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A QUICK READ OF THE NEWS
'This Bud's for me'
Two commercial fishermen are in deep trouble for what Port O'Connor, Texas, authorities say was their unique interpretation of the slogan, "This Bud's For You." Daniel Joseph Doiron, 37, of Louisiana, and Robert Charles Johnson, 41, of Port Bolivar, Texas, are accused of stealing a Budweiser beer truck.
"They were laughing when they got to jail," a sheriff said. "And when they sobered up they still thought it was funny, but they won't think it's so funny when the judge sees them.
The men allegedly stole the refrigerated 18-wheeler as its driver was making a delivery inside Clark's Seafood Restaurant. A deputy pulled the truck over a few minutes College party turns wild It was the perfect setting for a college
party - an out-of-the-way house party - an out-of-the-way house that was about to be turned over to a new owner.
The only trouble was that the new owner was the National Park Service, which didn't take kindly to a bash on its property. A party last June in the Fredericksburg, Va., house where Nathaniel Haas, Jeremiah Sutton and Robert Henneberg were living cost the three Mary Washington College students $\$ 21,000$ in restitution to the Park Service, which owns the 60 -year-old house.
Assault with a carrot?
An 11 -year-old Detroit boy has been charged with felonious assault after he allegedly threw a carrot slice that hit his middle-school teacher in the eye.
The boy was being held in the Wayne County Juvenile Detention Facility, charged with assault with a dangerous weapon. If with assault with a dangerous weapon. If
convicted, he could face a variety of penalconvicted, he could face a variety of penal-
ties, including time in a boys training school. ties, including time in a boys training school.
The boy was suspended from Murphy Middle School after throwing carrot pieces at classmates, the Detroit Free Press reported. One of the chunks hit teacher Lee Williams in the eye, leaving it red and swollen, police said.


Drawing date: Saturday, Jan. 15
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Fifth Legislature (1854) and Confederate sunFifth Legislature (1854) and Confederale gun-
boats captured warships near Sabine Pass (1861).

## Local weather

Rain and snow with temperatures in the low 40s can be expected for Thursday. Partly cloudy conditions should takeover for Friday through Sunday, with high temperatures increasing to about 45 Friday, 49 Saturday and 53 Sunday. Morning lows should be in the mid-20s Friday and Saturday, rising to low 30s Sunday.

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## Jury selection complete; Reyes trial under way

By RONN SMITH
Editor
Prosecution and defense attorneys completed jury selection Tuesday in the capital murder trial of Gilberto "Tito" Reyes of Muleshoe, and the trial was scheduled to
get under way Wednesday
Reyes is accused in the October 1998 slaying of Y vette Barraz, then 19 years old.
She died while allegedly being kidnapped by Reyes, her estranged boyfriend.

Barraz disappeared from the parking lot of a Muleshoe restaurant where she worked. Her body was found in her car in Presidio, Texas, on the Mexican border. The trial is being held before Senior District Judge Jack Young,
who has ordered considerable se curity at the courthouse during the trial, has banned cameras from the courthouse during the same period, and declined to make public the names of those selected to serve on the jury.

Texas suffers third drought in four years SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL AUSTIN-Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs said recently the Texas agricultural industry is facing a crisis situation as most farmers and ranchers across the state are enduring their third drought in four years.
"Many people are unaware that the state is in a drought," Combs said in a press conference. "1999 was one of the driest years on record. Texas farmers and ranchers are facing a serious situation.
Travis Miller, a soil and crop science specialist with the Texas Agricultural ExtensionService, said much of the wheat crop in western regions of the state is in critical condition.
Texas producers have planted 5.8 million acres of wheat, which is down 6 percent from last year. Ninety-one percent of the state's winter wheat crop is in fair to very poor condition. "West of Interstate 35, we've got a crop that is in terrible shape," Miller said. "A lot of it is dying, much of it didn't come up at all."
Cattle prices are higher than a year ago, but ranchers will lose money by being forced to sell off herds because of a lack of water and forage


## Livestock show another big success

By SCOT STINNETT

## Journal publisher

Lynsie Black called it a career with a career weekend.
In her final appearance in the an nual Bailey County Junior Livestock Show last weekend, the daughter of Rex and Brenda Black of Muleshoe

## peted.

She also was chosen among the top three senior exhibitors in both the swine and steer showmanship contests.
The Muleshoe High School senior diove her champion crossbred bardiove her champion crossbred bar-
evening, then led her champion exotic cross steer to top honors on Saturday morning. The steer was one of two class winners for Black in the exotics. She also had the reserve champion American-breed steer.
The wins were part of a huge weeksee SHOW on page 7

## Varsity boys hogtie Friona to take district win No. 3

When the Mules took the cour against Friona, the sky outside was pitch black. The Mules must have likedit that way, because they spent the next 32 minutes shooting the lights out.
The Mules hit 11 three-pointers, including nine in the first half, to blow out the Friona Chieftains 65

## 38 on Friday night.

James Barrett led all scorers with 17, all coming in the first half which saw the Mules build a 42-17 lead. Barrett hit two threes during a 13-0 run in the first quarter and two more during a $10-0$ run to end the half.
Although the early threes sealed the victory, they weren't a big part of the gameplan according to Mule
head coach Ralph Mason.
"We never go into a game thnking we're going to shoot threes," Mason said. "I hope this is a sign of things to come.
Mason șaid that although the players were shooting well from the arc during practice, the game plan was torun down a small Friona squad. The Chieftains were playing with only six men and were led
by Nathan Haile, who had nine points off the bench.
Muleshoe took a 23-10 lead into the second quarter and used stifling defense to increase the lead. Friona was held to only one field goal in the second quarter, a threepointer by Cason White. The other shots were either missed or blocked
see MULES on page 5

## Geography bee winner

 has chance to see world SPECIAL TO THE JOURNALTimothy Conner, a fifth-grader at DeShazo Elementary School in Muleshoe, has won the first round (school-level) of the 12th annual National Geographic Bee and a chance at a $\$ 25,000$ scholarship.

He now will take a written test, which will qualify up to 100 of the top scorers to participate in the state bee on April 7. The event is sponsored by the National Geographic Society.
State winners, along with their teacher-escorts, will receive an expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., for the national championship, scheduled for May 23-24
Alex Trebek, host of television's Jeopardy!, will serve as moderator of the national finals on May 24.
The nationals will be broadcast on the Public Broadcasting System.


Fifth-grader Timothy Conner, who won the local National Geographic Bee earlier this month, checks out some of his favorite places as he explains his interest in geography, among many subjects. The son of Stacy and Debbie Conner, he is in David Keller's class. He will take a written test to see if he will be among about $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ students going to the state ecomnetition in Anril This marke the event'c 12th vear

## AROUND MULESHOE

Five Area co-op members to meet
The annual membership meeting of Five Area Telephone Cooperative is scheduled for 10 a.m. Feb. 5 at the Bailey County Coliseum.
Registration will begin at 9 a.m.
In addition to annual reports, the members are scheduled to elect two directors. Nominees from District 2 (West Lazbuddie) are Dave Engelking and Kirby Burch; nominees from Needmore are Pudd Wiseman and Ann Sowder
Lunch will be served at noon, and a drawing will be held for gifts.
Lazbuddie seniors sell calendars
The senior class of Lazbuddie High School is selling special versaries.
These may be purchased for $\$ 5$ from any senior class member clas sponsor or the school
Extension plans health-related event
The Bailey County Family and Community Education Cliub and Texas Agricultural Extension Service are sponsoring educational program at $2: 30$ p.
Church of Christ in Muleshoe.
The topic will be "Putting Your Best Foot Forward," and anyone who has foot or leg problems is encouraged to attend. Learn about alternatives that can be helpful and how to develop an overall healthy lifestyle.

## DECA students to attend conference

Seven Muleshoe High School students will travel to Wichita Falls on Jan. 31 to compete at the 2000 District 8 DECA Career Development Conference
Competing in public relations will be Chairmen Devin Carpenter, Leesa Gable and Gary Jones. Their presentation will highlight their efforts to re-establish a senior citizens center-in Muleshoe.

Students competing in the Learn and Earn Project will be Lisa Ramírez and Liz Torres, who implemented the DECA Chances fund-raising activity at home basketball games this season
Others participating will be Kristy Martin in the Entrepreneur ship Participating individual event and Ch
Business Services Marketing Series event
They will be competing for district titles and the right Senior Parents to meet
A meeting of Muleshoe High School Senior Parents is scheduled for 5 p.m. Jan. 26 in the First Baptist Church Activity Center. The main topic of discussion will be Project Graduation. All parents of seniors are invited for an update on projects and future fund-raisers

Girl Scouts set spring sign-up
Girl Scouts of Muleshoe will have the group's spring registration from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Jan. 27 in the Community Room of Muleshoe State Bank
The girls will participate in activities with their troop as well as with all the Muleshoe Girl Scouts. An outing to Camp Rio Blanco is planned in May, and a summer day camp is planned for

There is a $\$ 7$ registration fee and financial assistance

## vailable.

Anyone who cannot attend the registration session is asked to
Lazbuddie seniors to host meal
The senior class of Lazbuddie High School has announced plans for a Valentine luncheon to be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Feb. 13 in the school cafeteria.
The menu will include brisket, scalloped potatoes, tossed
salad, red beans, Texas toast and a homemade dessert.
The cost will be $\$ 6$ per plate or $\$ 4$ per "lite plate." Take-outs
Lions Club organizing
A Lions Club is in the process of being organized in Muleshoe.
Michael Precure, one of the local organizers, announced
Thursday that an organizational meeting will be held at 7 p.m.
an. 27 in the Watson Junior High Schooi library.
He urged everyone interested to attend, stressing that Lions is
open to women as well as men. A district spokesman for Lions International said Muleshoe

School board meeting date changed
ave voted to change the date of their second meeting in January rom Jan. 24 to Jan. 3
The board made the change to allow Superintendent David Public Calendar
Jan. 27 - All day. LlanoEstacado West Ag Conference, at the
Feb. 7 - 7 p.m. Public hearing on a proposed detention center located in Bailey County, in the Muleshoe High School

The deadline for items to appear in Around Muleshoe is 5 p.m. Monday for Thursday'sedition and 5 p.m. Thursday for Sunday's dition. Items may be brought to the office at 304 W . Second aition. Items may be brought to the office at 304 W. Second, 35\%

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Scoggin retires
Lewis Scoggin, long a fixture at Bailey County Junior Livestock Shows, holds the plaque he was presented last week to mark his retirement from the event's board of directors. Board member Ronnie Altman visits with Scoggin after the presentation.

Auditions planned for parts in 'Texas outdoor musical
The musical drama "Texas is looking for singers, dancers actors, technicians and cus tomer relations representatives to fill 140 paid positions with the nation's best-attended outdoor musical drama.
"Texas" is staged under the stars in Palo Duro Canyon, near Amarillo, and attracts 100,000 visitors each year. Last year, isitors from every state and 99 The directors will hold The directors will hold A\&M University in Canyon elect those who will help with the production this year. This audition will be one of seven held across the United States. Dancers are scheduled to reg-
ster at $10 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. and audition a group at 10:30 a.m. Other prospective performers and staff are scheduled to register between 10:30 a.m. and 11:15
ood choices SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL it's the start of a new year, and many people have resolved to lose weight.
The keys to healthy weight loss include a realistic weight goal and adopting lifelong commitments to regular physical activity and a nutritious diet. The physical activity part is simple - 30 minutes of mod erate exercise most days.

Piñons are a good choice for High Plains

By RONN SMITH Editor
Carl Bamert of Muleshoe has inquired about whether piñon pines make a good tree for
ing on the High Plains.
The answer is yes, whethe you're talking about a specimen for the landscape or a tough tree for a windbreak. Of course if you're planting them for a windbreak and won't be irri gating, it would be good to plant them while you're young They are reasonably fast growing with a little moisture but very slow without it
Of course, everybody sees vendors selling piñons along want to be disrespectful of the initiative being shown by the people doing the selling, but have never seen one of those with trees I would buy
The reason is simple: If you have a pine tree 4 - or 5 -foot tal with a root ball 8 or 10 inches in diameter, you're going to hav problems-possibly more than you'll want to deal with even if the tree survives.
Without its root system feed the top, it's going to be completely dependent on you to keep moisture available righ up to the trunk and provide al the nutrients it needs within that 8 - or 10 -inch circle

If the tree is to be used for landscaping, my advice is to go to a nursery and find one in a container. You may only be abl to afford one that's consider ably smaller than 4 or 5 feet, but with reasonable attention for a year or two the container-grown tree should be fine. In most cases, I would say, a 2 - or 3 foot containerized plan probably will get re-established and grow fast enough to catch

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up with a 4- or 5 -foot tree that
ame with almost no roots. And the death rate will be considerably lower with the containerized tree, not to menion the number of hours you'll especially well-known outside spend to succeed with it. the Southwest (except for their
you probably will be looking at ew inches high, and possibly when the trees are very small - they recover quickly from many experiences that might
kill them once they're bigger.
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## etting them established. And

 getting them established pretty much consists of providing little moisture when they get dry during the first year or two. mail-order not easy to find
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 As for the wetness.
As tree's landscape quality, no less an authority than Michael A Dirr praises the piñon in his Manual of Woody Landscape Plants, describing t as having a good dark green color and attractive growth
Dirr, long a professor at the University of Georgia, is an unlandscape plants. Happy planting! Questions and suggestions can be sent to Garden Writer Route 2, Box 880, Muleshoe,



Hodges - Key
Mack and Rhonda Hodges of Muleshoe announce the engage-
ment and approaching marriage of their daughter, Suzy Beth, to ment and approaching marriage of their daughter, Suzy Beth, to
Christopher Alan Key of Plano, Texas.
Their wedding is scheduled for 2 p.m. March 25 in Grace Presbyterian Church of Plano. The bride-elect is a 1996 graduate of Lazbuddie High School
and received her bachelor's degree in December 1999 from the University of North Texas in Denton. She is employed by Kids R Kids Learning Center in Plano.
Key is the son of Phil and Connie Key, also of Plano. He is a
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## LEO'S BLACKSMITH G IIACHIDE SHOP

 Lynn Box and Cheryl Engelking.

ADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION
The Ladies Golf Association
hosted its monthly luncheon Jan. 19 at the Muleshoe Counry Club. Members were served salad, baked potatoes, stew with cornbread and chocolate cake. President Darlene Henry called the meeting to order by welcoming a new member, Pamela Miller
Henry then thanked the other new officers for accepting their positions: Vice President Tammy Black, Secretary Jana St. Clair, Treasurer Pat Kirk, Reporter Deborah Noble, Play Day Chairperson Cheryl Engelking, Tournament Chairperson Anita Allgood and High Plains Chairperson Linda Elder
Neets Foster won the door

## JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

 The Lady Mules were upset by the Friona Squaws 44-41 on Friday night. Friona just held off a frantic comeback by Muleshoe, which trailed 28-15 at the half.Friona guard Crystal Morton scored 15 points in the first half and added two clutch free throws in the fourth to give the Lady Mules their first district loss of the season
Most of Morton's damage came in the final 2:32 of the first half. She hit a three-pointer and a jumper during a 10-2 run. Kayla Smiley addd four during the run and finished with 12 points for Friona.
The Lady Mules entered the fourth trailing $36-23$, but
Lindsey Field led a furious comeback. With 4:55 left in the game, Field hit two free throws to make the score 38 29. Only 26 seconds later, Field

## MULES

by Bret Clements, who had three blocks in the first half. Clements was the defensive weapon in the first half, but he became the offensive weapon in the third quarter. He scored eight of the 10 Mule points in the third, which ended with 52-23 lead. Darrell Lewis added the other two and fin ished the evening with 10 . The Mules shifted the offensive load to Mitch Mason in the fourth. Mason scored eight o his his 14 points in garbage time for the Mules. With the win, the Mules move to $15-7$ overall, but 3-1 in district.


Gathered around the results of last month's canned-food drive are member of the Ladies Golf Association (back row, from left): Jana St. Clair, Analita Haley, Anita Allgood, LaVern Winn, Pat Kirk, Elinora Yerby, Linda Elder and Tammy Black; (front row, from left) Dorothy St. Clair, Evelyn Riley, Jo Rempe, Claudine Elliott, Neets Foster, Ronda Box, Darlene Henry,

## Lady Mules lose close one to Friona

## hit two more the cut the Squaw went out of bounds.

After Crystal Dow hita layup FRIONA 44, LADY MULES 41 for Friona, the game looked to be in the books, but Field kept at it. Two straight baskets cut the lead to three. Morton then hit two free throws to put the game at 44-39. Field hit another shot andBritni Gat who scored 12 points forced who scored 12 points, forced jump ball with 5.3 seconds re-
maining. maining.
While tyring to open up a teammate, however, Field was called for an offensive foul After V'Laura Wilcox missed the free throw, Muleshoe had the free throw, Muleshoe had a

This year the association had its first Play Day this year, with three teams of four playing a three teams of four playi cramble forming score score of 77 , was Phillips, Elliot, Yerby and Noble. On the regular Wednesday Play Days, tee-off time for 18 holes is 1 p.m. Anyone who gets a threep.m. Anyone who gets a three putt has to feed the piggy a quarter. At the end of the year,
a drawing determines who gets their quarters back.
German chocolate cake was served after 18 holes of golf. This was to celebrate our January birthdays - Dorothy St. Clair, Winn and Noble.
The next meeting will be Feb. 16 at noon in the Muleshoe Country Club dining room.

Hart and from Engelking were read to the association. Henry encouraged members to remember their secret pals and keep Hart in their prayers St. Clair read roll call. Mem bers present were Engelking Allgood, Black, Miller, Foster Kirk, Henry, Noble, Cookie Bamert, Analita Haley Yolanda Phillips, Claudine Elliot, Elinor Yerby, Jana S Clair,Dorothy St. Clair,LeVern Templeton and Judy Wilbanks The association's Christmas project for last year was a food drive. Engelking gathered the food and took it to the local food bank. The association would like to express apprecia tion to all who helped make this
.V. ROUNDUP SHALLOWATER 65, MULES 56

The Shallowater junior var sity boys whipped Muleshoe 65-56 on Jan. 18 in Muleshoe
The Mules The Mules led early in the
game, 19-12 at the end of the first quarter and 27-25 at th half.

But the Mustangs came roar ing back to lead by 42-39 at th end of the third quarter.
D.J. Domínguezled the Mule shoe attack with 18 points, with help from Stephan Shelburn (16) and Kyle Atwood (12) MULES 58, FRIONA 37
The tables were turned on Jan 21 , with the junior varsity Mule manhandling Friona 58-37.
The Mules jumped out to 15-4 first-quarter lead and continued to a 34-11 margin at the half.
Friona actually outscored the Mules by two points in the seco half, but the effort was too little

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Kyle Atwood and Stephan pheiburne each bucketed
points for Muleshoe, with D Domínguez chipping in 10 . Friona's Joseph Bandy led al scorers with 13

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The junior varsity Shallowate Fillies led 33-29 at halftime and continued to outscore the Lady Mules by a slim margin to take 65-55 victory Jan. 18
Megan Tipps and Tiffany Flores shared scoring duties at Hutto's 10.
LADY MULES 34, FRIONA 32
After trailing 9-8 for the first quarter and 20-16 at the half, the JV Lady Mules rode an 11-point third quarter to victory over Friona, 34-32.
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FRIDAY THRU SUNDAY ONIY!



## Three Way Eagles take district opener from Ropesville

MAPLE - Rallying in the final quarter, the Three Way Eagles beat Ropes 51-49 here Jan. 21 in the districtopener for both teams.

Jimmy James scored 14 points - including eight in the final period - to lead a balanced Three Way attack. He also had 10 rebounds.
Daniel Reeves added eight, while Alberto Valderas, Marvin McCaul and Michael Soliz each had six. Eight of 10 Eagles contributed to the scor ing.
JohnEscobedo scored 21 and Jeff McCrummen 15 for Ropes, now 15-7 and 0-1
Ropes led 38-33 going into the final period, but the Eagles battled back with an 18-11 run for the win.
The Eagle JV also won, 57 26
Three Way (14-7, 1-0) was scheduled to play a district contest Tuesday at Meadow - a rematch of the Jan. 8 championship game of the Meadow Tournament, won 54-52 by Meadow.
Since then, the Eagles have been riding a four-game winning streak.
After the game at Meadow, the Eagles will host Whitharral in a district game Friday. EAGLES 82, FAITH TEMPLE 54 Four Three Way players scored in double figures and the entire team contributed to the scoring as the Eagles pounded Portales Faith Temple 82-54 on Jan. 18 in Portales.

James scored 18, McCaul 14, Reeves 11 and Valderas 10 for the Eagles. Anthony Furgeson and Monty Kirby added eight apiece.
Koby Smith led the Conquerors with 33 points. EAGLES 67, LAZBUDDIE 59
Valderas poured in 25 points and McCaul added 15 as the Eagles held off Lazbuddie 6759 Jan. 14 at Three Way.
Bryce Ronek paced the Longhorns with 23 points,
SPC annual math/science event slated SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL Area high school students will get a head start on University Interscholastic League competition at a Jan. 29 contest planned at South Plains College in Levelland.
This the 16 th year for SPC's annual High School Math and Science Contest, which helps to prepare students for the UIL meets.
More than 200 students from as many as 25 area high schools are expected to be on hand for the competition, scheduled for 8:30 a.m. to $2: 30$ p.m. in the Math and Engineering Building on campus.
Categories include math science, number sense and calculator.
"Schools that do well at this practice meet generally do well at UIL," said Pat Foard, a director of the meet and assistant professor of mathematics.
Sweepstakes will be awarded to the best overall team in large school (4A-5A) and small school ( $1 \mathrm{~A}-2 \mathrm{~A}-3 \mathrm{~A}$ ) divisions. Trophies will go to first-, second- and third-place winners and in each grade level for first through tenth.
while Jeffery Seaton had 13 and Tyler Gartin scored 11. Three Way took a 19-13 lead after one quarter and extended it to 37-23 at the half. The Longhorns (3-18) pulled within 47-39 after three, but could no catch the Eagles.
In the JV contest, Lazbud die came away with a 34-21
win.

Balanced scoring was the key as Three Way stopped Cotton Center 79-70 Jan. 11 at TWHS
Nine of 10 Eagles scored, including four in double figures and four more with at least six points. Valderas had 14 to lead Three Way, while Furgeson had 12 and Robert Rodríguez and McCaul scored 10 each. Kirby had nine; Soliz
and James eight each and Scott Pollard had six. The balance offset a 32-point effort by Jeremy McFerrin of Cotton Center.
In the JV contest, Cotton Center escaped with a 57-55

## MEADOW TOURNAMENT

 ChampionshipMeadow rallied from 52
hind in the final period to top Both Valderas and Furgeson Three Way 54-52 in the tour- were named to the all-tournanament championship game ment team. Jan. 8. eved to 18-1 lead at the half and held the Shawn Ingram led Mead margin at 41-33 go
Same Shawn Ingram led Meadow into the fourth quarter.
with 17 , while Jason Pérez had Three Way got to the title 13 and Michael Méndez added

Reeves had 12, Valderas 11 and Furgeson 10 for the Eagles.
game by beating the Meadow JV 82-29 in the first round and Wellman-Union 56-53 in the semifinals.
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Lynsie Black and her grand champion steer, an exotic.


Brett Bamert and his reserve grand champion steer, an exotic.

## SHOW

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end for the Black family Lynsie's younger brother Brad had the champion British-breed steer, the reserve grand cham pion beef heifer and had a class winner in the exotics. Marlie the youngest of four Black children, had the champion Hamp shire barrow, the champion Spot barrow and the champion American-breed steer
It was by far the most suc cessful run for the Blacks, wh have had their share of notable wins in more than 10 years of competition at the Baile County Show
The Junior Market Lamb Show title went to Andi Black, who unseated the four-tim defending champion - her older brother Landon - with a powerful finewool cros
But she got an assist from her brother, who showed the 153 pound grand champion. But Andi exhibited her lamb-show ing abilities well enough to earn the junior showmanship crown Andi and Landon are the children of Kim Black and Shei Black both of Muleshor Black, both of Muleshoe title went to Kris Zimmerman, the son of Howard and Starla Zimmerman of Muleshoe. In his first year as a stock-show participant, Zimmerman also
he right to compete for the itle by winning the showmanship title in one of the four species. Each then showed head-to-head in a one-hourtest of skill and stamina. Bill Morrison, a long-time voca tional agriculture instructor from Texico, judged Altman's performance the best of the talented field. The Jimmy Dale Black Award can be won only once by any competitor.
Despite a large number of seniors lost to graduation last year, the show's overall numbers were about the same as the 1999 event. The 2000 show saw 48 steers and heifers, 28 goats, 38 lambs and 155 hogs, while the ' 99 event had 40 steers and heifers, 24 goats, 27 lambs and 182 hogs.
New faces among the top winners included Brett Bamert, who had the reserve grand champion steer in his first year in the cattle show; Zimmerman in the goat and sheep show; and Gunner Kerby, who had the reserve grand champion The
The Junior Livestock Sale ontinued to post strong numbers with excellent suppor from the community, according to stock show board members.

Here are final results: BAILEY COUNTY JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW
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Judge: Dennis Poole, Extension
for Borden County, Gail, Texas
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## Tax changes aim to help American citizens' bottom line

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is a column written by U.S. Rep. Larry Combest, RTexas.)
We are finally celebrating the new millennium and, thankfully, no major complication from the dreaded Y2K bug occurred. The traffic lights are still working, your money is still secure at the bank and commercial airlines are still flying.
Some important changes did take place, although most Americans probably didn't realize it while they were bringing in the New Year
Due to several pieces of legislation that Congress has passed, a host of new tax benefits went into effect on Jan. 1 that go a long way to provide more money for hardworking Americans to save, invest and use to raise their children. These tax changes affected everything from pensions to education to estate taxes, and will benefit millions of Americans. One effect will allow seniors to earn $\$ 1,500$ more annually without losing any Social Security benefits.

Seniors between the ages of 65 and 69 will be able to earn up to $\$ 17,000$ each year, up from $\$ 15,500$ in 1999, with a further increase to $\$ 30,000$ in 2002 , without losing their Social Security benefits.
About 800,000 seniors will be

## BITUARIES

## J.R. BARBER SR.

Scrices were held Friday at Baggerley Funeral Home in Edmond, Okla., for James Rogers BarberSr., 57, of PoncaCity, Okla. Graveside services were held Saturday at Sudan Cemetery
Ellis Funeral Homes handled arrangements
Mr. Barber was born July 14, 1942, in Vernon. He died Jan. 21 at home.
He grew up in Sudan and attended school there. After serving in the U.S. Air Force, he spent 10 years as a truck driver for Transcon out of Oklahoma City. Then he was a member of the Oklahoma Capital Patrol for 14 years, retiring in 1996.
He had taken classes at Oscar Rose Junior College in Midwest City, Okla.
He was a collector of firearms and a lover of horse racing. Other hobbies included fishing and going to the firing range.
Because of his health, he moved to Ponca City in October 1996 to

## R <br> EBEKAHS

On Jan. 18, Noble Grand Thursie Reid called the Rebekahs to order with 12 members present. Get-well cards were sent to Sisters Teri Kopf, Sylvia Kennemer Norene Pearson and Bernice Norene Pearson and Bernice Holderman and Oddfellow
Brother Johnny Howard, who had Brother Johnny How
gall bladder surgery.
Sympathy cards were sent to the families of Beulah Kelton, Ruby Evans and Felicia Green for the loss of her father, Frank Hardage.
The lodge was asked to do Kelton's memorial service at the cemetery on Jan. 20.
Sister Alene Bryant was given a certificate of perfection and was installed as vice grand. Sister Ona Berry was installed as right support and Ruby Garner as left support to the noble grand.
Sister Patsy Chance was recognized for a perfect semi-annual report.
There being nofurther business, Bryant closed the lodge with the Rebekah Creed and two verses of "An Evening Prayer"
aided by the increase in the earnings limit. This is a good step in the right direction, but I believe that seniors should be able to earn as much as they are able to, and ultimately I would like to see a complete repeal of the earnings limit.
In addition to certain benefits, workers can also increase their 401(k) plan contributions.
The limit on the amount that an individual can contribute on a salary reduction basis to a 401 (k) plan increased $\$ 10,500$ this year because of cost-of-living adjustments that Congress built into the tax code.
More Americans will qualify for IRAs thanks to a provision raising by $\$ 1,000$ the income thresholds that limit participation in IRAs.
In 1999, joint filers qualified for IRAs if their adjusted gross income was below $\$ 61,000$. Effective on New Year's Day this year, the phase-out range increased to $\$ 62,000$ for joint filers. The old $\$ 41,000$ phase-out range for single filers increased to $\$ 42,000$.
Taxpayers earning less than these limits are permitted a deductible contribution of up to $\$ 2,000$ for these traditional IRAs, which are different from a Roth IRA. The phase-out range forjoin filers will increase to $\$ 100,000$ in filers will increase to $\$ 100,000$ in
Y2K tax changes this year as well.

Student loan interest deductions up to $\$ 25,000$ in 2003. went up to $\$ 2,000$, with a higher portion of interest on qualified education loans to be deductible this year.
Qualified loans for higher education expenses are generally limited to tuition, fees, room and board and related expenses.
In 1999, the maximum deduction was $\$ 1,500$. Now, the maximumdeduction is $\$ 2,000$ and will increase to $\$ 2,500$ in 2001, with an estimated 3 million taxpayers claiming this deduction. This year, there also will be continued deductions for em-ployer-provided education assistance
Close to 845,000 American workers will benefit from this type of educational assistance in 2000 .
Congress extended a provision in the tax code that was set to expire this May that provides an exclusion of $\$ 5,250$ annually for employer-provided undergraduate educational assistance that can be used for tuition, fees, books and supplies.
As for small businesses, their expensing rate has increased this year. Roughly 700,000 small businesses will now be able to deduct up to $\$ 20,000$ in expenses for tangible personal property that is purchased for business-related purc.
use.
This deduction is up from $\$ 19,000$ in 1999 and will be phased

More importantly, the current $\$ 650,000$ exemption from death $\$ 650,000$ exemption from death raxes increased to $\$ 675,000$ on an. 1 , on its way to $\$ 1$ million in 2006, andst go up $\$ 100$ for single individuals to $\$ 4,400$ ) and $\$ 150$ for married couples filing jointly (to $\$ 7,350$ ) Recently, the National Tax payer Advocate released a report supporting a complete phase-out f the alternative minimum tax on individuals as a good way to duce the a a goty way uce the complexity of the U.S. tax code, the most serious prob em facing taxpayers right now Last year, Congress passed legslation that would have eliminated the individual alternaive minimum tax, but the president vetoed the bill. How ever, last month, the presiden signed into law a plan that provides temporary relief from the tax.

That means the tax will not limit 1 million Americans form fully using personal non-refundable tax credits to offset their regular tax liability.
Previously, these filers could only use these credits, allowing or the payment of less taxes.
These are just some of the posifive tax changes taking place this year.
Other items, such as the $\$ 500$ child tax credit for education sav ings, have already gone intoeffect
and I will be working toward allowing even more savings for education this year.
Congress also passed monumental tax legislation in 1999 which, if the president had signed the bill, would have provided $\$ 792$ billion in tax relief, including a 10 percent across-the board tax cut for all income brackets.

As Congress sets its agenda for the year, I remain committed to lowering taxes for every_American taxpayer, saving Social Security, paying down the public debt and returning any non-Social Security surplus funds back to the Security surplus funds back to the taxpayer.
I support a budget that works to eliminate the public debt while providing significant tax cuts, and
want to put an end to the ma riage penalty and death taxes look forward to working hard this Congress to make Y2K anothe monumental year.


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Mr. Ybarra was born Sept. 3, 1932, in Nueva Rosita, Coahuila. He died Jan. 21 at Baptist St Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo. He had lived in Muleshoe since 1962, moving | here $\begin{array}{r}\text { from } \\ \text { Pecos, Texas. }\end{array}$ |
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## He was farmer.

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He is sur-
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vived by three sons, José Ibarra
of Cleburne, ( - an) Texas, and Francisco "Pancho" Ybarra and Robert Ibarra, both of Canyon; two daughters, Josefina García of Clovis and Janie García of Clovis and Janie
DeLaPaz of Hereford; a sister, DeLaPaz of Hereford; a sister, Alicia Reyna of Eagle Pass,Texas; three brothers, Guadalupe Ibarra Moreno of Bovina and Antonio Ibarra Moreno and Humberto Ibarra Moreno, both of Mexico; and eight grandchildren.
be near his family
He is survived by two daughlers and a son-in-law, Laurie Ann Collinsworth of Konawa, Okla and Tammy Lynn and Jimmy Bounds of Ponca City; a son and daughter-in-law, James Rogers and Marie Barber Jr. of Konawa; sister, Dorthy Hill of Sudan; two half-sisters, Roxanne Rogers and Shelby Long; 10 grandchildren Jarrod Collinsworth, Zack Collinsworth, Sonny Collinsworth, Crystal Bounds, Jen nifer Bounds, Nicholas Bounds Shay Barber, Cassady Barber Miranda Barber and Ashley Bar ber; two step-grandchildren, Tim and Michael Freeman; and a greatgrandson, Billy Collinsworth. EUNE MARTIN

Services were held Sunday at Calvary Baptist Church in Friiona for Eune E. "Salty" Martin, 58, of Friona. The Rev. Alvin Petty officiated. Burial was in Friona Cemetery.
Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona handled arrangements. Mr. Martin was born Feb. 11,


1941, in Lynn County, Texas. He lied Jan. 20 in Amarillo He married Donita Jordon on March 4, 1960, in Muleshoe, and Muleshoe. He was a truck driver and a former member of the Friona Jaycees.

He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Friona
He is survived by his wife; his mother, Rosie Martin of Muleshoe; a daughter, Robin Peace of Friona; a brother, Bill Martin of Farwell; four sisters, Elizabeth McGuire of Graham, Texas, Ravis Isbell of Tahoka, Imelda Howel of Aubrey, Texas, and Verna F Davis of Farwell; and two grand children, Rusty Peace of Amarillo and Jordon Peace of Friona.
He was preceded in death by a son, Lewie Don Martin, in 1983. The family requests memorials to a favorite charity JOSE IBARRA MORENO
Services for José Ybarra held Wednesday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. The



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Gunner Kerby and his reserve grand cham-
pion swine, a Duroc SHOW
from page 8


Non-creditenrolling scheduled at college
Registration for spring-semester community service (non-credit) classes will be held at Clovis Community College from Jan. 31 to Feb. 11. Registration hours will be from 8 a.m. to $6: 45$ p.m. Mondays through Thursday and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday. Anyone interested also may enroll by mailing in the registration form on the back of the tration form on the back of the
class schedule. Schedules are available at the college, the Clovis/Curry Couty Chamber of Commerce, Clovis-Carver Public Library and the Cannon Air Force Base Education Office
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## Ag Expo to feature farm antiques auction

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL PORTALES - The New Mexico Ag Expo, presented by Allsup's, will be held Feb. 22-23 at the Roosevelt County Fairground in Portales, and will feature an antique auction by $\mathbf{J} \& J$ Auctioncers.
The auction will be held Feb. 22 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Show Arena.

Joe and Jenny Boulware of Roy, N.M., are the owners and operators of J\&J Auctioneers. This will be their first Ag Expo auction. The Boulwares opened J\&J in 1996, but they've been involved with "We'll be auctioning farm-type antiques," Joe Boulware said. "It'll be rural house-type fixtures, rural house-type fixtures,
corn shellers, feed grindcorn shellers, feed grind-" "We sell the smaller things first," he added. "We sell those items of the highest value in the middle part of the sale and closer to the end of the sale.
"The auction is a lot of entertainment for people, don't have to buy anything at an auction. It's just a good place to visit and socialize.
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micr agricultural trado show featuring more than 300 exhibitors and 5,000 spectators.
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## Cattle Market

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