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A QUICK READ OF THE NEWS

### Funniest criminal videos

The video of a burglar's botched attempt to break into an ATM machine appears destined for a criminal bloopers show.

Police say the suspect first broke into a Framingham, Mass., convenience store, then returned to his truck and let the door close behind him.

He forced his way in a second time. Back inside, he pushed and pulled on the cash machine — to no avail.

Then he got back in his truck and rammmed the store and the ATM. Still no luck. He eventually threw up his arms and walked out empty-handed, leaving police with a security tape.

### Truly a minor offense

Marcos Vargas of Frederick, Md., can barely walk, but he's already in trouble with the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration.

A letter was mailed to Marcos shortly after his first birthday Sept. 10, notifying him that his failure to appear in traffic court could result in suspension of his license unless he paid a \$340 fine.

The boy's father took his son to the administration office to set the matter straight.

Marcos' parents had obtained a state identification card for him. When a man cited for driving without a license gave the name Marcos Vargas to police, police ran a check and retrieved the infant's state ID information, an MVA official said.

The official also said, however, that the mistake would be corrected.



**Drawing date:** Wednesday, Oct. 11  
**Winning numbers:** 2-4-14-38-42-46  
**Estimated jackpot:** \$4 million  
**Winners:** 0  
**Next drawing:** Saturday, Oct. 14  
**Estimated jackpot:** \$6 million

**Oct. 15** — The first vice presidential debate is broadcast from the Alley Theatre in Houston (1976). Walter Mondale and Robert Dole participated.

**Oct. 16** — Consultations at San Felipe de Austin resulted in the formation of a provisional Texas government with Henry Smith elected governor by the delegates (1835).

**Oct. 17** — Consultations result in a Ranger Force to patrol the Texas frontier (1835).

### LOCAL WEATHER

Scattered showers will be possible Sunday and Monday. Daytime highs should be near 70 through Thursday, with the exception of about 66 on Monday. Morning lows should range from about 35 to about 37. After Monday, expect partly cloudy conditions to hang on through the week but with reduced chances for precipitation.

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## Another \$1.6 billion headed to farmers

**SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL**  
WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressional action last week on the agricultural appropriations bill could result in more federal aid for farmers as well as livestock and dairy producers who have suffered another year of weather-related and financial losses.

Provisions include limiting the \$150,000 on Loan Deficiency Payments for this crop year and the

first move toward re-opening agricultural trade with Cuba.

Producers suffering a series of harvest losses due to weather extremes will be able to draw upon funding that provides upwards of \$1.6 billion for crops — beyond the USDA's recent \$1.3 billion estimate.

"There is ample funding for the secretary of agriculture to take into account the full load of weather

and financial burdens weighing heavily against the producer," House Agriculture Committee Chairman Larry Combest said.

In May, the Clinton administration had suggested a temporary assistance plan with a payment limitation that would have excluded several thousand producers under a form of means-testing. Combest convened a series of committee meetings to hear farmers' reactions.

### Muleshoe 21, Lubbock Cooper 14

The story of the Mules' victory over the Pirates, which nearly turned into a heart-stopper toward the end, will appear in Thursday's edition of the *Journal*.

The Mules outgained the Pirates 372 yards to 238 (unofficially) and led 21-0 going into the fourth quarter.

## Seniors plan to help with plank sales

**JOURNAL STAFF REPORT**  
Members of the Muleshoe senior class will be out Sunday afternoon to sell residents on helping with the chamber of commerce beautification of the Mule Lot.

Specifically, the students will be asking citizens to sponsor one of the individual planks in the project's decking. At the same time, residents will be helping the seniors raise funds for Project Graduation, to provide the students a safe and alcohol-free night.

The planks cost \$25 apiece, and residents can specify a name to be burned into each plank for permanent display. Students will be working on the sales from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Dawn Williams and Lavon Hunt, who have spearheaded the beautification project, expressed concern Thursday that residents may think the project is complete when there are years of work still ahead.

They expressed hope that sponsors will yet combine forces to jointly sponsor some of the remaining elements: two large bur oak trees (\$750 each), a bench around one of those trees (\$500), a large redwood plant container (\$300), restoration of the north-side windbreak (\$400), west-side windbreak trees (\$650), and three flower pots to go under the gazebo (\$300 each).

Anyone wanting to participate but unable to do so Sunday may call Williams at 272-6853 or Hunt at 272-7504.

## Cross country teams do well at Friona meet

**JOURNAL STAFF REPORT**

Muleshoe cross country teams had a cold run in Friona on Saturday, but the junior varsity girls won their division, varsity girls were second and varsity boys were third.

The JV girls had five runners among the top 10 medalists — Jodi Hawkins in second, Megan Barrett in third, Marlie Black in fifth, Sara Benham in seventh and Keri Copley in 10th.

The varsity girls also had two medalists, Mindy Locker in 18th place and Eva Pylant in 20th place.

Other finishers were Lilia Flores, 22nd; Jessica Carpenter, 26th; Kayla Glover, 30th; Megan Beard, 33rd; and Annie Cox, 46th.

Kyle Atwood (in fourth place) led the varsity boys.

Others were A.J. Flores, 44th; Jerrell Otwell, 49th; Matt López, 52nd; Juan Olguín, 54th; Chris Peña, 55th; and Dan Williams, 58th.

Strong finishers for the JV boys were Eric Villa, 14th, and Monce Meléndez, 16th.



Journal photo: Beatrice Morin

### Getting there

Jerry Bruton of Wilson Drilling Co. makes progress on construction of the long-delayed new nursing home for Muleshoe. Work is under way on a site next to the City Park, with a view of Muleshoe in the background.

## Rasco urges emergency preparedness steps

**By RONN SMITH  
Editor**

Larry Rasco, the city and county emergency services director, has asked county commissioners to take several steps toward effectively dealing with local disasters when they strike.

In the aftermath of the Sept. 19 grass fire off Texas 214 and Farm-to-Market 746 East, the commissioners court agreed Monday to check into the cost of equipping the county's road maintainers with radios to allow them to communicate with emergency crews as well as commissioners.

At the recent grass fire, Rasco said he could tell that Commissioner Jerry Damron was "very concerned" about the location and safety of his maintainer and driver, who were

helping fight "right on the fire line."

Commissioner Joey Kindel said his precinct's maintainer operators mostly live in Morton, and by the time they could get a maintainer to an emergency scene, it would often be too late.

"It might be more of a hassle to yall, but from an emergency standpoint, it would sure be helpful," Rasco said.

County Judge Marilyn Cox, who has repeatedly praised Rasco's work publicly, expressed gratitude to him for rewriting the county's emergency plan. Copies of the reworked document are now in circulation and due back to Rasco by Nov. 15 with suggested changes, if any.

"This is the best work that's been done on this in 10 years," Cox said. He said he had spoken with Mike

DeLoach, the Lamb County emergency coordinator, about presenting some schooling in Bailey County, but dates have not been set.

Rasco also got county approval for the appointment of five people to an emergency response team, charged with such duties as opening the emergency shelters (at the Muleshoe Public Library and First United Methodist Church) and getting things "squared away" in the event of an emergency.

He said a situation arose a few years ago where no one could get the library shelter opened because they couldn't find a current key.

He also convinced commissioners to consider (along with the city, if city council members agree) to equip

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Journal photo: Beatrice Morin

### The pumpkin brigade

Loading potential jack-o'-lanterns on the Buck Campbell farm near Progress are Lino Flores (left) and Bobby Flores. Pumpkins have emerged in recent years as one of the most reliably profitable crops for area farmers.

## AROUND MULESHOE

### Noah's Ark Fling scheduled

New Covenant Church's third annual Noah's Ark Fling is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Oct. 31 at the Bailey County Coliseum.

There will be games and refreshments for the whole family. There is no admission charge, but attendees are asked to bring at least one can of food to be donated to the Bailey County Food Bank.

More information is available by calling 965-2787.

### Trinity sets women's conference

A two-day conference on the topic of "Beauty for Ashes" has been scheduled for Oct. 20-21 at Trinity Christian Center Church in Muleshoe.

The fee is \$25 per person for both days or \$15 for either day.

Both days will feature Rita Kay Isaacs, an image consultant from Milano, Texas.

Registration or more information can be obtained by calling 272-3877.

### Chamber's costume contest planned

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce has scheduled its Halloween costume contest for 5:30 p.m. Oct. 31.

Prizes will be awarded to winners in the following age categories: zero to 4, 5 to 8 and 9 to 12.

There will be candy for all costumed trick or treaters. The event is billed as "Muleshoe's official trick or treat night."

Safety Glow necklaces will be sold.

Further details will be announced.

### DECA students to offer face-painting

Muleshoe High School DECA students will be at De Shazo and Dillman elementary schools Oct. 20 and Nov. 10 to paint the faces of any student who has returned the parental permission form. The offer may be repeated for playoff games.

The painting will depict the Muleshoe Mules logo in black and white.

A \$2 donation is requested for the face painting, but no child will be left out if the consent form has been filled out and returned.

The funds raised through the "Paint Us Winners" project will help pay for DECA students to attend district, state and national competitions.

### 'A Night With the Arts' scheduled

Muleshoe High School and Watson Junior High School choirs and the high school drama department will combine their talents to present "A Night With the Arts" beginning at 7 p.m. Oct. 16.

Admission to the performance, which will be in the high school auditorium, will be \$2 for adults and \$1 for students.

### Correction

A wedding announcement on Page 6 of the Oct. 5 issue of the *Journal* should have stated that Michael Anthony Soto, the fiancé of Stephanie Sexton, is from Meadow, not Muleshoe.

The *Journal* regrets the error.

### Public calendar

**Oct. 16** — 3 p.m. Muleshoe School Board members will conduct a team-building and goal-setting session, in the administration building at 514 W. Avenue G.

7:30 p.m. — Muleshoe Athletic Booster Club, in the high school science room.

**Oct. 17** — 8:30 a.m. Muleshoe City Council, in council chambers at city hall.

10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Financial seminars for senior citizens (nothing will be sold), at the Bailey County Coliseum.

7:30 p.m. — Muleshoe Rebekah Lodge, 308 W. Second St.

### Fire Safety Week observed

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Larry Lucas of the Texas Forest Service was in Muleshoe last week to promote Fire Safety Week.

County Judge Marilyn Cox earlier signed a proclamation designating the week in Bailey County.

Cooler temperatures across the region have lessened the fire danger to a small degree, but the extremely dry condition of grass and brush keep the situation "ripe for disaster."

Dry-season tips from the Texas Forest Service include:

- Postpone all outdoor burning until significant rainfall is received;

- Avoid parking or driving in tall grass — vehicles' catalytic converters can start fires;
- Use a propane stove instead of a campfire when camping;

- Never set chainsaws or other small engines with hot mufflers in dry grass or leaves;
- Smoke only in safe areas, and use an ashtray; and
- When welding, wet down the work area and have a fire extinguisher handy.

When on hunting trips, check

with local authorities about burning bans before starting any type of fire.

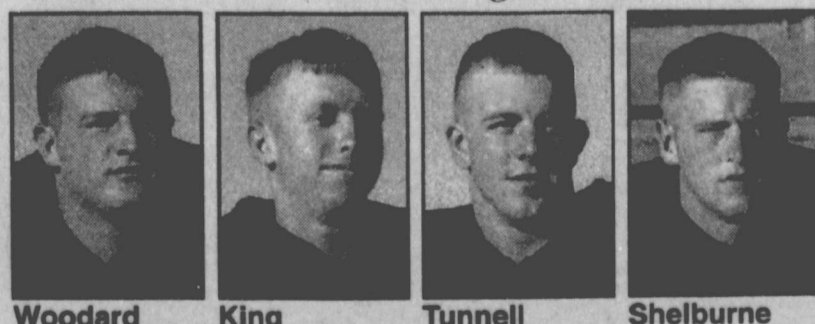
Remember that Bailey County requires notification of either the sheriff's office or the Muleshoe Police Department before beginning any outdoor fire that is not containerized.

Residents are advised to mow lawns closely for the winter and keep and clear excess brush within 30 feet of the house.

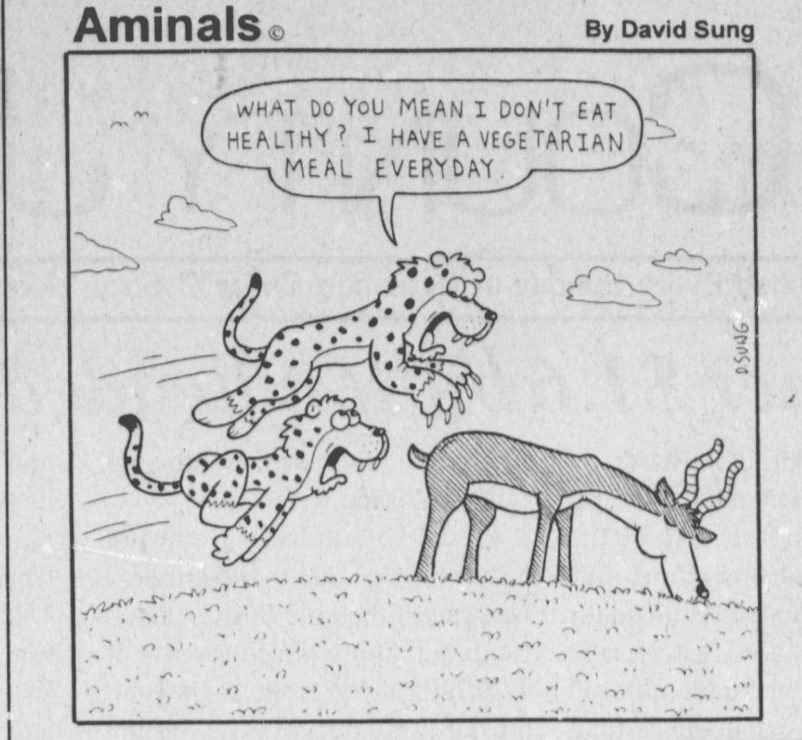
Recent wildfires that burned several hundred acres in Bailey County and 1,500 acres in Castro County should serve as a warning.

### Mules football honors

Oct. 6 Seminole game



Honored by the Athletic Booster Club were (from left) Stephen Woodard as player of the week, Jeff King who took the Slobberknocker Award, Travis Tunnell with the defensive award and Jeff Shelburne with the offensive award.



### Muleshoe JV blanks Seminole

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

A.J. Flores contributed two touchdowns as the Muleshoe junior varsity blanked Seminole 22-0 Oct. 5.

Flores' opening touchdown — called back because of a clipping penalty — was a 70-yard pass reception from Brennan Broyles.

His scores that made it to the board came on a 1-yard run in the second quarter and a 14-yard run in the fourth. Brandon Broyles contributed the third touchdown with a 1-yard second-quarter plunge.

Flores also added two points on a Brennan Broyles pass after his second-quarter TD.

### Oilseeds program sign up to start Monday

U.S. Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman announced last week that sign up for the 2000 Oilseeds Program will begin Oct. 16.

Under the program, \$500 million in payments will be made available to producers.

"This assistance is greatly needed for the more than 600,000 oilseed producers who are continuing to receive low market prices for their oilseed crops," Glickman said.

Eligible oilseeds are canola, crambe, flaxseed, mustard, rapeseed, safflower, sesame, soybeans and sunflower.

Payments will generally be based on the higher of the producer's 1997, '98 or '99 acreage and yield for each.

Projected payment rates are

Monce Meléndez added the two-point conversion (also on a pass reception) after the fourth-quarter touchdown. The run failed after the Mules other touchdown that counted.

The Mules had a fifth touchdown that was also disallowed. Fabian Fabela scampered 20 yards to score in the fourth quarter, but it was nullified because of a holding penalty.

Flores was Muleshoe's leading ground gainer, with 122 yards on 21 carries. Tad Lutz contributed 94 yards on 11 carries.

The top tackler was Joel Cowart, with five solos and two assists.

canola and crambe, \$0.2526 per hundredweight; flaxseed, \$0.124 per bushel; mustard, \$0.3222 per hundredweight; rapeseed, \$0.2742 per hundredweight; safflower, \$0.3414 per hundredweight; sesame, \$0.5794 per hundredweight; soybeans, \$0.14 per bushel; and sunflower, \$0.2603 per hundredweight.

### EMERGENCY

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one of two old ambulances as an emergency command post and the other as a supply store.

Both vehicles could be used by either emergency or law enforcement personnel in the field.

While Rasco said he would prefer that the city-county emergency operating center be set up at the proposed new jail south of town, he agreed that the basement of the current sheriff's department would serve the purpose well.

The center would take up "most" of the basement, he said.

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- 8:00 pm Festival Closes for the day

**SATURDAY, October 21**

- 9:00 am Health Fair begins (College of Business)
- 10:00 am Festival opens to the PUBLIC — Peanut Valley Festival Carnival begins
- 11:00 am Lindsey Eagle Honor Choir
- \*\*12:30 pm Shana Banana performs for the kids (CUB Ballroom)
- 2:00 pm Comedy-Juggler, Bill Fry performs (CUB Ballroom)
- 4:00 pm Na-Ta-Raja Dancers perform (CUB Ballroom)
- 4:30 pm Health Fair closes
- 7:00 pm Festival closes for the day

**SUNDAY, October 22**

- 11:00 am Festival opens to the PUBLIC
- 1:00 pm Peanut Valley Festival Talent Show begins (CUB Ballroom)
- 3:00 pm Various local talent performs
- 4:00 pm FESTIVAL ENDS!

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# Charla Holt, Todd Cogdill married in Lubbock ceremony

CharlaD' Ann Holt and Todd Cogdill were married Sept. 16 in the Cotton Room at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Towers in Lubbock.

The service was performed by the bride's uncle, Jim Long.

Music was provided by harpist Donna Ham of Lubbock.

The bride wore a princess-style gown, designed and made by her mother, of ivory candle-light satin. The dress featured short sleeves, with six rows of pearls at the edge of the sleeve and six rows of pearls at the sweetheart neckline.

A large double bow encrusted with pearls was at the base of the back neckline and extended to the bottom of the skirt. The veil was ivory with pearls along the edges and was held in place by a pearl tiara borrowed from Gayla Toombs.

The maid of honor was Melissa Toombs of Lubbock, a lifelong friend of the bride.

Bridesmaids were Christy Kendall of Lubbock, the bride's sister, and DeeDee Davis of Seminole, a friend of the bride. They wore gowns of ivory and hunter green satin with pearls at the empire bodice and bows



Mr. and Mrs. Todd Cogdill

at the base of the neckline.

The flower girl was Chelsea Moore, a friend of the bride. She wore a hunter green dress, also with ivory pearls at the empire waistline and a bow at

the back of the neckline.

The best man was Brandon King of Lubbock, a friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Michael Kendall of Lubbock, the bride's brother-in-law, and

Eric Stephen of Dallas, the bride's cousin.

The ringbearer was Blaine Davis of Seminole, a friend of the bride.

The groomsmen wore black tuxedos with hunter green vests and ties. The groom wore a black tuxedo with an ivory vest and tie.

The basket carried by the flower girl and the pillow carried by the ringbearer both were made by the bride's mother.

The flowers the bride carried held a gold locket (belonging to her grandmother, Edwina Campbell of Lubbock) with pictures of her great-grandparents in it. Something new was the bridal gown, something blue was a garter and something borrowed was the veil.

The reception was held in the University Room of the same hotel. Serving at the bridal table were Jessica Stephens, Libby Chewing and Cherie Shelton.

The couple honeymooned in Las Vegas, Nev.

The bride is a graduate of Muleshoe High School and Texas Tech University. The groom is a graduate of Lubbock Monterey High School, has a degree in law enforcement technology from South Plains College and will graduate from Wayland Baptist

University in May with a degree in criminal justice. He plans to go on to law school.

The bride, who is the daughter of Cecil and Charlotte Holt of Muleshoe, is a receptionist in a psychologist's office; the groom works at C.M.A. in Lubbock.

## TOPS NEWS

TOPS No. 34 met Oct. 12 at the Church of Christ on American Boulevard. Twenty-four members were present.

One new member, Robin Dickerson, was included in the roll count and becomes the group's 29th member.

Alma Robertson opened the meeting by leading "The Slimmer We'll

Be!"

The prayer and pledge were led by leader Laverne James. Secretary Janie Hughes read the previous week's minutes, which were approved as read.

Betty Jo Davis, weight recorder, was assisted by Linda White.

Evelene Harris was the best loser, with Polly Otwell and Elaine Coburn

Robertson was second runner-up.

Harris won "The Race Is On!" contest. The other two winners in the contest were Missy Royal and Joline Franklin.

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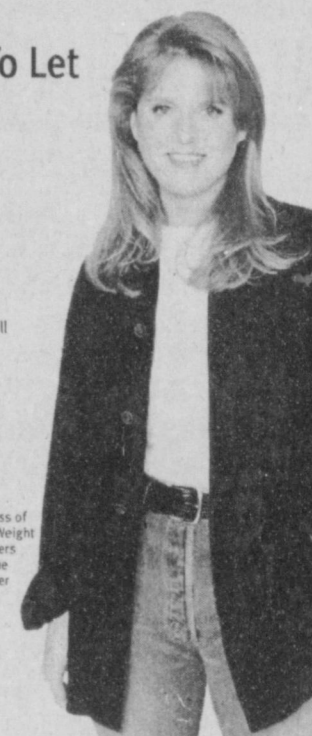
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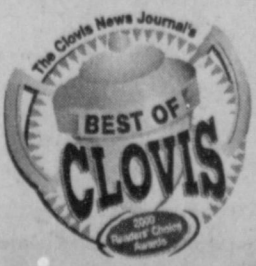
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TRADITIONALLY, THE MIDIANITES WERE ENEMIES OF THE ISRAELITES, ALTHOUGH THE FATHER-IN-LAW OF MOSES WAS HIMSELF A MIDIANITE (EX. 3:1)! BAD FEELINGS PROBABLY EXISTED FROM THE TIME WHEN MIDIAN, A SON OF ABRAHAM BY KETURAH AND THE PROGENITOR OF THE FUTURE TRIBE OF MIDIAN, WAS SENT AWAY WITH GIFTS INTO THE WILDERNESS, TO FEND FOR HIMSELF (GEN. 25:1-6). THEN AGAIN, IT WAS MIDIANITE MERCHANTS WHO WERE WITH A CARAVAN OF ISHMAELITES, COMING FROM GILEAD, WHO BOUGHT JOSEPH FROM HIS BROTHERS AND CARRIED HIM TO EGYPT WHERE HE WAS SOLD INTO SLAVERY (GEN. 37:25, 28, 36). IT WAS THE MIDIANITES JOINED WITH THE MOABITES WHO HIRED BALAAM TO CURSE ISRAEL AND SEDUCE THE PEOPLE INTO IDOLATRY AND LICENTIOUSNESS (NUM. 22:4, 6; CH 25). CONSEQUENTLY, THE ISRAELITES WERE DIRECTED TO MAKE WAR ON THEM, KILLING THEIR FIVE KINGS (NUM. 31) AND SO, BY THE TIME OF THE PERIOD OF JUDGES, AS WAS STATED ABOVE, THEY HAD BECOME TRADITIONAL ENEMIES! AT THIS TIME, THE MIDIANITES NOW IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE AMALEKITES, ENTERED CANAAN, WITH ALL THEIR CATTLE AND TENTS AND ALL THEIR OTHER WORLDLY POSSESSIONS, MUCH LIKE A SWARM OF INVADING LOCUSTS, AND WITH THEIR MULTITUDES, PROCEEDED EVERYWHERE TO APPROPRIATE THE BEST GRAZING FOR THEIR HERDS, THE BEST CROPS FOR THEIR PEOPLE, TO THE EXTENT OF REDUCING TO THE GREATEST DISTRESS THE PEOPLE WHO HAD ACTUALLY SOWN THE CROPS AND TILLED THE SOIL AND TENDED THE LAND—THE ISRAELITES!! THIS OPPRESSION LASTED SEVEN YEARS EACH YEAR BECOMING WORSE THAN THE LAST! FINALLY, GOD RAISED UP GIDEON TO DELIVER THE PEOPLE FROM THEIR FOREIGN OPPRESSORS—BUT ONLY AFTER THEY HAD SHOWN THAT THEY WERE TRULY REPENTANT FOR HAVING STRAYED AWAY FROM GOD'S WAY OF LIFE—A DECISIVE BATTLE WAS FOUGHT IN THE PLAIN OF JEZREEL, RESULTING IN COMPLETE VICTORY FOR ISRAEL AND, THE BIBLE STATES, THE LAND HAD PEACE AND REST FOR THE NEXT FORTY YEARS. (JUDGES 8:28)



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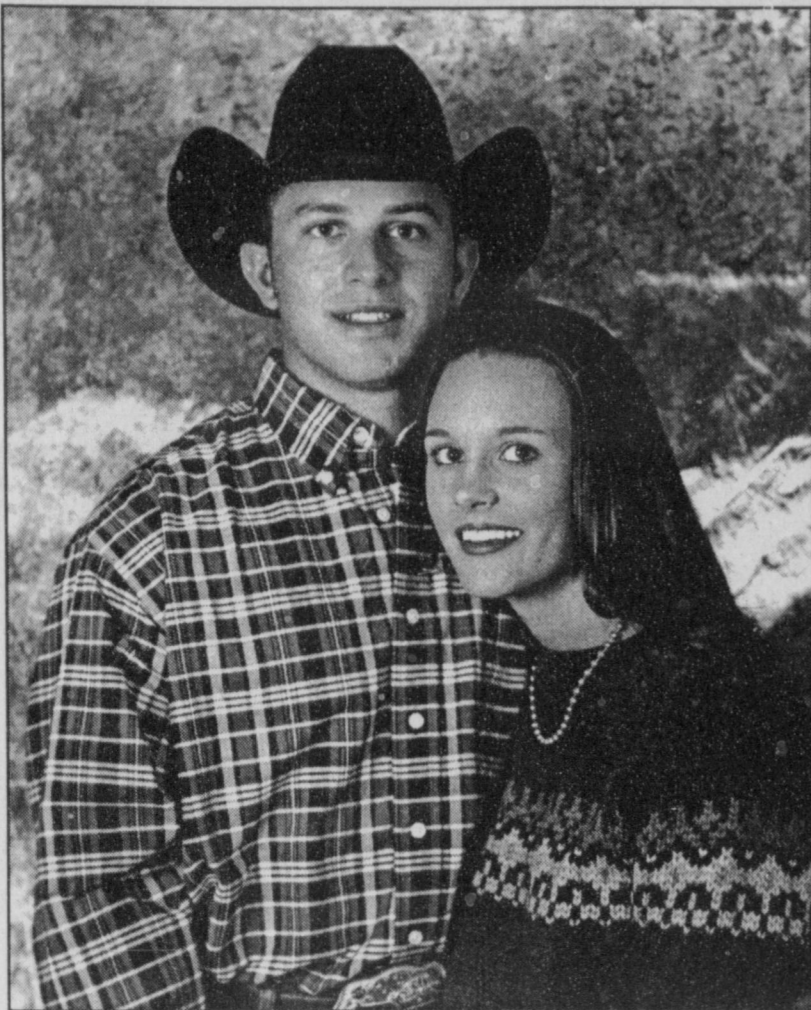
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**Black-Bynum**

Rex and Brenda Black of Muleshoe announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Katie Black, to Josh Bynum, son of Kevin and Ronda Bynum of Spearman. The bride-elect is a 1998 graduate of Muleshoe High School and a junior at West Texas A&M University, majoring in secondary education specializing in biology and chemistry. She is employed as a tutor for Student Support Services at West Texas A&M University. After graduation, she plans to teach in a small-town high school. The prospective groom is a 1998 graduate of Spearman High School and a junior plant science (integrated pest management) major at West Texas A&M University. After graduation, he plans to become a crop consultant. The wedding is scheduled for 6 p.m. Dec. 30 at the First Baptist Church in Muleshoe. A reception will follow in the church's fellowship hall.



**Hendrix-Latham**

Gaylord and Linda Latham of Muleshoe announce the approaching marriage of their son, Colby Latham, to Jennifer Hendrix, daughter of Jack and Colleen Hendrix of Wellston, Okla. The wedding is scheduled for 5 p.m. Dec. 23 at Joseph Hill Chapel on the West Texas A&M campus. A reception is scheduled at Cousins Hall, a ballroom in Canyon, after the ceremony. The bride-elect is a graduate of Wellston High School and a junior at West Texas A&M University in Canyon majoring in history education. She is employed at the Canyon Chamber of Commerce in public relations. The prospective groom is a graduate of Muleshoe High School and West Texas A&M University with a degree in biochemistry and microbiology. He is employed at Golden Plains Church of Christ in Amarillo as a youth director.

## JENNYSLIPPERS

The Jennyslippers met Oct. 10 in the Girl Scout Hut with President Peggie Bruton presiding.

A motion was made and approved for a \$50 donation to the Girl Scouts for the use of the building for the twice-monthly Jennyslipper meetings.

Doris Wedel has enlisted the aid of Nancy Kidd on her calling committee. Members send best wishes for a speedy recovery to Kidd on her broken leg.

The 75th District meeting of the American Legion will be held in Muleshoe with Post Commander Jerry Bruton in charge. A large attendance is expected. The Jennyslippers voted to purchase an advertisement in the agenda booklet for this event.

Guests Linda Huckaby and Gail Gladden reported on the upcoming Christmas Bazaar to be held Dec. 9 in the Bailey County Coliseum. The

Jennyslippers voted to set up a concession stand with a seating area in the arena with many food items for sale all-day. This will replace the annual Jennyslipper Holiday Buffet fund-raiser.

The next meeting, at 7 p.m. Oct. 24, will be the Jennyslippers' quarterly pot-luck supper and membership drive at the Depot. Each Jennyslipper was urged to bring a favorite dish and a guest. Visitors also will be welcome.

Those who volunteered to bake pies for the Nov. 3 CraneFest evening coffee were Ruby Green, Billie Downing, Nelda Merriott, Lucy Diaz, Joyeline Costen, Peggie Bruton, Alene Bryant and Doris Wedel.

It was mentioned that the annual lighted Christmas Parade will be Dec. 1. Members were urged to begin thinking of a float idea.

## Historical commission announces cemetery medallion

**SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL**  
AUSTIN — The Texas Historical Commission has created a new medallion marker to recognize designated historic Texas cemeteries.

The medallion is a 10-inch cast aluminum marker with the words "Historic Texas Cemetery — Texas Historical Commission" encircling a central star, a rose and a cypress branch. It is available only to cemeteries with the Historic Texas Cemetery designation, which requires that they be at least 50 years old and deemed worthy of preservation for historical associations.

An application process is used to determine eligibility for the designation.

"The designation and the medallion are tools that will increase public awareness of these important cultural resources," said Larry Oaks, executive director of the Historical Commission. "Awareness and education are

among the best ways to guarantee the preservation of a cemetery."

The Historic Texas Cemetery Program was developed to address the destruction of historic cemeteries and the illegal removal of cemetery fixtures.

Threats to historic cemeteries include urban expansion and development, vandalism, grazing animals and long-term deterioration from forces of nature, such as weathering and uncontrolled vegetation.

The designation and medallion encourage preservation, but cannot guarantee protection of the cemetery.

"Historic cemeteries serve as directories of early residents and reflect the cultural influences that helped shape our state's communities," Oaks said. "This program brings attention to these community treasures and recognizes the importance of their preservation."

ClientLogic, the company building a call center in Clovis, has scheduled a job fair for Oct. 24-26 to fill most of the 350 to 450 jobs that will be available.

The company is an international provider of services to 3-commerce and technology companies.

Representatives of the company will be interviewing from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. each day of the job fair at Clovis Community College, 417 Schepps Blvd.

ClientLogic is constructing a 35,000-square-foot building just across East Seventh Street from the college campus.

The company has more than 8,000 employees in nine countries and can provide services in 14 languages.

Employment with the company includes a 401K plan, paid vacation, paid training and opportunity for internal advancement.

Job candidates attending the job fair should bring a résumé and be prepared for an interview.

Interested applicants also may e-mail their résumé to [clovisjobs@clientlogic.com](mailto:clovisjobs@clientlogic.com), fax it to (615) 301-7104 or mail it to ClientLogic, 3102 West End Ave. Suite 1000, Nashville, Tenn. 37203.

Previously, cemeteries of historical importance were recognized with Official Texas Historical Subject Markers. In the future, the commission will honor these cemeteries with the new Historic Texas Cemetery medallion and optional interpretive plaques in place of a subject marker.

More information or an application for the Historic Texas Cemetery designation can be obtained by contacting Ned Coleman at (512) 463-6427 or [ned.coleman@thc.state.tx.us](mailto:ned.coleman@thc.state.tx.us).

We would like to offer special thanks to the following people for helping in the harvest and ginning of Reuel and Betty Kirby's cotton crop.

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*Thanks to those who came to the hospital. Thank you for your visits, cards, prayers and food. Each act of kindness and concern made a tremendous difference.*

*A special thank you to the law enforcement officers and many friends who went to San Angelo for the funeral. Your support was very comforting.*

*May God bless each of you.*

*Steve and Paula Benton  
Sharon Hunn*

### Christians Can Avoid Being Their Own Worst Enemies

I was starting to resemble a grizzly bear, so I suppose it was entirely appropriate that I picked up a copy of *Outdoor Life* while waiting for a haircut. *Christianity Today* is more along my line, but it never hurts to expand your horizons. And I stumbled across a really interesting column by Jim Zumbo entitled, "Our Own Worst Enemies." It was subtitled, "Hunters knocking hunters makes us all look bad."

Zumbo had evidently just written a column talking about how much fun it was to hunt turkeys with modern muzzleloading guns. But evidently a number of readers took exception, feeling that "modern" and "muzzleloading" should be mutually exclusive and that hunters should shun in-line muzzleloaders which have high-tech scopes, etc. Some argued that such high-tech muzzleloaders just aren't fair to the game being hunted.

Zumbo countered that criticism pretty effectively by quoting Jack Ward Thomas, a former chief of the U. S. Forest Service: "Ever since a caveman beamed the first monkey on the head with a rock slung from a slingshot, mankind has been accused of being unfair." Even a slingshot was uptown and high-tech once upon a time. Zumbo also said that a) most non-hunters who complain about "fairness" have never held the cross-hairs of a scope on a buck after they've walked for miles and "their hearts are pounding, lungs are heaving, and brains are reeling from buck fever," and b) instruments that help make the shot with more accuracy and avoid wounding an animal are a good thing for man and beast.

After making some other fine points, he recommends that hunters perhaps try using "good sense and not condemning those within our ranks who choose to hunt with a bow fitted with pulleys and sights, or an in-line muzzleloader rather than a flintlock." Hunters should remember that "We're in this because we love the outdoors. . . . We must keep that tradition strong, especially today when so many want to take it away from us. A united front is the only answer."

I think what Zumbo was saying is that, given today's battle between anti-hunters and hunters, hunters really should stand together and avoid shooting each other in their collective feet. If they fuss, no matter who wins, they stand to lose more than they stand to gain.

Hmm. You know what? I'll bet that's just as true for Christians. I'll bet that's what Jesus meant when he prayed for the unity of God's people which should be to the world one of the strongest evidences of God's love (John 17:23).

I'll bet that's what he meant when he warned his miffed and ruffled disciples not to get their feathers in a wad and worry much about brand name when somebody besides them did good works in the Lord's name (Mark 9:38-41).

When good things happen and God is praised, all believers—dunked, sprinkled, or fricasseed; shaken, rattled, or rolled; amillenial, dispensational, or persnicketydoowoplapsiduodenal (?), ought to be happy about it and often working together on it. Otherwise, we're "Our Own Worst Enemies."

I read that in a magazine.

But I think I read it the Bible first.

Curtis Shelburne is minister of the 16th & D Church of Christ in Muleshoe.

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# Central Texas' drought-stricken peanut crop 'no bell-ringer'

**SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL COLLEGE STATION** — The drought shelled out high temperatures and poor rainfall amounts to the state's peanut crop, resulting in poor to average yields, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service reports.

Dr. Chip Lee, Extension plant pathologist in Stephenville, said even irrigated peanuts suffered from the drought.

"Because of the extreme heat, the plants lost more water than could be pumped in," he said. "Irrigated peanuts are not geared to handle a year so dry. Without moisture, the plants physiologically could not reproduce."

Dr. Calvin Trostle, Extension specialist in Lubbock, agreed that water availability and quality were the greatest challenges to the crop.

"What really hurt farmers was the increase in salinity," Trostle said. "As water levels decrease, the salinity level goes up. Many farmers dug (peanuts) early, be-

cause high salinity creates a weak link between the peanuts and the vine. When vines break down, farmers run the risk of leaving the peanut in the ground when they dig."

Trostle said digging early takes away crucial development time for the crop.

"An extra week in the ground can add a couple hundred pounds (per acre)," he said. "Knowing when to dig is a science, but it's also an art to a lot of people."

Lee said Texas ranks second in peanut production nationally, with 416,000 acres planted this year, but more than 100,000 of the state's acres will not be harvested.

"The crop is pitiful in Central Texas, where production is only 25 percent of the district's usual crop," he said. "State production as a whole is down as well."

Harvest is just beginning in West Central Texas, where Dr. Billy Warrick, Extension agronomist in San Angelo, said yields are slightly above aver-

age. "But the crop is no bell-ringer," he said. "A good estimate of what we are expecting is 2,400 pounds per acre. All acreage that will be harvested is irrigated — dryland peanuts don't cut it when it doesn't rain."

Trostle said harvest is also beginning in the South Plains, where 3,000 to 4,000 pounds per acre is expected from the early varieties.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the 51 counties within West Texas and the South Plains produce more than 70 percent of the state's peanuts.

Panhandle soil moisture is very short, and cotton in the region is rated all the way from very poor to excellent.

Cotton harvest is just getting under way, while corn harvest in the region is nearing completion with yields being reported as below average.

On the South Plains, cotton yields are running below aver-

age and wheat planting continues — but only on pre-watered acres.

District Extension director Galen Chandler in Vernon said a cool front that moved through the Rolling Plains week before last did little good.

"Unfortunately, it was a dry cold front, and few counties reported measurable rainfall," he said.

He added that the cotton harvest is progressing slowly.

"Cotton seems to be difficult to defoliate," he said. "Many producers will wait for a killing freeze before harvesting. Insurance crop adjusters have been checking fields for disaster, and many fields have been shredded and plowed."

Extension economist Joe Peña said the weekend cold front triggered excellent rains in Southwest Texas.

"It deposited more than 3 inches of much-needed rain across much of the district, although counties in the northern

part of the district did not receive the full benefit," he said.

"In addition, the rain came in the form of a slow drizzle over a three-day period," he added.

Peña said that while the rain in his area did not come in time to produce overwintering forage for livestock, it will allow the

planting of small grains and improve the opportunity to plant spring crops under dryland conditions.

"The rain and cool weather will also reduce otherwise high irrigation costs and improve the growing environment for winter vegetables," he said.

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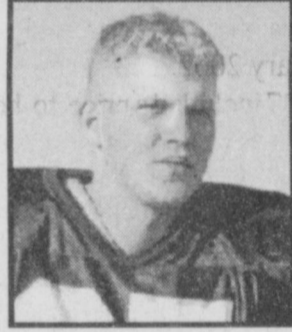
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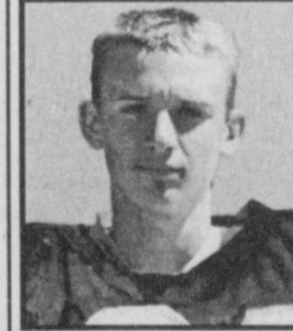
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# Child-safety locks for guns being distributed in Texas

AUSTIN — Gov. George W. Bush last week kicked off "Project ChildSafe" with the first distribution of gun safety locks to children at Knox Elementary School in San Antonio.

The San Antonio Police Department and the Bexar County Sheriff's Department began distributing the first shipment of safety locks in the \$5 million program that aims to provide 5 million free child-safety locks and firearm safety information to Texas parents over the next five years.

The program is funded through a state grant from the Governor's Criminal Justice Division using monies collected from court fees paid by convicted offenders.

The non-profit agency National Shooting Sports Foundation was selected to administer the program and will deliver locks based on population data to local police and sheriff's departments for distribution. Each household can receive two locks at no charge and no registration is required.

### Panel hears utility debate

Advocates and opponents of electric utility deregulation squared off last week at a public hearing of the Joint Electricity Restructuring Legislative Oversight Committee.

The committee was created by Senate Bill 7 to oversee the implementation of the deregulation legislation and to monitor its effectiveness. The bill allows customers served by investor-owned utilities to be able to choose their retail electric provider starting in January 2002.

SB7 included a price-to-beat measure aimed at keeping customers' bills from doubling or tripling as Californians experienced after deregulation there.

Utility officials predict that most residential and small commercial customers will see a 6 percent drop in rates on Jan. 1, 2002, under the measure.

Representatives from electric utilities assured the committee that problems California experienced during its deregulation process would not affect Texas. Californians have experienced increased outages due to static generation capacity and increasing population. Utility representatives told the committee Texas has 15 new generating plants under construction and 33 more in the planning stages.

### Death row inmate executed

The only death row inmate

### PUBLIC RECORD

#### MULESHOE POLICE

Oct. 7

Cassandra Flores, 18, DWI.  
José Carlos García, 24, no driver's license, no auto insurance and expired registration.

Xavier Gallegos, 19, failure to provide identification.

Oct. 8

José Luis García Jr., 19, assault — family violence.

James Larry White, 40, driving while license suspended.

José Alberto Rivas Adame, 20, assault — injury to a disabled person.

#### SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Oct. 8

Thurman Sonny Coleman, 70, DWI (second), driving while license suspended (second).

#### STATE POLICE

Oct. 8

Fred Louis Hubert, 19, driving under the influence.



ever to receive a reprieve from Gov. George W. Bush was executed in Huntsville last week for the 1993 rape and murder of his 12-year-old stepdaughter.

Bush granted Ricky McGinn a reprieve June 1 only minutes

before his execution in order to allow DNA testing.

A Bush spokesman said the governor always believed McGinn was guilty of the murder but that advances in DNA testing might prove he did not commit the rape. The rape charge coupled with the murder charge is what sent McGinn to death row.

The tests confirmed that a hair found in the girl's body belonged to McGinn or one of his maternal relatives, none of whom were ever suspects.

Some legislators have pledged to sponsor legislation that would give convicts limited access to DNA testing in appeals of their cases.

### Other highlights

• Texas has signed a reciprocal agreement with Kentucky, allowing citizens with concealed handgun licenses issued by Kentucky to legally carry concealed handguns in Texas, and vice versa.

• U.S. District Judge James Nowlin dismissed a lawsuit filed by the group Public Citizen seeking to halt the election of state court judges.

The group contended that the state's campaign finance system allows state court judge candidates to solicit and receive contributions from individuals and lawyers who appear before the judges.

• Texas leads the nation in enrollment for the Children's Health Insurance Program,

which provides health-care coverage for qualifying low-income children. Lt. Gov. Rick Perry said Texas has signed up 17.5 percent — or more than 100,000 — of the eligible children in the 6-month-old program.

• Texas Internet Bureau, a new division within the attorney general's office, began operation Sept. 21 to fight consumer fraud, online child pornography, privacy concerns, hacking and other crimes on the Internet. The Internet Bureau is funded through an \$800,000 grant from the office of Gov. George Bush and will have a staff of 10 attorneys, investigators and technological and administrative support.

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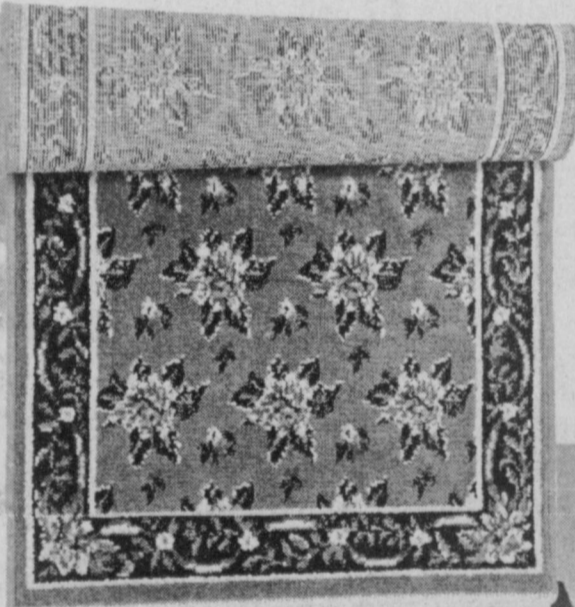
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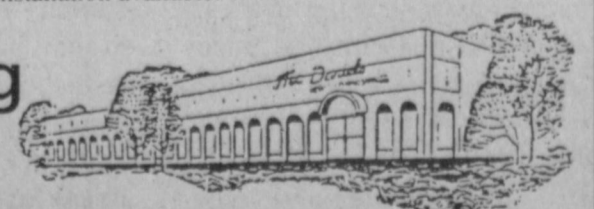
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# Real-world economy could be an economist's nightmare

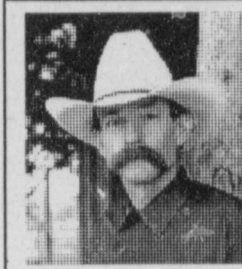
I have always been mystified by the study of economics.

I have friends who, in every other respect, seem to be intelligent, practical, plainspeaking, credible people, not prone to astrology, soothsaying or betting the horses.

Yet, they practice the art of economics — yes, even calling themselves *economists*.

If auctioneers go by title "colonel," lawyers by "esquire" and bawdy-house managers by "madame," what is the proper title for admitted economists? Oracles? Surmisers? Enigmatists? Fudgers?

What do they call the econo-



## BAXTER BLACK

ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

mist who graduates last in his class . . . wrong?

I've had a recurring nightmare wherein I graduated with a degree in ag economics. Norwest Bank and Wells Fargo had no vice presidential slots open, and Farm Credit had filled all its loan-officer spots with retired county agents.

In my dream, I am forced to

hang out my shingle and advertise my services:

Each week in this dream I write a column called "Bluffing With Bax, Theoretical Vacillations on the Market." The following is an example:

The sheep market is down for the 357th consecutive week, due in part to the restrictions on imports of Colombian wool, which

lacks the proper density to resist cigarette burns and the dreaded Panamanian ked.

To maintain your position in this downward market, sheepmen are encouraged to look forward to better times, should they ever come, by making friends with the Peruvians — who seem to have a ready supply of herders, yet no experienced ovine therapists. Which is, in itself, a contradiction.

The relationship between the falling price of corn, cattle, oil, timber and copper and the rising price of corn flakes, steak, gasoline, houses and police salaries continues to defy Newton's

Third Law of Economics, which says, "Gravity has no effect on consumer markets except when it does."

It is an immutable indelible constant that I adhere to most of the time.

As for the future of the hog market, there is no doubt that it

will remain in disequilibrium as long as consumer demand, import regulations, corporate lobbying and producer sacrifice remain stable.

And so it goes in "Bluffing With Bax." That's it for this week, and you can take that to the bank!

## NURSING HOME NEWS

Thursday morning, Brother Steve Claybrook and Zoná Gatewood directed a memorial service for Grundy Lewis. Family and friends of Lewis shared their memories.

Residents played "The Price Is Right" on Thursday afternoon, with assistance from Donna Locker.

Friday afternoon, Avis and Harold Carpenter came to fill our halls and hearts with music and song. Linda and Duane White were the guests of Ozell Cherry at the event.

Saturday afternoon, Melvin and Wanda Griffin, Harold and Mary Jo Burge got the residents together and assisted them with bingo.

Sunday afternoon, members of 16th and D Church of Christ came for a singing service.

A special friend recently sent the center two fresh bouquets of fall flowers.

The Followers Sunday School Class of First Baptist Church gave a donation to the center.

The Rebekahs will host a Halloween-Fall Party for the residents at 3 p.m. Oct. 28.

The October birthday party is scheduled for 3 p.m. Oct. 29.

Tuesday afternoon, Pat Watson, Beverly Wagon, Lanell Stancell, Claudine Embry, Josie Ovalle, Mary Jo Burge, Dorothy Turner and

Linda White worked in the center's TLC beauty shop.

Stacy Conner, Joe Embry, Melvin Griffin, Harold Burge and Elsie Damron were among the center's visitors this week.

Jackie Scoggins and Anna B. Lane directed the sing-along Wednesday afternoon.

Buster and Wanda Kittrell and the Burges served coffee, juice and doughnuts to the residents Wednesday morning. Harold Burge read to the group as they enjoyed refreshments. Steve Claybrook, Loyce Killingsworth and Buster Kittrell directed the devotional.

Betty Ramage visited the care center and delivered quar-

ters for the Wednesday afternoon bingo bash.

Nettie Quesenberry was visited Wednesday afternoon by her daughter, Anna B. Lane, granddaughter Michelle Standard and great-grandchildren Tiffney and Christian.

by Joy Stancell

## SCHOOL MENUS

### MULESHOE JR/SR HIGH

#### Oct. 16

**Breakfast** — Cutie Pie, pancakes, assorted cereal with toast, juice and milk.

**Lunch** — Hamburger with fixings, super sack lunch, chili-cheese dog, potato wedges, corn, mixed fruit and juice.

#### Oct. 17

**Breakfast** — Blueberry muffin, French-toast sticks, assorted cereal with toast, juice and milk.

**Lunch** — Chili-mac casserole, super sack lunch, chicken sandwich, tossed salad, mixed vegetables, Rice Krispy treat and juice.

#### Oct. 18

**Breakfast** — Sausage biscuit, pancakes, assorted cereal with toast, juice and milk.

**Lunch** — Chicken chow mein, super sack lunch, cheese-burger basket, white rice, broccoli, ice cream and juice.

#### Oct. 19

**Breakfast** — Breakfast pizza, French-toast sticks, assorted cereal with toast, juice and milk.

**Lunch** — Tuna casserole, chef salad with roll, peanut-butter and jelly sandwich, green beans, corn, apple slices, juice.

#### Oct. 20

**Breakfast** — Cheese toast, pancakes, assorted cereal with toast, juice and milk.

**Lunch** — Pepperoni pizza, baked potato with roll, super sack lunch, tossed salad, peach slices, cookie and juice.

### MULESHOE ELEMENTARIES

#### Oct. 16

**Breakfast** — Cutie Pie, French-toast sticks, pancakes, assorted cereal with toast, juice and milk.

**Lunch** — Hamburger with burger salad, baked potato with roll, peanut-butter and jelly sandwich, oven-baked fries, ranch-style beans, peach slices and juice.

#### Oct. 17

**Breakfast** — Blueberry muffin, French-toast sticks, pancakes, assorted cereal with toast, juice and milk.

**Lunch** — Chicken nuggets with roll, chef salad with roll, peanut-butter and jelly sandwich, mashed potatoes with gravy, broccoli, apple cobbler and juice.

#### Oct. 18

**Breakfast** — Sausage biscuit, French-toast sticks, pancakes, assorted cereal with toast, juice and milk.

**Lunch** — Lasagna with roll, baked potato with roll, peanut-butter and jelly sandwich, peas and carrots, tossed salad, birthday cake and juice.

#### Oct. 19

**Breakfast** — Breakfast pizza, French-toast sticks, pancakes, assorted cereal with toast, juice and milk.

**Lunch** — Corn dog, chef salad with roll, peanut-butter and jelly sandwich, Tater Rounds, green beans, pear slices and juice.

#### Oct. 20

**Breakfast** — Cheese toast, French-toast sticks, pancakes, assorted cereal with toast, juice and milk.

**Lunch** — Turkey and cheese sandwich, baked potato with roll, peanut-butter and jelly sandwich, pretzels, carrot and celery sticks, applesauce and juice.

### THREE WAY

#### Oct. 16

**Breakfast** — Pancakes, peanut butter, syrup, assorted cereal, graham crackers, juice and milk.

**Lunch** — Corn dogs, potato wedges, vegetable sticks, cheese slices, mustard, chocolate pudding and milk.

#### Oct. 17

**Breakfast** — Doughnuts, Canadian bacon, assorted cereal, graham crackers, juice and milk.

**Lunch** — Chicken-fried steak, mashed potatoes, spinach, hot roll, gravy, pears and milk.

#### Oct. 18

**Breakfast** — Scrambled eggs with cheese, toast and jelly, assorted cereal, graham crackers, juice and milk.

**Lunch** — Fajitas, pinto beans, grated cheese, green salad, salsa, birthday cupcake and milk.

#### Oct. 19

**Breakfast** — Sausage biscuit with cheese, assorted cereal, graham crackers, juice and milk.

**Lunch** — Seasoned chicken breast, broccoli and rice, vegetable sticks, Jell-O, jalapeño cheese, bread and milk.

#### Oct. 20

**Breakfast** — Malt-o-Meal, cinnamon toast, assorted cereal, graham crackers, juice and milk.

**Lunch** — Hot turkey sandwich, lettuce and tomato, french fries, fruit, pickles and milk.

### LAZBUDDIE

#### Oct. 16

**Lunch** — Steak fingers, pizza, submarine sandwich, mashed potatoes, peas, squash, applesauce, salad, Jell-O, cottage cheese, yogurt and milk.

#### Oct. 17

**Lunch** — Spaghetti, tuna salad, burritos, green beans, carrots, squash casserole, peas, salad, Jell-O, cottage cheese, yogurt and milk.

#### Oct. 18

**Lunch** — Fajitas, hamburgers, beans, rice, hominy, pineapple, salad, Jell-O, cottage cheese, yogurt and milk.

#### Oct. 19

**Lunch** — Chicken nuggets, pizza, au gratin potatoes, fried okra, mixed vegetables, peaches, salad, Jell-O, cottage cheese, yogurt and milk.

#### Oct. 20

**Lunch** — Manager's special.

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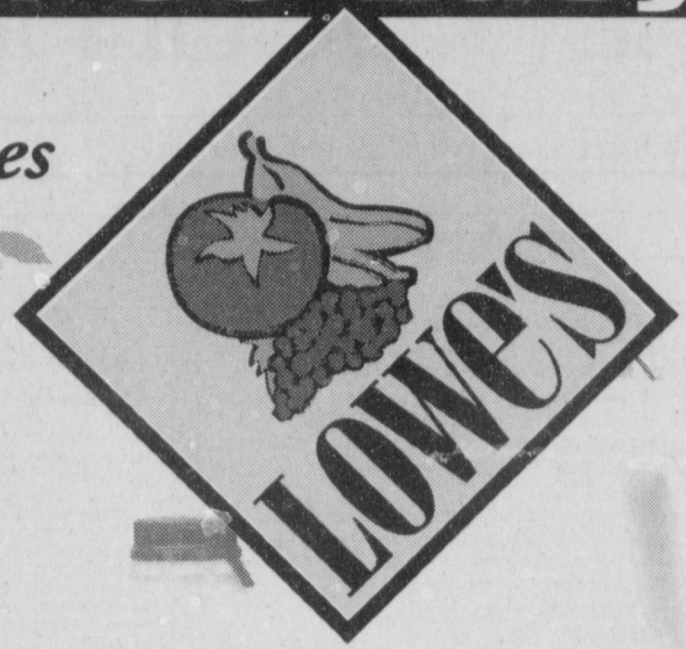
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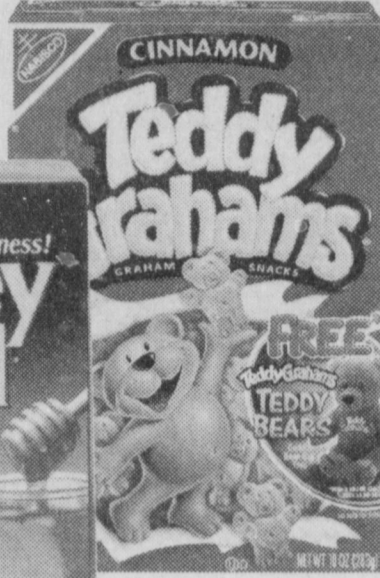
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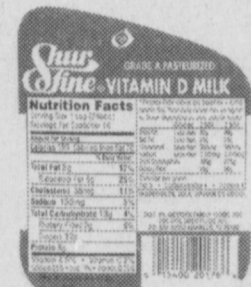
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