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## Page one

A QUICK READ OF THE NEWS
Kentucky Fried doesn't fit have to leave a scenic imperial-era park Beijing, China, when its lease expires in 2002, state media reported Wednesday
The decision comes after complaints that the restaurant has "destroyed the original style of the imperial park" and charges it is "extremely out of harmony with its surroundings."
A parks department spokesman also said that no foreign fast-food outlets will be allowed in Beijing's other imperial parks in the future.
Kentucky Fried Chicken has 36 outlets in Beijing and will continue operating in China. Guatemala flogs for Easter

The annual Guatemala City Easter witch publicly strip down suspected criminals and publicly strip down suspected criminals and beat them, started early this year.
The tradition and its accompanying parade - where about 15,000 mostly male students hit the streets in red and black executioner's hoods, asking for spare change to help finance their procession - began before Holy Week.
In some cases where there was no time for elaborate details, incidents ended with students simply pummeling suspected criminals bloody. Vigilante acts are the norm in Guatemala, where last year saw 108 lynching attempts
Even hookers need permits
of bownds for foreigners living in Germany without a work permit, the Constitutional Court ruled recently.
The high court ruled in a case involving a
22 -year-old Bulgarian woman who was caught working as a prostitute and fined for violating the conditions of her residency. The woman, married to a German, argued that the law is vague on whether the "gainful empioyment" ban includes prostitution.
A lower court disagreed, and the Constitutional Court upheld that decision. Prostitution is legal in Germany.

Drawing date: Wednesday, April 26 Winning numbers: $3-12-13-28-31-44$ Estimated jackpot: $\$ 4$ million
Winners: 2
Next drawing: Saturday, April 29
Estimated jackpot: $\$ 4$ million

On this date in history
April 30 - The Texas steamships Austin and
Wharton life the siege of Campeche. The ensuing battle lasts until May 16, when Mexican steam-ships-of-war begin their retreat (1843). May 1 - U.S. naval forces capture the Texas ship Invincible, accusing it ofhampering commerce (1836). In early Texas history, the Mission
San Antonio de Valero (the Alamo) was founded San Antonio de Valero (the Alamo) was founded
in 1718 .

## LOCAL WEATHER

The forecast calls for partly cloudy conditions through the end of the week. Daytime high temperatures should be in the mid- to upper 70s, while morning lows are expected to be in the mid- to upper 40 s . The chances of precipitation appear slight.

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during business hours, $8: 30 \mathrm{am}-5 \mathrm{pm}$.

## Public hearing airs nursing-home proposal <br> By RONN SMITH

Editor
Nary a discouraging word was heard Thursday night during a public hearing on the proposed new nursing home for Muleshoe. The issue will be on the May 6 ballot (early voting continues through May 2) with voting sites at the Muleshoe school administraton building and at Lazbuddie school. Support from those at the meeting was so obvious that one audiencemember said anyone whodoes oppose the project should go stand oppose the project should go stand
in line for a bathroom at the current facility, and that would quickly convince the naysayer that something needs to be done.
Jim Bone, administrator of Muleshoe Area Medical Center, began the meeting by telling the crowd that the process began with a survey of the public. Results showed that the community felt a new nusring home is needed and that they wanted the hospital district to remain involved with it.
Survey results were split on whether to build a new facility near the old one or select a new site, Bond said, but once the city offered 15 acres at the south side of
City Park, that issue was settled City Park, that issue was settled.
The proposed facility would contain 90 resident beds, as opposed to 54 at the current nursing


Jim Bone of Muleshoe Area Medical Center explains how streets will run around the new nursing home.
home. The higher figure includes a members had been concerned that tients than the current one does, 16-bed special care unit, expected to function mainly as an Alzheimer's unit
The tax issue, which had been a concern of hospital district board members, brought little comment. The concern was based on the fact that the district will have to increase its allowable tax ceiling in order to sell the bonds, and board
members had been concerned th voters might think the actual taxes ere being increased.
Bone told the crowd that all pro jections the board has seen indi cate that the facility will generat enough revenue to pay off th bonds with taxes where they are At current revenue-per-patie levels, that would require the ne facility to house only 12 more pa

Bone said.
In addition to raising the tax ceiling, voters are being asked to approve the sale of $\$ 3.25$ million in bonds to finan
the new facility
administrationan for the scheor that 62 people had already considered a good already vote

## Mule Lot getting deck, gazebo, other amenities

merce and Agriculture's new quarters on the Mule Lot is only a hint of what's to come.
The visitors' center and retail store is the first phase of a project that chamber board members and area business owners hope will re-establish Muleshoe as a commercial hub for other towns in the area

Besides the visitors' center and retail store, the Mule Lot beautification project will feature a 4,000-square-foot deck, a gazebo and first-class landscaping, including flowers, shrubs and shade trees. The area will be available as a site for


An artist's drawing indicates the chamber building (at right) and parking spaces (bottom)
Pete the Mule will continue to play a central role, although he will be moved slightly to better fit the plans.
"Our focus is to continue to improve Muleshoc and its status as a hub for small towns in the area," said Dawn Williams, a member of the four-person committee spearheading the beautification project. "We' re trying to build something that will bring people here, make them stop when they drive through and give them a reason to stay

## Mule track teams competing

 in regional meet at Odessa
## By KEVIN WILSON

## Writer

The Muleshoe track team took with them to this weekend's regional meet nine boys, 10 girls and a goal to have another trip in two weeks. The top two qualifiers ineach event will go on to Austin for the UIL state meet May 12-13. At press time Friday, the teams were at Ratliff Stadium in Odessa for the Region 1-3A meet. Results will be listed in full in the next Muleshoe Jour-

## nal.

For the girls' team, Stacy Locker is looking to add a few more lines to her athletic résumé at Muleshoe. The threetime state qualifier will try to qualify again in three events the 400 , the 800 and the mile relay. The relay team, which
also includes Bobbie Benham, Mindy Locker and Olivia Alcorn, won the district with a time of $4: 10.27$. Muleshoe girls' track coach John Irwin said the girls have posted a time of 4:06, which would destroy competitors Sanford-Fritch (4:21) and Dalhart (4:29.43) JessicaCarpenter will have her work cut out for her as well. Based on previous distances, she ranks third in both the triple jump and the long jump.

Carpenter also will compete in the 400 relay with Kayla Johnson (who also qualified in the triple jump), Jodi Hawkins and Britni Gartin.
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Trees for Arbor Day
Bailey Williams, a student at Lariat's Life in Christ Academy, awaits further instructions on how to plant a tree as Chelsea Bass watches how it's done. The students were visiting Shafer's Nursery as part of their observance of Arbor Day, when Americans are urged to plant trees.

## Around Muleshoe

Library's book sale is this week
Muleshoe Mayor Robert Montgomery has proclaimed May 1-
as Muleshoe Area Public Library Week
The library family of the year will be announced May 3
The special week will feature 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 ritannica set and a 1994 Encyclopedia Americana set.
These items and the books being offered for sale can be seen during library hous, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
larly voting ends May 2
Ealy voing in boun Muleshoe mayor's race and the neshoe Area Hospital District bondelection continues through May 2. Election Day is May 6.
Jood early turnouts have been reported in both elections, with re than 50 voting by Friday in the mayor's race and 62 voting in Muleshoe on the hospital district issue.
Voters within the city will be choosing between businessmen Victor Leal and Wells Hall for the mayoral position. Voting in this race is at city hall.
Mayor Robert Montgomery decided not to seek re-election. Voters in the hospital district (which includes Lazbuddie) will vote on whether or not to sell $\$ 3.25$ million in bonds to build a new nursing home and whether to increase the allowable tax rate fiom 25 cents to 40 cents (not actually raise the rate)
Those who live in an area where a hospital board member is up fir election also will be asked to vote for a board candidate Voting sites will be the Muleshoe school administration office a. d the Lazbuddie school

Business classes to showcase portfolios
Muleshoe High School business and marketing students
11 exhibit their career portfolios to the public from 8:30 a.m.
3 p.m. May 9.
The portfolios provide a record of the individual students'
complishments and can be used for college placement.
olarship 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 project

## 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, orghum, sunflowers and so

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL HAVANA A delegatio of Texas farmers, led by a congressman, ended a three-day visit to Cuba on Wednesday with a call for Congress to lift the embargo on food and medicine sales to the communis island.
"With regard to Cuba, we feel the embargo has failed in spectacular fashion," Donald Patman, president of the Texas Farm Bureau, said at a news conference.
"Texas farmers and ranchers could easily and profitably supply many of the products both used and needed here in Cuba," he said.
Rep. Charles Stenholm of Texas, the ranking Democrat on the House Agriculture Committee, repeated his endorsement of the Ashcrof amendment - a measure in Congress to lift restrictions on food and medical sales to Cuba.
The amendmentalsohas won he supportof Sen. Jesse Helms R-N.C., one of Cuba's fierces critics in the United States. U.S.) farmers and ranchers say that it is time to lift all unilaterally imposed sanctions on food

Writers' sem Guild is sponsoring a semina or writers from 9 a.m. to p.m. July 22 at Celebration
520 Ash St. in Plainview Speakers will Robinson Masters of Plainview and Nancy Kastman Scott of Lubbock. Cost with a reserv ion is $\$ 35$; without $\$ 45$
Masters, an award-winning "Writing Your Roots for Fun and Profit," and she also will cover what she considers the iders the

## CHAMBER

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Sponsorshops of \$25 to \$2,500 are being sought for the project. Planks in the deck will be sold for $\$ 25$, providing the ability for a large number of people to be able to participate and be recognized for their contributions to the project. Flowerbeds and trees are available for sponsorships as well. One area man has chosen to sponsor a large evergreen tree, which will become the city's permanent Christmas tree
The VFW and its Ladies' Auxilary have committed both time and funds to the project. The group will move the flagpole to its new location and sponsora flowerbed around the pole.
The VFW members hope their involvement will encourage other civic groups and organizations to get behind the project, which is expected to cost about $\$ 24,000$ in both cash and in-kind donations.

More information on the project is available by contacting Williams at 272-6853 or Lavon Hunt at 272-7504; donations also may be made through them. Also available for information are committee members David Tipps and Wade King.

## TRACK

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Gartin will also compete in the 100 and the high jump where she will be joined by Megan Tipps.

Eva Pylant rounds out the girls' teamwith appearances in the 100 hurdles and the 300 hurdles.

On the boys' side, the pole vault title is up for grabs and Muleshoe has two competitors Brandon Broyles and Jeff King tied for first in the distric with a height of 13 ' and will try to make it an all-Muleshoe squad in the state meet. Danny Ramirez will leam

## $V$ $O$ T E <br> VICTOR LEAL FOR MAYOR <br> Served Muleshoe Area Hospital District 6 year eryily Burin 7 Service Center 3 years Muleshoe Graduate 1980

Mules to the regionals in three different events. Ramírez won the long jump and the high jump in district and took sec ond place in the 300 hurdles Kyle Atwood will be in two events for the Mules. He won the 800 at district with a time of : 59.57 and also will be on the milerelay team. His relayteam mile relay team. His relay team mates are Chris Barrera, Jes Tobar and José Alarcón
Alarcón also will represent Muleshoe in the 400 , while A.J. Flores will compete in the triple iump and Clint Black will be running the 100 hurdles.

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## Farmers want Cuba embargo lifted

and medicine," Stenholm said. "It is in the interest of American farmers and the consumers of the world, including Cuba, that we do not use food for any other purpose other than feeding people, and the same goes for medicine," he said.
While Stenholm said he did not think the issue should be linked with the case of Elian linked with the case of Elian ment between U.S. and Cuban governments that the Cuban boy belongs with his father had helped conditions for talks.
"The atmosphere in both of our countries is very good now for conducting these discussions," Stenholm said.
He estimated that U.S. food
sales to Cuba could reach $\$ 1$ sales to Cuba could reach \$1 billion a year.
U.S. suppliers would have an advantage over Europeans currently supplying the Cuban market because of lower trans portation costs, he said. But other aspects of the U.S. em bargo on Cuba block official
export credits, complicating any sales.
An increasing number U.S. delegations have visite U.S. delegations have visited
Cuba since the start of last year,
hen the Clinton administra tion modified restrictions on Cuba to encourage more direct ontacts between the two coun

After leading a delegation of Massachusetts scholars to the country last week, Democratic Reps. James McGovern and Jo seph Moakley urged President Clinton to ease the embargo and said the president himself should lead a delegation to

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High school and junior high students selected as students of the month at Lazbuddie include (from left) Taryn Bennett, Tobin Redwine, Casey Divin and Kati Mimms.

## Lazbuddie honors four students

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL Lazbuddie High School's
students of the month for March are Tobin Redwine, son of Bobby and Debra Redwine, and Kati Mimms, daughter of Clay and Reta Mimms.
Redwine, 15 , is the grandson of A.E. and Mildred Redwine and Jeter and Lilith Garner. An Aries born April 3, he wants to graduate and go to

His favorite book is Dr. Seuss' Green Eggs and Ham and he alsoenjoys Scooby Doo ce cream, raw oysters, Luck His pet Bubeve icicious gum. Hisperpeoveis her people and he likes Lazbuddie school because of its size
Mimms, the granddaughter of Pete and Bobbye Mimms and W.T. and Max Settle, is 16

Her goals include graduating,going to college and getting a good job. Her favorite book is Little Women. She also likes Julia Robers, M\&Ms, chicken Her pet peeve is people who act just like other people in order to be "cool," and she likes it that everybody in Lazbuddie Lazbuddie dents of the month are Casey Divin and Taryn Burnett.
Divin is the 13 -year-old son
of Richard and Leslie Powers and the grandson of Joe and Yolanda Carvajal.
He was born a Libra on Oct. 13. His favorite book is the Bible, and he also likes Chris Tucker, cookies and milk, chili dogs, Levi's and Winterfresh

His favorite thing about Lazbuddie is sports, and he hates it when people ask him if

## has any money.

Bennett, 13 , is the daughter of Bart and Betsy Burnett and the granddaughter of Orville and Darlena Burnett and Delbert and Annette Black. Born a Capricorn on Dec. 27 , she "intends to do her bes in everyming in schoo.. Sh Her favorite book is In Too Deep, and she likes Robin Williams, nachos and Coke, hot pockets, London and Arizona jeans, and Big Red and Ice breakers gum.
call her name and then pretend they didn't say anything. Her favorite thing about Lazbuddie

UURSING HOME NEWS

Thursday morning, David McIntire, Glenda Jennings and
Zona Gatewood directed a speZona Gatewood directed a special Easter service
Thursday afternoon, women from the 16th and Avenue D Church of Christ baked pies for the residents. June Conway and Patricea Wilson (members of the church) served the pies and visited with residents.
Friday afternoon, the re dents were given an Easter party. Pat Watson entertained on the piano and vocally. Volunteers Plus hosted the party along with the activity department staff. The residents' grandchildren hunted Easter eggs as residents looked on. The residents' family members also helped serve the refreshments.
Sunday afternoon, members of the Progress Baptist Church ame for church services.

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Tuesday afternoon, Pat
Watson, Beverly Jo Burge, Lanell Stancell, Dorothy Turner and Claudine Embry came to shampoo and set the ladies' hair and give some T.L.C
OnTuesday, Pat Watson gave
a special piano concert for Katherine Rogers and Dovie Matthews after the beauty shop. Several residents gathered around the piano to listen and join in the singing
Jean Richards set up an absentee voting station in the center's day room Tuesday. This allowed the residents an opportunity to vote in the upcoming hospital district and mayoral elections.
Jae Embry,Elsie Damron and Velta Fyie were among those who came to visit the residents Tuesday.

Among those visiting
Kathryn Hancock recently wer Lynn Roberts of Farwell and her daughter, Janie Mosley Elzie Darland was visited by her daughter, Bea.
T.J.'s Do-nuts made and de livered Easter suckers for the residents Friday.
Thursday afternoon, Jeff Peeler's family hosted the April birthday party. J.C. and Curtis Snitkerentertained. Decorator Floral gave each resident a cor sage or boutonniere. Lasting mpressions presented each birthday recipient a Ty Beanie Baby. Residents being honored were Kenneth Martin (4/2l 1915), Minnie Underdówn (4 9/1906), Guy Kendall (4/14 1919), Sim Clark (4/16/1916), Pearlie Helmer (4/17/1905), Elzie Darland (4/24/1907) and Jeff Peeler (4/26/1912)

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## BITUARIES

WELDON 'B' MERRITT Services were held Thursday Morton for Weldon "B"M Morton for Wellon B Merrit , the Revs. Dany Bark nd and Dan Carter officiated. Burial was in Morton Memorial Cem ,
Ellis Funeral Homes handled arrangements.
Mr. Merritt was born March
1929, at Flomot, Texas. H
died April 25 at Covenant Medi-
cal Center-Lakeside
Lubbock.
He moved to Morton from Flomot in 1946 and married Glynna Kennedy in Morton o

He , his father and his olde brother owned the Mobil dis ributorship and the Red Horse service station in Morton. He began farming full-time in 1967 and in 1971 was named one of the outstanding farmers America. His family wa Cochran County's farm family the year in 1977 .
He also served on the Morton
City Council in 1960
He was a member of the Firs United Methodist Church Morton, the Cochran County Farm Bureau and the America
Quarter Horse Association
He attended West Texas State University in Canyon and was a U.S. Army veteran of the Ko ean War.
Mr. Merritt is survived by his wife; two sons and daughters in-law, Monty and Susan Merritt and Donnie and De'Shanne Merritt, all of Morton; two brothers, J.D. "Dake" Merrittof Morton and Ervin Merritt of Granbury, Texas;six grandsons Dustin, Russell, Shawn, Colton, Chase and Crey Merritt; and granddaughter, Macie Merritt. The family suggests memo rials to the Cochran County uni of the American Cancer Soci-
ety or to the First Baptist Church 202 S.E. First, Morton 79346) LOU' MERRITT the First Baptist Church Earth for Lucille "Lo Campbell, 93, of Earth. The Revs. Bobby Broyles and Steve McElroy officiated Burial was McElroy officiated. Burial wa 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.


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She was a life member of the Order of Eastern Star and belonged to both the Earth and Olton lodges. She alsn 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 grandchildren; and seven great grandchildren.
She also was preceded death by a grandson. Ricky

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Memorial tree planted
coleen Kent Kindred of Amarillo stands next to a tree planted Thursday at the Muleshoe Heritage Center in honor of her grandparents, the late Jesse and Etter Janes, who ame to Bailey County inthe early 1930s. The tree was donated by the Janes grandchildren from Arizona, Califoria, Oregon, Montana and Texas; Kindred was the only one of the 18 surviving grandchildren who was present for the planting, but she was accompanied by cousins from the plantin
area.

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## Brown-Finke

Mr. and Mrs. James L. Brown of Muleshoe announce the engagement of their daughter, Jana Dianne, to Scott Allen Finke, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard F. Finke of Spring. Texas. The bride-elect graduated from Texas Tech University and is teaching fourth grade at Winship Flementary School in Spring. The prospective groom received a bachelor of business administration from Texas A\&M University and is a coordination manager for the Houston Downtown Management District. A July wedding date is planned in Lubbock.

## Tools for sewing with Ultrasuede

## SPECIALTOTHE JOURNAL <br> vents on the sole plate of the

 Working with Ultrasuede can be much easier if certain special tools and practices are used.Pattern weights may be used to hold pattern pieces in place. Large washers, purchased inexpensively at a hardware store, serve perfectly well for this purpose. Very fine glassheaded pins are acceptable, especially for smaller pieces and around curves.
The best marking tool is a soap sliver. When a bar of Ivory soap becomes too small and thin to use in the bathroom, it is the perfect size to

## Please use it sparingly, ho

 ver. To mark large arrows indicating directions of nap on white or ivory Ultrasuede or Facile, a piece of masking tape might be safer than any type of marking pen. Stick it to the wrong side and draw an arrow with the tape.A rotary cutter is the best cutting tool for straight edges for lapped seams and for raw edges on hems and facings. For most cutting, Ginghers, Marks or other quality scissors are ideal.
The best interfacing is a light- to medium-weight fusible one. When using rawedges construction, trim so ing is $1 / 8$ inch to $1 / 4$ inch inside the

Use an iron safe on the bottom of the iron to minimiz on the fabric from the steam
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$\frac{\text { CHOOL MENU }}{\text { LAZBUDDIE }}$ May 1
Lunch - Steak patties, pizza, subs, mashed potatoes
carrots, asparagus, fruit, salad, Jell-O and milk.

## May 2

Lunch - Chicken pot pie, Burritos (PK-1), tuna, okra gumbo, green beans, sweet
potatoes, fruit, salad, Jell-O and milk.

Lunch May 3 (schoolwide), beans, rice, fruit salad, Jell-O and milk.

May 4
Lunch - Turkey fries pizza, iorn spinach, fruit salad, Jell-O and milk. May 5
Lunch - Manager's spe Lun cin

## CCC holds CDL registration

Registration for the next com-
mercial driver's license training mercial diver's license training College begins May 8
Early registration isencouraged in order
class.
The 10 -week course is held Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Mountain time)
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Use a clothes brush to re
store the nap of Ultrasuede itispressed flat.Astiff-bristled ooth brush or suede brush can be used to fill in the hole which may remain after rip ping.
The best threads are Metrosene, Molnycke, I.\&P. Coats Dual Duty Plus, while the best needles are 70 or 80 universal Schmetz or Stolberg. Size 11 or 14 Singe yellow band needles are pre ferred for Singer machines. Paper clips are the best tool for holding the facing to the jacket in preparation for raw edge finishing. The facing and acket are placed with wrong sides together and paper clips are placedevery 3 or 4 inches. It's quicker, safer and more effective to use paper clips than pins.
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## Wheat farmers scrambling to offset drought losses <br> SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

COLLEGE STATION -Drought-caused declines in wheat production are forcing Texas farmers to find alternative uses for wheat fields, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service reports.
In the Panhandle, wheat is described as very poor to good, with the poorest dryland wheat
Wheat yield expected to drop again SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL AUSTIN - Texas wheat million bushects this year percent less than the 1999 crop and 45 percent less than the 1998 crop.
According to an April 1 survey conducted by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, planted acreage for the 2000 crop is estimated at 6 million acres, down 3 percent from 1999 and down 2 percent from 1998.

Production on the northern High Plains is expected to total 34 million bushels, down 48 percent from a year ago.
Though recent rains brought precipitation totals in this region above normal for the past three months, it was too little and too late for most wheat farmers.
Producers in the Texas Blacklands expect to harvest 23 million bushels, up 20 percent from last year. Planted acres for the region were up 4 percent from the previous year at 850 acres. Moisture conditions are good in this region, and fields have made good progress.
Statewide, the condition of winter wheat around April 1 was rated at 37 percent of normal, compared with 69 percent last year.
Texas is the only state that makes an April 1 winter-wheat production estimate. The first national wheat forecast will be released May 12

## PUBLIC RECORD

MULESHOE POLICE
April 22
Serafín Ramírez, 25, possession of a controlled substance, penalty grade

April 23
Frank Arzola, 21, public in toxication.
April 24
Angelo Vega, 29, assault family violence.

Miranda Wildman, 26, assault - family violence. SHERIFF'S OFFICE

April 14
Juan Peña Garza, 28, warrant for forgery, motion to re-

April 18
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April 22
David Lance Payton, 33, DWI (first).

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José Vásquez Reyes, 21 DWI (second).
Steven Dewayne Stiles, 29 felony DWI, driving while license suspended - safety responsibility

South Piains dryland wheat is mostly being grazed, while irrigated acreage is in fair condition.
Extension economist José Peña of Uvalde said Texas wheat production is down 30 percent from last year. Peña said most of the wheat did not come up or was never planted, due to this year's drought.
"When the farmers saw that he wheat crop was doubtfu, diversified to other crops like corn and sorghum," he said. Peña said Southwest Texas has been hit the hardest by the drought, with a decrease in wheat production of 60 per-

Extension agronomist Dr. Texas will not affect prices in plowed at this time,"

Travis Miller of College Station said 92 percent of the Texas wheat crop has been rated poor to fair for the last couple of months. Miller said producers with cattle have reduced losses from wheat by grazing their fields or baling the wheat for


Miller said this year's drought, greenbug infestations and a fungal disease called stripe rust have contributed to the decrease in wheat produc
tion.
Stripe rust has been a problem where March and April temperatures were cooler than verage
the wheat market because Texas contributes a small amount of the country's total supply.
District Extension director Galen Chandler of Vernon said 1 inch of rain was recorded recently on the Rolling Plains "Ranges and pastures are responding to the moisture," he
said. "While many stock-tank said. "While many stock-tank levels have improved, some areas still need additional runoff to fill tanks."
Chandler said the wheat crop in his region remains in fair ondition.
"Many acres are being ei-

## her grazed out or cut down

Chandler said field prepara-
tions are continuing at a fast pace.
Cotton producers are applying herbicides and making final tillage passes prior to planting," he said. "Many acres
of Haygrazer and sorghum
have already been planted."
District Extension director
Charles Neeb of Fort Stockton
said livestock and pastures are suffering from drought conditions in Far West Texas.
"Forage supplies are very limited," he said. "Most cattle
are being culled and sold," Neeb said land for cotton is being prepared and pre-irribeing pr
gated.
plant," he said.
Neeb added that irrigated grains are in fair condition, but dryland crops continue to decline.
"Most of the dryland wheat is being grazed or plowed un-

Panhandle soil moisture ery short. Corn stands ar 5 poor to excellent, with 5 percent planted. Cattle are doing well; supplemental feeding continues at a reduce On the South Plains, soi moisture is short to adequate Pre-plant irrigation continues corn, cotton and peanut plan

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Celebrity superkids
Magann Rennels interviews Dillman Elementary School's superkids for April. From the left are Alexis Rodríguez, Baylee Bessire, Colton Hill, Manuel Quesada, Rennels, Alyssa Martínez, Amanda Rainey, Erik Avila and Christopher Ortega

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"Seeing Red" on Masterpiece Theatre will be broadcast Sunda
NOVA "Stationed in the Stars" In December 1998, American and Russian hardware joined in space
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of support trusses, solar panels, and crew modules housing six astronauts or support trusses, solar panels, and crew modules housing six astronauts an area equal to two football fields, it will be the largest object eve assembled in orbit. It will also be one of the brightest objects in the nigh sky, surpassed only by the moon and Venus.
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Girls' varsity tennis team
Members of the 2000 Lady Mules varsity tennis team, which finished as district runner-up, include (from left) Michelle Martínez, Megan Barrett, Christi Adrian, Britni Gartin, Megan Tipps, Gradee Adrian, Laura Wood, Bobbie Benham and Jam Wedel.


Boys' varsity tennis team
The Mules boys' varsity tennis team - district champions for 2000 -includes (left to right) Matt Luna, Chris Vaughn, Brandon Mount, Jeff Bruns, Jason Riggs, Delwyn Latham, Josh Hall and Eric Posadas.

## Enzyme studies target neurological diseases <br> SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

COLLEGESTATION-As
an aspirin speeds through the body to inhibit fever, research is finding how other compounds might treat neurologi infants and Parkinson's disease in adults, a scientist at Texas A\&M University says. "The modern approach is to determine the structure of pro teins so you can see what wil inhibit them, then determine the chemical reaction that al lows you to design inhibitors, said Dr. Paul Fitzpatrick, Texa Agricultural Experiment Sta
tion biochemist
Aspirin, originally derived from willow bark, is known to have been used in the fifth century by Hippocrates toease
aches and pains. But forcenturies, even after aspirin became commercially successful in the 20th century, the fact that it works by inhibiting enzymes was not known, according to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.
Just as aspirin's mechanism of action finally became un derstood, Fitzpatrick explained, researchers now are trying to more fully understand a host of enzymes responsible forcertain disorders. Butrather than try willow bark powder so to speak, in an attempt to find cures, scientists are exploring enzymes at their molecular level and then looking for chemicals that will inhibit the undesired traits.
For Fitzpatrick, research centers around three enzymes that are closely related by evo lution: phenylalanine hydroxy
linked to phenylketonuria, or PKU, a disease that causes a form of mental retardation if
not detected early in newborns; tyrosine hydroxylase, which is in the adrenal gland and makes adrenaline; and ryptopham hydroxylase, which is in the liver and makes the serotonin that is involved


Since liver and adrenal gland tissues are not easy to come by, Fitzpatrick said, his labengineered bacter
"All multicellular organisms
have these three enzymes. We
looking at them in detail from the fruit fly to humans to bacteria - to understand the molecular basis for the differences," Fitzpatrick said. "Once we can see what inhibits them, we can determine the chemical reaction that will allow pharmaceutical companies to design drugs for that condition."

In the case of PKU, infants and children who have this inherited condition must limit all protein foods such as meat, eggs, fish, milk and cheese, and to a lesser extent cereals, vegetables and fruits that contain the amino acid phenylalanine, according to a March of Dimes Public Health Education information sheet. Fitzpatrick suggested that if a drug could be developed to stabilize the enzyme, thus reversing the effect, those with this condition would be able to eat anything without fear of massive, irreversible mental

## Other drugs possibly will be

 eloped, Fitzpatrick said, 10 regulate the enzyme that pertains to Parkinson's sdisease and perhaps the enzyme associated with hormone imbalance that is suspected in schizophrenia. "There is not much known about the hydroxylases, and this is not a crowded field of research," Fitzpatrick said. "But it's physiologically important and could make a bigdifference for people with theso disorders.'

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