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A QUICK READ OF THE NEWS

### It's about bribing Santa

In a routine review of unclaimed state funds, the office of Massachusetts State Treasurer Shannon O'Brien uncovered a check made out to Santa Claus for \$1,112.50.

By state law, unclaimed checks are turned over to the treasurer's office after three years, and the treasurer tries to track down the intended recipients.

"We have no idea who this property belongs to," Treasury spokesman Dwight Robson said of the Santa check.

"Perhaps it was a check or money order for some kind of Christmas fund," he added.

### Vandals hack snowman

Two men who assaulted a snowman with a sword in Saginaw Township, Mich., didn't expect a nearby resident to protect his frosty friend, police said.

One suspect, who lives in the apartment complex where the snowman was attacked, told police he and another 19-year-old man were bored, so they knocked over the snowman.

Both men told police they drank beers that evening, and officers cited each on a charge of minor in possession of alcohol.

### Kids hush for charity

A class of fourth-graders at Upper Nyack (N.Y.) Elementary School have accomplished the near-impossible, getting through a school day without saying a word.

"There were just a couple of little slips, like somebody starting to ask a question and then putting his hand to his mouth," said teacher Susan Brand. "But I'd say they did great, especially for such a chatty class."

By keeping their peace, the 9- and 10-year-olds raised \$485 from sponsors to benefit the Save the Children Foundation.



Drawing date: Saturday, Dec. 23  
Winning numbers: 10-12-20-29-36-41  
Estimated jackpot: \$17 million  
Winners: 0  
Next drawing: Wednesday, Dec. 27  
Estimated jackpot: \$22 million

### On this date in history

Dec. 29 — Texas is admitted into the Union as the 28th state (1842).

Jan. 1 — Galveston, which had been in Union hands since Dec. 24, 1862, is recaptured by Confederate troops under Gen. John B. Magruder (1863).

Also on Jan. 1, Charles B. and John V. Farwell of Chicago agree to build the Texas state capitol in exchange for 3 million acres of the Panhandle (1882).

### LOCAL WEATHER

As of Tuesday, the forecast called for continued cold nights, varying from about 20 degrees Thursday morning to 24 Friday morning, dropping to about 18 Saturday morning. Daytime temperatures should remain moderate, in the 50s through Saturday and about 42 on Sunday. Partly cloudy conditions are expected to build into more precipitation for Wednesday.

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## Snow cramps holiday for much of High Plains

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Wishes for a white Christmas turned into a real mess across the area Christmas night and Tuesday as several inches of snow created more white than anyone bargained for.

By Tuesday afternoon, snowfall was extremely heavy at times, making each new estimate of the total obsolete by the time word got around. Unofficial reports were up to about a foot in the West Camp area of northwest Bailey County.

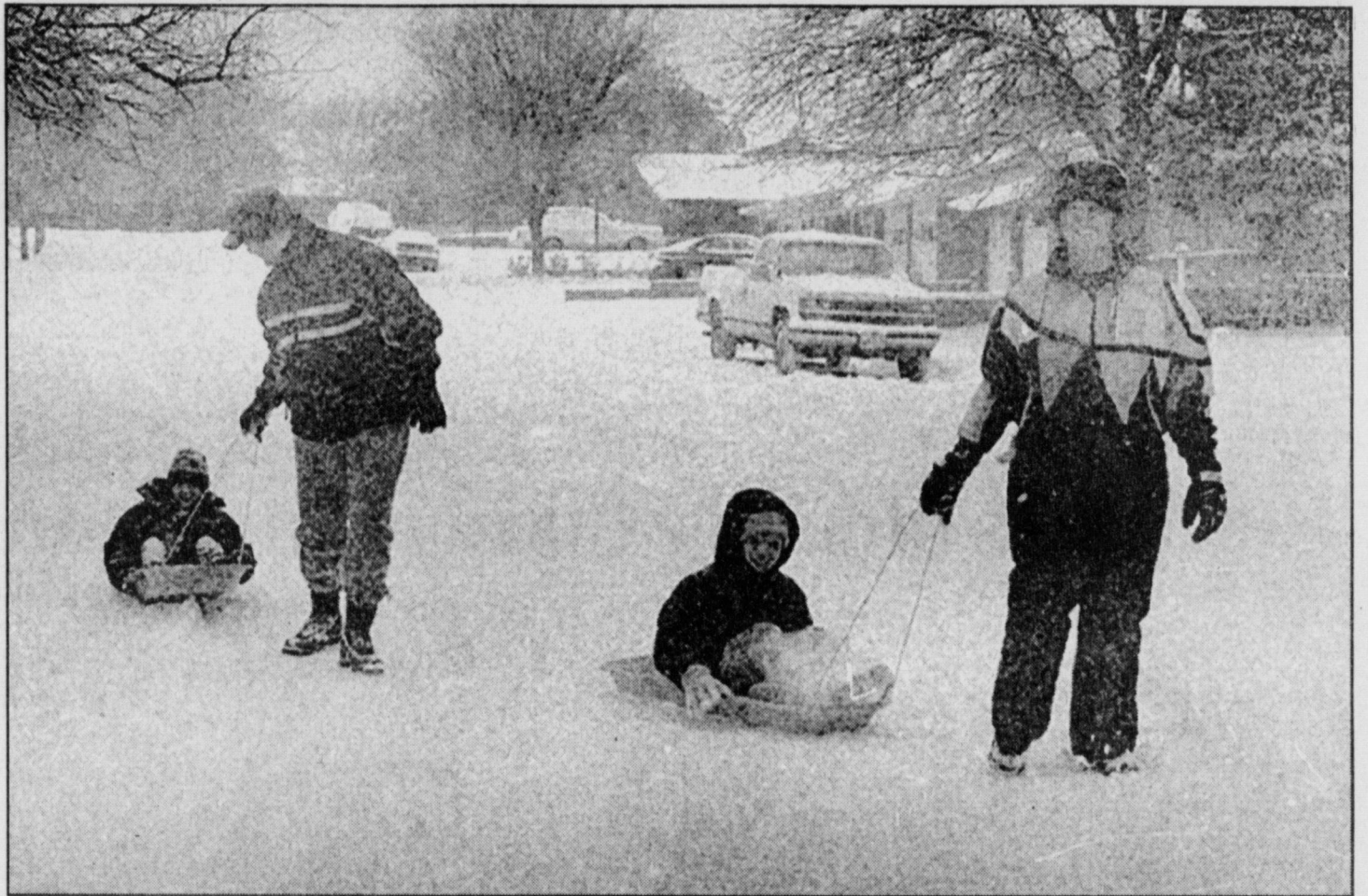
Tuesday night, the Bailey County Coliseum was being opened to allow motorists to stay there, since motel rooms had grown scarce.

A local decision to close U.S. 70-84 at the west city limits was vetoed by a regional Department of Public Safety official, so traffic continued to creep out of town, though the highway was officially closed at the New Mexico state line.

City equipment began clearing streets before sunrise Tuesday morning and continued well into Tuesday night.

Fender-benders were few in town, but an occasional vehicle got stuck. Outside of town, there were many vehicles in the ditch and unofficial reports of many rollovers, especially on U.S. 84 toward Lubbock.

Texas 214 south of Muleshoe was reported to be open again late Tuesday after being all but closed late in the afternoon.



Journal photos: Beatrice Morin



"Yuck" is just a state of mind for 5-year-old Sarah Rowell of Houston (left) and 9-year-old David Strayhorn of Snyder (second from right) as they get pulled through the snow Tuesday by Eric Johnson of Yorba Linda, Calif., and Melissa Rowell of Houston, respectively. The four were among those visiting the home of Harvey and Marie Bass for Christmas. Possibly having less fun is Juan Flores of the city's public works department, who began before sunrise and worked throughout the day.

## Debbie Weir goes out on top in football contest

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Whether it was her Christmas spirit or the fact that the Mules were no longer in the playoffs, Debbie Weir of Muleshoe catapulted to first place in the season finale football contest.

She took the \$25 prize money by being the only entrant to miss only two games — Kansas City at Atlanta and Chicago at Detroit.

Ray Stanley of Lazbuddie came in second (at \$15) by missing three games and being within six points of the combined Miami-New England tiebreaker score. (His guess was 45 and the actual scores totalled

51.)

Stanley shared one missed game with Weir: Chicago at Detroit threw him, too. His other misses were Minnesota at Indianapolis and Carolina at Oakland.

Just to make it unanimous, the third-place (\$5) winner, Richard Orozco of Muleshoe, also missed Chicago at Detroit among his three errors and was almost as close as Stanley on the tiebreaker with a guess of 42.

Orozco, a longtime faithful entrant in the contest, also joined Weir in miscalculating Kansas City at Atlanta but went his own way by missing Tampa Bay at Green Bay.

Three other entrants missed only three games, but their tiebreaker guesses were slightly further off. Claire Brown, William Orozco and James Buie, all of Muleshoe, guessed 36, 35 and 28 on the tiebreaker, respectively.

Francisco Torres and Kathleen Hayes, each missed four games and were very close on the tiebreaker, guessing 56 and 41 points, respectively.

Nearly all the entrants joined the top three in missing Chicago at Detroit, with only five of the 24 participants getting it right. Only eight called Kansas City at Atlanta correctly.

## Many cotton farmers will fall through cracks on aid program

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

LUBBOCK — As cotton farmers across Plains Cotton Growers' 25-county area close out a disastrous year, more and more are finding they fall into what has been described as a "notch" category that will not qualify for much-needed disaster assistance when the Crop Disaster Program signup period starts Jan. 18.

Describing this unfortunate group as a "notch" is proving to be a gross misstatement, according to the growers' group.

The word "notch" conjures up a picture of a small cut or nick made in a stick.

The growers who worked hard in 2000 to produce a crop and who managed their operations to where they only lost less than 35 percent of their APH yield are a sizable "chunk" of the area's producers, not a small "notch."

Combest says anything and everything is up for consideration . . . including loan-rate adjustments, set-aside, flexible fallow concept or supplemental AMTA payments.

They poured their own and borrowed money into this year's production as drought hit, as insects hit, as energy-related cost increases hit, and as prices stayed flat.

Now they have fewer pounds, marketable for less dollars, to pay off input costs that have gone through the roof during the production year.

Plains Cotton Growers has worked alongside the National Cotton Council and others for a disaster assistance program that would satisfy everyone's needs.

The disaster assistance package in place has helped those who were unable to produce a crop this year because of the dire conditions induced

by weather outside everyone's control.

However, the desperately needed and hoped for "severe economic loss" assistance element was not forthcoming.

Plains Cotton Growers officials have stated they believe this "chunk" of the area's cotton industry is about to meet some insurmountable obstacles to staying afloat for the next growing season if "severe economic loss" assistance is not forthcoming.

They also say there are still avenues that can be pursued to bring more relief.

Elected officials who represent agrarian areas across our country are very aware of the problems facing growers

today. They have secured more than \$25 billion in government aid to agriculture over the past three years.

Furthermore, they are aware that the problem demands more than a Band-Aid.

Hearings being started after the first of the year by the House Agricultural Committee, chaired by U.S. Rep. Larry Combest and strongly supported by ranking minority member Rep. Charlie Stenholm, will be targeting both short-term and long-term solutions.

Combest has stated that anything and everything is up for consideration. Potential solutions to be considered could include loan-rate adjustment, set-aside, flexible fallow concept or supplemental AMTA payments but Combest stressed that the committee will look at and consider the feasibility of any realistic suggestion.



## AROUND MULESHOE

### Three Way hearing set for Jan. 11

The Three Way Independent School District has scheduled a public hearing for 7:45 p.m. Jan. 11 for discussion of the district's Academic Excellence Indicator System, which will include the TAAS scores presented at the community cookout.

The hearing will be held immediately preceding the regularly scheduled school board meeting in the board room in the administration office.

Copies will be available for public viewing in the school library, principal's office and superintendent's office.

A school report card, which includes the TAAS scores, will be sent to each parent of a Three Way student along with student report cards the first week of January.

### Assembly of God plans open house

Muleshoe's First Assembly of God announces the open house for its 10,300-square-foot Family Life Building from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 30 and the dedication service Sunday morning.

Several former pastors of the church are expected to attend. 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.

## Election's message taking time to interpret

The people of America sent a message Nov. 7, but it's taking a little time to figure out exactly what it is.

As we learn about dangling chads, the drumbeat is also beginning about the reform of our election process. Should we change election day from Tuesday to Saturday? Should we open and close the polls at a uniform time nationwide? More fundamentally, should we scrap the Electoral College?

This final idea would require amending the Constitution. As we consider that, we should begin by examining the intent of its framers.

Their clear vision during the Constitutional Convention of 1787 was that we remain a collection of states united in their common interests. The delegates in Philadelphia never really considered any form of electing the president that did not involve a process by which the states themselves had the final say, with the particular concern of small states holding sway throughout.

The Electoral College was established as the best means by which to ensure popular expression of will, weighted by the influence of individual states. Although many schemes were considered and rejected, Alexander Hamilton pronounced of the final effort, "If the manner of it be not perfect, it is at least excellent."

He was right. Consider how closely the fortunes of both Vice President Gore and Gov. Bush were tied to the decisions of the people of less populated states such as West Virginia, New Mexico and Oregon.

Each candidate spent considerable time in these states. The combined population of these three states is about 6.8 million. By comparison, the Los Angeles-Long Beach metropolitan area has 15.3 million inhabitants.

Would another candidate for the highest office of the land ever step foot in tiny West Virginia were the fortunes of the election based solely on the popular vote?

Presidential races in the future would instead be the pursuit of the vote in major urban centers of the country, possibly characterized by frequent runoff elections as proliferating smaller party candidates siphoned off sufficient votes to prevent an

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absolute majority.

This is often the unfortunate result in many countries around the globe and one we've avoided for two centuries.

In just three of 53 presidential elections has the process established in the Constitution failed to yield an electoral majority. That's not a bad record, considering the emergence of political parties, the establishment of universal suffrage and the rapid growth of our country.

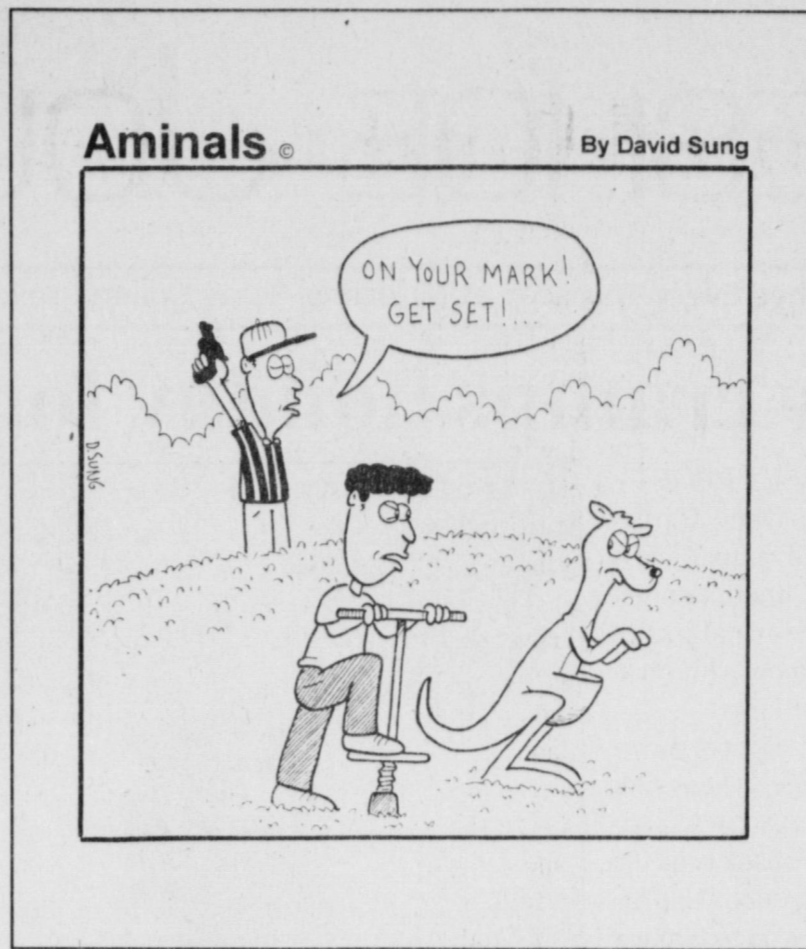
What has not changed is that we remain a confederation of states with a common purpose and a system with enough checks and balances so that those who lose do not feel threatened or disenfranchised. Scrapping the electoral system would gravely undermine that principle.

In fact, that's why attempts to change the process will fail. The approval of the legislatures of three-fourths of the states is needed to amend the Constitution. Just 14 states could sink the proposition. Twenty states have populations of fewer than 3 million and would see little interest in ratifying their loss of influence over the selection of the president.

This doesn't mean there is nothing we can do to improve the process.

To reach a more expeditious conclusion in a close election, we might define a finite period for the casting of federal votes. Establishing a uniform voting period tied to a single time zone (9 to 9 CST, for example) would ensure that all Americans are voting in the same real-time period.

Setting the election on a Saturday instead of Tuesday should be considered. We also might require absentee ballots to be post-marked on a specified date prior to the election. These simple changes may improve access and uniformity while confounding the ability of news organizations to affect the vote in one part of the



understanding that popular passion must be modulated to ensure true consensus in what they knew would be a country of diverse tendencies. There are many examples of this, but none more fundamental to our federal identity than the creation of the Electoral College. They knew that it may sometimes be difficult to select a chief executive through the sheer popular will, and developed a systematic process to handle those cases. Indeed, it was only after considerable deliberation and explicit rejection of every imaginable alternative that the delegates to the Constitutional Convention settled on the system.

In the heat of a closely contested election and its aftermath, we're unlikely to improve upon their work. This matter should be debated, and we should seek improvements to assure fairness and stability. However, I believe the current process is not some 18th-century anachronism ill-suited to modern times, but rather the practical expression of our essence as a nation.

### Water district's board appoints two employees

Comer A. Tuck Jr. and Becca Williams have been named interim manager and interim assistant manager, respectively, of High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1, based in Lubbock.

Tuck, a professional engineer, joined the district as assistant manager last June after 31 years as a staff member of the Texas Water Development Board in Austin.

With the Austin agency, he was responsible for a range of water-management activities.

Williams joined the district staff in 1983 as permit chief. Most recently the district's director of administration, she had been overseeing the well-permitting process, preparing the annual budget and tax-rate calculation, and managing the agricultural water-conservation equipment loan program. She also supervised the district's administrative and information/education staff.


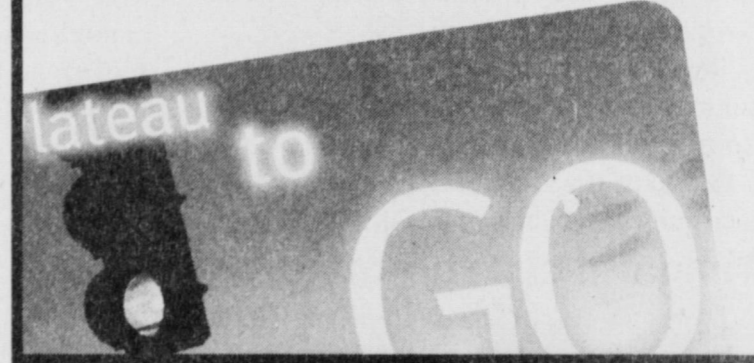
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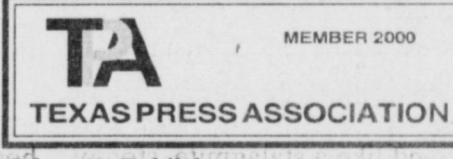
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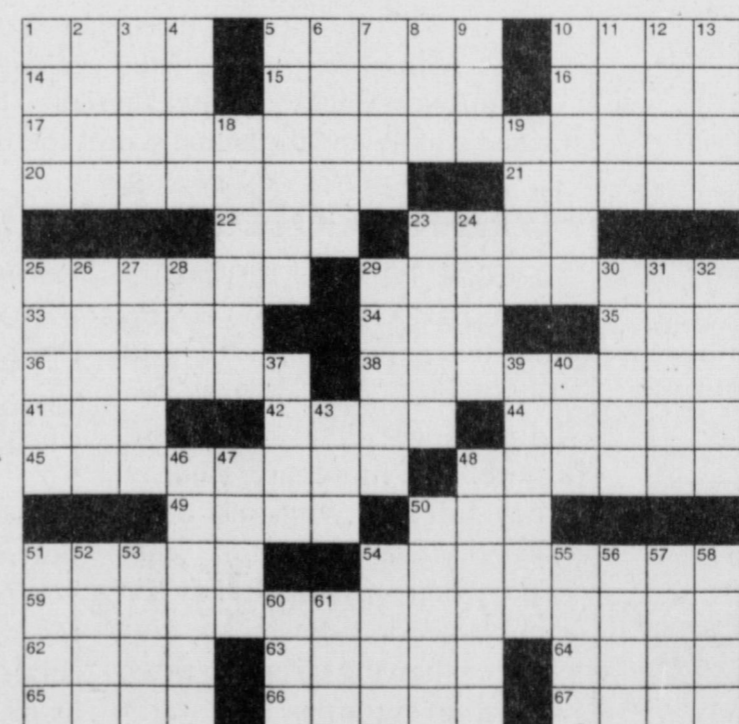
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12. Strong impulse  
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18. Carbohydrate  
19. Raw  
23. Hip joints  
24. Bird class  
25. \_\_\_\_\_ voyant  
26. Peter \_\_\_\_\_ actor  
27. Ram  
28. Wrong  
29. Small amounts (Scottish)  
30. Ancient Celtic tribe  
31. Present occasion  
32. Barriers  
37. Dried-up  
39. Triumphant  
40. Take to the limit  
43. Body of water  
46. Insistence on traditional correctness  
47. Asian nation  
48. "\_\_\_\_\_ & Hooch," 1989 film  
50. Appendage, pincer  
51. Despot  
52. French river  
53. South American Indian  
54. Blemish  
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56. \_\_\_\_\_ 500, car race  
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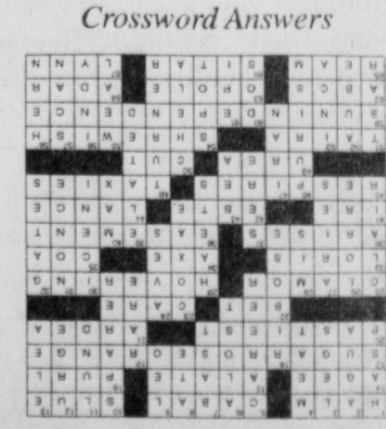
**Clues ACROSS**

1. Pea stem (British)  
5. Inner circle  
10. Slip  
14. Phil \_\_\_\_\_, former CIA officer  
15. Winged  
16. Knitting stitch  
17. College-football favorites  
20. Most bloodless  
21. Heron genus  
22. Predict  
23. Concern  
25. Blare  
29. Being airborne  
33. Nocturnal lemur  
34. Cause to end  
35. New location (abbr.)  
36. Bobs up  
38. Act of facilitating  
41. Anger  
42. This (Spanish)  
44. Pierce  
45. Takes a breath

**Clues DOWN**

48. Cabs  
49. Fertilizer  
50. Gash  
51. Samurai clan  
54. Continually nagging  
59. Bowl games  
62. Basics  
63. Polish city  
64. Hebrew calendar month  
65. Enlarge a hole  
66. Indian instrument  
67. \_\_\_\_\_ Redgrave, actress

**Crossword Answers**





# Native species named for daring English adventurers

By RONN SMITH  
Editor

The naming of plants by humans hasn't been any better organized than most of our activities. Many times, plants are named after people—sometimes for no better reason than whoever named the plant loved Aunt Harriet and wanted to name something after her.

One family that did earn their botanical immortality, though, were the Tradescants of 17th-century England.

The genus of plants that now goes by the family name includes one of our common wildflowers, the prairie spiderwort (*Tradescantia occidentalis*) as well as similar species that are more commonly grown in gardens.

The plants generally resemble and thin-leaved and more delicate version of the wandering Jew that was once extremely popular as pot plants and outdoor groundcovers.

The flowers have three petals, shaped like flowers of the trillium of eastern woodlands. In the case of our native species,



the flowers are lavender-blue (sometimes white or rose-colored).

In my experience, the plants are usually sprawlers, but books say they can grow up to 2 1/2 feet tall. Certainly, even if you happen to get a specimen that grows upright, the growth habit is so sparse that it could be planted near the front of a bed without obscuring things that grow behind it.

You may be wondering how one of our plants got named for English adventurers. Well, the genus *Tradescantia* is a far-flung family, and John Tradescant Jr. "discovered" the Virginia tradescantia, native to America's East Coast. The genus name followed European settlers westward across the continent as

new species were found.

John Tradescant Sr. was knowledgeable in many fields, and initially began hiring out on expeditions as an engineer—of which he was known as one of the best in his day. But he also was a "plant freak," and didn't miss out on a chance to pick up new species to try in gardens. On trips to Russia, Algeria and France, he found new plants (including the much-prized apricot of Algiers) and took them back to England for planting.

Eventually, he was hired by King Charles I as the gardener at Oatlands Palace, and at this point the king had already commissioned the first of Tradescant Junior's three plant-collecting expeditions to America.

Tradescant apparently did not name the tradescantia after himself. He called it *Ephemerum virginianum*. (Ephemerals are plants that come up early in the spring and flower, then die back as summer's heat comes on. The common bleeding heart (*Dicentra spectabilis*) is a popular garden plant that usually behaves as an ephemeral in our

hot, dry summers.)

At some point during the next 300 years, botanists changed the name of the genus to honor the Tradescant family.

If you're a reader of biography, you might be interested in *The John Tradescants* by Prudence Leith-Ross.

The life of the elder Tradescant, in particular, was full of physical adventure as well as scholarly pursuits. The life of the younger ended sadly although he made a lot of money selling the plants he and his father collected, as well as from a museum called Tradescant's Ark. He and his wife thought they were giving the museum to Oxford University, but they did not read legal papers presented to them by an attorney "friend," and the papers gave the museum to the attorney rather than the university.

Anyway, tradescantia is enjoying a revival in popularity and there have been several new varieties introduced in recent years. 'Concord Grape' and 'Lilac Frost' have names descriptive of

their flower colors; 'Blue and Gold' is a rather startling combination of blue flowers and yellow leaves, while 'Chedglow' is a more subdued mauve-purple.

As is so often the case, it is mainly the British who are developing new forms of these American natives.

Since tradescantia can grow in disturbed soils, it would seem logical that our native species would thrive in intensive farming country, but that doesn't seem to be the case.

Incidentally, the beautiful blue-flowered native plant that I have referred to in the past as "a native tradescantia," because I thought it was, is actually *Commelina erecta*. This species is available in seed catalogs, mainly because of the nice color of its flowers.

Tradescantias are members of the commelina family (named for a family of Dutch botanists), rather than the other way around. If I had checked a book on Texas wildflowers sooner, I'd have found that out.

Our native commelina, then,

can be seen along roadways all around the area — although the ones in the median of U.S. 60-70-84 between Texico and Clovis have obviously fallen to the current construction project.

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To the newly married couple:  
"May your love have the energy of a litter of puppies, the work ethic of a boat person, the heart of a Mountie and may it last until they don't sing 'Dixie' in Alabama."

To the entrenched bureaucrat:  
"As the years have accumulated like mineral deposits on a West Texas faucet, so has your compassion grown thick and inflexible, so that today you stand like a stalagmite, stodgy of foot and narrow of mind. A tribute to tenure, intransigence and seniority, you have become a statue of yourself."

To the new PhD graduate:  
"After years of denial, you now stand at the foot of reality. The accumulated anguish, frustration, sacrifice and financial hemorrhage of all who supported you has hit bottom. You have emptied the trough; your life's work now begins. It is, in a nutshell, time to make yourself worthy of their faith."

To the new baby:  
"To the newborn, whose name is still wet on the dotted line, whose age is listed as zero and whose slate is as clear as their fate is cloudy: Today you do not have to life a finger. You are royalty, Miss America, Queen Bee, the Dali Lama, Mrs. Roosevelt's Pekingese. You do not know war, poverty, death or disease. You know only love. Enjoy the moment."

## Selective Service offering online address change

The federal Selective Service System has added a change-of-address page to its web site that will allow young men to update their registration information online.

Federal law requires that men from 18 through 25 notify Selective Service within 10 days of an address change.

Any man who is already registered and was born after 1959 can update his address by connecting to [www.sss.gov](http://www.sss.gov). He is then to click on a link to "change of address," type in his new information, and click the "submit" button. There is a box to check if he wants to receive an updated acknowledgement card by mail.

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To the new high school graduate:

"Congratulations. By squinting through the fog of anxiety, hormones, posturing and inexperience, you can glimpse a sliver of your future. Even though it is unclear, it is bright

because you are standing on the shoulders of your family and friends, your teachers and coaches and your ancestral community that stretches back to Genesis. And the taller you stand, the brighter it gets. Say thank you."

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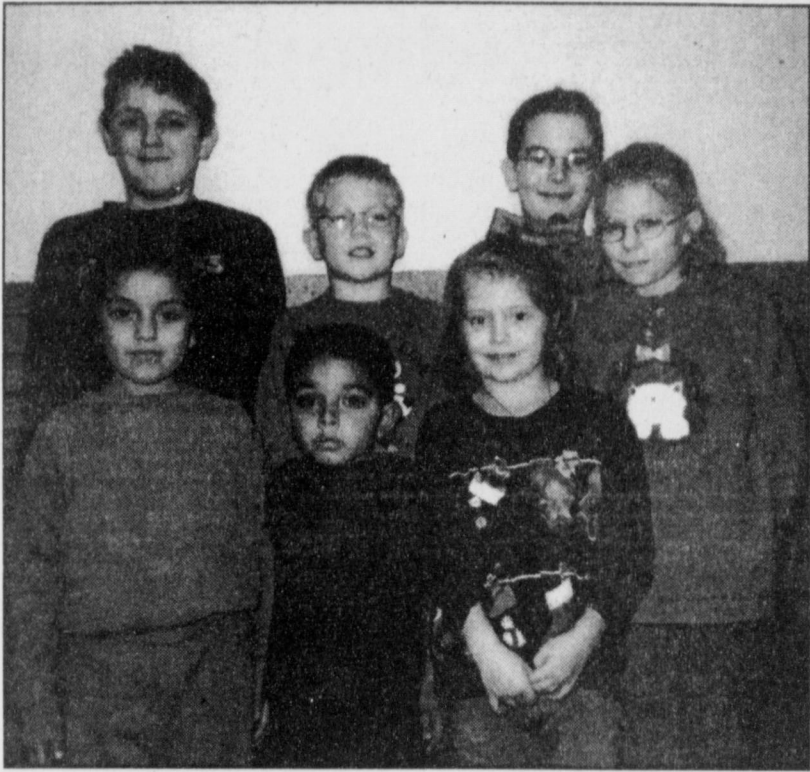
## Emergency Preparedness Checklist

The next time disaster strikes, you may not have much time to act. Prepare now for a sudden emergency. Learn how to protect yourself and cope with disaster by planning ahead. This checklist will help you get started. Discuss these ideas with your family, then prepare an emergency plan. Post the plan where everyone will see it—on the refrigerator or bulletin board.

- Emergency Checklist**
- Call Your Emergency Management Office or American Red Cross Chapter**
- Find out which disasters could occur in your area.
  - Ask how to prepare for each disaster.
  - Ask how you would be warned of an emergency.
  - Learn your community's evacuation routes.
  - Ask about special assistance for elderly or disabled persons.
- Also...**
- Ask your workplace about emergency plans.
  - Learn about emergency plans for your children's school or day care center.
- Create an Emergency Plan**
- Meet with household members. Discuss with children the dangers of fire, severe weather, earthquakes and other emergencies.
  - Discuss how to respond to each disaster that could occur.
- Discuss what to do about power outages and personal injuries.
- Draw a floor plan of your home. Mark two escape routes from each room.
- Learn how to turn off the water, gas and electricity at main switches.
- Post emergency telephone numbers near telephones.
- Teach children how and when to call 911, police and fire.
- Instruct household members to turn on the radio for emergency information.
- Pick one out-of-state and one local friend or relative for family members to call if separated by disaster (it is often easier to call out-of-state than within the affected area).
- Teach children how to make long distance telephone calls.
- Pick two meeting places.  
1) A place near your home in case of a fire.  
2) A place outside your neighborhood in case you cannot return home after a disaster.
- Take a basic first aid and CPR class.
- Keep family records in a water and fire-proof container.
- Prepare a Disaster Supplies Kit**
- Assemble supplies you might need in an evacuation. Store them in an easy-to-carry container such as a backpack or duffel bag.
- Include:**
- A supply of water (one gallon per person per day). Store water in sealed, unbreakable containers. Identify the storage date and replace every six months.
  - A supply of non-perishable packaged or canned food and a non-electric can opener.
  - A change of clothing, rain gear and sturdy shoes.
  - Blankets or sleeping bags.
  - A first aid kit and prescription medications.
  - An extra pair of glasses.
  - A battery-powered radio, flashlight and plenty of extra batteries.
  - Credit cards and cash.
  - An extra set of car keys.
  - A list of family physicians.
  - A list of important family information; the style and serial number of medical devices such as pacemakers.
  - Special items for infants, elderly or disabled family members.

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### Lazbuddie honors seven

December students of the month at Lazbuddie Elementary School were revealed this week. They are (back row, from left) third-grader Rhet Sain, son of John and Cheri Sain; second-grader Court Crawford, son of Nathan and Sharli Crawford; fourth-grader Ryan Mason, son of Sheldon and Debbie Mason; and Megan McGuire, daughter of Marty and Donna McGuire; (front row, from left) kindergartner Jessica Estrada, daughter of Guillermo and Maria Estrada; pre-kindergartner Albert Moran, son of Javier and Sulema Moran; and Emily Agee, daughter of John Davis and Ginger Agee. The students were selected based on outstanding character, citizenship and leadership. Each one received a ribbon and the commendation of school officials.

## Lady Mules trounce Trinity Christian 75-52

By DELTON WILHITE  
Journal correspondent

An equipment malfunction delayed the start of last Thursday's Lady Mule game against Trinity Christian Academy in Lubbock, but it didn't cause the Lady Mules to lose their focus.

The game was held up when an official's whistle lanyard would not stay attached and a new whistle had to be found.

Once things got under way, the Lady Mules roared out to a 17-point halftime lead only to see the Lady Lions charge back in the third period to narrow Muleshoe's lead to six with a 17-4 run.

But Muleshoe put together a 10-2 run of its own and outscored Trinity 24-11 in the final period to win it 75-52.

With seven minutes left in the first quarter, the Lady Mule had opened a seven-point lead. Britni Gartin made two from the baseline to complete the tipoff play. Jessica Carpenter hit from behind the arc after an early Lady Lion turnover, and Myndi Heathington fed Megan Tipps, posting up for two, for the Muleshoe lead.

Trinity cut the Lady Mules' lead to two as the first period ticked away, but Candace Hutto — following Annie Cox on a breakaway layup — rebounded the missed shot and put it back to give Muleshoe a four-point cushion as the quarter expired.

Gartin had four steals in the first half. Using her quick hands and feet, she stole three inbound Lady Lion passes under the Lady Mules' bucket. Most of her steals resulted

in points and changed the Trinity inbound passing game.

Tipps and Shani Rasco played strong post defense and helped on the back side when needed, forcing the Lady Lions to depend on their outside shooting. Tipps' and Rasco's inside game helped the Lady Mules to a 39-22 halftime advantage.

Muleshoe continued to grow its lead in the second half, with Carpenter good from behind the arc to push it to 19 points with 5:11 showing on the clock.

But Trinity began to press and Muleshoe turned the ball over. The Lady Lions converted the turnovers, and in less than four minutes sliced 13 points from the Muleshoe lead.

The Lady Mules responded with a defensive stop, regrouped and pushed the lead back to 10 before the quarter ended. Tipps made one of two from the free-throw line. Gartin was fouled making a layup and connected on the charity toss, and Muleshoe had a lead of 51-41 at the end of three periods.

In the fourth quarter, Carpenter and Heathington added three-pointers and Tipps and Mindy Locker posted up, giving the Lady Mules another 10 points, before Trinity could get back on the board.

Muleshoe spread the floor with 2:48 showing on the clock. The Lady Lions were forced to foul in order to stop the clock, hoping for a rebound on a free throw. Cox was fouled hard a midcourt and made both free throws to end the scoring.

Lady Mule scorers were Gartin

## Varsity boys open season with loss

By DELTON WILHITE  
Journal correspondent

The Muleshoe Mules took the court for the first time this season last Thursday in the Lions Den of Lubbock's Trinity Christian Academy.

Mule Coach Ralph Mason had warned that "this could be ugly tonight," with several team members coming straight out of the football playoffs.

The Mules had moments that indicated good things to come, once the feel of the hardwood becomes familiar, but the Lions used 17 three-pointers to drive the Mules out of the gym, 100-44.

Darrell Lewis sprained an ankle in the third period but came back and finished the game with 17 points to lead the Mule scorers.

Putting the Mules on the board to start, Lincoln Riley waited for Joey Tucker to cut across the lane and hit him with a pass for two.

Dan Williams made a pair of free throws and Lewis added two more for the Mules before Trinity hit threes on three consecutive trips down the court to give the Lions a 34-12 advantage by the end of the first period.

Lewis made a hand in the lane on offense, scoring on a pass from Riley. D.J. Domínguez entered the fray and put back a rebound.

But the threes continued to rain for the Lions, while the Mules had trouble staying in the game.

Stephan Shelburne drove the lane and Williams added a free throw, but Trinity still amassed a 61-27 halftime lead.

Trinity pushed its lead still further — to 84-33 — by the end of the third quarter. Lewis hit two from the elbow and then took the ball down the lane for another two. Tucker added two buckets in the fourth, and Williams hit for

three from the loop to end the game.

Mule scorers in addition to Lewis were Williams with seven (one three), Tucker five, Kyle Atwood five (one three), and Riley, Shelburne, Sonny Chávez, Domínguez and Brandon Broyles, two each.

The Mules were called for 25 fouls, pulled down 25 rebounds and made 10 of 22 free throws.

The Mules are competing in the Caprock Tournament this weekend.



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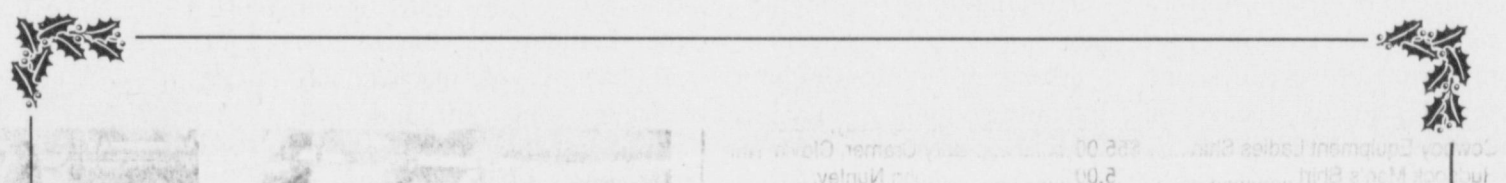
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## OBITUARIES

### GLADYS EVERETT

Services were held Tuesday in the Davis Chapel of Cook-Walden Funeral Home in Austin for Gladys Launa Jones Everett, 97, of Austin. The Rev. Ken Thompson officiated. Burial was in Muleshoe Memorial Park.

Mrs. Everett was born Jan. 5, 1903, at Sidney, Texas. She died Dec. 22.

She attended Howard Payne College in Brownwood before earning bachelor's and master's degrees from Western State College in Gunnison, Colo. She taught second grade and remedial reading for 35 years, at Muleshoe, Lazbuddie, Bovina, Hart, Olton, McAdoo, Paint Creek and Tanner schools.

After retirement, she and her

husband lived in Brownwood for 18 years before moving to Buckner Villas in Austin 12 years ago.

She was a member of Walnut Creek Baptist Church in Austin and had served various churches as a Sunday school teacher and pianist. She loved music and continued playing for residents of Buckner Villas until a year before her death.

Mrs. Everett is survived by a daughter, Jan High of Cary, N.C., and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 71 years, Rufus Everett, in April 1999 and by a son, David, in 1964.

The family suggests memorials to Walnut Creek Baptist Church (12062 N. Lamar Blvd., Austin 78753).



# Cotton messages delivered to President-elect George W. Bush

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

After being invited to one of the first sit-down meetings on agriculture policy by President-elect George W. Bush, cotton industry representative Robert E. McClendon discussed a number of issues that affect severely distressed cotton producers in Texas and across the United States.

McClendon described, to Bush and Secretary of Agriculture nominee Ann Veneman, an economic scenario that threatens to critically wound a significant segment of the Texas cotton industry.

McClendon reiterated the

fact that authority for a third wave of disaster assistance does exist under the "severe economic loss" section of the 2000 Crop Disaster Program approved by Congress as part of the FY2001 Agriculture Appropriations Bill.

The primary target of much of the problem are a large number of producers whose production in 2000 exceeded the 65 percent Crop Disaster Program trigger level but who suffered significant quality deductions on the heels of wet, harvest-delaying weather in October and November.

The net effect is less income from a short crop

whose production was more expensive than expected.

Without the benefits provided through the program, these producers will be unable to generate enough income at current price levels to cover operating expenses — which skyrocketed due to increased insect threats and higher energy costs.

The bulk of the growers in this category are located on the Texas High Plains, and Plains Cotton Growers has been pushing for both short-term and long-term solutions that ultimately will keep farmers in the game for another year.

The most significant hurdle will be the financing options available to growers in 2001. Most observers indicate that producers will be hard-pressed to demonstrate a positive cash flow in 2001 based on current prices and expense projections.

Irrigated producers trying to figure out how to finance both carryover debt from 2000 and operating expenses for 2001 will have an especially hard time. But dryland producers also will face an uphill battle.

The central battleground seems to be the loan office for many producers, and the cotton-growers' group is

working to formulate some type of plan that would help producers project positive cash flows from next year's crop.

Central ideas at this time involve the pursuit of increased loan rates on the 2001

to raise the floor price that producers can realize; increasing the 2001 Ag Market Transition Payment rate to 1998 levels; and authorization of the use of modified producer yield and crop acreage base figures for cotton.

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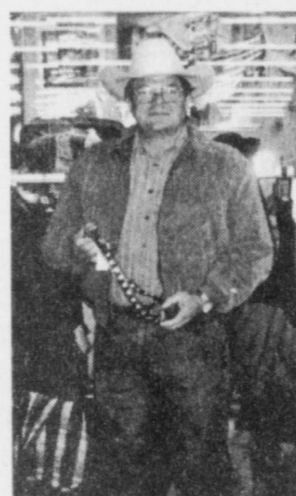
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## Joe's Boot Shop Midnight Madness Winners

Product	Value	Winner
Awards Designs Earrings	\$40.00	Steve Griswold, Muleshoe
Cripple Creek Leather Vest	\$95.00	Allen Mount, Muleshoe
Nocona Suspenders	\$32.00	Tena Foster, Friona
Resistol Straw Hat	\$75.00	Staci Burris, Muleshoe
Resistol Straw Hat	\$75.00	Todd Piper, Clovis, NM
Sidran Men's Dress Coat	\$169.00	Melanie Winders, Lazbuddie
Stetson 500X Felt Hat	\$3,500.00	Todd Piper, Clovis, NM
Gift Certificate	\$1,000.00	Keila Kennedy, Muleshoe
Comfy Jacket by Tempo	\$100.00	Tena Foster, Friona
Justin Chukka Shoe	\$85.00	Kent Wiley, Muleshoe
Nadim Men's Belt	\$99.00	Tim McCormick, Muleshoe
Nadim Ladies Belt	\$59.00	Lynn Sides, Dimmitt
M&F Hatband	\$15.00	Sherri Harrison, Muleshoe
M&F Hatband	\$15.00	Steve Griswold, Muleshoe
Elmer Fudd Cap	\$16.00	Brian Luce, Clovis, NM
Metal Basket Arrangement	\$60.00	Todd Piper, Clovis, NM
Anderson Bean Boot	\$199.00	Kelly Head, Albany, TX
Tony Lama Smooth Ostrich	\$259.00	Barbara Laigne, Clovis, NM
Star Metal Sofa Table	\$75.00	Virginia Burke, Clovis, NM
Star Metal End Table	\$65.00	Carlin Long, Muleshoe
Star Metal Lamp	\$110.00	Anna Montaluo, Levelland
Star Metal Full Bed	\$295.00	Billie Mason, Lazbuddie
Justin Youth Lace Up Boot	\$65.00	Rhonda Myers, Muleshoe
Ruddock Ladies Shirt	\$55.00	Keila Kennedy, Muleshoe
Cowboy Equipment Ladies Shirt	\$55.00	Gary Cramer, Clovis, NM
Ruddock Men's Shirt	\$55.00	John Nunley, Amarillo
Cowboy Equipment Men's Shirt	\$55.00	Jorby Lee, Portales, NM
Cowboy Equipment Boxer Shorts	\$15.95	Melanie Winders, Lazbuddie
Cowboy Equipment Boxer Briefs	\$11.95	Jackson Myers, Muleshoe
Cowboy Equipment Boxer Briefs	\$11.95	Jorby Lee, Portales, NM
Cowboy Equipment Briefs	\$8.95	Rhonda Myers, Muleshoe
Cowboy Equipment Briefs	\$8.95	Rose Nunley, Amarillo
M&F Cap	\$12.00	Madison Myers, Muleshoe
M&F Cap	\$12.00	John Nunley, Amarillo
M&F Cap	\$12.00	Caesar Mata, Lovington, NM
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KCNC Shirts	\$10.00	Kathy Branscum, Muleshoe
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Tim McCormick of Muleshoe - Winner of a Nadim Men's Belt



Steve Griswold of Muleshoe - Winner of Awards Design Earrings and M&F Hatband. Pictured are sons Westin & Justin.



Tena Foster of Friona - Winner of Nocona Suspenders and a Comfy Jacket by Tempo.



Todd Piper of Clovis, NM - Winner of a Stetson 500X Felt Hat valued at \$3,500 donated by Joe's Boot Shop and Gerald Cooley of Stetson. Todd also won a Resistol Straw Hat and a Nocona cap. Pictured are Joe Rhodes, Piper and Michael Dean.



Barbara Laigne of Clovis, NM - Winner of Tony Lama Smooth Ostrich Boots.



Melanie Winders of Lazbuddie - Winner of Sidran Men's Dress Coat and Cowboy Equipment Boxer Shorts.



Gary Cramer of Clovis, NM - Winner of a Cowboy Equipment Ladies Shirt and a Nocona cap.



Kent Wiley of Muleshoe - Winner of Justin Chukka Shoes.



Rhonda, Jackson, Madison & Garrison Myers (with guest) - Winners of Justin Youth Lace Up Boots, Cowboy Equipment Boxer Shorts and Briefs, Cowboy Equipment Briefs, M&F Cap, Nocona Cap and KCNC T-Shirt.



Staci Burris of Muleshoe - Winner of a Resistol Straw Hat.



Bettie Harrison, Kathy Branscum and George Whatley of Muleshoe - Winners of KCNC T-Shirts.



Virginia Burke of Clovis, NM - Winner of a Star Metal Sofa Table.



Kelly Head of Albany, TX - Winner of Anderson Bean Boots.

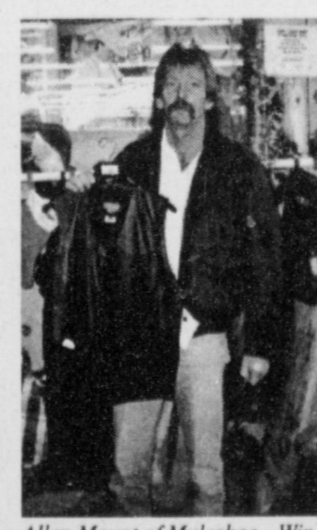


Carlin Long of Muleshoe - Winner of Star Metal End Table, M&F Cap (2) and Nocona Cap (2).

Thanks to everyone for a great night! Happy Holidays!



Mrs. Todd Piper of Clovis, NM - Winner of a Metal Basket Arrangement.



Allen Mount of Muleshoe - Winner of a Cripple Creek Leather Vest.



Lynn Sides of Dimmitt - Winner of a Nadim Ladies Belt.



Jorby Lee of Portales, NM - Winner of a Cowboy Equipment Men's Shirt and Cowboy Equipment Boxer Briefs.



Rose and John Nunley of Amarillo - Winners of a Ruddock Men's Shirt, Cowboy Equipment Briefs, M&F Cap (2) and a Nocona Cap.



Anna Montaluo of Levelland - Winner of Star Metal Lamp.

Not pictured: Keila Kennedy of Muleshoe, Sherri Harrison of Muleshoe, Brian Luce of Clovis, NM, Billie Mason of Lazbuddie, Caesar Mata of Lovington, NM, Cindy Squires of Muleshoe, Laura Gartin of Shallowater, Tyler Rice of Lazbuddie and Judd Maddock of Tulia.

Best wishes for a happy New Year. We look forward to serving you in 2001!





Journal photo: Beatrice Morin

### November business of the month

Gathered to honor Precure Electric as the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce's business of the month for November are (from left) Clay Kidd, Mark Washington, Joe Flores, Carroll Precure, Terri Precure, Pam McCaul and Sheila Stevenson. In front are 5-year-old Adrienne Precure and 2-year-old Emily Precure, 2.



Journal photo: Beatrice Morin

### September business of the month

Gathered to honor McDonald's as the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce's business of the month for September are (from left) Pam McCaul, Sally Flores, Joe López, Monica Sena, Joseph Sena, Joe Flores, Sheila Stevenson and John Hurtado. The chamber apologizes to McDonald's for the tardiness in scheduling the photo.

## Jesus video to enter Texas homes

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

The Jesus Video Project of Texas is on target to begin mailing the video to Texas residences the last week of March in conjunction with the Easter season.

Project officials are planning to mail more than a million videos at Easter. Two other mailings are scheduled during the year — in July and in October.

The project is a ministry of the Campus Crusade for Christ International.

"We can say with confidence that bringing the greatest news ever proclaimed to every home in Texas will have a significant impact on many lives," said Kevin Macaro, the project's U.S. director.

"Before us is an unprecedented opportunity for the church in the state of Texas to cooperatively offer Jesus' message of forgiveness to every man, woman and child," he added.

The goal of the project in Texas is to mail the 83-minute movie portraying the story of Jesus to all 8.4 million residences and to engage churches

to work together in their local communities.

Almost 2,000 churches and individuals are signed up to participate.

"I feel strongly that this video is so important in helping keep families out of divorce courts," state Robby Carson, state coordinator of the project. "The moral climate of our country needs the hope this video can provide."

More than half a million Florida residents received the video earlier this month, distributed by a coalition of pastors, ministry leaders and lay leaders from 220 congregations, according to the ministry group Vision Orlando.

Distribution in Florida was limited to Orange, Seminole and Osceola counties.

"We had a vision to see our community uplifted by God's love," Vision Orlando President Randall Loy said. The purpose is to transform Orlando by strengthening neighborhoods and schools and reducing crime, he said.

About 1.35 million people live in the metropolitan Orlando area.

### Mammograms to be available

The Women's Center of Amarillo's Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital will conduct a breast-cancer screening clinic Jan. 16 at South Plains Health Care Providers, 208 W. Second St.

Participants will receive a

low-cost screening, a risk appraisal and individual instruction.

Funding is available for Texas residents who qualify.

All exams are done by appointment only. More information is available by calling (800) 377-4673.

Dr. Billy Graham has urged every pastor to "take advantage of this unique opportunity."

Churches still have time to get involved in the project. Details (and the entire video) are available on the Internet at [www.JesusTexas.org](http://www.JesusTexas.org).

The video has been shown in 233 countries in 633 languages since its inception in 1979.

## Chapter 12-type farm bankruptcy law has expired

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL  
WACO — Farmers facing hard times are left without the option of filing Chapter 12 bankruptcy due to unfinished congressional business, Texas Farmers Union President Wes Sims said last week.

Chapter 12 authorization expired last July 1. The provision has had bipartisan support in the past, and was included in a larger bankruptcy bill passed by Congress last month.

However, President Clinton has said he will veto the comprehensive bill, since sections of it (unrelated to Chapter 12) weaken consumer protection.

A number of farm and ranch groups wrote a letter to Congress on Nov. 13 urging members to pass legislation reauthorizing Chapter 12 before adjourning. While the House passed a separate extension before adjourning, the Senate failed to agree on the extension.

"Reauthorization of Chapter 12 must be a top priority for members of Congress when they return," Sims said.

"We have heard from many producers who are in dire financial straits and who were counting on Congress to restore Chapter 12 this year," he said.

Chapter 12, the Family Farmer Bankruptcy Act of 1986, originally was enacted as a response to the farm crisis of the 1980s that caused a large number of farm failures.

It allows farmers and ranchers to reorganize their debt and provides a repayment plan that is based on the earnings of the debtor rather than the value of assets that would otherwise be liquidated.

It allows farmers to submit a repayment plan that can reduce the amount owed if this amount is at least what creditors would receive if the farmer were to liquidate under the individual bankruptcy provisions of Chapter 7.

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### Aries — March 21/April 20

The new year gives you a chance to begin a relationship on the right foot, Aries. Don't be too aggressive when meeting an interesting person this week; you don't want to scare him or her away. Just relax, and you're sure to make a good impression. Scorpio plays an important role during the middle of the week.

### Taurus — April 21/May 21

Don't back down when it comes to something that you want this week. You know that you deserve it, and you can attain it if you just stay focused. Don't let that special someone distract you from the task at hand. A close friend needs a shoulder to cry on. Be there for him or her.

### Gemini — May 22/June 21

2001 starts off right for you, Gemini. Everything seems to be going your way. The higher-ups reward you for your efforts at work, and you meet an interesting person while out with friends late in the week. Get to know him or her better, because this could be the one. Leo plays a key role.

### Cancer — June 22/July 22

When it comes to your financial future, don't procrastinate any longer, Cancer. You shouldn't let your career stagger. You need to take a chance. Don't worry — if you don't go for too much too soon, everything will work out. A loved one offers you some romantic advice late in the week. Listen to what he or she has to say.

### Leo — July 23/August 23

Ring in the new year on a positive note, Leo. Don't get upset with a loved one for something that he or she says. This person doesn't mean to hurt your feelings. So, just let it go. A close friend reveals his or her true feelings for you on Thursday. Don't be shocked; you saw this coming.

### Virgo — Aug 24/Sept 22

Several close friends are counting on you to make the right choice when it comes to a personal matter, Virgo. While you want to make them happy, you have to do what is right for you. Don't let them pressure you into doing something that you don't agree with. Turn to a loved one for advice if you need it.

### Libra — Sept 23/Oct 23

Don't turn your back on an acquaintance who needs your help. Even though you two aren't very close, do what you can for this person. This event could help to strengthen your relationship. That special someone has a surprise for you on Tuesday. Enjoy!

### Scorpio — Oct 24/Nov 22

When you make a mistake at work this week, don't try to cover it up, Scorpio. Just accept responsibility for it, and work to correct the situation. The higher-ups will be impressed with your efforts. A loved one needs your advice about a family matter. Give this person your honest opinion. Pisces plays a key role.

### Sagittarius — Nov 23/Dec 21

As you celebrate the new year, look to the future, not the past. Don't pine for a lost love. Deep down, you know that it isn't meant to be. So, focus on what's ahead of you, and try to meet new people. It will do wonders for your love life. A close friend needs your help with a personal problem. Do what you can.

### Capricorn — Dec 22/Jan 20

If you work diligently this week, Capricorn, you're sure to make great strides toward a personal goal. Don't let an acquaintance distract you. Just stay focused. The person whom you've been seeing wants to intensify your relationship. Say yes, because this is what you want too.

### Aquarius — Jan 21/Feb 18

Don't let a minor setback at work throw you off track this week. You certainly can overcome this obstacle if you just stay focused. The higher-ups will be impressed with your initiative. A close friend takes you out late in the week. Enjoy yourself!

### Pisces — Feb 19/March 20

A close friend turns to you for advice early in the week, Pisces. While you would like to help, stay out of it. There is much more going on here than you realize. Getting involved only will get you into trouble. Virgo plays an important role.

## JOURNAL INFORMATION...News You Can Use

### EDITORIAL INFORMATION

(1) In order to help accommodate our readers, we urge everyone to keep in mind that the newspaper is put together on Tuesday and Friday. To increase the probability that your information will be placed in your preferred edition, the earlier that stories, information about meetings or any editorial subject is brought to the Journal office the better!

(2) Deadlines for "Around Muleshoe" and "Around the Area" — Monday at 5 pm (Thurs. edition) and Thursday at 5 pm (Sun. edition).

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### ADVERTISING INFORMATION Effective Mar. 1, 2000

(1) Display ads are located throughout the newspaper. Ad costs are based on the number of column inches that the ad occupies. The Journal's open rate is \$3.57/col. inch. Discounts are available under certain conditions. Borders and artwork are added at no extra cost!  
(2) DEADLINES FOR DISPLAY ADVERTISING are Tuesday at Noon (Thurs. edition) and Friday at Noon (Sun. edition). If you are a business or individual in need of placing a DISPLAY AD or you have questions about display advertising, call Leah at 272-4536.

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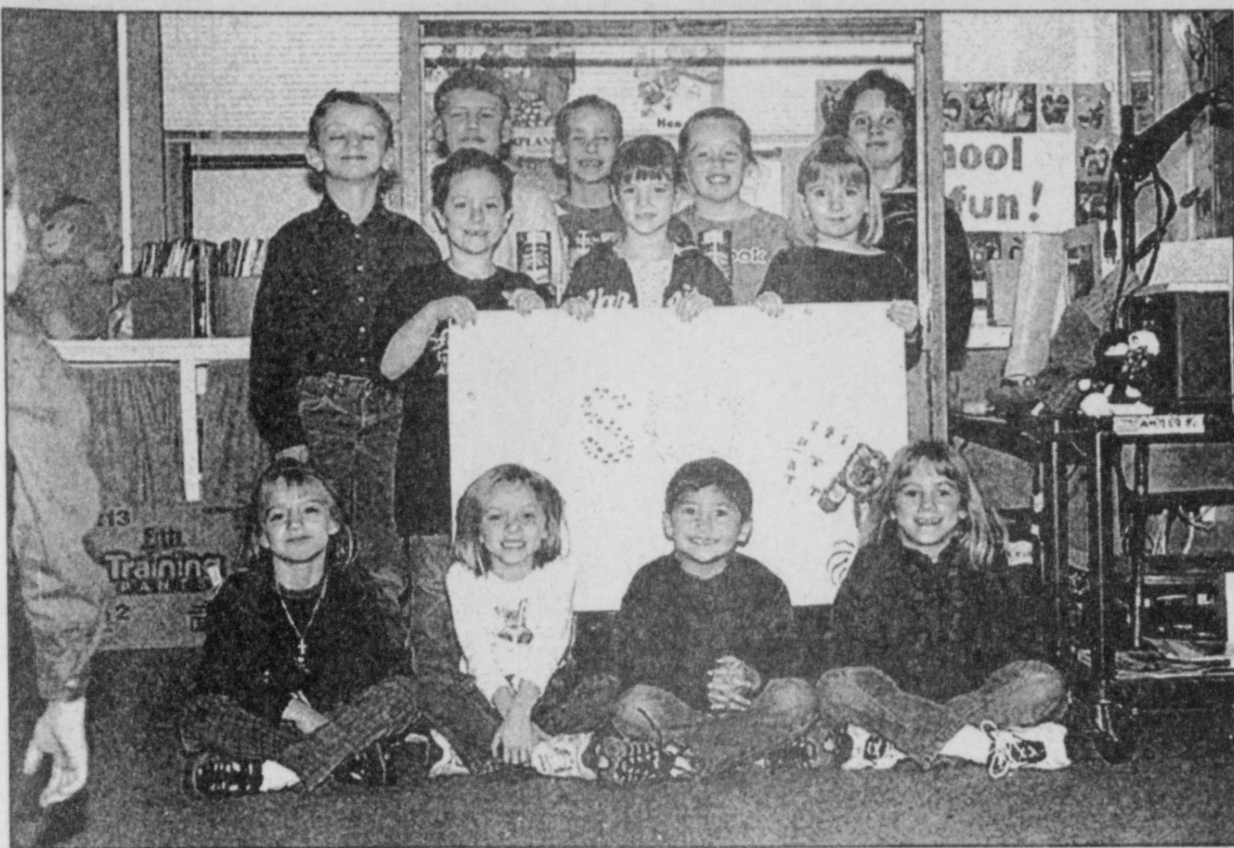
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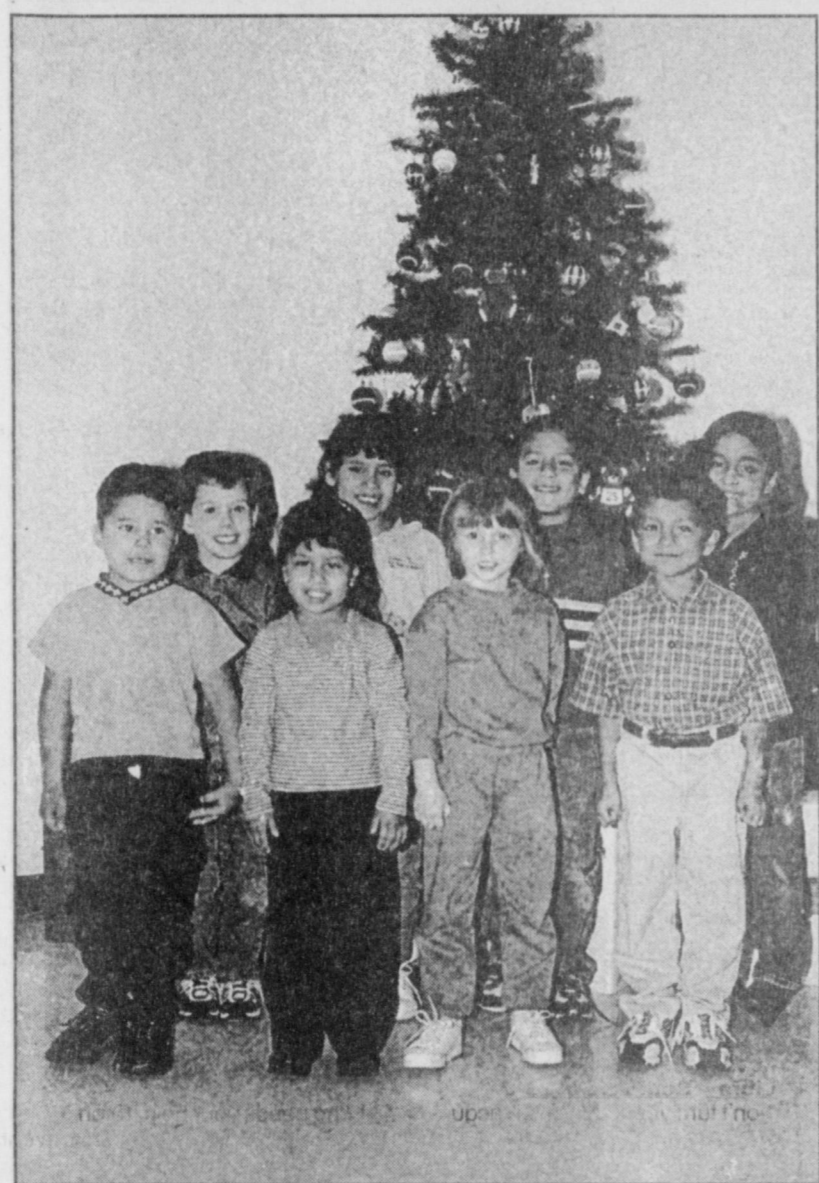
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Journal photos: Beatrice Morin



### Dillman spotlight

Sharing the spotlight at Dillman Elementary School during December have been Rosemary Lowe's gifted-and-talented "Discovers" class (above), which conducted a canned-food drive to help the needy at Christmas, and the school's superkids for December (at right). Superkids are (from left, back row) pre-kindergarten Alexander Morris, second-grader Ariel Castorena, second-grader Zachary Toscano and first-grader Belinda Pacheco; (front row, from left) kindergartner Jaxiel López, pre-kindergarten Sabrina Guerra, kindergartner Trinity Raymond and first-grader Reynaldo del Toro. "Discover" students are (back row, from left) Sterling Lepard, Ryan Hall, Cassi Stegall and Natalie Head; (middle row, from left) Chance O'Hare, Douglas Bartholf, Rashelle Hall and Katie Sowder; (front row, from left) Baylee Bessire, Cassidy Lowe, Matthew Ambriz and Jenna Whitworth. The food drive netted about 450 cans of food.

### Soil temperature hampers starting small grain crops

**SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL**  
**LUBBOCK** — This year's weather-delayed cotton harvest on the South Plains also dealed many farmers' plans to seed small grains for grain, forage or hay. They may be wondering whether it is too late to seed a small-grain crop, a Texas A&M agronomist said recently.

"Small grains such as oats and barley require a minimum average daily soil temperature of 45 to 50 degrees Fahrenheit for good germination and adequate stand establishment," said Calvin Trostle, Extension agronomist at Texas A&M's Extension and Research Center at Lubbock.

"But our soil temperatures on the South Plains have been cooler than normal since about Nov. 20," Trostle said.

"In fact, the average daily soil temperatures at a depth of 4 inches have been at or below 45 degrees," he said. "Producers can check average daily soil temperatures at several South Plains locations on the Internet at [achilleus.tamu.edu/data/data.html](http://achilleus.tamu.edu/data/data.html)."

But producers can still plant oats or even wheat for forage, Trostle said. Oats can be planted for forage as late as mid-February around Plainview and in similar climates, he said.

"Another option is to seed oats in late January, within about two weeks of warmer soil temperatures. If the soil isn't wet enough to induce rot, the seed will set its own time for germination," he said. "Wheat can also be planted this late, but it won't produce as much forage as oats."

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"From Vienna: New Year's 2001"

If it's the Blue Danube Waltz, Walter Cronkite, and New Year's Day it must be Great Performances. Once again Great Performances returns to the City of Dreams for "From Vienna: The New Year's Celebration 2001." The program takes an estimated audience of 750 million to the Musikverein concert hall for a glittering 90 minutes of Strauss waltzes polkas, and marches. Waltz aficionados will enjoy a salute to Vienna's beloved Joseph Lanner (1801-1843), who, with Johann Strauss Sr., is acknowledged as the creator of the Viennese waltz. Lanner's greatest waltz Die Schönbrunner, provides the background for an off-site visit to the famed Hapsburg palace that inspired it.

Dancer Manuel Legris of The Paris Opera Ballet follows with a solo to Strauss' Der Kobold (The Sprite) Polka, while railroad enthusiasts will not want to miss the Vergnügungszug (Excursion Train) Polka, featuring a delightful montage of vintage trains from 1862 to 1910.

"From Vienna: The New Year's Celebration 2001" airs Monday, January 1st at 8:00 p.m. on KENW-TV with a stereo simulcast on KENW/KMTH-FM. It repeats the same evening at 12:00 midnight.

## Live From Lincoln Center

"Renée Fleming @ the Penthouse"

Superstar American soprano Renée Fleming warms up a winter evening in "Renée Fleming @ the Penthouse," part of Live From Lincoln Center's 25th-anniversary season on PBS. Following the success of last season's inaugural telecast from the Stanley H. Kaplan Penthouse, featuring Itzhak Perlman, Fleming appears in an atmosphere considered long lost in the world of classical superstars — the intimate musicale.

Joined by the Orpheus Chamber Orchestra, Fleming and her special guests offer a program of classical favorites and standard American tunes laced with narrative and insight into the worlds of both performer and composer. Beverly Sills hosts the 90-minute program.

"Renée Fleming @ the Penthouse" on Live From Lincoln Center will be broadcast Sunday, January 7th at 10:30 p.m.

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**Field Unit Supervisor**  
[www.txbollweevil.org](http://www.txbollweevil.org)  
 The Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation is recruiting for a field unit supervisor position in the Muleshoe District to be hired in mid January.  
 Desirable qualifications  
 • Cotton background  
 • Supervisory skills  
 • Public relations  
 • Strong computer skills  
 Submit your resume and cover letter to:  
 Human Resource Department  
 PO Box 5089  
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 (915)677-1006  
 Email: [jobs@txbollweevil.org](mailto:jobs@txbollweevil.org)  
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**HIGH SCHOOL**

- VERY NICE 3-1-1 Brick, Heat pump, DW, nice carpets, fenced yd., MORE!! \$30's!!! HS-1
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- VERY NICE 2-1-1 Brick, Elec. Heat Pump, stove disp. fans, deck, fenced yd., MORE!! \$32.5K!! HS-13
- 3-1-1 Brick, Cent. heat, evap. air, Dishwasher, fenced yd.!! \$28K!! HS-6

**HIGHLAND AREA**

- 2-1-1 Carport, built-ins, wall furn. heat, win. evap., 5 fans, covered patio, fenced yd. \$25K!! HL-4
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**LENAU - COUNTRY CLUB AREA**

- 2-1-1 Home, wall furn. heat, \$18K!! L-4

**COMMERCIAL**

- Duplex (2-2 bdrm. 1 bath units) plus 1 (2 or 3 bdrm) for residence or rental. \$30K!!
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- 200 Main & E. Ave. B-4 rental units plus upstairs & basement or

**RURAL**

- PLEASANT VALLEY, Approx. 160 acres, 2 bdrm home, 1 bath, 2 car detached garage, on pavement!!
- W. of SUDAN-NICE 3-3-2 Brick Home, 5 acre tract on Hwy. 298, Cent. Air & Heat, built-ins, large Quonset Barn, MORE!!! \$95K!!!
- 5 Acre tract on pavement close to town!
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- PROGRESS - VERY NICE 3-2-2 Home on 21.8 acres on Hwy. 84, Elec. Heat Pump, built-ins, FP, 3 fans, 10 hp., sub. irrig. well, undrgrd. tile, valves, & gated pipe!! MORE!! \$55K!!!
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