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## PAGE ONE

A QUICK READ OF THE NEWS

### Operatic justice doled out

Students committing minor infractions at Eastern Connecticut State University in Willimantic now face punishment by Puccini.

A group of offenders next month will be force-fed a taste of *Tosca*, Giacomo Puccini's tragic opera about love and betrayal.

The school has created a policy that sends students to an opera or a symphony, rather than slap them with citations or fines.

So far, about 50 students have been ordered to attend classical music performances for minor offenses including violating a campus ban on alcohol.

### Fat cops to climb mountain

Overweight police in the northern Philippines have been ordered to climb Mount Pinatubo volcano once a month as part of a physical fitness campaign.

Officers with waists greater than 34 inches will make the climb April 4 and once a month until the rainy season begins, police officials said Monday.

"This is not going to be a picnic," vowed Central Luzon's police chief, who will lead the officers up the mountain.

The two-hour trek to Pinatubo's peak, location of a scenic lake, is a popular activity for tourists.

### Choir concert scheduled

David Downum, choir director for Muleshoe schools, announced Tuesday that the junior high choirs will present a concert at 7:30 p.m. March 27 in the high school auditorium.

The choirs will be presenting their contest programs, Downum said.



**Drawing date:** Saturday, March 18  
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### On this date in history

**March 25** — Mexican-held Texas prisoners from the Mier Expedition drew beans to determine who would be executed; 17 drew black and were killed, while 159 drew white beans and were marched to Perote Prison in Mexico City (1843).

**March 26** — Texas' Secession Convention ratified the Constitution of the Confederate States of America and then adjourned (1861).

### LOCAL WEATHER

Expect partly cloudy conditions until Sunday, when there will again be a chance for scattered showers. Morning lows should be near 40 throughout the period, with daily temperatures of about 68 on Thursday, 76 on Friday, 73 on Saturday and 70 on Sunday. Cloudy conditions and continuing mild temperatures are expected to hang on through Monday.

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## Dryland wheat farmers facing stark choices

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

AMARILLO—With two strikes against it, namely the severe drought coupled with greenbug damage—current conditions for dryland wheat have many farmers in the Texas Panhandle looking at their options, says Texas Agricultural Extension Service agronomist Brent Bean of Amarillo.

The promise of a successful crop is all but a memory in many fields.

But taking steps now to estimate potential yield will help farmers faced with some hard choices.

"Making the decision to abandon a crop is seldom an easy one," Bean said. With dryland wheat in particular — if the rains return soon — even the poorest looking stands can be turned around. The weather forecasts, however, do not look promising.

"Indeed, our drought-plagued weather is expected to continue over the next couple of months," he said.

Right now, abandoning marginal dryland wheat, with the hope of getting enough moisture this

spring to plant a summer crop, may be the best option for some producers.

"Every day the wheat remains in the field, the more moisture it uses to grow. This resource could be saved for a potential summer crop," said Bean, who is advising growers already looking at this option.

The process begins by estimating wheat yield potential. This can be done by estimating the number of viable tillers and making some assumptions, or guesses, about the number of seed per head and po-

tential seed size.

"The further along the wheat crop is toward maturity, the more accurate the yield estimate will be," said the agronomist, who starts any projection with a drill row spacing measurement because growers use different standards.

For example, in fields with six-inch drill row spacing, the number of tillers should be counted per 2 feet of linear row; with spacing at 8 inches, use 1.5 feet; 10 inches re-

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Journal photo: Beatrice Morin

### Good form, no hit

Jerrell Otwell (No. 3) of the Muleshoe junior varsity baseball team takes a fourth-inning strike Monday during the team's game against the Kress varsity. Muleshoe eventually won the game 22-13.

## Services held for longtime Sheriff Clements

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Services were held Monday for longtime Bailey County Sheriff Dee Clements, who died March 17 at Muleshoe Area Medical Center at the age of 92.

He served as sheriff from 1957 until his retirement in 1980. He also was named Muleshoe's outstanding citizen in 1971.

Clements' law-enforcement legacy was noted last winter in a story published in the *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal*.

The occasion for the story was the retirement of Clements' daughter-in-law, Paula Clements, after 23 years as a Lubbock County jailer. (Her husband, Dee Clements' late son Travis, was with the Lubbock County sheriff's office at the time of his death in 1983.)

All five of Travis and Paula Clements' sons are in law enforcement: Dennis is a training sergeant with the Texas Tech Police Department; Doug works for the South Plains Auto Theft Task Force; Deon

is a detective with the Lubbock County Sheriff's Office; Darin works for the Midland Police Department; and Damon is a Lubbock County sheriff's deputy.

Clements had been a Bailey County resident since 1931, when he moved here from Paducah where he had married Ruth Chaney on Jan. 30, 1927. She survives him. He was born Feb. 15, 1908, in Indian Territory.

Other survivors include a son, three sisters, 12 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

## Leal announces his candidacy for mayor

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

With Wednesday's deadline for candidates to register to run in the May 6 Texas municipal, school board and hospital district board elections, Victor Leal stirred a buzz Tuesday as word spread around Muleshoe that he had registered as a candidate for mayor.

Leal, an incumbent on the Muleshoe Area Hospital District Board whose seat is up for reelection, became the first candidate to register to succeed incumbent Robert Montgomery, who has announced that he will not be a candidate this time.

The prospect of a mayoral race had promised to pump some life into an election in which only incumbents had filed for the seats on the hospital board and Muleshoe School Board.

Lazbuddie and Three Way also will be filling seats on their school boards.

Leal is a member of a family long prominent around the region in the restaurant and food-processing businesses.

A complete list of candidates who register by Wednesday will appear in Sunday's edition of the *Bailey County Journal*.



Journal photo: Beatrice Morin

### Students raise \$2,425

Watson Junior High School students recently raised \$2,425 to be donated toward building the World War II Memorial on the Mall in Washington, D.C. Totals by class were \$1,159 raised by the eighth grade, \$514 by the seventh grade and \$752 by the sixth grade. Erin Hancock and Sara Benham originated the idea, and those who helped collect the money were (back row, from left) Hancock, Meghan Wills, Benham, Felipe Nuñez and Ashley Gutiérrez; (front row, from left) Lindsey Hall, Emily Zackoski, Brandi Wood, Amber Cowart, Mitci Hawkins and Amanda López.

## Hutton hired to help find replacement

By RONN SMITH  
Editor

Muleshoe School Board members decided Monday night to hire Superintendent David Hutton as a superintendent search consultant to help find his successor.

He will work with the Texas Association of School Boards in the talent search.

Hutton, who was hired by the board last summer to succeed Bill Moore, has resigned as superintendent of Muleshoe schools, effective June 30.

"We'll be working as hard as we can to get the best candidates we can select from," Hutton said Tuesday.

"I'm confident that we'll attract some excellent candidates willing to come here because this is such a great district," he added.

Hutton came to Muleshoe last year after four years as superintendent at Tahoka and other experience as assistant superintendent at Clyde, Texas. He also has been associated with Abilene Christian School. He resigned to pursue other interests, but has not publicly stated what those are.

Also Monday, the board accepted the resignation of Spanish teacher Julie Cage and extended one-year contracts to professional personnel.

# AROUND MULESHOE

## Business night set at Watson

The BCIS classes at Watson Junior High School have scheduled their business night from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. March 23 in Room 27 at the school.

More than 60 businesses will be involved. The public is invited.

Jody Wood is the instructor.

## Second session scheduled on reunion

Muleshoe ex-students from classes from the early 1920s through 1975 are asked to attend a meeting at 7:30 p.m. March 30 in the Muleshoe State Bank's meeting room.

The meeting is to gauge interest in the possibility of having a massive ex-student reunion in July.

Comments can be offered or more information obtained by calling George Nieman at 272-5286.

## Investment club meets regularly

The Muleshoe Investment Strategist Club meets regularly on the third Tuesday of each month.

Meetings are held at 7 p.m. in the Muleshoe Public Library.

## Babe Ruth signups to begin

Muleshoe Area Babe Ruth League will hold baseball signups from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. March 23 in the Watson Junior High School gymnasium.

Signups are open to players (male or female) who will be 13, 14 or 15 years old as of Aug. 1 and who live in the Muleshoe, Lazbuddie, Earth or Sudan areas.

The entry fee will be \$40 per player. Each prospective player also should bring a certified copy of their birth certificate.

It is important that players sign up now so the number of teams can be determined and schedules set up by April 1 with teams from other towns.

Adult volunteers also are needed to help coach or umpire as well as perform other services.

Another signup may be scheduled for March 30. More infor-

mation is available by calling David Marricle after 5 p.m. at 272-4863.

## 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 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.

## Motorcycle rally scheduled

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.

## Public calendar

**March 23** — 7 p.m. Muleshoe Area Hospital District board of directors, in the dining room of Muleshoe Area Medical Center.

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.

## County's rainfall needs estimated

Moisture needs for various parts of Bailey County were estimated last month by the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 to be from 2 inches to 12 inches, depending on the part of the county being considered.

The estimates were based on moisture readings taken during November and December.

About 7 percent of the county

needed 2 to 4 inches of moisture to bring the 5-foot root zone soil profile to field capacity.

About 27 percent of the county was shown to need from 4 to 6 inches of rainfall, 61 percent needed from 6 to 8 inches, 5 percent needed 8 to 10 inches and a small portion needed 10 to 12 inches of rainfall before planting season.

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# Beef prices expected to continue strong

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL COLLEGE STATION — Strong beef demand, cheap grain and a small calf crop will continue to be the keys to the current rise in the beef market, with predictions that high prices will continue on into 2001.

"Calf prices will stay strong because we've got a small calf crop and we haven't been saving any heifers to rebuild calf crops," said Dr. Ernie Davis, a beef economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"Prices for 2000 on into 2001 should remain strong," he added.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture projects in its latest livestock outlook report that feeder cattle prices probably will remain in the mid-\$80s per hundredweight for much of the year, though prices will be increasingly sensitive to forage and crop developments this spring.

"Continued strong demand for beef and declining feeder cattle supplies will support prices.

Rising feeder cattle prices and break-even prices on fed cattle to be marketed through early summer will hold down feeder price increases until fall, according to the report.

Fed cattle prices are projected to average \$67 to \$68 per cwt this winter with heavy weights and large slaughter potential placing cattle feeders in a weaker bargaining position.

The report indicates a strong economy and continued high consumer confidence helping to support beef prices, particularly higher quality beef at the hotel-restaurant market.

Fed cattle prices are likely to move into the low \$70s this fall as the impact of reduced feedlot replacements beginning in late winter begin to verify the impact of four years of declining inventories.

Curtis Burlin, owner of the Navasota Livestock Auction

Co., said it "all hinges on farming and having a good corn crop. The secret to the whole thing has been cheap feed."

The USDA report indicates that grain stocks remain large, with the farm price of corn expected to range from \$1.75 to \$2.05 a bushel unchanged from \$1.94 a bushel during 1998 and 1999. The price for corn per bushel was \$2.43 during 1997 and 1998.

While corn and other commodities continue a price decrease, a steady increase in cattle prices is welcomed relief to many ranchers who have had to battle drought four out of the past five years.

"We're looking at the best cattle market we've seen in 20 years," Burlin said. "If we can get these calves sold for what we're getting now, it will sure help out a lot. I sold 27 calves here Saturday that averaged \$511 a head net. It's a pleasure to hand a man a check now and he looks back and smiles. In years past, you could almost see tears coming out of their eyes."

Retail prices for choice beef averaged \$2.88 a pound in 1999 up 11 cents from a year earlier and the strongest since 1993 when it reached \$2.93.

Prices peaked in December at \$3.02 a pound as the purchases for New Year's events

appeared to peak.

The report projects that prices should return to a more typical supply-demand trend established in 1999 and average nearly \$3 a pound in 2000.

Prices for choice beef at the retail level declined to \$2.95 in January, but are likely to remain at the \$2.90 mark until fall when they are predicted to rise above \$3 a pound, the USDA reports.

Dr. Larry Boleman, a beef cattle specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, said ranchers should enjoy the high prices, but should not be lax in management practices.

"What happens is occasionally when you get a windfall of money, or more than you expect, you tend to be less fruitful," Boleman said.

"They always say when times are bad, tighten your belt to get through it. When times are good, take some of that money and repair some things, buy some pieces of equipment. Don't go wild with it, or get something you don't need. Use some of that extra money on some things that need to be done like repairs or purchase something that is needed. Be diligent. Be wise," he said.

Producers now are praying for more rain so that pastures will produce needed forage to

maintain herds.

"There's been quite a few rains over the bigger parts of the state taking some pressure off temporarily," Davis said. "But we're still not out of the woods yet. We've gotten some January and February rains, but if it doesn't continue to rain, we'll be right back like we were during the droughts of 1996 and 1998."

## WHEAT

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quires 1.2 feet; and 12 inches uses 1 foot.

This will give the length of drill row that equals one square foot for the different spacings, Bean said.

Deciding which tillers to count isn't as easy. For example, in small wheat, the grower should count only tillers with three or more viable leaves. If the wheat has reached the second joint stage, only tillers with five or more leaves should be counted.

Average the counts from several places in the field to

improve the accuracy of the estimate.

Once an average has been obtained, multiply the number of tillers by 0.68 to estimate yield. For example, 30 viable tillers times 0.68 gives an estimate of 20.4 bushels per acre.

"These calculations provide a rough estimate of yield," Bean said.

Actual yield can vary considerably depending on seed numbers per head and seed weight and size, with all three being largely determined by — what else? — a spring rain.

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## LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION

The Ladies Golf Association had its monthly meeting March 15 in the Muleshoe Country Club's dining room.

The menu included a salad, chicken and dumplings, stuffed bell peppers with a marinara sauce, homemade rolls and, for dessert, German chocolate cake. Connie Domínguez was commended for the meal.

Vice President Tammy Black called the meeting to order by welcoming a visitor, Taylor Bell. Reports were read. Those having a March birthdays were Sheryl Engelking, Lynn Campbell, Claudine Elliott and Judy Wilbanks.

Members discussed getting a new dishwasher for the kitchen. Lavern Winn urged members, when using the club carts, to please ride more than one person per cart.

Clovis will host the first play day for High Plains Second Wednesday, which is April 12. More information is available by calling Linda Elder.

Engelking reported that on Feb. 9 Winn had the fewest putts. On Feb. 23, Anita Allgood, Yolonda Philips and Helen Templeton won best on the holes starting with 5. On March 1, Deborah Noble was first on the green on No. 2. As of now, Analita Haley holds the record for feeding the three-putt piggy. Members debated buying a bigger piggy, and are encouraged to donate a quarter to Haley to help with her piggy fund.

The association plans its Memorial Tournament in May. In



Winners of the March ladies' scramble at Muleshoe Country Club are (from left) Helen Templeton, Lavern Winn, Deborah Noble and Kay Field.

order to play in this tournament it is necessary to have paid-up dues and an established handicap.

Pat Kirk's name was drawn by Taylor Bell for the door prize.

Members were divided into four teams. Winners of the scramble were Winn, Templeton, Noble and Kay Field, with a score

of 73.

Members attending the luncheon were Black, Elliott, Engelking, Field, Haley, Kirk, Noble, Philips, Templeton, Wilbanks, Winn, Cookie Bamert, Rhonda Box, Neets Foster, Jo Rempe, Dorothy St. Clair, Jana St. Clair and Elinor Yerby.

## Internet sites post burn data

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

VERNON — Despite recent spring rains in many areas of the state, most of Texas remains in the grip of a drought.

Rural and urban Texas landowners and land managers can get the latest information on drought conditions that may affect their spring land management plans at several Internet sites, a Texas A&M University range specialist says.

"Controlled burning is one tool landowners and land managers often use in spring, but this year's drought somewhat complicates the matter," said J.F. Cadenhead, Texas Agricultural Extension Service range and brush-control specialist.

"Fortunately, there are several Internet sites that contain the latest information on the drought and whether or not it is safe to burn.

"By accessing these sites, you can find out how dry it really is in your area, whether or not your county is currently under a burn ban, and see projections about how a wildfire will behave under different conditions," he said.

The list of recommended websites includes:

- <http://txforests.tamu.edu>: The Texas Forest Service's Fire Protection page features the Keetch-Byram Drought Index, a mathematical system for equating the effects of drought with potential wildfire hazards.

"This numbered index ranges from 0 to 800 where 0 is equivalent to no moisture deficiency and 800 is the maximum dryness or drought possible," he said.

"At this site, you can compare current KBDI numbers for your area to past conditions by viewing a line graph.

"This site also contains a Fire Behavior Forecast for various regions of Texas which outlines how fast a fire will spread and how

large its flames might be based on current weather and fuel moisture conditions."

- <http://ticc.fws.gov>: The Texas Interagency Coordination Center website provides information on current burn bans in the state, and ongoing stories and summaries of current wildfires.

- <http://agnews.tamu.edu/drought>: Texas A&M University's agricultural communications drought website was developed by Texas Agricultural Extension Service and Texas Agricultural Experiment Station faculty to provide information and alternatives for Texans affected by drought.

It includes news stories, graphics, information and web links to other state and national agencies that deal with drought and water management issues.

"All three sites offer sound resources and information to help rural and urban Texans cope with

drought. At present, many parts of the state are literally as dry as tinder," Cadenhead said. "Perhaps the best advice we can give to all Texans right now concerning burning is: Don't do it without first checking with local municipal or county authorities. It's always better to be safe than sorry."

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## National child-care centers get active in MD telethon

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL Even the youngest Americans are being encouraged to help "Jerry's kids" by participating in Hop-a-Thons to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

For the second year, the National Child Care Association is partnering with MDA and encourage its 7,000 member child-care centers and preschools to hold MDA Hop-a-Thons.

The program was featured during the association's annual conference March 16-18 at the Radisson Hotel in New Orleans.

Youngsters participating in Hop-a-Thons and their parents obtain pledges and donations to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association, based on how many times each child can hop in two minutes.

"The enthusiasm and tremendous support of the National Child Care Association have helped this year's Hop-a-Thon program exceed last year's total by more than \$200,000 already," said Robert Ross, senior vice president and executive director of the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

"I'm grateful to the child-care professionals across the country who use MDA Hop-a-Thons as a way to introduce children to the

idea of helping others," Ross added.

Lauren Carter, a San Diego 8-year-old serving as MDA's National Goodwill Ambassador for 2000, made her inaugural appearance at the child-care conference with her parents, Ken and Traci, and brother Dalton. Lauren is affected by spinal muscular atrophy, one of the diseases in the Muscular Dystrophy Association program, and uses a power wheelchair.

Across the country, Hop-a-Thons raise millions of dollars each year to help support the association's services and research for children and adults with neuromuscular diseases.

The Hop-a-Thons also give teachers in elementary schools, child-care centers and preschools a chance to educate youngsters about people living with disabilities.

The association provides free

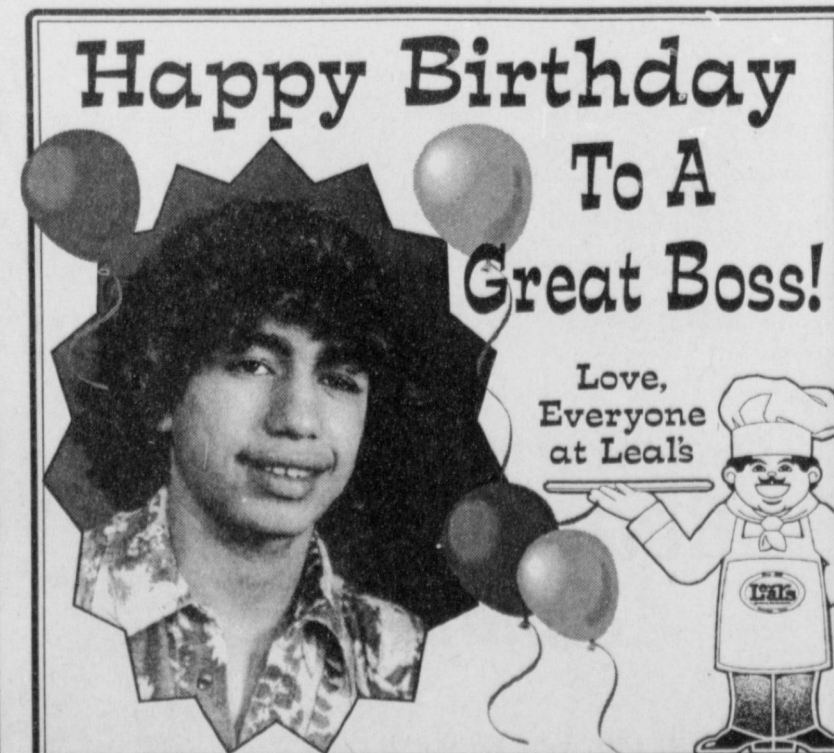
support materials to centers and schools hosting the Hop-a-Thon program.

The materials explain to kids why muscles are important and help teach disability awareness. Centers participating in Hop-a-Thons receive local staff support and a free educational packet, in English or Spanish.

The association is a voluntary health agency working to defeat neuromuscular diseases through programs of worldwide research, comprehensive services and far-reaching professional and public health education.

Diseases covered include nine forms of muscular dystrophy, ALS, spinal muscular atrophy, Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease, myasthenia gravis, Friedreich's ataxia, and other forms of myositis and myopathy.

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## ENGAGEMENTS



Herman - Liles

Ken and Gayle Herman of Danville, Calif., announce the engagement of their daughter, Erin, to A.J. Liles, son of Bill and Alice Liles of Muleshoe.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos and is a master teacher with the Even Start program in the San Marcos Independent School District.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Muleshoe High School and is completing his degree in health and fitness management at Southwest Texas State.

The wedding is set for May 12 at the Vista on Seward Hill in Austin.

## Consider nutrition when selecting a day-care

**SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL**  
HOUSTON — Selecting the perfect preschool care is more than evaluating storytime and playtime activities. Although often overlooked, mealtime is equally important.

"Child-care centers have a real impact on the nutritional quality of children's diets and can significantly influence developing eating habits," said Dr. Theresa Nicklas, a research nutritionist with the USDA/ARS Children's Nutrition Research Center and a professor of pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

When choosing a day-care facility, parents should take into consideration the center's overall nutrition program, including the content of meals and snacks, its nutrition education program and the mealtime environment, Nicklas said.

• **Meals and snacks** — Day-care center menus often lack variety. And they tend to be low in calories, iron and zinc, and high in fat and sodium, Nicklas said.

To avoid these nutritional shortfalls, check to be sure that a minimum of fat and sodium is used in food preparation, that menus feature a variety of foods from every group of the Food Guide Pyramid and that selections change frequently.

Menus that change frequently offer an additional advantage of letting young children experience new flavors.

Menus are also more likely to be nutritionally complete if the center contracts with a registered dietitian to assist with menu planning.

Ask other parents who use the center if their children get enough to eat. Children who often seem ravenous at pick-up time probably have not had enough.

Day-care centers should offer children food a minimum of every three hours. Children who are in day care for eight or more hours should receive at least one meal and two snacks.

• **Nutrition education** — In addition to complying with regulations regarding food safety and

sanitation, child-care centers should train staff members in the basics of children's nutrition and methods that promote healthy eating habits, Nicklas said.

Centers that use resources from state, local and national programs such as the American Cancer Society and the USDA's Nutrition Education and Training Program usually have effective nutrition-education plans.

Nicklas also suggests that parents look for providers who emphasize good hand-washing habits and for centers with fun food-related activities, such as a child-tended vegetable garden.

• **Mealtime environment** — Child-care providers who are good role models make mealtime and snack time positive, cheerful, unhurried events.

Nicklas said providers should

sit with children during meal periods, eat the same foods the children do, offer choices and give children an opportunity to serve themselves.

They also should engage the children in upbeat food-related conversations, make positive comments about nutrition, and encourage but not require children to taste all foods.

Providers who force children to "clean their plate" and use food as a reward, punishment or pacifier are less likely to help children develop healthy eating behaviors.

"Working parents who screen day-care centers for good food and nutrition practices can be confident their children are getting the nutrition they need and developing healthy eating habits that can help them avoid diet-related problems as they grow older," Nicklas said.

## Financial records: What to keep, what to toss

**SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL**

The file cabinet is overstuffed... the desk is cluttered with old bills... and the household spent the last hour searching for an HMO Plan Description — sure signs that the family needs a recordkeeping makeover.

The Texas Society of CPAs offers this checklist to help determine which financial records should be kept and what can safely be tossed away.

• **Wills** — Keep copies of wills, living wills and durable powers of attorney where they are safe and easily accessible, such as in a safe-deposit box.

• **Tax returns** — Tax returns and supporting data should be kept for at least seven years after the original return is filed.

The IRS generally has three years to challenge a tax return; that can be extended to six years if the IRS has reason to believe there was substantial underreporting of income by omitting from gross income an amount greater than 25 percent of the gross income stated on your return.

There is no time limit on when the IRS can institute an audit if the return is fraudulent or if no return is filed for the year. Even though it may be safe to throw out the supporting data after seven years, CPAs recommend that you hang onto the returns themselves since they provide an excellent financial history.

• **Life insurance policies** — Keep insurance policies in a fireproof home safe or in your safe-deposit box. Be sure to include information on any other life insurance the family has, such as policies through an employer, mortgage-life or credit-life insurance, and any death benefits due to a veteran of the armed services.

• **Investments** — For tax purposes, hang onto buy-sell trade confirmations to show when each security was bought and sold, the price paid and the commission charged. If dividends are reinvested, keep dividend reinvestment statements as well.

Seven years after filing the return showing a gain or loss from selling the securities, it is safe to discard confirmations and dividend reinvestment statements.

As for monthly or quarterly brokerage statements, there's really no need to keep them if the annual year-end statement summarizes all transactions made during the year.

• **Bank and credit card records** — Keep receipts of bank deposits and ATM transactions until receipt of a bank statement to verify that the transactions were properly posted to the right account. Then feel free to toss them. There's also no need to file away years of canceled checks; save only those needed as support for tax

purposes.

Check credit-card statements when they come in to be sure charges and payments are posted correctly. Retain them only if they might be needed to substantiate a tax deduction, verify a purchase, back up a warranty, or track spending.

• **Personal papers** — Some records should be retained indefinitely. These include the following: birth and marriage certificates; separation and divorce documents; real estate deeds; titles and property surveys; military records; passports and citizenship or naturalization papers; Social Security cards; and family health and immunization records.

• **Retirement plans** — It's a good idea to keep indefinitely (or until retirement funds are depleted) retirement plan documents from pensions, profit sharing plans, 401(k)

and IRAs, along with annual statements showing the status of the plans.

Also, be sure to keep records of any nondeductible contributions made to your employer-sponsored retirement savings plan or IRA. This information will be needed in order to avoid paying tax twice on the same money.

• **Bills and pay stubs** — Once you've paid a bill and verified that the check has been cashed, it's generally OK to throw away the bill.

Sometimes it's a good idea to keep bills for jewelry, furniture and other major purchases in case of the need to prove their value in the event of loss or damage.

Receipts for items under warranty should be kept until the warranty expires.

It's a good idea to keep pay stubs until the end of the year, in order to

compare the year-end totals with the amounts shown on the W-2 form from the employer.

If the information matches, pay stubs can be discarded.

CPAs say the new year is an ideal time to organize financial records. Make it a point to keep financial paperwork under control on a regular basis in order to avoid the overwhelming task of sorting through years of financial documents down the road.

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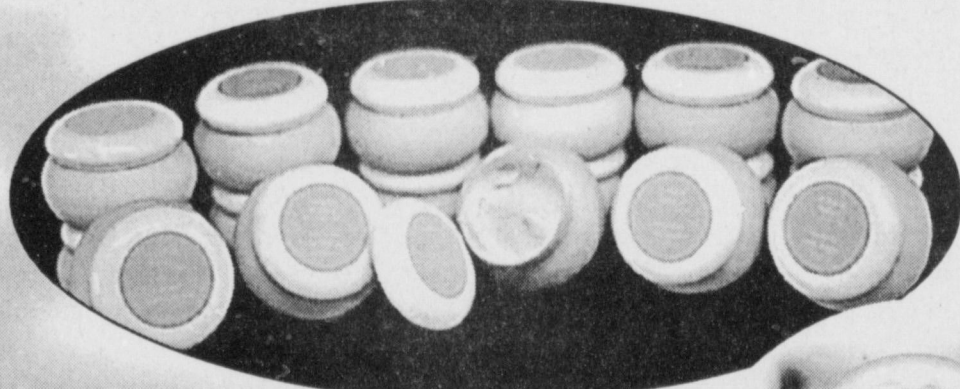
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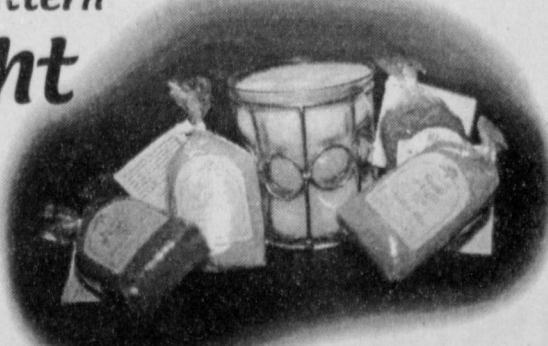
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# Homeowners recommend checklist for disorganized buyers

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

What's the real secret to a successful home search? Is it a parade through glamorous homes that fulfill every homebuyer's dreams, as the real estate ads say?

In reality, shopping for a home is fruitless until a decision is made on exactly what type of home is being sought and where.

Rather than just pointing to a spot on the real estate classifieds, make a list and prioritize exactly what the family is looking for in a home.

"A checklist can really shorten your home search," said Richard Roll, president of American Homeowners Association. "It saves you from making a wild goose chase looking at homes that might fail your criteria or exceed your budget."

Before visiting an open house, study the home listing or contact the listing agent and ask questions. Find out if the

home passes the "laugh test" before taking the time to visit in person.

At the site, check the home against the wish list of features and criteria. Rate each item on a scale of 1 to 5, and then compare the score to other homes in the neighborhood.

Here's a list of items to serve as a starter:

**Interior features** — 1. Bedrooms: How many and how large? Is there enough room for the family?

2. Bathrooms: Will family members have to wait in line or take the stairs to the only bathroom? Are fixtures, tiles and flooring in good condition, or will remodeling be necessary?

3. Storage space: Does the home have adequate closet space in the entry area and the bedrooms? How about attic, basement or garage space?

4. Lights and electrical: How many windows, how large and how old? Are there enough electrical outlets and light fix-

tures? Is a fireplace desired?

5. Living space: Are the living areas large enough for the required furniture and desired lifestyle?

6. Kitchen and dining areas: Are the kitchen or dining spaces large enough for the family's needs? Are kitchen cabinets, countertops and appliances up to date?

7. Family Room: Is there space for entertainment, electronics, play or a home office, as needed?

8. Appliances: What appli-

ances are included with the house? How old are they, especially the heating and cooling system? What appliances will have to be bought?

**Exterior** — 1. Back yard: Is it large enough for the family's needs? What about privacy screening or fencing?

2. Landscaping: Is the landscaping attractive and aesthetically pleasing? How much maintenance will the landscaping require?

3. Exterior siding: What type of siding, if any — vinyl, alu-

minum, wood, composite, stone, stucco, etc., and what is its condition?

4. Driveway/garage: Is a garage considered a necessity? Is the driveway or garage large enough for the family's parking and storage needs, with good access to the street?

5. Lot: Is the house too close to the street or sidewalk? Does it have southern exposure for sunlight to reach inside? Are the trees too close to the house?

6. Deck/porch: Does it have the type of porch or deck being

sought, and in good condition?

These general criteria provide guidance and discipline to the search, so the prospective buyer can start off on the right track and quickly narrow down the choices. The more organized the search, the more fun it will be.

More information on any aspect of buying or selling a home is available at <http://www.ahahome.com>, the web site of the American Homeowners Association.

## OBITUARIES

### ROGER HAMAR

Services were held Friday at Wheeler Mortuary Chapel in Portales for Roger Hamar, 65, Portales. The Rev. David Swann officiated. Burial was in Portales Cemetery.

Mr. Hamar was born May 1, 1934, at Taloga, Okla. He died March 14 at Plains Regional Medical Center in Clovis.

He moved with his family to the Field community, north of Melrose, N.M., in 1939. He moved into Portales in 1949 and married Dona Griffin there on July 14, 1930.

He worked as a mechanic for Moore Oliver Equipment in Clovis for 15 years, and also worked at other farm-machinery dealerships until 1976. Since then, he had been self-employed at Roger's Farm Service.

While in high school, he was a charter member of Melrose DeMolay, sponsored by the Melrose Masonic Lodge. As an adult, he was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

He grew up in the Church of Christ but in recent years had attended Faith Christian Family Church of Clovis.

Mr. Hamar is survived by

his wife, Dona; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Duane Hamar of Portales, Kendall and Linda Hamar of Wylie, Texas, and Kyle and Deborah Hamar of Sunnyvale, Texas; a daughter and son-in-law, Phyllis and Lloyd Seefeld of Portales; a brother, Frank Hamar of Plano, Texas; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Ina Wilemon of Muleshoe and Viona and Bob Mitchell of Clovis; seven grandchildren, Crickett Hamar of North Hollywood, Calif., Tyler Hamar of Clovis, Sheri Ulrick of Fort Campbell, Ky., Keith Seefeld of Portales, Christopher Hamar and Cody Hamar, both of Wylie, and Erik Hamar of Sunnyvale; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, June Hamar.

### DEE CLEMENTS

Services were held Monday at the Muleshoe Church of Christ for S. Dee Clements, 92, of Muleshoe. Gary Montgomery officiated. Burial was in Muleshoe Memorial Park.

Ellis Funeral Homes

handled arrangements.

Mr. Clements was born Feb. 15, 1908, in Indian Territory. He died March 17 at Muleshoe Area Medical Center.

He married Ruth Chaney on Jan. 30, 1927, in Paducah, and they moved from there to Muleshoe in 1931. He was employed by Bailey County Electric Cooperative from 1950 to 1957, and served as sheriff of Bailey County from 1957 to his retirement in 1980. He was chosen Muleshoe's outstanding citizen in 1971 and outstanding senior citizen in 1977.

He was a member of the Muleshoe Church of Christ.

Mr. Clements is survived by his wife; a son, Olan Clements of Albuquerque; three sisters, Beatrice Stenett of Cisco, Texas, and Fay Trout and June Leach, both of Graham, Texas; 12 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Wanda Joyce Arnold; on Feb. 25, 1978, and a son, Travis Clements, on June 20, 1983.

## PUBLIC RECORD

### MULESHOE POLICE

#### March 10

Felipe Gonzales Sanchez, 23, no insurance, no driver's license, immigration hold.

Leonzo Rubio Rojas, 41, public intoxication, immigration hold.

#### March 12

Gabriel Joel DeLeon, 17, DWI.

#### March 13

Joe Arredondo, 26, DWI (two).

Mario Rodriguez, 27, possession of marijuana more than 2 ounces.

### STATE POLICE

#### March 11

Francisco Fierro, 42, immigration hold.

Efrén Chacón Martínez, 28, no driver's license, no insurance, immigration hold.

Alejandro Fierro, 19, immigration hold.

Cesar Jacques, 36, immigration hold.

Angel Martínez, 38, immigration hold.

Adán Ivan Valderea Ponce, 23, immigration hold.

#### March 12

Efraín Celso Maldonado, 44, public intoxication.

Maria Maldonado, 45, DWI.


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#### March 7

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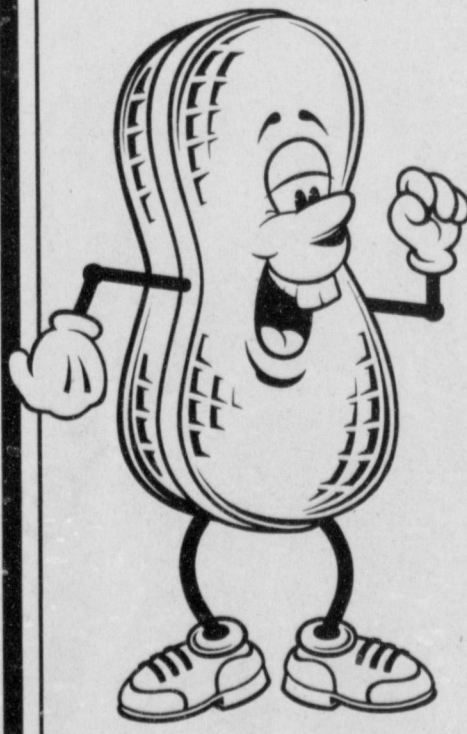
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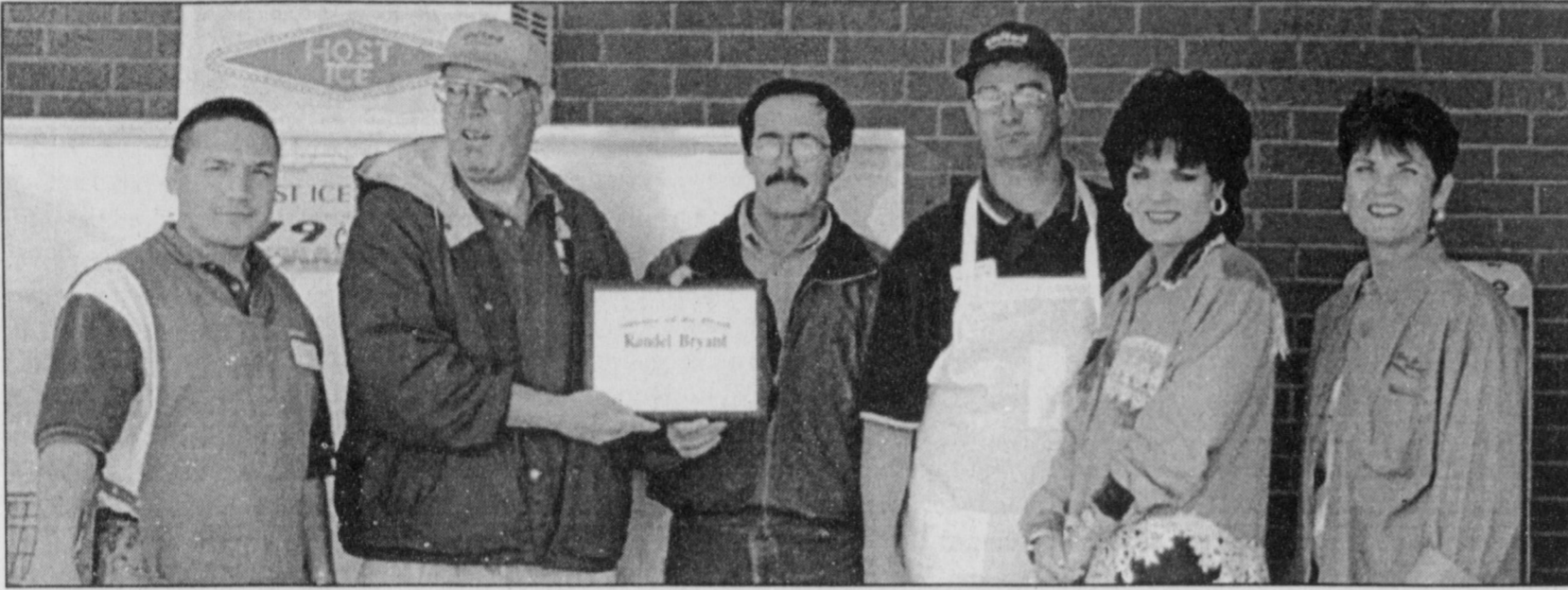


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### Employee of the month

Gathered to honor United Supermarkets' Randel Bryant as the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce's employee of the

month for January are (from left) Robert Domínguez, Bryant, Chuck Smith, Tim Cerveny, Pam McCaul and Sheila Stevenson.

## State suing insurers over auto repairs

AUSTIN — Texas Attorney General John Cornyn has lawsuits pending against 16 insurance companies, alleging they underpaid policyholders on auto repair claims.

Named in the lawsuits are State Farm, Allstate, Farmers, USAA, Progressive County Mutual, Farm Bureau, State and County Mutual, Travelers, Trinity, Nationwide, Old American County Mutual, Home State County Mutual, Sentry, Maryland Casualty, Consumers County Mutual and CNA insurance companies.

The lawsuits allege the companies violated Texas law by taking illegal deductions for "betterment" or depreciation on some of their policyholders' repair claims.

"Deduction for betterment or depreciation on policyholders' auto-repair claims has been an industry custom in Texas," Cornyn said.

"But the personal auto insurance policy does not allow it. Several companies have informed us that they have recently stopped reducing claim payments for betterment, and I applaud this step.

"However, I intend to make sure that policyholders get the refunds they are entitled to and



that all companies play by the same rules."

"Betterment" is an insurance industry term for increasing the value of a vehicle by paying to repair it with better or newer parts.

The standard Texas auto policy does not allow for such a deduction, and a recent Austin Court of Appeals opinion indicates that these deductions are not permitted.

The lawsuits ask the court for permanent injunctions to end all betterment-related practices by these insurance companies against their policyholders, and ask for civil penalties to be paid to the state of up to \$10,000 per violation of the Texas Insurance Code.

Under the terms of the proposed injunction, each

insurance company also would be required to refund to its policyholders all money deducted for betterment or depreciation on auto-repair claims, plus interest.

**State paychecks threatened**  
State employees could shoulder a \$109 million increase in health-care costs if a proposal being considered by the Employees Retirement System board of trustees is adopted.

If the proposal is approved by the retirement system board in April, higher rates could go into effect in September for the 521,600 people covered by the state's health plan.

Gary Anderson, director of the Texas Public Employees Association, said the proposal would increase prescription costs and doctor visit co-payments, wiping out the \$100 a month pay hike state employees received from the

Legislature in 1999.

"It is inequitable now to place the burden on state employees when their salary increases have been minimal, making them simply incapable of absorbing the increase," Anderson said.

#### Other highlights

- The Texas Legislature provided school districts with \$1.35 billion for property tax relief last year, but a survey of school districts by the Texas Education Agency showed that 369 of the state's 1,035 districts increased their tax rates for the 1999-2000 school year and that 290 districts left rates unchanged.

- U.S. District Judge Melinda Harmon of Houston ruled Feb. 11 that the state law barring out-of-state shipment of alcoholic beverages directly to consumers violates the interstate commerce clause of the Constitution.

# KENW-TV

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## Surviving the Good Times: A Moyers Report

For the past decade, America has experienced an economic transformation that began with the recession and restructuring of the early 90s and led to the unprecedented recovery and stock market boom that has defined the end of the century. While this era has been one of stunning prosperity, job growth, and opportunity, millions of working Americans have been on an economic roller-coaster. **Surviving the Good Times: A Moyers Report**, a 2-hour special, captures the lives of blue-collar families in the American heartland as they cope with wrenching changes. Filmed over a ten-year period, Moyers considers the program "... a definitive account of how the changes in the American economy in the last part of the 20th century have affected working families."

**Surviving the Good Times: A Moyers Report** airs Tuesday, March 28th at 9:00 p.m.

## Death Penalty: Beyond the Sentence A New Mexico Perspective

**Death Penalty: Beyond the Sentence** examines the legal steps that follow a sentence of death in New Mexico, along with the personal perspectives of those involved in the process. The hour-long documentary, produced by KENW's Orlando Ortega and Adam Williams, includes comments by Governor Gary Johnson, Attorney General Patricia Madrid, as well as prosecuting and defense attorneys in New Mexico. The program also features interviews with religious leaders, civil rights organizations, and families of victims associated with death penalty cases, who express their views on the death penalty.

**Death Penalty** goes beyond the normal media coverage of death penalty cases in New Mexico; that coverage usually ends once the verdict is given. The objective of the program is to let viewers know what procedures and processes take place after an individual is sentenced to death all the way to the conclusion of the case, whatever that may be. The program also takes a historical look at how New Mexico has dealt with executions in the past, presents how executions are dealt with today, and then explores what the future might bring.

**Death Penalty** transports viewers to The Penitentiary of New Mexico and into the death house, then describes in detail the steps and procedures an individual goes through before they are actually executed. Members of the Department of Corrections explain the state's method of execution, and discuss how New Mexico is preparing for a possible execution in the near future. **Death Penalty: Beyond the Sentence** is a unique program, taking a new perspective on covering capital punishment, crimes associated with it, and all the steps involved in such cases.

**Death Penalty: Beyond the Sentence** will be broadcast Tuesday, March 28th at 8:00 p.m. It repeats Saturday, April 1st at 11:00 p.m.

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## Cotton growers address organics production

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

Plains Cotton Growers Inc. has submitted its written comments to the Texas Department of Agriculture on proposed rules governing organic cotton production in boll-weevil eradication zones.

At the heart of group's suggested alternatives to the proposed rules is a proposal to amend the Texas Organic Standards and Certification rules.

This would allow a state emergency pest eradication program to properly treat organic cotton farms where boll weevils persist without negatively impacting the long-term organic status of the organic farm.

Under the proposal, a cotton crop from a treated farm could not be sold or labeled as organically produced and the organic farmer would be indemnified against loss as a result of treatment by the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation.

However, as long as the organic farm otherwise meets the certification requirements, the farm would remain qualified for continued organic production in subsequent years.

Similar wording is included in the proposed rules recently published by the USDA on

national organic standards.

The cotton group's comments were developed after consultation with members of the organization, its executive committee and officers as well as involvement with both organic and conventional producers from each of the five boll-weevil zones in the cotton group's 25-county area.

Suggestions were incorporated into the group's comments tightening the proposed time scale for decisions on treatment or destruction.

Timeliness of treatment or crop destruction in the case of organic fields that exceed trigger levels is considered to be of the utmost importance.

It is a long-standing policy of Plains Cotton Growers Inc. that the organization, officers, board and staff strongly support boll-weevil eradication.

The Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation is recognized as the body authorized under state law to conduct eradication programs.

Each zone's grower committee is recognized and supported as having the responsibility to provide direction from growers to the foundation and the state.

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## The Muleshoe Journal's 6th Annual CUTEST BABY CONTEST

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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!

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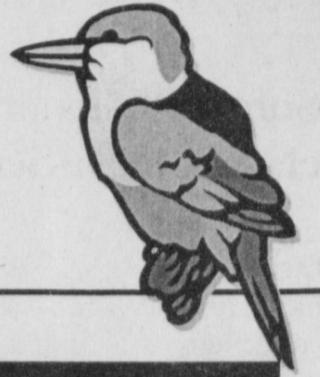
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