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A QUICK READ OF THE NEWS

The vino flowed freely

A tanker truck filled with wine tipped over on a California highway last week, and about 3,200 gallons of white wine gushed from a broken steel tank after the driver lost control going around a curve on Highway 16 east of Petaluma.

The driver was not injured. "What a shame," Gladys Horiuchi, communications manager for the Wine Institute in San Francisco, said. "I haven't heard of wine getting dumped since Prohibition."

Jefferson 'heads' home

A plaster bust of Thomas Jefferson used as the model for the nickel coin was donated to Jefferson's former estate, Monticello, by two art collectors in New York, the Thomas Jefferson Foundation announced last week.

The bust, sculpted by Jean-Antoine Houdon in 1789, has been on loan to Monticello since 1993. It has been on display since 1997.

"This is a truly generous gift," said Susan R. Stein, curator of the estate. "We are thrilled to be the owners of this important American icon."

If they only had a drain

A performance of "The Wizard of Oz" at Oconomowoc (Wis.) High School turned ugly when 300 gallons of raw sewage leaked into a room next to the school auditorium.

The sewage leaked from a utility room connected to the orchestra room right before the performance. The doors to the room were closed to fend off the stench, and the show went on.



Drawing date: Wednesday, March 13
Winning numbers: 18-26-27-33-41-43
Estimated jackpot: \$4 million
Winners: 0
Next drawing: Saturday, March 16
Estimated jackpot: \$6 million

On this date in history

March 15 — A provisional government for the Republic of Texas is adopted at Washington-on-the-Brazos (1836)
March 16 — Gov. Sam Houston refuses to take the oath of allegiance to the Confederacy, so on March 18 the Secession Convention replaces him with Lt. Gov. Edward Clark (1861).
Also on March 16 — A Supreme Court decision cedes Texas' Greer County (now western Oklahoma) to Indian Territory (1896).

LOCAL WEATHER

As of Friday, the National Weather Service was predicting moderate temperatures and partly cloudy skies for several days, with wind being a problem Monday. Daytime highs should be in the upper 60s with the exception of Tuesday's 63. Monday and Tuesday morning should be cold, near 28, but other morning through Thursday should be in the 30s. Sunburn danger high.

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District attorney says pot case not over

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

District Attorney Johnny Actkinson, criticized in Friday's *Lubbock Avalanche Journal* for his handling of a Lazbuddie marijuana case, says people need to realize the case is not over.

Some controversy has arisen over the fact that only one person, 74-year-old William Vernon Puckett, has been arrested and that he has entered into a plea agreement.

Actkinson said it is not his policy to

comment on cases that are still under investigation.

But, he added, "I can say that the Lubbock paper has quoted the defense attorney, Floyd Holder, as saying that one condition of the plea agreement requires providing names of the other people involved. The paper hasn't emphasized that anymore."

An editorial in Friday's *Avalanche Journal* in which took Actkinson to task for not telling a reporter more about the case.

Puckett was arrested Oct. 18 during a raid on a farm about 1 1/2 miles from the Lazbuddie school.

Parmer County Sheriff Randy Gerles said about 10 acres of marijuana was found, plus a large amount in a barn that had facilities for drying and processing the plants.

Puckett was freed on \$10,000 bond soon after his arrest, and has entered a plea agreement that places him on probation for 10 years in addition to a \$5,000 fine.

Texas refuses to renew dairy's discharge permit

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission refused Wednesday to renew the discharge permit for an existing dairy in the Stephenville area.

A spokesman for TNRCC's Dallas regional office said it was his understanding that the dairy, owned by Gerald and Pamela Oosten, had racked up 36 offenses since 1992.

The action came after a state judge recommended that the Oostens permit be denied.

The Associated Press has reported that two landowners downstream from the 1,950-cow dairy have a lawsuit pending against the Oostens in a Fort Worth federal court. The lawsuit alleges that pollution from the dairy has killed most living organisms in Little Duffau Creek, a tributary of the North Bosque River that provides a large share of Lake Waco's water.

"What led to the denial of this permit was the compliance history of this dairy," said Frank Espino, regional director of TNRCC in Dallas, late Friday.

He said the practice is the same "across the state and across all types of permits," such as those for municipal wastewater plants.

"We have always been very stringent about enforcing the rules we have," Espino said. "If a facility does not comply, then the permit can be denied."

Espino said, however, that the problems associated with dairies in the Stephenville area mainly involve surface water pollution and will not affect dairies in the Muleshoe area.



Journal photo: Beatrice Morin

Good weather for baseball

Despite the glum expressions on the faces of Claye Tunnell (center) and Landon Kerby, the weather was perfect for baseball Friday afternoon and the Mules upended the New Deal Lions 10-3 in Muleshoe. Tunnell said that his fashion statement, the cap turned inside out, was for luck.

Combest sets Tuesday goal to finish farm bill

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

House Agriculture Committee Chairman Larry Combest, R-Texas, who chairs the '02 farm bill conference committee, says he will push conferees to complete work by March 19.

Combest says a Tuesday finish would provide enough time for the Senate and House to approve final legislation before Congress recesses for its spring break three days later.

The conference committee met briefly March 13 for opening statements and tentatively approved a wide variety of provisions reconciled through staff discussions that have been non-stop for two weeks.

Staffs for the agriculture committees were able to develop recommendations on 145 provisions where minor differences and no funding issues existed between House and Senate bills.

The conferees tentatively approved those items.

However, the conferees have yet to resolve an estimated 196 items where significant policy and funding differences remain.

Reports indicate that none of the differences in commodity programs had been resolved as of March 14.

A tentatively scheduled March 15 meeting to resume negotiations did not materialize.

No agreement has been

reached on the budget structure for the farm bill. On March 13, Combest instructed committee staff from both the House and Senate to work out a compromise on spending between titles.

Until the conferees agree to spending levels, negotiations on policy items cannot take place.

The House bill is the only vehicle that is within the 10-year budget authority of \$73.5 billion. Due to an underestimate by the Congressional Budget Office, the Senate bill is \$6.3 billion over budget.

Earlier in the week, Senate Agriculture Committee Chair-
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Big GOP turnout highlights local primaries

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Statewide, the Democratic turnout in Tuesday's primaries may have outshone the Republicans, but in Bailey County, the first-ever contested local Republican race — plus a lack of any contested Democratic races — brought a relatively huge turnout for the GOP primary.

The Republican contest for sheriff garnered 517 votes — 260 for incumbent Richard Wills to 257 for challenger Ron Kemp.

Kemp had already turned in his letter of resignation by Friday, according to a sheriff's department spokeswoman.

Many people who usually vote Democratic may have voted in the GOP primary because of the sheriff contest.

Interest in that race is evident in the GOP U.S. senator race drawing only 355 votes locally.

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Texas cattle may lose TB-free designation in April

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

By April, the U.S. Department of Agriculture could cancel Texas' "free" status for cattle tuberculosis eradication because two of the state's estimated 153,000 cattle herds have been diagnosed with the disease since last summer.

Texas only gained TB-free status in November 2000 — and then with the exception of portions of El Paso and Hudspeth counties, which had been "zoned out" due to recurring infection cases of the bacterial infection that can cause cattle to

develop internal lesions.

"According to the USDA's Code of Federal Regulations for tuberculosis, any state will lose its 'free' status when two infected herds are detected within a 48-month period," explained Dr. Linda Logan, Texas' state veterinarian and executive director of the Texas Animal Health Commission, the state's livestock health regulatory agency.

"Our first infected beef-cattle herd was found and depopulated in Fayette County this past summer," she said.

"We have just completed depopulating an infected beef and dairy operation headquartered in Pecos County. Commercially sold milk products are pasteurized, or heat-treated to kill bacteria, such as TB."

The commission and USDA staff tested more than 60 herds and traced five years of cattle movement into and out of the Fayette County herd in their effort to pinpoint the origin of the TB infection.

Epidemiology tracing and testing is still

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AROUND MULESHOE

Motorcycle rally returning

The Muleshoe Roadriders' 20th annual motorcyclist rally is scheduled for March 22-23 at the Bailey County Coliseum.

Pre-registration is \$10 for singles and \$20 for couples. At the door, registration is \$12 for singles and \$24 for couples.

The event begins with a light show inside the Coliseum at 9 p.m. March 22. On March 23, there will be a poker run with the first bike out at 8 a.m. and the last at noon.

Field events and games start at 1 p.m., the bike show is at 3 p.m. and the parade at 4:30 p.m.

The awards presentation begins at 5 p.m.

Vendors should contact Robin Dickerson at 272-4143.

More information on the event is available by calling Danny Dickerson at 272-4143 or Albert Ramirez at 272-3818, or by e-mailing dannyd@fivearea.com.

School news

Parents and others interested in activities in the Muleshoe Independent School District can learn about changes in the current week's activities by calling 272-7669. The information line is also updated for changes in the school schedule due to bad weather.

Public calendar

March 18-22 — 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Voting for alternate board member for South Plains Community Action Association. At the office, 804 W. American Blvd.

March 19 — 8:30 a.m. Muleshoe City Council, in the council chambers at city hall.

Also on March 19 — Mammograms at South Plains Healthcare Providers, 208 W. Second St., provided enough people pre-register; call (800) 377-4673.

Also on March 19 — 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Final signup for Muleshoe Little League, at Watson Junior High gymnasium. Players must be 6 by July 31 and be no older than 12 on July 31. Parents must present birth certificate and \$25 registration fee for each child. Information: Leslie Kerby, 272-5153.

Also on March 19 — 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Practical parenting program in Spanish; presenter to be announced. In the high school cafeteria.

March 24 — 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Easter luncheon at Lazbuddie school to benefit senior class. Menu: turkey and dressing with all the trimmings. Price: \$6.50 regular, \$5 for a "lite" plate. Information or delivery: 965-2130.

March 27 — 11:22 a.m. to 12:22 p.m., served according to the usual class schedule. Easter dinner at Three Way school. Menu: turkey and dressing with all the trimmings. Price: \$2.

The deadline for items to appear in Around Muleshoe is 5 p.m. Monday for Thursday's editions and 5 p.m. Thursday for Sunday's editions.

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man Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, asked the Budget Committee to add funds.

Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., indicated Harkin's suggestion was impractical in the new budget environment.

The National Cotton

TOPS NEWS

TOPS No. 34 met March 14 at the usual site, the Muleshoe Church of Christ.

Ten members and a guest attended.

Leader Laverne James opened the meeting with the prayer and pledge.

The singing was led by Elaine Coburn. Linda White, weight recorder, conducted the weigh-in.

Joline Franklin was the best loser and Jewel Peeler the first runner-up. White was named second runner-up.

James was the best loser for the month of February. There were no runners-up.

Franklin conducted the installation of officers, with James repeating her term as leader, Peeler co-leader, Polly Otwell treasurer and Coburn secretary.

White and Alene Bryant are weight recorders.

The next meeting is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. March 21 at the same site. Visitors are welcome.

Council joined other groups in urging the agriculture committees to ensure that adequate and stable funding is available for commodity programs.

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Bruce Rusty Lang (R)	17	21	21	-	17	-	1	3
Dudley F. Mooney (R)	13	28	8	-	4	-	0	0
Lawrence Cranberg (R)	3	7	7	-	5	-	0	0
Gene Kelly (D)	4	6	2	4	1	0	0	0
Ron Kirk (D)	9	5	9	4	4	1	5	5
Ken Bentsen (D)	19	15	16	10	17	11	9	0
Victor Morales (D)	11	11	7	2	4	0	3	16
Ed Cunningham (D)	1	1	2	0	3	0	0	3
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE								
Larry Combest (R)	111	106	121	-	73	-	1	10
GOVERNOR								
Rick Perry (R)	111	99	122	-	68	-	1	10
Tony Sanchez (D)	28	27	18	10	16	5	10	16
Bill Lyon (D)	3	4	4	3	4	4	1	0
John Worldpeace (D)	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
Dan Morales (D)	15	10	16	6	9	1	8	8
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR								
Tom Kelly (R)	33	34	51	-	30	-	0	4
David Dewhurst (R)	62	49	66	-	35	-	1	6
John Sharp (D)	42	30	30	15	23	9	14	14
LAND COMMISSIONER								
Jerry Patterson (R)	50	38	52	-	43	-	1	2
Kenn George (R)	38	32	50	-	24	-	0	2
David Bensen (D)	30	19	22	9	16	11	9	8
Ray Madrigal (D)	10	14	7	4	8	0	5	12
AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER								
Susan Combs (R)	93	75	103	-	67	-	1	10
Tom Ramsay (D)	35	23	29	14	18	12	14	7
Ernesto DeLeon (D)	10	11	4	4	7	0	4	15
RAILROAD COMMISSION								
Michael L. Williams (R)	87	71	99	-	63	-	1	10
Paul L. Looney (D)	17	19	17	11	11	3	8	10
Sherry Boyles (D)	24	10	14	6	11	8	6	10
BAILEY COUNTY SHERIFF								
Richard Wills (R)	56	63	83	-	52	-	1	5
Ron Kemp (R)	87	66	58	-	41	-	0	5

PRIMARY

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with Texas Attorney General John Cornyn gobbling most (192) of them. (See local results by voting box above.)

Cornyn won big across the state, too, and in the general election will face the winner of a Democratic runoff between Victor Morales and former Dallas Mayor Ron Kirk.

Bailey County Democrats, however, back neither Kirk nor Morales but Ken Bentsen, generally viewed as the more conservative of the three and a nephew of former U.S. Sen. Loyd Bentsen.

Bentsen tallied 97 votes locally to 54 for Morales and 42 for Kirk.

For governor, Republican incumbent received 411 votes locally. His general-election opponent, Laredo banker Tony Sanchez, won almost 2-1 in Bailey County over former Attorney Gen-

eral Dan Morales, 130-73.

Herman Morrison, the incumbent Republican justice of the peace in Muleshoe, said Friday that the primary turnout of 123 in his precinct was gratifying.

"I thought that was very great," he said. "I really was enthused by the number we had."

More election news will be in Thursday's Journal.

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Singers take honors

Shonnah Black (left), Savannah Black, Katy Loudder and Kayla Kimbrough of the Lazbuddie choir will be competing at state in San Marcos in May. They earned that right during the UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest on Feb. 2 at Frenship High School in Wolfforth. The group received a superior rating on their four-part ensemble, with Kimbrough and Savannah Black each receiving a superior rating on a solo. Directed by Adeana Carlyle, the group also has performed at athletic events and leadership conferences.

PUBLIC RECORD

MULESHOE POLICE

Feb. 19

Roberto Valles Vargas, 24, no driver's license, no seatbelt (bonded out).

Feb. 22

Alice Flores Marrufo, 35, aggravated assault dropped to assault class A.

Feb. 23

Johnnie Ray Harris, 51, DWI (second) and false vehicle registration.

Feb. 24

Francisco Zubia, 33, DWI (fourth).

Feb. 28

Victor Nieto Hernández, 19, no driver's license, no insurance and no registration.

Epimeno Salinas Jr., 57, DWI (third).

March 1

Sammy Anguiano Gonzales, 36, public intoxication.

Douglas Wayne Spradling, 38, DWI (third) and possession of marijuana.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Feb. 18

Ryan Coldiron, 28, failure to appear on forgery and burglary of building charges.

Feb. 19

Jennifer Lee Cantrell, 18, community supervision revoked.

Feb. 23

Lucio Soto, 20, minor driving under the influence.

Feb. 24

John Fehr, 25, public intoxication and Terry County warrant.

March 1

Facundo Olivas Jr., 19, possession of marijuana (bonded out).

Sonny Chávez, 19, possession with intent to deliver (bonded out).

STATE POLICE

Feb. 24

Oscar Luis Garcia, 47, DWI (second).

March 6

Curtis Lee Jett, 30, Lubbock warrant for assault — domestic violence (bonded out).

Padrick Dirk Jordan, 39, DWI (first).

Corn growers stress energy policy

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

"A comprehensive energy policy is good for the environment, good for the economy and good for America." That's what Fred Yoder, National Corn Growers Association president-elect, said at a Capitol Hill press conference where both Democrats and Republicans rallied in support of a renewable fuel standard in national energy legislation.

The press conference, moderated by Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, drew Senate participants from both parties — several of whom have just recently come on board in support of the standard, along with Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham.

"The bottom line is that we need more domestic energy production as well as renewables," said Corn Producers Association of Texas and national board member Dee Vaughan. "An RFS will help pave the way to meeting that bottom line."

TODAY'S RECIPE

CHICKEN DELICIOSO FILLING:

- 2 cups corn tortilla chips, slightly broken
- 1 cup (4 oz.) shredded Monterey Jack with jalapeños
- 2 1/2 cups chopped cooked chickens
- 1 can (10 3/4 oz.) condensed cream of chicken soup
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 can (4-oz.) chopped green chilies, drained
- 1/2 cup chopped onion

- TOPPING:
- 2 pkg. (6 oz.) cornbread mix
- 1 1/3 cups milk
- 1 cup (4 oz.) shredded Cheddar

Heat oven to 400 de-

grees F and grease a 10 1/2-inch cast-iron skillet. Sprinkle tortilla chips evenly over the bottom of the skillet. Sprinkle with cheese. In a medium mixing bowl, combine the chicken, soup, sour cream, chilies and onion. Spoon the chicken mixture evenly over the cheese. In a medium mixing bowl, combine the cornbread mix and milk; stir until smooth. Stir in the cheese. Spoon over the chicken mixture; spread evenly. Bake at 400 degrees F for 28 to 38 minutes, or until golden brown. Makes eight servings.

Yoder stressed the importance of bolstering the United States' energy independence. "The first thing I want to make clear is that the National Corn Growers Association is fully behind the passage of a comprehensive energy bill that addresses our nation's serious dependence on foreign oil," he said. "We need more domestic oil and gas and more domestic renewable fuels."

Vaughan noted that the renewable fuel standard recently was introduced in the U.S. Senate, adding that the standard would represent a tripling of ethanol demand and therefore a tripling of grain used to produce ethanol.

Such a standard would have a positive impact on everyone and is especially important to Texas as the possibility of building ethanol-manufacturing facilities becomes more real.

"If the truth were told, this program will provide greater marketing opportunities than the farm bill currently being debated," said David Gibson, executive vice president of the Texas group. "These two reasons — energy security and maximizing market opportunities — is why we will work to pass this energy bill."

Yoder encouraged supporters of a renewable fuel standard to make their voices known to their legislators by clicking on the Action Alert on the association's web page at www.ncga.com.

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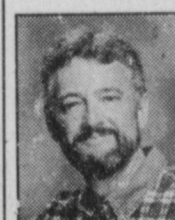
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A Sign You'll Never See in Nepal

Maybe my sense of humor is a bit strange, but the big wall display I saw recently as I was walking through a large system (it was once a hospital, but in this age of merger mania, now it's a "system") tickled my funny bone. I could have cried, but I chose to laugh instead.

Judging from the sign, it must have been "Pastoral Care Week—October 24-31," which, since I am a pastoral care giver, was just fine with me. They were evidently trying to honor those who give pastoral care.



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

Well, thank you. But honoring pastoral care givers in our very politically correct day and age is harder than you might think. I'd hazard a wager that 90% or more of the pastoral care givers who walk down the halls of their hospital are from Christian denominations, groups, and sub-groups, mostly Protestant with a significant number of Catholic folks thrown in, and a much smaller number of Jewish pastoral care people also in the mix. In any case, "Christian" and "Jewish" would surely cover the big end of the pastoral care-giving going on in that hospital. Or even in the whole "system."

But these are the days of political correctness, and you'd hate to miss the chance for a warm fuzzy sort of inclusiveness by leaving someone out, especially if the theme of your Pastoral Care Week is "Diversity in Spirituality," a theme guaranteed to bring tears to the eyes of the truly politically

correct folks in any group.

So the amazingly diverse sign listed pastoral care-giving groups in large letters: JEWISH, CATHOLIC, BUDHIST, PROTESTANT, HINDU, ISLAMIC. Never mind that, if they wanted to list world religions, Protestant and Catholic could have been covered quite well by CHRISTIAN.

But then they muddied the categorical water further when they added my favorite category: OTHER FORMS OF SPIRITUALITY. Underneath it were "Bahai Faith, Church of Christ in God, Eastern Orthodox, Greek Orthodox, Jehovah's Witness, Metropolitan Community Church, Native American, Reorganized Latter Day Saints, and many others." "And many others" is their term, not mine. Maybe they should have erected a sign borrowed from the altar of the "men of Athens" to whom the Apostle Paul spoke in Acts 17, that said "TO AN UNKNOWN GOD," just to be sure they covered all the bases.

My nephew went on a mission trip to Nepal, of all places. He was a Christian praying on a hillside above a Buddhist temple. But he prayed pretty quietly because he got the strong message that those particular Buddhists didn't get the memo on Pastoral Care Week extolling the virtues of tolerance and diversity in spirituality. I don't know how you'd describe the folks in power in Nepal, but they're not at all diverse and "tolerant" is not the first word that would come to mind.

But, excuse me, just to cover the bases myself, I need to go sing "Amazing Grace," light a candle, burn some incense to Buddha, chant a mantra or two. This diversity stuff, covering all the bases, you know, takes some serious time.

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

OBITUARY

SANTOS VILLAREAL

Services were held Friday at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Morton for Santos Villareal, 79, of Morton. The Rev. Jesse Cruz was the celebrant. Burial was in Morton Memorial Cemetery.

Head Family Funeral Home of Levelland handled arrangements.

Mr. Villareal was born Dec. 22, 1922, in Atascosa County,

Texas. He died Tuesday at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

He married Frances Oropeza in 1945 at Christine, Texas. She preceded him in death.

He moved to Morton in 1958 from Christine and was a farmhand for T.M. Tanner for 20 years.

He was a Roman

Catholic.

Mr. Villareal is survived by five daughters, Mary Ornelas of Bula, Yolanda Aranda of Sublette, Kan., Sylvia Olguin of Morton, Cruz Ibe of Wolfforth and Lupe Oropeza of Morton; two sons, Joe Villareal and David Villareal, both of Morton; two brothers,

Ignacio Campos of California and Ramón Campos of Cleburne, Texas; three sisters, Nate Bósquez of Pleasanton, Texas, and Josephine Pacheco and Rosa López, both of Christine; 25 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

He also was preceded in death by a sister, Frances Agüero.

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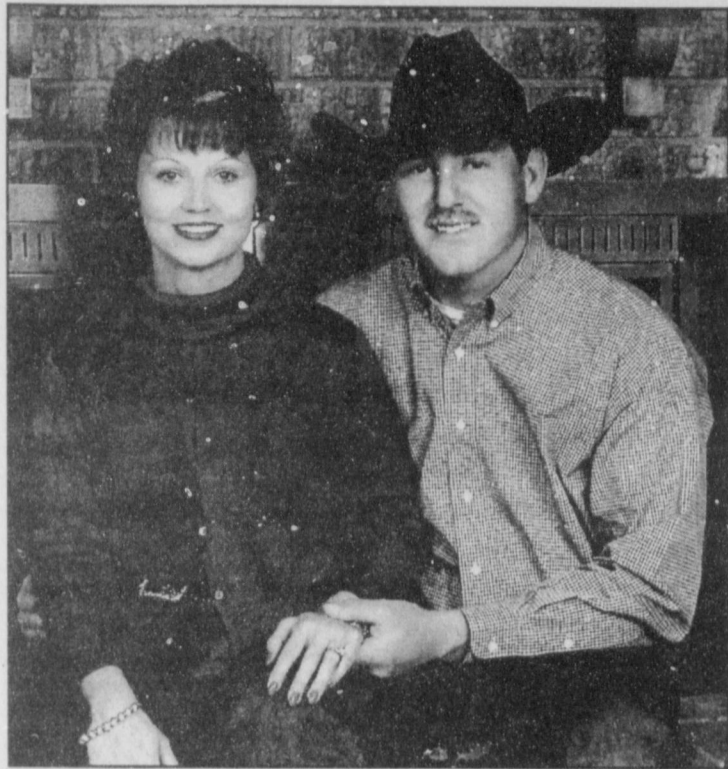
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YOUNG-BOEHNING

Patricia Young of Muleshoe announces the approaching marriage of her daughter, Tisha Diane, to Jeffrey Bruce Boehning of Muleshoe, son of Sue Boehning of Canyon and Gerald Boehning of Muleshoe. The bride-elect is a graduate of Muleshoe High School and is employed by the city of Muleshoe. The prospective groom is a graduate of Canyon High School and is employed at Boehning Dairy. The wedding is scheduled for April 20 at First United Methodist Church.

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under way for the Pecos County herd.

"We anticipate that the USDA rule to downgrade Texas' TB status from 'free' to modified accredited advanced status could be published sometime in April," commented Dr. Richard Ferris, area veterinarian-in-charge for the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services in Texas.

He noted that the specific regulation changes will affect all of Texas, except El Paso and Hudspeth counties, which will remain separate due to high-risk herds awaiting federal depopulation.

"Upon publication of the rule, Texas breeding cattle that are being moved out of state will have to be tested for TB and be identified with an official ear tag," Ferris said.

"Breeding cattle can be exempted from the testing requirement, if their interstate movement is directly to slaughter or to a specially designated feedlot. Also, cattle from TB-accredited herds are exempt from the testing requirement, as their herd has been tested regularly to gain status.

As always, within 30 days prior to interstate movement, Texas breeding cattle (unless they are moving directly to slaughter) must have a certificate of veterinary inspection and a test for cattle brucellosis, if the animals are not from a certified brucellosis-free herd.

"The USDA is deferring until January 2003 its require-

ment for Texas feeder animals to be officially identified before they leave the state," Logan said.

"This identification can be an official ear tag, or registered animals can be identified with a brand or tattoo. Unless a waiver or other arrangements can be agreed upon with the USDA before January 2003, feeder heifers leaving the state after that date will have to be TB tested, unless they are moved to a specially designated feedlot or directly to slaughter," she said.

Dr. Logan said more than 1.4 million cattle were shipped out of state in fiscal year 2001. Most of those were feeder or slaughter animals.

"The cost of tagging feeder cattle will be high, and we anticipate federal assistance for extra workload and expense," she said.

In two years, Texas could apply with the USDA for reinstatement of TB-free status, if no additional infection is detected, she said.

She explained that a TB skin test must be conducted by an accredited veterinarian, who injects tuberculin into the skin near the animal's tail, in an area called the "caudal fold."

The veterinarian then examines the site 72 hours later for a swelling response that might indicate that the animal had been exposed to TB.

If a response is detected, she said a second skin test can be run on the animal's neck. If this "comparative cervical" test also is positive,

ROTARY NEWS

The Muleshoe Rotary Club met March 5 at the Bailey County Coliseum. President Wanda Hooten led the prayer and George Nieman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members welcomed guests Brian Boehning with Katherine Schraeder and Susie Sowder with Criss Cleavinger.

Rotary sweetheart Candace Hutto introduced the students of the month for March, Jessica Carpenter and Matt Luna.

Hooten reminded members to mark their calendars for the district conference, May 2-5 in Big Spring.

Brad Reeves was to be in charge of the program, but he will be receiving the Larry B. Hall I-Forgot-the-Program Award at March 19 meeting. After receiving it, he will be required to display the award in a prominent area of his workplace.

In lieu of a planned program, Hooten asked Thurman Myers to choose a Rotarian to give a classification speech. He chose

Mike Holt, who gave a very informative speech. Hooten also asked Schraeder to give her speech.

Rotarians in charge of the next three programs are Bruce Purdy (March 12), Schraeder (March 19) and Bill Saxton (April 2). There is no official meeting on

March 26, with members being encouraged to attend the Bailey County Ministerial Alliance's Holy Week services at First United Methodist Church.

Myers was the Hunger Plus winner for the week; he adjourned the meeting by leading the Four Way Test.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Muleshoe Area Medical Center reports the following patient load:

March 7 — Samuel E. Corral, Virginia Corral, Gladys Kaltwasser, Abriana K. Mendoza, JoAnn Mendoza, Esther B. Rodriguez, Michael Smith, Joseph Tagle, John Vaughn, David Williams and Willie F. Williams.

March 8 — None reported.

March 9 — None reported.

March 10 — None re-

ported.

March 11 — Joseph J. Arrickiello, Lavinne Hinkson and Willie F. Williams.

March 12 — George Alvarez, Baby Boy Daniel, Misty Daniel, Anna M. DeLaCruz, Lavinne Hinkson, Elsie Kendall and Doroteo Ruiz.



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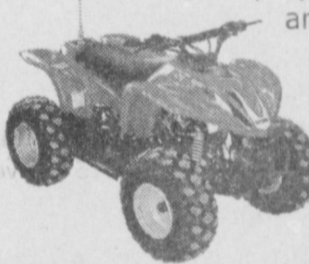


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the animal must be slaughtered and its carcass carefully examined for TB lesions.

"TB testing requires that animals be held for at least three days in a pen, pasture or other holding facility for each test, and this would be very disruptive to current trade and movement practices," Logan said.

Ferris said nearly all U.S. TB cases, including the recent ones in Texas, are initially detected through surveillance at slaughter plants.

USDA and state meat inspectors check all cattle carcasses for internal lesions characteristic of the bacterial disease. When lesions are found, the carcass is retained pending laboratory diagnosis.

If TB infection is confirmed, the carcass is condemned.

Animal health officials will

determine the herd of origin for the infected animal, so that any remaining cattle can be tested. Cattle moved into or out of the herd are traced and tested as are neighboring herds.

Any infected are depopulated, with the USDA providing indemnity funds to the producer.

"We know Texas has been at particular risk for TB, because Texas livestock brokers import nearly a million Mexican feeder cattle each year," Logan said.

She noted that, in fiscal 2001, 64 TB-positive cases were detected in U.S. slaughter plants. Of the 50 case investigations that have been completed, 48 involved Mexican-origin cattle.

Since last October, Mexican-origin cattle have been involved in seven of the nine TB cases in feedlot animals.

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Hay growers preparing for planting

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL
COLLEGE STATION
— Texas hay producers are preparing to plant the 2002 crop, Texas Cooperative Extension reports.

"Most annual hay crops are planted starting in March in South Texas through late April in northern Texas," said David Bade, Extension forage specialist in College Station. "Planting is done as soil temperatures warm up and the danger of a freeze is past."

Like any other crop, hay needs moisture, fertility and sunlight for good growth, Bade said.

"From the spring rains, we are in similar moisture conditions as last year for this time of year," Bade said. "With additional rains in the spring and early summer the potential for similar hay yields is present."

Planting of Haygrazer hays (a type of sorghum) and millet, another variety of annual hay, occurs in the spring, Bade said.

Most hay in Texas is from perennial grasses, which live more than one year and come up from the root system, such as Bermuda grass, Bahia grass and bluestems. These are managed as they green up in the spring and do not have to be planted

every year, he said. According to the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, 130,000 acres of alfalfa was harvested last year along with 5.1 million acres of other varieties of hay.

"Hay should be ready to cut from four to six weeks after greenup or germination," Bade said. "Then with moisture, hay can be cut every four weeks of growth."

Bade said the main hay produced in Texas is Bermuda grass — the most popular grass planted or produced, mainly because it is perennial, he said.

"There are several types of (hybrid) Bermuda grasses used for hay ranging from Coastal, Tifton 44, Tifton 85, Jiggs, Common, etc.," Bade said.

Coastal Bermuda is more drought- and grazing-tolerant than many grasses. It responds well to adequate fertility and rainfall or irrigation and can grow under a variety of soil and climatic conditions in the South.

However, Coastal Bermuda is susceptible to freeze injury and will be killed out in areas where the soil freezes. It responds well to adequate fertility and rainfall or irrigation and can grow under a variety of soil and climatic conditions in the South.

"Most hay crops had not started to grow yet, so this (recent) cold spurt is not harmful," Bade said. "In deep South Texas, where grass was beginning to green up, the cold did freeze that back, making the grass start over in greenup."

With any variety of hay, producers always have the worry of insects.

Insect damage should be checked as the hay is growing and should be treated if a problem occurs, Bade said. If there has been a problem with disease in Haygrazer and/or alfalfa crops in the past, then a disease-resistant variety is usually recommended, he said.

Soil conditions are dry to very dry across the Panhandle and South Plains.

DPS extends deadline for recruit school

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL
The Department of Public Safety continues to take applications for trooper-trainees as the deadline for the next recruit class approaches.

The department extended the deadline to March 25 for applicants seeking admission to the June recruit school in Austin.

Application packets can be picked up at the nearest DPS office and extensive information is accessible on the department's website, www.txdps.state.tx.us.

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It's finally time for Pisces to yell, "I told you so." But wait until there is a larger audience to experience it. Wednesday will be your day of victory, so enjoy it.

Aries - March 21/April 20
You can be unusually persuasive, Aries. Your biggest opponents, are those who question your timing. Act as if you already know the answer and your instincts will prove right.

Taurus - April 21/May 21
You find deeper meaning in the most casual remarks lately, Taurus. Introspection causes you to do some self analysis. Believe in your potential and you can do almost anything.

Gemini - May 22/June 21
You're caught off balance by a surprising question, Gemini. Yet, you don't miss a beat. Cosmic forces are pushing love closer in your direction. Enjoy the rush while it lasts.

Cancer - June 22/July 22
A confrontation ends early when the weaker party gives in to your wishes, Cancer. The crab got lucky this time so make the most of it. Confusion arises midweek. Resolve it with patience.

Leo - July 23/August 23
When you see the shortcut this week, Leo, take it. There would be no entrepreneurs, pioneers or inventors if everyone waited for permission to push on. Danger is on the horizon.

Virgo - Aug 24/Sept 22
It takes only one kind word from a friend to remind you how wonderful you are, Virgo. There are many willing partners who are waiting for you to jump into the mix.

Libra - Sept 23/Oct 23
Expect a sudden reversal in your life, Libra. Everything is still going your way, but it changes somehow. As long as you can adapt quickly you'll be fine.

Scorpio - Oct 24/Nov 22
Being timid is not in your make-up, Scorpio. This is your week to shine and get noticed. The scorpion's desires will not be denied and pity those who stand in your way.

Sagittarius - Nov 23/Dec 21
Be careful about getting worn out this week, Sagittarius. It may be time to pass the torch to another able person. You have to remember you're as human as everyone else and need a break now and again.

Capricorn - Dec 22/Jan 20
You've had enough of being alone, Capricorn. You like to be around people even if they are quite different from you. Wear your heart on your sleeve this week and you're sure to find a love connection.

Aquarius - Jan 21/Feb 18
Avoid problems by making peace with troublesome individuals early on, Aquarius. The best compromise is a combination of everyone's best ideas — then go with it.

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<p>2002 Chrysler PT Cruiser</p> <p>AUTO - AIR - TILT/CRUISE - CD POWER LOCKS/WINDOWS - LOADED!</p> <p>Starting at only \$17,995</p>	<p>2002 Dodge Durango 4x4</p> <p>4.7L MAGNUM V8 - AUTOMATIC POWER LOCKS/WINDOWS TILT/CRUISE - AM/FM/CASS/CD - RUNNING BOARDS</p> <p>\$24,992</p>	<p>2002 Dodge Ram 1500 Quad Cab</p> <p>"NEXT GENERATION" 4.7L V-8, AUTOMATIC, AIR, TRAILER TOW GROUP, ANTI-SPIN AXLE, CONVENIENCE GROUP, 17" CHROME WHEELS, 40-20-40 CLOTH SPLIT BENCH & MUCH MUCH MORE</p> <p>\$20,995</p>

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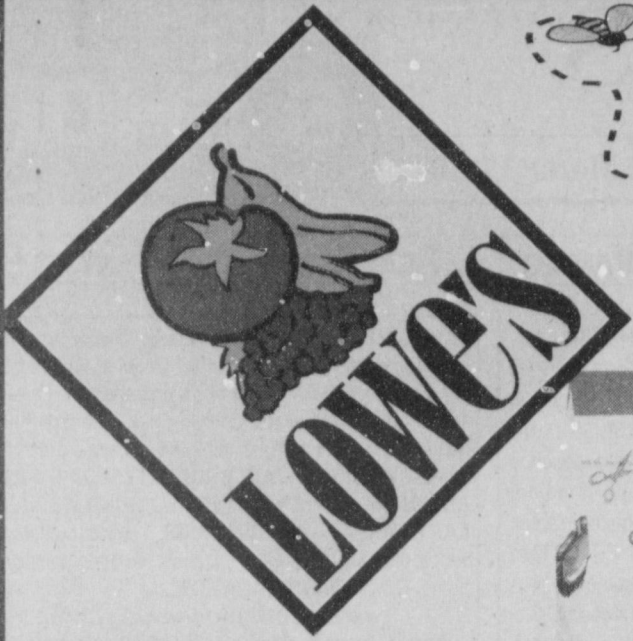
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3 Minute Brand Oats
42 OZ. CTN.

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19 OZ. PKG.

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Reward Coupon. This coupon can then be redeemed for deep discounts on selected items.

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- Only ONE (1) item can be purchased with each Reward Coupon. • Items will be changed monthly.

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Wesson Cooking Oil ASSORTED 48 OZ. BTL.	Imperial Pure Cane Sugar 4 LB. BAG	Hidden Valley Ranch Salad Dressing 16 OZ. BTL.	Lowe's Soft Drinks 12 PACK CANS	Mrs. Smith's Cobblers ASSORTED 32 OZ. PKG.	Shurfine Ice Cream 1/2 GALLON ROUND	Wright's Sliced Ham 16 OZ. PKG.	Red Delicious Apples 5 LB. BAG	Mixed Fruit Apples and Oranges 5 LB. BAG
Fritos® Corn Chips or Chee-tos PRE-PRICED \$2.29	Casa de Lowe's Spaghetti Sauce 26 OZ. JAR	Kraft Tartar or Seafood Cocktail Sauce 9 OZ. JAR	Chicken of the Sea Whole Oysters 8 OZ. CAN	Chicken of the Sea Chunk Light Tuna IN WATER 12 OZ. CAN	Chicken of the Sea Pink Salmon 14.7 OZ. CAN	Comet Long Grain Rice 42 OZ. BOX	7 Lb. Bag of Ice	
3 LITER BTL. Coca-Cola, Sprite or Dr Pepper	1¢ EACH With 1 Reward Coupon 1 item per coupon		Sno-White Mushrooms 8 OZ. PKG.	5 LB. Bag Red Grapefruit	2 lb. Bag Carrots	1¢ EACH With 1 Reward Coupon 1 item per coupon		
Pepperidge Farm Garlic Bread 10 TO 11 OZ. PKG.	Price's Pimiento Cheese Spread 12 TO 14 OZ. TUB	Old Orchard Apple Juice 64 OZ. BTL.	Albuquerque Flour Tortillas 12 CT. PKG. ORIGINAL	Downy Fabric Softener 64 OZ. BTL.	Vick Formula 44 Cough Syrup 4 OZ. BTL.	Speed Stick Ultimate Anti-Perspirant 1.8 OZ.	Colgate Toothpaste REGULAR 6.4 OZ. TUBE	

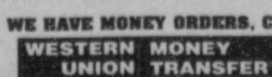
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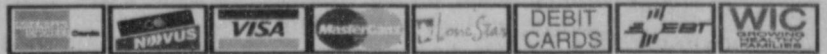


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