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Late harvest effects local gins

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Although most area gins are winding down in the next week or so, most agree that without the snow and rain, they'd have been through sooner.

And the cotton would have been in better shape.

Edwin Teltschik, manager of Parmer County Cotton Growers, said they're about two-thirds of the way through with 22,000 bales ginned and expect to bale another 15,000.

"I figure about another 15 days and we'll

be winding this up," he said. "This has been a tough one. A ginner summed it up, saying, 'Every day is just like start up.' The quality has been off. It's been rough. It's not grading out good.

"I've always prided myself on my turnouts and this year it's all off. I've always had good bragging rights and this year I'm embarrassed to talk about it. We do all we can, the same thing we do every year, working toward good turnouts. I'd hate to see what it looks like if we weren't. Like I say, quality is just off. This crop promised more and offered less than anything I've ever seen."

And while this year's crop is better than

last year's, that's not saying much.

"Four or five months ago this crop looked like it was going to do twice what it's really going to do," Teltschik said.

At Muleshoe Co-Op Gin, Darwin Robertson said they've been ginning around the clock since Nov. 9.

"We'll have all our local customers ginned sometime this week," Robertson said. "Then we'll be able to handle cotton from outside the area."

He said the gin would end up ginning about 35,000 bales of local cotton.

They, too, have been hurt by the weather.

"We'd have ginned a lot more, but the hail and cold weather took some of our crop

out," he said. "The crop didn't yield as much as it would have. And we're ginning a little later than we normally would. We would normally be through by the first of January or December and that delay was caused by the weather."

At Clay's Corner Gin, Doyle Weir said they've ginned about 7,400 bales and should be finished in less than two weeks.

James Shepard, West Camp Gin Inc. manager said they're caught up and ready to gin some more if someone needs them.

In the almost 9,000 bales West Camp has processed, Shepard said the weather

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Hanks charged with theft, case will be referred to grand jury

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Sheriff Richard Wills confirmed that Wesley Hanks of the YL Community was arrested for theft between \$1,500 and \$20,000.

"We arrested him for theft and possession of stolen property," Wills said. "We recovered two stolen four wheelers and a stolen trailer that were reported stolen in Bailey County. We also recovered a sprayer rig reported stolen in Parmer County."

A Bailey County Grand

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Miracles abound for Fragoso

Liver transplant happened in weeks, not months

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Vanessa Fragoso and her family believe in miracles.

Vanessa, 11, had a history of illness, according to her mom, Josephine Fragoso. But it wasn't until 1999 that the family found out that Vanessa had needed a new liver since the day she was born.

"She was very, very sick and no one could tell me what was wrong," Mrs. Fragoso said. "I went to the Lubbock hospital and they did a lot of tests in 1999. We spent a week there.

"They started her on medicine for a while and then in 2003 we started shots, chemotherapy for a year."

In 2004, Vanessa was put on the list to get a liver. She was put on the list on a Thursday and got it the next Monday. That's Miracle No. 2.

Vanessa was picked up in Clovis by a private



Leah Bell

Feeling much better - Vanessa Fragoso, center, felt the effects of her new liver almost immediately. At left is her aunt, Misty Hall, and at right, her mom, Josephine.

plane and flown to Dallas Children's Medical Center.

Mrs. Fragoso continues to be astounded at the speed with which their prayers were answered.

"When we first got started, a doctor in Amarillo told us it would take six months to a year to get an appointment in Dallas," she said. "But we got one within a week. Everything's been happening within a week. The Lord has been with us all the way."

That was Miracle No. 1. Misty Hall of Earth, Josephine's sister and

Vanessa's aunt, said the communities have had prayer chains going continuously for the youngster.

"We had them at both the Church of Christ in Muleshoe and Earth," she said. "Principal Dominguez told the teachers and they all prayed for her in school. And Mrs. Harrison and Mr. Dominguez came to see Vanessa in Dallas. They taped the pep rally so Vanessa could see it in Dallas. Gary Hooten and his family in Muleshoe, a deacon, also came to Dallas after her surgery.

"I would say to her, 'Vanessa, look who loves you.' She saved all the letters, cards, balloons, all the stuff she got."

Another milestone in Vanessa's recovery is coming up Jan. 11 in Dallas, when the stint in her liver will be removed, her mother said.

And the family prays that the miracles continue.

"We need a lot of prayers," Hall said. "We're so happy with the support

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Muleshoe Rotary will assist tsunami victims

The Muleshoe Rotary Club is raising funds to provide disaster relief aid for tsunami victims. The Club is making a contribution of \$500 from its operating budget along with individual contributions from its members to support relief efforts of the Breedlove Dehydrated Foods plant in Lubbock and the Rotary International sponsored Shelter Box Project.

Breedlove Dehydrated Foods creates a vegetable-based shelf-stable meal for hunger relief. The meals cost about 4 cents and one million servings can be shipped in one container. Breedlove has provided hunger relief to disaster victims for the past 10 years and relies on donations and contracts with governmental and non-governmental organizations to manufacture and ship the meals.

The Shelter Box project is sponsored by Rotary Clubs, school and church groups, businesses and individuals. Each Shelter Box contains one 200-square-foot tent, 10 sleeping bags, 180 water purification tablets, one five-gallon water container, basic cooking/eating utensils, shovel, three flashlights with batteries, rope, 10 ponchos and miscellaneous hand tools. Each Shelter

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County officials take oath — Those elected last November to offices in Bailey County were sworn in last Thursday, Dec. 30 at the Bailey County Courthouse by Judge Marilyn Cox. Taking the oath were: County Commissioner Joey Kindle, Floyd J. "Butch" Vandiver, County Attorney Carrissa Cleavinger, Sheriff Richard Wills, County Tax Assessor and Collector Berta Combs, Justice of the Peace Deb Stone and County Commissioner Juan Chavez.



Leah Bell

Local Weather

Thursday
Pt. Cloudy.. 56/33

Friday
Scattered
Showers 58/31

Saturday
Pt. Cloudy .. 59/28

Sunday
Pt. Cloudy .. 62/31

Monday
Pt. Cloudy .. 60/33

Tuesday
Pt. Cloudy .. 59/28

Wednesday
Pt. Cloudy .. 55/22

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Chamber seeks event information

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture website is being developed and needs the help of community members. Site designer Stacy Thompson needs local and area people to let her know about upcoming events of any nature in Muleshoe. Thompson suggests that events should be called in at least one month in advance for the calendar to be effective. Churches, organizations, clubs, schools, business, individual, etc. events will be publicized on the site if received in time to do so. Call your events in to Thompson at 272-3652 or email thompsn@fivearea.com.

Muleshoe AA meetings set

Those looking for help with problem drinking can do so at open AA meetings being held at 7 p.m. each Saturday at 121 W. Ave. C (next door to the Mental Health Mental Retardation [MHMR] near Main Street). For information about these meetings or AA in general, call Bobby F. at 272-8948 or 272-4433.

Internet Workshop to be held

Local small business owners can learn how to move into the world of E-Commerce at an upcoming workshop in Muleshoe. The Bailey County Extension Office of Texas Cooperative Extension is sponsoring the workshop, Main Street Texas Online, to be held at Muleshoe High School on Jan. 18-20, from 5 until 9 p.m. Specialist faculty from Texas Cooperative Extension, Texas A & M University, Dr. Pam Brown, will serve as instructor for the project.

"The course is geared to very small businesses, with fewer than 20 employees and to home based businesses," said Curtis Preston, Bailey County Extension Agent. "The workshop is based on materials developed in Minnesota called Access E-commerce. The course material is relevant to those who are wondering what electronic commerce is all about, those who are thinking about developing an electronic commerce website and those who have a website and want to improve it."

Preston said participants in training in other states have included owners of existing retail and service businesses, people wanting to start an Internet business, people operating businesses from their homes, retired persons seeking new challenges, farmers and people considering alternative employment. The class is meant to help participants learn to use the Internet as a business research

Harvest, from front page

has played a part. "The MICs were low in a lot of cotton," he said. "The grades were good. What hail we got effected the crop and the cooler August was what affected our MICs."

So far, no one is reporting any big backlogs. The Beltwide Cotton Conferences taking place in New Orleans, Jan. 4-8, are expected to be sparsely attended by High Plains producers and ginners as a result of the large and late harvest.

Grand Jury from front page

Jury was to get the case on Wednesday. "We found the property in a barn at the family's residence," Wills said. "We confiscated the stolen property and it's now in evidence."

Wills said information led the department to the evidence.

Hanks is out on bond, he said. Wills said he would like to remind the public to engrave their Texas Driver's License number on their property so if it's stolen, it can be identified.

"They need to engrave it in a location that most people wouldn't find, even if they have to crawl around to hide it," he said. "They also need to write serial numbers down. And photographs are always good."

Wills said he has a small engraver that he would consider letting members of the public use if needed.

He added, "Be sure to tattoo the ears of farm animals, even if you just use permanent marker until you get the tattoo."

Hospital Report

Muleshoe Area Medical Center reports the following patients:

- Dec. 24:** No report.
- Dec. 25:** No report.
- Dec. 26:** No report.
- Dec. 27:** Lucia Aguirre, Margaret Collins, Anita Foster, Wanda Griffin, Joseph Harbin, Erica Peace, Carolla Smith, Linda Stovall and Maria Toscano.
- Dec. 28:** Lucia Aguirre, Margaret Collins, Anita Fos-

- ter, Wanda Griffin, Joseph Harbin, Erica Peace, Bobbie Reynolds, Dave Rush, Carolla Smith, Linda Stovall and Maria Toscano.
- Dec. 29:** Lucia Aguirre, Margaret Collins, Anita Foster, Joseph Harbin, Erica Peace, Bobbie Reynolds, Dave Rush, Carolla Smith, Linda Stovall, Maria Toscano and Maria Valenzuela.

tool to find new markets or suppliers or to check out the competition; decide if a web presence is right for a particular business; learn the process of planning a website; learn techniques to effectively promote a website; learn how to incorporate the Internet into a business plan.

The only skills necessary to take the class are basic computer techniques, including keyboarding and mouse operations. Participants should also be able to use an Internet browser. The workshop fee is \$60 and includes all course materials. Supper will be served each evening. For more information on Main Street Texas Online contact Curtis Preston or Mandi Seaton at Bailey County Extension Office, 306 West Second, Muleshoe, TX 79347, 806-272-4583. Limited space is available, so please RSVP by January 14, 2005.

Estate Planning Seminar to be held

The Texas Cooperative Extension is sponsoring four two-day Estate Planning Seminars Jan. 25-26, 2005 in Robstown. This seminar is designed to help families reduce their estate taxes and make effective estate plan-

DSHS ready to resume its wintertime rabies bait drop program

It may not be a typical dinner bell, but the purring sound of an airplane engine signals to hungry coyotes and gray foxes that food is arriving. And as these wild animals in South and West-Central Texas chow down this winter, health officials hope to continue tracking fewer incidences of canine and gray fox rabies.

The Oral Rabies Vaccination Program (ORVP) at the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) enters its second decade with a stack of sta-

tistics showing dramatic drops in these types of rabies.

"Surveillance indicates that the program continues to show measurable results year after year," said DSHS veterinarian Tom Sidwa, ORVP director. "No human cases of rabies in either area have occurred since the vaccine airdrop began. And there have been no animal cases of canine or gray fox rabies outside the original containment zones

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Rotary from pg 1

Box costs \$900, including transportation. The Muleshoe Rotary is making an appeal for local donations to support these projects. Donations can be made by contacting David Brunson (272-4528); Mark Morton (272-7519) or any Rotary Club member of by mail to: Muleshoe Rotary Club, P.O. Box 584, Muleshoe, TX. 79347.

Miracles, from front page

and prayers from our family and church." Mrs. Fragoso said that her daughter's plight has made her realize what a gift the donation of an organ is.

"I wish I could get in touch with whoever gave the liver to thank them," she said. "I want to thank all the brothers and sisters in church for all their prayers, cards, letters, support, money."

Hall added, "More of us should volunteer organ donations to save another one's life."

Births

BRAEDEN WYATT RAILSBACK

Ricky Railsback and Latasha Glover of Muleshoe announce the birth of their son, Braeden Wyatt Railsback, at 12:50 p.m., Texas time at Plains Regional Medical Center in Clovis, N.M. He weighed 7-pounds, 4-ounces and was 20-inches long.

He has an older sister, Brittany Railsback, 12, and an older brother, Michael Railsback, 8, both of Muleshoe.

Grandparents are Harold and Lynda Hill of Muleshoe and Richard and Kathy Railsback of Logan, N.M.

Great-grandparents are Abe and Corine Mallouf of



RAILSBACK

Lazbuddie and Bobby and Nancy Railsback of Amarillo.

Great-great grandmother is Nadine Edge of Lazbuddie.

Corrections

In the Dec. 30 edition of the paper, it was incorrectly reported in a front page story that Jana Grumbles assists Mrs. Eubanks in getting to local girls basketball games. In fact, it is Dee Grumbles who assists Mrs. Eubanks in getting to those games.

The Journal apologizes for the error.

ning decisions will be offered. They are scheduled from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. each day. There is a registration fee. For more information, call Sharon at (979) 845-2226 or e-mail her at s-wehring@tamu.edu.

'Wild at Heart' offering free oil changes to the elderly

"Wild at Heart" men's ministry of New Covenant Church is offering free oil changes to the elderly, disabled and single mothers with children this holiday season. The ministry is designed to fulfill the gospel's call to take care of those less fortunate than ourselves.

To qualify, one must be over 60 years of age, be disabled or be a single mother with children living at home. The oil change will be provided by a local business and

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Sudan Fans!
 Sudan plays at Farwell
Tuesday night, Jan. 11
 The Farwell Service League is sponsoring a stew supper in the Farwell High School gym hospitality room during the basketball games.
Tickets cost \$5
 To buy a ticket, or for more information, contact Brenda Wren, 683-9622

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Obituaries

JUAN JOSE BLANCAS

Funeral services for Juan Jose Blancas, 53, of Lubbock were Monday, Jan. 3, 2005 at Our Lady of



BLANCAS

Guadalupe Catholic Church in Lubbock with Father Andres Mendoza officiating. A rosary was said Sat. and Sun. at Guajardo Funeral Chapels. Burial was in the City of Lubbock Cemetery.

Mr. Blancas was born March 9, 1951 in Nueva Rosita, Coah. Mexico. He died Thursday, Dec. 30, 2004 at University Medical Center in Lubbock.

He married Elida Rodriguez Dec. 22, 1983 in Lubbock. Mr. Blancas worked 36 years as a radio disc jockey, starting his career in Mexico and then moving to the U.S. where he worked for KCLR, KTLK, LA LEY and Muleshoe's KMUL.

Survivors include his wife of Lubbock; an ex-wife, Maria Guadalupe; six sons,

Juan Jose Blancas Jr., Arturo A. Blancas, Juan Lorenzo Blancas, Juan Rene Blancas, Juan Carlos Blancas and Juan Miguel Blancas; one daughter, Elsa Garcia; and 12 grandchildren.

PAT PALMER MOORE

Graveside services for Pat Palmer Moore, 67, of Muleshoe were Monday, Jan. 3, 2005 at Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery with Dr. Stacy Conner of Muleshoe officiating.

Ms. Moore died Dec. 30, 2004 at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

She was born Aug. 2, 1937 in Lubbock.

She was a member of the Lakeview Baptist Church in Lubbock and had lived in Muleshoe since 1982, moving from Seminole.

Ms. Moore worked as the secretary at Ellis Funeral Home in Muleshoe for the past 21 years.

Survivors include a son, Darrell Balentine of Merkel; two daughters, Kim Berkenfeld of Lazbuddie and Edie Lopez of Muleshoe; a sister, Jane Tanner of Lockhart; a brother, Bob Palmer of Muleshoe; and seven grandchildren.

JOSE EDUARDO SIERRA

Services for Jose Eduardo Sierra of Muleshoe are pending in c.d. Juarez, Chih., Mexico. A rosary was held at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel on Sunday, Jan. 2, 2005.

Mr. Sierra died Friday, Dec. 31, 2004 at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

He moved to Muleshoe in 1971 where he was employed in agriculture on a potato farm and at the Muleshoe Co-Op Gin. He had moved to Clovis this summer to live with a daughter.

Mr. Sierra was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Ramon Sierra.

He is survived by his wife, Beatrice Valdez; four sons, Reuben Mata and Jose E. Sierra Jr., both of Muleshoe, and Victor Sierra and Saul Sierra, both of Clovis, N.M.; five daughters, Virginia Wall of Las Vegas, N.M., Rose May Gonzales, Sabrina Sierra, Sara Sierra and Crystal Sierra, all of Clovis; four sisters, Emilia Hernandez of Culver City, Calif.; Esebea Sierra, Monserrat Sierra and Ramona Sierra, all of Juarez, Mex.; and 17 grandchildren.

DOLLIE HARMON

Church services for Dollie Harmon, 89, of Muleshoe will be held today, Jan. 6, 2005 at 11 a.m. in the Muleshoe Church of Christ with Gary Montgomery officiating. Burial will be in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mrs. Harmon was born April 4, 1915 in Rochester. She died Jan. 3, 2005 in Lubbock.

She married William Harmon in Dalhart on Dec.

21, 1933. He preceded her in death on Jan. 25, 2004. She was also preceded in death by one son, Bill Harmon; one sister and three brothers.

She had been a resident of Muleshoe since 1934, moving from Dalhart. Mrs. Harmon was a member of the Muleshoe Church of Christ and worked as a homemaker.

She is survived by one son and two daughters-in-law, Don and Wanda Harmon of Ruidoso, NM, and Jo Harmon

of Lubbock; six grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Children's Home of Lubbock, 4404 Idalou Hwy., Lubbock, TX 79403.

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Baby Shower

Jenna Jacoby and son Cason were honored with a baby shower Saturday, Nov. 20 in the Heritage Center Depot reception room.

The event was hosted by Deborah Kettner, Kristi Dominguez, Annie Young, Judy Coker, Shana Vourazeris, Jenna Hardwick, Stormy Kitchens, Betty Poynor and Louvenia Garlington.

Special guests were Jenna's mother Deborah Malone, sister Kara Miller and niece Courtney Miller, all of Earth.

Coffee cake and a fruit platter along with coffee and apple cider were served to those attending.

Hostess' gift was a combination car seat/stroller made by Evenflo.



JENNA JACOBY AND BABY

Useful tips to help protect our seniors from weather-related health problems

By Lisa Carson, RN, BSN

When winter temperatures drop significantly below normal, staying warm and safe can become a challenge, especially for elderly.

There are several factors that can put the elderly at risk during winter storms and lengthy sub-zero periods such as unexpected power or heating system failure.

Exposure to cold temperatures, whether indoors or outdoors, can cause serious or life-threatening health problems.

Seniors are particularly at risk, but anyone can be affected.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and Comfort Keepers have provided these tips for seniors to remain safe during the cold weather season.

• **Be Cautious with Space Heaters** - Do not place a space heater within 3 feet of anything that may catch on fire, such as drapes, furniture, or bedding, and never cover your space heater. In addition to being a fire hazard, space heaters may also increase the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning.

• **Consistently Check the Temperature** - Older adults often make less body heat because of a slower metabolism and less physical activity. When over 65 years of age, it is important to check home temperatures often especially during severely cold weather.

• **Eat Nutritiously** - Eating well-balanced meals will help seniors stay warmer. Do not drink alcoholic or caffeinated beverages they cause body temperatures to drop more rapidly (regardless of age).

• **Dress Appropriately** - Be sure the outer layer of clothing is tightly woven, preferably wind resistant, to reduce body-heat loss caused by wind. Using wool, silk, or polypropylene as the inner layers of clothing will hold more body heat than cotton.

• **Keep a Water Supply** - Have an extra supply of water stored in clean containers, or purchase bottled water (5 gallons per person) in case your water pipes freeze and rupture.

By preparing a senior's home for the winter months and taking the necessary safety precautions, we can reduce the risk of weather-related health problems.

If you know elderly persons who are unable, for any reason, to prepare for extreme cold-weather conditions, they should stay with family members or go to available shelter facilities.

In addition to using shelters or family members, there are also companies that provide in-home services for seniors in these situations.

Comfort Keepers is a national franchise that offers companionship and other non-medical services for aging adults, new mothers and others needing assistance. Comfort Keepers of Lubbock has been serving the Lubbock area for over two years.

Comfort Keepers is currently providing services in over 442 locations throughout 45 states and Canada.

For more information about Comfort Keepers, please visit www.comfortkeepers.com or if you are in need of assistance or are interested in learning more about Comfort Keepers, please call (806)687-7800.

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will be free. If you, or anyone you know of needs their vehicle services and meet the criteria, call (806) 965-2787 and a certificate will be sent to them.

Judge's scholarship

The Texas Justice Court Judges Association (TJCJA) has created a scholarship in the name of Judge Herman Morrison who passed away unexpectedly. His memory is being honored with this educational subsidy.

He had been a charter member of the organization and served as the regional director of TJCJA. To be eligible for the Judge Herman Morrison Memorial Scholarship, students must be related to a member of

the Texas Justice Court Judges Association.

For more information, contact Gayla Gear at Muleshoe High School 272-7304 or call the office of the Justice of the Peace at 272-4300.

EMT class starts in January

Bailey County EMS will be hosting an Emergency Medical Technician - Basic (EMT-B) class beginning in January. The class will cost \$400 plus the price of a text book, approximately \$65. The class must have a minimum of 10 students. Tuition assistance is available. Contact Chris Thompson at 272-4390 for more information.

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Engagement



James Polasek and Twyla Maurine Gear

GEAR — POLASEK

Joe and Gayla Gear of Muleshoe announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Twyla Maurine Gear, to James Polasek of Ropesville, son of Gene and Loretta Polasek.

The bride-elect is a 1997 graduate of Muleshoe High School and later graduated from Texas Tech University. She is employed at Interstate Services as an account consultant.

The prospective groom is a 1995 graduate of Ropesville High School and South Plains College.

He is employed by Hockley County as a maintenance technician.

The wedding is set for 7 p.m., Feb. 19, 2005, at First United Methodist Church in Muleshoe.

A reception at the church will follow the wedding.

School News

Lazbuddie ISD honor rolls

THIRD SIX WEEKS

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Senior Citizen News

The Oneita Wagon Senior Center is seeing an increase of seniors coming to join the video exercise group at 10 each morning. Others come to walk or use the exercise equipment. Some have asked if we will have a new exercise floor soon. The Center is looking into the prospect of a multi-purpose floor in a designated area. A storage building is also being considered for the many items which require storage, including large Christmas trees.

The menu for next week is:

Monday, Jan. 10 : Chicken fried steak, white gravy baked potato, broccoli, roll, oranges & bananas.

Tuesday, Jan. 11: Beef Stroganoff, noodles, green peas, cauliflower, cheese sauce, hot roll, pumpkin pie or bars.

Wednesday, Jan. 12: Roast beef, brown gravy, roast potatoes, zucchini, tossed salad w/d. wheat roll, frosted spice cake.

Thursday, Jan. 13: pork chops, cornbread dressing,

and carrots, tossed salad w/d, hot roll pineapple cobbler or cake.

Friday, Jan. 14: polish sausage, kidney or pinto beans, brussel sprouts, cornbread, rice or bread pudding.

New activities are planned. Let's break attendance records in the New Year. Best Wishes to All.

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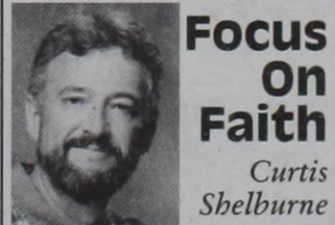
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Ruby Bridges Was Triumphant in Trouble

Years ago now, I wrote a series of short essays entitled "Triumphant in Trouble." How good it was, I don't know, but I do know one truth came through at least to me, if to no one else. To be "triumphant in trouble" requires far more than that we physically survive the pain life sometimes throws at

deeper than those scars is the spiritual deformity wrought by bitterness. Physical scars are one thing. The scars of the spirit are another.

I thought of these things as I read in *Christianity Today* about a little girl, who happened to be black, named Ruby Bridges. Six-year-old Ruby lived in New Orleans in 1960, a turbulent time when black was far from beautiful in the minds of many in New Orleans. Every morning as she walked to school flanked by federal marshals, Ruby Bridges was greeted by bigots hurling insults and curse words. (What kind of moral and mental pygmy hurls his fury at a six-year-old?)



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

us. It means that we survive without bitterness. That can be difficult.

The early Christians were not ashamed of physical scars. For thousands of them, the scars left by pagan whips were badges of pride, not shame. And those who died, burned on stakes to serve as the ghastly light for Nero's garden, torn apart by wild beasts to sate the bloodlust of Roman mobs? The Apostle John calls them "those who conquered."

The early church not only survived persecution; it thrived under it. Early Christian author Tertullian could truly write that the blood of the martyrs was seed and that everywhere it was shed, new Christians seemed to spring up.

Christians can survive scars left by swords and shackles, pain and problems, unless

Day after day. Same pathetic scene. How did this little girl face the stupidity and cowardice of racism? She prayed. She prayed for the people who daily threatened to kill her.

When psychiatrist Robert Coles asked her why on earth she would even begin to pray for such people, she told him what she had learned in church: "The minister said that Jesus went through a lot of trouble, and he said about the people who were causing the trouble, 'Forgive them, because they don't know what they are doing.'"


And so a little girl prayed for hate-twisted men. Ruby Bridges faced trouble, and she faced it without bitterness. Like her Lord, she was triumphant in trouble.

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

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Sports

Lady Mules handle Lubbock High in first-round of tourney

By Delton Wilhite
Sports Writer

The Lady Mules had two days of practice after the holiday break. They finished the 2004 portion of their season in the 32-team Caprock Holiday Tournament in Lubbock. The Canyon Randall Lady Raiders sent the Lady Mules to the consolation bracket in the Lady Mules second game Dec. 28.

The Lady Mules had opened the tournament at 9 a.m. with the Lubbock High Westerners. The Lady Mules opened a 45-17 margin in the third period and then coasted to a 48-35 win. The Lady Mules got off to a slow start against Randall and ran out of time in the final frame. Randall hung on to defeat the Lady Mules 36-39.

The San Angelo Central Lady Bobcats owned a 10-point lead over the Lady Mules at intermission. The Lady Mules turned up the heat on defense in the second half and out scored the Bobcats 19-9 in the final period to take the game 42-39.

The Fillies of Shallowater threw up an over-the-shoulder prayer late in the semifinal game of the consolation bracket. The Fillies came back from an eight-point halftime deficit to drop the Lady Mules 35-37.

The first period was a good news bad news period for the Lubbock High Lady Westerners. The good news was they were perfect from the floor in the first eight minutes. The bad news was the Lady Mules only allowed them two shots.

The Lady Mules led 18-4 at the quarter break and held a 31-11 advantage at the half. Coach Shana Simms brought Madison Myers and Irma Torres along to the tournament and they saw a lot of playing time in the second half.

Kate Lepard led the Lady Mules in scoring with 11 points and Brandi Wood had 10. Jamie Carpenter returned to the lineup

for the first time since the second game of the season. Carpenter hit two treys and had eight points.

Amber Cowart added seven points; Kelsy Friskup made six and Lindsey Wood three. Chelsi Hawkins dropped in two points and Kasey Wood chipped in one.

The Lady Mules got off to a slow start against Randall and the Lady Raiders opened a 14-19 lead at the intermission. The game was a defensive battle in the first half. B. Wood canned a pair of treys in the third period and Cowart hit one.

Randall owned a 27-34 lead to start the final period. L. Wood made back-to-back buckets to cut the Randall margin to four with just over five minutes left in the game. Friskup drove the baseline to cut the margin to two points.

Friskup grabbed a defensive rebound and was fouled. She converted both free throws to tie the game at 36-36 with 3:49 left in the game. Randall called a time out with 1:42 left and decided to go for the last shot.

They spread the floor and began to run the weave. A defensive break down gave the Raiders a layup and they converted the foul shot to take a three-point lead with 37 seconds showing. The Lady Mules called time out with 11 seconds left to set up a play. The Raider defense forced the Lady Mules out to far and B. Wood 3-point attempt fell short. Friskup led the Lady Mules with 12 points and B. Wood had 11. L. Wood added 10 points and Cowart chipped in three.

The Lady Mules shook off the blahs in the second half against San Angelo and cut three points off the Bobcats 10-point lead. B. Wood made 11 of her 14 points in the final period to lead the charge for the Lady Mules.

Cowart hit a monster three with 2:36 left in the game to give the Lady Mules their first lead of the game. Carpenter added a pair of charity tosses to hold off the Bobcats.

B. Wood paced the Lady Mules with 14 points and Friskup added nine. Cowart had eight points, Carpenter dropped in seven and K. Wood hit four.

The Lady Mules had had their way with Shallowater in the first half but lost their focus in the third period. The Fillies out scored the Lady Mules 2-10 to tie the game in the third period.

The final quarter was a typical final period between the two teams. The Fillies opened the period with a bucket and Carpenter drained a trey from the corner in the first minute. B. Wood drove into the lane and hit from eight feet to put the Lady Mules up 31-28.

Shallowater fired back with back-to-back buckets to regain the lead. B. Wood hit a 15-foot baseline jumper. Shallowater hit a pair of free throws before L. Wood lobbed over the defense to B. Wood in the lane. The Lady Mules led 35-34 with a minute remaining.

A Fillie drove from the wing, turned her back and banged into a Lady Mule.

Hearing the whistle the Fillie tossed the ball over her shoulder. The ball fell through the hoop and she was awarded the basket on the continuation rule. She added the charity toss to give Shallowater the 35-37 win.

B. Wood led the Lady Mules with 12 points and Carpenter added eight. Friskup had seven points and L. Wood, Cowart, Lepard and Ashlie Dickson added two points each.

The Lady Mules hosted the Friona Squaws last Tuesday in their final non-district game. The Lady Mules break the seal on conference play in Littlefield with the Lady Wildcats on Jan. 7. The Lady Mules take a one game break Jan. 11 and return to action Jan. 14 when the Brownfield Lady Cubs visits.

Mules fall to Plainview; defeat Cooper

By Delton Wilhite
Sports Writer

The Mules finished the 2004 portion of their basketball season in the 32-team Caprock Holiday Tournament in Lubbock. They had a tough row to hoe in the tournament.

The Mules opened with the highly ranked class 4-A Plainview Bulldogs. The Bulldogs are big, fast and play a brand of street ball not normally seen on the Mule's schedule. The Mules fell to Plainview 42-70.

The Lubbock Cooper Pirates were the only other school from district 2-3A and were in the same bracket with the Mules. There were many questionable calls that kept the Pirates in the game with the Mules. The Mules finished on top with a 15-10 final period to sink the Pirates 49-41.

The Mules met the 4-A El Paso Franklin Cougars in the second round of the consolation bracket. Brady Black made a last second floater in the lane to send the game to overtime. The leg weary Mules could not keep up in the four-minute overtime and the Cougars out ran them 44-54.

Plainview out scored the Mules 7-18 in the opening frame and led 20-38 at the intermission. The Mules put up 11 in the third and Plainview added 18.

The Mules held the Bulldogs to 14 in the final frame and again dropped in 11.

B. Black led the Mules with nine points and Tyler Sheets had eight. Garrett Riley, Arsenio Geter and Trevor Turnbow each made five points and Chris Kindle dropped in four. Brad Henry made three points, Kory Atwood two and Landon Wilson chipped in one.

The Mules matched up better with Cooper Pirates and took a 13-9 lead in the first period. B. Black scored all six of his points in the period before having to stay on the bench because of charging calls.

The Pirates spent much of the second period at the charity line and took a 21-24 lead at the intermission. The Mules roared back in the third period with Geter taking over the lane. He scored seven

points to give the Mules a 34-31 lead going into the final quarter.

Kindle saw Turnbow flash through the back door to open the final period for the Mules. Sheets drained a three from the corner to give the Mules a lead the Pirates could not over come.

Geter paced the Mules with 10 points and Sheets had nine. T. Black and Turnbow each had seven points and B. Black and Kindle made six apiece. Atwood and Wilson rounded out the scoring with two points each.

The Mules hung close to EP Franklin in the opening period and trailed 14-20 at the intermission. The Mules stormed back after the half with 20 points to knot the game at 34-34. Turnbow drained two 3-pointers in the period. His second gave the Mules the lead for the first time in the game at the three-minute mark. Franklin hit a buzzer beater to tie the game.

Franklin went on a run to open the final period and owned a five-point margin with three minutes left in the game. The Cougars began to milk the clock but the Mules would not go away.

Wilson drove under the bucket and dropped in a reverse layup. Franklin was called for charging at the one-minute mark. Wilson drove to the elbow and hit a fall-away jumper to cut the lead to 41-43.

The Mules were forced to put the Cougars on the line with 12 seconds left.

The Cougar banged the front end of the one-and-one off the iron and Sheets ripped down the rebound and hit B. Black with a long outlet pass down court.

B. Black beat the clock to the rim with a little floater in the lane to send the game to overtime.

Turnbow led the Mules in scoring with three treys and 13 points and B. Black had 11. Wilson added nine points and T. Black and Sheets had four each. Geter made two points and Myles James chipped in one.

The Mules hosted the Friona Chieftains Tuesday night and travel to Lubbock Monterey on Friday. The Mules will host the Tulia Hornets January 11 before uncorking district with the Brownfield Cubs on Jan. 14.

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Nursing Home News

Thursday morning Zona Gatewood directed a music and song program in the day room and Special Care Unit.

Sunday afternoon, the cowboy church directed a church service.

Many of the residents had family to come visit them on Christmas or they went out to be with their families.

Alliene Lasiter went to her daughter Joan Lewis' home this Christmas.

Morris and Robbie Nowlin's daughter and son-

in-law came and ate dinner with them Saturday.

Marilyn Wilson had Christmas dinner with George Mitchell and Gladys Wilson at Park View Saturday.

Pauline Chappell's daughters, Sandy and Diane, had dinner with her Friday. Her son-in-law Jeri Wiedebush joined them.

Jim Kee was visited by his daughter and son-in-law Jan and Gerry Pierce, his granddaughter and great-grandson Monday evening.

Tuesday morning, Nelda

Mayse played the piano for our devotional service. Mayse is Clifton Finley's daughter.

She and her husband and daughter are visiting from Kansas.

Tuesday afternoon, Dolores Garrett, Eva Nell Dale and Jan Crawford shampooed and set the ladies' hair. Norma Eaves gave nail care.

A word of thanks and appreciation to all the good people who "came to the rescue" when the sprinkler

broke and flooded the lobby area on Christmas day.

Happy January birthday to the following residents: Camilo Espinoza, 12th; Howard Aubrey, 23rd; and Hubert Elliott, 29th. The January birthday party is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 20 at 3 p.m.

George Mitchell attend his brother's eightieth birthday party in Clovis over the Christmas holiday.

J.C. Shanks was visited by Gerald and Lula Maye Shanks Wednesday after-

noon. Mollie Johnston had Christmas with Dr. and Mrs. Bruce Purdy and family on Christmas Eve.

Buster and Wanda Kittrell served coffee, juice and doughnuts to the residents at "Coffee Time" Wednesday

morning. Buster and Loyce Killingsworth directed the devotional and "Singspiration" time Wednesday morning.

Glenda Jennings and Jackie Scoggin's directed the sing-along Wednesday afternoon.

Become a hometown hero in 2005

Volvo for Life Awards nominees provide tips for volunteering

NEW YORK - Are you determined to do more for your community in 2005? If so, here are tips to get you started from hometown heroes nominated for the Volvo for Life Awards (www.volvoforlifeawards.com <<http://www.volvoforlifeawards.com>>), the nation's largest search for and celebration of everyday heroes:

* Make your community a safer place, like Pat Abrams, Sarasota, Fla., who formed the Sarasota K-9 Search and Rescue Team, specializing in operations involving dense brush, wetlands and high temperatures.

* Let your own life experiences inspire you, like Hope Bevilhymmer, West Jordan, Utah, who had a leg amputated and now delivers prosthetic limbs to amputees injured by land mines in developing countries through her Limbs of Hope Foundation.

* Take your hobby to a new level, like Chad Juros, a teenage cancer survivor from Atlantic City, NJ, who performs magic shows for patients at hospitals and cancer centers.

* Honor your heritage, like Fadi Elsalameen, Richmond, Ind., who created Voice of Arab Youth to train 50 young Arab adults in business and community improvement practices.

* Channel your life-long passion into your hometown, like Chant Thomas, Jacksonville, Ore., who, through various organizations and educational programs, has spent the past 30 years fighting to save the forests and wildlife in Southern Oregon.

* Turn your own misfortune into something positive, like Lorna Hawkins, Lynwood, Ca., who lost her son, Joe, to a drive by shooting. In his honor, she started the non-profit organization and cable television show Drive By Agony which educates the public about the increased violence in Los Angeles and allows parents of murdered children to talk about their loss and pain.

If you know a local hero, nominations for the third annual Volvo for Life Awards are open until Jan. 10, 2005.

In February 2005, Volvo Cars of North America will select 100 semi-finalists who will receive a Certificate of Merit to honor their accomplishments.

Volvo will then select the top three finalists in three categories: safety, quality of life and environment.

From these nine finalists, a panel of judges representing some of the world's foremost experts on care, conscience and character including Hank Aaron, Bill Bradley, Caroline Kennedy, Maya Lin, Paul Newman, Sally Ride, Eunice Kennedy Shriver and last year's top winner Earnestine Russell-Drumgold will name one winner for each of the three categories. The category winners will each receive \$50,000 to be donated to the charities of their choice. The remaining six finalists will each receive a \$25,000 charitable donation.

The three category winners will be honored in New York on March 24, 2005 at the Volvo for Life Awards Ceremony in Times Square Studios Ltd.

The event will feature top music entertainment and a celebrity host, as well as three documentaries profiling the category winners. The overall winner will be named and presented with a Volvo car every three years for the rest of his or her life.

To learn more and to nominate a hero, visit www.volvoforlifeawards.com <<http://www.volvoforlifeawards.com>> .

A Spanish version of the site can also be accessed at this address.

Send nominations to:

Everyday hero nominations accepted at www.volvoforlifeawards.com <<http://www.volvoforlifeawards.com>> through Jan. 10; Volvo to provide \$1 million in financial contributions

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since the program's beginning."

In early January, about 2.7 million baits will drop from five specially-equipped airplanes flying across 44 Texas counties. The first flight takes off Jan. 7, weather permitting, from the Zapata County Airport in South Texas. The second portion of the drop begins about Jan. 15 from the Pecos County Airport in Fort Stockton, and the last leg gets under way about Jan. 22 from Junction's Kimble County Airport.

DSHS initiated the program in 1995 to create zones of vaccinated coyotes and gray foxes to stop the spread of the rabies virus and then eliminate canine and gray fox rabies in the area. Canine rabies in coyotes and domestic dogs had reached epidemic proportions in South Texas and threatened San Antonio and other major population areas. The next year, an airdrop began in West-Central Texas where an epidemic of gray fox rabies had been occurring since 1988.

The number of canine rabies cases in South Texas has declined from a high of 142 cases when the program began in 1995 to none in 2002 and 2003 and 1 reported in 2004 through November. Gray fox cases are down as well from an all-time high of 265 cases in 1994 to 22 in 2004 through November.

The specialized baits offer a dinner of fish meal to coyotes and dog food containing molasses and vanilla flavoring to gray foxes. But the important ingredient is the 2 milliliters of oral rabies vaccine encased in each bait.

"The vaccine inside the bait cannot cause rabies in people or animals," Sidwa said.


Because baits contain a biological agent and are less likely to be eaten by wildlife if people touch them, they should not be handled. Each brown bait is marked with a DSHS toll free number, 1-877-722-6725, that people may call for information.

"People still need to get their pets vaccinated against rabies by a veterinarian as required by law," Sidwa said. A domestic animal's rabies vaccination can be safely given even if the animal recently ate an oral rabies vaccine bait, he said.

School News

Layne Sheets, a 2004 graduate of Muleshoe High School, has been named to the Deans Honor Roll at Abilene Christian University for the fall semester.

He is the son of Gene and Melody Sheets of Muleshoe.



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Health

Do Well, Be Well: Extension helps hundreds learn to manage diabetes

By Linda Anderson

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COLLEGE STATION -- When Cecil McCormick of Hawley was diagnosed with type 2 diabetes about nine years ago, he tried to argue his way out of it.

"I told them, naw, it was just because I'd been eating a lot of sweets," he said. "The nurse told me to get over there and take the [blood] test."

Karla Daugherty of Weatherford wasn't surprised with her diagnosis but was concerned about the outcome. "My husband's grandmother had type 2 diabetes," she said. "I watched for three months while she had her foot amputated and then her leg. While she was going through this, I had an idea I had diabetes. When they told me I did, it upset me because I didn't want to go through what she went through. She never could control hers. I was very upset. I thought my world had ended."

But she, as well as McCormick and hundreds of their peers from across the state, learned the situation does not have to be that dire. What they found instead was the Do Well, Be Well with Diabetes program offered by Texas Cooperative Extension.

The program is a comprehensive, easy-to-follow, educational series on how to live with diabetes, and live well, said Dr. Carol Rice, Extension health specialist and one of the co-founders of the program.

Now in its second year, Do

Well, Be Well is offered in 100 counties, with plans to have it available in as many of the state's 254 counties as possible, said Courtney Schoessow, Extension family and consumer sciences associate.

Since Do Well, Be Well started last year, 1,881 participants — people with diabetes and their loved ones — have registered for the program, Rice said. The idea behind Do Well, Be Well is simple: A growing number of Americans are being diagnosed with type 2 diabetes (formerly called adult-onset diabetes). And many of them are left in the dark as to how to live with this common — yet manageable — chronic disease. They need information and education delivered in a way that's easy to understand.

"Do Well, Be Well with Diabetes is clearly needed, since 72 percent of our participants say this is their first diabetes education, even though 71 percent report having diabetes between two and five years" Rice said.

The problem for McCormick wasn't getting the diagnosis or accepting it, said his wife Lucille. It was lack of information. "We had not really had too much education on diabetes," she said. "We had been to one counselor, and she gave us a menu plan."

The Extension agents who offer the Do Well, Be Well program in their home counties hope to remedy that situation. And some of them are surprised at the response.

Too many people get very little information about living with diabetes when they are diagnosed. Do Well, Be Well gives them that information.

Students from across the state said they learned to:

- Read food labels for nutrition information and measure portions;
- Track carbohydrate consumption and prepare healthy recipes;
- Check their feet for signs of circulation problems;
- Exercise each day;
- Monitor blood sugar levels;
- Work with their health-care providers on the best ways to control their own disease.

The Do Well, Be Well program tries to make the disease and its management as understandable as possible, because behavior change is a gradual process.

A goal of the program is to empower individuals to manage the disease themselves.

Those who have been diagnosed with diabetes agree. "This is not the end of the world," Daugherty said. "You have to change some things, check your blood-sugar levels."

For the newly diagnosed, this advice is offered: Find a mentor who has been diabetic for a while and has taken classes. Then take the classes yourself.

For more information about the Do Well, Be Well program, check the Web site: http://fcs.tamu.edu/health/type_2_diabetes/what_is_diabetes.htm.

Agricultural News

Seminar for feedgrain marketers

AMARILLO - A two-day Advanced Topic Series seminar slated for Jan. 12-13, will help producers develop a feedgrain marketing plan, said a Texas Cooperative Extension economist.

"We will focus on break-evens, market fundamentals and technical signals, and seasonal trends in cash, basis, and forward contracts for feedgrains," said Steve Amosson, Extension economist based at Amarillo. "We will also discuss pre- and post-harvest marketing strategies and how to use these strategies based on market conditions."

"We will use a combination of classroom lectures and small work groups to provide a learning environment similar to our Master Marketer training. Our goal is for every participant to

leave the seminar with a written marketing plan for their operation for the upcoming year."

The seminar will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Texas A&M University System Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Amarillo. Amosson and Mark Waller, Extension economist in grain marketing and policy based at College Station, will teach the seminar. Both are co-directors of Extension's Master Marketer program and have taught more than 100 beginning and advanced marketing courses.

Registration is \$125 per person, and includes educational materials, breaks and lunch. Spouses can attend for the same fee, as long as the couple shares materials, Amosson said.

Preregistration is re-

quired. The registration deadline is Jan. 5. To register or to get more information, contact Amosson at (806) 677-5600.

Registration forms are also available at Extension offices.

Extension offers several Advanced Topic Series agricultural marketing workshops each year.

Partial funding for this year's Advanced Topic Series is provided by the Southern Region Risk Management Education Center, Amosson said.

The series is also underwritten by the sponsors of the Master Marketer Educational System, the Texas Wheat Producers Board, Texas Corn Producers Board, Texas Farm Bureau and the Texas State Cotton Support Committee.

50th Wedding Anniversary

W.T. and Pat (Morgan) Watson were married Dec. 21, 1954, in the Texico, New Mexico Baptist Church. They have lived in the Muleshoe area since that time.

W.T. is a semi-retired farmer and Pat is a retired teacher. They are members of the Trinity Christian Center Church, where they are active in the music and teaching ministries.

The Watsons have three sons and eleven grandchildren. David, Debbie and Samantha live in Oklahoma City. Other grandchildren in the OKC area include Matthew Pena and his wife Lindsay and Nathan and Jennifer Pena. Ed, Kim, Hanna, Chloe and Emma live in Aledo, Texas. Cliff, Janet, Seth, Jordan, Madison and Alie live in Tyler.

The Watson's children and grandchildren surprised them with a family gathering in Aledo the weekend before their anniversary and they will join W. T. and Pat for a family trip in June in celebration of their parents' and grandparents' fifty years of marriage.



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Texans talk tough on foreign affairs

Today, Texas products and services compete in a world market. Communications and transportation have dramatically increased the flow of people, goods and ideas. In addition, we are engaged in a war against terrorists in what once seemed like distant lands, but the stakes could not be closer to home. They struck our homeland on 9-11, and they seek to do so again.

Foreign policy is very much on Texas minds, as I discovered in my annual Listening Post survey. In the third and final poll, respondents provided opinions on a host of international questions, including our priorities in Iraq, redeployment of troops overseas, our policy in the Middle East, and the role of NATO.

As Iraq prepares for its first free elections in its 4,000 years of history, the

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison's Capitol Comments



United States mission in that country has our overwhelming support. Texans by a 7-to-1 ratio in this survey approve of maintaining U.S. forces in Iraq instead of withdrawing them immediately. They said we should leave the troops there as long as necessary to improve security and ensure the success of democracy. Very few suggested giving the United Nations a greater role, while a large majority supported efforts to get other nations to provide more assistance and forgive debts incurred by Saddam Hussein's regime.

Marc, who lives in Hous-

ton, states, "We should start pulling out now," while Matthew from League City, opined, "I was not in favor of the war in Iraq, but now that we are there, we are obligated to do everything in our power to make the transition to democracy successful."

Several of you were emphatic about keeping UN influence to a minimum. Jerry, from Graham said, "Tell the UN to take a hike. The United Nations should not be involved in any decision regarding our national security."

Many of you support efforts to reduce Saddam-era

debt, a priority for President Bush as well. He has secured the agreement of a 20-nation group including Europe, the United States and Japan to forgive 80 percent of the \$42 billion Iraq owes those countries.

Reaction to President Bush's announcement of restructuring the basing of American forces abroad was also interesting. Redeployment of half of our overseas troops was 12 times as popular as the option to delay this redeployment. The option of postponing the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) review of domestic installations was only half as popular as moving troops home.

I worked hard for the global restructuring to more effectively utilize our forces and better position them to meet present and future threats. In fact, a bipartisan panel I established recently reported that we can save

taxpayer money and provide our troops better training and housing facilities in domestic bases than we can in cramped overseas installations.

Kit, from Midland, says, "Remove all our forces from Europe. They don't want us there anyway."

Respondent views on our Middle East policy showed a real divergence. Most supported concentrating resources to dismantle terror groups such as Hamas and al Qaeda, but many also said we should set up multilateral discussions to curb Iran's nuclear weapons program, and tie foreign aid to the level of support the recipient provides for the United States. A smaller, but still significant, number propose we host new peace talks between the Israelis and Palestinians.

Paul, from Dickinson, echoes many respondents when he says "Let Israel

handle the Palestinians," while Gordon, from Richardson, argues, "Our support for Israel seems to be a major basis for terrorist activities."

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) was formed after World War II to contain an aggressive Soviet Union, but with the collapse of communism, some say it is obsolete. Most of you said NATO members should jointly take the offensive against those nations or regimes posing a threat. Almost as many added that NATO countries should jointly participate as peacekeepers in Iraq and Afghanistan.

I will use these comments and insights in the new 109th Congress as the Senate deliberates on legislation affecting our foreign affairs. I appreciate the time you took to reply to the survey and hope I will continue to hear from you.

What's the Law?

Landlord must give proper notice before raising rent

Q. I rent a small apartment and pay rent every week. The landlord just gave me notice that starting next week my rent is going up. Am I entitled to 30 days notice before a rent increase?

A. Under the law, a landlord must give you proper notice before raising the rent, or changing the terms of your lease. The timing of that notice is based on any written agreement you have, and if there is no writ-

ten agreement, the length of time between rent payments.

For example, if you have a written lease, it probably provides how many days notice you are entitled to receive.

That terms controls. If you do not have a written lease, your landlord must give you notice of at least the length of time between your rent payments. If you pay weekly, you are entitled to one week's notice. If you

are a month to month tenant, and pay monthly, you are entitled to one month's notice.

I should point out that the notice requirements are a two way street. If you want to terminate your lease and move out, you must give prior notice based on the same rules.

Q. I have heard that it is illegal in Texas for a debt collector to contact you at work regarding debt collection. Is this true? I have had one company call me four times this week. I told them to call my home phone number and that I was not suppose to receive such

calls at work.

A. There are both state and federal debt collection statutes.

Under federal law, a debt collector, defined as a company collecting a debt for another person, may not call you at work if the debt collector knows or has reason to know that your employer prohibits you from receiving such calls.

For example, if you told the debt collector that you were not allowed to receive

such calls, any additional calls would be unlawful.

Usually, letting the debt collector know that such calls are prohibited will end them.

The federal law, however, applies only to third-party debt collectors; someone collecting debts for another. If the calls are coming from a creditor trying to collect his own debt, he is not subject to the federal law.

The Texas debt collec-

tion law applies to anyone collecting a debt, including a company collecting its own debts. This law, however, does not limit calls to your place of employment.

Unless they are violating this law in some other way, for example, by intentionally allowing the phone to repeatedly ring or making repeated calls to harass you, they have the right to call you at work.

Commentary

How to spend a billion dollars without trying Across-the-board teacher pay raise will not help

By Byron Schlomach, Ph.D.

A general rule of thumb is that when you start to see politicians jumping on a bandwagon, taxpayers are about to get run over. Comptroller Carol Keaton Strayhorn has recently added her voice to other state lawmakers, calling for a \$3,000 across-the-board pay raise for teachers.

The Comptroller's billion dollar price tag is better than the no-strings-attached billion the legislature threw at schools in 2003, and a lot better than the much bigger numbers sometimes bandied about since then. But it's not good.

Comptroller Strayhorn has always correctly said the classroom gets too little of the money in public education. Her figures show only 52 percent or less of public education spending getting to the classroom effort. The actual percentage is probably significantly less than that.

Increasing teacher pay without spending more anywhere else would increase the classroom share of public education funding. But, so would reducing all funding except for teacher pay. And, so would increasing teacher pay without changing total funding at all. An across-the-board pay raise is the very worst option for taxpayers.

Not only will such proposals not work, but don't make sense in the face of facts.

As the Comptroller has said, "Turnover is highest where teacher pay is lowest, but her pay raise would not target those who are lowest-paid, meaning that higher-paying teacher jobs will continue to encourage low-paid teacher turnover. She would provide bonuses for teachers in schools that show improvement but that again does nothing to bring up the pay of low-paid teachers."

In her public statement, the Comptroller says that failed policies of the past cause our educational ills, including high dropout rates. But an across-the-board pay in-

crease, tried repeatedly in this state and others, is the best example of failed education policy.

What does work? Paying people based on job performance; letting the best teachers make more than the worst teachers.

The Comptroller's teacher pay report correctly points out the importance of effective and well-qualified teachers, but then she makes the leap that this means "fully certified" teachers. The very studies to which she refers show subject knowledge and language skills constitute an effective teacher, not arcane certification requirements.

Finally, the Comptroller's study elevates a bunch of correlations to cause and effect relationships. She says high teacher turnover causes dropouts, but couldn't that be turned the other way around? Numerous well-constructed studies show teachers quit more often due to working conditions than pay; dropout rates could just as easily be symptomatic of working conditions.

Go to any campus in this state. Ask the kids, teachers, parents, and principals who the good teachers are. The same names will always come up. Those are the teachers who deserve more pay. The money is easy to find after we get rid of dead-wood administrators who seem unable to pay good teachers well or fire bad teachers quickly.

Teachers and students need emancipation from a monopoly school system that tells you where to go to school or where to work based solely on where you live. School choice would emancipate teachers to start their own schools, determine their own policies, and pay themselves well.

Educational liberty is the solution to our public school woes, not forcing taxpayers to share in and fund the current system.

Byron Schlomach, Ph.D., is the chief economist for the Texas Public Policy Foundation, a research institute based in Austin.

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Agricultural News

Cotton News

In a holiday-shortened week characterized by thin trading volume, cotton futures on the New York Board of Trade found positive support in USDA's release of better-than-expected U.S. export sales figures.

Net export sales of 244,500 bales were 57 percent more than the previous week and seven percent more than the four-week average. Primary buyers were Turkey, China, and Japan.

In addition to a healthy sales figure, some analysts found hope in the fact that China continues to be a dominant buyer of U.S. cotton and believe it may be an indication of good things to come in the New Year.

Export shipments of 148,500 bales were 31 percent less than the prior week and 16 percent less than the four-week average. Shipping delays due to the Christmas and New Year holidays could account for the lower shipment figure, market observers say. Ma-

ior destinations were China, Turkey, South Korea and Mexico.

Cotton prices were not markedly higher, this week, but spot cotton sales were active as some producers rushed to sell their cotton prior to the end of the year. Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas producers sold 70,892 bales online in the week ended Dec. 30 compared to the previous week when 47,780 bales were traded. Prices received by producers selling their cotton online ranged from 33.77 to 34.61 cents per pound versus the previous week's range of 33.43 to 35.04 cents per pound.

Current cotton prices also may affect other countries as well. "In the coming weeks, we expect the markets to slowly accept that prices below the mid 50-cent level will result in lower cotton acreage in most of the Northern Hemisphere," one analyst said.

U.S. cotton acreage is not expected to fall significantly, but total world cotton pro-

duction most likely will be lower next season. In fact, news reports say cotton farmers in the Indian province of Gujarat currently are receiving prices for cotton that are well below the cost of production, and many producers there will not plant their acreage to cotton in the upcoming year.

Closer to home, widespread precipitation in the form of rain and snow fell late last week across broad areas of the Texas High and Rolling Plains. However, mild and dry weather prevailed over most of the area this week allowing soft, wet soils to firm and some farmers to return to their fields. Observers say approximately 85 percent of the crop is off the stalk and if favorable weather holds, the harvest will be completed by the middle of January. Ginning, however, is estimated at only 49 percent complete, and gins may continue to operate into March in some areas as they process record amounts of seed cotton.

Texas Cooperative Extension sets conferences for January, February

South Plains producers can update their skills in everything from crop production to pest management and earn continuing education units at upcoming Texas Cooperative Extension conferences in January and February.

"These conferences are designed to provide farmers with the latest information on ways to improve their operations," said Dr. Bob Robinson, Texas Cooperative Extension Region I Program Director.

Conference dates and locations are:

Jan. 26 - Caprock Cotton Conference at the Plains Baptist Assembly south of Floydada runs from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with at least four continuing education units offered.

Call the extension office in Floyd County at 983-4912 or in Crosby County at 675-2347 for more details.

Jan. 28 - Llano Estacado Cotton Conference at the Bailey County Coliseum in Muleshoe. Conference begins with registration at 8:30 a.m. Five continuing education units will be offered. Call the extension office in Bailey County at 272-4584 for more details.

Feb. 10 - The Hale and Swisher County Cotton Conference in Plainview begins with registration at 8:30 a.m. and runs until 4 p.m. Five continuing education units will be offered. Call the extension office in Hale County at 291-5267 or in Swisher County at 995-3726 for more details.

Summitt planned to discuss the future of white winter wheat in Texas

The Texas Wheat Producers Board (TWPB) is co-sponsoring a summit for producers to learn more about Hard White Winter Wheat (HWW). The HWW summit, entitled "Moving the Industry Forward" will be held in Guymon, OK, Jan. 20, at the Texas County Activities Center. Registration is free and will begin at 8:30 a.m. The program will start at 9 a.m. and conclude around 4 p.m. Lunch will be provided by the event sponsors: The Nebraska Wheat Board, Colorado Wheat Administrative Committee, Kansas Wheat Commission, Oklahoma Wheat Commission and the Texas Wheat Producers Board. The TWPB is encouraging all producers who might be interested in growing HWW to attend. Hard white wheat is a class of wheat that produces a wider variety of wheat food products than Hard Red Winter (HRW) wheat, such as Asian noodles, tortillas and Middle Eastern flat breads. It also has a higher flour extraction rate that is desired by flour millers.

This summit will provide a forum for producers, local grain handlers, exporters, wheat breeders and buyers to share

their experiences about growing and using HWW. Speakers will address producer and elevator concerns regarding growing and handling a different variety of wheat. Wheat breeders will discuss new varieties and breeding challenges. Foreign and domestic buyers will explain their desire to purchase HWW and the day will conclude with a panel of producers discussing their experiences growing HWW. Producers who have grown HWW will be on-hand to answer questions about any challenges they faced while growing this variety of wheat.

"Other states have had much success with Hard White Wheat," said Texas Wheat Producers Board Chairman Scott McGarraugh. "In fact, the U.S. is struggling to achieve production levels sufficient to supply domestic and export demand."

While the summit is free to all who wish to attend, an RSVP is requested in order to get an accurate count for lunch. Any producer interested in attending the summit may RSVP toll free to the Texas Wheat Producers office at 1-888-40-wheat or by e-mail to lvaughn@texaswheat.org.

See if you're eligible for CSP

On your own time and in the comfort of your home you can do a self-assessment to see if you qualify for USDA's Conservation Security Program (CSP). A new workbook is available for potential participants in the 2005 winter sign-up for the program.

"The workbook is significant because 'self-assessment' is a new way of doing business with NRCS. Used as a pilot that proved successful in last year's program, farmers and ranchers can assess their potential eligibility by themselves on their own time at their convenience," says Natural Resources Conservation Service Chief Bruce Knight.

The initial self-assessment will help producers identify whether their individual agricultural operation meets sign-up criteria and answer the question, "Have I fully addressed the minimum requirements for both soil quality and water quality on the land I manage?"

By going through the workbook, producers will get an initial idea about whether they are eligible for CSP at this time.

NRCS state offices will be preparing supplements to the self-assessment workbook that further explain program requirements and add any needed emphasis or explanation for local conditions.

Producers who may not be eligible at this time can find out about other USDA programs that can help them achieve a higher level of conservation so that they may apply for CSP in the future. In fiscal year 2005, CSP will be available to eligible farmers and ranchers in 202 watersheds across the nation during a sign-up to be held this winter.

The CSP self-assessment workbook is available in hardcopy or compact disk (CD) from local NRCS offices and online at <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/csp>.

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Local News

Thrifty buys with unit pricing

Submitted by Mandi Seaton, Bailey County CEA-FCS

Finding bargains at the grocery store can be a challenge. Planning meals, shopping from a list, and choosing store brands instead of national brands are just a few ways that a smart shopper can stretch limited food dollars.

Comparing prices is another great way of getting the most food and nutrition for your money. However, when faced with similar food products in different sized packages, it might seem hard to spot the most economical buy using only the selling price.

Don't worry—help is available, thanks to unit pricing. The unit price of an item tells you the price of each "unit" for a particular item.

A unit may be an ounce or pound, or even a single serving.

Most stores provide unit prices as part of customer service. The price can usually be found on a special shelf tag below the product, although some foods, like meat, have the unit price found on the product itself.

Here is an example of how unit pricing works. Suppose a shopper wants to get the best buy on breakfast cereal. A 12-ounce box of corn flakes sells for \$1.89 while an 18-ounce box is priced at \$2.39. On the surface it may seem that the 12-ounce box is the better bargain because it costs less. However, when examining the price of each cereal based on its unit, the unit being per ounce, the 12-ounce box sells for 16 cents per ounce while the large box costs more than 13 cents

per ounce. Using this information, the most economical buy is the larger box of cereal.

Unit pricing won't tell shoppers anything about a product's nutritional value. For that information, consumers need to check the "Nutrition Facts" section on the food label.

Also, unit pricing doesn't indicate the level of quality, taste, or convenience.

Consumers have to try the product and decide for themselves. Finally, for unit pricing to work, you have to compare similar items.

For example, a carton of 100 percent orange juice and a can of orange drink are "similar" items because both are liquid and ready-to-serve, although they will most likely differ in their nutritional contents.

On the other hand, using unit pricing to compare a can of ready-to-drink 100 percent orange juice and a can of powdered orange drink mix won't work because water has to be added to the powdered mix.

With unit pricing, you can leave your calculator at home. To learn more about unit pricing, other tips to help reduce your food cost, and the Better Living for Texans/Food Stamp Nutrition Education Program, contact Mandi Seaton, Bailey County Extension Agent—Family and Consumer Sciences, 306 West Second, Muleshoe, TX 79347, 806-272-4583.

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From the Archives

The following is an excerpt from a Study Club news release published in *The Muleshoe Journal* May 1, 1952:

Those who go along on a "Tour of New Homes" planned by the Muleshoe Study Club for May 8 will see, not only some of the newest fine homes in this locality, but perhaps the oldest "fine" home in this section, the ranch house on the famed Janes Ranch five miles east of Muleshoe, whose story begins before that of the city itself. Jno. S. McMurtry operator of the ranch which bears his name and who leases the Janes lands, has granted permission for the tour members to go through the old house.

It is still a fine house, but no one lives in it. Mr. McMurtry has a smaller house nearby but he admits he keeps his "Sunday clothes" in the big house. The ranch house is a basement and two and one half stories affair. It is still well furnished.

Construction was begun on this pretentious home for the John Janes family in 1913, as soon as the rails on the new Santa Fe line from Lubbock to Clovis and on to California reached a point opposite the building site. It was before the railroad reached the site that is now Muleshoe. The house was pre-built and shipped in on a siding built for the purpose.

History of the ranch itself goes way on back to 1892 when John Janes and Jarrott Janes, brothers, "squatted" in a dugout north of Amherst. Later, they built a home north of Sudan. The Janes acres now number about 10,000;

but they had their cattle spread over a much wider area in the early days.

Jarrott Janes and Mrs. John Janes died in the well remembered flu epidemic in 1918; both were buried on the same day in Amarillo.

Later in that year John Janes sold the cattle on the ranch and leased the land. The Janes family has not operated it since and Mr. McMurtry leases the 5,600 acres which lie near Muleshoe; another 5,000 Janes acres lie near Bull Lake in Lamb County.

Mr. McMurtry leases 10,000 acres, owns 5,000.

Mr. and Mrs. John Janes had one child, a daughter, John Ann, who married Dr. Wallace, professor of surgery in the Sealy Hospital in Galveston at the time. Mrs. Wallace died in 1946. Their son, Jimmy, spends most of his time in a Denver, Colo. military academy where he is a student.

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In appreciation — Outgoing officials received a certificate of appreciation at last week's ceremony. Leaving the Commissioners' Court is Ginger Damron and Jack Dunham. Gary Don Gartin received recognition for his work as Bailey County constable. The awards were handed out by Judge Marilyn Cox.

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888A	'00 Ford Windstar LX Silver, 92K Miles	\$6,850
5T8B	'99 Toyota 4Runner SR5 Black, Tan Leather	\$11,750
870A	'96 Ford Explorer XLT 4x4 Teal, Teal Cloth	\$5,900

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Bailey County Junior Livestock Show set

The Bailey County Junior Livestock Show is set for Jan. 14-15 at the Bailey County Coliseum. Shows are as follows:
• Gilt and Barrow: 8:30 a.m., Friday, Jan. 14
• Goat: 2 p.m., Friday, Jan. 14
• Sheep: Following goat show, Friday, Jan. 14.
• Steer and Heifer: 8:30 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 15.
• The Premium Sale starts at 1 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 18.
For more information, contact any member of the Bailey County Junior Livestock Show Board of the Bailey County Extension Office.
Sixty-one exhibitors have signed up and include: 137 swine entries, eight goat entries, 11 sheep entries, 40 cattle entries.
Judges will be Denny Belew, swine, Tahoka; Greg Jones, cattle, Post; Brad Smith, sheep/goats, Lubbock; Chuck Senter, showmanship, Lubbock; and Alan Bean, classifying, Earth.

First Ag Credit declares dividend

First Ag Credit, FCS board of directors declared approximately 6.2 million in cash patronage dividends at their Dec. meeting for 2004. The patronage will reduce most members' cost of borrowing by approximately 70 basis points or almost three-quarters of a percent. This marks the seventh consecutive year that over 6,500 First Ag Credit stockholders will receive a cash patronage and they can expect their checks in early 2005.
First Ag Credit has returned over \$30 million in cash to its customers since 2001. Keith Vandivere, chairman of the board from Brownfield said, "The refund is a result of the financial strength of the association."
First Ag Credit, with over \$1.1 billion in total assets,

serves 113 counties in Texas with 37 offices located throughout the territory.



Sign of success — Last week's "soft" opening of the China Buffet Restaurant on American Blvd. in Muleshoe stunned the Fongs, owners of the all-you-can-eat Chinese restaurant, who thought they were prepared for the "rush." Due to the massive influx of patrons over the weekend, the new restaurant was forced to temporarily close its doors until more food arrives. The Fongs purchased the former Carousel of Good Food from Jack and Lavonne Henderson.

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Another year ... another chance, to tell you how grateful we are for your generous support. Welcome to 2005 and may this coming year be one of prosperity and happiness for everyone!

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Ernest and Mary Alice's children and grandchildren request the pleasure of your company at a reception in honor of their 50th anniversary Saturday, Jan. 15, 2005 from 3-5 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church in Lariat, Texas. No gifts please.