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## PAGE ONE

A QUICK READ OF THE NEWS

### 'Reading wizard' unwanted

SAN FRANCISCO — All 11-year-old John O'Connor wanted was to donate 30 minutes every week to help children learn how to read.

His local branch at the San Francisco Public Library apparently didn't think too much of the idea, rejecting the sixth-grader's efforts to get youngsters interested in books.

John first called the Presidio branch to pitch the offer, which his mother had suggested. He had even selected his first book and drafted flyers to invite neighborhood children, ages 3 to 6, to the library.

He wanted to call himself the "Reading Wizard" and wear a jester's hat, fake spectacles and a black cape.

But before John could finish describing his plan, a library staffer told him: "We don't do that kind of thing."

Toni Bernardi, the chief of the library system's children and youth services, explained Tuesday that "all of the branch libraries provide story time for preschoolers."

"To do this, the librarians first select age-appropriate material, prepare an entire program for the event with related finger puppets, songs, rhythms and other activities to hold the interest of children," Bernardi said.

John said he hasn't abandoned his plan to become the Reading Wizard.

### Three Way graduation set

Three Way High School has scheduled its graduation for 7 p.m. Friday in the high school cafeteria.

The three graduates — José Baeza, Jonathan Kindle and Gerardo Pérez — make up what is reportedly Texas' smallest graduating class for 1999.



**Drawing date:** Saturday, May 15  
**Winning numbers:** 04-07-27-30-41-48  
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**Winners:** 0  
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**Estimated jackpot:** \$10 million

### On this date in history

**May 20** — Charles Lindbergh completes the first solo flight across the Atlantic (1929).  
**May 21** — The first American Red Cross is organized (1881).  
**May 22/23** — The Truman Doctrine (economic aid to Greece and Turkey) is enacted into law (1947).

### LOCAL WEATHER

	High	Low	Pre.
Friday	75	47	—
Saturday	86	49	—
Sunday	92	49	—
Monday	92	46	—
Prec to date	4.69 inches		

### EXTENDED FORECAST

Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of isolated t-storms through Sunday. Highs in the mid- to upper 80s. Lows in the lower 50s.

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## Locker rewrites MHS 800 meter record at state meet

AUSTIN — No one ran better than Muleshoe's Stacy Locker here last Friday at Mike Myers Stadium. They just ran faster.

Competing in her third consecutive Texas 3A state track meet, the MHS junior smashed her own school record in the 800 meters and took nearly a second off her personal best in the 400.

She said she didn't really feel pressured about running in two events — partly because she didn't go in ex-

pecting to be competitive in the 400, a race she had only run half a dozen times before the state meet.

She also said she didn't change tactics from the plan laid out beforehand by Coach John Irwin.

"I pretty much stayed with it," she said. "The (800) race was a little slower than I expected — at least the first lap was."

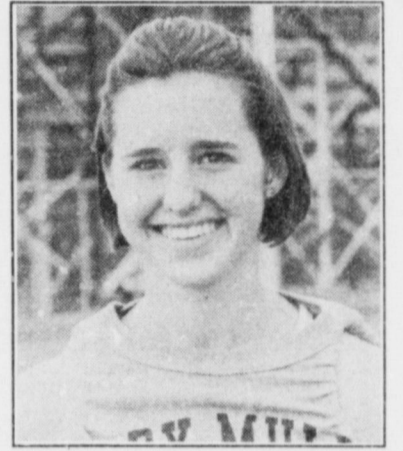
Her efforts earned Locker fourth place in her specialty, the 800, and fifth place in the 400. It was the first

time she had qualified in two events for the state meet.

Locker's 2:18.64 in the 800 was a half-second better than the previous MHS record 2:19.14 she ran in finishing third at the 1998 state meet. It was almost three seconds faster than her previous '99 season best of 2:21.03 she ran to win the Region 1-3A meet in Odessa two weeks earlier.

Perhaps more impressive was the

see **LOCKER** on page 8



Stacy Locker

## Boll Weevil Foundation outlines plan

If the wheels don't come off in Austin; if the good Lord's willing and the creek don't rise, boll weevil eradication should start this fall in three High Plains zones comprising 15 counties.

Contingency plans are going ahead in the Northwest Plains (NWP), Western High Plains (WHP), and Permian Basin (PB) zones with zone and district office locations being targeted.

In the NWP Zone, the main office is planned to be located in Muleshoe with district offices in Littlefield, Springlake/Earth and Friona. From the zone manager on down, the Foundation is looking for around 50 or more personnel for the 1999 season to be hired and trained by mid-July.

The WHP Zone office will most likely be at Plains in Yoakum County, with district offices to be set up in Brownfield, Seagraves, Seminole and in Lynn County. Around 150 people will be needed to fill positions for the 1999 season in the WHP zone.

Lamesa will probably be chosen for the zone office location in the PB Zone with district offices at Big Spring and Stanton. Staffing requirements for PB Zone are projected to be around 120.



### Road Block

Though the area received good late winter snow and spring rain, persistent winds continue to rob the area of vital moisture as farmers race to complete planting. Above, dust flies in the wind across FM 1760 as a circle of graze-out wheat is disked under in preparation for the next planting cycle.

## Council votes to pay off water rights notes

By **RONN SMITH**  
 Editor

The Muleshoe City Council voted unanimously Tuesday to pay off long-term tax notes amounting to \$477,000 dating from the city's decades-old purchase of water rights on area groundwater.

City Manager Rick Hanna said the water involved is near the airport and was purchased long ago.

He told the council he would like to retire the notes that same day. "Both banks are aware we're considering doing that, and I feel they can have those numbers ready by the end of the day," he said.

Hanna said there would be some advantages in not paying off the notes, such as continuing to have the money in reserve in case it is needed, but he felt that pros were outweighed by the cons. The city was losing 1 1/2 percent on interest because of the difference being earned on the deposit and the rate being paid on the notes, he said.

The council voted unanimously to go ahead and pay off the debt.

Mayor Robert Montgomery relinquished the chair to Mayor Pro Tem Cliff Black during this discussion, saying that for him to preside would constitute a conflict of

interest on the issue.

The council also:

- Approved a \$150,000 economic development grant to help with the expansion of Boehning Dairy;
- Authorized City Manager Rick Hanna to develop a plan and seek bids on an emergency warning system for the city;
- Approved \$1,000 in hotel-motel tax money to be spent promoting a June 28-30 softball tournament and the accompanying Father's Day Festival;
- Appointed Councilor Juan Chávez to replace Larry Kirk as the city's representative to the appraisal board (the term expires next year);
- Approved operating the municipal swimming pool with the same rates and hours as last year after Hanna reported that he wasn't sure attendance figures would make the pool feasible for an outside contractor;
- Voted to move the council's June meeting from the regular third Tuesday to June 22, a week later; and
- Heard a report from Hanna indicating that the city's campaign against abandoned vehicles had resulted in 110 notices being sent out, with all but about 30 of those instances taken care of to date.

## New emergency sirens considered

By **RONN SMITH**  
 Editor

City Manager Rick Hanna said Tuesday afternoon that he has developed a plan to secure emergency warning sirens for the city and hopes to present bids to the City Council at its June 22 meeting.

"What I'm bidding is a three-siren, radio-controlled system," Hanna said. Even in the event of a power failure, he added, the system could be activated electronically.

"I hope we can do it for \$50,000," he said.

Earlier at a City Council meeting, Hanna told councilors that the price might seem expensive, but "if we had a storm and somebody died as a result of

our negligence, it'll be money well spent."

He said having vehicles drive through neighborhoods warning residents of advancing storms is inefficient as well as possibly dangerous to city employees.

"I don't think we can get it working to help us with this storm season, but maybe for next year," he said.

Mayor Pro Tem Cliff Black asked if the sirens would be activated from a central location; Police Chief Don Carter said they would.

Carter added that the sirens would rotate for 360-degree service and also could be used as a public address system.

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## City to get protected turn at First & American Blvd.

Muleshoe City Manager Rick Hanna said Tuesday that the state has approved the installation of a protected left-turn signal at the intersection of U.S. 70-84 and Texas 214 (West First Street and American Boulevard).

He added that the exact type of system has not been decided on, but the state is leaning toward a signal that allows two directions of left turns at one time rather than allowing all the traffic in a single direction to move at one time.

Mayor Robert Montgomery congratulated Hanna on his hard work to secure the extra light.

"One of the first things that Rick noticed (when he became city manager) was that logjam there, and he's been working with the highway department to get a turn signal there," Montgomery said.

City Councilor Sharon Grant asked Hanna whether the new light would involve any expense to the city, and he said the state would pay for it.

## Texas farmers urged to chart water future

COLLEGE STATION — Texas farmers and ranchers will have unprecedented opportunities to chart their future in the next 50 years in light of predicted water shortages, a Texas Agricultural Extension Service agricultural engineer said.

Texas is expected to fall short in meeting water demands: some say by the year 2050, the state's

water demand will be 20.95 million acre-feet per year. However, the groundwater and surface water supply projected will fall short by 6.04 million acre-feet, enough water to cover the entire state of New Hampshire to a depth of one foot.

"Existing supplies will not meet the demand,"

Lesikar said.

It is expected that the shortfall will be met through more efficient agricultural and household practices, waste water reuse, development of new resources, or reducing the amount used on

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## AROUND MULESHOE

### Choirs to perform tonight at 7:30 p.m.

The Muleshoe High School and the Watson Junior High School choirs will perform in concert Thursday, May 20, at the High School Auditorium.

The one-hour concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. and feature music from the '50s, '60s, '70s and '80s, both rock 'n' roll and Motown. Everyone is invited to attend the free concert.

### Leffler receives Martin Memorial scholarship

Lisa Leffler of Muleshoe has been awarded the 1999 Robert E. Martin Memorial Scholarship by Henry Insurance.

The \$1,000 scholarship will be paid to Texas Tech University for the fall and spring semesters. It is awarded annually to a deserving college-bound student.



Lisa Leffler

Leffler was recently recognized as the Outstanding Student in Agriculture at South Plains College and will transfer to Texas Tech in the fall.

### Breast cancer screening to be held June 7

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist/St. Mary's Health system will conduct a breast cancer screening clinic at Muleshoe Area Medical Center on June 7.

Participants will receive a low-cost screening mammogram. Each woman screened will receive a breast health risk appraisal and individual instruction in breast self-examination.

Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify. All exams are done by appointment only. Call (806) 366-1905 or (800) 377-4673 for more information.

### SPC to conduct law enforcement classes

LEVELLAND — South Plains College's law enforcement program will offer two law enforcement short courses, "Intermediate Use of Force" and "Intermediate Child Abuse Investigation."

Both will be taught at the Morton Activity Building. "Intermediate Use of Force" will focus on laws pertaining to use of force, chapter 9 of the Texas Penal Code and case law involving liability of officers in situations where force is used. The class is required for intermediate certification by the Texas Commission of Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Education. Cost for the class is \$15 and it will be taught from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 3 and 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 4. Advance registration is required.

"Intermediate Child Abuse Investigation" provides 24 hours of TCLEOSE credit. Topics include the nature, cause and effects of child abuse and neglect; investigative strategies; and responsibilities of the law enforcement officer. The class will be offered from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 6-8. Cost is \$24 and

registration deadline is July 5.

For more information or to pre-register, contact the SPC Law Enforcement Office, (806) 894-9611, ext. 2291.

### VFW to host open house Saturday, May 22

The Walter A. Moeller VFW Post No. 8570 will host an open house from noon to 7 p.m. Saturday, May 22, at 203 E. Ash.

The event will mark the 100th anniversary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in the United States as well as the 30th anniversary of the Moeller Post in Muleshoe.

Numerous activities are planned, including dominoes, darts, horseshoes, checkers, cards and chess. The VFW Ladies Auxiliary will also conduct raffles. Food and beverages also will be available. The community is invited to attend.

### MISD to host reception for Bill Moore

Outgoing Muleshoe Independent School District Superintendent Bill Moore will be honored at a reception hosted by the Muleshoe Independent School District on Friday, May 21, from 2 to 5:30 p.m. in the MISD administrative office. Cards and notes will be appreciated and a basket will be available at the door.

### Bailey County Cemetery work day set

In preparation for the annual Memorial Day activities at the Bailey County Cemetery, a work day has been scheduled for Saturday, May 22.

Anyone who has loved ones or friends buried in the cemetery is asked to spend a few hours helping with the clean-up. After Memorial Day services on May 31, a dedication will record the cemetery as a historical site in Bailey County.

Weather permitting, the work day will begin at 9 a.m. and continue until the cemetery is in shape. Volunteers are asked to bring their own rakes, hoes, shovels, mowers and trimmers. For more information, contact Bailey County Cemetery Association president David Wyer at 272-4864.

### MISD to offer Summer Food Service

The Muleshoe Independent School District will sponsor the Summer Food Service Program at three sites this summer, offering free breakfast and lunch Monday through Friday from May 31 to June 30.

Meals will be served at Dillman School beginning May 31 and at Muleshoe High School and DeShazo Elementary beginning June 3. Breakfast will be served at all three locations from 7:30 a.m. to 8 a.m. Lunch at Dillman will be offered from 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and at DeShazo and MHS from noon to 12:30 p.m.

Any child age 1 to 18 is eligible to participate and may not be discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, gender, age, disability, religion or political belief.

The deadline for items to appear in Around Muleshoe is 5 p.m. Monday for Thursday's edition and 5 p.m. Thursday for Sunday's edition. Items may be brought in to the office at 304 W. Second, mailed to PO Box 449, called in to 272-4536, or faxed to 272-3567.

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## Tech, SPC to host basketball camps

Texas Tech athletic programs will host a series of summer camps for elementary, junior high and high school students during June and July. Camps include the Lady Raider Basketball Camp, the Lady Raider Varsity Basketball Camp and James Dickey's Red Raider Basketball Camp.

Lady Raider Basketball will host overnight camps from May 30 to June 3, and from June 6-10. Overnight camps will cost \$275 for residents and \$225 for commuters. A post player's camp will be held June 11-13.

The Lady Raider Shooting Camp will be held from June 11-13 and Day Camp is scheduled from June 14-17. Post and shooting camps will cost \$150 for overnight campers and \$125 for commuters and the Day Camp will cost \$150 for all campers. Lady Raider Basketball Camps will be offered for girls in the third grade through junior high.

The Lady Raider Varsity Basketball Camp will host three sessions for high school students. A general session will take place June 13-17, costing

\$275 for overnight campers and \$225 for commuters. Shooting camp and post camp will be held June 11-13 at a cost of \$150 for overnight campers and \$125 for commuters.

James Dickey's Red Raider Basketball Camp will host three sessions for third through 12th grade boys. A day camp will be held June 21-24 at a cost of \$140. Overnight camps will be held June 27 - July 1, and July 25 - 29. Cost of overnight camps will be \$290 for resident camp-

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### SIRENS

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Mayor Robert Montgomery said, "I think we have an obligation to the citizens to warn them of disaster," but added that the city always faces a fis-

cal challenge. "It's money that's obviously not budgeted," Montgomery continued. "Is it something you think we could get started in the next fiscal year?"

Hanna said his proposal

would be aimed at the next budget year.

Councilor Jerry Hicks moved to go ahead with the system; his motion was seconded by Black and supported unanimously by the Council.

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**CAMPS**

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ers and \$240 for commuters. Texas Tech Football will host two camps in June. Special skills camp will be held June 14 for quarterbacks, receivers, defensive backs, and linebackers age 13 and older at a cost of \$260. All positions camp will take place June 4-6 for ages 9 and older at a cost of \$225.

For information on any of the camps, contact Richard Kilwien, (806) 742-2770.

**South Plains**

Applications are still being accepted for the 1999 Texan Basketball Camp, which will be held in July at South Plains College.

The overnight camp, scheduled for July 25 - 29, is offered for all boys in third grade through high school. The camp is directed by Shawn Scanlan, head men's basketball coach at South Plains College.

Registration for the camp will be held from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on July 25 at Texan Dome.

For more information, contact Scanlan at (806) 894-9611, ext. 2222, or write: Texan Basketball Camp, South Plains College, 1401 S. College Ave., Levelland, Texas, 79336.

**WATER**

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irrigated crops.

Already, irrigated agriculture use is predicted to drop by 2.7 million acre-feet of water from the current 7.5 billion acre-feet of water. Still, Lesikar predicted, about 17 percent of the irrigation demand will go unmet.

"Our water path is not really charted," Lesikar said. "We have the opportunity to change how our water picture looks in the future, either by increasing the amount of waste water that we use for the irrigation of crop land or turf grass areas and using more potable water resources for meeting other demands."

Lesikar also urged farmers to consider water as a commodity.

"When we start considering water as a commodity, we will be looking at what is the best use of that water resource," he said. "It may be more profitable for the farmer to actually sell the water to other sectors than it is for him to grow an agricultural crop."

For instance, urban water consumers pay from \$1 to \$2 per 1,000 gallons of water in the first part of their water us-

age; then \$3 to \$4 per 1,000 as they get up into a higher water usage and rate structure. That could increase to \$4 to \$6 per 1,000 gallons as water becomes more precious, he said.

Farmers have a crop that takes 2 acre-feet of water, or 650,000 gallons, to grow. It would cost \$2,600 to grow that crop if the farmer purchased that water for \$4 per 1,000 gallons. If he sold that water to the municipal sector for \$2 per 1,000 gallons, the farmer's income would be about \$1,300 per acre.

"The city could then transport the water, pay for the pipeline to bring it to the city and sell the water for \$4 for \$1,000 gallons and still cover their infrastructure costs," he said.

The farmer could then use that land to grow dryland crops or could sell just a portion of his water and irrigate a smaller section of land, and still have an annual income coming from the sale of the water.

Lesikar warned, "If you sell the right to the water, you get a one-time sale to the city. So it would be better to lease your water or sell it on an annual basis rather than selling the right to the water."

Irrigation deficits also may be met through new technologies being developed for water treatment, allowing the use of saline groundwater resources or the Gulf of Mexico as supplies. There also may be a shift in the types of crops being produced from those that use more water to those that use less.

Texas reached its peak of irri-

gated acreage in 1974 with 8.4 million acres, Fipps said. In 1997, the total irrigated acreage in the state was 5.1 million acres, about 13 percent of the total. The drop was largely due to more efficient irrigation technology, higher input costs and volatile crop prices.

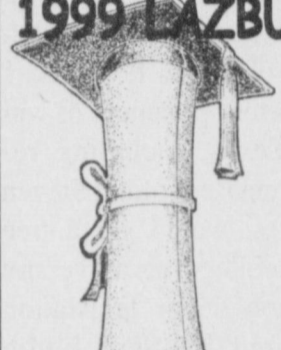
**Summers honored as 'Inventor of Year'**

COLLEGE STATION — Dr. Max Summers, entomology professor at Texas A&M University and co-inventor of the Baculovirus Expression Vector System (BEVS), received the 1999 Gulf Coast Inventor of the Year Award from the Houston Intellectual Property Lawyers' Association (HIPLA).

"I have received awards for my work in the past, but this one is from the private sector," he said. "I feel that it means more."

Summers met all of the criteria and was the most impressive nominee this year. HIPLA has given the award since 1983.

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# Texas House votes to lower legal blood-alcohol limit

The Texas House last week voted to lower the legal intoxication threshold to a blood-alcohol level of .08.

Advocates of the legislation, SB 114 by Sen. Mario Gallegos, D-Houston, point to the fact that in 1997 Texas led the nation in alcohol-related traffic deaths with 1,748. Of those deaths, 379 involved drivers with blood-alcohol levels under the present legal limit of .10.

The alcoholic beverage industry has argued that lowering blood-alcohol standard will penalize social drinkers and that instead, more should be done to curb drunken driving, not drinking and driving.

Rep. Scott Hochberg said, however, that lowering the limit is not aimed at the social drinker. "It is not a glass of wine with dinner," he said. "It is a significant amount of alcohol."

If Texas lowers its blood-alcohol standard to .08, the state stands to receive \$12 million in federal highway grants.

But money does not seem to be at issue. Hochberg, who sponsored SB 114 in the House, said, "If it wasn't the

right thing to do, I don't think we should have done it for the money."

## Cornyn Sues Payday Lenders

Attorney General John Cornyn last week announced the filing of lawsuits against "payday" lenders.

Defendants include EZ Cash and Quick Cash of the Rio Grande Valley, and Cash Today, which has stores statewide.

"Businesses that break the law will not be tolerated — especially those that prey upon people most in need of help," Cornyn said.

Texas law caps the interest rate that may be charged on small, short-term loans at 10 percent, unless made by a licensed lender.

Payday loans are short-term loans made by unlicensed lenders for up to several hundred dollars at extremely high annual percentage rates ranging from 650 percent to 850 percent.

Payday loan businesses typically lend to consumers who live paycheck-to-paycheck or those who may not qualify for mainstream forms of credit.

## Tobacco Money: How to Use It

Senators are showing they want to make sure that Texas' \$17.3 billion settlement with the tobacco industry is put to good use, according to a Sen-

ate news release.

The Senate last week approved Sen. Bill Ratliff's committee substitute for HB 1678, which would set aside \$500 million of the settlement into a permanent fund.

Earnings from the fund could be used to pay for tobacco education and enforcement, public health programs, emergency medical services, trauma care and rural health facilities.

## Other Highlights

■ According to a report published by the *Austin American - Statesman* last week, records released by the Texas Education Agency show that school districts can't account for about 55,700 seventh-through 12th graders who left Texas schools in 1997-98.

■ Former prisoners of war from Texas, including recently released soldier Steven Gonzales, would get a free public college or university education under legislation sponsored by Sen. Eddie Lucio Jr., D-Brownsville.

■ Dallas investor Tom Hicks and San Antonio attorney Tom Loeffler resigned last week as members of the University of Texas board of regents. Replacing them are Houston attorney Patrick Oxford and Houston businessman Charles Miller.

■ The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs has approved

more than \$15 million in grants to build Texas state veterans homes in Temple and Floresville. The long-term care facilities are for Texas veterans needing skilled nursing attention.

■ Sen. Jane Nelson, R-

Flower Mound, pulled down her bill requiring background checks for the sale of semiautomatic weapons at a flea market after Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas, attached an amendment that would have expanded the definition of "flea market"

to include gun shows.

■ The House last week approved legislation that would require Texas minors to receive permission from their parents before getting their body parts — other than earlobes — pierced.

## POLICE REPORT

### April 22

Hector Chávez, 27, arson of a vehicle.

Maria Arredondo, 54, driving with license suspended.

Ramona Andrade, 31, tampering with a government document.

Frank Maestas, 37, abusing call to 911.

### April 25

Gabriel Rios, 35, possession with intent to deliver.

Julio Rentería, 26, possession of marijuana and DWI.

Mike Cavazos, 31, illicit beverage with intent to sell.

Jimmy Guana, 22, DWI and possession of cocaine with intent to deliver. Robert Toscano Jr., 22, possession of cocaine with intent to deliver.

### April 24

Oscar Luís García Jr., 22, possession of marijuana and possession with intent to deliver.

Israel Mata, 32, no driver's license and expired inspection sticker.

Bernabe José Salazar, 30, possession of marijuana with intent to deliver.

Marie Rodríguez, 23, theft by check.

### April 30

Ricardo Quiroz, 39, theft.

José Torrez, 43, felony DWI.

### May 1

María Ibarre, 37, driving with license suspended.

### May 2

Roberto Contreras, 33, injury to a child.

Steve Allen Rigsbee, 34, burglary of a habitation.

### May 5

Leticia Hernández, 19, injury to a child and capital murder.

Sonia Carrasco, 30, motion to revoke probation.


### May 7

Stephen Mark Anthony, 39, assault.

### May 8

Josie Flores, 36, possession of alcohol, intent to sell.

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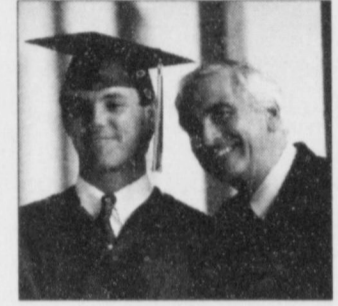
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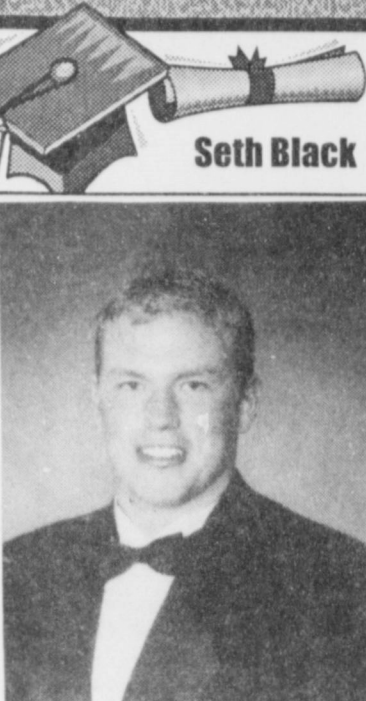
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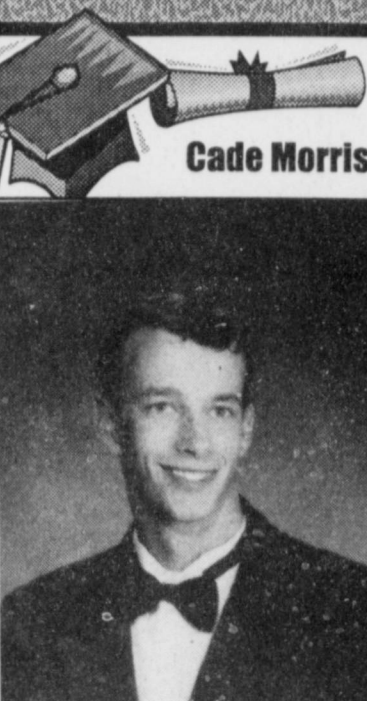
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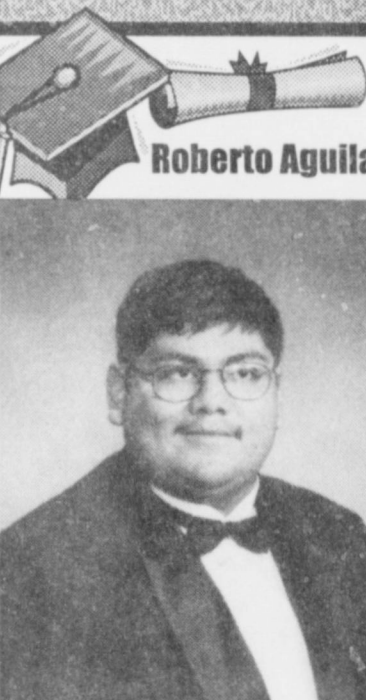
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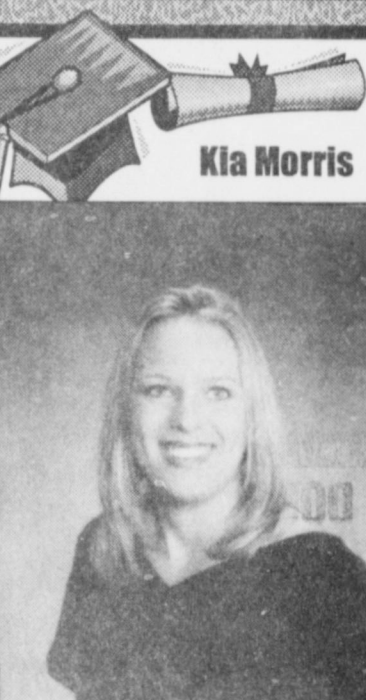
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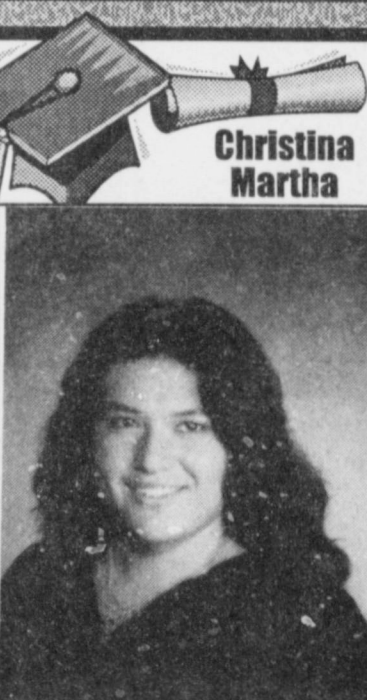
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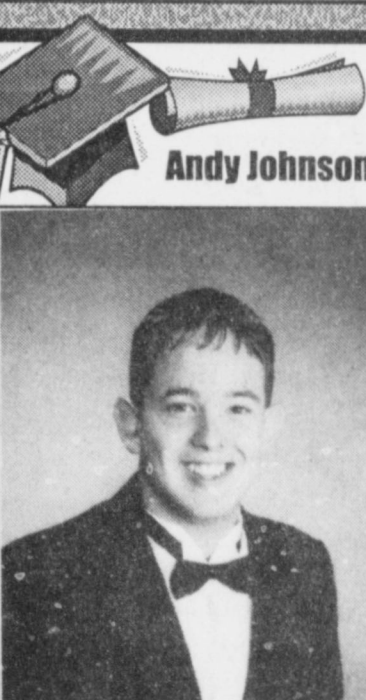
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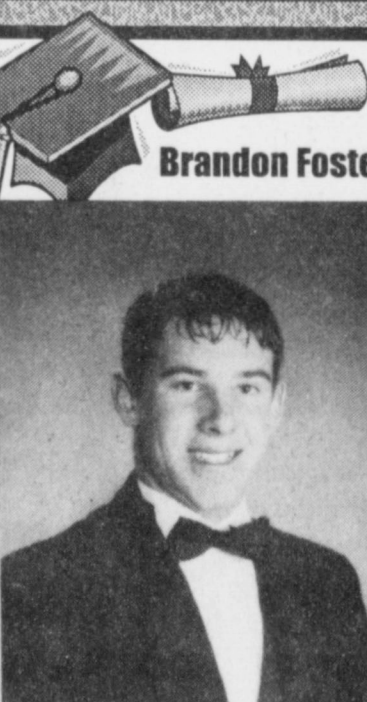
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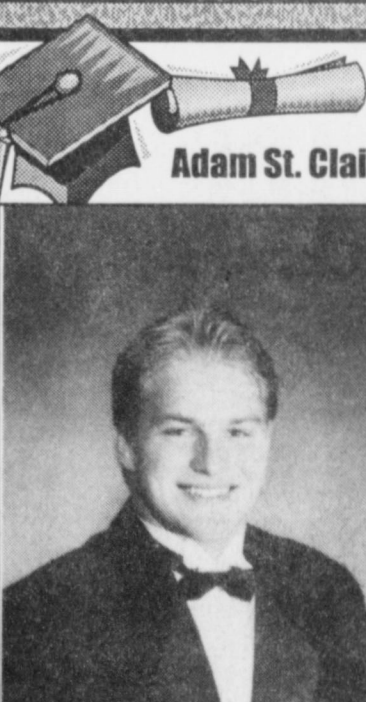
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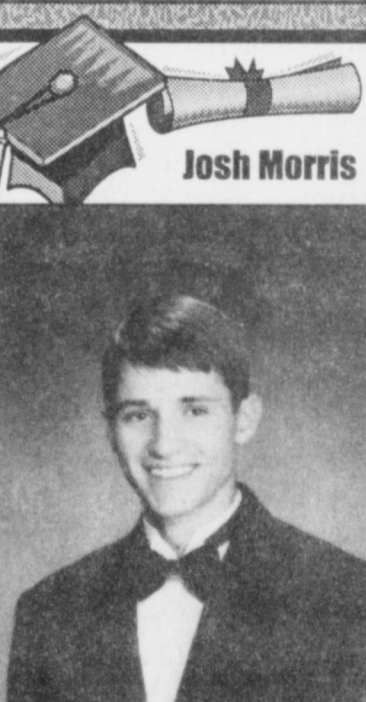
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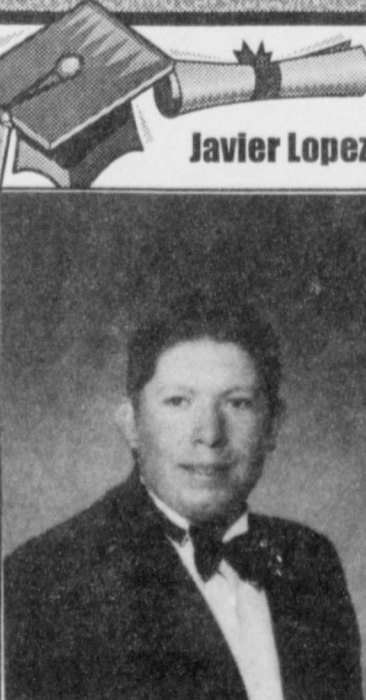
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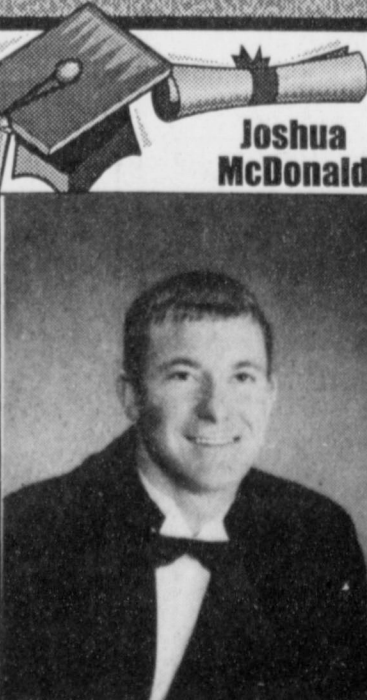
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## Packing a lunch is trendy but thrifty

**COLLEGE STATION** — Whether it's carried in a thermos, a snappy box or a plain ol' brown bag, bringing lunch to work is gaining popularity across the country.

One of the reasons, says nutrition expert Michelle Ledoux, is that brown-bagging saves money.

A food protection management coordinator with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Ledoux estimates that the average person spends \$5 to \$7 for each meal eaten out — and that's for fast food.

"If you eat out five days a week, that would be more than \$100 a month. Even bringing your own soft drinks saves money over vending machines," Ledoux said.

Another reason bringing lunch makes sense to many is that by packing it themselves, they're getting what they want. That works especially well for those who have special dietary needs or who are dieting, Ledoux added.

"Something that I have seen people bring, especially when dieting, is a bunch of grapes or baby carrots, celery sticks, broccoli florets and other veggie snacks. These are low in calories and can save you from office snacks co-workers try to share."

But regardless of the reason for bringing lunch to the office, Ledoux says, food safety should be the top priority.

Thriveonline.com agrees. Its thrive@eats column advises that cleanliness comes first.

"Scrub up before you prepare, pack and eat your lunch," the column reads.

That means washing your hands, washing your fruits and vegetables and washing your containers after each use.

"Raw veggies and fruit should be fine as long as they are washed thoroughly, preferably with a vegetable brush, under running water prior to eating," Ledoux said.

Next, consider how the food will stay cool — or hot.

"If you don't have access to a refrigerator, then a simple brown bag will limit the kinds of foods you can bring," Ledoux said. "It should be obvious to people that if they wouldn't eat a ham sandwich after it had been sitting on a counter for four or five hours, they don't want to eat it for lunch after it's been in a brown bag for that amount of time."

Good choices that don't need to be kept cool are dry foods like peanut butter and jelly, rice cakes, nuts, snack crackers and most fruits and raw vegetables.

"If a person has access to one of the more high-tech, insulated lunch boxes and a freezer pack, just about anything can be brought," Ledoux said. "Just be sure to eat it within four to five hours."

Thrive@eats adds that frozen juice packs also can be used to keep food cool. It recommends that all perishables

be stacked close to the freezer pack or juice pack.

As for foods that are to be served hot, the most important thing is to make sure they are hot when they are eaten.

Explained Ledoux, "This means quick reheating in a microwave or on a stove, and turning and stirring often to insure all-over heating. The food should be reheated to 165 degrees Fahrenheit."

Since most people don't have access to a food thermometer at work, Ledoux added, people should be able to see steam rising off their food.

## Tax Freedom Day tells its story

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is a column by U.S. Rep. Larry Combest.)

It has been almost a month since April 15, known as "Tax Day," but a more significant milestone to note is Tax Freedom Day.

May 11 was Tax Freedom Day — the day this year that middle-class working Americans stopped working to put money into the government budget and started working to put money into their own accounts.

At the beginning of the century, Tax Freedom Day was Jan. 31. American only had to work one month to support their local, state and federal governments. The remaining 11 months of the year were devoted to their own needs and dreams.

The control over our own lives and the power to make our dreams come true is, essentially, what America is all about.

At the beginning of a new millennium, our government has gobbled away much of the revenue we previously spent on the American dream. This year, the typical American must work 131 days into the year just to pay the costs of federal, state and local taxes.

This is just plain wrong. It's wrong that middle-class American families pay more in taxes than they pay for food, clothing, shelter and transportation combined. It's wrong that these families pay more than 35 percent of their income to the tax man, and it's wrong that this burden of taxation has grown virtually every year of this century.

May 11 marks a record. It is the latest that Tax Freedom Day has ever fallen, reflecting the unpleasant reality that the tax burden on middle-class Americans has never been higher.

During the six years of the Clinton-Gore administration, Tax Freedom Day has moved back 11 days from April 30, the date on which it fell in 1993. This excessive and growing tax burden threatens the economic security of American families and the security of the nation as a whole.

It is time for tax relief in

America — 131 days working for the government instead of the family is far too many days.

Shouldn't the government be able to get by with less so that families can use more? Americans work hard for their money and deserve to keep more of it for groceries, new clothes, and family vacation, college education or doing whatever else they want to do with it.

Some folks in Washington say we cannot afford tax cuts. President Clinton thinks that the government knows best when it comes to handling your hard-earned money. He has been opposed to tax cuts from day one and has even said, "We could give it all back to you and hope you spend it right, but if you don't, by 2013, the taxes people pay on Social Security will no longer cover the monthly checks."

The fact is, you earned the money and you should be able to choose how to spend it.

The time for tax relief is now. Millions of Americans have generated the strong economic growth of our nation. Together with the balanced budget law and fiscal discipline of this Republican Congress, this economic growth has resulted in projected federal budget sur-

pluses of more than \$800 billion over the next five years and \$2.4 trillion over the next 10 years.

The men and women whose hard work paid for these budget surpluses should reap the benefits.

Republicans are committed to setting aside the entire surplus for Social Security and Medicare. We will not let the big spenders in Washington raid the Social Security surplus to spend on new Washington social programs. Once we have protected and strengthened these existing valuable programs, we intend to give middle-class Americans the tax relief they deserve and we will pass legislation this year to relieve your tax burden.

As we get closer to the new millennium, I don't expect that we will ever again celebrate Tax Freedom Day on Jan. 31, the date on which it fell in 1902.

However, I do think that getting it back to April 30, like it was before the Clinton-Gore administration brought their hightaxing, big-spending ways to the White House, would be a good place to go start on the path toward a more economically secure America.

## Sudan plans memorial observance

A Memorial Day observance is planned for 11 a.m. Monday at Sudan Cemetery.

The program includes a welcome the presentation of colors by the Cannon Air Force Base Color Guard, the Pledge

of Allegiance led by Ralph May and the national anthem by Brenda Belcher.

There also will be music by Kenneth Richards; the main speaker at the event will be Terry Wilson.

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# Drought, conservation, safety and wildlife focus of area Ag concerns

## Drought gives lesson in conservation

CORPUS CHRISTI — The drought of 1998 was not kind to Texas farmers, but it showed Texas A&M Agriculture Program researchers a thing or two about conservation tillage.

Dr. John Matocha, a soil scientist at the Research and Extension Center in Corpus Christi, said conservation tillage reduces the number of times farmers till their soil in a crop season.

The point of conservation tillage is to improve soil quality by building up organic matter and microbial activity in the soil. Normally, a farmer might

till the soil between nine and 11 times in a cotton growing season, depending on rainfall.

Matocha is also experimenting with different nitrogen fertilizer rates in the various tillage systems to determine the economically optimum rate.

"Conservation tillage is a way we can maintain our soil productivity and sustainability," Matocha said.

## Free safety seat tests offered by Extension

ANGLETON — Free safety seat checks are being made across the state to ensure the safety of Texas children.

Dr. Alma Fonseca, Texas Agricultural Extension Service

Brazoria County agent, scheduled the checkup in her county because parents need to learn the right way to secure their children in vehicles.

"This is my passion," Fonseca said. "Children are helpless. They're dependent on an educated parent to save their lives."

The Passenger Safety Education team plans to conduct more safety seat checks this year: Silsbee, June 5; Sweetwater, June 14; Center, June 26; Waxahachie, Aug. 13; Paducah, Aug. 14; Andrews, Sept. 11; and Beaumont, Sept. 25.

For more information on safety seats, call the Texas De-

partment of Health's Safe Riders at (800) 252-8255.

## 'Cats' Meows' topic of wildlife study

COLLEGE STATION — A new research project at Texas A&M is truly the cat's meow. Dr. Clark Adams and doctoral student Sara Ash are seeking large colonies of cats in urban environments to see how humans react with them and what the impact is on neighborhood environments.

"We're interested in the human dimensions of wildlife management," said Clark, a Texas Agricultural Experiment Station wildlife researcher.

Not only do cats prey on wildlife, but in some cases large numbers of stray cats have formed colonies and reverted to wild behavior that may preclude them from being "pets."

"In the colonies we've located, the cats are fed well, but some research has shown that well-fed cats still hunt," Ash noted.

"As people have become more and more removed from the country, they know less and less about wildlife," he said.

## Water shortage may chart farmer future

COLLEGE STATION — Texas farmers and ranchers will have unprecedented opportunities to chart their future in the next 50 years in light of predicted water shortages, a Texas Agricultural Extension Service agricultural engineer said.

The groundwater and surface water supply projected will fall

short by 6.04 million acre-feet, enough water to cover the entire state of New Hampshire to a depth of one foot.

"Existing supplies will not meet the demand," said Dr. Bruce Lesikar, an Extension program leader.

It is expected that the shortfall will be met through more

efficient agricultural and household practices, wastewater reuse, development of new resources and reducing the amount used on irrigated crops.

"When we start considering water as a commodity, we will be looking at what is the best use of that water resource," he said.

## Lazbuddie's top students

Lazbuddie Elementary School students of the month for May include (front row, from left) Kenton Randolph, pre-kindergarten, son of LynEldon and Pat Randolph; Andrea Solano, kindergarten, daughter of Osvaldo and Maria Solano; Leticia Mendoza, second grade, daughter of Juan and Hortencia Mendoza; and Dylan Haney, first grade, son of Greg and Netta Haney; (back row, from left) David Campos, fifth grade, son of Johnny and Sylvia Campos; Bart Guillén, second grade, son of Gabino and Esperanza Guillén; Kyrá Kimbrough, fourth grade,



Lazbuddie Elementary Students of the Month

daughter of Kyle and Kim Kimbrough; and Joaquín Campos, third grade, son of Johnny and Sylvia Campos. These students were selected for

displaying outstanding qualities of character, citizenship and leadership. Each was presented a ribbon and commended for their efforts.

## OBITUARIES

### MICAELA GARCIA

Services have been held for Micaela "Mickey" García, 44, of Muleshoe. Burial was in Bailey County Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home of Muleshoe.

Mrs. García was born March 17, 1955, in Crystal City, Texas. She died Friday in an automobile accident between Negras and Guerrero in the Mexican state of Coahuila.

She married José Luís García in Dimmitt in 1975, and they had lived in Muleshoe since that year.

Mrs. García was a homemaker and member of Living Faith Christian Church in Olton.

She is survived by two sons, Jo Luís and José Luís García, both of Muleshoe; eight daughters, Irene, Amalia, Candy,

María, Liza, Claudia, Christina and Angelita García, all of Muleshoe; three sisters, Mary Cervántez of Dallas, Judy Reyna of Lubbock and Joanna Reyna of Big Spring; seven brothers, Manuel Serrano of Big Wells, Texas, Raymond Serrano of Littlefield, Jessie Serrano of Texico, Robert Reyna and Vincent Reyna, both of Slaton, and Leo Reyna and Lional Reyna, both of Lubbock; and four grandchildren.

### DOROTHY WOOD

Services have been held for longtime Earth resident Dorothy M. Wood, 82. Burial was in Memory Garden in Amarillo under the direction of Ellis Funeral Homes.

She was born Jan. 12, 1916, in Honey Grove. She died Monday at Covenant Hospital in

Lubbock.

She married Paul Hammond Wood in Lovington on Aug. 6, 1939. He died July 23, 1997.

Mrs. Wood moved to Earth from Fort Worth in 1952. She was a school nurse for the Springlake-Earth school system, retiring in 1983.

She was a Sunday school teacher and training union teacher for several years at the First Baptist Church of Earth.

She is survived by two grandchildren, Matt Sanders of Mena, Ark., and Brad Sanders of Caldwell, Texas. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Judy Kay Flynn, on May 21, 1984.

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VALUE PACK	<b>GROUND CHUCK</b> .....	LB	<b>\$1<sup>49</sup></b>
BEEF	<b>RUMP ROAST</b> .....	LB	<b>\$1<sup>59</sup></b>
VALUE PACK	<b>GROUND ROUND</b> .....	LB	<b>\$1<sup>79</sup></b>
CRY-O-VAC PACKER TRIM	<b>BEEF BRISKET</b> .....	LB	<b>89¢</b>
PILGRIM'S PRIDE WHOLE	<b>CUT-UP FRYERS</b> .....	LB	<b>89¢</b>
MARKET MADE	<b>HAMBURGER PATTIES</b> .....	LB	<b>\$1<sup>49</sup></b>
BEEF SIRLOIN TIP	<b>STEAK OR BEEF</b>		
<b>CUBED STEAKS</b> .....	LB	<b>\$1<sup>99</sup></b>	
BONELESS	<b>PORK SIRLOIN CHOPS</b> .....	LB	<b>\$1<sup>79</sup></b>
BAR S	<b>JUMBO BEEF FRANKS</b> .....	16 OZ.	<b>98¢</b>
PEYTON'S	<b>CHOPPED HAM</b> .....	10 OZ.	<b>\$1<sup>89</sup></b>
PEYTON'S	<b>COOKED HAM</b> .....	10 OZ.	<b>\$2<sup>69</sup></b>
SMOKED OR POLISH	<b>PEYTON'S SAUSAGE</b> .....	14 OZ.	<b>\$1<sup>29</sup></b>
PEYTON'S	<b>SLICED BACON</b> .....	12 OZ.	<b>\$1<sup>19</sup></b>
PEYTON'S	<b>CHORIZO</b> .....	8 OZ.	<b>\$1<sup>19</sup></b>
PEYTON'S	<b>MEAT BOLOGNA</b> .....	12 OZ.	<b>2/<sup>51</sup></b>
PEYTON'S	<b>MEAT FRANKS</b> .....	12 OZ.	<b>2/<sup>51</sup></b>

## PRODUCE

SMALL	<b>TOMATOES</b> .....	LB	<b>49¢</b>
TANGY	<b>LEMONS</b> .....		<b>6/<sup>51</sup></b>
JUICY	<b>LIMES</b> .....		<b>6/<sup>51</sup></b>
DELICIOUS	<b>AVOCADOS</b> .....		<b>3/<sup>51</sup></b>
CELLO	<b>CARROTS</b> .....	1 LB. BAGS	<b>3/<sup>51</sup></b>
YELLOW	<b>SWEET CORN</b> .....	EARS	<b>3/<sup>51</sup></b>
SWEET	<b>RED PLUMS</b> .....	LB	<b>\$1<sup>99</sup></b>

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PLAINS	<b>CHOC-O-CREME</b> .....	GALLON	<b>89¢</b>
SHURFINE	<b>MARGARINE</b>		
<b>QUARTERS</b> .....	16 OZ. PKG	<b>2/<sup>51</sup></b>	
HOMESTYLE OR BUTTERMILK	<b>HUNGRY JACK</b>		
<b>WAFFLES</b> .....	12 OZ. PKG	<b>\$1<sup>45</sup></b>	
ASSORTED	<b>NESTLE CRUNCH</b>		
<b>OR BUTTERFINGER</b>			
<b>ICE CREAM</b> .....	6 CT. PKG	<b>\$1<sup>89</sup></b>	
REGULAR OR SUGER FREE	<b>WELCH'S</b>		
<b>GRAPE JUICE</b> .....	12 OZ. CAN	<b>89¢</b>	



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<b>BATH SOAP</b> .....	3 BAR PKG	<b>\$1<sup>69</sup></b>	



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KOSHER, ORIGINAL OR ZESTY CRUNCHY	<b>VLASIC PICKLES</b> .....	46 OZ. JAR	<b>\$1<sup>66</sup></b>
ASSORTED	<b>SUNNY COOKIES</b> ....	12 TO 13 OZ. PKG	<b>5/<sup>4</sup></b>
ASSORTED	<b>JUICY JUICE</b> .....	46 OZ. CAN	<b>\$1<sup>69</sup></b>
ASSORTED LAY'S® OR WAVY LAY'S®	<b>POTATO CHIPS</b> .....	13.25 TO 14 OZ. BAG	<b>3/<sup>5</sup></b>
ASSORTED FRITOS®	<b>BEAN DIP</b> .....	9 OZ. CAN	<b>2/<sup>54</sup></b>
ASSORTED	<b>SMUCKER'S JAM, JELLY OR PRESERVES</b> ..	12 OZ. JAR	<b>2/<sup>53</sup></b>
WHITE OR WHEAT	<b>MRS. BAIRD'S BUTTERMILK BREAD</b> .....	16 OZ. PKG	<b>89¢</b>
NABISCO ASSORTED	<b>SNACKWELL'S COOKIES OR CRACKERS</b> .....	5.5 TO 7.75 OZ. PKG	<b>\$1<sup>99</sup></b>
NABISCO ASSORTED	<b>CHIPS AHOY! COOKIES</b> .....	14.5 TO 18 OZ. PKG	<b>2/<sup>55</sup></b>
ASSORTED	<b>KERN'S NECTAR</b> .....	11.5 OZ. CAN	<b>2/<sup>51</sup></b>
CRANAPPLE, ORIGINAL, STRAWBERRY OR RASPBERRY	<b>SHURFINE CRAN DRINKS</b> .....	48 OZ. BTL	<b>\$1<sup>39</sup></b>
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WIDE, MEDIUM OR EX-WIDE	<b>SHURFINE NOODLES</b> .....	12 OZ. PKG	<b>2/<sup>51</sup></b>
DELICIOUS	<b>FRUITOPIA</b> .....	4 PK-20 OZ.	<b>\$2<sup>99</sup></b>

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