## Page one

The big popcorn caper
Police have recovered 15 tons of
microwaveable popcorn, worth $\$ 50,000$, that was stacked from floor to ceiling in a two-car garage in Columbus, Ohio.
The 1,920 cases of popcorn were stolen a month ago from ConAgra Foods, the plant in Marion, Ohio, where it was produced, company officials said James Conway Jr., 48 , and his daughter, Jennifer, 22, both of Columbus, each were charged with one felony都
Cleaning up pays off
Diane McCarthy of Burlington, Vt, has found a box containing $\$ 1,300$ stoIentwo weeksearlierfromahigh school hockey game

The Colchester High School Hockey Boosters had reported the theft to police, believing the money was gone forever, member Cheryl King said. McCarthy turned the treasure over to police, who returned the cash to the club. No arrests have been made. Celebration on ice
Hungry for tourism, the Nederland (Colo.) Chamber of Commerce came up with an unusual attraction: "Frozen Dead Guy Days."
The weekend celebration feature coffin races, a parade, a pancake break fast and "Grandpa Tours," showcasing the town's only cryogenically frozen body - that of Bredo Morstoel
The 101-year-old died in his native Norway in 1989 and has since been resting in an ice-encased box in a shed behind his grandson's former home


Drawing date: Saturday, March 16 Winning numbers: 3-34-39-42-52-5 Estimated jackpot: $\$ 6$ million
Winners: 0
Next drawing: Wednesday, March 20 Estimated jackpot: \$9 million

On this date in history March 18 - The New London (Texas) school explosion kills 239 students and faculties, one of the worst disasters in state

## history (1937)

March 20 - Texas hero Col. James Fannin and his men are captured (1836). Al
but 20 , who escaped, are executed on March 27. Christi between Union and Confederate troops (1864).

## LOCAL WEATHER

Mild - sometimes even balmy days with no nights below freezing was Tuesday's National Weather Service for the next several days. Expect Thursday and Friday to reach the upper 60s, with Saturday and Sunday hitting the mid-70s before the mercury falls into the upper 60s for Monday. Mornings should be about 32 Thursday and Friday, mid-30s for the weekend.

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

## Lady Mule golfers poised for another title

By DELTON WILHITE Journal sportswriter
The Lady Mule golf team took a giant step in its bid for back-to-back distric championships March 18, defeating the second-place Shallowater Fillies by 91 stokes to grab the lead on the Slaton Municipal Golf Course
Rendi Hodge set the pace for the Lady Mules with an 18-hole score of 91 . Amanda Bell shot a 93, Kristen Magby 96, Candace

Hutto 99 and Nikki Bonds rounded out the
team with a 127. Tisha Lovelady and Mor-
gan Burton competed as medallists, with
each shooting a 130 .
Tournament host Lubbock Roosevelt did not have enough girls to participate as a team and neither did the Dimmitt Bobbies, Muleshoe won the tournament with a team score of 379 to Shallowater's 470 Littlefield's 471 and Lubbock Cooper's

Cooper will host the second district tour-
nament March 28 on the Elm Grove Course in Lubbock , and ment will be April 1 in Dimmin
If the first district tournament indicator, the Lady Mules will return Odessa's Ratliff Ranch on April 22 another Region I tournament to determine which teams advance to the state finals in $\frac{\text { which teams advance to the state finals in }}{\text { see GOLF on page } 2}$

Marricle gets nod to replace Duane Lloyd JOURNAL STAFF REPORT The Bailey County Elec tric Cooperative's board of directors have named David
 Marricle the president/
CEO of the cooperative. The move upon the retirement of Duane Lloyd, effec tive March 1. Marricle said he plans no immediate changes.
He has been employed by the cooperative since 1979 , serving as energy adviser for four years, acting assistant engineer for one year, assistant engineer for one year, and engineer from 1985 to the present.
He received a bachelor of science degree from West Texas State University in 1977 and attended its man agement internship program in 1994.
He and his wife, Terry, have two children, Amy of Can yon and Ryan, a sophomore at Muleshoe High School


## Hizzoner reads

Muleshoe Mayor Victor Leal spends part of Monday morning reading (at left) to KinderSteps students. Thebook Mama Zooms, engaged the attention of (above, top to bottom) Gabriel Reza Lyzette Treviño, Eric Sánchez, Gabi Lyzette Treviño, Eric Sánch

## Girls and boys show strength at Odessa track meet

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal correspondent
The Lady Mules and Mules traveled to Odessa on March 8 9 as their track seasons rushed toward full swing.
Kyle Atwood set the pace for the Mules by grabbing first place in both the 800- and 1,600 -meter runs. Atwood was only eight tenths of a second from tying a meet record in the

## Chamber banquet scheduled

JOURNALSTAFFREPORT The annual Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce banquet is scheduled for April 27.
Tickets can now be otained at the chamber office.
Office hours are from

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays, and the address is 115 E. American Blvd. This year's banquet theme is "Muleshoe on the Bayou."
Tickets also may be purchased from any chamber officer.
ompleted the 1.600 in $4 \cdot 35$.
The two teams were sched uled to host the Mule Relays on March 22.
The boys' side of the meet was divided into two divisions while the girls competed gainst all schools involved. In the field events, Minervi Martínez threw the shot put 29
had a throw of $75-7$ in the dis cus and Jessica Carpenter jumped 15-1 in the long jump followed by Tiffany Flores with 13-71/2 and Kayla Glover with 12-61/2.
Sara Benham set the pace for the Lady Mules in the triple jump with $32-01 / 2$, followed jump with $32-01 / 2$, followed by Carpenter with 31-5 and
high jump with a leap of 5-2 and Britni Gartin placed fifth in the pole vault with vault of 7-6 followed by Jodi Hawkins with a vault of 7-0 Lilia Flores led Muleshoe in the 3,200 -meter run with a time of 14 minutes, 13 sec onds, followed by Gradee see TRACK on page 2

## Humorist to speak in Clovis

## JOURNAL STAFF REPORT Black spent part of his child-

Cowboy poet and retired veteri-
narian Baxter Black
will speak in Clovis'
Marshall Auditorium
at 7 p.m. (Mountain
time April 13 .
Tickets are $\$ 15$ for
general admission,
$\$ 17$ and $\$ 20$ for re-
hood in Lubbock, grew up in Las Cruces, practiced veterinary medicine for 13 years in California, Idaho and Colorado, and then retired to southeastern Arizona. Advance tickets may be obtained on credit cards by calling (505) 762-9854 Tickets also (505) 762-9854. Tickets also are available at The Hat Barn, 1600 N. Pince St. in Cople

## Weather delays Mules' baseball district opener

## By DELTON WILHITE

Journal sportswriter
It's always apparent when it is time for the Mules to start their baseball season: Every Tuesday and Friday has the worst weather of the week. The Mules' opening game of district play had to be postponed game of district play had to be
The Mules were scheduled to travel to Littlefield to face the Wildcats in the two teams' district opener. The game was tentatively rescheduled for March 20.

The Mules lost their first eight games in the pre-district season but got their game on track to defeat the New Deal Lions 10 3 in their final warm-up.
"The win against New Deal was big for us as we get ready to start district," Mule baseball coach Donnie Scott said. "Roddy Spradling did a good job for us on the mound for 5 and $1 / 3$ innings, and on the Domínguez came in and finished them off."
"Lubbock Cooper is the district favor-
ite and is rated second in the state," he continued. "They have several good pitehers and have kids that can hit the ball They're a good solid team. Shallowater is probably second, with John Bewley leading them on the mound and a kid named Nieman that pitched in relief against us last year."
"Lubbock Roosevelt has several return $\frac{\text { ing players this year and a new coach," }}{\text { see BASEBALL on page } 3}$
see BASEBALL on page 3








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## ALROUND MUULESHOE

## Co-op scholarship deadline near

The deadline for applying for the four $\$ 600$ schola ships to be awarded by Bailey County Electric is April 8 Applications must be in the Muleshoe office by that date.
Applicants must be high school seniors who will graduate this spring, have completed high school or have received their GED.
Graduating seniors who plan to attend an accredited school and have received service from Bailey County Electric for at least a year are eligible.
Forms are available from high school counselors in Muleshoe, Morton, Springlake-Earth, Whiteface, Lazbuddie, Farwell', Sudan and Three Way. Full rules are provided with application forms.
More information is available from Rickie Warren at 272-4504.

## Public calendar

Through March 22 - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Voting for alternate board member for South Plains Community Action Association. At the office, 804 W. American Blyd March 21-7 p.m. Muleshoe Area Hospital District Board, in the dining room at Muleshoe Area Medical Center
March 22 - Noon. American Association of Retired Persons, covered-dish luncheon at the Bailey County Coliseum. Speaker will be Andrea Kemp, director of the Bailey County Office of Aging Services.
Also on March 22 - 7 p.m. Senior citizens meet in the Muleshoe State Bank meeting room
March 22-23 - Muleshoe Roadriders motorcycle rally at Bailey County Coliseum. Poker run starts at 8 a.m. March 23, field events and games 1 p.m., bike show 3 p.m., parade 4:30 p.m. Details 272-4143, 272-3818.

March 24 - 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Easter luncheon at Lazbuddie school to benefit senior class. Menu: turkey and dressing with all the trimmings. Price: $\$ 6.50$ regular, $\$ 5$ for a "lite" plate. Information or delivery: 965-2130. March 27 - 11:22 a.m. to 12:22 p.m., served according to the usual class schedule. Easter dinner at Three Way school. Menu: turkey and dressing with all the trimmings. Price: $\$ 2$.
March 30-7 p.m. "It Will Happen!" Easter program at First Assembly of God. Includes live animals, lightning and a re-enactment of Jesus being raised on the cross.
March 31 - 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. "It Will Happen!" Easter program at First Asembly of God. Includes live animals, lightning and a re-enactment of Jesus being raised on the cross.
The deadline for items in Around Muleshoe is 5 p.m. Monday for Thursday and 5 p.m. Thursday for Sunday.

## ETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,
Recently, a New Mexico Environment Department hearing was held in Clovis regarding the issuance of a dairy wastewater permit to Vincent DeMaio and the Running MLand and Cattle Dairy.
It seems that in New Mexico, a cow has more rights than a human being. And even that poor cow is nothing more than a cash machine, as far as the largescale dairies are concerned. Concerned Citizens for Clean Water is fighting for the protection of our community, our water and the very air we breathe. And we are in a pitched battle against our own government and BIG money and its worship of profits at any cost.
Little wonder Enron happened. It seems that the citizens of this country are considered disposable (except for our tax dollars, of course).
I, for one, am, as the old adage goes, "madder than hell" and I'm not going to take it anymore.

Changes WILL be made to the environmental laws to protect the people in our community and our water supply, even if it takes replacing the politicians who are in office now
The problemwith the current system of awarding dairy permits in New Mexico is that no one seems
to care whether the neighbors surrounding a dairy have drinkable water, or even any water at all. This has to change.

PAUL ELDERS
Founder, Concerned Citizens for Clean Clean
Water Water
Clovis

Dear Editor,
I have often wondered if I am missing the point of something in your newspaper.

Ihave decided, after years of being annoyed and confused about your selection of "news items," to voice my concerns about this particular recurring insert.
I find it very upsetting and completely unnewsworthy topublish the police, state, city and county arrest notices.

I understand that these are rightfully obtained documents, but I fail to see why your paper chooses to publish them.

I was taught that every person is considered innocent until proven guilty. These items are only arrest reports, not admissions of guilt, and have not been heard by a jury of their peers.

I also wonder how many of these arrests ultimately are resolved as dismissed cases or cases where the alleged perpetrators are found not guilty of the charges.

## TRACK <br> from page 1

Adrian at 14:35 and Cassandra Gonzales at 14:51.
The 400 -meter relay team of Cox, Jessica Carpenter, Jamie Carpenter and Gartin placed fifth with a final time of 52.03 seconds.
Lindsey Wood had a 2:47 in the 800-meterrun, followed by Hawkins with a 2:50 and Megan Barrett with a 2:57. Cox place fourth in the 100meter hurdles with a time of 16.65 and Eva Pylant captured fifth with a 16.95 .

Gartin ran a 13.04 100meter dash while Tiffany Flores finished with a 13.47 and Jamie Carpenter had a time of 14.34 . The 800-meter relay team of Jesssica Carpenter, Jamie Carpenter Glover and Benham finished with a time of 1.55 . Hawkins had a 67.75 in the 400 -meter dash and Glover finished with a 67.8. Pylant placed fourth in the 300-meter hurdles with a 48.44 and Cox grabbed sixth with a time of 49.7. Gartin rana 28.07 200-meter dash followed by Jessica Carpenter with a 28.9 and Tiffany Flores with 29.14
Lilia Flores completed the 1,600 -meter run in 6:39, while Barrett and Gonzales finished with $6: 44 \mathrm{~s}$. The $1,600-$ meter relay team of Pylant, Jodi Hawkins, Wood and Benham finished with a time of $4: 28.42$.

I am thankful to live in Muleshoe, a town that predominantly consists of Christian believers. I am hopeful that the majority of your readers send up prayers on behalf of the family, friends and the alleged "criminals." We alnot the judge and jury of these people.

I find it completely bizarre that there are people who delight in the hardships of others. I do realize that of others. I do realize that someone who breaks the law deserved to be punished, but the family and friends of these criminals do not deserve the ridicule of their Christian brothers and sisters.

I am quite certain that just because these particular items are found by me to be in bad taste does not mean that you will nolonger publish them.

I do hope that anyone who reads this will perhaps take a minute to think about the fact that one of the the fact that one the names could be a loved one $r$ the loved one of a friend. Maybe we could all even make it a habit to say a prayer for those involved in these reports, if we choose to continue reading your newspaper.
Remember: We must first remove the plank from our own eye before trying to remove the speck from our brother's. Matthew 7:1-5 DONNA LOCKER

Complete results for the Mules were not available at press time, but able at press time, but hose placing in evenis
included
Brennan Broyles with a fourthplace high jump of 5-8 and a sixth-place pole vault of 12 feet.
The 400 -meter relay team of Joseph González, Fabian Fabela, Jesús Tovar and A.J. Buhrman took fourth with a time of 45.5.

Lincoln Riley took third in the 110 -meter high hurdles with 16.25 .
In the 1,600-meter relay, the Mule team of Buhrman, Tovar, Kyle Atwood and Riley placed third with a time

## GOLF

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Austin.
The Mule golfers open
their district tournaments their district tournaments hosts on the Elm Grove hosts on the Elm Grove Course followed with the
Mules hosting a district Mules hosting a district
tournament March 25. tournament March 25.
Littlefield will host the final district tournament on April 4th.
The boys' Region I tournament is also April 22-23 nament is also Ap
at Ratliff Ranch. at Ratliff Ranch.
All district tournaments are scheduled for shotgun starts at 9 a.m


## Bovina church plans event

The First Baptist Church
There will be no admis ion charge but an offering will be taken for Jews for Jesus.
The church is at 308 Third t. in Bovina.

## p.m. March 22

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The program is presented by Jews for Jesus.



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Headquarters for the Western Lifestyle.


Mule pitcher Roddy Spradling and catcher Landon Kerby confer during Friday's slaughter of New Deal. The varsity Mules' Tuesday game was cancelled because of the weather

## BASEBALL

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Scott continued.
"Roosevelt won several of
their early games while
Littlefield, Dimmitt andus
are unknowns and have
struggled early in the sea-
son.
"We're starting to look
like the team I thought we
were capable of being
when the season started.
We have been in every
game we have played this
year for three or four in-
nings. The other team
would get a big inning on
us and we could not an-
swer, and the game would
slip away from us.
"Dominguez and

Calcium-fortified vegetables possible

SPECIAL TOTHE JOURNAL HOUSTON - A cal-cium-rich diet could be an order of fries away in the future.
Plant scientists have found a tiny slice of protein that could one day lead to the production of vegetables that are "naturally fortified" with calcium. In earlier studies, scientists working with Dr Kendal Hirschi, a plant physiologist at the USDA ARS Children's Nutrition Research Center at Baylor College of Medicine, dis covered that "turning on"
the production of a protein alled CAX1 in the cells of tiny weed known as Arabidopsis thaliana increased the calcium content of the plant's leaf and root cells by 30 to 100 percent. Now, Hirschi's team has identified a tiny slice of CAX1, a string of nine amino acids responsible for the protein's calciumboosting prowess, and successfully transferred the slice to similar proteins, called transporters. Th team's findings were re cently reported in the Journal of Biological Chemistry.
"We knew we had found the key slice of CAX1 because removing it rendered the protein non-functional, while inserting it into anther transporter that "looked like" CAX1 turned looked like" CAXI turned
so functioned like setoffaphysiologicalchain setorf aphysiological chain CAX1, said Hirschi, also reaction that might ultian assistant professor pedi- mately cause plants to pu trics at Baylor.
CAX1 is known as a cal cium transporter because it pulls calcium out of cellular fluids and stashes it in cell storage structurescalled vacuoles.
Hirschi's team hopes to user CAX1 and other calcium transporters to move more calciuminto "storage" inside cells, which could more calcium out of the soil and improve their overal calcium content.
"Our success with this tiny weed is encouraging but the real test will be whether this new knowl dge will translate into dge will translate int mproving the calcium con ent of popular foods lik potatoes and tomatoes," h said


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(4) Watch the sky and listen to radio and television for further information. Remain alert for rapidly changing conditions
(2) Know the area in which you live. Use a road map of your area to track storm path
(4) If you can hear thunder, you are close enough to be struck by lightning. Take shelter inside sturdy structure

- Go to safe shelter in a sturdy building
- Continue to listen to radio and television for further information. Postpone outdoor activities if thunderstorms are imminent.
- Unplug appliances not necessary for obtaining weather information. Unplug air conditioners. Power surges from lightning can overload compressors
- Avoid using telephone or appliances. Do not take bath or shower. Use phone ONLY in an emergency
- Watch the sky and listen to radio and television for further information. Remain alert for rapidly changing conditions
* Know the area in which you live. Use a road map of your area to track storm path from weather bulletins. Remember: Tornadoes occasionally develop in areas in which a severe thunderstorm watch or warning is in effect.
(4) In a home or building, move to a pre-designated shelter, such as a basement.
(4) If an underground shelter is not available, move to an interior room or hallway on the lowest floor and get under a sturdy piece of furniture. Stay away from windows.
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(4) Continue to listen to radio and television for information


## LOCAL SHELTER LOCATIONS

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Seedless cucumbers may be ready to become the norm

By RONN SMITH Editor

Several varieties of seedless cucumbers have come on the market in recent years. When you couple that with breeding out the tendency to become bitter, it's a whole
new world for cucumbers.
This is achieved by breeding plants that produce only female flowers and are parthenocarpic. (All I know about that word is it means they produce fruit without being pollinated.)
I haven't tried any of these yet, since I didn't see how they could be an improvement over the tried-and-true varieties as far as flavor or texture. Of course, the lack of seeds could be an obvious

cucumbers, but you know sometimes I'm slow to change.
This year, though, I think seedless cucumbers may really have come of age. There is a new variety called Diva, an All-America Selection for this year-meaning it's been tested in all types of climates and did well.
According to the developer, Johnny's Selected Seeds, the Diva plants have a flavor that
cucumber beeties. Now, I'd in color) never seen these little varmints around here until the past few years, and they seem to be here one summer and absent the next, but one summer I had clouds of them and they were REALLY a problem.

The beetles come in two basice types - the striped cucumber beetle and the spotted cucumber beetle - that suck the plant's juices and gradually weaken it
When they're a problem here, it seems to be usually the spotted ones - yellowgreen beetles with dark ladybug-like spots on them (They're elongated rather than roundish, though, so don't confuse them with la-
color.)
Diva is
Diva is especially recommended for picking very small - but I suppose just about any conventional cucumber carries that recommendation.

Don't forget to apply any pre-emergent herbicides you plan to use to keep spring weeds from coming up (if you're still using that kind o thing). Just remember not to apply it where you'll be plant-
ing seeds. . or you could have a problem.

With so many plants budding out (or already blooming), I guess we can only hope there is no more bitter cold to ruin things. Some of the lilacs are only

## 'Normal' has become a little narrow in recent years

Normal. That one word
has a massive effect on millions of lives each day.

My question is who decided what was normal? Why can't I be the one to
decide what is normal? Who says that bare feet, flare jeans, and a T-shirt that simply says "KATYE!" can't be what's in style? happy all the time without happy all the time without people thinking they're Why does "normal" change every few years? Why do I care? Why does anyone care?
It seems that over the past couple of decades everyone just started living their liyes in identical boxes.
I'm not just talking about clothes, but everything. Individuality isn't nea

KATYE'S KALEIDOSCOPE
By Katye Cook

## what it used to be Every

 one tries to live life in skinny red or pink "box" that, right now anyway, has stripes and drives a spor utility vehicle.In the '60s, the box was tie-dyed and drove a VW bus, in the ' 70 s it wore hotpants and danced to disco music, in the ' 80 s it wore leg-warmers and tons of bracelets, and in the ' 90 s it went from baggy jeans to flares to a balance of both I'm ready to bust out of I identical box out of my identical box and into an open area that is deco rated with my personality. Frankly, I tried to be a
> and was just really bad at because most of the time the clothes that were
> were not in my size.
> I have an extremely short upper body to go along with my short legs and together hey add up to together they add up to exactly
> I find it difficult to believe I'm the only 5 -foot box that happens to like some of the trends, consid ering the box idea in whole but I guess I am.
> That's what really get me. For a nation so caught up in trends, we do a really bad job of making things hat will fit everyone. trend follower for a while
a're as short as I am and on top of it all, your feet are small and wide (not a good combination for us
boxes).
Whatever your excuse to be different, take it. There has never been a better rea-
son for making up or using an excuse.
The only reason I can think of that would be a good excuse for not using an excuse to be different, is thatexcuses are rather popu
Bust out of your box. B a blob or a cylinder, maybe even apyramid. Redecorate just don't hire a decorato Katye Cook, a former stu Katye Cook, a formerstu-
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when it's safe to plant the that they'd share with readwhen it's safe to plant the warm-weather vegelables ers?
tomatoes, peppers, melons, Happy planting!
I don't know, though: If lilacs bloom the first week of April, does that mean we can go out and plant beans? A go Questions and comments can be directed to Garden Writer, 571 County Road 1018, Muleshoe, Texas 79347, or e-mailed to 79347, or e-mailed to
ronnsmith@hotmail.com.)

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DELFINA RUVALCABA Services were held MonConception Catholic Chure Conception Catholic Church Ruvalcaba, 37, of Muleshoe. The Rev. Joe Augustine was the celebrant. Burial was in Mexico
Ellis Funeral Home handled arrangements.
Mrs. Ruvalcaba was born Dec. 24,1964 , in Mexico. She died Friday east of Muleshoe. She married Ricardo Ruvalcaba on May 1, 1985 in Meoquí, Chihuahua.
They moved to Muleshoe in 1987 from Mexico. She was a homemaker and a mem-

## Conception

Mrs. Ruvalcaba is survived by her husband; three sons, Joaquín Ruvalcaba, Luís Ruvalcaba and Richardo Ruvalcaba, all of Muleshoe; daughter, Karla Ruvalcaba of Muleshoe; two sisters, Luzelena Anchondo and Maria Anchondo, both of Mexico; seven brothers, Joaquín Anchondo, Serferino Anchondo, Martín Anchondo and Alejandro Anchondo, all f Mexico, and Rafael Anchondo, Raul Anchondo and Joseluís Anchondo, all of Houston; and her parents, Joaquín and Maria Anchondo of Mexico
ELVA MARTS
Services were held Mon day at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel for Elva L. Marts, 88 of Muleshoe. The Rev. Jack Stone officiated. Burial was in Muleshoe Memorial Park.

Mrs. Marts was born Dec 30, 1913, in Exeter, Calif. She died Friday at Park View Nursing Home in Muleshoe She moved to Muleshoe in 1984 from Dimmitt. She was general labore
Mrs. Marts is survived by two sons and a daughter-in law, Davis and Bernadine Marts and Jerry G. Marts, all f Muleshoe; eight grandchil dren; and great-grandchildren She was preceded in deathy by a son, Danny Marts, in 1982.

## CLINT ROSS

eld Suride services were Sunday at Olton Cemtery for Clint Ross, 33, of Salt Lake City. The Rev Kyle Streun officiated.
He was born May 16, 1968 in Muleshoe. He died March 13 at Alpine, Texas
He lived in Olton for most of his life other than a period spent in Muleshoe. He worked in construction.
Mr. Ross is surived by three children, Ryan Ross of Plainview and Oliva Ross and Sidney Ross, both Sall and City; his father and stepmother, Ollie and Martha Ross of Olton; two brothers, Royc Ross of Houston and Nathan Ross of Mason, Texas; and two sisters, Chona Ross of Plainview and Fonda Ross of Mason. Mason
He was preceded in death by his mother, Lydia Ross, in 1984
.B. HUCKABEE
day at thices were held Wednes
day at the First Baptist Church
of Morton for O.B. "Huck" Huckabee, 82 ,of Morton. The Revs. Danny Jackson and Paul Lively officated. Burial was in Morton Memorial was in M
Ellis Funeral Home of Morton handled arrangements.
Mr. Huckabee was born May 11, 1919, in Mills County, Texas. He died Sunday at Cochran Memorial Hospital in Morton. He married Jane Dunn i He married Jane Dunn in They moved to Morton from They moved to Morton from Lubbock in 194
He was a farmer and a member of the First Baptist Church, where he taught Sunday school for a number of years.
He also was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran of World War II.
Mr. Huckabee is survived by his wife; a daughter, Judith Kilfman of Grants Pass, Ore.; a daughter-in-law, Linda Huckabee of Morton; two sisters, IreetaEdney of Lubbock and Vera Richardson of Wolfforth; two brothers, Davis W. Huckabee of Sa Davis W. Huckabee of Salem, Ohio, and Adrian Huckabee of Corpus Christi; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.
She was preceded in death by a son, A.L. "Bill" Huckabee, on Feb. 11, 1997. The family suggests memorials to Hospice of morials to Hospice of Lubbock (P.O. Box 53276, Lubbock 79453) or the
American Cancer Society


Lazbuddie spellers
Participating in the Amarillo Globe News local spelling bee at Lazbuddie on March 6 were (back row, left to right) Chelsee Nichols, Jason Davis, Daniel Hefner, Wesley Welch and Sergio Cuevas; (second row from back) Erica Derma, Brittney Schacher, Savannah Sain and Brenda Garcia; (second row from front) Bryce Haney, Jacie Anstead, Leticia Mendoza and LydiaCampos; (frontrow) Frankie Rodriquez, Joseline

## Aid for distance learners now available

SPECIALTOTHEJOURNAL LUBBOCK - Texas Tech University has received some key exemptions in finan-cial-aid regulations related to distance education programs as part of the U.S. Department of Education's Distance Education Demonstration Program.

Tech is among 24 participants in this program.
"The purpose of this project is to test the feasibility of offering monetary aid to a
broader population of distance learners," said Earl Hudgins, Tech director of financial aid.
tion Act of 1965 restricts the amount of financial assistance available to distanceeducation programs. Rosslyn Smith, vice provost for Texas Tech's Outreach and Extended Studies, said students enrolled in the university's bachelor of general studies external degree could especially benefit from this program. She said the self-paced program is designed for people with a wide range of schedules, commitments and locations who are unable to take advantage of more traditional campus-based education.
more and more people are studying through distance education," she said. "At Texas Tech alone, we have more than 200 college students pursuing a degree entirely at a distance.

Distance-educa tion programs may reduce travel and scheduling constraints thereby increasing the student's access to Texas Tech University As enrollment increases, financial aid is certainly going to be a concern for mor people.
Tech will participate in the study until the summer of 2004 Hudgins said at that

## Garcia and Lakota Goe. <br> Garcia and

## Spring s

LUBBOCK - Spring is time of new beginnings on the farm, atime when winter's splan ning is put into action. But it is also a time of risk, especially for those who consider planting al falfa Texas A M Manting a
says.
"Several county agents and have received quite a few call and questions about alfalfa in the past month," said Calvin Trostle, Texas Cooperative Extension agronomist based in Lubbock.

Eventhough alfalfa is a good crop when you want to branch out and diversify your cotton or grain operation, we do NOT recommend seeding it in spring," he said. "The best time to plant alfalfa in West Texas, and especially on the High Plains, is in the fall. $\qquad$ planting date is Aug 20 to planting date is Aug. 20 to Oct. 1. Here on the High Plains, the best window for planting alfalfa is from early to mid-September. That puts us past the worst of our summer heat, and we can still get at least six weeks of growth anddevelopment before the first killing frost," he said.
Spring-planted alfalfa is
risky business, at best, because the root systems and crowns of spring-seeded plants may develop poorly in response to longer photoperiods (day length). Weed and insect problems alsotend to be more severe and yield potential is lower.
"First-year yields of spring. planted alfalfa are often 50 percent less than comparable yields froma fall seeding. In many cases, we'll be lucky to get more than two cuttings from a spring-seeded crop," Trostle said.
"That compares to at least four cuttings from a well-managed, fall-seeded crop. Oklahoma State University research trials suggest that
spring-planted alfalfa yields spring-planted alfalfa yields never quite catch up to fallseeded alfalfa yields in subsequent year of growth and production," he added
Trostle said growers who are going to invest $\$ 2$ to $\$ 3$ per pound for alfalfa seed shouldn't gamble on spring seeding especially when the cost of seed alone approaches $\$ 50$ to $\$ 75$ per acre.

## ners if we want to cut cor-

 productive stand of alfalfa. The crop should have a productive life of at least four years, so why take a chance on getting a lowperformance crop from lowperformane crop from spring seeding? he asked. It s a highcost risk evering we hedge our
## crop."

$\qquad$ from Leonard Lauriault, New Mexico State University forage agronomist in Tucumcari, gives us a good handle on how to manage a fall-seeded alfalfacrop Those include:

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Pull a soil test and fertilize accordingly to maximize growth - Prepare a firm seedbed to ensure good seed-to-soil contact;
20 pounds a seeding rate of 15 to 20 pounds per acre and a plant-
ing depth of zero to one-half inch. (Trostle recommends a minimum 20 -pound seeding rate.) Higher seeding rates do notensure better stands or higher long-term yields:

- Irrigate to prevent soil crusting and to promote good emergence,
- Make cut

Make cuttings between bud and first flower to maxin
yield and forage quality; yield and forage quality; - Protect the crop from weeds and insects with a pest management program; and

- Give the crop a seven-week rest between the last two fall cuttings, to helpensure long life. "When it comes to watering, we believe it will take at least 6 to 7 inches of rainfall or water undersprimklerigationtoproduce one ton of forage or hay here on the Texas South Plains. As you go further north in the Panhandle, the irrigation/water requirement may be about an
inch less," Trostle said. inch less," Trostle said.
"Extension's Texas Alfalfa Production guide pegs irrigation/ water use at about 10 inches per ton, but that is for production farther south using row water-
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That guide is available through county Extension offices, or you can download it from the Internet at texaserc.tamu.edu.
"The guide contains a formula on page five that can help producers pin down their upper acreage limit when they try to fit field size to their irrigation capacity. The same formula lists maximum evapotranspiration from alfalfa at .35 -inch per day. That is probably a realistic average for June through August on the High Plains, but it will be much higher on hot, windy

Trostle also recommended these publications and Internet sites for producers who are interested in growing alfalfa on the High Plains:

- Suggestions for Weed Con 5038) includes information on weed control in alfalfa.

Integrated Pest Management Guide for Texas Forage Crops (B-1401) includes insect management tips andtreatments. These Texas A\&M publica-

Oklahoma State University

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Emergency Preparedness Checklist

##  he next time disaster strikes, you may not have much time to act. Prepare

 now for a sudden emergency.Learn how to protect yourself and cope with
disaster by planning ahead. This checklist will help you get started. Discuss these ideas with your family, then prepare an emergency plan. Post the plan where everyone will see it-on the refrigerator or bulletin hoard.
ime, the Department of Education will prepare a report to the U.S Congress on its 'findings which may result in the extension of the program.
More information on the Department of Education's Distance Education Demonstration Program is available on the Internet
www.ed gov/offices OPE/PPI/DistEd, or visit Tech's Financia Aid Department a www.fina.ttu.edu.

GLASSCOCK
Hoyt Glasscock of Earth Reinke Services is among ine dealers for Reink irrigation equipment who were recently named to the Reinke Dealers Coun-

Members of the counil, which acts as a liaison between the Desble Neb., company andits 150 dealers, are elected by their fellow dealers.

## Emergency Checklist

Call Your Emergency Management Office or American Red Cross Chapter

- Find out which disasters could occur in your area

Ask how to prepare for each disaster.
Ask how you would be warned of an emergency.

- Learn your community's evacuation routes.

Ask about special assistance for elderly or disabled persons.

## Also..

- Ask your workplace about emergency plans. - Learn about emergency plans for your children's school or day care center.


## Create an Emergency Plan

- Meet with household members. Discuss with children the dangers of fire, severe weather, earthquakes and other emergencies.
- Discu occur.
- Discuss what to do about power outages and personal injuries.
- Draw a floor plan of your home. Mark two escape routes from each room
- Learn how to turn off the water, gas and electricity at main switches.
- Post emergency telephone numbers near telephones.

Teach children how and when to call 911, police and fire.

- Instruct household members to turn on the radio for emergency information.
- Pick one out-of-state and one local friend or relative for family members to call if separated by disaster (it is often easier to call out-of-state than within the affected area).
- Teach children how to make long distance telephone calls.
calls.

For additional information about how to prepare for hazards in your community, contact your local emergency management or civil defense office and American Red Gross chapter.

1) A place near your home in case of a fire. 2) A place outside your neighborhood in case you cannot return home after a disaster
Take a basic first aid and CPR class.
Keep family records in a water and fire-proof container.


Business of the month
Gathered to honor Dr. Robert Lepard's office as the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce business of the month for March are (from left) Sue Johnson, chamber Robert Lepard, Kay Lepard, Mike Holt, Cindy Harrison and Diane Nieman
Rainfall management 'critical'

LUBBOCK - Dryland cotton farmers who manage their crop to make the most of rainfall and soil moisture stand a better chance of producing profitable yields than those who simply bank on adequate rainfall, according to a South Plains agronomist.
moisture is the name of the game in dryland cotton", said Dr. Dan Krieg, professor of agronomy at Texas Tech University. "As a result, we must use cotton production systems (and) techniques designed to reduce water stress during the plant's critical development
stages."
Krieg was one of eight featured speakers at the Jan. 22
Caprock Cotton Conference in Floydada, one of six regional South Plains crop conferences sponsored each year by Texas CooperativeExtension.

Our long-termannual rainfall averages somewhere around 20.4 inches. Most years, we receive about 70 percent of that total - or 13.5 inches - between April and
October," Krieg said. "Inside that April-October window, we see a strong relationship between dryland yields and the amount of rain that falls from mid-June to mid-July. bank that moisture, we can provide dryland cotton with a much-needed drink of critical, yield-producing moisture."
Many dryland producers rely on a skip-row system where two 40 -inch rows of cotton are separated by a fallow, bare row. In theory, the fallow, or skipped, rows in this system act as a moisture bank for adjacent cotton rows, but some are now questioning
the wisdom of this system, Krieg said.
"If we leave a barren row of ground out there, we have created a zone with high evaporation potential. In the past few years, we have seen better, more consistent yields from cotton planted on 30 - or 32 -inch rows interspersed with grain sorghum," he added. "In this system, we plant several rows of cotton and
grain sorghum in adjacent strips to produce a field that is two-thirds cotton and onethird grain sorghum," he said. "We can rotate crops easily in this system and manage soil moisture at the same time. The grain sorghum residue helps reduce wind erosion and boosts rainfall infiltration. It boosts rainfall infiltration. It
also reduces evaporation of also reduces evaporation of
soil moisture by reflecting heat
incidence of soil sealing after a pounding rain by softening the impact of raindrops," Krieg said.

He added that this system of combining crop rotation with soil moisture managepotential by as much as 100 pounds per acre.
He also advised producers to think beyond "maximizing yield" by focusing on plant health and fiber quality. - When planting, think in terms of "plants per foot of
"Planting to achieve between three and four plants per foot of row is ideal. Higher plant densities encourage barren cotton plants (weeds) that rob productive plants of moisture and soil nutrients.

- Time fertilizer applications to supply nutrients when rainfall occurs.
"Pre-plant fertilization with about 40 to 50 pounds of nitrogen per acre is a good bet. Spring rains will activate the nitrogen and carry it down to the plant roots. Base fertility on yield goal and soil tests, AYS
shoe High School Science Fair with her exhibit and explanation of equilibrium by using hamsters. Bonnie
Sain won the Richland Hills grand prize with her project on "Molds."


## 30 years ago

 Juanito Reyes, a fourthgrader and a Boy Scout, received an "honorable mention" from the Texas Farm and Ranch Safety Council after he saved a friend from serious burns. George Andrie of the world champion Dallas Cowboys was guest speaker at the Muleshoe High School athletic banquet. Bailey County had 3,161 Bailey County had 3, registered voters for theApril 1 election. These April 1 election. These
county-wide figures were just short of the 3,500 quota for Bailey County.

## 25 years ago

 Brent Maddox broke a pole-vault record of 12 feet, 6 inches that was established in 1964 and lished in 1964Cynthia Issac and Billy Donaldson were named Mr . and Miss Muleshoe High School. Prince and Princess

## Texas cattle on feed up slightly

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL AUSTIN - Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Texas feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 2.85 million head on March 1, up slightly from a year ago.
According to the monthly report from the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, the estimate was unchanged from the Feb. 1 level. Feb. 1 level.
Producers Producers placed
410,000 head in commercial feedlots during Feburary, up 17 percent from a year ago but down 15 percent from the Janumizemeanal

## 'for dryland cotton

# Krieg challenged dryland thumb that it takes 30 to 50 producers at the Caprock Cot 

 pounds of actual nitrogen per ton Conference to "choos acre to produce one bale of varieties for fiber quality and acre to produce one bale o otton."- Look at other factors be sides yield potential when evaluating varieties. "Look at lint quality rat-
ings, too. Compare ings, too. Compare staple length, fiber strength and micronaire (fiber fineness and maturity). There is an economic advantage in producing lint that rates 34 -plus in staple Int that rates 34 -plus in staple ength, with 28 to 30 grams 4.0 average micronaire."


Dunham and Curtis Carpen-
ter.
Honor students selected
by the high school faculty were Jo Roming, Francis Brown, Debbie
Dennis Watson
 sign at the Richland Hills Service Station, forcing detour in traffic
 Hampshire pig "Captain" won reserve champion at the Houston Livestock Show and sold for $\$ 12,000$

Texas commercial feed ers marketed 400,000 head during February, down 7 percent from last year and 20 percent below the January 2002 total.
On March 1, there were On March 1, there were 2.33 million head on in the northern High Plains, 82 percent of the state's total. The number on feed was up 1 percent from last year and down slightly from the February total.
February placements in February plath in he northern High Plains totaled 336,000 head -
down 16 percent from the January total.
Marketings were down 20 percent from last month, 20 percent fromla
$\qquad$ then manage it" to optimize
both soil moisture and yield potential. "Dryland cotton yields on the South Plains have been essentially flat over the last 30 years. But we can realize yield advantage and an eco nomic advantage by adopting production systems that pre serve soil moisture and rainfall or crops with real fiber-quality potential."

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in the United States totaled 11.52 million head on March 1, which was 2 per cent below March 1 of last year.
Placements during February in the seven states historically having commercial feedlots totaled 1.54 million head, 16 percent above 2001 but 4 percent below 2000
Marketings in those tates were 1.53 million head, up 4 percent from 2001 but down 12 percen from 2000.
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Muleshoe High School pro-
duction of Shakespeare's
"Macbeth" were Betty Harbin, Neil Finley, Jane Branscum (who received an individual rating of "superior" in a festival at Eastern New Mexico University), Bruce Purdy, Marsha Blackman, Renee Dyer,
Dana Damron, Dana Damron, Stan
Johnson, Larry Baker and John Gulley.
Jona Kay Goucher won the grand prize in the Mule-

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SAUTEED SALMON 2 oz. pancetta or bacon 3/4 cup chicken stock $3 / 4$ cup peeled, seeded and diced Roma tomatoes, di vided
2 tsp.chopped roasted gar1 tsp. chopped parsley 2 cups cooked small white 2 tsp. olive oil 4 salmon fillets, $31 / 2 \mathrm{oz}$. each

Salt and pepper to taste In a large skillet, sauté bacon
ver medium-low teat until

$\Gamma$ 40 years ago March 1962 Donnie Sputnik Shafer, Muleshoe High School football standout, signed a letter of intent to University in Canyon.
Ray Vinson of Muleshoe Tech's Pi Delta Phi national Clayton Meyers of Muleparticipated in the 1962 stock Auction Association San Antonio. The ses-

## There is more than one way to preserve wildlife

Every year, I bring my Washington and Texas staffs together to reflect on the past year and look forward to the year to come. Recentiy, we met in Glen Rose, Texas, at the Fossil Rim Wildlife Center, a beautiful place to reflect on the majesty of nature.
The center is a treasure and one of the most beautiful and unique sites in our state. It is home to more than 60 species of animals and works with or ganizations from all over the world to care for endangered animals and help bring them back from extinction.
Fossil Rim has shown tha there is more than one way to

## a cat.

Unfortunately, some conervation efforts have had terrible effect on areas of our oo often, efforts to preserve an animal species have in cluded grabbing private land and restricting its use. In the Pacific Northwest, this has de stroyed jobs and parts of the economy. Icentral Texas, preerving the golden-cheeked warbler and the Barton Springs salamander ultimately cos people thousands of dollars to

What we need are creative approaches to preserving a habitat - not tearing down an economy, ortramplingon personal property rights. By voluntarily setting aside land for species protection in places like Fossil Rim, we can avoid requiring private property their own land
Refusing to allow cedar trees to becut on private property to protect the
golden-checked warbler has caused increased cedar fever in human beings and a loss precious water resources. Cedar roots absorb water
before it can reach aquife resulting in dry creeks and waarmers and ranchers
Any Texas rancher or land
Any Texas rancher or land-
owner will tell you that cedar removal will replenish the soil, encourage new growth and increase the water supply.
Fossil Rim has proven that there are effective waystopreserve our animal population lations to grow and prosper One forsil Rim's lights is the work it does with wild cheetahs. Although not wild cheetahs. Although no
native to the Lone Star State

the animals have thrived on the Texas prairie where they have the open space theyneed. Cheetahs typically require 500 square miles of hunting land to survive and the increasing human population in
ingly difficult.
Once, there were more than 100,000 wild cheetahs roam ing the globe; now there are closer to 10,000 . By working with other zoos and wildlife organizations, Fossil Rim has
and increase the cheetah gene pool,
ture.

We also have numerous public wildlife conservation programs in Texas. Through a comprehensive approach to wildlife conservation, we've been successful at increasing the populations of blackcapped vireos, ocelots and numerous plant and animal species.

Texans are lovers of nature and the outdoors. Prolecting our natural habitats and wildlife is a commonly shared desire. That's why the Texas
ment has designated more than three quarters of a million acres in wildlife management areas throughout Texas

But we also share an appreciation for the freedoms and liberties that our founders fought so hard to keep. We must ensure that the government does not trample on our constitutional rights in the name of conservation.
By focusing on smart pres ervation and a balance of human and wildlife interests, e can protect the future of our animal populations and maintain our Texas way of

## Water during pregnancy helps healthier delivery

$\begin{aligned} \text { SPECIALTOTHE JOURNAL } & \text { exercise modera } \\ \text { HOUSTON-Pregnant } & \text { minutes per day. }\end{aligned}$ women who want to stay in shape can take a few laps.
"Swimming, walking and cycling offer cardiovascular benefits and are safe activities for both the woman and the unborn child," said Dr. Paula Amato, an assistant professor of obstetrics and gynecology at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. idea for pregnant women to
minutes per day. woman can typically tinue the same exercise routine throughout pregnancy, as long as she feels well and there are no medical or obstetrical complications. Amato offers these tips for staying fitduring pregnancy: -Avoid contact sports that increase the risk of falls and/ or abdominal trauma such as

## Maintain usual levels of

 activity - don't increase it. pregnancies can mplicated tive during pregnacy and should modify their usual exercise routines as medically advised;- Beyond the first trimester, avoid exercises such as sit-ups that require lying on the back, and avoid standing for long periods of time;
re-term labor should reduce physical activity in the second and third trimesters; and "Listen" tothe body Stop exercising immediately if any dizziness, faintness, headaches or pain occur.
"The most important thing hat a woman can do for the health of her unborn child is o consult with her physician or health-care provider before beginning an exercise ore beginning an exercis fore beginning an ex Amato said.



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