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A QUICK READ OF THE NEWS

### An impressive job tryout

Shelly Klug was extremely late for her latest job interview, though she had a good excuse: She was saving a life.

Klug, 32, was on her way to Waukesha (Wis.) Memorial Hospital to interview for an emergency-room job when she saw Karissa Thelen's car collide with a pickup.

Klug helped two bystanders break out a window of Thelen's car and crawled inside. With her own medical kit, she stabilized the 20-year-old's neck and kept Thelen's airway open until emergency crews arrived.

A spokesman for the hospital said it was too soon to say if Thelen would get the job.

### It's a blessed haircut

The Rev. Paul Schauer says he's not afraid to try something different to bring people to church — even if it means losing a little hair.

He told members of Sunne Lutheran Church in Wilton, N.D., that if attendance averaged 180 over the five Sundays in April, he would get a haircut after the final service.

Sunday's attendance: 189. Schauer's hair: Buzzed.

All 189 people stayed in their seats after the service to see the clippers in action.

### Candy thief to be tried again

A Tyler, Texas, man sentenced to 16 years in prison for swiping a Snickers candy bar will be retried after the judge found evidence of jury misconduct.

Kenneth Payne III, 29, received the harsh sentence April 3 after prosecutors tried him as a habitual offender, bumping the misdemeanor shoplifting charge to felony theft and making him eligible for a sentence of up to 20 years in prison.

Payne was on parole for stealing a bag of Oreo cookies when he stole the \$1 candy bar.

The judge based his ruling on admissions of two jurors that Payne's failure to testify influenced deliberations as did another juror — a former corrections officer who encouraged jurors to lengthen Payne's sentence to teach him a lesson.



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**May 5** — The Presidio and Villa de Bejar (on the site of present-day San Antonio) are founded by Mexican Gov. Martín de Alarcón (1718) and the first contingent of Rough Riders arrive in San Antonio to begin training (1898).

**May 7** — The state of Coahuila y Texas is created by the Mexican constitution (1824).

### LOCAL WEATHER

Continued partly cloudy but with warmer temperatures should be the rule across the region for the next several days. Expect daytime highs to reach the mid-to upper 80s, while morning lows should be near 53 degrees through the middle of the week. Chances for precipitation continue to be slight.

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### The plumbing works!

Members of Muleshoe High School's Teen Leadership class gather to view the fountain they worked to secure for the city park. From left are Monica Olveda, Mary Rodríguez (barely visible behind Olveda), Amanda Mendoza, Lindy Piñeda, Rosie Cabrera, Rita Villalobos, Joe Cortez, Jennifer Pacheco, class teacher Mayme McElroy, Michelle Martínez, D.J. Dominguez, Phillip Hardt, Chris Gatewood, Paul Rodríguez, Carmen Estrada, Kristina Lozano and City Manager Rick Hanna. Not pictured is class member Bobby Guerrero.

## Mayor's race, nursing home highlight elections

By RONN SMITH  
Editor

Good turnouts in early voting indicate that there is considerable interest in the area's May 6 elections.

These include a mayoral race between two popular Muleshoe businessmen, a decision by Muleshoe and Lazbuddie voters on whether to construct a new nursing home with public funds, and contested school board races in the Three Way district.

Neither mayoral candidate is seeking radical change in the way the city has been managed recently. In fact, both men said last week that they feel the direction the city is taking right now is positive.

"We have a council that is working well together, we have a wonderful city manager, the police chief is doing well, the library and golf course are in good shape," Leal said.

Hall was equally full of praise. "We are progressive and we need to stay progressive," he said.

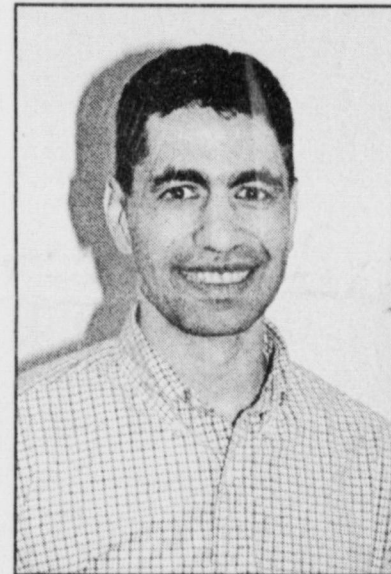
Both men also said they are very supportive of economic development but want to preserve the community's core values.

"Muleshoe's been great for our kids," said Hall, who moved his family to Muleshoe 2 1/2 years ago from Amarillo. "I want to keep the right to leave the keys in the car at night."

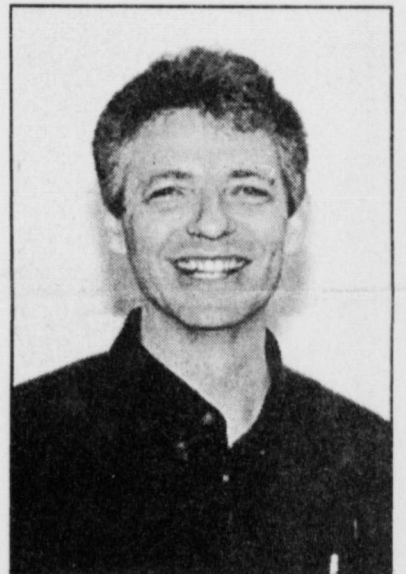
Leal, who grew up in Muleshoe, said he does not believe development efforts were neglected in the past but there has been a "refocusing" on the subject recently, and "I think I could provide strong leadership in that area."

Voters in the Muleshoe Hospital District are being asked to approve two propositions, and both must be passed

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Leal



Hall

"I feel like the mayor is the ambassador for the city, and I would look forward to that role."

— Victor Leal

"I have no real agenda except for the fact that I love Muleshoe."

— Wells Hall

## Locker, Atwood to run at state

By KEVIN WILSON  
Writer

For all of their successes at the regional meet, the Muleshoe track teams went to Odessa one year too late.

The Mules emerged with two qualifiers for the May 12-13 state meet — Stacy Locker won the 800 for the girls and Kyle Atwood won the 1,600 and took second in the 800 for the boys.

The girls' times for both the sprint and mile relay would have been worthy of state berths last year. But last weekend, the times were only good enough to be an also-ran, with the mile relay team managing a respectable fourth and the 800 relay finishing 10th.

"Our performance was overshadowed by other performances," girls' coach John Irwin said, "but that doesn't take anything away from our performances."

"I really do need to brag on the kids," he said Tuesday. "They did real well — it was just an exceptionally tough meet."

"I felt really good about it," Locker said. "Almost everyone set a personal best, and that's all we can ask for."

Megan Tipps placed sixth in the high jump, and Eva Pylant — only a freshman — was 10th in the 300 hurdles.

"For a freshman to run that well in that kind of competition is really outstanding," Irwin said.

On the boys' side, the Mules tied for 11th place at regionals with 18 points.

Both state qualifiers were aided by year-round training, thanks to their participation in cross country in the fall.

"Cross country helped me a bunch," Atwood said. "Coach Bigham knew I was running distance, so he gave me distance workouts that helped me."

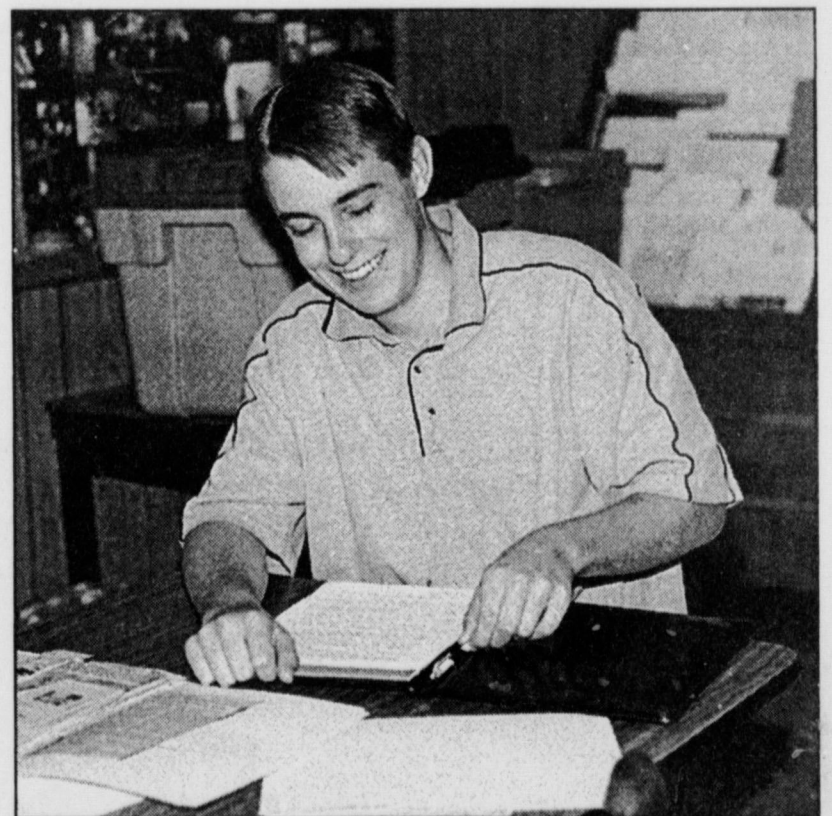
Although they have their similarities, Locker and Atwood represent different ends of the spectrum for Muleshoe. While Locker is competing in her fourth state meet, sophomore Atwood is making his first appearance there.

Coming into regionals, Atwood thought the mile would be his best chance for a medal. Since the meet, however, Atwood has learned that his best mile time is fifth in the state, but his 800 time is second.

Locker will have only one event to concentrate on this year, but she said she doesn't mind.

"It was worth giving up the 400," Locker said of her spot in the 800. She added that her chances in the 400 were much worse this time than in previous years, anyway.

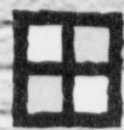
Locker will train with teammates Olivia Alarcón and Bobbie Benham for the next week. Atwood will alternate between sprinting and distance running to train.



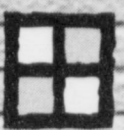
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### National competitor

Westin Price of Muleshoe has qualified for the National Forensic League's national tournament to be held June 11-17 at Portland (Ore.) State University. About 2,500 contestants are expected for the event. Price qualified for nationals at an April 27-29 National Forensic League district meet in Amarillo, and will compete in the U.S. Extemporaneous Speaking Event and Prose Reading. The district includes Amarillo, Lubbock, Midland, Odessa, Abilene and Wichita Falls. But before Price's trip to Oregon, he and Muleshoe's Phillip Hardt will compete in the state University Interscholastic League meet on May 5-6 in Austin, Price in persuasive speaking and Hardt in informative speaking. Both have been key competitors for Muleshoe in speech tournaments this year.



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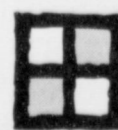
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# AROUND MULESHOE

## Montgomery to participate in event

Muleshoe Mayor Robert Montgomery is scheduled to participate May 10 in a national event supporting organ and tissue donation.

The First Family Pledge Millennium Mayorthon is scheduled to stop in Muleshoe at 10:20 a.m., and Montgomery is to participate in a public ceremony at the courthouse.

The "mayorthon" is scheduled to visit Farwell, Sudan, Amherst, Littlefield, Anton and Shallowater. It began in San Francisco on April 16 and is scheduled to conclude in Washington, D.C., on Sept. 2.

## Library's book sale continues

As part of National Library Week this week, the Muleshoe Public Library is featuring the Friends of the Library's annual book sale. Items on display for bids will include an Apple computer with programs, a TV, a VCR, a 1981 Encyclopedia Britannica set and a 1994 Encyclopedia Americana set.

These items and the books being offered for sale can be seen anytime during library hours, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

## Business classes to showcase portfolios

Muleshoe High School business and marketing students will exhibit their career portfolios to the public from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 9.

The portfolios provide a record of the individual students' accomplishments and can be used for college placement, scholarship applications and job opportunities. A portfolio allows students to keep at their fingertips a biographical sketch, résumé or personal data sheet, sample job application form, work samples, reference letters and other useful documents.

Students will accept suggestions and constructive criticism as they continue to update and revise their projects.

## Crop certification deadline near

Bailey County farmers who have not called the Farm Service Agency office for an appointment to certify their crops are reminded that the deadline is May 15.

Producers are encouraged to certify all crops planted, including those intended for grazing.

Also, requests for loan deficiency payments on corn, cotton, sorghum, sunflowers and soybeans must be made by May 31.

## Mules' golf season ends at regional tournament

By KEVIN WILSON  
Writer

The Muleshoe High School golf season ended as a family affair last week in Odessa.

Ryan and Rendi Hodge each competed for Muleshoe, but if it wasn't a mediocre start, it was a mediocre finish.

"It hurt them not knowing the course well," golf coach Kodi Crane said.

Ryan shot a 77 and an 83 to finish 33rd out of 93 competitors. Rendi shot a 112 and a 122 to finish 72nd out of 88.

Crane said Ryan had two really great starts, but poor finishes did his chances in. On the first day, he bogeyed three of the last four holes and the

second day brought a triple bogey on the 16th.

Crane said that Rendi was not able to start well either day, which hurt her.

But Crane expressed satisfaction with the effort overall and had praise for his two golfers.

"Ryan had a good senior year and a good career," Crane said. "He's going to continue to do well (playing at Fort Lewis College)."

Earlier this year, Hodge signed on to attend the Durango, Colo., college on a golf scholarship.

"Rendi has great potential and will continue to do well with effort," Crane added.

## Clovis college planning spring choral concert

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

The Clovis Community College music department will present its annual spring concert, "McCartney, Megabytes and Mozart," at 7 p.m. (Mountain time) May 13 in the college's Town Hall.

Admission is free to the public.

The concert will feature the High Plains Chorale, a 40-voice community ensemble; voice students of Jed Watson of Clovis; and computer-assisted performances.

Watson, a choral, voice and music theory instructor at the college, will direct the choir and Ferrell Roberts of Clovis, a piano teacher and performer, will be the accompanist.

The computer assistance will come in the form of a "string orchestra." Watson has entered all the string parts into the computer and tailored them to the concert's needs using a new computer program called

SMARTSCORE.

The program is designed to translate printed music into MIDI information.

"Finding the right personnel and the funds to bring in instrumentalists is a problem for any college music program," he said.

Choral works on the program will include "Credo" by Antonio Vivaldi, "Te Deum" by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and "Blackbird" by Paul McCartney.

Some of Watson's advanced voice students also will sing Italian arias and contemporary arrangements of American folk songs.

A unique feature of the concert will be a virtual handbell choir performing two of Watson's own compositions, "Bound for the Promised Land" and "Fantasy on 'Ein Feste Burg.'" "

More information is available by calling (505) 769-4957.

## VOTING

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before the proposed nursing home can be built.

The ballot includes measures to allow the actual issuing of \$3.25 million in bonds to finance the construction and some amenities, plus a separate issue of allowing the district to raise the maximum possible tax rate. No tax increase is anticipated.

The 90-bed project would be built to the south of the city park.

In the Three Way School Board elections, five candidates

are seeking three at-large seats on the board.

They include incumbent Craig Kirby, former board member Marvin McCaul, Mary Wilson, John Furgeson Jr. and Cliff Heinrich.

Voting in the mayor's race will be at Muleshoe City Hall, while the hospital district will be voting at either Lazbuddie school or the Muleshoe school administration building.

Three Way voting also will be at the school.

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# If you haven't mulched, you're losing moisture and money

By RONN SMITH  
Editor

Well, I'm recently back from an extended (for me) vacation, spent mostly in the area of Big Bend National Park.

I can tell anyone who's heading south and thought they might see the famous wildflowers in the Trans-Pecos or Big Bend areas: Don't count on much.

I saw more dead cacti than I've ever seen, anywhere. That's how dry it's been.

There were occasional beautiful stalks of red penstemons that didn't appear fazed by the drought at all, and if you find yourself on Texas 170, there's a stand of Indian paintbrush about three miles west of Panther Junction that will show you what this hard-to-transplant perennial can look like blooming in the toughest, driest conditions. It was in striking orange bloom in the middle



of miles of ashy, dry grass and brush.

This has been a round-about way of introducing a column in which I'm going to nag you — again — about the value of mulching in dry, windy climates such as ours.

I can't emphasize enough the value of a few inches of mulch for preserving moisture by keeping the sun and wind from direct contact with bare soil. It shouldn't be news to people in our area that water is money.

Many kinds of mulch are available, and just about any garden center will have not only several materials to choose from but an expert to

answer questions and help you decide what you want.

Some people do not like the coarse texture of such things as bark chips or hay. The finer texture of compost or ground-up bark is much more appealing to them.

As I've written before, I generally use a layer of half a dozen sheets of newspaper to keep weeds from sprouting up, then a couple of inches of hay on top of that. I don't mind the texture — in fact, I'm used to it and I like it.

As with most good mulches, both the newspaper and the hay eventually rot and produce compost.

As for the wind, I have heard several tales of woe about what this area was like on Saturday, April 22, by which time I had come north as far as Ruidoso.

Several people have told me it was one of the windiest days they had seen in years.

When I got back, I saw the results on some of my plants: The lavender mist (*Thalictrum rochebrunnianum*) had been a foot and a half tall. Most of it looked as if it had been blow-torched, with even the stems burned.

This is one of those plants I have written about that isn't really ideal for our climate, but I encourage people to try it if they're willing to sacrifice just a little more water than they usually lavish on flowers. That's all lavender mist usually asks.

If you planted it on my advice and the wind did a number on it, I apologize. Mine grows in a place that isn't very exposed to the wind — because I knew the leaves (which look like the common columbine) would be tender — and it was affected more than I would have expected.

Speaking of the genus

*Thalictrum aquilegifolium* — is already in bloom, with its elegant cream-colored clusters of flowers without petals. It isn't as showy as lavender mist, but growing 2 feet away from the lavender mist it wasn't wind-damaged, so that's a point in its favor. It only grows a couple of feet high in our dry climate, whereas lavender mist can be 7 feet tall by the time it finishes unfurling its clouds of lavender-pink flowers (which come in the fall).

Another plant that came into flower while I was gone, and is much hardier in our climate, is coralbells (*Heuchera sanguinea*). This means that one of our primary hummingbird magnets is in bloom, but I haven't seen a hummer since my return.

Incidentally, if you haven't put out your hummingbird

feeders, I'd go ahead and do it. Most of the hummingbirds may be nesting now, so if they aren't in your yard they may not visit for awhile, but there are always "strays."

I always see the most hummingbirds here from late summer on, when they have finished nesting and begin roaming the country — and the year's offspring increase the numbers somewhat.

If you can attract them to your feeder, they are fascinating things to watch — and if two get to fighting over the same feeder, you will get a lesson in what aggression is all about.

Happy planting!  
(Questions and suggestions may be sent to Garden Writer, Route 2, Box 880, Muleshoe, Texas 79347.)

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## JENNYSLIPPERS

The Jennyslippers met April 11 at the Carousel, with President Peggy Bruton presiding over the meeting.

The minutes and the treasurer's report were read and approved.

Bruton presented Gail Hargrove a bouquet of in honor of Hargrove's being chosen woman of the year by the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce.

Hargrove gave a brief account of the projects she has been involved in and said the major ones were the mailbox project for the senior citizens complex and obtaining external defibrillators for four of the Bailey County Sheriff's Department cars.

Another traveling bake sale is being planned by the committee.

The float committee asked about the theme for the Fourth of July parade.

The group decided to have another bake sale May 12 to help Stephanie Kirk and a friend attend a medical seminar this summer.

Cleanup at the Mule-Putt Golf Course is beginning, and an opening date will be set soon. Doris Wedel said her husband, James, had offered to spray for weeds again.

The KENW-TV Tele-Auction is set for Memorial Day weekend. A group of Jennyslippers and other volunteers will go to Portales to help answer the phones on June 1.

Thirty-three applications have been received for the Jennyslipper Scholarship and these are being studied, with a decision to be made at the next meeting.

Those present were Bruton, Hargrove, Wedel, Diana Bermea, Alene Bryant, Patsy Chance, Ruby Green, Bobbie Harrison, Nancy Kidd, Donna Kirk, Nelda Merriott, Joy Nicholson and Joy Williams.

## REBEKAHS

Noble Grand Thursie Reid called the meeting to order with nine present.

Several members were out sick; Joyline Costen had a virus and Patsy Chance attended but not feeling well.

It was reported that Albert Ramirez's leg was better but he is still on crutches.

Ina Wilemon reported that her sister was doing better but that her sister-in-law was a little hurt because none of the Oddfellows called or sent cards when she had a death in the family.

Members were glad to see the newest member, Cassie Crandell, in lodge. Ruby Green was assigned to undrape the charter next week.

The meeting closed with the Rebekah Creed and two verses of "An Evening Prayer."

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**O**BITUARIES

**RICHARD FUDGE**

Services were held Monday in the First Baptist Church of Tulia for Richard "Dick" Fudge, 64, of Tulia. The Rev. Charles Devonport officiated. Burial was in Muleshoe Memorial Park.

Wallace Funeral Home of Tulia handled arrangements.

Mr. Fudge was born April 10, 1936, in Lampasas. He died April 27 at BSA Hospice in Amarillo.

He married Barbara Ann Byrd in 1959 at West Camp in Bailey County.

He had moved to Bailey County in 1948 and graduated from Muleshoe High School in 1954. He attended a short course in seed technology and Mississippi State University and was employed by King Brothers Seed Co. in Muleshoe. In 1961, he moved to Tulia to join Taylor-Evans Seed Co. as assistant manager in seed agronomy and seed production. He later worked for Kan-Tex Seed Co., also in Tulia.

He served five years in the 36th Infantry Division of the Texas National Guard in Tulia and a year as a master sergeant in the New Mexico National Guard in Clovis. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Tulia and a past member of the Masonic Lodge in Muleshoe.

Mr. Fudge is survived by his wife; a son, Rick Fudge of Tulia; two daughters, LaMonde Fudge of Amarillo and Rebecca Patton of Silverton; a brother, Bobby R. Fudge of Kempner, Texas; and five grandchildren, Jared Fudge, John Fudge and Derek Fudge, all of Tulia, and Joshua Patton and Zachary Patton, both of Silverton.

The family suggests memorials to Baptist-St. Anthony's Hospital (P.O. Box 950, Amarillo 79104) or the First Baptist Church of Tulia (101 N. Crosby, Tulia 79088).

**EULA MAYE DALE**

Services were held Tuesday in the First Baptist Church of Lazbuddie for Eula Maye Dale, 60, of Muleshoe. The Revs. Al Jennings and J. Dean

McNamara officiated. Burial was in Lazbuddie Cemetery.

Ellis Funeral Homes handled arrangements.

Mrs. Dale was born June 18, 1939, in Izard County, Ark. She died April 29 at home.

She married C.W. "Curley" Dale on Dec. 21, 1956, in Lunenburg, Ark. He died Sept. 4, 1997.

They moved to Muleshoe in 1961 from Arkansas. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church of Lazbuddie.

Mrs. Dale is survived by two sons and a daughter-in-law, Dwayne and Susie Dale of Farwell and Rickie Dale of Muleshoe; a daughter, and son-in-law, Pat and Lyneldon Randolph of Lazbuddie; a sister, Eithel Faye Warren of Morrilton, Ark.; a brother, Elvin Arnold of Guion, Ark.; and five grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Lazbuddie Fire Department or Vista Care Family Hospice (4418 Olton Road, Plainview 79072).

**C.W. HARRIS**

Graveside services were held Monday at Bailey County Cemetery for C.W. "Pete" Harris, 83, of Casper, Wyo. Curtis Shelburne officiated.

Mr. Harris was born July 13, 1916, in Lyan, Colo. He died April 25 at Poplar Living Center in Casper.

He married Leona Loe on Dec. 21, 1939, in Muleshoe. She died April 4.

He graduated from Muleshoe High School and farmed at Muleshoe until 1941, when they moved to Grayville, Ill., to join his older brothers in the trucking business. In 1952, they moved to Casper, where he owned the Rocky Mountain Trucking Co.

He served on the board of directors of the Wyoming Tucking Association beginning in 1961 and was the organization's president from 1965 to 1967. He was elected honorary director for life in 1979.

In 1978, they sold Rocky Mountain Trucking and returned to Grayville, where he assumed management of Harris Drilling Co. They returned to Casper when he retired in 1995.

He enjoyed golf, snowmobiling and tinkering with anything mechanical.

He is survived by two daughters, Connie Gentzler and Brenda Van Tuyl, both of Sheridan, Wyo.; three sisters, Fay Alderson of Baker City, Ore., Opal Harris of Lubbock and Maxine Harris of Lubbock; four grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

He also was preceded in death by a sister, Bernice Daughette, and three brothers, Robert, Kenner and Alan Harris.

**'LOU' CAMPBELL**

Services were held April 29 at the First Baptist Church of Earth for Lucille "Lou" Campbell, 93, of Earth. The Revs. Bobby Broyles and Steve McElroy officiated. Burial was in Earth Memorial Cemetery.

Parson-Ellis Funeral Home of Earth handled arrangements.

Mrs. Campbell was born April 20, 1907, in Indian Territory. She died April 26 at White Dove Nursing Center in Littlefield.

She was a member of the Choctaw Nation in Oklahoma and attended the Wheelock Academy for Girls there. She had lived in Earth since 1951, moving there from Bennington, Okla.

She married "B" Campbell in Durant, Okla., and they operated the Campbell Gin at Earth from 1952 to 1972. He died that year.

She was a life member of the Order of Eastern Star and belonged to both the Earth and Olton lodges. She also was a member of the First Baptist Church of Earth.

Mrs. Campbell is survived by two sons, Joe Campbell of San Antonio and Royal F. Campbell of Houston; a daughter, Billie Tate of Shreveport,

La.; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by a grandson, Ricky Campbell.

**ERNEST WHITECOTTON**

Services were held Wednesday at the First Assembly of God in Morton for Ernest Whitecotton, 83, of Morton. The Rev. Forest Srader officiated. Burial was in Terral (Okla.) Memorial Cemetery.

Ellis Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Mr. Whitecotton was born Sept. 6, 1916, in Montague County, Texas. He died May 1 at Covenant Hospital in Lubbock.

He married Mary Ruth Hancock on May 17, 1951, in Nocona, Texas. She died June 13, 1997.

He had lived in Morton since 1948, moving there from Ryan, Okla. He had been the owner of a grocery store in Griffith, Texas.

He was a member of the First Assembly of God in Morton.

He is survived by a nephew, Paul J. Vanbebber of Lubbock; two stepsisters, Dessie Vanbebber and Lola Tipton, both of Bowie, Texas; and several other nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials to the First Assembly of God or a charity of choice.

**H**OSPITALNEWS

Muleshoe Area Medical Center lists the following patient load:

**April 20** — Wendel Angeley, Edith Bond, Mildred Bureson and Marvin Ezell.

**April 21** — Edith Bond and Marvin Ezell.

**April 22** — None listed.

**April 23** — None listed.

**April 24** — Edith Bond, Angela Casto, Jimmie Crawford, Marvin Ezell and James Wingo.

**April 25** — Wendel Angeley and Juanita O'Hair.

**April 26** — Maurine Hooten, Rosie Martin and Jadan Sudderth.

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**B**IRTHS

**REAGAN BILLS**

Holly and Mark Bills of Paint Rock, Texas, are the parents of a daughter, Reagan Johanna Bills, born at 5:40 p.m. April 12 at Abilene Regional Hospital in Abilene.

She weighed 6 pounds, 5.4 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Lyndon and Linda Huckaby of Muleshoe and Dwain and Connie Bills of Dublin, Texas.

Great-grandparents are Audrey Louder of Stanton, Texas, Floyd and Pauline Huckaby of Winters, Texas, and Natelle Bills of Dublin.

**CAMERON YOUNG**

Greg and Tara Young of Muleshoe are the parents of a son, Cameron Scott Young, born at 8:18 a.m. April 25 at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

He weighed 6 pounds, 3 ounces and was 19 inches long.

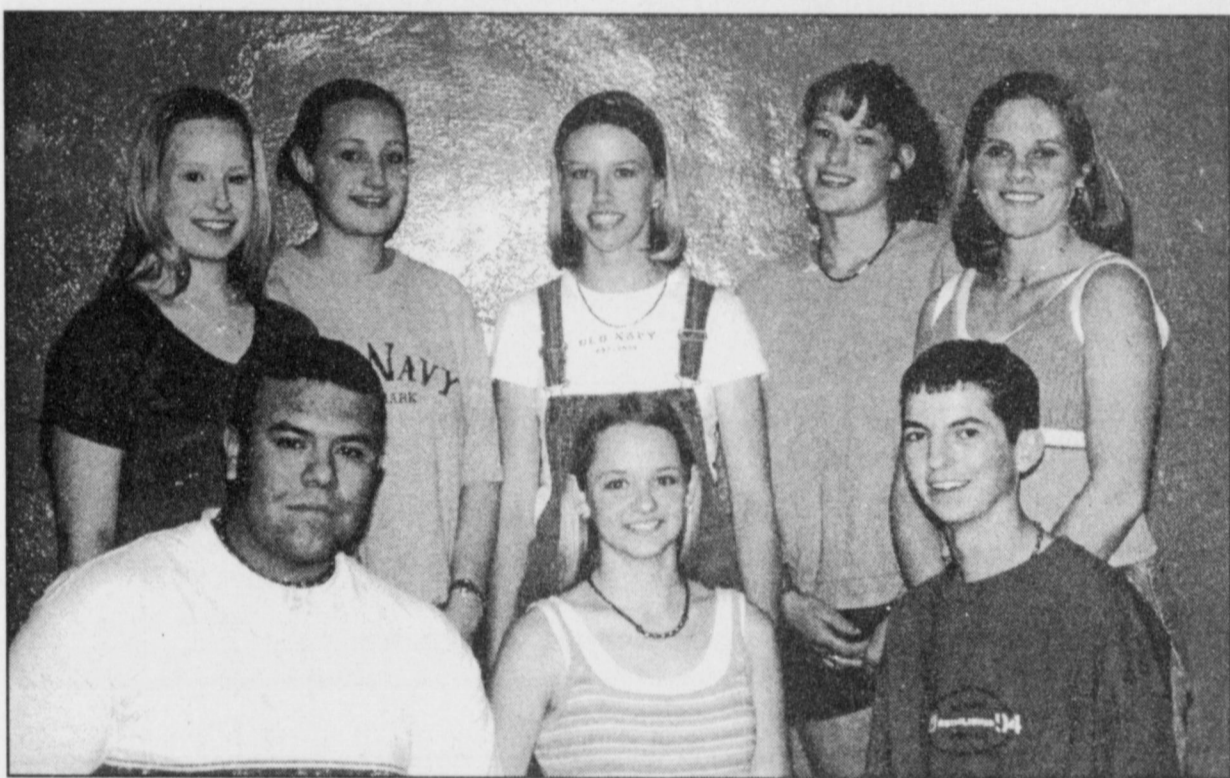
Grandparents are Jim and Terry Young of Muleshoe and Terry and Jan Cox of White Deer.

Great-grandparents are Allene Nelson of San Angelo and Helen Schneider of Fairview, Okla.



### Chamber ribbon-cutting

Gathered for the ribbon-cutting officially opening the Family Dollar Store on March 30 are (from left) Pam McCaul of the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce, Kim Shafer, Petra Avitia, Mike Newman, Robert Montgomery, Chuck Smith, Mark Washington, Adrian Meador, Joe Flores and Audrey Martinez.



### Recognized academically

Among several thousand students across Texas recognized under the state's Celebration of Educational Excellence program are Lazbuddie High School scholars (from left, back row) Kati Mimms, Kelsey Jones, Savannah Black, Laura Jo Via, Leah Turner and (from left, front row) Bobby Martha, Jodie Coker and Garrett Magby.

## Bid number helps in TV auction

#### SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

The 24th annual KENW-TV Tele-Auction is scheduled for May 29-June 3, and serious bidders may want to use an express bid number to facilitate faster bidding.

Since the auction boards sell in three minutes, bidders with personal express bid numbers will be able to get their high bids placed faster and accurately.

Having the numbers also makes it easier for the volunteer telephone operators to take callers' bids.

To get a free number, viewers/bidders should call the station Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. to request the number.

More information is available by calling Sheryl Borden, the station's director of marketing, at (888) 367-5369 toll-free.

Allsup's Convenience Stores throughout the viewing area are providing \$100 gasoline gift certificates that will be given away each evening to one lucky bidder.

To encourage more overbids, Allsup's also will provide chances for the \$100 certificate. If a bidder bids \$57 on a \$50 item, he/she will have seven chances in the drawing for the certificate; if he/she bids \$59 on a \$50 item, he/she will have nine chances, etc.

Only those who overbid each evening will be considered for that evening's drawing. There will be a drawing for each of the six nights of this year's auction.

Now in its 24th year, the auction has become a tradition

among loyal viewers who buy about 1,800 items in a live televised bidding process.

The goal for the year's auction is to raise \$80,000, and all

monies raised will be used to purchase and broadcast programming on KENW-TV, the public television station serving Eastern New Mexico and West Texas.

## Pie-sniffing just isn't what it used to be

Recent news from Malaysia indicates that young people are sniffing fresh cow dung to get high.

The find a fresh cow pie, place a large tin can over it, poke a hole in the top of the can, and sniff through it.

A Malaysian lawmaker is concerned — he said it's becoming a trend.

Upon reading this tidbit of information, I didn't know whether to be alarmed or to fall flat on the floor in rolling paroxysms of uncontrollable laughter, hee-hawing until I did not have the breath to continue.

I felt the same way when I heard George Bush had selected Dan Quayle as his running mate.

What could possibly be the lure of fresh, steaming cow manure? Aesthetically, it appears no less appetizing than banana pudding with vanilla wafers or puréed broccoli pizza with shredded beet topping.

And the aroma is tangy, and actually smells better than some things people eat — brie, for instance, or cauliflower.

American teens will not be long in taking up this bizarre addiction. And where there is an unsavory perversion, there will always be those ready to service it.

I, for instance, am already plotting a mass marketing of Cow Patty Perfume. It will be collected fresh in old cottage-cheese containers from horn-fly free herds and kept unrefrigerated.

I'll hermetically seal the top with duct tape and ship it fresh.

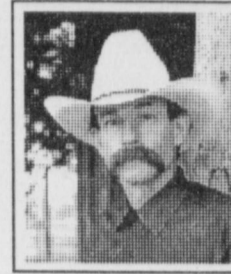
Patty epicures can then place the now-swollen container on fine china, put on a parka and hood, hover over the delicacy and puncture the lid with a preheated 10-penny nail.

Upon withdrawal of the nail, the enthusiast's head will be enveloped in a cloud of bovine effluvium.

Because of the consistency and volume of cow pies, my Cow Patty Perfume will be limited to the home or to finer milking establishments. That leaves the highly mobile modern consumer out of luck.

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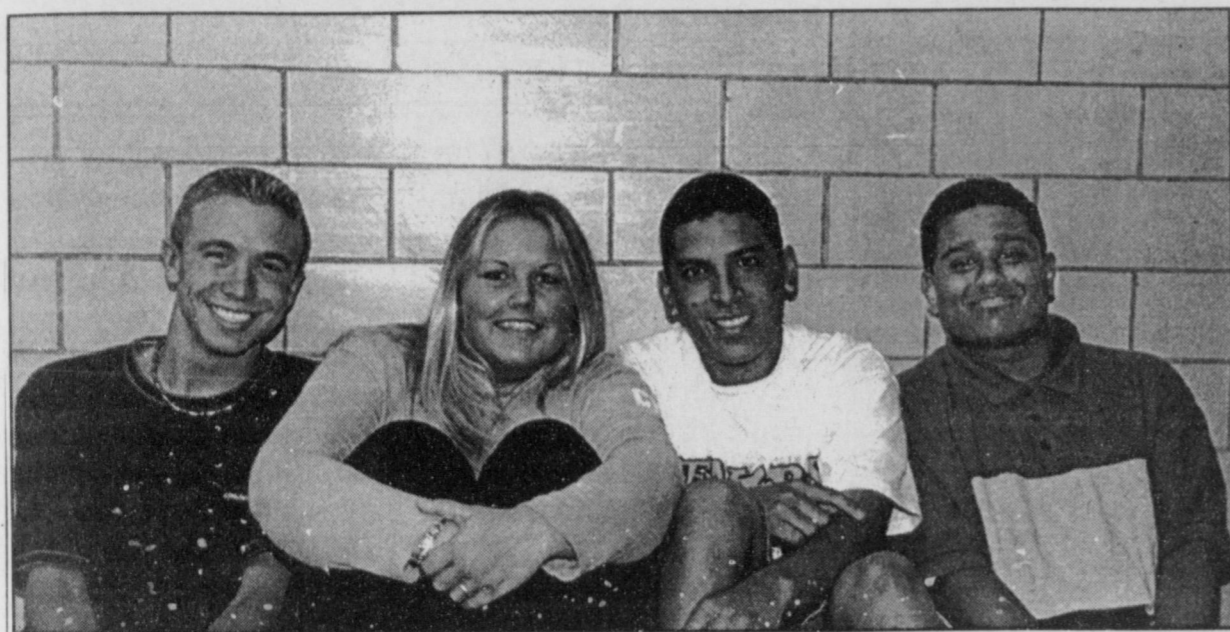
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### Very literary

Muleshoe High School's district champion literary criticism team is made up of (from left) Blake Gartin, Brandy Whitt, Eric Posadas and Kamal Bhakta. They competed in the regional contest at Odessa.

## Texans identify military's No. 1 task

As has been the case in the past, responses to my December newspaper questionnaires proved that Texans offer great insight into our country's most pressing questions. I always look forward to reading your comments.

One set of questions had to do with one of the bedrock functions of government, to "provide for the common defense," as the U.S. Constitution succinctly puts it.

I asked you to identify which is most important, 1) for the United States to participate in more peacekeeping missions, or 2) to keep our troops' combat edge sharp or 3) to urge our allies to handle more peacekeeping duties.

The replies I received indicate that 47 percent of you believe guarding our forces' combat edge to be the most important, followed by 45 percent who thought it most important to urge our allies to handle more of the world's peacekeeping duties. Only 8 percent answered that peacekeeping missions should be our country's first defense priority.

I also asked what you believe to be the most important foreign or national security matter now facing the United States, and by far the greatest majority identified protecting our country from terrorism, followed closely by controlling our borders and keeping (or reclaiming) the Panama Canal.

A great many of you identified China as our greatest national security problem. What follows are some of your answers and comments:

• **From Tomball** — "We need to build the strongest military in the world and attract the best to serve in it with better pay."

• **Denton** — "The over-extending of our military personnel on peacekeeping missions is the single greatest threat to this country."

• **Seguin** — "The things we need to worry the most about are terrorism within our own borders, and drug pushers."

• **San Antonio** — "Our military is being weakened. It is not a social club, and the governing of it has to be different from the way civilian life is conducted. We will be in serious trouble if we do not act to maintain a strong military and set the highest standards."

• **Georgetown** — "We are threatened by the indifference (or lip service) of our allies to the need to hold rogue nations in check."

• **Bayshore** — "I am most concerned about giving away

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the Panama Canal and China's growing influence in the region, so close to our shores."

• **Cleburne** — "We must not jump into every 'humanitarian' crisis. There has got to be a better way to handle things. We cannot continue to commit troops and money to every hot spot in the world."

• **Trenton** — "We should withdraw from the United Nations before we lose our sovereignty and our freedom."

• **Waco** — "Bring all the troops home and then re-think the way we do these things."

• **Port Arthur** — "Chemical warfare and terrorism lead the list. Why don't we train other countries to respond the way we do to these humanitarian disasters?"

• **Bonham** — "The most important things is to keep our troops combat ready."

• **Temple** — "I am very concerned about the internal security of our technology. China has already done a great deal of damage and stolen information that can be used against us. Shame on those who allowed this to happen on their watch."

• **Dripping Springs** — "We should be rebuilding our military strength both in manpower, in moving forward with a missile defense, developing new defense technologies and weapons."

• **Austin** — "We need to find a better way to deal with Third World countries and encourage the growth of their economies, so their people won't all move here."

Texans' basic common sense has got it right. The growing number of peacekeeping missions are contributing to a downward spiral of military readiness, causing recruitment and retention problems and costing money we don't have budgeted.

More often than not, our allies are as well-suited to such missions as we are. We should focus U.S. resources on other priorities, which our allies share but for which they lack the unique capabilities that the U.S. alone has.

It is not in our allies' long-term interest for U.S. forces to be tied down on peacekeeping missions that could cause us to

lose sight of the global security threats only we have the power to stop.

As a superpower, the United States must draw distinctions between the essential and the important or we risk dissipating our resources and being unable to handle either.

## Real estate brokers work various angles

### SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

When it comes to negotiating a sales price on a home, who really represents your financial interests as a buyer? Surprisingly, it's not necessarily a broker — not unless buyer-broker representation has been requested.

"Many first-time homebuyers don't understand the types of broker representation and how they operate in a contract price negotiation," said Richard Roll, president of American Homeowners Association.

"Without a specific agreement, you could be at the mercy of the seller's broker, whose main obligation is to get the highest possible price for the seller," Roll added.

The agent should give the prospective buyer a disclosure form that describes the four types of representation: buyer's broker, seller's broker, dual agent (representing both buyer and seller) or non-agent (representing neither).

Remember that when it comes to negotiating a sales price on a home, it's up to the buyer to choose the arrangement. If the broker is to be accountable only to the buyer, and not the seller, then the best choice is a buyer broker contract. Otherwise, the broker can't dicker or negotiate on the buyer's behalf.

The majority of buyer agencies have a policy of "no cost to the buyer," which allows the buyer broker's fee to come out of the normal sales commission paid by the seller. In practice, the seller's agent agrees to split the sales com-

mission with the buyer's broker, equal to a certain percentage of the final sales price.

That means the higher the price, the higher the commission. Listen to a broker's advice but remember that it's up to the buyer to make sure the broker knows the limit on the purchase price.

Under the traditional agent-buyer relationship, an agent cannot opine about a home's disadvantages or drawbacks. But if the buyer does decide to hire a buyer broker, that broker won't be constrained from criticizing or giving favorable advice to help the buyer discriminate between homes and get a better price.

Potential buyers might be asked to sign an agreement to work exclusively with the buyer broker during a home search. Whether the buyer enters into an exclusive agreement depends on how confident he or she is about the individual broker and the expected quality of services he or she will provide. Try signing a short-term contract of 30 days or so, then renew for a longer period if it seems to be working satisfactorily.

Whatever the buyer decides, they should not sign anything until they get all their questions answered.

Ask specifically how the broker will get paid, by fee or commission, and how much.

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



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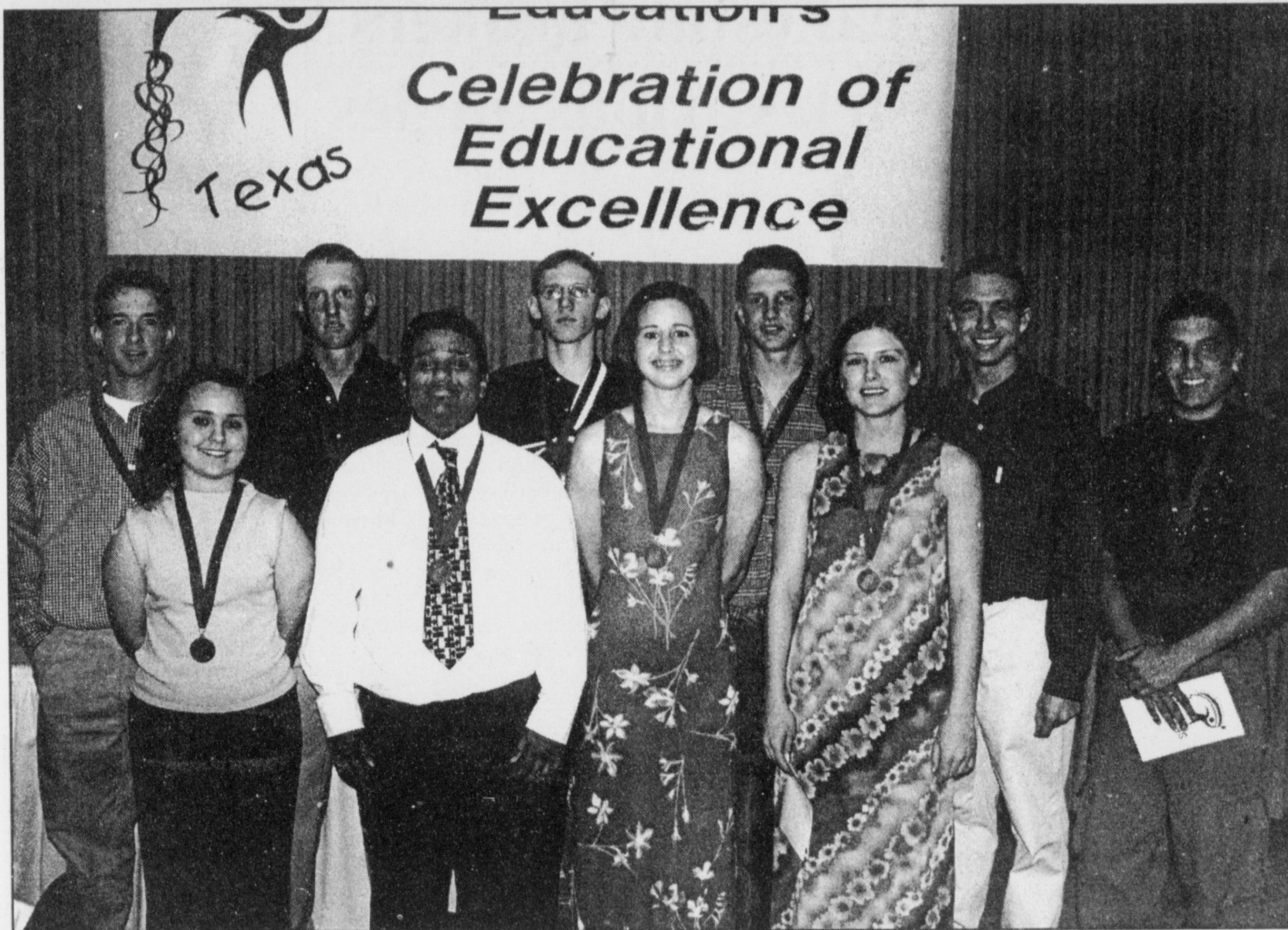
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**Academically outstanding**

Muleshoe High School students who were among those honored during a recent Celebration of Educational Excellence at South Plains College are (from left) Tyson Purdy, April Kelley, James Barrett, Kamal Bhakta, Leonard Joyner,

Stacy Locker, Mitch Mason, Bobbie Benham, Blake Gartin and Eric Posadas. The program, sponsored by the State Board of Education, recognized more than 10,000 students across the state.

**Square dance to conclude Plainview's Pioneer Round-up**

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL  
The traditional square dance will conclude the day's activities at Plainview's 72nd annual Pioneer Round-up, scheduled this year for May 20 at the Ollie Liner Center. Square dancing is scheduled

to begin at 8 p.m. The guest caller will be Roy Johnson of Amarillo, who has called square dancing for more than 30 years in six states. He presently serves as caller for the Merry Mixers of Hereford. He and his wife, Barbara, are

former presidents of the Panhandle Callers and Teachers Association, the Amarillo Square and Round Dance Council and the Panhandle Square Dance Association. Tickets are \$6, which includes a barbecue meal (6 p.m. to 7:30

p.m.), or \$2 after 7:30 p.m. Children 12 and under can attend for \$3, including the meal. Tickets will be available from any member of the sponsoring Plainview Business and Professional Women's Club or at the door.

**'CREATIVE LIVING'**

Information on food gifts from the kitchen, calcium and food safety will be featured on "Creative Living" May 9 at 1 p.m. and May 13 at 3 p.m.

"Creative Living" airs on public broadcasting station KENW-TV from Eastern New Mexico University in Portales.

Connie Moyers of Clovis, the Roosevelt County (N.M.) Extension home economist, will present some recipes for food gifts.

Dr. Barbara Levine, director of the Calcium Information Center in New York City, will talk about osteoporosis and research regarding calcium supplements from the post-menopausal woman.

Joy Best of Portales, New Mexico Cooperative Extension Service, will talk about the importance of food safety in our own homes.

Selecting carpet and making homemade pizza will be featured May 9 at 10:30 p.m. and May 11 at 1 p.m.

Kathryn Sellers of the Carpet and Rug Institute in Dalton, Ga., will talk about traffic patterns and carpet construction. She also will explain how to reduce heating and air-conditioning cost by selecting the right carpet.

Donna Reynolds of St. Joseph, Mich., representing KitchenAid, will demon-

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"Creative Living" is produced and hosted by Sheryl Borden of Portales.

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