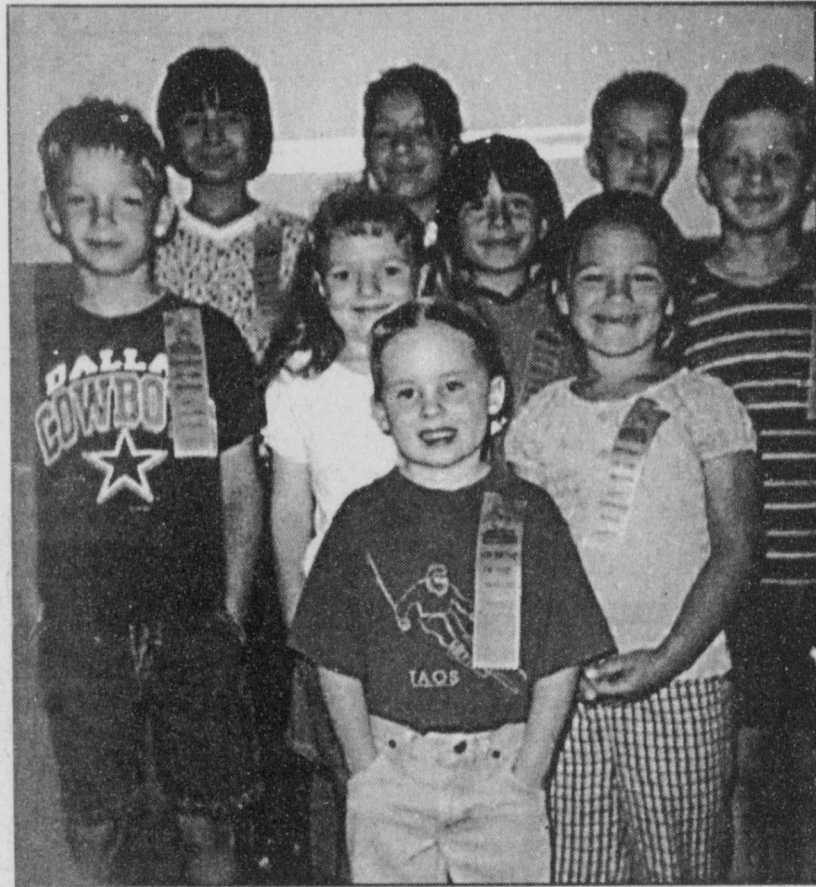
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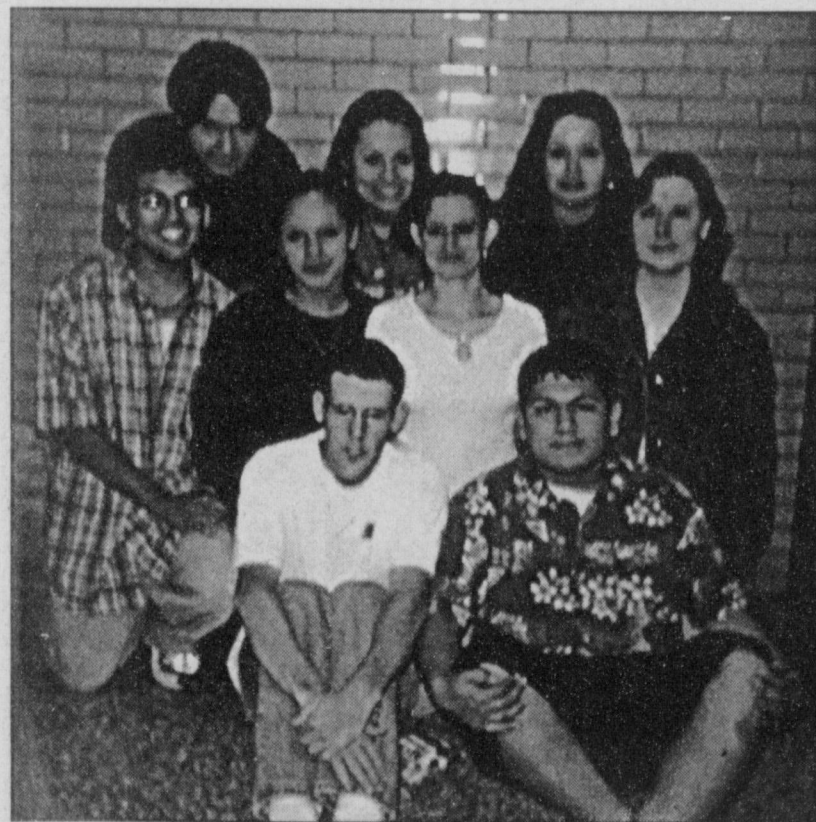
Area runner-up

The Muleshoe High School FFA talent team was declared the runner-up in the May 13 area competition at Amarillo Tascosa after winning the district title April 13. Members of the team (from left, Micah Ruthardt — lead guitar and vocalist, Cory Hunt — drums, and Tyler Black — bass guitar) missed advancing to state competition by three votes on a runoff ballot. The talent competition was judged by the 245 voting delegates at the area convention.



Lazbuddie students honored

Lazbuddie Elementary School's students of the month for May are (from left) third-grader Trevor Coker, fifth-grader Marian Campos, kindergartner Jordan Mason, fourth-grader Regina Mata (in back), pre-kindergartner Seth Russell (in front), fourth-grader Mayra Campos, first-grader Jordan Hernández, fifth-grader Bryce Haney and second-grader Riley Smith. Trevor is the son of Donny and April Coker; Mariam and Mayra are the daughters of Jaime and Bertha Campos; and Jordan Mason is the daughter of Sheldon and Debbie Mason. Regina is the daughter of Eraul and Valentina Mata, while Seth is the son of Clint and Holly Russell. Jordan Hernández is the daughter of Patrick and Jone Merigan; Bryce is the son of Greg and Netta Haney; and Riley is the son of Randy and Terrie Smith.



Lazbuddie's team

Representing Lazbuddie High School at the South Plains College Foreign Language Festival this spring and earning superior (blue) or excellent (red) ratings were (back row, from left) Fabian Guzmán, blue in poetry reading and red in prose reading; Veronica Mata, blues in extemporaneous speaking, Spanish test and sight reading; and Zulema Márquez, blue in extemporaneous speaking and reds in sight reading and Spanish test; (middle row, from left) Gabriel Juárez, reds in Spanish test, poetry reading and extemporaneous speaking; Anais González, blues in prose reading, Spanish test and poetry reading; Amanda Burton, reds in Spanish test and poetry reading; and Elisabeth Thomas, reds in Spanish test and prose reading; (front row, from left) Tray Thorn, reds in poetry reading and prose reading; and Julio Aguilar, blue in extemporaneous speaking and red in sight reading. Not pictured is Shannon Redwine, who brought home reds in sight reading and prose reading. The students were under the direction of Edith Nordine.

HONORS

MASON

Matt Mason of Muleshoe has been named to the dean's list for spring 2000 at Lubbock Christian University.

In order to be eligible for the dean's list, a student must achieve a grade-point average of 3.5 or better while enrolled for 12 or more hours.

CLABORN

Jackie Riley Claborn II of Muleshoe was among 53 recipients of juris doctor degrees from the Baylor University School of Law during commencement exercises April 30 in Waco.

The keynote speaker was Professor Louis Muldrow, who was selected by the graduates and was honored by the alumni association earlier this month as Baylor Lawyer of the Year for 2000.

WASHINGTON

Debra E. Washington of Muleshoe was among those graduating May 20 at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview.

Washington earned a bachelor of business administration degree.

ALMANZA-MENDOZA

Florinda Almanza-Mendoza of Muleshoe was among those graduating May 20 at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview.

Graduating with honors, she was awarded a bachelor of science degree in occupational education.

FLORES

María Flores of Muleshoe was among those graduating May 20 at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview.

Flores earned a bachelor of business administration degree.

GILLELAND

Julie Gilleland, a 1995 graduate of Muleshoe High School, was among the May 13 graduates of Texas A&M University in College Station.

She earned a bachelor of science degree in health. She is employed by SpiderMed.com in Fort Worth.

KING

Angela Kim King of Muleshoe was among 171 graduates of the Texas Tech University School of Allied Health Sciences participating in May commencement exercises.

King earned a master of science degree in communication disorders.

SOUTH PLAINS

Three students from Muleshoe are among 643 students who received degrees or certificates during South Plains College's 42nd annual commencement exercises on May 12.

Nurse aide class beginning June 1 at South Plains

An 80-hour certified nurse aide program is scheduled to begin June 5 at South Plains College in Levelland.

The course provides skills for working in long-term care, home-health facilities and hospitals.

Classes will meet from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays through July 21.

Clinical instruction will be from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays at the Littlefield Hospitality House. The cost for the course is \$250, followed by a state exam fee of \$64.75.

More information is available by calling (806) 894-9611, ext. 2341.

Receiving associate in science degrees were Kenneth Box, Melissa Leffler and Kandy Wilcox.

HARLAN

Muleshoe High School graduate Stacy Harlan received the Spanish Award during the annual recognition chapel at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview.

She is the daughter of Sam and Jean Harlan of Lubbock.

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Busy calendar

Muleshoe hospital and nursing home employees have a busy month with all the special activities during May. Above, Joy Stancell, nursing home activities director, and Robin Dickerson, dietary supervisor, get ready to hand out a door prize during a May 11 luncheon in honor of National Hospital Week. Above left, Gayle Richerson, RN, entertains the crowd attending the luncheon. And at left, the Happy Hatters from Dumas perform during a Mother's Day party at Muleshoe Area Healthcare Center. Members are (from left) pianist Thelma Smith and singer/dancers Ora Mae Brownlee, Adrienne Bingham, Clara Fae Rogers and Thelma Nunn.

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REBEKAHS

The lodge was called to order May 23 with 11 members and 11 guest spresent. Members were honored to have Rebekah Assembly Vice President Jessie Earthman, District Deputy President Gale Deaton and Past President Edna Schuster attending. Members of Hereford Lodge No. 228 and Amarillo "Queen of the Plains" Lodge No. 276 also were present. The district deputy president's commission was read. She gave

a short talk and read a poem, "The Value of a Smile." Earthman then gave a short talk about the Rebekah Creed and the value of love. It was reported that Past Grand Master Bob Monk is in the hospital and that Ruby Green's great-granddaughter is out of the hospital but has developed a allergy to her medication. Members were pleased to see Doris Lambert in Lodge. Nominations were accepted for noble grand and vice grand.

Patsy Chance was nominated for noble grand and Bonita Rainey was for vice grand. The nominations then closed and will open again next week for any more nominations with elections set for June 6. Rebekah President Rosalie Gant will be in Hereford on June 13, and Muleshoe members have been invited to go meet her. There being no further business we closed with the Rebekah Creed and two verses of "An Evening Prayer."

The Muleshoe Journal is gearing up for the 2000 Father of the Year contest!

For this year's contest, the Muleshoe Journal is looking for a PHOTOGRAPH that best depicts why your dad should be our Father of the Year. It doesn't matter what year or under what circumstances the photo was taken. We want to see pictures of your dad doing the things that make him a great father...playing with the kids, helping with homework, sleeping in his favorite chair, cooking dinner...etc. All entries will be judged by an unbiased group of persons based on content and originality. A one sentence caption that captures the idea of your photo would be a great addition!

ENTER YOUR ROOKIE OR EXPERIENCED DAD TODAY! Deadline to enter this year's contest is Tuesday, June 13, 2000 at 5 pm. Drop your entry photo off at the Muleshoe Journal office, 304 W. 2nd St. or mail your photos to us at P.O. Box 449, Muleshoe, Texas 79347. Please include a return address so that pictures can be returned. This contest is open to all fathers. Need not live in the area to enter.

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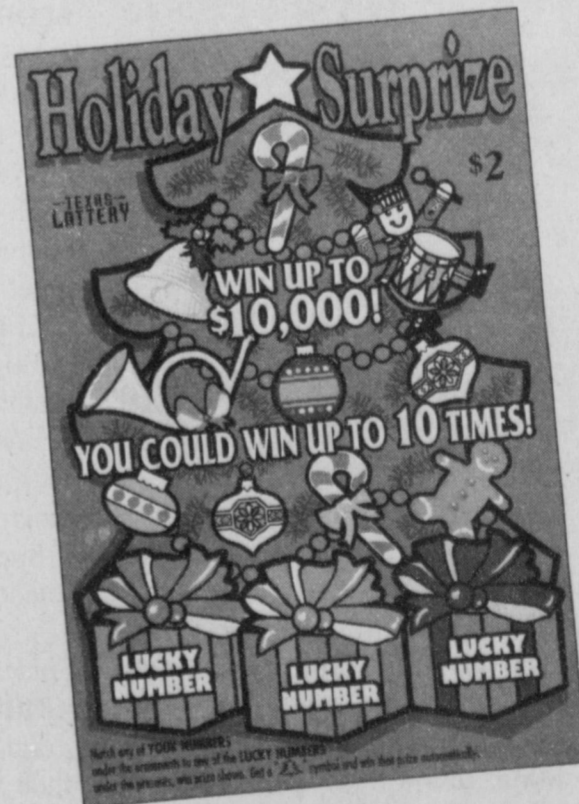
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Smoked Sausage .. 1 lb. **\$1⁹⁹**
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Potato Salad 3 lb. tub **2/55**
Whole Loaf
Muenster Cheese ... lb. **\$1⁶⁹**

PRODUCE

Red Ripe
Watermelons ea. **\$1⁹⁷**
Fresh Cut
Watermelons lb. **29¢**
Sweet California
Nectarines or Peaches lb. **79¢**
Tropical
Kiwi Fruit 6/51
Sweet
Yellow Corn 4/51
Hot House
Tomatoes lb. **99¢**
1015 Sweet
Yellow Onions lbs. **3/51**
Green Leaf or Romaine
Garden Fresh
Lettuce ea. **69¢**
Washington Extra Fancy
Red Delicious Apples lbs. **2/51**
U.S. No. 1 Russet
Potatoes 15 lb. bag **\$1⁹⁹**
Fresh
Cilantro bunches **3/51**
Dole Green Selection
Salad 12 oz. **99¢**
Dole
Cole Slaw 1 lb. **79¢**

Lowe's
Drinking Water gal. **2/51**
Assorted Unsweetened
Makes 2 Qts.
Kool-Aid 8/51
Country Time Asstd.
Lemonade makes 8 qts. **\$2⁶⁹**
Casa de Lowe's
Homestyle or Burrito Size
Flour Tortillas 10 ct. **89¢**
Lowe's
Hamburger Buns .. 8 ct. **2/88¢**
Nice'n Fluffy Asstd.
Fabric Softener .. 128 oz. **2/55**
XTRA Asstd. Pre-priced \$2.99.
Liquid Detergent 128 oz. **2/55**
Ultra Soft White
Nothern Bath Tissue 12 roll pkg. **\$2⁹⁹**
Solo 20 ct.-16 oz. Cups
or 15 ct.-9" Plates
Party Cups or Plates your choice **\$1²⁹**
Lowe's Foam
Ice Chest 12 qt. **\$2⁹⁹**
Lowe's Asstd.
Soft Drinks 12 pk. cans **3/55**
All Types
Pepsi, Diet Pepsi and Mountain Dew .. 12 pk. cans **\$1⁹⁷**
All Types 6 pk.
Pepsi, Diet Pepsi and Mountain Dew .. 24 oz. btls **2/54**
All Types
Pepsi, Diet Pepsi and Mountain Dew 2 liter btl **88¢**

HEALTH & BEAUTY

Thermasilk Asstd.
Shampoo or Conditioner 10.5-13 oz. **2/55**
Asstd.
Degree Solid Anti-Perspirant .. 1.6-1.75 oz. **3/55**
Vaseline Asstd.
Intensive Care Lotion 11 oz. **\$2⁹⁷**

Lowe's
Hot Dog Buns 8 ct. **2/88¢**
Kraft Asstd.
Barbecue Sauce .. 18 oz. **2/51**
Kraft Regular or Light
Miracle Whip 32 oz. **\$1⁹⁷**
Shurfine Charcoal
Lighter Fluid 32 oz. btl **2/53**
Shurfine Regular SAVE ADDITIONAL 56¢ WITH CIRCULAR COUPON
Charcoal 10 lb. bag **\$1⁹⁷**
Del Monte
Tomato Sauce 8 oz. **5/51**
Assorted
Malt-O-Meal Cereal 13-20 oz. **3/55**
Skippy Asstd.
Peanut Butter 18 oz. **2/54**
No Stick
Mazola Spray 5 oz can **3/55**
Mazola Asstd.
Cooking Oil 48 oz. btl **2/55**
Asstd. Bush's Best
Baked Beans 28 oz. **4/55**
Shurfine Asstd. in Natural Juice
Pineapple 20 oz. can **99¢**
Van Camp's
Pork and Beans ... 15 oz. **2/51**
Butterfinger-BB's, Buncha Crunch, Babyruth, Butterfinger, Milk Chocolate, 100 Grand, Original/White Crunch, Original Chunky or Oh Henry!
Nestle Candy Regular Bars .. your choice **3/99¢**
Vlasic
Hamburger Stack Dill or Bread and Butter 24 oz. **\$1⁹⁹**
Best Maid Hamburger Sliced
Dill Pickles 32 oz. **\$1⁹⁹**
French's Squeeze
Mustard 16 oz. **99¢**
Del Monte Tomato
Ketchup 24 oz. btl **99¢**
Regular or Light
Kraft Mayo 40 oz. bonus jar **\$2⁹⁹**
Austex Hot Dog
Chili Sauce 10 oz. **2/88¢**
Kraft Asstd.
Salad Dressing ... 14-16 oz. **\$1⁹⁹**
Nabisco Asstd. 14.5-16 oz.
Ritz, 7-10 oz. Triscuit, Wheat Thins, Better Cheddars and 14.5-20 oz. Chips Ahoy!
Snack Crackers or Cookies your choice **2/54**
Tostitos®
Con Queso Dip ... 15.5 oz. **2/55**
Asstd.
Lay's® Potato Chips Buy One For \$2.99/Get One **FREE**
Asstd. 20 oz.
Gatorade Drinks 8 pk. **\$4⁹⁹**
Nestea Regular or Decaf.
Instant Tea 3 oz. jar **\$2⁹⁹**

FROZEN & DAIRY

Golden Country
Cheese Singles ... 10.7 oz. **99¢**
Blue Bunny Asstd. Round
Ice Cream or Frozen Yogurt 1/2 gal. **2/55**
Banquet Asstd.
Pot Pies 7 oz. pkg. **2/51**
Banquet Asstd.
Value Menu or Select Menu Dinners 6.7-11 oz. **3/54**
17 oz. Cheese or Beef Enchiladas
12 to 13 oz. Dinners
Patio Dinners ... your choice **3/54**
DiGiorno Asstd.
Rising Crust Pizza 27-36 oz. **\$4⁹⁹**
Blue Bunny Asstd.
Slush Pops 24 ct. **\$2⁷⁹**

Asstd. 32 oz. Cobblers or 37 oz. Pies
Mrs. Smith's Cobblers or Pies .. your choice **2/57**
Lowe's Homogenized/Shurfine/Shursaving Low Fat Premium Quality All Varieties
Milk gallon jug **\$1⁹⁹**
Strawberry Breeze, Grape or White Grape/Peach
Welch's Juice 64 oz. **\$1⁹⁹**
Imperial
Margarine Quarters 16 oz. pkg. **2/51**
Kraft Asstd.
Cheese Singles ... 12 oz. **2/55**
Kraft Mild Cheddar or Colby
Longhorn Cheese .. 14 oz. **2/55**
Ruby Red Grapefruit or Assorted
Florida's Natural Orange Juice 64 oz. **2/55**

Assorted
• Ice Tray 3 pk. • 5 qt. Bowl
• 21 oz. Bowls 4 pk. • 12 oz. Tumblers 5 pk.
• Divided Plates 4 pk. • 2 qt. Pitcher
• 1 qt. Bowl w/Lid 2 pk. • 3 pc. Mixing Bowl Set
• 2 pt. Shake Pour N Store • 32 oz. Measuring Cup
• Colander • 5 qt. RD Washbasin • Dustpan
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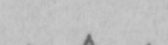


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