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A QUICK READ OF THE NEWS

Internet romance sours

A man who flew from England to Charleston, S.C., meet a 30-something woman he wooed over the Internet learned she is really a 65-year-old woman jailed earlier this month after discovery of the body of her former roommate in a freezer at her home.

Now Trevor Tasker finds himself still single and the center of media attention.

Wynema Faye Shumate was charged with unauthorized removal of a dead body and destruction or desecration of human remains after authorities discovered the body of James H. O'Neil, 70.

Backstreet Boys forbidden

Four students at a private Christian school in San Antonio have been busted for attending a Backstreet Boys concert.

Sunnybrook Christian Academy suspended the four for a day each because the students broke a school rule barring "involvement with inappropriate music," school administrator Trudie Pérez said.

"They (the Backstreet Boys) have some good music, but some of the music — I have been told — has certain sexual references," Pérez said. "That's not the message that we want to convey to our young people. We send the message of sexual abstinence."

Good service still available

When it comes to customer service, pizza delivery man Vince Cianfichi goes the extra mile. The extra 100 miles, in fact.

Cianfichi, who owns a Scranton, Pa., pizza shop and also is a private pilot, climbed into a single-engine plane and flew to an airport near Harrisburg to deliver 20 of his pizzas for a family reunion at Shiremanstown, Pa.

The pizzas were ordered by Karen Subliskey, who wanted a special treat for relatives visiting from out of state.

Cianfichi said he didn't charge a delivery fee because his private pilot license forbids flying for hire.



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On this date in history

March 16 — Texas Gov. Sam Houston refuses to take the oath of allegiance to the Confederate States of America (1861).

March 17 — Texas' constitutional convention provisionally adopts the document before fleeing to Harrisburg pursued by Mexican troops (1836).

March 18 — A huge explosion destroys a school at New London, Texas (1937).

LOCAL WEATHER

A welcome chance for scattered showers Thursday should keep local residents watching the sky. Partly cloudy conditions should continue through the weekend. Thursday's high is expected to be only 57, but after that temperatures should reach the low to high 60s through Sunday. Lows are expected to be around freezing, warming to a mere 34 Sunday.

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Voters back incumbents Plott, Vandiver

By RONN SMITH
Editor

Voters in Tuesday's Democratic primary election supported the incumbents in both contested county races, electing Sheriff Coy Plott to his first full term after his two years as an appointed official to fill out a vacancy.

Plott defeated his chief deputy, Ron Kemp, by a vote of 418 to 357. There is no Republican challenger for the office in November.

Plott said Tuesday night, "I won the election, but I lost a good deputy

and a good friend (referring to Kemp)."

Precinct 1 Commissioner Floyd J. "Butch" Vandiver also turned back his challenger, Donald Harrison, 172-133. Vandiver now must face Republican Jack Dunham (who got 44 votes in his primary, unopposed) in the general election.

Kemp trumped Plott by almost 2-to-1 (105 to 53) in the early voting, but failed to carry a voting box on election day. The closest he came was a 15-15 tie at Needmore

(Box 6).

Plott offset early voting with a 30-vote margin (90-60) at the Bailey County Coliseum (Box 2), 23 at city hall (Box 7, with a vote of 35-12) and 22 at Three Way School (Box 3, with a 24-2 vote for Plott).

He also carried Box 1 (the courthouse) by 130-114, Box 4 (the Extension office) by 52-48, and Box 5 (Bula) by 19-1.

Vandiver won in early voting by 42-24 and in Box 1 by 130-109, but now must face Republican Jack Dunham in the general election.

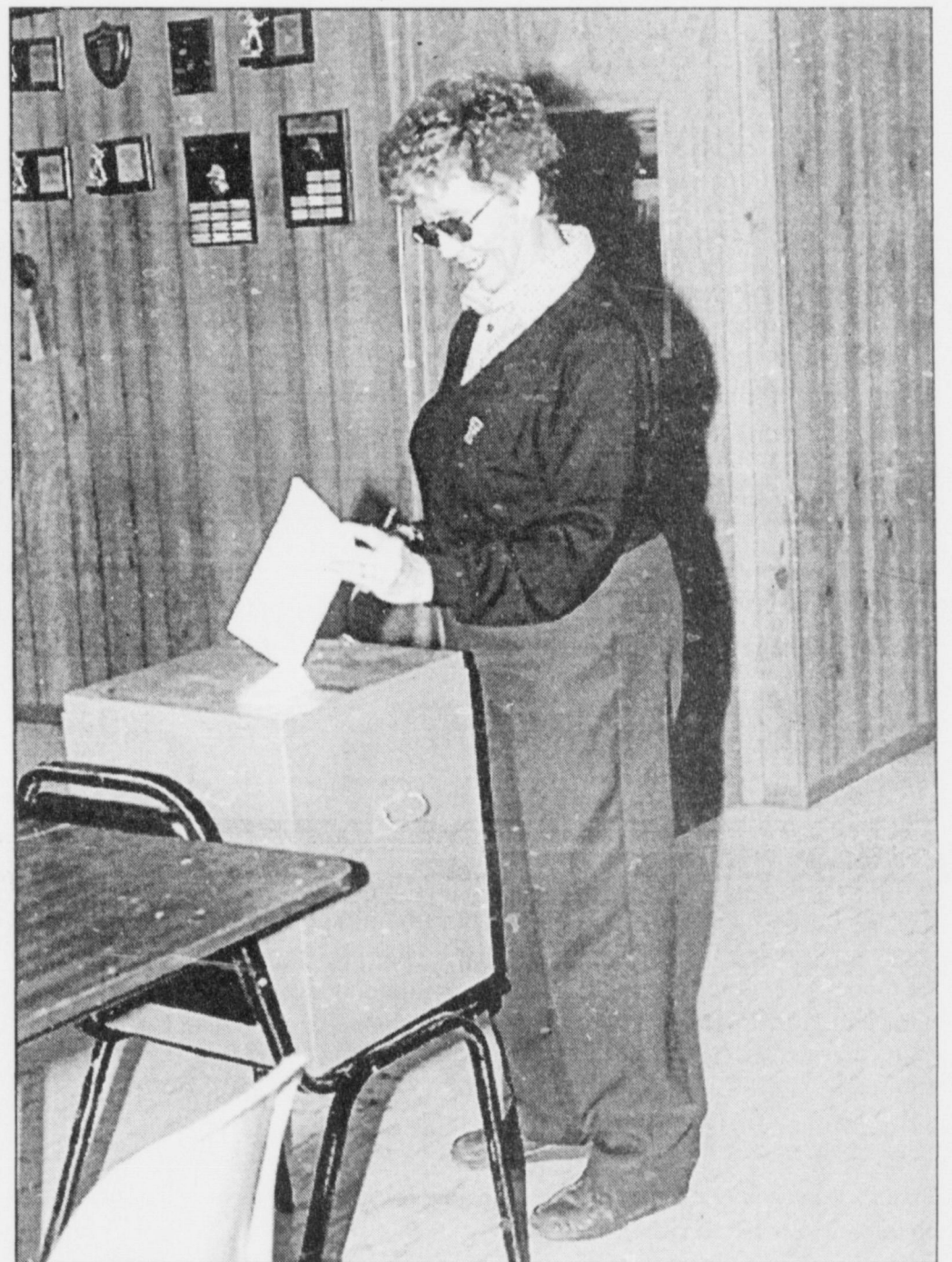
Berta Combs won her first political office (for county tax assessor) unopposed, gathering 638 votes.

Other unopposed local races included Johnny Atkinson, incumbent district attorney, with 521 votes; Criss Cleavinger, incumbent county attorney, with 585; Gary Don Gartin, incumbent constable, with 220; and Commissioner Jocoy Kindle, incumbent in Precinct 3, with 128 votes.

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Journal photos: Beatrice Morin



Going through the process

Martha McCormick registers the typical emotions of a voter as she ponders the choices (above) on the Republican primary ballot during Tuesday's voting at the Earl Ladd Fire Station. Then, the task complete, she smiles with satisfaction as she drops her ballot into the voting box. Bailey County's only contested races were on the Democratic side, and voters there endorsed the status quo, electing Sheriff Coy Plott to his first full term by a margin of 418-357 over Chief Deputy Ron Kemp and Precinct 1 Commissioner Floyd J. "Butch" Vandiver over challenger Donald Harrison by a 172-133 vote. The county also backed presumed presidential candidates Al Gore and George W. Bush.

Plott may begin first full term under legal cloud

By RONN SMITH
Editor

The Bailey County Commissioners' Court voted 3-1 Monday to require Sheriff Coy Plott to appear before the court, where he was asked to repay \$967.60 in county funds or produce receipts showing how the money was spent.

Plott gave the county his per-

sonal check to cover the amount.

The sheriff had said Friday that funds raised to start a Teen Court in Bailey County were used instead to buy printers and a copier for the sheriff's department after he assumed the Teen Court project was dead.

County Judge Marilyn Cox declined Friday to provide details

about the money, saying, "I am not an investigative official. I have turned the information over to the proper authorities."

Asked if making restitution for the money would clear Plott from potential legal liabilities, she shook her head and said, "I don't believe it would."

Plott, on the other hand, said he

himself contacted the Texas Rangers about the money, and was told by Ranger Dusty McChord that "I don't think you have anything to worry about."

On Monday, commissioners — prompted by a complaint from a citizen — first convened in a closed

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County to work with consultants on prison project

By RONN SMITH
Editor

The Bailey County Commissioners Court voted unanimously Monday to approve a consulting agreement with Corplan Corrections in seeking to get a prison built in the county.

County Judge Marilyn Cox reminded commissioners that Corplan officials said they are willing to do the work on the condition that they do not get paid if the prison is not built.

If the proposal succeeds, then Corplan gets 3 percent of the project cost — including construction, equipment, fixtures and several other items.

Cox said a prison project in Post was financed through the sale of \$35 million in bonds, so a similar project here could result in a Corplan fee of just over \$1 million.

Corplan officials attended the public hearing on the project last month in Muleshoe.

District fights 'hazardous employer' tag

By KEVIN WILSON
Writer

Muleshoe Independent School District officials are fighting to keep what they feel is an unfair ruling off the district's insurance record.

Recently, the Texas Workman's Compensation Association ruled that the district is a hazardous employer.

Both the district and the insurance company that represents it say the ruling is based on an inherently flawed system.

According to the district's business manager, Tracy Ray, an employer must carry at least 20 employees on their insurance in order to face examination.

During each fiscal year, the

number of workman's compensation claims is tallied and then divided by the total number of employees. The number obtained there is then multiplied by 100 to give a ratio, with a cutoff point beyond which the employer is declared "hazardous."

Recently, the MISD fell right above the ratio. Over the calendar year of 1998, the district employed 273 people and had five claims under which seven days or more were missed.

After the formula was applied for Muleshoe, the ratio was 1.83. The maximum ratio for an employer with 150 to 499 employees to avoid the "hazardous" designation is 1.8.

The district is appealing the association's decision. If the district loses the appeal, three things will happen:

- The district will be formally cited;
- A licensed person will come in to evaluate the school and suggest changes; and
- The district will have six months to implement those changes.

The district would have to cover the expense of its own evaluation, which Ray estimated at \$3,000 to \$4,000. The district also would carry the label of hazardous employer, which might increase the difficulty of recruiting quality staff.

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AROUND MULESHOE

Development assistant hired

The Muleshoe Economic Development Corp. has announced the appointment of Janet Claborn as the administrative assistant assigned to economic development for the city of Muleshoe.

Prior to beginning work for the city on Feb. 24, Claborn was employed by Arthur Anderson, LLP, of Dallas.

She is married to Dr. Jobey Claborn, a member of the medical staff at Muleshoe Area Medical Center. They have two sons, Jackie, who attends law school at Baylor University, and Jason, who is a student at Texas A&M University.

She and her husband are both graduates of Friona High School.

Little League signups continue

Muleshoe Little League will conduct signups March 23 from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Muleshoe State Bank's Community Room.

Boys and girls ages 6 to 12 (as of July 31) should bring their birth certificate and the \$25 registration fee. More information is available by calling Lynda Washington at 272-3581 or Curby Brantley Jr. at 925-6458.

Girls' basketball signup set

Signup for Muleshoe girls' youth basketball has been scheduled for 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. March 20, 21 and 23 in the Watson Junior High School gymnasium.

Girls in grades three, four, five and six are eligible, and are asked to bring proof of age to the registration.

There is a fee of \$35.

Gymnast adds to list of honors

Gymnast Amber Cowart of Muleshoe added another title to her list earlier this year at the USA Gymnastics Winter Cup Challenge in Las Vegas, Nev.

She won the silver medal and \$300 prize money in double-mini trampoline despite competing for the first time in the senior elite division. Her coach, Will Green of Levelland, said that at the age of 12 she was by more than two years the youngest athlete competing in that division.

Cowart is the current World Age-Group Division champion. "We thought we had really thrown Amber to the wolves at this meet," Green said. "The senior elites are the best of the best in the United States. But in normal fashion, Amber didn't care."

"This gives her a good shot at the senior national title in July if she keeps working," he added. "She beat some girls who were more than twice her age, including some former national and world champions."

Cowart also won second in synchronized trampoline, fourth in tumbling and sixth in trampoline.

Motorcycle rally scheduled here

The 18th annual Muleshoe Roadriders Motorcyclist Rally is scheduled for March 24-25 at the Bailey County Coliseum.

Pre-registration is \$10 for singles and \$20 for couples; at the door, registration will be \$12 for singles and \$24 for couples. Pre-registration must be sent before March 20 to Muleshoe Roadriders, c/o Danny Dickerson, 218 E. Fir, Muleshoe 79347.

Those who pre-register will be eligible for a grand prize of \$100.

More information is available by calling Dickerson at 272-4143 or Albert Ramirez at 272-3818.

Electric co-op to meet in September

Bailey County Electric Cooperative has announced that its annual meeting, usually held in February, has been scheduled for Sept. 5 this year.

Ventriloquist Greg Claassen has been scheduled to provide comic entertainment at the meeting.

Public calendar

March 20 — 7 p.m. Muleshoe School Board, in the board room in the district administration building.

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 304 W. Second, mailed to P.O. Box 449, called in to 272-4536 or faxed to 272-3567.

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County Democratic Chairman Linda McGonagill and Republican Chairman Tommy King also were re-elected.

Aside from the local races, Bailey County voters followed the national trend in presidential races.

The Republicans backed Texas Gov. George W. Bush with 210 votes to John McCain's three, Alan Keyes' 10, Orrin Hatch's three and Gary Bauer's one.

Democrats backed Vice President Al Gore over Bill Bradley 279-190. Perennial candidate Lyndon H. Larouche Jr. netted 34 votes.

U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchinson and U.S. Rep. Larry Combest, both unopposed Republicans, got 217 votes and 214 votes respectively to seek re-election to their posts in November.


In the Democratic scramble to oppose Hutchison, Don Clark won by a comparatively narrow margin, earning 116 votes to Charles Gandy's 99

and Gene Kelly's 97.

Bobby Wightman garnered 42 votes and H. Gerald Bintliff 18 in that race.

Bill Vance got 400 votes in his unopposed bid to oppose Combest in November.

Incumbent State Rep. James E. "Pete" Laney, unopposed in the Democratic primary, received 612 votes.



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session to discuss the issue.

After the closed session, they voted to request Plott's presence at the meeting. Commissioner Joey Kindel of Maple cast the vote against summoning Plott.

When the meeting reconvened with Plott present, County Attorney Carissa Cleavinger asked Plott about the money, which had been in a bank account bearing the county's tax identification number and which now cannot be accounted for based on county records.

Before stating which option he intended to use (repayment or documenting the money's use), Plott asked Cleavinger, "If I give this money to the

county, if I turn it over, and the attorney general says I didn't do anything wrong, do I get the money back?"

"My opinion is no," Cleavinger said, explaining that replacing the money would still leave the earlier public funds unaccounted for. "My opinion is that the commission, absent receipts, would not automatically return the money to you."

"I can't imagine that under any circumstances the attorney general has issued an opinion that a public official can raise money and then not be held responsible for it," Cleavinger said.

Plott had said Friday he did not consider the money missing and that he did not, in any

case, consider the money to be county funds.

Referring to a written request by District Attorney Johnny Actkinson seeking an attorney general's opinion on the matter, Plott added Friday that if the attorney general's office said he had to repay the money, he was prepared to repay not only the disputed amount but make a \$500 personal contribution to Teen Court.

An opinion from the attorney general is expected to take months.

Responding to a question Tuesday, Cox said Plott had not told county officials the name of the store where he allegedly purchased the equipment for his office.

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However, Ray said this scenario seems very unlikely. If the district had employed five more people, it would have been right at a ratio of 1.8. Also, the five employees would have needed to work only one day.

In addition, the decision was based on a calendar year, not on a school year. If the district was measured within actual school years, the ratio would be far below the 1.8 measurement.

"In our eyes and the eyes of our insurance company, Muleshoe is not a hazardous employer," Ray said.

A spokesman for Edwards Risk Management, which represents the district, said his company feels the same way and fights for 50 school districts on similar issues.

Jerry Edwards, the owner of the company, said he had a similar decision overturned in the past and expects this decision to see the same fate.

"I don't think a set formula is a good idea," he added.

In addition to finding the formula unfair, he said he thinks it is applied unfairly as well

"It's really a combination (of the rule and its application)," Edwards said. "It deals with how you define employees."

The formula only deals with days lost and not with dollars claimed. Under this system, five separate employees each claiming one day off for a cold carries the same weight as one employee missing a week with a broken toe.

Edwards is using an ombudsman with the Texas Work Force

Commission in seeking to avoid having Muleshoe labeled a hazardous employer.

"Out of about 50 schools (we represent), Muleshoe is probably in the top 10 for safety," Edwards said.

The appeal hearing is set for March 29, and Ray said the district believes it is in safe hands with Edwards.


"They truly see and believe it's not a legitimate picture," she said.

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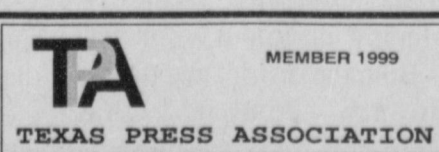
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Superkids honored

Selected as Dillman Elementary School's superkids for March are (back row, from left) first-grader Krystal Pizarro, first-grader Chris Toscano, second-grader Ali Eagle and second-grader Frankie Reyes; (front row, from left) pre-kindergartner Felipe Espinoza, kindergartner Luis Rodríguez and pre-kindergartner Catie Sowder. Not shown is pre-kindergartner Alyssa Clark.

VFW AUXILIARY NEWS

The Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8570 met for its regular monthly meeting March 13 at 203 E. Ash.

President Janie Rodríguez called the meeting to order with member Vicki Furguson and officers Joy Nicholson, June Green, Ruby Green, Linda Stracener, Yvonne Stockman and Leah Bell present.

Club rituals, including the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and opening prayer, were offered by club members.

Minutes and treasurer's report from the February meeting were read and approved by those present.

In old business, club members noted Bell's including the Buddy Poppy story and poem in the auxiliary news published in the *Muleshoe Journal* in February. The state auxiliary continually encourages each local auxiliary to publicize Buddy Poppy awareness, sponsorship and sales.

I Am A V.F.W. Poppy

—by Grace Jordan

I represent the love and hope of many.

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My center is green, symbolizing the fields upon which

they fought, or are at rest.

I am held together by a piece of steel which stands for the strength of brotherhood, love and devotion for each other and our nation.

Wear me with pride.

The volunteer committee report was furnished by Ruby Green. Bell logged two hours at Muleshoe Area Healthcare Center. Green has contributed six hours weekly at the home since last meeting, and each of the women present reported volunteer hours spent bartending at the VFW. Nicholson worked at the recent dance held at the old "V" in addition to working at the club.

Everyone is reminded that the collection of Campbell's soup labels continues. Labels may be taken to Carol Buhman, committee chairperson, or any member of the organization. Each label collected helps earn supplies for local schools through the national auxiliary.

In new business, Rodríguez

reported that the poppy competition at the district meeting in May can be anything made up of poppies and imagination.

Post 8570 Commander José Ambriz made a special appearance at the meeting to inform the ladies of an important upcoming event. The family of Anthony Orozco, deceased, will be presented his Silver Star commendation in a ceremony scheduled for 10 a.m. March 25 at Muleshoe Memorial Park. Ambriz asked that all auxiliary members attend this recognition ceremony. A post-ceremony brunch at the American Legion building will be hosted by the ladies. Each member will be contacted about what type of food to bring.

Communications included a thank-you note from Kathryn and Kay Paulk for the auxiliary's hospitality during their visit, and notes from the most recent district meeting. Several positive comments were made about the relatively new Muleshoe auxiliary, which was congratulated for

USDA to group offices in 25 states, Puerto Rico

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL WASHINGTON, D.C. — In a move expected to save nearly \$9 million, Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman announced recently that USDA state offices in 25 states and Puerto Rico will be collocated.

"Collocating offices will help us provide better, more efficient, less costly service to our customers," Glickman said.

Glickman's announcement means that USDA's Farm Service Agency, Natural Resources Conservation Service and Rural Development state offices will be located at one site, sharing space and administrative supplies.

Cost savings are estimated at \$1.3 million over five years

and more than \$8.9 million by 2008. No jobs will be lost as a result of the collocations, Glickman said.

Collocated offices are expected to be established in fiscal year 2000 in Palmer, Alaska; Phoenix, Ariz.; Storrs, Conn.; Des Moines, Iowa; Champaign, Ill.; Jackson, Miss.; Durham, N.H.; Lincoln, Neb.; Portland, Ore.; Hato Rey, Puerto Rico; Nashville, Tenn.; Burlington, Vt.; and Casper, Wyo.

Collocated offices are expected to be established in fiscal year 2001 in Bismarck, N.D.; Trenton, N.J.; Reno, Nev.; Spokane, Wash.; and Madison, Wis.

Collocated offices are expected to be established in fiscal year 2002 in Montgomery, Ala.; Dover, Del.; Honolulu, Hawaii; Manhattan, Kan.; Annapolis, Md.; Bozeman, Mont.; Columbia, S.C.; and Temple, Texas.

Offices in the remaining states are already collocated.

The collocations were recommended by Glickman's National Food and Agriculture Council, which evaluated benefit/cost analyses conducted in each state and carried out its own research.

having the most members in attendance at the district meeting.

Nominations for upcoming officer elections were held. Election of officers will take place next month. Members present approved a "secret" ballot election.

Rodríguez conducted a silver drill which netted \$7.28 and then adjourned the meeting, with Nicholson offering the closing prayer.

The next auxiliary meeting will be April 13 at 203 E. Ash.

Women who meet membership criteria and are interested in joining the auxiliary, a service organization dedicated to veteran support, may contact Rodríguez at 272-3345.

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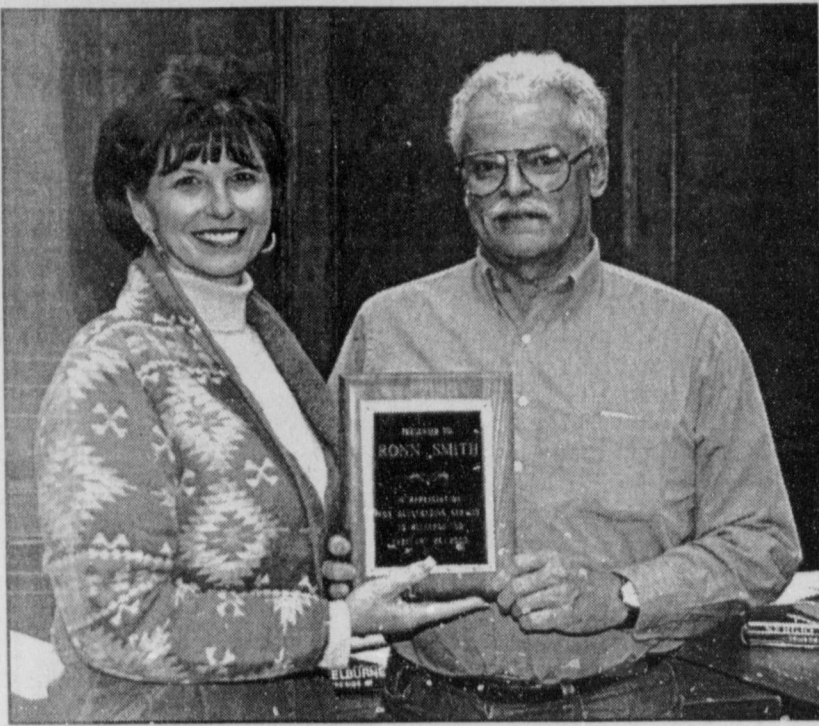
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School board honors editor

Muleshoe School Board President Cindy Purdy hands a plaque to *Journal* editor Ronn Smith in appreciation for coverage of school board issues by the newspaper. The plaque was presented during a board meeting in which Purdy also praised the close working relationship between the board and Superintendent David Hutton and between Smith and Hutton, who has since resigned to pursue other interests.

Texas farmers and ranchers honored

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

AUSTIN — Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs announced that March 19-25 is National Agricultural Week in Texas, the nation's second-ranking state in agricultural production.

Texas accounts for about 7 percent of the total U.S. agricultural income.

"Agriculture is important to Texas 52 weeks a year, but National Agriculture Week is the time set aside each spring to honor the hardworking individuals in our nation's food and fiber industry," Combs said. "It's also the time to recognize the impact agriculture has on our daily lives."

"The food we eat, the clothes we wear, the wood for the houses we live in, the flowers and plants we enjoy are all rooted in one industry — agriculture," she

added.

Agriculture is the second-largest industry in Texas, generating \$80 billion throughout the state's economy. Texas is the nation's leading producer of cattle, sheep, goats, horses, wool, mohair and cotton.

The state is also one of the top producers of vegetables, citrus, peanuts, pecans, grain sorghum, rice, sugar cane and wheat.

"From the Gulf Coast to the Panhandle, Texas is the most diverse state in the nation in agricultural production," Combs said.

The Lone Star State leads the nation in the number of farms and ranches, and about 80 percent of the land is involved in some form of agricultural production.

Although agriculture provides a job for one of every five

working Texans, less than 2 percent of the population is involved in day-to-day farming or ranching.

"It's incredible when you think that only a small number of people produce our food and fiber," Combs said. "And many times they do it against difficult odds."

"This year producers are facing another drought and some of the lowest commodity prices in the past 20 years. But because of their commitment and their love of agriculture, Texas farmers and ranchers will continue to do what they do best — produce food and fiber to meet a growing global demand," Combs said.

"We all depend on agriculture. National Agriculture Week gives us an opportunity to recognize those producers who help enrich our lives," she added.

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Erica Whalin 10th Grade

Ricardo Aburto
Blanca Arzola
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Jessica Carpenter
Elizabeth Castorena
Carmen Flores
Kayla Glover
Joshua Hall
James Hancock
Lorie Herington
Erienne Hill
Kayla Kelley
Cami Kennemer
Brenda López
Denisse López
Matthew López
Matthew Luna
Juan Madrid

Suzanne Messenger
Jennifer Rempe
Jason Riggs
Lincoln Riley
Janna Skaggs
Laura Wood

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Letti Barrera
Brandon Broyles
Tommie Hernández
Stephanie Kirk
Luis Pacheco
Jordan Pool
Westin Price
Drew Robinson
Aubrey Ruthardt
Joey Stone
Bryce Thomason
Megan Tipps
Joseph Tucker
Travis Tunnell

Joshua Williams
Stephen Woodard

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Christi Adrian
James Barrett
Bobbie Benham
Kamal Bhakta
Clint Black
Landon Black
Lynsie Black
Randall Bohler
Audra Clarkson
Matthew Conklyn
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Lela Hancock

Phillip Hardt
Ryan Hodge
Leonard Joyner
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Stacy Locker
Elizabeth Lozano
Mitchell Mason
John McClanahan
Cristina Orozco
Ronnie Orozco
Eric Posadas
Tyson Purdy
Rebecca Robertson
Ebony Russ
Michelle Toscano
Leisha Wallace

OBITUARIES

GENE SMALLING

Services were held Tuesday at the First Assembly of God for Gene Smalling, 61, of Muleshoe. The Rev. Clyde Smalling and Debbie Stone officiated. Burial was in Muleshoe Memorial Park.

Ellis Funeral Homes handled arrangements.

Mr. Smalling was born Dec. 3, 1938, in Muse, Okla. He died March 12 at home.

He married Rama Copley on July 25, 1984, in Welch, Texas, and they moved from there to Muleshoe in 1987. He was a truck driver and a member of First Assembly of God.

He also was a U.S. Army veteran.

He is survived by his wife; two sons, Eddie Smalling of McMinnville, Ore., and David Smalling of Oklahoma City, Okla.; a daughter, Lissa Leffler of Levelland; three sisters, Johnnie Parker of Anton, Shirley Jukes of Hawkins, Texas, and Helen Yarbrough of Katy, Texas; Kelsie Smalling of Pickens, Okla., and Clyde Smalling of Roseburg, Ore.; and four grandchildren.

LUCILLE MOSTELLER

Services were held Tuesday at Morrison Memorial Chapel in Dumas for Lucille E. Mosteller, 88, of Dumas. The Revs. H.L. Stevens and Brad Foster officiated. Burial was in Dumas Cemetery.

Morrison Funeral Directors handled arrangements.

Mrs. Mosteller was born Jan. 4, 1912, in Bonham, Texas. She died Saturday at Memorial Hospital in Dumas.

She married James E. Mosteller on Oct. 24, 1931, at Arnett, Okla. They had lived in Dumas since 1955.

She was a homemaker and a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Dumas.

She is survived by her husband; a son, Jimmy H. Mosteller of Muldrow, Okla.; two daughters, Marilyn Fisk of Dumas and Betty Bohannon of Benjamin, Texas; a brother, Babe Stroud of Ector, Texas; a sister, Katherine Peek of Hobbs, N.M.; 22 grandchildren; and 27 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Billy Mosteller, in 1996.

The family suggests memorials to a favorite charity.

TROY PAGE

Services were held Monday at the First Baptist Church for Troy Alton Page, 80, of Ranger, Texas. Dr. Stacy Conper officiated. Burial was in Muleshoe Memorial Park.

Ellis Funeral Homes handled arrangements.

Mr. Page was born April 23, 1919, in Jack County, Texas. He died March 10 at Western Manor in Ranger.

He married Ila Middlebrooks in Jacksboro on Jan. 18, 1941. They lived in Muleshoe from the time he was discharged from the U.S. Army until 1997, when they moved to Ranger to be near family.

He had served as post commander of Muleshoe American Legion Post 403 and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Muleshoe for 40 years.

He retired in 1987 after 40 years as a salesman for Charles Lenau Lumber Co.

He is survived by his wife; a son, Troy Wayne Page of Wichita Falls; two daughters and sons-in-law, Lawana and Bill Kadel of Haltom City, Texas, and Ruby Nell and Sy Underwood of Ranger; three sisters, Loma Mosley and Cora Belle Jennings, both of Muleshoe, and Stella Bailey of Arlington; a brother, Eldon Page of Muleshoe; five grandchildren, Laurie Walker of Eastland, Kim Conville and John Underwood,

both of Ranger, Jamie Kadel of Irving and Wendy McGraw of Dallas; and three great-grandchildren, Erica Walker of Eastland and Amanda and Kayla Paslay, both of Irving.

The family suggests memorials to Muleshoe American Legion Post 403 or the First Baptist Church of Muleshoe.

RUTH DUNLAP

Services were held Monday at the First Baptist Church of Sudan for Ruth Martin Dunlap, 86, of Sudan. The Rev. Willis Blair officiated. Burial was in Sudan Cemetery.

Ellis Funeral Homes handled arrangements.

Mrs. Dunlap was born May 7, 1913, at Chillicothe, Texas. She died March 11 at Lamb Healthcare Center in Littlefield.

She married Grammar Samuel Martin on Dec. 23, 1929, in Frederick, Okla. He died in May 1969. She later married T.L. Dunlap on Sept. 23, 1983, and he died in July 1984.

She moved to Sudan from Irving in 1975. She worked as a grocery-store clerk and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Sudan and the Order of Eastern Star in Bovina.

Mrs. Dunlap is survived by a daughter, Sammie Ruth Conner of Sudan; a sister, Hattie Lee Gibbons of Tahlequah, Okla.; five grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by a daughter, Jimmie Lou Humphrey, on May 31, 1997.

Pallbearers were Pete Lance, Bill Lance, Greg Lance, Monty Edwards, Steve Martin and Kyle Martin.

The family suggests memorials to Sudan EMS or the First Baptist Church of Sudan.

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We haven't received your Muleshoe Journal Cutest Baby 1999 contest entry photo, yet!

The entry deadline is nearing! We need your photos in our office by Monday, April 3 at 5:00 p.m.

For complete details, see Page 6 in this edition of the Journal.



Journal photo: Beatrice Morin

Business of the month

Gathered to honor Alex's Tire Service as the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce business of the month for December are (from left) Robert Domínguez, Efraín Herrera, Wellis Hall, Alex Aguirre, Chuck Smith, Pam McCaul, Tim Cerveny and Sheila Stevenson.



Journal photo: Beatrice Morin

Employee of the month

Gathered to honor Ann Mount of the Art Loft as the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce employee of the month for December are (standing, from left) Chuck Smith, Robert Domínguez, Tim Cerveny, Pam McCaul and Dale Hughes; kneeling, Wells Hall; and seated, Mount.

Proposed organic standards announced

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman recently announced a new proposal for uniform and consistent national standards for organic food.

Essentially, the proposal offers a national definition for the term "organic." Currently, organic food is certified by various private and state organizations that each use their own standards for the term "organic."

The proposal details the methods, practices and substances that can be used in producing and handling organic crops and livestock, as well as processed products. It establishes clear labeling criteria and rules so that consumers know exactly what they are buying when they purchase organic food.

It specifically prohibits the use of genetic engineering, sewage sludge, and irradiation in the production of food products labeled "organic." The proposal also prohibits antibiotics in organic livestock production and requires 100 percent organic feed for organic livestock.

USDA's proposal is intended to allow organic farmers to export their products more easily on the theory that trading partners can more easily deal with one national standard rather than multiple state and private standards.

The revised proposal is the result of careful analysis of more than 275,000 comments USDA received in response to its initial December 1997 organic proposal.

Glickman also announced several other steps the administration is taking to promote organic agriculture. President Clinton's fiscal 2001 budget proposes \$5 million for research to develop improved

organic production and processing methods, evaluate economic benefits to farmers, and develop new organic markets. Glickman said USDA will establish a pilot organic crop insurance program to help organic farmers better manage risk.

He also announced that USDA and the University of California at Davis will conduct research on organic production and ways to enhance farmers' ability to market organic fruits and vegetables.

The proposed national standard and additional steps Glickman an-

nounced will help stimulate one of the fastest-growing sectors of American agriculture.

USDA estimates that the value of retail sales of organic foods in 1999 was about \$6 billion. The number of organic farmers is increasing about 12 percent per year and now stands at about 12,200 nationwide, most of them small-scale producers.

Fact sheets and other background materials on the proposed organic rules can be accessed on the web at www.ams.usda.gov/nop.

TOPS NEWS

The March 9 meeting of TOPS was attended by 19 members in the Fellowship Room of the Church of Christ on American Boulevard.

Aurora Mata and Aurora D. Mata and Evelene Harris were welcomed back after absences.

Leader Laverne James called the meeting to order and led the prayer and pledge.

The previous week's minutes were presented by Secretary Janie Hughes. TOPS songs were led by Alma Robertson and Aurora D. Mata.

The weigh-in was conducted by weight recorders Alene Bryant and Betty Jo Davis.

When the weigh-in was completed, results were announced by Bryant and Davis. Marion Wilson was the best loser, with Missy Royal as first runner-up and James as second runner-up.

Tommie Fulcher, who was last week's best loser, also lost weight this week. She was presented a gift for losing weight two weeks in a row.

James led a discussion about healthy eating from the TOPS Lifestyle Guide.

Diets were discussed, including the low-carbohydrate diet that James said is now the "going thing" in diets. (This diet has not gained complete approval with all doctors.)

Diet tips shared by James included drinking an 8 to 10 oz. glass of water before meals to help control appetite and weight.

Another tip was the drinking of the same amount of sparkling water with lime slices.

Either cutting back on the eating of red meat or eating no red meat was advised.

Rice, beans, other vegetables and also salads were named as healthy alternatives to replace or to cut down on red meat.

The TOPS Measure Contest is in its second week, with contest chairperson Jewel Peeler now being assisted by Linda White.

The date of the next meeting is March 16 at 5 p.m. at the same site. Visitors are welcome.

PUBLIC RECORD

MULESHOE POLICE

March 4
Jessica Carol Carr, 40, DWI (two).

March 8
Jesús Ramiro Orozco, 32, warrant for deadly conduct.

Timothy Galen Gray, 28, Potter County warrants for theft, invalid driver's license, failure to appear on no driver's license charge, no insurance.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

March 2
Melvin Brown, 52, sentenced for driving while license suspended.

Reynaldo Costilla, 44, motion to revoke probation on a DWI.

Alberto Mata Hernández, 20, aggravated sexual assault on a child and driving while license suspended.

March 3
Floyd Wayne Huddleston, 42, motion to revoke probation for deadly conduct.

Terry Ray Yell, 45, motion to revoke probation for evading detention.

March 7
José Hernández, 34, alias capias warrant for driving while license suspended

MILITARY NEWS

CREW REUNION

The USS Saint Paul CA 73 and USS Minneapolis-Saint Paul SSN-708 Association will hold its 10th reunion Aug. 22-26 in Colorado Springs.

The organization is trying to contact former crew members about the reunion.

Those individuals are asked to contact the group's secretary, George M. Takis Jr., 1125 Spalding Drive N.E., Atlanta, Ga. 30328, or call (770) 393-3185.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED INCREASE IN ENVIRONS GAS RATES AND SERVICE CHARGES

On March 8, 2000 Energas Company filed a proposal with the Railroad Commission of Texas to increase its gas rates in the unincorporated area ("Environs") surrounding the sixty-seven West Texas Cities listed below. The Company proposes to change its environs rates to the same level as the Company is proposing for the sixty-seven West Texas Cities in the Company's pending Appeal at the Railroad Commission. The environs rates will not change until the rates inside the sixty-seven West Texas Cities change. The Railroad Commission may delay the proposed effective date for up to 150 days. The proposed changes will affect all classes of environs tariff customers including Residential, Commercial, Public Authority, Small Industrial and Air Conditioning customers. There are approximately 22,275 Environs customers in the sixty-seven West Texas Cities. The proposed changes in environs rates are expected to increase the Company's annual revenues by approximately \$1.0 million or 8.5%, adjusted for normal weather. The change is a "major change" under state law in the environs of Lubbock and Odessa. The new environs rates will not exceed 115% of the average of all rates for similar services of all municipalities served by Energas in the same county.

Energas proposes to restructure its gas rates to moderate bill variability during the heating season, to increase its revenues from gas service by increasing the customer charges and lower pricing blocks and to increase its charges for miscellaneous services such as reconnecting gas services following nonpayment. The Company also proposes changes to its Gas Cost Adjustment ("GCA") Clause to collect all of the gas cost and related taxes instead of just the difference between actual gas cost and a base cost of gas in the base rates. Copies of the proposal may be obtained at Energas Office at 5110 80th, Lubbock, Texas, 79424.

Customers who are affected by the proposed environs rate changes may, within 30 days following the proposed effective date file written comments or a protest with:

Docket Service Section
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Any such protest must be received by the Commission no later than April 7, 2000.

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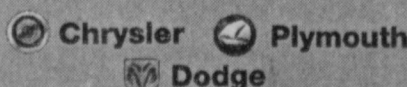
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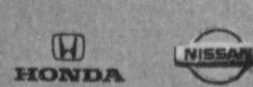
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Eighth-grade co-champions

The Watson Junior High School eighth-grade girls finished the season at 14-3 and a district co-championship. They include (back row, from left) coach Kathy Grissom, Nichole Rojas, Erin Hancock, Ashley López, Kristen Ray, Tabetha Obenhaus, Sara Benham, Trina Hall, Christy Morgan, Latasha Glover, Samantha Ruthardt, Keri Copley, Annie Cox, Adriana Arios and coach Heidi Bohler; (front row, from left) Marlie Black, Megan Mason and Tori Barton and (not shown) Rachel Rudd and Brandi Whalin. The team also captured second place in the Levelland Tournament.

Power-lifting team experiences short season

By KEVIN WILSON
Writer

In Muleshoe, it could be said that the overall success of the athletic programs makes a smaller power-lifting team.

Roughly 25 students compete in power lifting, but none qualified for regionals, which took place last weekend.

A good explanation for having no qualifiers is that in Muleshoe power lifting takes a back seat to the other sports.

The fact that Flint Bigham is the coach is a great example of how power lifting is viewed in Muleshoe primarily as an aid to other athletics: Bigham is the head coach of one of the largest teams in the school, but he is best known as the defensive

coordinator for Mule football.

"Our kids are so involved in the other sports," Bigham said. "It's just another opportunity for them to go compete."

This is especially true when the other teams are successful. With the Mule basketball team making the second round of the playoffs, several seniors did not have the time to dedicate to power lifting.

However, Bigham didn't seem to mind a smaller squad in the face of basketball success.

"This is the first year basketball's affected us much," Bigham said.

Another factor in not qualifying for regionals could be a large field of competition.

In other sports, Muleshoe only goes against AAA opponents. In power lifting, the Mules also compete against Class A and AA schools.

In effect, the Mule weightlifters compete against about 90 schools and only the top 10 lifters will qualify for regional.

There are three types of lifting in which the team competes — the squat, the bench press and the dead lift. However, the team does not practice the dead lift because it hurts speed.

Primarily, the team is made up of football and basketball players who are also required to lift weights for their other activities.

Bigham said Billy Martínez,

who came the closest to qualifying for regional, and Timothy Madrid are possibly the only lifters who do not participate in any other sport.

"It's a great opportunity for kids who want to participate in (spring) athletic activities, but don't necessarily have the basketball talent," Bigham said.

The opportunity to be on the team has been great for several members. One is Jeffrey Skipworth, whom Bigham called the most improved lifter of the year.

Even though the season is technically over for the Mules, the weight room will never be an empty place.

"We lift weights in every sport we do," Bigham said.



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Suze Orman: The Courage to be Rich will be broadcast Sunday, March 19th at 6:00 p.m.

The Irish Tenors: Live from Belfast

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With a selection of songs that span a century of great Irish music, the special offers a nostalgic, romantic view of Ireland's great musical history, from the turn-of-the-century to popular music featured in *The Quiet Man* and *Riverdance*. The concert is an exhilarating mix of Irish airs, lullabies, loves songs, anthems, and parlor songs, varying style and pace with pathos and humor. By popular demand, the new concert includes more songs performed as a trio.

The concert was recorded at the Waterfront Hall in Belfast on February 5th, 2000.

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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!

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HOSPITAL NEWS

Muleshoe Area Medical Center reported the following patient load:

March 2 — Effie E. Hicks, William T. Millen, Lorene Obenhaus and Kathleen Talbot.

March 3 — Effie E. Hicks and Kathleen Talbot.

March 6 — Alma Bevers, Manuel Galindo, Nicolas Ocampo, Kathleen Talbot, Marc A. Toscano.

March 7 — Alma Bevers, James D. Burris, Gregoria A. Franco, Marc A. Toscano, Glenn L. Branscum and Tina Villalobos.

March 8 — Jennifer L. Brigman, James D. Burris, Gregoria A. Franco, Rosemary Franco, Irene M. Splawn, Tina Villalobos and Maria Cuevas.

March 9 — Alma Bevers, James D. Burris, Gregoria A. Franco, Nicolas Ocampo, Kathleen Talbot and Marc A. Toscano.



Muleshoe Cattle Market

SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2000

REPRESENTATIVE SALES

669 cattle, 123 hogs and 278 sheep & goats for a total of 1,070 animals sold at the March 11 sale. Market fully steady on all classes of cattle with very good demand.

The Muleshoe Cattle Market is brought to you each week by Muleshoe Livestock Auction, located east of Muleshoe on U.S. 84. Muleshoe Livestock conducts sales every Saturday, beginning with hogs, sheep and goats at 10 a.m. and cattle following at approximately 12 noon.

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Seller, City	#	Type	Wt.	CWT or PH	Seller, City	#	Type	Wt.	CWT or PH
Alfredo Martinez, Portales, NM	7	Hol. Strs	184 lbs.	at \$220.00	Davis Cattle, Morton	5	Mxd. Hfns	416 lbs.	at \$108.00
Florencio Zamora, Hereford		Hol. Str	285 lbs.	at \$101.00	Steve Kennedy, Muleshoe	3	Blk. Hfns	442 lbs.	at \$96.00
Joe Garcia, Albuquerque, NM	4	Hol. Bulls	291 lbs.	at \$97.00	David Craig, Elida, NM	2	Mxd. Hfns	448 lbs.	at \$100.00
Vicki Heppard, Amarillo	4	Hol. Bulls	321 lbs.	at \$92.00	David Craig, Elida, NM	3	BMF Hfns	612 lbs.	at \$87.00
Flatlander Farms, Amherst		Char. Bull	255 lbs.	at \$138.00	Arlon Edwing, Dimmitt	4	Mxd. Hfns	449 lbs.	at \$97.00
John Montiel, Portales, NM	2	Mxd. Strs	293 lbs.	at \$118.00	Steve Olson, Hereford		BMF Hfr	600 lbs.	at \$83.50
Pat Newsom, Sudan		Yell. Str	280 lbs.	at \$129.00	Brad Carter, Amherst		Blk. Pair		\$870.00
Pat Newsom, Sudan		Char. Str	325 lbs.	at \$119.50	Brad Carter, Amherst	2	Grey Pair		\$760.00
Brad Carter, Sudan		Blk. Bull	375 lbs.	at \$117.00	Brad Carter, Amherst		Red Cow P7		\$630.00
David Craig, Elida, NM		BMF Str	465 lbs.	at \$108.00	Flatlander Farms, Amherst	2	Char. Cows P7		\$680.00
Jacen Claunch, Enochs	2	Mxd. Strs	468 lbs.	at \$105.00	Herman Rhodes, Portales, NM		Blk. Cow P7		\$650.00
Jacen Claunch, Enochs	4	Mxd. Strs	545 lbs.	at \$98.00	Victoria Morin, Morton		Blk. Cow P6		\$610.00
Davis Cattle, Morton	6	Mxd. Bulls	533 lbs.	at \$99.00	Jose Saenz, Whiteface		Char. Cow	1360 lbs.	at \$43.50
ACU, Morton		BWF Str	540 lbs.	at \$97.00	Jose Saenz, Whiteface		Char. Bull	2165 lbs.	at \$55.00
Monty Patton, Plains		Yell. Bull	590 lbs.	at \$96.00	Diamond Y Cattle, Muleshoe	2	Blk. Cows	1593 lbs.	at \$46.25
Dennis Newton, Hereford		Spot Bull	605 lbs.	at \$92.00	Brad Carter, Amherst	2	Red Cows	1253 lbs.	at \$46.00
Gary Mason, Hereford		Blk. Bull	655 lbs.	at \$95.00	Rosa Davis, Muleshoe		Hol. Cow	1805 lbs.	at \$41.50
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On the 7th day of March, 2000, I impounded the following estray: 1 red mixed breed yearling, approximately 600 lbs., short horns, with a brand on the left hip. No ear tags. On the 9th day of March, 2000, I filed a Notice of Estray in the Estray Book of Bailey County. I have made a diligent search of the register of recorded brands in Bailey County, Texas for the owner of the said estray, but the search did not reveal the owner. Notice is hereby given that if the ownership of said estray is not determined by the 24th day of March the estray will be sold at public auction at the Muleshoe Livestock Auction in Bailey County, Texas. Witness my hand this 9th day of March, 2000. Published in the Muleshoe Journal, March 16, 2000 and the Bailey County Journal March 19, 2000.

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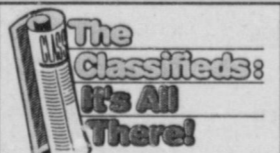
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