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Try the Obituary Store
When Troy Hall went to his uncle's funeral, he took one look at the obituary
his relatives had written with the help of his relatives had written with the help of
the funeral home and knew something had
to be done.
"There was no personal touch," he said. So he went home and wrote a new version, detailing fond memories about his uncle.
Hall felt he was onto something and, in 1993, started a business on Chicago's South Side - called simply The Obituary Store. He provides a form on which families can provide basic information such as name, birthdate, death date, schooling and survivors. He also collects stories of the
Many large newspapers run obituaries as paid advertising, allowing the family to be as creative and flowery as they want to

Check bouncers beware
Kokoman Wines and Liquors in Pojoaque, N.M., used to get five to seven
bad checks a week before wine manager Jamie $O$ 'Neill began posting the names on an outdoor marquee visible from the nearby
highway.
He's posted only about a dozen names since last summer, but bad checks have dropped to one, or sometimes none, each week.
"It's been very effective," O’Neill said.
've had people come in after their bank warned them of insufficient funds and beg me not to put their name up.
He said the only people whose names go up are those who repeatedly write worthless checks or who refuse to make good on a worthless check.
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Drawing date: Wednesday, Feb. Winning numbers: $10-31-36-37-45-51$ Estimated jackpot: $\$ 85$ million
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Next drawing: Saturday, March 10
Estimated jackpot: \$4 million

March 6 - Forces under Mexican Gen. Santa Anna capture the Alamo after a 13 -day siege; al defenders are killed (1836)
March 7 - The U.S. Supreme Court declares unconstitutional a Texas law prohibiting black people from voting in Democratic primary
March 9 - Fifty-five colonists from the Canary Islands establish Villa de San Fernando, Texas,
eventually to become part of San Antonio (1731)

## Locm weather

The week is expected to begin with more showers on Sunday, but change to pleasant, partly cloudy conditions after that. Temperatures also are expected to be pleasant, with highs Sunday and Monday in the upper 50 s , about 61 on Tuesday and about 63 Wednesday and Thursday. Morning lows should rise gradually from about 27 on Sunday to about 30 on Thursday.

Editor Ronn Smith can be reached at 272-4536 or ctyankee@fivearea.com

Missed your paper? Call carrier Bobby Flores at 272-6719 or the Journal during business hours, 8:30 a.m. -5 p.m.

\section*{Child injured in pickup-pedestrian accident <br> JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Muleshoe Police Chief Don
Carter said Friday that apparently no charges will be filed as the result of a pickup-pedestrian accident tha
Monday
he child was taken by Bailey

Medical Center and was admitted
with a broken right leg, records show.
Carter said measurement of skid marks indicates that the driver was e 400 block of East Dallas, where

The driver of the pickup, 27 -
year-old Victor Scott Moore of
Muleshoe, was not injured.
Moore's 1990 blue Ford pickup
was southbound on Dillas when the child ran into the street from

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in a driveway. The accident
occured shortly before 7 p.m. Records show that the call was
akenat $6: 52 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. by Deputy Ralph Sánchez. Officer Rodney Stevens inves-

## Lazbuddie

 plans 3-on-3 basketball tournament JOURNAL STAFF REPORT Lazbuddie senior-class par ents have scheduled TheLazbuddie Shootout, a 3-on-3 basketball tournament, for April 20-21 in the high school
The entry fee is $\$ 50$ per fourmember team, and the entry deadline is April 12.
Brackets will be completed as soon as possible and mailed
o team captains.
Divisions include elemenary, junior high, high school adult and coed (two men, two
women). More information is avail
able by contacting Debbie Weir at 965-2302, Sarah Black a 965-2149 or any member of the senior class.
Completed entry forms ac order should beckormone order should be mailed to Lazbuddie High School, P.O. Box 9, Lazbuddie 79053 (telephone 965-2152).


## Eight qualify for state

Muleshoe High School's representatives at the Feb. 25 University Interscholastic League solo and ensemble band contest gather for a photo after their return. Eight of them will be going on to state competition in May at San Marcos. Students, their instrument and their rating at the contest, include (iron row, from left) Angela Tucker, flute trio II; Kyla Hamilton, flute trio II; Jami Wedel, flute trio II; and Hailey Hamilton, French horn solo I and piano solo I; (middle row, from left) Jenny Hall, trumpet trio I; Ricardo Aburto, trumpet trio I; Erica Whalin, flute trio III; Wyndi Allison, trumpet trio I; Erin Hancock, flute trio III; and Timothy Villa, baritone solo I; (back row, from left) Stacy Mata, alto saxophone solo II; Trina Hall, alto saxophone solo II; Meghan Wills, flute trio III; Michael López, percussion trio I; Jerrell Otwell, percussion trio I; and Casey Hall, percussion trio I.


## March hèat wave

If you don't remember the day the temperaure hit 155 degrees last week, never mind: Though it was the No. 1 topic of conversa ton around town, the only hot spot was in the "mind" of a local bank's clock.

## Police probe burglary

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT
Muleshoe police are investigating an apparent burglary at
The incident resulted in more than $\$ 3,000$ being taken from the restaurant. The burglary occurred Feb. 28, but an official report was no available until the middle of this week.
Authorities say they recovered evidence at the scene and have a suspect in the case
According to police reports, the alleged bur glary was discovered at 6 a.m. when an employee, Carrie Carrión, arrived to open the restaurant for business.
The employee reportedly found the safe open and items scattered around it, then called the restaurant's manager at home to report it.
When the manager, Sylvia Estrada, called police, Officer Richard Wills responded.
During Wills' investigation, he discovered that the perpetrator apparently entered the res taurant through the roof.

New names enter Lazbuddie race
JOURNAL STAFF REPORT
Two new names will appear on the May 5 election ballot for
Lazbuddie School Board positions.
Robert Smith and Terry Parham have signed up to run for the board's two seats up for re-election. They are currently
held by Tommy St. Clair and held by Tommy St. Clair and

## Rural land

 boom based on hunting SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL LUBBOCK - The recreational land market in Texas is booming - thanks in no small part to white-tailed deer and bobwhites."The whole ranch market is focused on recreation right now," said Sam Middleton, a Lubbock-based farm and ranch broker.
"If the economy stays together, I think you're just going to see a continuation of this trend. The ranch market is pretty well focused on recreation buyers, and that spills over into other things," Middleton said.
"There are quail people, deer and elk people, and people in New Mexico that want troutfishing ranches. But it's all tied to recreation, one way or the see LAND on page 2

andidates to register:

- Muleshoe School Board-
David Tipps and Bruce Barrett;

Candidates have until 5 p.m. David Tipps and Bruce Barrett; do so at the administrative of Cliff Black and Juan Chávez. fice of the entity the candidate Muleshoe Area Hospital $\quad$ during to spring break Mua
dish $\begin{array}{cl}\text { - Muleshoe Area Hospital } & \text { during spring break, Muleshoe } \\ \text { District Board-Arline Phelps } & \text { School Board candidates may }\end{array}$ and Tim "Buck" Campbell;and register at the hospital.


## Goodbye for a week

Julian Peña, a fifth-grader at DeShazo Elementary School, says his farewell to the campus as he boards the bus to leave for spring break. Classes resume March 19.

## Around Muleshoe

Weather observer needed
An official National Weather Service observer in Muleshoe eeking someone else to take over those duties.
The agency's Lubbock office is trying to find a volunteer.
The new observer will be furnished with all the necessary instruments, forms and training needed to perform his or her duties. The observer needs to be able to report air temperature (minimum, maximum and current), rainfall and snowfall each day of the week. Soil temperatures will be required for about hree months each spring, and re
be required during such events.
The observer may have a backup person to make these reports in the event the observer is out of town or otherwise unable to take the daily reports.
The reports are coded and phoned into a computer system each day between $6 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. and $8: 30 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. The reports are important to the National Weather Service, bein $g$ used to maintain the climate database for the Muleșhoe area.
Anyone interested in taking on these duties is asked to contact Johnny S. Wallace at (806) 745-4260 or go by the National Weather Service forecast office at 2579 S. Loop 289 , Suite 100

Muleshoe gets good rain
Muleshoe and much of the surrounding area got good rains Wednesday night and Thursday
J.K. Adams reported the official Muleshoe reading as 1.1 inches for Wednesday night, after a total of .18 inches had fallen in the previous day and a half.

## LAND

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other."
Middleton is a 30 -year ve eran and major player in the farm and ranch real estate industry. His grandfather, Charles, started the family's farm and ranch real estate and appraisal firm in 1920.
Today, Charles S. Middleton and Son sells several hundred thousand acres annually in Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Colorado. Middleton said the recreational land market makes up a full 75 percent of the firm's ranch transactions. "Whether it's the Internet or the stock market or fiber op-
tics, a lot of people have made a lot of money in the last few years," he said. "The new land buyers among them are looking principally for scenery game and location.
"We had a tobacco settlement attorney that bought a ranch in the Panhandle. It was about a $\$ 15$ million deal. He bought that ranch totally to hunt bobwhite quail. I asked this fellow how many days a year he' $d$ be spending out here, and he said: 'Well, I'll be coming he said: 'Well, I'll be coming
hunt quail, and that's it.'
"You look at spending \$15 million to be on a property eight or 10 days a year to hunt quail and you can't imagine how they justify it, but that shows you the importance people place on recreational land. This spills down into the smaller properties, too. Doctors and lawyers want a weekend ranch that's 60 miles from home, an hour's drive from town. They want smaller places, the two-, three smaller-scale buyer, but the same type motivation is driv ing it.
Qua
white-t are fast approaching pushingthe deer as the fue rush Middleton said Soun Texas is a popular area forquail, as is the land east of Luarl, as is the land east of Lubbock under the Caprock, the eastern
Panhandle and much of the Rolling Plains.
"I know a lot of people have real concerns about fire ants killing out quail," he said. "I sell ranches in central Texas aroiund Fort Worth and Stephenville and east of

Meals on Wheels needs donations
The Bailey County Meals on Wheels program is critically low Andrea Kemp said Monday
The program gets some funding from government sources, but Kemp said unusually high demand has eaten up that money. In addition to delivering meals to people with limited mobility, the program also provides rides to citizens age 60 and older, strictly on a donation basis.

Community Action seeks candidates
Anyone interested in representing the low-income citizens of Bailey County on the South Plains Community Action Associa-
tion board is asked to contact the Bailey County office by March

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Two positions - one representing the target population and one alternate board member - will be on the ballot, with voting o take place March 19-23 at the local office.
More information is available by going by the office ( 804 W . American Blvd.) or by calling either Janie Posadas or Leonor

## Public calendar

March 12-6:30 p.m. Muleshoe Heritage Foundation board f directors, at the depot.
The deadline for items to appear in Around Muleshoe is $5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Monday for Thursday'seditionsand 5 p.m. Thursday for Sunday's

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the quail have pretty well died ties show appreciation of betout, which obviously is a major ter than 20 percent a year." A recent survey of Quail ranches are seldom sold to Unlimited members conducted ranchers anymore. The only by the Texas Agricultural Ex- time such a transaction occurs
tension Service supports is when a ranchersells his place Middleton's observations on to a recreational buyer for a the importance of quail. the large sum and looks to buy survey found that the average another ranch through a taxmember of this national organization of quail hunters and conservationists spent over
$\$ 10,000$ annually on quail hunt$\$ 10,000$ annually on quail hunt-
ing. Nineteen percent of the survey participants said they'd bought a property for quail hunting in the past 10 years." "Most of the people buying these ranches are wealthy, Middleton said. "They just want a place to relax and enterthe friends. The income off the property is nothing. There's just not much of an income
stream to it.
"The typical ranch we sell today will have a 3 percent return on the investment. But there is a very good appreciation value on the property if the tion value on the property if the owner can afford to own and
free exchange allowed under the U S tax code.

## "True ranchers are being

 forced more into New Mexico and to those places that have a lot of government lease land," Middleton said. Recreational buyers in Texas, he explained, "have just driven these land prices up to the point that the economics won't work for a cattle producer. On a lot of these ranches today, the lease income from todunting is as much or more than the income from cattle grazing.'Farming's worse. We're concerned about our farmers right now, because of commodity prices, the weather, and fuel costs. I would expect prices on farms and ranches with little or farms and ranches with little or

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## City of Muleshoe ONE WEEKTICE: CITY WIDE SPRING CLEANUP TY WIDE SPRING CLEANUP

 MARCH 19-23, 2001

The City of Muleshoe will be performing a city wide spring cleanup campaign March 19-23, 2001. If you have items to be picked up, please place the items behind your fence in the alley prior to March 19, and the City will remove those items.

If you have questions, call City Hall at
272-4528.

## ITEMS THAT WILL BE PICKED UP INCLUDE:

Brush \& Yard. Waste, Household Furniture \& Appliances, Construction Materials

ITEMS THAT WILL NOT BE PICKED UP INCLUDE:
Batteries, Oil Filters, Paint Containers, Tires \& Chemicals

## New hummingbird mint should be a hit with gardeners

Editor
Many people are interested in attracting hummingbirds to their yards so they can observe the little guys up close. The easiest way to do this is to grow plants that attract the birds.
In our climate, one of the most effective families for thi purpose are the agastaches Various species are known as hummingbird mint or licorice mint or hyssop of one kind or another.
Most of them flower in shades of orange, pink, red or laven der, and the tube-shaped flowers are borne on tall spikes. One drawback has been that many people don't seem to care for the flower colors. Admitto the gaudy, oversized blooms of many of our modern hy brids, we may have to develop a taste for the looks of plainer species. (When I worked at the Clovis News Journal, there were other gardeners on staff nd I occasionally took cut fairly colorless agastache in spired some unkind comments, and until then I hadn't recog nized how colorless it actually

But the species generally have more scent and more nectar than hybrids, so if our desire is to

BACKYARD

ally the best choice
There is a hybrid agastache, though, that has a bright, clear flower color (hot pink, with lavender and orange accents) and heavy nectar production 'Desert Sunrise' may be the answer for people who won' grow agastaches with frower that appear faded or murky.
Another advantage of thiscul tivar is that it inherits the ability to survive desert-like conditions from one of its parents Agastache rupestris, but can also survive where there is more water (as adjacent to a lawn) ike its other parent Agastach cana It is known ashybrid hum mingbid mint, although mingbird mint, although that name may not last: There are new "hybrid hummingbir mints" entering the market ev ry year.
This plant will grow 2 feet wide and $31 / 2$ to 4 feet tall, so it isn't necessarily a plant for tight spaces, but its upright growth makes it suitable for comparatively close quarters. Even if your yard doesn'tusu-
think this plant will draw them - if not the first summer, then by the second certainly It's almost infallible.
A. rupestris itself is certainly worth establishing, too. To my eye, its flowers are orange, with
slight lavender overtones. It slight lavender overtones. It isn't nearly as big as 'Desert Sunrise," growing $1 \quad 1 / 2$ feet
wide and sometimes $21 / 2$ feet wide and sometimes $21 / 2$ feet tall.
This species is a native of the mountains of southern Arizona, the "hummingbird heaven" of America. (A vecation at Arizona's Ramsey Canyon is the ultimate treat for hummingbird lovers.)

Since last month's Grea Backyard Bird Count, I have had some interesting correspondence from Glenda Anspaugh Clovis.
It appears likely that she has nesting pairs of both curvebilled thrashers and sage thrashers in her yard. This may well be a unique occurrence, especially since the sage thrasher is not generally thought to be a nesting species in our area. (Of course, the
gaudy western tanagers aren't either, and they have raised babies in my back yard for four years now.)
One side effect of people's
in many cases, what had been accepted knowledge about birds isn'tnecessarily true. Anspaugh may be merely the first human to notice sage thrashers building a nest here - it doesn' mean they haven't been doing it before.
Anspaugh presents herself as an amateur, but two things are clear: Shepays attention to what is happening, and she doesn't automatically assume something is what it appears to be until she checks it out. That' how experts are made!
It's a pleasure to read wha she writes about birds, partly such pleasure in sharing it.

Jackie Arnold of the Cana dian River Soil and Water conservation District is sched "Beautifying Your Back Yard" from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. (Cenral time) March 26 at the Amarillo Public Library, North ranch.
Topics scheduled to be dis cussed include the importance of ponds, plants and trees; how to build a butterfly garden; and information on wildflowers, birdhouses, pest control, drip irrigation, soil testing, mulch ing, composting and terracing The North Branch is on North

URSING HOME NEWS

The Rev. William Perhealth, pastor of the Nazarene Church, and Zona Gatewood directed ou evotional Thursday morning. Dan and Millie Throckmorton and Pauline Francour visited the center Thursday afternoon. Throckmorton wound up his ol' Victrola and played vintage records for the residents as they ate ice cream. After the concert, the three visitors played domihoes with the resdeints.
Friday morning, Alene Locke and Rosie Martin performed a kit called "Daisy and Henry" The group joined in at the grand finale and sang "Daisy, Daisy (Biycle Built for Two
Rosie Martin, Kathryn Hancock, Juanita Teague, Bootie Tiller, Clara Coffman, Alene ocke, Grace Scarbrough, Netti Quesenberry, Elzie Darland zell Cherry and Grace Plyler painted ceramics Thursday morn

Florence Harvey's family hon ored her on her 90 th birthday March 3. A multitude of relatives and friend sattended. Among them were all of her 10 grandchildren and their families. The celebrating was held in the center's day room.
Melvin and Wanda Griffin, Harold and Mary Jo Burge directed Saturday afternoon's Bingo Bonanza.
Sunday morning, members of the Muleshoe Church of Christ conducted a Communion service. Buster Kittrell taught the Sunday school class.
Members of Trinity Baptist Church came for church services Sunday afternoon.
Doug DuPuy of Friona came Monday to entertain the residents with music and song.
Beverly Wagnon, Pat Watson, Mary Jo Burge, Dorothy Turner,

LaNell Stancell,Linda White and Josie Ovalle and the center's acset the ladies' hair Tuesday Wednesday morning Buster and Wanda Kittrell, Harold and and Wanda Kittrell, Harold and Mary Jo Burge served coffee and
doughnuts to the residents at cofdoughnuts to the residents at cof fee time. Harold Burge rea inspirational material to the group as they had their refreshments. Cody Favor of First Baptist Church, along with Buster Kittrell, Jim Claunch and Loyce Killingsworth, directed the devo tional Wednesday.
Glenda Jennings and Jackie Scoggins directed the Wednesday afternoon sing-along. Nettie Quesenberry received visits, cards and gifts on her 98th birthday Wednesday. Among her visitors were her family and Annie Floyd.
The Rev. Brad Reeves, Velta Fyie, Joe Embry, Nancy Lemons

## ETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor
I am an ex-resident of Mule shoe, where I lived most of my life until I joined the Marines in 85. I graduated from Muleshoe High School in '83. Since my discharge, I have made my home in Salt Lake City.
My family still lives in Muleshoe, and I recently had the chance to visit them. It had been about three or four years since I had visited.
I was excited to see how much Muleshoe had grown. It was good to see United come to Muleshoe; it was a very nice store.
What I can't understand was the service, in that store and others. People that I saw around town were very nice, but store employees were a different story. My brother and I went to United for the great chicken and other foods at the deli. Well, we waited 10 to 15 minutes for someone to wait on us. (By the way, we were the only ones in line.) Two girls we could see playing in the back. One of them even
had time to answer the phone had talk for about five minutes, hang up and still not wait on us. Well, after getting our chicken we walked around. My brother insisted on showing me the rest of the store, even though I was ready to leave. It was a very good store, after seeing a few unpleasant faces on employees. I asked my brother if the employees were always like that, and embarrassingly he couldn't answer.

Well, we happened to go to Lowe's for something else. I thought United was bad. I couldn't believe what the baggers were wearing, and the cashier was really rude. One of the baggers was smoking a cigarette by a customer. He was on his break, according to the other bagger. I couldn't believe this. At least at United most of the employees were nice and paid attention to their customers, just not at the deli.
After this, I was afraid to go to another store, so we just went
'back to my brother's house Iremember when I was in high school, I was working at Cashway on Main Street. We had to wear jeans that fit, Polo or button shirts and comfortable shoes - and be kind and courteous to the customers.
If we had trouble with the customers, we had to go to the manager.

I was embarrassed about try ing to explain to my girlfriend how nice Muleshoe was. I mean, she liked the peole we ran into on the streets, but in the stores, I don't know. Her opinion of Muleshoe was changed, hopefully not forever.
Well, I will continue to visit my family in Muleshoe, but I guess I have to pick the right day. And if I need something from the store, I guess the stores in Clovis won't be so bad. Hopefully, the next time we come back, things will be different.
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Espinoza-King
Max and Pat King of Muleshoe announce the approaching marriage of their son, Lance King, to Sylvia Espinoza, daughter of Roy and Melenda Mejia of Earth. The bride-elect is a 1992 graduate of Springlake-Earth High School. She received a cosmetology license through South Plains College and an EMT license from Texas Tech Health Science Center. She is a makeup analyst for Chanel at Dillards in Lubbock. The prospective groom is a 1987 graduate of Muleshoe High School and a 1992 graduate of Texas Tech University with a degree in agricultural science. He is employed by Rural Community Insurance Co. in Lubbock. The wedding is scheduled for 7 p.m., June 9 at the First

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## REATIVE LIVING

Information on preparing bearshaped foods, making shawls, and cooking pasta and pizza will be featured on "Creative Living" on March 13 at 1 p.m. andMarch 17 at 3 p.m. ( All times are Central.) Nancy Siler of Wilton Industries in Woodridge, Ill will demonstrate how to use foods that can be shaped like bears for a fun and novel presentarion for Evelyn Langston, owner Ozark Crafts in Branson, Mo. will show a quick and attractive shawl she made for a celebrity. Jeannetta Davis, representing the Mushroom Council of Roseville, Calif., and the Florida Tomato Committee of Orlando will demonstrate a variety of recipes for both pasta and pizza

## Information on lamps and

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## MULESHOE POLICE

 Feb. 18Omar Cesar Torres, 17, possession of stolen property (firearm)

## Feb. 20

Joseph Grandville Rank, 42 warrant for theft by check Feb. 21

Justin Heath Easley, 21, driv ing while license suspended and possession of marijuana Feb. 22
Joe Torres, 45, public intoxication.
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riminal trespass
Gessenia Ramírez García, 29 evading arrest and disorderly conduct (abusive language) Feb. 25 Bru.
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bel López, 40, warrants in Taylor and Shackelford coun ties for failure to provide dentification and for DWI March 2

Eliseo Quesada Molina, 26 no driver's license and immigration hold.
simple furniture repairs will be featured on March 13 at 10:30 p.m. and March 15 at 1 p.m.

Connie Moyers of the New Mexico Cooperative Extension Service in Portales will show how o make lamps using some of the handy kits now available,
Lynn Hack-Gerhart, a furni-ture-refinishing expert who epresents QRB Industries in

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## HASLEY

Cynthia Villarreal and Robert Hasley of Muleshoe announce the birth of ason, Ean EusebioHasley, born at 4:25 a.m. March 3 at Muleshoe Area Medical Center He has a brother, Dominik
Hasley.

## March

Kayla Morton, 19, driving under the influence
March 4
José Angel Olvera Alemán, 7, DWI (first).

## March 6

Susanna G. Cabrera, 20, warants for possession of controlled substance with intent

## March 9

Gabriel Juarez, 19, warrant for possession of marijuana SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Feb. 20
Jimmy Harold Steptoe, 48 sentencing on possession of marijuana.

## Feb. 22

Tanya Willmot, 21, resisting arrest, no driver's license and unrestrained child (two) Feb. 23
Francisco S. Bautista, 30, possession of marijuana under 2 ounces. ounces.

## Jaime Venzor Orozco, 33, pub-

 lic intoxication.Oscar Muñiz, 27, public intoxication and failure to provide identification.
Audrey Martínez, 20, Bailey county warrant - theft by check Feb. 24
Ruby Villegas Ortega, 19, possession of marijuana under 2 ounces.

## Some taxes may offer income-tax deduction

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL WASHINGTON, D.C Some taxpayers may not know they can deduct certain taxes on their federal income tax re turn.
They can, at least, if they file Form 1040 and itemize deduc ions on Schedule A
There are three types of deductible non-business taxes: state, local and foreign income taxes; real estate taxes; and personal property taxes
The taxpayer can deduct any estimated taxes paid to state or local governments and any prior year's state or local in come tax as long as it was paid during the tax year
Generally, a deduction or a ax credit can be taken for fo eign income taxes but not for taxes paid on income that excluded from U.S. tax.
Deductible real estate taxes are usually any state, local or foreign taxes on real property If a portion of a monthly mort gage payment goes into an escrow account and the lende periodically pays real estat taxes to local governments out of this account, the taxpayer can deduct the amount actually aid during the year to the tax
refinish surfaces of wood veneer She will do a mini-course on fur niture refinishing
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Grandparents are Eusebio and Eudelia Villarreal and Theresa Halsey.
Great-grandparents are José and Manuela Villarreal, Jerry and Peggie Bruton, Maria Benevédez, Reynaldo Martínez and Lorin Hasley

Feb. 26
Trueshell Grey, 34, warrant - motion to revoke probation March 1
Jesús Montiel, 43, DWI (third).

Hepolito Montiel, 26, public intoxication.
March 2
Javier Daniel, 17, minor consumption. ond).
María Jessica Rodríguez, 22, Potter County warrant for theft, warrant for theft by check and no seat belt.

Terri Lynn Villa, 23, furnish ing alcohol to a minor March 3

Carlos López, 24, Midland County warrant for theft. Charles Ellzey Steward IV 23, unlawfully carrying a weapon.
Angie Luera Garza, 33, driving with license suspended. March 4

James Calvin Idlebird, 65, Live Oak, Texas, warrant and driving while license suspended Fidel Lira, 18, DWI (first). March 6
FranciscoS. Bautista, sentenc ing on possession of marijuana. March 9

Javier Daniel, 17, possession of marijuana.
ing authorities.
Personal property taxes are deductible when they are based on the value of personal property, such as a boat or car
To be deductible, the tax must be charged on a yearly basis, even if it is collected more than once a year or less than the

More information on no business deductions for taxe is available in Internal Re
enue Service Publication 17 "Your Federal Income Tax." Check under Chapter 24

## Taxes

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PEBEKAHS
Muleshoe Rebekah Lodge met March 6 for its weekly meeting.
Lodge was called to order
by Noble Grand Bonita Drennan. Chaplain Patsy Chance opened with a prayer; 11 members answered roll call. This week all the members brought refreshments.
Under sickness and distress, it was reported that Linda McGonagill is staying at Arizona Transplant House Scottsdale. Sylvia Lira reported that her uncle had died in Logan, N.M.
Committees reported that items have been ordered for the lodge's booth at the motor-

## cycle rally.

Members brought crafts to be used for the president's fund and the Lone Star commander's tables at assem-
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Kennemer closed lodge with the Rebekah Creed and singing of "An Evening Prayer., Members also sung "Happy Birthday" to Joyeline Costen
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## Committee reviews farm credit administration charters

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL make sure that competition

WASHINGTON, D.C. - among lenders is fair and that Reviewing the proposed rule for issuing Farm Credit System national charters, House Agriculture Committee members on Wednesday brought the Farm Credit Administration's chairman and banking industry representatives before a hearing prior to the close of public comment on the charter The proposed rule was published in the Federal Register on Feb. 16 and the 30-day comment period will close March
"The Farm Credit System needs to respond adequately and appropriately to the credit needs of farmers and ranchers, but its regulator, the Farm
farmers in local service areas are able to secure affordable credit," said House Agriculture Committee chairman Larry Combest, R-Texas.
"The Ag Committee expects Credit Administration its authority to make cer-
tain that system institutions always operate in a Combest manner," he added
Credit subcommittee Chairman FrankLucas,R-Okla., said the hearing should be the first of those the committee holds to
tory program and the credit
needs and provision of credit to farmers and ranchers by the Farm Credit System.
"This is the committee's first hearing this Congress to provide our members the opportunity to gather facts and viewpoints from persons, both public and private, who are charged with providing credit to this nation's farmers and ranchers," Lucas said.
"I would also like to make it clear that this hearing will not be the last on credit matters," he said.
"Chairman Combest is working diligently to find a consensus to write prudent commodity programs to restructure and replace those that will expire in 2002. Additionally, we must
begin the process of working

Texas animal-health officials fear spread of virus

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL
Animal-health officials in
Animal-health officials in Texas are watching with concern the relentless westward
march of foot-and-mouth dismarch of foot-and-mouth disease, the most recent outbreak of which was confirmed in late February at several sites in England.
Livestock operations in England already have been financially ravaged by the brainwasting disease BSE (bovine spongiform encephalopathy) and outbreaks of a viral infection, hog cholera.
More cases of foot-andmouth disease have been detected among cattle, sheep and swine in Great Britain (encompassing England, Wales and Scotland). In addition to the loss of thousands of animals, British farmers may lose as much as $\$ 73$ million just from the week-long ban (which could be extended) on the transport and marketing of livestock susceptible to the disease. Foot-and-mouth, which has Foot-and-mouth, which has
not been seen in the U.S. since not been seen in the U.S. sighly
1929, is caused by a highly infectious virus that can cause death or disabling blisters and sores in and around the mouth, muzzle, teats and feet of livestock with cloven or "split" hooves.
Cattle, pigs, sheep, goats and deer are highly susceptible, and can exhibit clinical disease signs after an incubation pe-

## riod of only three toeight days.

To stop the spread of infec
tion, affected or exposed ani mals must be slaughtered, then burned or buried. Premises and equipment must be disinfected to prevent disease spread.
"Foot-and-mouth virus poses special challenges, requiring proper disinfection and biosecurity protocols," said Linda Logan, Texas' state vet erinarian and head of the Texas Animal Health Commission. "People who have worked around or been near infected animals can inadvertently carry and spread the virus via their equipment, cars, clothing shoes or even for a short time in their lungs or pharynx (throat)," Logan added.
She pointed out that studies indicate the virus can drift up to 40 miles on the wind, another hurdle to confining a foot-and-mouth outbreak to a de fined geographic area.
"Foot-and-mouth is probably the most economically damaging livestock disease," she said. The disease is currently affecting four of the world's seven continents - Asia, Africa, South America and Europe leaving only North America,
Australia and Antarctica free Australia and Antarctica free "An outbreak costs a country millions of dollars to fight, and thousands of animals can be lost. Additionally, livestock markets must be closed to pre-

## Foreign Language Festival

 scheduled at South Plains SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL LEVELLAND-TheSpanish language and culture will be celebrated in word, song, music, art and dance April 6 as more than 800 areahigh school students participate in the 10th annual South Plains Foreign Language Festival, hosted by South Plains College in Levelland.Public broadcasting has been added to the list of competitive events, which include folkloric dancing, arts and crafts, puppet shows, skits, sight reading, prose and po etry recitation and extemporaneous speaking.
"The festival gives students a chance to demonstrate their abilities in a foreign language that not only encompasses lan guage but also history, art, geography and performance ac tivities," said Valerie Job, instructor in foreign language at

## South Plains and first-time fes

 tival coordinator. Foreign language skills can be transferred to numerous other areas, Job noted.The festival had been supervised for the past nine years by Irma Bollinger, professor of foreign language at South Plains. She is retiring from teaching this summer.
The competition is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Firstand second-place winners in each category get ribbons; festival participants will receive a certificate of participation, a festival T-shirt and a packet of information about the college. The festival is co-sponsored by the college and the South Plains Foreign Language Collaborative, a group of high school language teachers. More information is available by calling (806) 894 9611, ext. 2913.
and transportation of livestock must cease. Furthermore,
there's the cost of depopulating and disposing of affected or exposed animals and vaccinating 'clean animals' to ate a disease-free 'bufferzone " said Logan, a specialist tick-borne and foreign animal diseases.
She also serves on a national team reviewing how best to safeguard U.S. livestock from foreign diseases and pests. Logan urged livestock producers in Texas to step up their surveillance and to take precautions to protect herds from possible contamination.
"If you've traveled internationally, don't risk carrying disease home to your herd. Disinfect your boots before working with your livestock. Pro-
ducers who feed waste food to ducers who feed waste food to
swine should be particularly careful to ensure that all scraps are well-cooked," she said.
She also suggested that producers limit vehicle traffic and visitors on their premises, and keep new animals isolated for several days prior to adding
areas of the farm bill that will also be of great importance to producers," Lucas said
The proposed rule would establish standards so local associations may apply for, receive and operate under a national charter. Once the administration grants a charter to an association, that institution many lend any here in the country rnust lend within prescribed territories or where they have per-
mission to lend in another ter-

By statute, land bank associations in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama; production associations in part of New Mexico; and First South Agri cultural Credit Association in

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authority from the Farm Credit
Act of 1971.
Congress established the Farm Credit System in 1916. The federal government prosociations.

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next six monts.' Logan said The Texas A nimal Heath Commission and U.S. Department of Agriculture's Veteri-
nary Services in Texas operate the toll-free number 24 hours a day for emergency calls.
While foot-and-mouth cine is available, Logan said i is used only in emergencies. to create a disease-frece burfer Lone around an infected areal
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