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A QUICK READ OF THE NEWS

Paging George Lucas

It could be the next best thing to a light saber. A Northwestern University professor and his students plan to make a superstrength steel sword from iron extracted from a meteorite.

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Engineering professor Greg Olson says his so-called Dragonslayer double-edged blade will measure 3 feet long and could be "the greatest sword in history."

Olson admits there's nothing special about iron that comes from a meteorite, however. He's simply trying to draw attention to QuesTek Innovations, the company he founded, which sells steel alloys that are 10 times stronger than ordinary steel.

Racing to the altar

A couple who met through their mutual love of jogging have been married in their running shorts in Valparaiso, Ind., after completing a 5-kilometer marathon in which they competed against their pastor and best man.

During Wanda Johns and Clarence Melion's post-race wedding, the Rev. Duane Schmidt told the sweaty couple their wedding was the start of the "marathon of life."

Johns wore a white veil attached to her baseball cap, a wrist corsage and a white lace garter on one leg throughout the race and nuptials.

Cockroaches 1, Tenants 0

Eighteen bug bombs meant to rid a San Diego apartment house of cockroaches set off an explosion that ripped open its ceiling, shattered windows and tore cabinets from kitchen walls. No one was injured.

While the explosion caused \$50,000 in damage, it didn't appear to do much to the cockroaches.

Girls annihilate Shallowater by 263-117 points

By DELTON WILHITE Journal correspondent

The Lady Mules three-peated in track by dominating the district meet Thursday in Dimmitt.

Muleshoe scored 263 points and runner-up Shallowater was the only other team to score in triple digits, with 117. Lubbock Cooper placed third with 90, Dimmitt fourth with 70, Littlefield 21 and Lubbock Roosevelt 17.

Coach John Irwin had predicted the outcome after the Hereford meet. "I have coached some faster individuals through the years, but I have never coached a deeper track team — a team that we knew going into the meet would place two or three individuals in almost every meet," he said.

When the field events were completed Thursday morning, the Lady Mules had racked up 96 points, enough to have placed third if they did not score another point.

Jessica Carpenter, Kayla Glover and Anne Cox placed first, second and fifth in the long jump with leaps of 16-0 1/2, 15-6 3/4 and 14-4, respectively.

Glover, Carpenter and Sarah Benham took the top three places in the triple jump, with 34-1 3/4, 33-7 3/4 and 32-8. Cox and Tommie Hernández were third and fourth in the shot put at 32-8 and 30-9.

Track teams add two more district titles

By DELTON WILHITE Journal correspondent

The Mule track team ran like thoroughbreds to repeat as district champions Thursday in Dimmitt, scoring 176 points to 95 for secondplace Littlefield.

Shallowater placed third with 93, Lubbock Roosevelt fourth with 89, Dimmitt fifth with 68 and Lubbock Cooper sixth with 34 points.

Boys win 176-95, routing Littlefield

Kyle Atwood outdistanced his closest competitor in the 1,600meter run by 130 meters, with a time of 4:28.75, and Matt Luna finished sixth.

Then, after only a 15-minute break, he ran the anchor leg for the

1,600-meter relay team. Joining him on the team are Chris Barrera, Lupe Nuñez and Jesús Tovar. Barrera and Nuñez had the Mules in first place for the first two laps; Tovar handed off to Atwood 3 meters behind Littlefield. Atwood trailed until the final turn, then took the lead and ran away from the competition, putting

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A row of little Williamses

The quintuplets born Jan. 24 to former Muleshoe resident Matt Williams and his wife, Leah, demonstrate what life can be like when you're just a face in the crowd. The quints (from left) are Aidan Scott, Dixon Wayne, Mattison Caye, Ethan Noble and Garret Carl. Aidan and Dixon have gotten to go home, reports Aunt Louvenia Garlington of Muleshoe, while the other three remain in the hospital for a while longer. Matt Williams is a 1975 graduate of Muleshoe High School.

Mule baseball team bulldozes into playoffs

The bugs were soon seen crawling around the apartment as firefighters packed up.



Drawing date: Saturday, April 14 Winning numbers: 1-6-25-39-44-54 Estimated jackpot: \$7 million Winners: 0 Next drawing: Wednesday, April 18 Estimated jackpot: \$19 million

On this date in history

April 19 - The U.S. blockade of Texas ports goes into effect during the Civil War (1861). April 20 — The first skirmishes between Texans and Mexico's Gen. Santa Anna occur at San Jacinto (1836).

April 21 — The Texas Capitol formally opens to the public (1888).

LOCAL WEATHER

Unusually warm weather should be the rule through early next week, with highs in the mid-80s Thursday through Saturday, dropping to about 83 Sunday and about 80 Monday. Expect morning lows to be near 50 Thursday through Saturday, dropping to about 44 for Sunday and Monday. Partly cloudy conditions are expected to persist for the next several days.

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Hernández placed first in the discus, with a 99-1, followed by Shani Rasco and Mylissa Thompson in second and third with 86-3 3/4 and 86-2 1/4. Benham, Megan Tipps and Mindy Locker placed second, third and fifth in the high jump with 5-0, 5-0 and 4-6.

The 400-meter relay team led from gun to tape, with Jodi Hawkins running the first leg and handing off to Olivia Alarcón. Carpenter had the third leg and

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By DELTON WILHITE Journal correspondent

The Mules reveled in sweet revenge Friday and clinched a state playoff position in baseball by defeating Shallowater 9-3.

In a forced change of location in the first round of district games, the Mules suffered a stinging defeat at the hands of the Mustangs in Shallowater — 12-0 in five innings.

"Shallowater is a good team, but they are not a 12-run better team than we are," Mule coach Donnie Scott said.

On Friday, Landon Nichols pitched a complete game, striking

out eight batters and then helping his own cause by hitting a three-run home run in the third inning.

"We are in the state playoffs now, and that is a great feeling," Scott said. "Nichols did a super job of battling today and pitched a great game after we spotted them the first run. We are going to have to be careful with mistakes and not spot teams runs."

Shallowater scored first on a series of Mule errors after Nichols hit the first batter with a pitch. The Mules then took the lead, scoring two runs in their half of the inning. Lindy Piñeda made a diving catch of a fly ball for the first out of the second inning, and Nichols sat down the next two batters on strikes.

Joey Tucker scored the third run for the Mules after dropping a fly ball just out of the infield for a hit and then reaching second on a passed ball. Chris Barrera collected the RBI with a ground ball to right field that scored Tucker and gave the Mules a 3-1 cushion.

Landon Kerby, the Mules' catcher, cut down a Shallowater base runner trying to steal third base for the second out of the third

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City OKs buying water rights

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The Muleshoe City Council has approved the purchase of a parcel of land owned by Amherst Grain, contingent upon test wells showing that water is under the land as expected.

The action follows City Manager Rick Hanna's recommendation during Tuesday's council meeting; the purchase would include the land, water rights and mineral rights.

Hanna said some city utility lines already run across the property, which includes about 300 acres.

Council members formally cancelled the May 5 election after city secretary LeAnn Gallman reported that no candidates had filed in opposition to incumbent councilmen Juan Chávez (District 1) and Cliff Black (District 2).

The council also authorized the preparation of an ordinance setting height limits on buildings within the flight paths approaching Muleshoe Municipal Airport. The ordinance must be approved by Bailey and Lamb counties (the air space involved extends into Lamb County).

The ordinance would take shape under

the supervision of a committee, which would then die under the state's "sunset law" in six months.

The council then tabled action on naming the city's two representatives to the committee, pending notification of the candidates.

Among other council action was: Voting to offer city employees a voluntary investment plan that

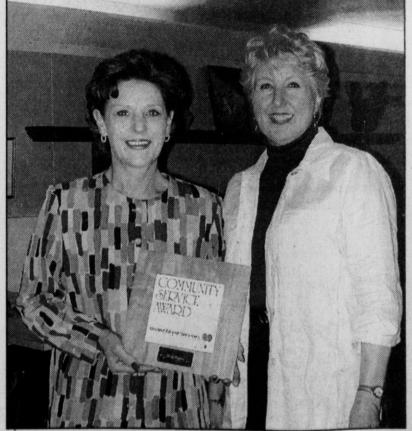
Hanna described as "similar to a 401(k)";

 Approval of seeking bids to sell the Sanderosa sprinkler system;

 Approval of \$850 from hotel/ motel tax funds to help pay for the local Cinco de Mayo celebration sponsored by the community's Comite Patriótico;

· OK to seek bids on a paving project, with an estimated price tag of \$159, 823; and

· Approval to proceed on a sealcoat project using Federal Emergency Management Agency disaster funds, which Hanna estimated should be about \$28,000 when the money arrives.



Journal photo: Beatrice Morin

Blood-drive work honored

Betty Poynor (left) of Muleshoe accepts a communityservice award from Diana Edwards of United Blood Services in Lubbock during a luncheon Tuesday at Leal's Restaurant. Poynor was honored for organizing local blood drives.

AROUND MULESHOE

Carwash to benefit Babe Ruth League

Muleshoe Babe Ruth League is sponsoring a carwash Saturday in the United Supermarket parking lot, according to spokesman Richard Orozco.

Hours will be from 9 a.m.until customers stop coming, Orozco said, with the cost being on a donation basis.

Mayor's Prayer Luncheon set

District Judge Sam Medina of Lubbock will speak in Muleshoe at noon May 3 for the Mayor's Prayer Luncheon, organizers announced Friday.

Medina is expected to receive the Gold Medal Award on Tuesday from the Lubbock Professional Chapter of the Association for Women in Communication. The award honors those who have worked for an extended period to improve the quality of life for people in the Lubbock area.

The Muleshoe event will be held at the Bailey County Coliseum, and admission will be a free-will offering.

"It really is going to be a one-hour event, so people can get back to their jobs," said Kay Graves, one of the organizers.

Softball tournament scheduled

The Muleshoe Chapter of Family Career and Community Leaders of America is sponsoring a softball tournament April 28-29 at the softball field.

This is an ASA, double-elimination tournament. Entry fee is \$100, with \$50 due up front. T-shirts will be awarded for first place, trophies for second and third.

More information is available by calling Raymond Toscano (272-4941), Lupe Nuñez (272-5139) or Sonny Chávez (891-5092).

Talent-show deadline approaching

The deadline for entering the Muleshoe High School Leadership Council's annual talent show is April 26.

This year's show is scheduled for 7 p.m. May 2 in the high school auditorium. The prizes will be \$50 for first place, \$25 for second and \$15 for third.

A completed application and the entry fee of \$5 must be turned in by the deadline in order to participate.

Information is available from Mayme McElroy at 272-7303 or from any council member.

Public calendar

April 19 — 7 p.m. Muleshoe Area Hospital District Board, in the dining room at Muleshoe Area Medical Center.

April 20 — 9:30 a.m. Registration for Lazbuddie kindergarten and pre-kindergarten, in the school cafeteria. Birth certificate and immunization records are needed for registration.

April 28 — 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. West Texas Gospel Jubilee at First Assembly of God, 521 S. First. Information: Pastor Jack Stone.

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inning. Nichols struck out the fifth batter of the inning for the final out.

The Mules sent 10 batters to the plate in the bottom half of the third and scored five runs. Robert Toscano reached first when the shortstop bobbled a hot ground ball.

Piñeda doubled down the left field line and Nichols cleaned the bases with a homer over the right-field fence, scoring three.

Russell Warren took one for the team, and Tucker bounced a ball over the right centerfield fence for a ground-rule

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5 meters between himself and the nearest runner and completing with a time of 3:31.69.

Scoring for the Mules in the field events were A.J. Flores, Joey Tucker and Brennan Broyles placing second, fourth and fifth in the triple jump with leaps of 41-2 1/2, 38-11 and 38-1 1/2, respectively. Darrell Lewis won the shot put with a toss of 47-6 and Bradley Thomason placed fifth.

Broyles and Jeff King claimed the top two places in the pole vault, with vaults of 13-3 and 13-0. Danny Ramírez placed first in the long jump with a 20-1 and was followed by Flores and Tucker in third and fifth with jumps of 19-11 and 19-7 1/2.

Broyles tied for fourth in the high jump with a 5-8 and Ramírez was sixth, also at 5-8. Stephen Woodard placed fifth. in the discus with a 121-8.

The Mule 400-meter relay team of Ramírez, Flores, Nuñez double putting runners in scoring position. Travis Tunnell lifted a ball to deep right field that was dropped by the right fielder, allowing Warren and Tucker to cross the plate for the seventh and eighth runs.

.The Mustangs recorded their second run in the fourth inning. Toscano doubled to lead off the Mules in the fourth inning and Nichols singled to right center, scoring Toscano for the final Mule run.

Shallowater tried to mount a comeback in the seventh with a two-out rally. A line drive to

and Barrera was first with a

time of 43.93. Atwood contin-

ued to dominate the 800-meter

run with a time of 1:59.15, and

Jordan Dale placed sixth with a

2:16.80.

and 11.46.

300-meter hurdles.

April 27-28 in Odessa.

left and a double to left scored the Mustangs' final run. Tucker ended the rally by hauling in a high fly to deep center field for the final out of the game.

The Mules stand third in the district with a 5-2-1 record, still facing games at Lubbock Roosevelt on April 19 and Lubbock Cooper on April 24.

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Britni Gartin the anchor. They run in 61.12, and Glover placed won, with a time of 50.89.

Alarcón, Sarah Sheets and and fifth in the 800-meter run. with times of 2:28.59, 2:37.72 and 2:42.14.

Cox, Eva Pylant and Myndi Heathington claimed first, second and third in the 100-meter hurdles with times of 15.99. 15.23 and 17.08. The three began to pull away from the pack by the fourth hurdle and easily swept the field.

Gartin took first in the 100meter dash with a time of 12.84 and Hawkins was sixth, running a 13.49.

The 800-meter relay of Hawkins, Carpenter, Glover and Benham led from start to finish with a time of 1:50.04, ishers in the district track meet. beating the second-place Shallowater Fillies by 30 meters.

fifth with a 70.73. Pylant and Cox claimed first and second Marlie Black were first, third in the 300-meter hurdles, and Kylie Henderson was sixth, with times of 48.84, 49.40 and 54.74.

> In the 200-meter dash, Gartin and Benham placed first and second and Tiffany Flores ran sixth with times of 27.33, 27.61 and 29.15.

Lilia Flores took third in the 1,600-meter run in 6:10.18, and the 1,600-meter relay team of Pylant, Locker, Benham and Alarcón finished 50 meters in front of second-place Dimmitt with a time of 4:12.99.

Qualifying for the regional meet April 28-29 in Odessa are the first- and second-place fin-

The Lady Mules are expected to participate in a qualifiers' meet in Shallowater before the regional event.

Locker won the 400-meter

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Public Television

SCHINDLER'S LIST

Steven Spielberg's Schindler's List, one of the most honored films of all time, airs on PBS in recognition of Holocaust Remembrance Day. It is a three-and-one-half-hour special.

Released theatrically in 1993, Schindler's List presents the true story of the enigmatic Oskar Schindler, a Nazi party member, womanizer, and war profiteer who saved the lives of more than 1,100 Jews in Nazi-occupied Poland during the Holocaust. Directed by Spielberg, the movie stars Liam Neeson, Ben Kingsley, Ralph Fiennes, Caroline Goodall, Jonathan Sagalle, and Embeth Davitz.

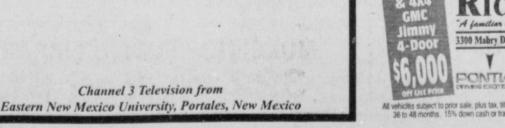
A man of great talents and even greater contradictions, Schindler was a born salesman and inveterate gambler. He sought his fortune in the aftermath of the German invasion of Poland. Like many enterprising businessmen, he joined the Nazi party to make deals, but was indifferent to politics.

At first, his conscience troubled him but little. Taking over a confiscated enamelware plant in occupied Krakow, he made a quick fortune on bribes, blackmarket deals, and the labor of his unpaid Jewish workers. Gradually, however, Oskar Schindler began to absorb the overwhelming events surrounding him. As the Holocaust deepened, this once ebullient bon vivant and befriender of Nazi officials was ready to risk everything to protect and then rescue more than 1,100 Jews sheltered in his factory.

Schindler's List, based on the prize-winning book by Thomas Keneally, is a story of devastation, genocide, and triumph of the faith of one human being. It is a story of survival-not merely the survival of one man - but of a selected number of Jews enduring during one of the darkest periods in recorded human history. The essence of the story is that one individual can change things against all odds.

Winner of seven Academy Awards, including Best Picture and Best Director, Schindler's List also won every major Best Picture award and an exceptional number of additional honors. Among them are seven British Academy Awards, the Best Picture Awards from the New York Film Critics Circle and the National Society of Film Critics.

Schindler's List can be seen Thursday, April 19th at 8:00 p.m.





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'Black' flowers and leaves strike a chord with some gardeners

By RONN SMITH Editor

When it comes to themes featuring one color of flower in the garden, probably the one that generates as much interest as any would be "black" usually dark red or dark blue, sometimes with very dark green or blue-green leaves included.

My own experience with these flowers has been scattering them around for accents, but if you stop and think about it, you've probably seen bearded iris that would qualify -and even dahlias. The popular old dahlia 'Bishop of Gandalf' certainly has both flowers and foliage dark enough to appear black in the right light. 'Arabian Night' is a dahlia that is perhaps not quite so dark.

Most of us also have seen the flowering spires of very darkflowered hollyhocks (Alcea rosea). There is one, 'Nigra,' that is almost literally black.

'Queen of Night,' one of the old standards among Darwin tulips, would be another near-



black choice for early spring. In the spring issue of Coun-

try Gardens, Marty Ross has an article titled "Basically Black" that lists several choices you might not think about:

• The annual bachelor button (Centaurea cyanus) called 'Black Ball,' a deep wine color and so easy to grow that firsttime gardeners (as young as pre-school) can grow it from seed;

• An ornamental sweet potato (Ipomoea batatas) called 'Blackie' that features purplishblack leaves. This is also easily grown and I haven't heard of anyone having trouble with it. mail-order catalog, but I wouldn't be surprised if some of the garden centers have it; · Viola 'Springtime Black,' which I guess is not really black but is such a dark purple as to be generally indistinguishable from black in the garden;

• As a grass accent, Ophiopogon planiscarpus 'Ebony Knight' with its deep purplish-green blades (which Ross suggests using in front of a row of white-flowered bleeding hearts spectabilis).

Ross also recommends Iris chrysographes (definitely black) and Colocasia esculenta 'Black Magic,' sometimes known as black elephant's ear. They are both good plants, but not easy to find. The colocasia is available from some greenhouses if you hunt for it; the bulbs also have to be dug in the fall, since they won't survive most of our winters.

Ross mentions only two varieties of coleus ('Inky Fingers'

You may have to find it in a has deeply lobed green leaves with black centers, the latter pretty much described by its name. Ross recommends using both of them with white or pink petunias.

Another coleus, unusual in that it will grow to shrub size in one season, is 'Dipt in Wine,' described in the Heronswood Nursery catalog as having "robust leaves of shocking golden yellow with large irregular blotches (Dicentra of deep purple-wine." Subtle, you know.

> 'Black Magic' is a standard coleus variety, with blue-black leaves and scalloped edges of green.

> Remember that coleus also are very tender plants. You can bring them indoors for the winter or snip off cuttings and root those indoors for next year's crop.

Kevin Smith of Muleshoe advised me Monday that Macleaya cordata, which I and 'Garnet Robe'). The former wrote about last week as a

cream-colored flower, is the most invasive plant he has in his garden.

He has it on a terraced hillside, and it sent shoots into the terraces both above and below where it was planted.

Now he has his safely (maybe?) planted in a container sunk into the ground. "It's beautiful, but very invasive," he said.

Sorry — I didn't realize it would be overly aggressive here in such a dry place. Just take that under advisement when you plant it.

Not many things grow so rampantly here that you have to worry about them climbing up and down terraces.

Happy planting!

Questions and comments can be directed to Garden Writer, 571 County Road 1018, Muleshoe, Texas 79347, or e-mailed to ronnsmith@hotmail.com.



Golf turns out to be anything but hideous

Forever, I thought golf was the most boring game ever invented. Then I played it.

I had so much fun — I had a blast! I never thought using a metal stick to hit a little plastic ball into a hole a couple hundred yards away with a metal stick could be so much fun.

I've been missing out all these years because I just assumed golf was mind-numbingly dull. After I tried it, I was so glad I had decided to play.

ETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

KATYE'S KALEIDOSCOPE By Katye Cook

The funny thing about my love for golf is that I am completely and totally horrible at this game - I'm talking RE-ALLY bad.

My first time to play on a real golf course was at a high school tournament in Littlefield. It was very small, and only a ninehole tournament with only three schools represented — Three Way, Cotton Center and Spade. We broke into groups of three or four, with a couple of people from each school playing together.

Because it was our first tournament, and such a small one. there were some rules we kind of just discarded for the afternoon.

I didn't know either of the girls in my group, but by the end of nine holes we were talkthe courage to write to you about ing and laughing as if we had writes this column for the Jourbeen friends for at least a day. nal.)

I decided to try something new. I found something I can do for the rest of my life. Of course, you have to take into consideration that I probably wouldn't have tried golf if my dad hadn't been the coach, but this turned out so well I'll probably try more new things.

So if you get a chance to try something new, a sport, a musical instrument or any other kind of hobby --- nothing immoral or dangerous - take the plunge. You might find something you will love for life. I did!

(Katye Cook is a freshman at Three Way High School. She

As I said before, I'm so glad

Even the leprechauns are green with envy over Muleshoe's response to the Dystrophy Muscular Association's Shamrocks Against Dystrophy campaign.

Many thanks to the people who donated to MDA and signed paper shamrocks in businesses in February and March. Their generous participation in Shamrocks will help MDA continue to provide families to provide families affected by neuromuscular diseases in our community with valuable services.

As one of many who has a loved one affected by a neuromuscular disease, I'm genuinely grateful for the caring support of customers and employees at convenience stores, supermarkets, restaurants and other retailers in Muleshoe.

The 18th annual Shamrocks Against Dystrophy campaign raised more than \$10 million nationally. Locally, these donations will help fund MDA-sponsored research at the University of Texas, Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children, Baylor College of Medicine and the University of Houston.

On behalf of the millions of Americans affected in some way by the more than 40 diseases covered by MDA, thank you - and may St. Patrick bless you all year long!

MAUREEN McGOVERN National chairperson, **MDA Shamrocks Against** Dystrophy

Dear Editor, Thanks for printing Filemón

an incident that happened to my wife.

Guzmán's letter. That gave me

She allegedly was pulled over for improper use of lane. So the Muleshoe Police Department ran her driver's license and everything came back fine. Apparently at some time the drug dog supposedly smelled something.

In the first place, why was the drug dog being used for an improper use of lane?

The Muleshoe Police Department took it upon themselves to search the entire car. When I pulled up to ask the chief of police what was going on, he threatened to throw me in jail and said that it was none of my business why they were searching my wife's car.

I thought public streets were for everyone, so why did they make me leave? When the police were finally finished, they let my wife leave.

We are not asking for an apology or a promise that it will never happen again. But maybe there is a chance that if enough people speak up or if the right people read this, it will not happen again.

The embarrassment we went through, I wish on no one. But no one can ever take that back.

My wife and I are not trying to make this into a race thing. It is about what's wrong and what's right.

Hopefully, what is happening to many of us will not go purposely ignored. You printing this could be our only chance to be heard.

> LEROY FLORES Muleshoe

KNOWLEDGE AND PREPARATION ARE THE KEYS TO 10 EVERE WEATHER SAFE

Weather Advisory...

SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WATCH

Tells you when and where severe thunderstorms are more likely to occur. Watches are intended to heighten public awareness and should not be confused with warnings.

SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WARNING

Issued when severe weather has been reported by spotters or indicated by radar. Warnings indicate immediate danger to life and property to those in the path of a storm.

TORNADO WATCH

Tells you tornadoes are possible in your area. Remain alert for approaching storms. Watches are intended to heighten public awareness and should not be confused with warnings.

TORNADO WARNING

Issued when a tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radar. Warnings indicate immediate danger to life and property to those in the path of a storm.

Local Shelter Locations

Primary Location:

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 507 W. 2nd St.

Secondary Location:

MULESHOE PUBLIC LIBRARY 322 W. 2nd St.

What You Should Do...

Watch the sky and listen to radio and television for further information. Remain alert for rapidly changing conditions. Know the area in which you live. Use a road map of your area to track storm path.

If you can hear thunder, you are close enough to be struck by lightning. Take shelter inside sturdy structure.

Go to safe shelter in a sturdy building.

Continue to listen to radio and television for further informa-

tion. Postpone outdoor activities if thunderstorms are imminent. Unplug appliances not necessary for obtaining weather information. Unplug air conditioners. Power surges from lightning can overload compressors.

Avoid using telephone or appliances. Do not take bath or shower. Use phone ONLY in an emergency

✤ Watch the sky and listen to radio and television for further information. Remain alert for rapidly changing conditions.

Know the area in which you live. Use a road map of your area to track storm path from weather bulletins. Remember: Tornadoes occasionally develop in areas in which a severe thunderstorm watch or warning is in effect.

In a home or building, move to a pre-designated shelter, such as a basement.

If an underground shelter is not available, move to an interior room or hallway on the lowest floor and get under a sturdy piece of furniture. Stay away from windows

Get out of automobiles. Do not try to outrun a tornado in your car. Instead, leave it immediately,

Continue to listen to radio and television for further information.

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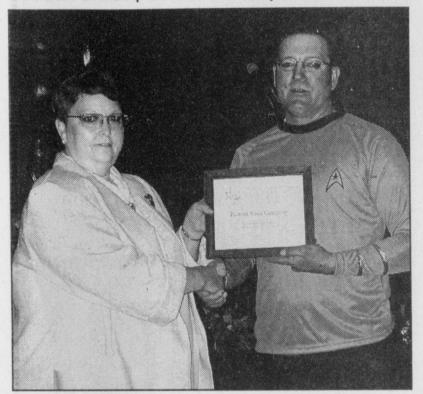
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Employee of the year

David Wood, the Muleshoe School District athletic director, accepts an award from Sam Whalin as the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce employee of the year. Whalin presented the award at the April 7 chamber banquet.



Company honored

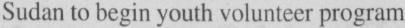
Carolyn Harris accepts a plaque of appreciation on behalf of Bamert Seed Co. from Chamber President Mark Washington during the April 7 chamber banquet in the high school cafeteria.

County's conservation district presents awards

Blackwater Valley Soil and Water Conservation District, recently announced the award winners in the district's annual poster and essay contests.

Johnny Furgeson, chairman of Bailey County's grade, Janae Pyle, first; Sunny Snider, second; Hilda Rascón, third; sixth grade, Juan Avila, first;

• Essays — Sixth grade, Calli Hancock, first; D.J. Robertson, second; Brittni Carter, third.



has approved the beginning of a youth volunteer program.

An effort will be made to recruit volunteers age 14 and older to assist various organizations with community activities.

A consent form must be completed by a parent or guardian and returned to city hall, which will serve as a recordkeeper.

An example of an event the students can assist is the upcoming Health Fair 2001, planned for May 12 by the Sudan Hotel and Heritage Association. The organization has so few members that staging a sizable event could prove stressful to such a small group.

Consent forms are available at city hall or at the

The Sudan City Council Sudan High School office. More information is available by calling 227-2112.



Have a nice day!

ONORS

GALLMAN

Muleshoe city secretary LeAnn Gallman recently attended a two-day seminar, Financing Capital Improvements: Debt Creation and Administration, in San Antonio.

Senior Companions

Dale Luera (left) and Frank Estrada are among the four

volunteers participating in the Senior Companion program

from Bailey County. They are among the thousands nation-

wide who will be honored during National Volunteer Week,

April 22-28. Other volunteers in the local Senior Companion

program, administered by South Plains Community Action,

are Pearlie Fluellen and Julia Patterson. The companions

spend about 20 hours a week providing companionship,

running errands, preparing meals, and doing light house-

work for the client or for other members of the household

who usually provide 24-hour care for a homebound adult.

There is no charge to the client for the service of a volunteer.

The workshop featured sessions on beginning a capital improvement program and debt issue by municipal governments.

PHYILLAIER

Janet Phyillaier of Amarillo was among more than 1,200 students named to honors lists for the fall semester at West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

Phyillaier is a senior and the daughter of Phil and Alice Phyillaier of Muleshoe.

celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary March 25 with a family luncheon and reception in the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Miller of Cypress, Texas. Hosting the event were their children with their spouses: Sharon and Phil Miller of Cypress, Cynthia Ott of Friendswood, Texas, and Gary and Diane Wrinkle of Victoria. Other relatives and close friends attended.

Johanna Schuster and Roy Wrinkle were married March 25, 1951 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Plainview, Texas.

Their grandchildren are Jonathan and Mark Bolding, Martha and Bobby Miller, and Austin, Taylor, and Cameron Wrinkle.

Roy is retired as owner of Wrinkle Welding and Machine in Muleshoe. Johanna is a retired high school teacher of Muleshoe High School

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Roy and Johanna Wrinkle of Victoria, Texas, and is currently active in Delta Kappa Gamma and Morning Study Club. They are members of Northside Baptist Church in Victoria.

The couple retired to Victoria in July of 1998 after living in Muleshoe forty-two years.





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Themes this year were "Habitat for Life" and "Community Waters."

Students in Muleshoe and Three Way grades three through six were eligible to participate.

Receiving awards were:

44. Margarine

45. Wooden-soled shoes

• Posters — Third grade, Amber Fuentes, first; Lizette Rivera, second; Lucero Granados, third; fourth

County award winners in three areas advanced to the regional competition. Those are Tom Boutell of Muleshoe, conservation teacher of the year; Tommy Kirk, water quality management plan of the year; and the district, for conservation district of the year.Kirk won second at regional and will receive his award May 1 in Plainview.

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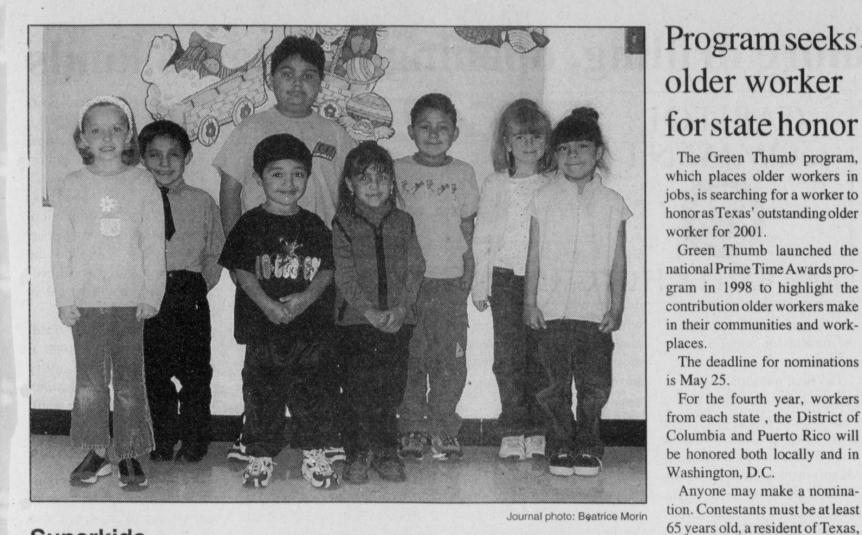
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Superkids

Honored as superkids for April at Dillman Elementary School are (from left) Cassidy Lowe, Martin Marrufo, Jacob Espinoza (in front), Sergio Montejano, Carolina Franco, Doroteo Ruiz, Catie Sowder and Marissa Hernández.

Ballroom dance classes proposed

The U.S. Amateur Ballroom Dancers Association seeks to establish a chapter in Lubbock especially for "beginner" social or recreational ballroom dancers.

If enough interest is expressed, a local steering

committee will be formed to fered if there is enough interguide the project and enroll members. "Low-cost" weekly dance lessons will be made available.

An e-mail inquiry brought the response that cumbia and other Latino dances will be ofest.

Information is available by calling(800)447-9047, e-mailn USABDACENT@aol.com or writing to USABDA, P.O. Box 128, New Freedom, Pa. 17349.

Tom Tosh, 83, of Sulphur Springs, who came out of retirement to return to work at the age

> of 67. Nomination forms may be obtained by calling (800) 880-5292. The winner will be announced by mid-June.

award presentation.

BITUARIES

ADDIE PHILLIPS

Graveside services were held Tuesday at Muleshoe Memorial Park for Addie Phillips, 84, of Hereford. The Rev. Brad Reeves officiated.

Ellis Funeral Home of Muleshoe handled arrangements.

Mrs. Phillips was born Aug. 24, 1916, in Van Zandt County, Texas: She died Saturday in the Hereford Care Center.

She married Jack Stallings, who died April 25, 1957, and Turney Sullivan, 71, of Morton. Joey Pierce officiated. Burial was in Morton Memorial Cemetery.

Ellis Funeral Home of Morton handled arrangements.

Mrs. Sullivan was born Aug. 4, 1929, in Lorenzo. She died Saturday in Morton.

She married James Fred Turney on Dec. 3, 1944, in Levelland. He died Oct. 5, 1968. Then she married A.E. Sullivan in March 1977 at Morton. He died in March 1990.

She worked for 27 years at Cochran Memorial Hospital in Morton and was a registered nurse. She was Morton's woman of the year in 1975.

Mrs. Sullivan is survived by two sons, Fred Turney of Slaton and Larry Turney of Morton; five daughters, Shirley Turney, Darla Hightower, Kathy Gilliam and Geneva Turney, all of Morton, and Barbara Kendrick of Berthoud, Colo.; two sisters, Virgie Mings and Lorene Herlocher, both of Morton; two brothers, Raymond New and John D. New, both of Morton; 12 grandchildren; and 10 greatgrandchildren;

The Green Thumb program,

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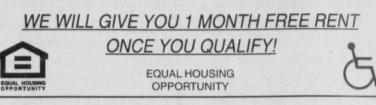
She was preceded in death by two grandchildren.

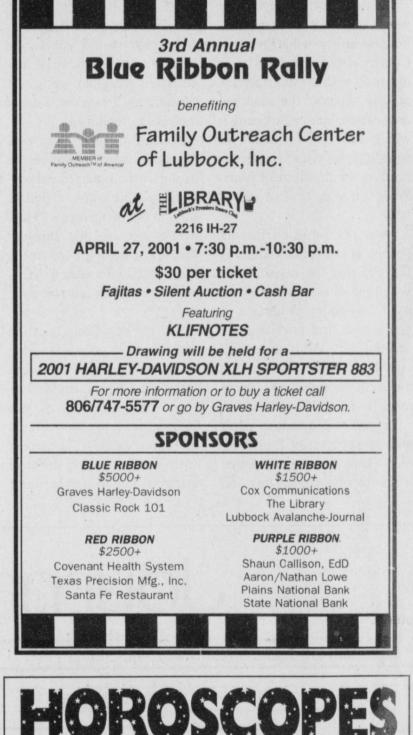
The family suggests memorials to New Mexico Christian Children's Home (1356 New Mexico 236, Portales 88130-9411) or the American Heart Association (3403 73rd St., Suite 1, Lubbock 79423).

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W.B. Phillips, who died Dec. 10, 1979.

She lived in Muleshoe from 1934 to 1958. Since then, she had lived in Hereford, Amarillo and Oklahoma City. She was a beautician and cosmetologist.

Mrs. Phillips is survived by two sons, Dean Stallings of Amarillo and Jackie Stallings of Newark, Texas; 10 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by a son, Jonnie Ed, in 2000; a daughter, Margaret, in 1987; and a grandson, Dusty Rhodes.

THELMA SULLIVAN

Services were held Tuesday at the First Missionary Baptist Church of Morton for Thelma J.

EBEKAHS

The Muleshoe Rebekah Lodge met April 10 for its weekly meeting, which was called to order by Noble Grand Bonita Drennan.

Chaplain Patsy Chance opened with a prayer, and 10 members answered roll call.

Drennan brought birthday cake to be served with refreshments.

Under sickness and distress reports, it was noted that Velma Howell lost her daughter April 3 in Arizona. Ina Wilemon reported that her sister, Vi, is home from the Clovis hospital. Sylvia Kennemer was reported as not feeling well.

An application for membership was brought in, and an investigative committee was sent out to see if the applicant would make a worthy Rebekah.

Vice Grand Pro-tem Thursie Reid closed lodge with the Rebekah Creed and singing of the Evening Prayer.



Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wheeler will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, April 22, 2001 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Bailey County Coliseum in Muleshoe, Texas

Friends and family are invited to join in the celebration being hosted by their children: Jill Caviness of Lovington,

N.M.; Danny Wheeler of Odessa; Belinda Mills of Clovis, N.M.; Jodie Wheeler of Muleshoe; Jamie Petty of Clovis, N.M.; and

The former Letha Jo Carter married Joe Wheeler on January 25, 1951 at the First Baptist Church in Maple, Texas. The couple has fifteen grandchildren. No invitations are being sent.



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Aries - March 21/April 20

Don't beat around the bush when an acquaintance asks you an important question. Tell this person exactly how you feel. It's really the only way to clear the air between you two. Don't worry - this discussion actually will strengthen your relationship. Libra plays an important role. Taurus - April 21/May 21

Keep your opinions to yourself when talking with others early in the week, Taurus. Voicing your disapproval of a close friend's decision only will make you look like a fool. Besides, this decision doesn't affect you in any way. So, let it go. That special someone needs your help with a family situation on Friday. Do what you can.

Gemini - May 22/June 21

An acquaintance asks a favor of you this week, Gemini. Don't automatically say yes, because something isn't right here. Try to find out what really is going on, because this person isn't telling you everything. Don't agree to help until you have all of the facts. It will take some effort, but you can get this person to open up to you.

Cancer - June 22/July 22

Don't take your bad day at work out on that special someone. He or she isn't the one who upset you. Once you leave the office, let go of your work-place difficulties. Remember, your personal life is much more important than your job. A loved one needs your help with a family matter. Do what you can for him or her.

Leo - July 23/August 23

Don't accept second best when it comes to your personal life, Leo. You deserve more than what that special someone has to offer. Don't sell yourself short. Re-evaluate this relationship before it goes any further. A loved one needs a shoulder to cry on late in the week. Be there for him or

Virgo - Aug 24/Sept 22

An acquaintance asks to borrow something very important. While you would like to help him or her out, say no. You know that this person isn't reliable enough to take care of your things. Instead, offer him or her an alternative solution to the problem. Capricorn plays a key role.

Libra - Sept 23/Oct 23

You have to make an important financial decision this week, Libra. Don't make a hasty choice. Look at all of the pros and cons, and ask loved ones for advice. They can help you decide what is best for you. Taurus plays an important role in all of this.

Scorpio - Oct 24/Nov 22

Don't let a minor setback keep you from going after something that you want, Scorpio. You easily can overcome this obstacle if you stay focused. A loved one asks you an important question late in the week. Answer him or her honestly — even if what you have to say won't be appreciated. Sagittarius – Nov 23/Dec 21

You really put your foot in your mouth when out with that special some-one early in the week, Sagittarius. Don't try to cover up your mistake. Instead, acknowledge the error, and explain what you really meant to say. While this person will be a bit upset, he or she will understand. Leo plays a key role

Capricorn - Dec 22/Jan 20

Don't shy away from a great opportunity to get ahead at work this week. Take charge of a minor problem that arises, and show the higher-ups just how capable you are. They will be impressed with your efforts and reward you. That special someone takes you out late in the week. Enjoy yourself, because you deserve it. Aquarius - Jan 21/Feb 18

When you get in over your head this week, Aquarius, don't be afraid to ask loved ones for help. They are always there for you and are more than willing to assist you. It's the easiest way to rectify this situation. Gemini plays an important role.

Pisces - Feb 19/March 20

It seems as if everyone wants something from you this week. While you would like to help all of them, you know that you can't. So, work with those who really need you. The rest can get by on their own. A loved one has good news. Celebrate with him or her

Minority backs offshore drilling, opening up Alaska lands

The best part of this job is hearing what Texans from all over the state have to say. I want to thank the thousands of readers who took the time to clip out our annual surveys, filled them in and mailed their responses to my office.

Your answers to my questions showed once again that Texans have excellent insights to offer regarding our country's most pressing issues.

Here are the responses to the first part of this year's questionnaire:

The first question was: "Last year, Congress passed an ambitious tax relief bill that President Clinton vetoed. The legislation did away with the marriage tax penalty, repealed the death tax and cut rates across the board. It would have made it easier for working families to save all they need for their retirement years. What are your tax-cut priorities?"

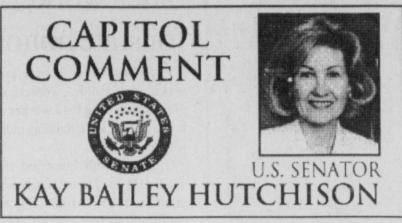
I was not surprised that 42 percent of you said eliminating the marriage-tax penalty was your highest tax-reform priority, followed by 35 percent of you whose first priority is an across-the-board tax cut, and 23 percent of you who want to see the death tax eliminated before other tax reform is undertaken.

The second question dealt with energy issues: "Presidentelect Bush has suggested that we allow offshore drilling and open up federal land in Alaska and the Rocky Mountains to new oil and gas production. This has the potential to greatly increase our domestically produced energy. Would you support this expanded production, with appropriate environmental controls, in order to reduce your dependence on imported energy? What are your energy priorities?"

Forty-four percent of you voted in support of more offshore drilling, 38 percent in favor of opening up federal land in Alaska for drilling, and 16 percent in favor of tax provisions that would encourage small producers to increase output from marginal wells; the remaining 12 percent did not indicate a preference.

The third question I asked was, "If our economy continues on its current track, the federal government will enjoy a budget surplus again this year. How would you use that surplus? Would you cut taxes, reduce the national debt, increase government spending or a combination thereof?"

You answered this question with 37 percent of you favoring tax cuts as the first way to deal with a government surplus, followed by 27 percent of you favoring reducing the national debt more quickly, 22 percent voting to increase defense spending and 14 percent indi-



cating they would use part of the surplus for Social Security reform.

The final question I asked in this first questionnaire was a fill-in-the-blanks query: "Congress has produced a balanced budget and cut federal spending sharply in many areas. But much work remains to be done. In what areas do you believe federal spending could be cut even more?"

Here is what some of you wrote:

From Helotes: "Privatize

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MULESHOE POLICE March 31

José Manuel Barrios, 53, public intoxication.

April 1

Gerardo Sandoval, 35, public intoxication.

April 2

Javier Carlos Gonzales, 19, criminal trespass and evading arrest and detention.

Christopher Chad Parker, 19,

wherever feasible, decrease mail delivery to twice weekly, most of it is junk mail, anyway, and eliminate door-to-door service."

Bowie: "Do away with some of the ridiculous federally funded research on things like mating habits of flies."

San Marcos: "Stop bailing out every industry that is going under. Let the shareholders do it." Cedar Park: "Don't pay Con-

gress when it's in recess."

Del Rio: "Special-interest groups that get federal funding

possession of marijuana. April 3

Morgan Don Locker, 19, possession of marijuana.

Greyson Rennels, 19, possession of marijuana.

April 7

Christopher Richard Castorena, 17, public intoxication.

Jorge Humberto Madrigal, 29, warrant for theft by check.

shouldn't be allowed to use that money to lobby the government for even more money. This is not right. Let people who believe in such groups support them."

Winnsboro: "We should end welfare to other countries, no more foreign aid, and spend more money on American highways. They're way behind on maintenance and expansion."

Tulia: "Stopping Medicare fraud would save \$2 million to \$3 million a day. Stop minting 1-cent and 5-cent coins and round off all purchases to 10 cents. That would save the Treasury some money."

Austin: "Thank you. You are saving money by not sending out an expensive mailing."

Borger: "Cut out all the arts funding except for the projects that educate kids."

Beaumont: "Look for ways to combine government programs so we aren't paying for all those

different administrative costs and government salaries."

Leakey: "Put a two-year time limit on all social programs Help people, but not forever."

Monahans: "The federal government keeps getting more involved in education, and pouring money into it, and the schools keep getting worse. Federal spending could be cut in this area."

San Antonio: "Congress still needs to take a closer look at military spending, and justify every dollar. We need a strong military, but I think there is still a lot of waste, and companies take advantage of Uncle Sam."

I will continue to work for substantive tax relief, and eliminating the marriage tax penalty is at the top of my list. I also support the across-the-board tax-relief proposal President Bush is proposing. I am optimistic that Congress will pass significant tax reform this year.

Sandra Kay Faulkner, 22, DWI. tion. April 8 Mar

Robbie Colene Johnson, 19, Lubbock County warrant — theft by check.

Margaret Nell Crawford, 25, warrant — failure to register as sex offender.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

March 30

David Lutz, 26, justice of the peace warrant — seat-belt viola-

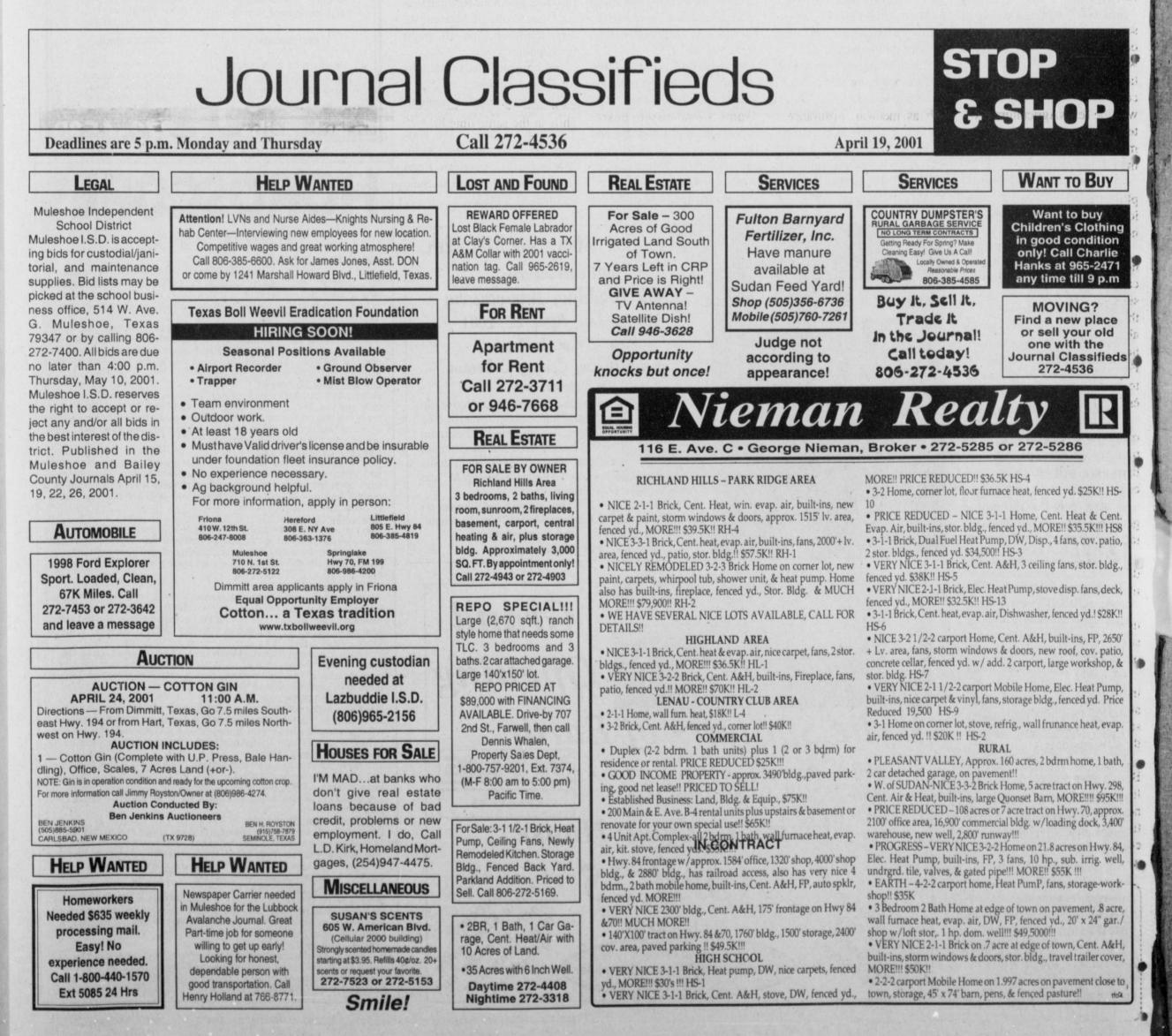
Colene Johnson, 19, Joshua Hernández, 17, posses-

unt — theft sion of marijuana under 2 ounces. Jeremy Jason Tosh, 20, minor : wford, 25, in consumption.

Michael Paul Collins, 18, minor in consumption and possession.

April 1

Frank Arzola, 22, driving while license suspended.



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Book says American forests model for future

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL author. COLLEGE STATION -

Explorers described them as incredibly beautiful - large, widely spaced trees intermixed with patches of younger trees and a grassy floor. They were North America's ancient forests.

Now a new book documents meir existence, describes two remaining ancient forests and details how the findings should be a model for maintaining today's threatened forest lands across the nation.

America's Ancient Forests tells of the period from 18,000 years ago - when glaciers were at their peak during the Ice Age — to the time when the European explorers arrived beginning in the 1500s, according to Dr. Tom Bonnicksen,

"The forests we had at the time the explorers arrived were a result of both the change in the climate and the role of the Native Americans," said Bonnicksen, Texas A&M University forest science professor. "They were magnificent. They were beautiful. They were diverse."

Bonnicksen's career in forestry has combined a love of history with a desire to use proper techniques to restore forests to their former sustainable beauty in a way that can. co-exist with society. "I wrote the book because we need a benchmark, a model so that we can manage our forests into the future," he said. "Historically, our forests had no endangered species, they were naturally

sustainable, and they were more beautiful than any forest we have today. So, they serve as excellent models for the management of future forests."

Unlike what most forest lovers would imagine, the ancient forests derived their beauty mainly from Native American management practices which were largely the opposite of techniques. today's Bonnicksen said. And the forests of long ago were not crowded with lots of little trees and undergrowth, as is common today. " 'An infinite colonnade' is how one explorer wrote of them," Bonnicksen said.

He credits natural wind and lightning fires as well as Native Americans for the sustainable ancient forests. The decline of ancient forests began, he said, as Native Americans were removed to reservations throughout the 1800s and policies were written to manage public forests by "leaving them alone."

Native Americans had a practice of burning or otherwise removing trees selectively to keep the forest floor open and to provide food for animals and themselves, he explained.

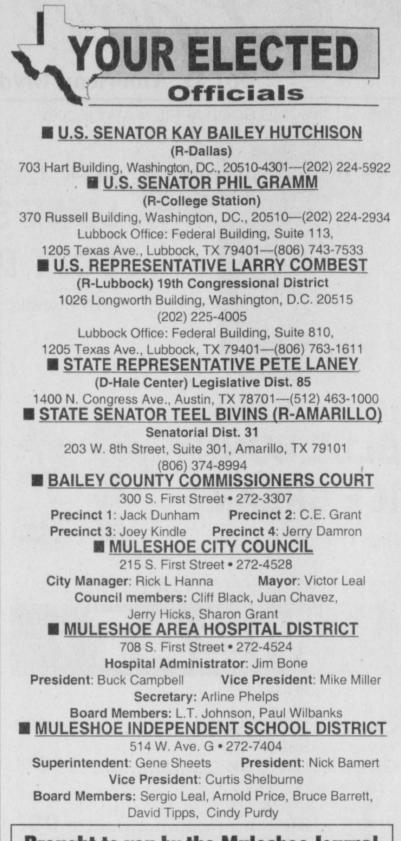
"With the Indians no longer there to burn forests, they have grown thicker and have a cumulation of brush and litter at the base of the trees," Bonnicksen said. That's what led to the massive burning of forest land in the summer of 2000, he added.

"The historical forest is one that would not have burned like they did last year," he said.

Bonnicksen decried policies and individuals that prevent forest floors from being kept clean of the woody debris and said such well-intended ignorance will actually lead as quickly to the loss of forests as clearcutting.

He said the book aims to educate forest lovers about the importance of restoring and sustaining forests, which means having to mimic Native American fires by harvesting and thinning the trees.

Recognizing that more people now inhabit regions adjoining forests, Bonnicksen said, is part of the challenge for forest scientists. But in understanding how ancient forests were sustained, people can learn how to "live and profit while at the same time bringing the forests back to their original beauty."



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SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL while the idea of being able to COLLEGE STATION -Hundreds being laid off, dot. coms declining, businesses going the first year or two while ing under — financial news

Setting up a home business takes pat

these days isn't always very good. Worrying about employment — either getting a job or keeping it — seems to be everybody's nightmare. But if unemployment is a

nightmare, then self-employment is a dream, and for some people, now might be the perfect time to start a home-based business.

Just don't try to fulfill that self-employment dream without doing some homework, warned Dr. Pam Brown, assistant professor and Extension consumer sciences specialist with the Texas Agricultural Ex- such as medical insurance, tension Service. Self-employment also can become a nightinare if not done right.

The potentially self-employed need to keep several said. ideas in mind before launching new careers. First and foremost, know now to do the new job. "You can go into business for yourself, but you need to do something you can be passionate about, and you need to know how to do it well," she said. For example, establishing a catering business requires a real enjoyment of cooking. Then, one needs to make sure one's style of working will translate well to a home-based business. These skills are necessary, according to Brown:

take time off whenever you want to is lovely, it usually isn't practical, especially durthe new business gets established.

Proprietors of home-based businesses also must be selfdisciplined, she said, and have a healthy level of self-respect for themselves and the work they do. "Think of yourself as professional and work accordingly," she said. "And do NOT undercut the value of the skills you offer, whatever the product or service is."

Other factors for the potentially self-employed to consider include:

• There will be no benefits paid vacations or retirement plans, unless the owner establishes them. "Nobody else is going to do it but you," Brown

where that business is conducted.

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"Do all the reading you can (about the business you want to establish)," she advised. "You've got to know your industry. You've got to sell what you plan to sell.

"Read something every day about your industry," Brown said. "Just because you have a home-based business doesn't mean the business is not involve in industry. Don't work in isolation.

The world may "beat a path to your door" to get that better mousetrap, but most other businesses rely on some kind of advertising to let customers know they are open for business.

Some home-based businesses, such as home-based child care, rely on work-ofmouth advertising more than more established methods, Brown said, particularly those facilities located in rural areas.

• Entrepreneurship: "You've got to have the drive, that risktaking attitude."

• Managerial skills: "What do you know about planning, marketing, financing?"

• Technical skills: "This is usually what people are passionate about, such as that love of cooking."

• Support : "How does it fit in with how your family operates, your family management style? Will your family accept" the new business?

Expect to lose any time off, Brown warned, because establishing a home-based business not only is a full-time operation, but it means the proprietor is always at work, even vhen he or she is at home. And

• Networking is vital. "Establish a network you want to be in," she said, with professionals and others whose expertise you value.

• Motivation is also of vital importance. "You need internal motivation to keep you going or it's not going to work," Brown said.

• And, she added, "You have to plan ahead."

Skills, drive, motivation ---all are required for a successful home-based business.

But practical considerations must be met, too, or all the motivation and drive in the world won't be of any help. Ideas are wonderful, but there is no escaping paperwork.

"Outline your idea," Brown said. "Write down on paper 'What's our vision (for the business)? What's its mission?'

"If you need to get capital, a bank or financial institution is not going to talk to you without a written plan."

Business-plan development help is available on-line, Brown said. She recommends the ' website of the Small Business Administration at http:// www.sba.gov/.

Homework doesn't stop when the business opens, she said. Learning the business is an on-going effort, no matter

But that can be an advantage. "A good reputation is the best advertisement," she said.

Operating a home-based business is an ongoing effort. "You've got to maintain good credit; you've got to make a sound plan. You've got to keep creating customer demand."

And remember, be patient. "It takes most businesses about five years before they become profitable," she said.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Brown, along with Glenn Muske, home-based and micro-business specialist with the Oklahoma cooperative Extension, are authors of "Home-based Businesses: Implications for the Rural Economy of the South," an article on homebased business for "The Rural South: Preparing for the Challenges of the 21st Century." Brown also is author of an Extension handbook on "Home Child-Care Business Success," and co-author — along with Greg Clary and Lynn White of "So You Want To Start a Home-Based Business in Texas." The second two publications are available on http:/ /texasserc.tamu.edu/. More information is available on the Family and Consumer website at http://fcs.tamu.edu.



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