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A QUICK READ OF THE NEWS

If gasoline weren't so high ...

Two employees of a Durham, N.C., radio station face criminal charges after a stunt to protest rising gasoline prices got a little too cheeky.

The prank, staged last Thursday by WDCG-FM, involved driving a 350-pound naked man spread-eagled atop the roof of a vehicle during rush-hour traffic.

It was the brainchild of the station's "Bob & Madison's Showgram." The resulting chaos forced police officers to leave their regular assignments to respond to 911 calls from mothers driving children to school and others troubled by the stunt, police said.

Huge family together again

Barbara and Charlie Smith of Scranton, Pa., have finally reunited their 17 children under one roof.

The Smiths, who were evicted from a condemned house and forced to split up for much of the past year, have moved into an 80-year-old house fixed up through the labor of hundreds of volunteers.

"Lifesavers," Charlie Smith said of the volunteers who rebuilt the house and donated 16 roomfuls of furniture.

"You don't see a large family today; especially you don't see a large family that's still together," he added.

24-beer maximum stands

Administrators at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst have reversed their decision to let students of drinking age keep more beer in their dormitory rooms.

They had said last week they would raise the limit from 24 to 30 cans at the request of the Student Government Association.

Interim vice chancellor for student affairs Javier Cevallos said the initial decision came after liquor stores have begun selling 30 beers to a case. But Chancellor David Scott said the higher limit flew in the face of efforts to end alcohol abuse, and the two-dozen rule would remain in effect.



Drawing date: Saturday, March 4
Winning numbers: 7-9-39-40-48-49
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Winners: 0
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Estimated jackpot: \$9 million

On this date in history

March 9 — Fifty-five colonists from the Canary Islands establish Villa de San Fernando, later to become known as San Antonio, Texas (1731), and the capital of the Mexican state of Coahuila and Texas is moved from Saltillo to Monclova, setting off widespread protests (1833).

March 11 — Gen. Sam Houston reaches Gonzales and learns of the Alamo's fall (1836).

LOCAL WEATHER

Partly cloudy and extremely mild conditions are expected through the weekend. High temperatures should be about 71 Thursday, 67 Friday, 69 Saturday and 70 Sunday. Morning low temperatures should range within the mid- to upper 30s. Monday is expected to begin the work week with more of the same.

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Missed your paper? Call carrier Melissa Flores at 272-6719 or the Journal during business hours, 8:30 am-5 pm.

Testimony at hearing backs current farm policy

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

LUBBOCK — As soil preparations begin for this year's crop, House Agriculture Committee members broke ground with the first of 10 nationwide field hearings, convening in the southern Great Plains region for producer assessments of the nation's farm policy.

Testimony from 19 producers of cotton, corn, soybeans, wheat, rice, peanuts, cattle and sheep praised

the flexibility of the current "Freedom to Farm" their choice of crops for commodity programs.

They also voiced agreement with Committee Chairman Larry Combest, R-Texas, that those market freedoms also require the government to fulfill its responsibilities to international trade-opening agreements, less costly regulations, and recognition of the tax burdens placed upon producers.

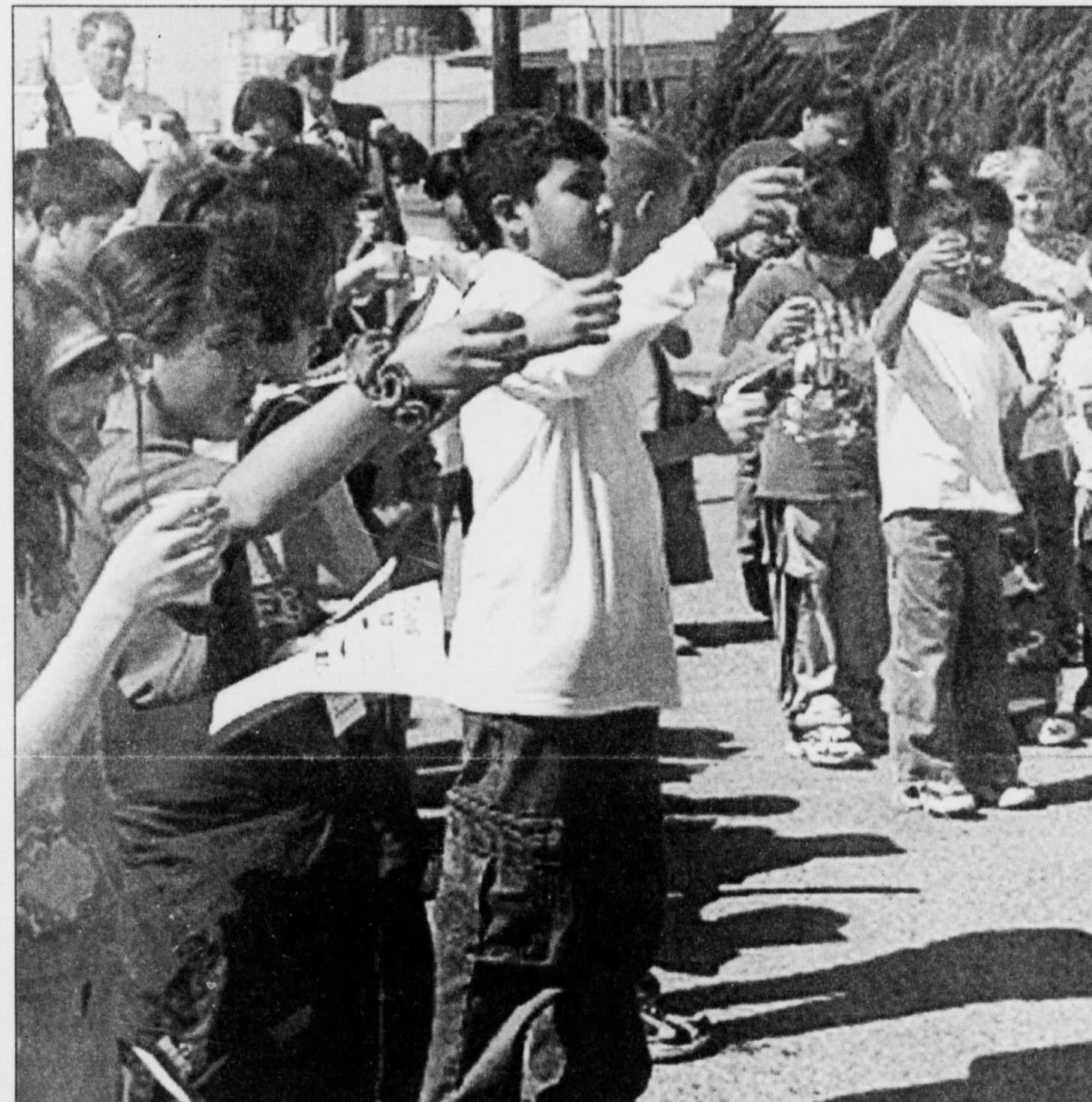
"All of the (committee) members at this hearing today know that we have a problem in agriculture," Combest said. "Producers expressed a clear desire to find improvements in farm policy, but no desire to abandon what we have."

"Early on, producers have yet to find a clear consensus of what they want," he added. "Over the next several months of hearings around the country, Ag Committee members will take in what producers

say is needed in farm policy, in the search for a consensus."

"The House Agriculture Committee took a positive, first step in beginning the process that will shape the future of American agriculture policy," said Charlie Stenholm, R-Texas, the committee's ranking minority member.

"I commend Chairman Combest see **HEARING** on page 2



Journal photos: Beatrice Morn



Toast of Texas

DeShazo fourth-graders (top) toast their state for Texas Independence Day as Andrea Kemp (above) leads the toast, which featured water. Sheriff Coy Plott and Deputy Ron Kemp (right) placed both the U.S. and the Texas flags before the crowd was lead in pledges of allegiance to both. Texas Independence Day actually occurred March 2, but the local observance — organized by the Jennyslippers — was held this year on Wednesday, which is Alamo Heroes Day.

10 Muleshoe players make all-district

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Lindsey Field led the way as 10 Muleshoe basketball players were named to all-district lists this week.

Field, a senior, was named the most valuable player among girls who competed on District 2-AAA teams this year.

Sophomore Britni Gartin was the other Lady Mule selected to the team. Senior Bobbie Benham and junior Chyla Torres were given honorable mention nods.

On the boys' side, seniors Bret

Clements and Mitch Mason made the team while Jeff Bruns, also a senior, was named to the defensive squad.

Honorable mentions went to seniors James Barrett and Clint Black along with junior Darrell Lewis.

During the regular season and into the playoffs, Clements consistently led the team in scoring and rebounds. When he had an off night, Mason was the player who most often took up the slack.

Field led the Lady Mules in scoring, rebounds and assists. Coach Shana Simms called her "the leader on the floor for the Lady Mules." Gartin led in steals.

Benham and Torres were defensive stars, with Torres also demonstrating scoring ability.

Both the Mules and Lady Mules made trips to the playoffs and both were eliminated by Seminole teams.

Photos of all-district players other than Field are on page 3.

Boll weevil program is hiring again

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

The Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation is hiring employees in the Northwest Plains zone for the 2000 cotton growing season.

That zone includes Bailey County and the surrounding area.

Various positions are available throughout the five-county zone.

Seasonal positions include assistant field unit supervisors, airport recorders, ground observers and trappers.

Trappers are the front-line troops of the eradication effort. They check each trap weekly, making sure it is in place and functioning properly, record the number of weevils captured and report the information to field unit supervisors.

The information gathered by trappers is integral to the success of the program.

Assistant field unit supervisors duties include contacting growers about trapping and spraying activities and recording all the information gathered by trappers.

Airport recorders observe and document activities of each contracted aerial applicator when operations are in progress at airfields and ground observers monitor the application process when aircraft apply treatments to cotton fields.

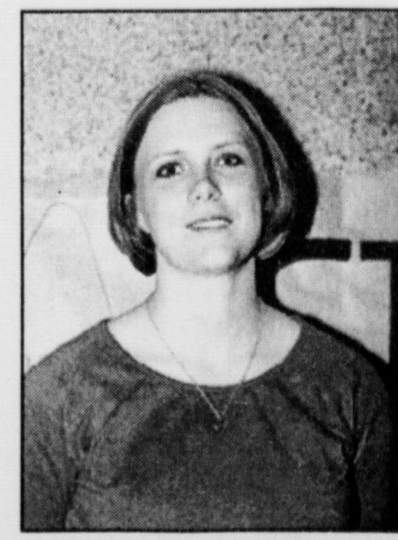
Training for all positions is provided, so previous experience is not necessary, but a background in agriculture is helpful.

Applicants must be at least 18 and insurable under the foundation's insurance.

Interested individuals may apply at one of the following district offices:

• Muleshoe: 710 N. First St.; telephone 272-5122;

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Lady Mule Lindsey Field was named the district's MVP.

AROUND MULESHOE

Class of '75 looking for members

The Muleshoe High School class of 1975, which is planning its 25-year reunion for July 1, is seeking help in locating some class members.

Those for whom addresses are needed include Yolanda Acosta, Linda Balderas, Angelica Bazan, Dusty Davis, Freddie Flores, Carlos Elizarraraz, Mary Ellen Gonzales, Pat Gonzales, Linda Hernández, Vicky Hutchinson, Helen López, Carmen Martínez, Debbie Mills, Joe Pate, Olga Pecina, Mary Price, Vicky Posadas, Steve Reed, Pam Vinson, Chalsea Williams, Vicky Stigaulde and Danny Davis.

Anyone having information about these graduates is asked to call Belinda Nickels Head at 965-2967, Diane Dale Skipworth at 272-4588 or Sheryl Bass Engelking at 965-2351.

Community to honor Bill Lambert

The public is invited to help celebrate the 95th birthday of longtime Muleshoe resident Saturday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the First Assembly of God, 521 S. First St.

Mayor Robert Montgomery has been asked to declare an official "Bill Lambert Day" in the city.

Lambert has lived in Muleshoe for more than 65 years, moving here in the early 1930s. He actually turns 95 today (March 9).

Little League signups to begin

Area boys and girls interested in participating in Muleshoe Little League can register from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. March 9 in the Watson Junior High School gymnasium.

Potential players should bring their birth certificate and a \$25 registration fee to the signup. They must be at least 6 years old but not be more than 12 years old on July 31.

More information is available by calling Curby Brantley at 925-6458 or Lynda Washington at 272-5381.

Stock-show photos available

Proofs of sale photos from the Bailey County Junior Livestock show are available for viewing at the Muleshoe Journal office.

Photos may be ordered during regular business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. More information is available by calling Andrea Kemp at 272-4536.

Performer coming to Lazbuddie

Jeff McCreight, who performs regularly at Lubbock's Cactus Theatre, will take part in a special meeting at 6 p.m. March 12 at the Lazbuddie Baptist Church.

The Rev. Jim Watson, pastor of the church, said McCreight will present musical selections during the meeting.

Luncheon to feature librarian

The March 9 Soup and Sandwich Luncheon at the 16th and D Church of Christ will feature librarian Diane Shipley from the Muleshoe Public Library as speaker.

The public is invited; the meal is always offered on a free-will donation basis.

More information is available by calling 272-4619.

Public calendar

March 9 — 11:30 a.m. Muleshoe School Board, in the board room in the administration office, 514 W. Avenue G. 8 p.m. Three Way School Board, in the board room.

The deadline for items to appear in *Around Muleshoe* is 5 p.m. Monday for Thursday's edition and 5 p.m. Thursday for Sunday's edition. Items may be brought to the office at 304 W. Second, mailed to P.O. Box 449, called in to 272-4536 or faxed to 272-3567.

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for bringing this process to the people by hearing directly from producers on their views of the current farm program. I look forward to continuing this forum with producers around the country in the weeks to come," Stenholm added.

The committee convenes the next producer field hearings March 17 in Memphis, Tenn., and March 18 in Auburn, Ala.

Others are slated for Raleigh,

N.C., on March 27; West Chester, Ohio, on April 1; Kutztown, Pa., on April 3; Sacramento, Calif., on May 1; Sioux Falls, S.D., on May 2; Boise, Idaho, on May 12; and Peoria, Ill., on May 13.

All regional hearings will be

carried as they occur on the committee's web site, agriculture.house.gov.

Informal comments are accepted by e-mail at farmpolicy@mail.house.gov but written testimony and requests to testify are not.

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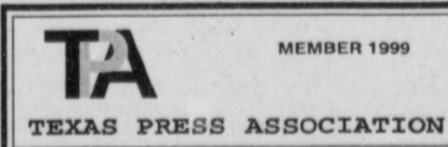
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Lazbuddie honors students

Selected as students of the month for March at Lazbuddie Elementary School were (back row, from left) fifth-grader Erica Derma, granddaughter of Heriberto and Juana Galaviz; fourth-grader Crescent Crawford, daughter of Nathan and Sharlie Crawford; (front row, from left) third-grader Leticia Mendoza, daughter of Juan and Hortencia Mendoza; second-grader Monica Vera, daughter of Oracio and Teresa Vera; pre-kindergartner Koltun Morris, son of Bill and Marca Morris; kindergartner Kylie McGehee, daughter of daughter of Kevin and Sissy McGehee; and first-grader Colton Weaver, son of Shannon Weaver and Becky Strobel. The students were selected based on their character, leadership and citizenship; each was presented a ribbon.

High Plains Tree Conference set

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

LUBBOCK — West Texans can learn how to keep their landscape and shade trees healthy and long-lived at a tree-health conference slated in March at two locations, said a Texas Agricultural Extension Service plant pathologist.

"Our first tree-health conference is March 23 at the Texas A&M University Research and Extension Center in Lubbock," said Dr. Harold Kaufman, Extension plant pathologist based in Lubbock.

"The second conference is March 24 at the Texas A&M University Research and Extension Center in Amarillo," Kaufman added.

The Lubbock center is 3 miles north of Lubbock International Airport and east of Interstate 27 on Farm-to-Market 1294 (Exit 11 on I-27); the Amarillo Center is at 6500 Amarillo Blvd. West.

Both conferences will begin with coffee and registration at 8 a.m. and will adjourn at 4:45

p.m. Registration costs \$20 per person.

Participants can earn six continuing education units from the Texas Nursery and Landscape Association at either conference. Three department-approved CEUs in integrated

PUBLIC RECORD

MULESHOE POLICE

Feb. 21

Edgar Allen Bass, 69, DWI.

Feb. 24

Alberto H. Garcia, 25, no driver's license, immigration hold.

Rafael Diaz Jaimes, 23, immigration hold.

Feb. 25

Joseph E. Fahntripp III, 17, public intoxication.

Jonathan Scott May, 18, DWI.

Feb. 26

Sixto Mario Cordova, 27, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana (class B).

Feb. 27

Roberto Antonio Contreras, 33, Immigration and Naturalization Service warrant.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Feb. 21

Andrew Valdez, 28, parole violation — aggravated robbery.

Feb. 28

Cassandra Ann Flores, 18, Bailey County warrant — motion to revoke probation.

Kristi Michelle Leal, 18, Bailey County warrant — motion to revoke probation.

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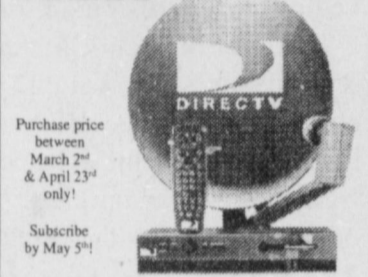
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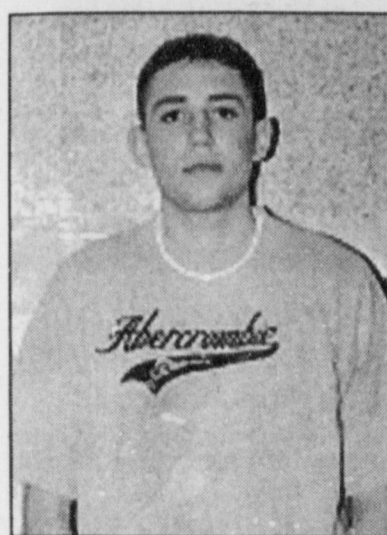
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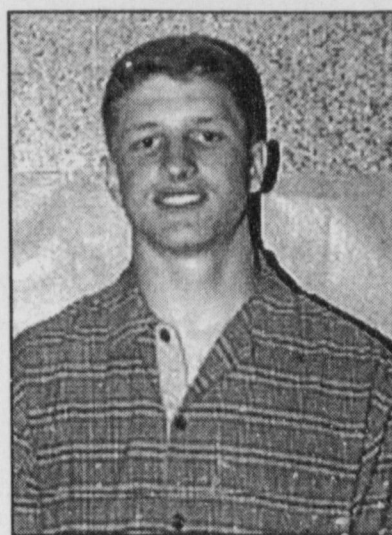
- Friona: 410 W. 12th St., (806) 274-8008;
- Littlefield: 805 E. Highway 84, (806) 385-4819; and
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More information on employment opportunities with the Foundation is available by visiting its web site at www.txbollweevil.org.

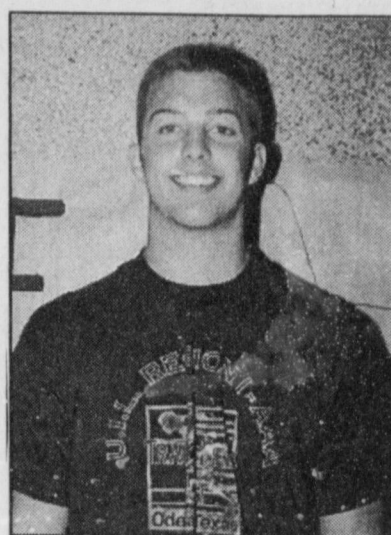
Muleshoe's all-district hoopsters



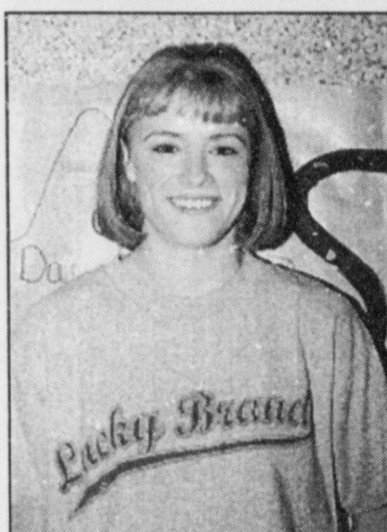
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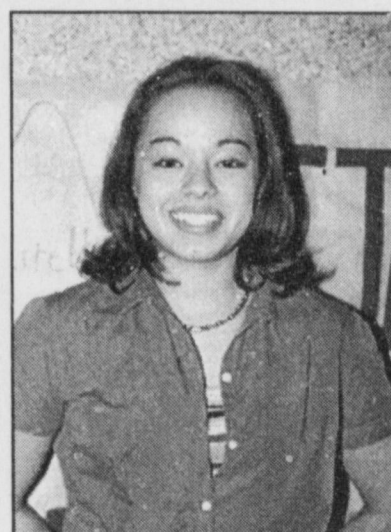
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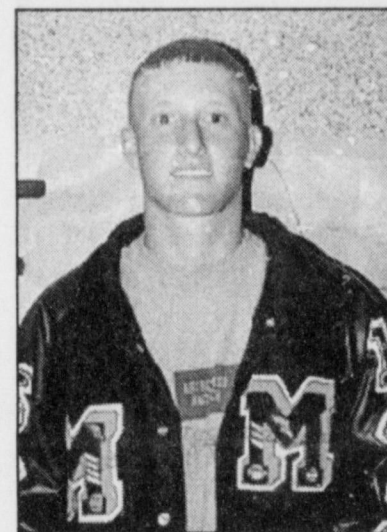
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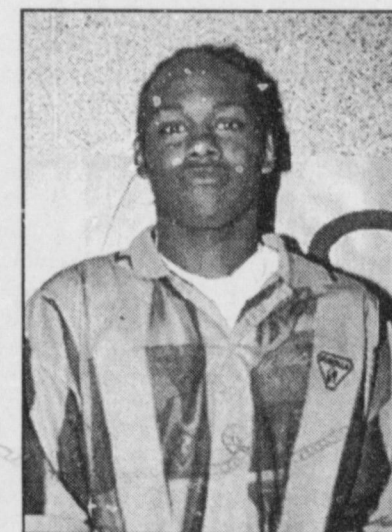
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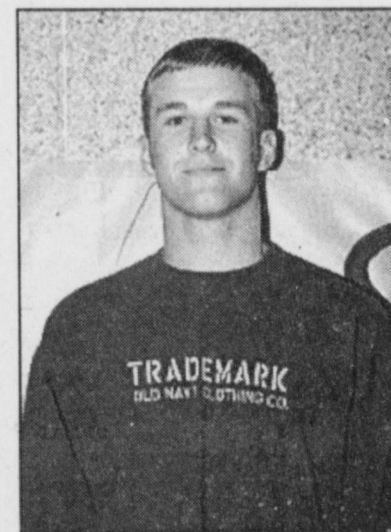
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JAMES BARRETT
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DARRELL LEWIS
Junior
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CLINT BLACK
Senior
Honorable mention

Program helps cut drought financial risk

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL COLLEGE STATION — A risk management program helping producers make sound financial planning decisions is also serving as an aid during periods of drought, economists with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service say.

The Financial and Risk Management Assistance program is a financial planning tool aimed at helping both farmers and ranchers become better managers and marketers, said Joe Outlaw, an Extension economist.

With the assistance of a computer software program, Extension economists input every aspect of a producer's operation including machinery, income, inventory and other factors that will calculate a risk component prior to making a costly financial decision.

The program takes into consideration market conditions as well as past yields to help give the producer an expected average return on investment.

"That can help project in the future what the financial condition of the farm or ranch will be, also throwing in with it a risk component," he said.

Outlaw said 1996 and 1998 were two years of drought that took their toll on the cattle industry. Many producers who decreased the size of their herds were looking to rebuild in 1999. However, dry conditions have prevented those ranchers from replenishing herds.

"In terms of going through a dry fall of 1999, they didn't have as many cows and what little grass there was, it went a little further than normal," Outlaw said. "But someone trying to get out of that situation, and we've worked with some

people coming out of the 1998 drought, their question is, 'I've got this land base that needs 400 cows for me to be able to make my debt payments. Right now, I've got 250 cows; what's the most economical way to make my limited resources go further?'"

The program would help the producer analyze a number of alternatives, he said. Those include keeping replacement heifers and building back the herd over time. Another alter-

native would be to buy pairs of cattle.

"You might buy a certain amount this year, a certain amount next year," Outlaw said.

"We could put that in as a second alternative and in doing that, put in borrowing. What we're doing here is financial planning. How much can they borrow? How much debt can they service? With cow-calf operations, there isn't much room for error."

March 4th - 19th

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10:30 p.m. *Audra McDonald in Concert*

13th - 8:00 p.m. *The Story of Golf*
10:15 p.m. *Great Performance "Andrea Bocelli"*

14th - 8:00 p.m. *Doo Wop 50*

15th - *The British are Coming!*
8:00 p.m. *Fawltly Towers*
8:30 p.m. *To the Manor Born*
9:10 p.m. *Waiting for God*

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18th - 9:00 p.m. *Dave Matthews Band, In the Spotlight*
10:20 p.m. *Steely Dan, In the Spotlight*

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A&M offers master of agriculture via Internet

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL COLLEGE STATION — Students can now earn a master of agriculture from Texas A&M University through an interdisciplinary program that uses the Internet as the primary source of educational materials and communication with faculty.

"More people demand anytime, anywhere programs, so we are shifting to the Internet," explained Kim Dooley, assistant professor of agricultural education at Texas A&M.

Dooley is one of the nine faculty members involved with the distance education program.

The goal of this non-thesis program is to prepare individuals for leadership roles in agriculture and life science. Students choose an area of study and receive computer-mediated instruction as they complete the 36 hours of required work in

their courses.

Programs are available in the areas of agricultural education, natural resources and plant sciences.

The program emphasizes problem-solving skills and practical applications of academic work through internships and experiences organized by a master's committee.

A master of agriculture can be earned through the distance education program without a significant change in cost.

Some fees are waived, such as the Recreation Center fee,

then replaced with a distance education fee.

Graduate students and student workers help make the information accessible on the Internet and through video conferencing.

"It takes a lot of time and skill to convert the information to the Internet," Dooley said.

As the demand for convenient course materials increases, more and more information and communication is provided on the Internet, allowing students to do much of the required work from their own homes.

Powwow slated for Lubbock

The West Texas Native American Association has scheduled its eighth annual powwow for March 25-26 at the South Plains Fairgrounds in Lubbock.

The public is invited.

Indian dancers from throughout the United States and Canada will compete for prize money; the public can participate in round dancing, cake walks and blanket dancing.

Information on admission will be available at the gate.

The family of

Bill Lambert

wishes to extend this invitation to his friends to join us in celebrating his

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A Thank You Note from the Florence Engelking Family

Our very special thanks to the wonderful people of Lazbuddie and Muleshoe for your compassion, concerns and most of all, your prayers!! We lost a wonderful mother, grandmother and great grandmother in a terrible tragedy, but God is indeed a great and glorious Healer of mind, body and Spirit, when we remember to reach up and receive His Blessings daily!!

The roses in all of the flower arrangements were extra beautiful and full of bloom, the verses on each sympathy card were extra touching and the food brought to all our families was so bountiful!

All of this shows your Love for a beautiful lady, both inside and outside, who will be missed so very much by all of us!!

We are most grateful to the three fire departments who responded: Lazbuddie, Muleshoe and Friona. Without their cooperation and quickness, we wouldn't have as many mementos and keepsakes left, which are so special to us now. Special hugs go out to the Lazbuddie firemen who were there several hours and put out hot spots which re-ignited.

There aren't enough words to glorify the goodness and blessings we received from the members of Lazbuddie Methodist Church and our pastor, Randy Thomas, whose spirit filled message was so comforting to the family!!

Thanks, once again, to Ellis Funeral Home and its staff who did such a great job in comforting the family, while they did their duties.

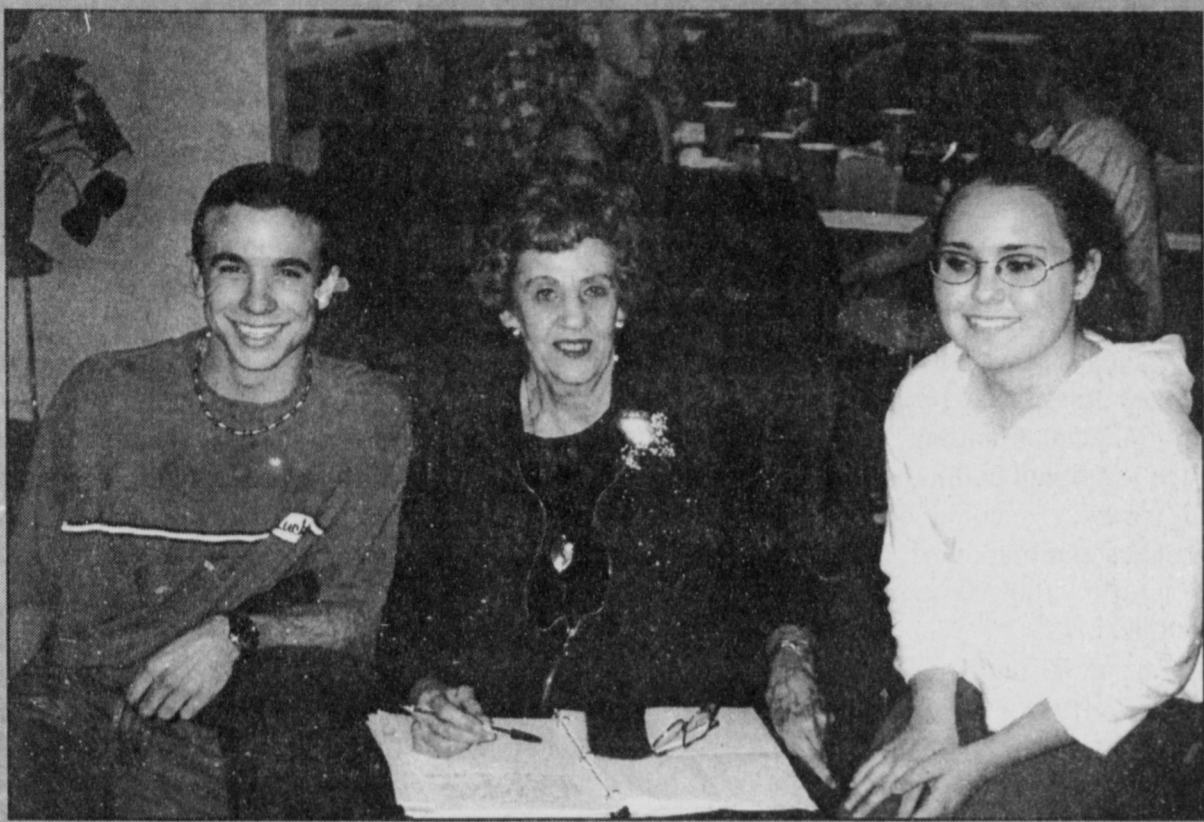
And so, dear friends, may the good Lord above shine His Blessings in abundance on you all.

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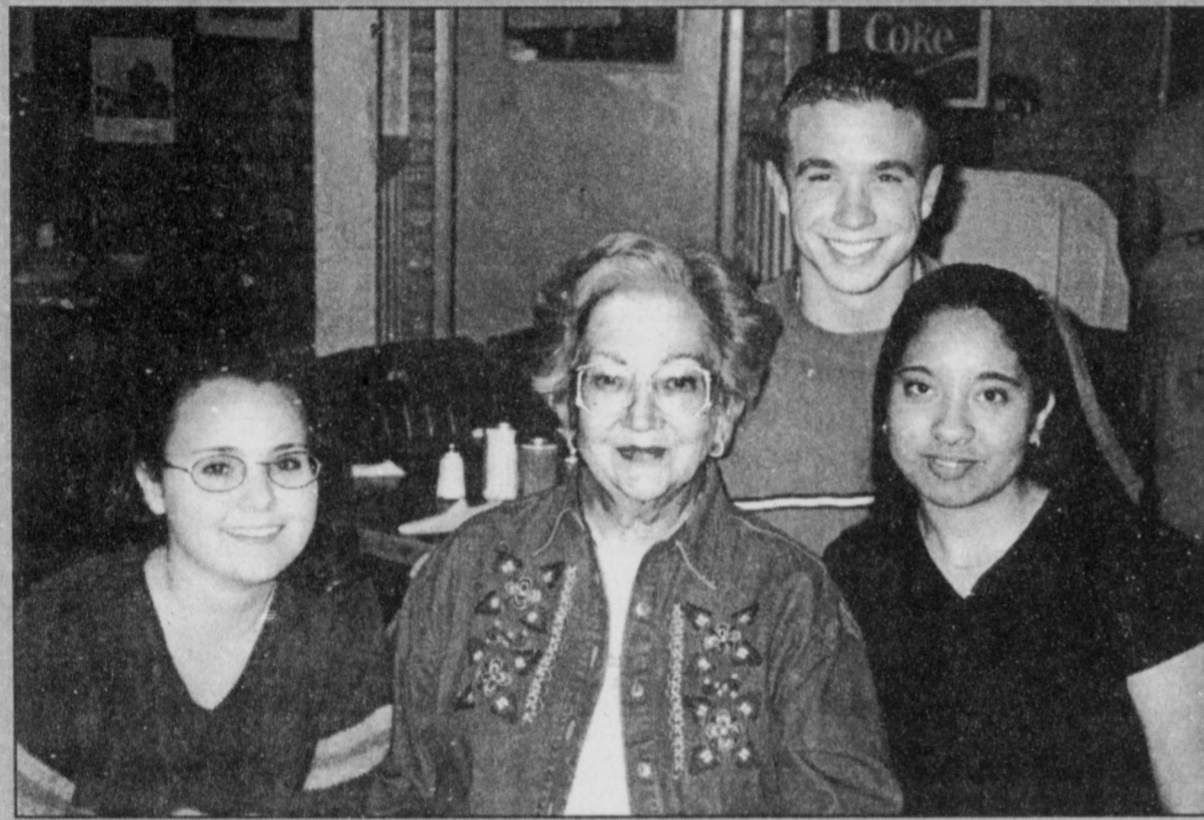
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STUDENT-COMMUNITY ACTION CLUB



Flanking Jean Allison, the Student Community Action Club's citizen of the month for February, are Blake Gartin (left) and April Kelley.



April Kelley (left) visits with the Student Community Action Club's January citizen of the month, Vivian White, as Blake Gartin and Rosario Flores join in.

Vaccine urged to avoid complications

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL
HOUSTON — Parents who skip the chicken-pox vaccine because they consider the disease harmless could be jeopardizing the health of their children.

What was once considered a ritual of childhood is a much more dangerous disease today, said Dr. Armando Correa, assistant professor of pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine.

"Without question, there's been an increase in the mortality and serious complications in chicken-pox. The secondary bacterial infections are getting stronger and more resistant to antibiotics," he said.

The Centers for Disease Control has reported that in the pre-vaccine era, about 4 million cases with up to 9,000 hospitalizations and 100 deaths per year were attributed to the disease in the United States.

"In most cases, chickenpox is a mild disease. But the secondary infections that result in some children can be life-threatening," Correa said.

Though the vaccine for chicken-pox has been available since 1995, national statistics show that less than half the children under age 3 have been vaccinated. Health officials recommend that all healthy children over 12 months old receive the vaccine.

Complications from chicken-pox include pneumonia, neurological problems and secondary bacterial infections, including what is commonly referred to as "flesh-eating bacteria," Correa said.

Chicken-pox, a highly contagious disease, is a problem throughout the year but peaks in early spring.

"We are already seeing cases that have required hospitalization," he said.

Chicken-pox is characterized by a skin rash and can include coughing, fussiness, loss of appetite and headaches.

A person who has chicken-pox is contagious for up to two days before the rash appears and for up to five days after. The vaccine can

help prevent, or at minimum reduce, the symptoms when given within three days of exposure to the disease.

Some parents may hesitate to vaccinate their children because of the cost, but Correa pointed out that many parents can lose up to a week of work to stay home with a child who has the disease.

"The cost of the vaccine usually is less than one day's pay at minimum wage rates," he said.

The vaccine is not yet part of universally required vaccinations, but the American Academy of Pediatrics has recommended it become a requirement before day-care or school entry.

OBITUARIES

DALE HANNA

Services were held Wednesday at the First Baptist Church of Sudan for Dale Hanna, 68, of Littlefield. The Rev. Truman Johnson and Terry Wilson officiated. Burial was in Sudan Cemetery.

Ellis Funeral Homes handled arrangements.

Mr. Hanna was born April 15, 1931, in Sudan. He died Sunday at home.

He had lived in Sudan most

of his life, and married Mary Gage there on Feb. 2, 1950. After retiring in 1993, he moved to Lake Brownwood and later moved to Littlefield. He was a member of Parkview Baptist Church in Littlefield.

He was employed for 30 years at Southwestern Public Service Co.'s Plant X, retiring as a supervisor.

He is survived by his wife; two sons, Mike Hanna of Muleshoe and Mark Hanna of Levelland; a daughter, Mechele Edwards of Sudan; a sister, Cindy Creech of Wichita Falls; an aunt, Juanita Honea; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

The family suggests memorials to a favorite charity.

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Researcher honored for cotton work

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL
COLLEGE STATION — Research into improving the efficiency of the cotton plant has earned physiologist Dr. Tom Cothren national recognition, while several of his graduate students have also received awards for related research.

Cothren recently was named cotton physiology researcher of the year at the Beltwide Cotton Conference in San Antonio. He is the crop production/physiology project leader for the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station program that examines enhancing both the growth efficiency and productivity of cotton.

The research includes studying the modification of growth habits of the cotton plant. Through the use of plant growth regulators, vegetative cotton growth can be reduced, favoring the reproductive growth, which can lead to increased lint yield.

Cothren's research also examines cropping systems, including ultra-narrow row spacing—a practice that leads to better use of sunlight and soil moisture.

Cothren received \$5,000 along with the award, which is sponsored by the Micro Flo Co. of Memphis, Tenn. The award is presented to an individual or team who has significantly improved the knowledge of the physiology of cotton growth and development.

Cothren noted several of the current graduate students in his program that have helped with the research and were also recognized at the Beltwide meeting.

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Andre Rieu: 100 Years of Strauss

Paying homage to the 19th century's most famous waltz composers — Johann, Josef, and Johann Strauss, Sr. — **Andre Rieu: 100 Years of Strauss**, a new special featuring the violin master, premieres in March. In a Vienna concert hall decorated with 80 chandeliers, bold red curtains, and a lush, custom-designed stage, Andre Rieu and the Johann Strauss Orchestra perform an evening of Strauss compositions. As always with Rieu's orchestra, the grace and beauty of the music are matched by the musicians' elegant costumes.

Andre Rieu: 100 Years of Strauss can be seen Sunday, March 12th at 8:00 p.m. It repeats Friday, March 17th at 10:00 p.m.

Charlotte Church: Voice of an Angel

Thirteen-year-old Charlotte Church is one of the most exciting singing discoveries in the classical music world in recent years. Her phenomenal success includes a double platinum debut album, singing for Prince Charles and Pope John Paul II, and being one of the youngest classical artists in the world to have an exclusive recording deal. In **Charlotte Church: Voice of an Angel**, the teenaged soprano performs 11 songs from her debut album, *Voice of an Angel*.

Charlotte Church: Voice of an Angel can be seen Sunday, March 12th at 9:30 p.m. and repeats Thursday, March 16th at 11:20 p.m.

Audra McDonald in Concert

Audra McDonald in Concert features three-time Tony Award-winner and songstress Audra McDonald in performance at London's Donmar Warehouse Theatre, Covent Garden.

McDonald recently earned her third Tony Award for the current Broadway production of *Ragtime*, the musical adaptation of the E.L. Doctorow novel.

Audra McDonald in Concert airs Sunday, March 12th at 10:30 p.m.

Doo Wop 50

Doo Wop 50 celebrates five decades of vocal group harmony with once-in-a-lifetime performances by more than 20 of the original groups and performers popular in the late 1950s and early 1960s. The 3-hour special reunites groups like the Del Vikings, who perform their hit "Come Go with Me" and, for the first time in 30 years, the Marcells with lead singer Arlene Smith, who perform "Maybe." **Doo Wop 50** features originators of rock 'n' roll, from the Platters ("Only You," "Great Pretender," "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes"), Jimmy Beaudmont and the Skyliners ("Since I Don't Have You," "This I Swear") and the Penguins ("Earth Angel") to the revival groups of the mid to late 60s, Johnny Maestro and the Brooklyn Bridge ("Worst That Could Happen," "Sixteen Candles") and the Capris ("There's a Moon Out Tonight").

Doo Wop 50 airs Tuesday, March 14th at 8:00 p.m. It repeats Friday, March 17th at 11:30 p.m.

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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).

(3) The following represents a list of information that appears FREE in the Journal:

- Weddings • Engagements • Bridal Showers • Baby Showers
- Birth Announcements • First & 90+ Birthdays • 50th+ Anniversaries

(forms are available at the Journal office, 304 W. 2nd, for weddings, engagements, bridal and baby showers)

(4) Pictures run in the Journal are given away FREE OF CHARGE to the public on a first come, first serve basis. (Some exceptions apply.)

ADVERTISING INFORMATION Effective Jan. 1, 1999

(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 \$3.40/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.

(1) Classified ads are located on the NEXT TO LAST PAGE OF THE NEWSPAPER. These ads include (but are not limited to) FOR SALE, LEGAL NOTICES, HELP WANTED, GARAGE OR ESTATE SALES, VEHICLES, FOR RENT, ETC...

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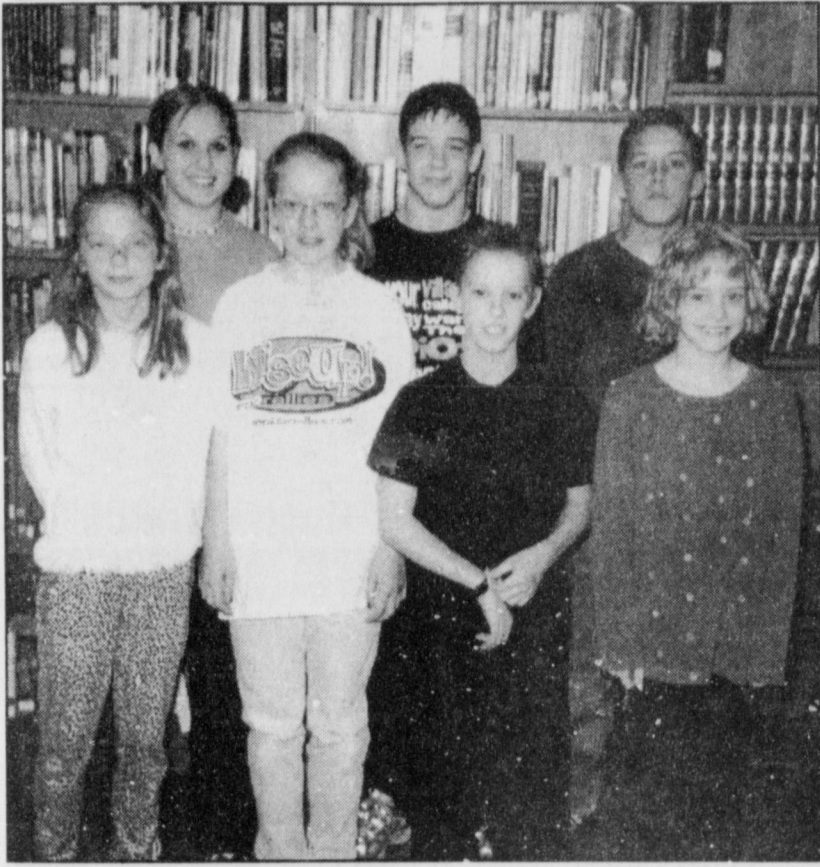
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Top spellers

Winners in the Lazbuddie version of the Amarillo Globe-News Spelling Bee were (back row, from left) Katy Louder, senior alternate; Robby Martin, third-place senior; and Casey Divin, first-place senior; (front row, from left) Addie Treider, junior alternate; Castle Crawford, third-place junior; Bryce Haney, second-place senior; and Brittney Schacher, second-place junior. Other participants in the bee were Jacob Schacher, Ryan Mason, Jessica Arce, Crescent Crawford, Kirby Kimbrough, David Campos, Roper Smith, Mandy Haney, Tanner Gartin and Kelli Harris. The bee was held March 3 in the high school library.

Electronic medical records to benefit all

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL
HOUSTON — Electronic medical records aren't just for convenience — they can save lives.

When the Food and Drug Administration recently issued a warning that the drug cisapride could cause abnormal heart rhythms, the family-medicine clinic at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston used its electronic medical records to identify patients taking that medication.

The clinic staff sent those patients a warning letter within 48 hours of receiving the notice. Without the electronic records, the staff would have had to search through more than 12,000 files to identify the patients at risk.

The Baylor clinic is among the 15 percent of doctors' offices in the United States that have replaced traditional file folders bulging with patient's charts and doctors' notes with computerized records.

Everything from the patient's weight and blood pressure to family history and current medications can be noted on a computer in the exam room. The nurse and doctor use a computer mouse and keyboard to record the information on

a TV-like screen that the patient can view as well.

"The electronic medical record gives the physician immediate access to critical information about a patient," said Dr. John Joe, director of medical informatics for Baylor's Department of Family and Community Medicine.

"This system avoids the delays that sometimes occur when a patient's file is misplaced or has to be retrieved from thousands of records," he said.

Electronic records are also more reliable, Joe said, because the physician and nurse don't have to decipher illegible handwritten notes.

Accessibility outside the office is another advantage.

"If a patient has a medical emergency and pages me late at night, I can use a special laptop computer to access the medical records at our clinic and see which medications the patient is on before prescribing another drug or making some other recommendation," Joe said.

The doctor on call after hours can do the same when treating another physician's patient.

Because the electronic medical records are available only on a com-

puter system within the Baylor Family Medicine clinic and require a password to be accessed, all information is secure and confidential, Joe said.

Software programs enable physicians to request specific portions of a patient's medical record in just about any format imaginable.

For example, a baby's measurements taken during regular checkups over the year can be converted into a graph showing how the baby's growth compares to the average rate for that age group. The physician can print a copy of the graph for the parent to take home.

Joe said patients and physicians have been pleased with the efficiency of the electronic medical records, which the Baylor Family Medicine clinic began using in April 1999.

"Upon seeing the computer screen in the exam room for the first

time, one of my patients remarked, 'I'm glad to see you've joined the 21st century!'" Joe said.

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Commodity Credit announces new move

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

WASHINGTON — The Department of Agriculture's Commodity Credit Corp. recently announced that it will begin to issue commodity certificates in lieu of cash, at the option of the participants who earn payments in the upland cotton user marketing certificate program, also known as the "Step 2" program.

Exporters of U.S.-grown upland cotton and domestic textile manufacturers earn payments under the Step 2 program.

Soon, certificates will be offered in certain instances in lieu of cash payments under programs for producers of other commodities such as wheat, feed grains and oilseeds.

"I believe CCC is implementing this provision in the manner that Congress intended when they passed this legislation last fall," said CCC's Executive Vice President Keith Kelly.

"The use of commodity certificates will allow producers to avoid forfeiting commodities to the government and to market these crops in a timely fashion, preventing a disruption of commercial markets."

The certificates will be provided as a way to facilitate repayment of Commodity Credit marketing-assistance loans, thus avoiding forfeiture to the government of commodities pledged as collateral for those loans.

Some of the statutory goals of the marketing assistance loan program, included in the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996, provided that the programs be implemented in a manner that minimizes potential loan forfeitures, minimizes accumulation of commodities by the federal government, minimizes storage costs to the government, and allows the commodity to be marketed freely and competitively in domestic and foreign markets.

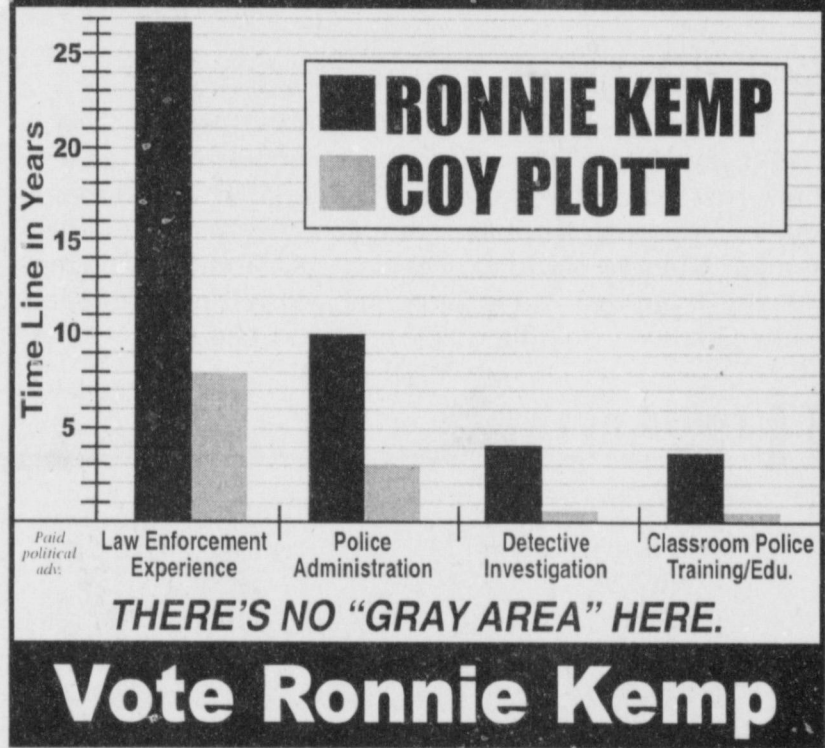
Last October, Congress amended the 1996 act to include provisions for the issuance of commodity certificates.

Commodity Credit is a federal corporation established by law

within the USDA. CCC aids farmers through loans, purchases, payments, and other operations to stabilize and protect farm income and prices.

Commodity Credit also authorizes the sale of agricultural commodities to other government agencies and to foreign governments, and food donations to domestic, foreign or international relief agencies.

UNDECIDED ABOUT THE SHERIFF'S RACE?



TOPS NEWS



Franklin Davis

The TOPS No. 34 election of officers was held March 2 at the Church of Christ on American Boulevard.

Alene Bryant made a motion that we keep the same officers and the motion was seconded by Linda White. The motion passed unanimously.

Those officers include Laverne James, leader; Polly Otwell, co-leader; Ruth Clements, treasurer; and Janie Hughes, secretary.

Visitors were Elaine Coburn, a prospective member, and Gerry James, sister-in-law of Laverne James.

Nineteen members were present for the weigh-in by the weight recorders, Betty Jo Davis and Bryant.

The best loser was Tommie Fulcher, a new member, and first runner-up was Lucille



New members in TOPS include (from left) Tommie Fulcher, Paula Cantrell, Missy Royal and Marion Wilson.

Harp. Betty Jo Davis was the second runner-up.

In the February monthly report, Molly Davis was the best loser and Hughes and Bryant tied for first runner-up. James was the second runner-up.

Joline Franklin was named best K.O.P.S. loser in the

monthly report.

Evelene Harris, Jerrell Otwell, Aurora Mata and Ozell Cherry were sent get-well cards.

The next meeting is scheduled for 5 p.m. March 9 at the same site. Visitors are welcome.

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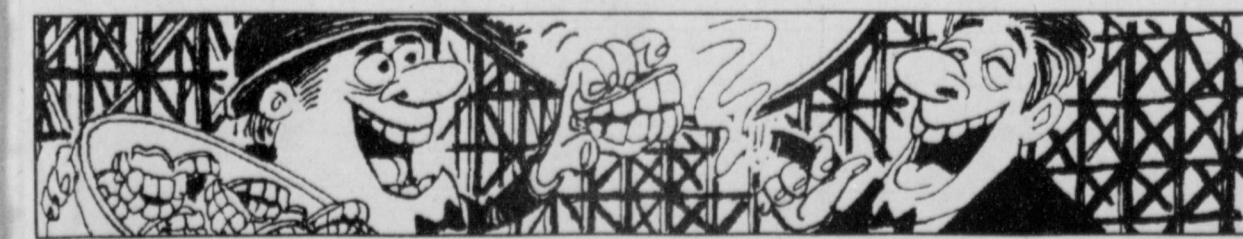
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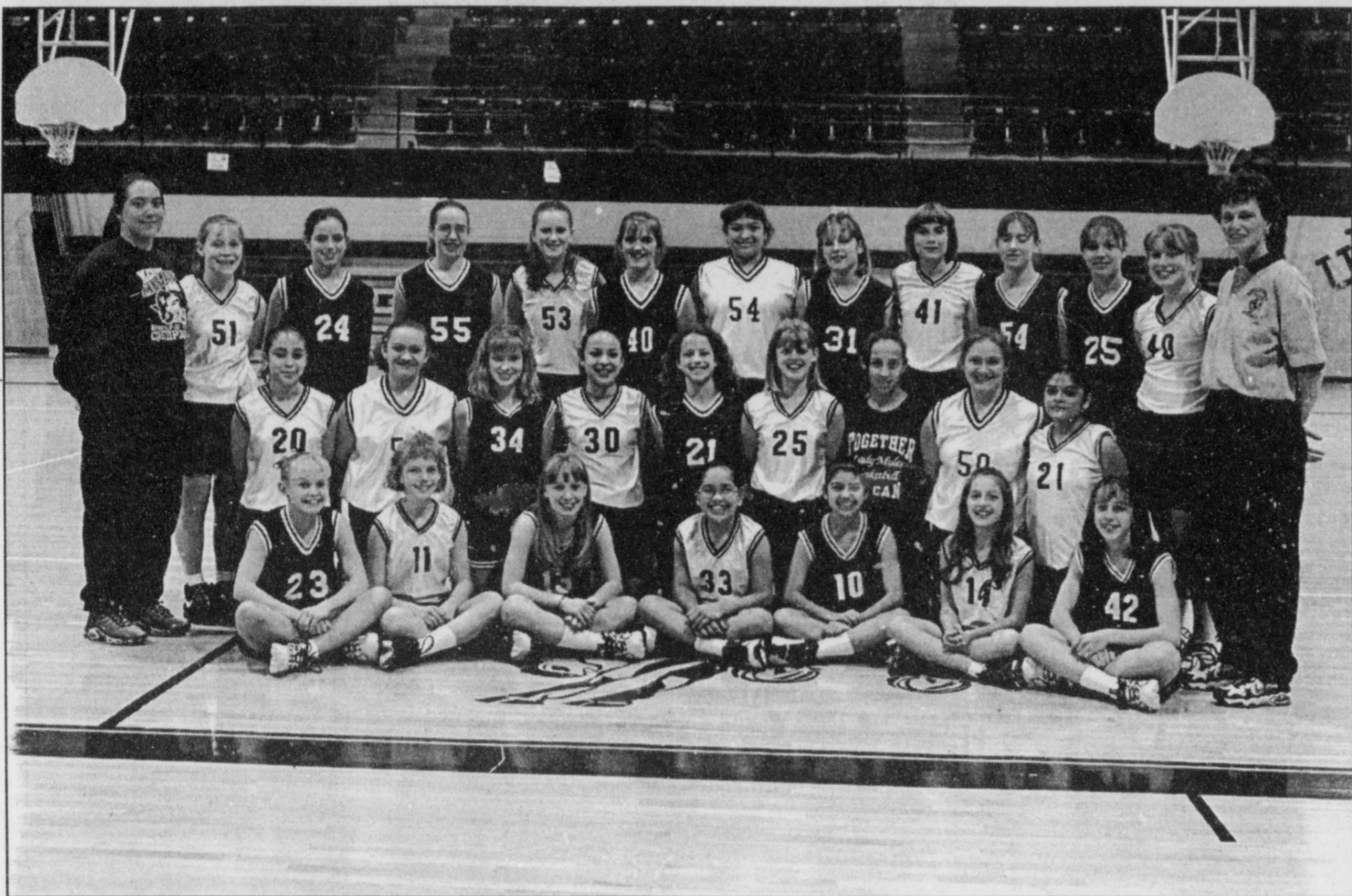
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A British newspaper dubbed the Big Dipper roller coaster ride at Blackpool Pleasure Beach amusement park "the molar coaster" because of the pile of false teeth workmen found when they drained a lake underneath the roller coaster. The teeth had fallen from the mouths of screaming passengers.



Journal photo: Beatrice Morin

Seventh-grade co-champions

The Watson Junior High girls, who finished the season with a 15-3 record and the district co-championship, include (back row, from left) coach Heidi Bohler, Charissa Conner, Ashley Gutiérrez, April Morgan, Mandy Brantley, Shanna Rempe, Minerva Martínez, Jessica Hall, Randy Williams, Tamara Thompson, Jamie Carpenter, Jenny Bush and coach Kathy Grissom; (middle row, from left) Erika Diaz, Ashley

Beggs, Erin Gallman, Irene Torres, Amber Cowart, Danielle Tucker, Yuri Aguirre, Kelsey Beggs and Rosie Sotelo; and (seated, from left) Mitci Hawkins, Trissy Herington, Brittany Thomason, Sarah Domínguez, Amanda López, Paje McRoberts, Kayla Spradling and (not pictured) Felicia Costilla. Aside from the district title, another high point in the team's season was taking third place in the Levelland Tournament.

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Grade 9 Monica Walker	Grade 6 Mayra Campos Nathan James Antonio Vironche
Grade 12	Grade 7 Norma Baeza Cory Contreras Edgar Estrada Chris Kindle Rigo Rodríguez

Grade 8 Katie Cook Kaylie James	Grade 11 Cynthia Baeza Ernesto Navarro Michael Soliz April Webb
Grade 9 Sammy Castillo Ashley Layton Julie Salamanca	Grade 12 Beatriz Baeza Kasey Davis Monty Kirby Daniel Reeves Rosa Soliz Robin Tooley Alberto Valderas

RETIRED TEACHERS

The Muleshoe Area Retired Teachers Association met Feb. 18 at 16th and Avenue D Church of Christ.

Wilma Smith was hostess and served refreshments to Letha Patterson, Mary Nell Bleeker, Alene Bryant, Joyline Costen, Frankie Lunsford, Norma Prather, Mary Crane, Beulah Mimms, Lucy Faye Smith and Pam McCaul.

President Mary Nell Bleeker reminded the members of donations to the food bank. Bleeker and Smith were elected as delegates to the Texas Retired Teachers Association's 47th annual convention April 5-8 at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel in San Antonio.

McCaul was the guest speaker for the meeting, and brought the membership up to date on projects of the chamber of commerce. She invited everyone to drop by the new chamber office and shared information about activities that are planned including "Muleshoe on Broadway," the chamber's 50th annual banquet to be held April 8.

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Entry Deadline is Monday, April 3, 2000 at 5 p.m.

This year's contestants will appear in the April 9 edition of the Bailey County Journal. A panel of unbiased judges will pick the most attractive picture to be the 1999 Cutest Baby. All baby pictures will be printed. Babies need not be born in this area.

Bring your favorite photo along with \$10 to the Muleshoe Journal office at 304 W. 2nd Street, Monday-Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. or mail the coupon below with your child's photo and \$10 to Cutest Baby 1999, c/o Muleshoe Journal, P.O. Box 449, Muleshoe, Texas 79347. You may pick up your baby's picture during office hours after Monday, April 10, 2000. Arrangements must be made to return photos by mail!

Please provide phone number or address (it will not be published) so that we may contact you if we need additional information _____.

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The Duttons

Although neither Dean or Sheilia Dutton were classically-trained musicians, they made sure that each of their six children were. As they grew older, the kids developed a second love for Bluegrass and Country and as the requests for family performances increased, they insisted that Mom and Dad get involved.

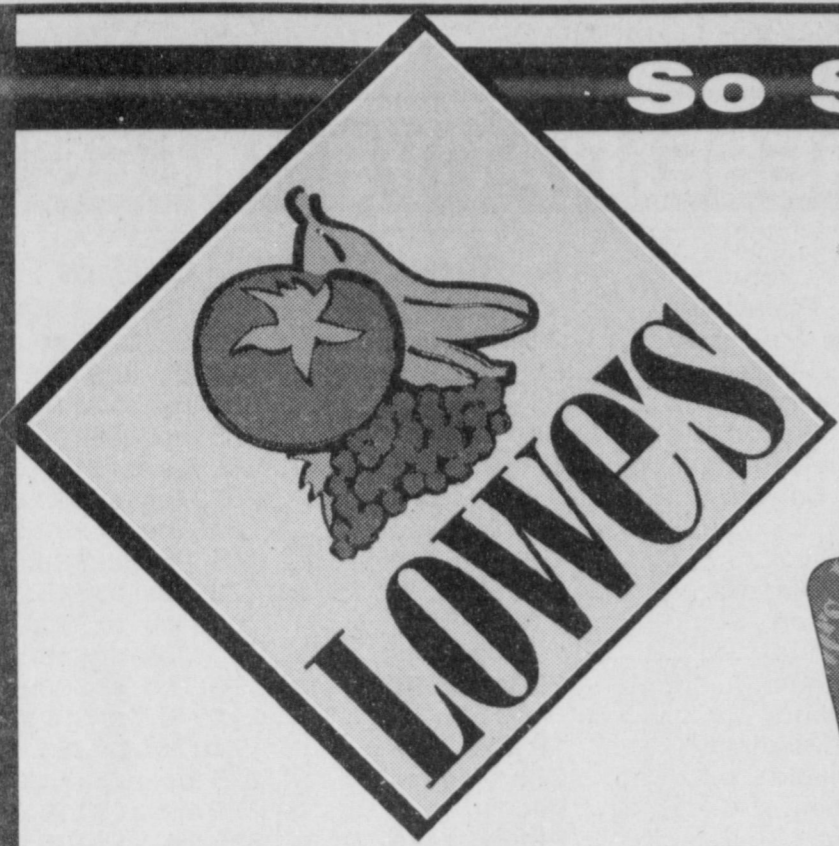


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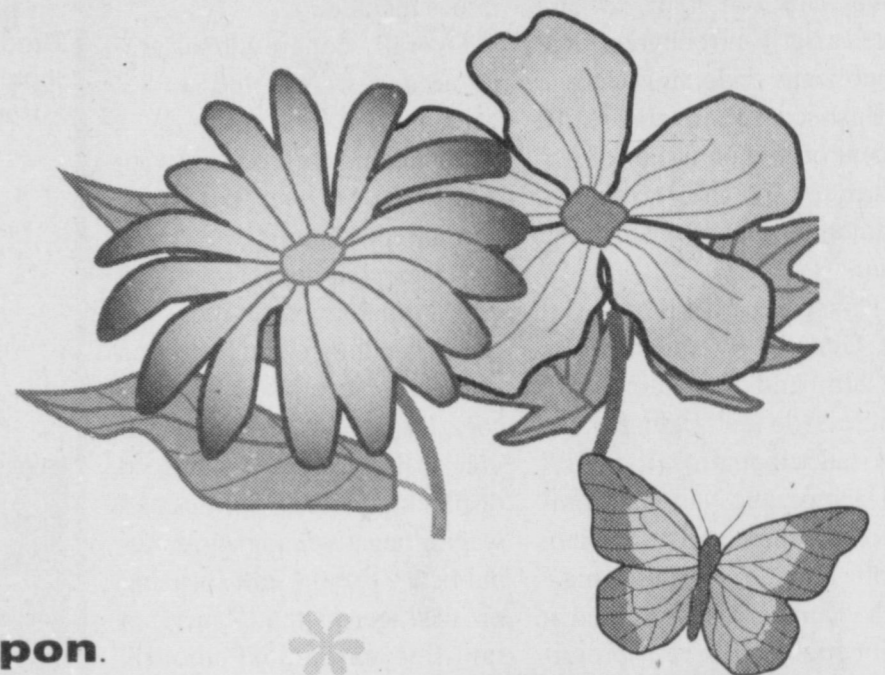
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