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A QUICK READ OF THE NEWS

Dead or alive?

An 81-year-old Bossier City, La., woman who appeared to be lifeless was discovered to be breathing after being taken to the coroner's office in a body bag.

"I've seen a lot of dead people, but whether she was actually dead or in a state of suspended animation or whether divine intervention took place, you take your choice," DeSoto Parish Coroner Dr. Jack Grindle said. "But I believe in miracles."

Grindle said he was called to Helen Lafitte's home by a nurse who suspected her patient was dead.

When he arrived, Lafitte did not have a pulse or muscle reflexes.

He said she had apparently taken some narcotics and doses of sleeping medicine. Her body was transported in a body bag to the Bossier Parish coroner's office for an autopsy.

Workers there discovered she was breathing.

Looking for love

Know a woman who enjoys go-cart racing, learning about Russian culture and protecting animals?

If she turns out to be the perfect mate for 34-year-old Ed Ryder of Media, Pa., he'll pay at least \$25,000 to the matchmaker.

"I'm not at all lonely. I am not at all unhappy. I am not at all desperate. I am merely unfulfilled," Ryder said. "I hope to be married by the end of the year."

The suburban Philadelphia native launched his search last month with a Web site seeking help to find "my special woman, my one true love."

If a woman introduces herself, no reward is paid — "You don't get the money. You get me," he said on the Web site.



Drawing date: Saturday, Feb. 12
Winning numbers: 3-10-17-36-37-48
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Winners: 1
Next drawing: Wednesday, Feb. 16
Estimated jackpot: \$4 million

On this date in history

Feb. 18 — Robert Cavalier Sieur de la Salle constructs Fort St. Louis on the Texas coast near Matagorda Bay (1665) and Gen. David E. Twiggs surrenders U.S. military facilities in Texas to the Texas Confederacy (1861).

Feb. 19 — As the Flag of the Republic is lowered at the Texas capitol building, Gov. James Pinckney Henderson takes office and the Republic of Texas ceases to exist (1846).

LOCAL WEATHER

Expect Thursday to be windy and about 67 degrees, then expect partly cloudy conditions through the weekend. A cool spell is forecast for Friday, with a low of 22 and a high of 49. Saturday morning also should be cold at 27 before the nightly lows creep back into the 30s. Look for high temperatures of about 55 Saturday and 61 Sunday.

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Lady Mules toss Dimmitt in playoff opener

By KEVIN WILSON
Writer

General basketball logic says that when you get 14 steals in a game, as Dimmitt did against the Lady Mules on Tuesday night, you're going to win.

However, a more compelling logic says that when you miss 40 shots, as Dimmitt also did against the Lady Mules, you're going to lose.

Of course, Muleshoe's 49-43 playoff win over Dimmitt in Plainview was mostly because of the Lady Mules' ability to hold off Dimmitt in the fourth quarter.

"We didn't play our best, but we came through in the clutch," Lady Mule head coach Shana Simms said.

The Lady Mules, who were led by Britni Gartin with 14 points, will next play Seminole. The game is tentatively scheduled for Friday at 7 p.m. at Lubbock Monterey.

The Lady Bobcats, also known as the Bobbies, took a 7-2 lead early into the first quarter on a jumper by Heather Black. The Lady Mules stayed focused and ended the first trailing 15-13.

Dimmitt held the lead for almost the entire half. Chyla Torres' layup with 1:18 left in the half gave the Lady Mules their first tie since 2-2 early on.

Tamara Robertson, who had seven points in the first half, hit a free throw to put Dimmitt



Journal photo: Beatrice Morin

The Lady Mules' faces reflect grim determination during a sendoff before they left for the game.

back in the lead.

The Bobbies were holding for the final shot of the half, but Torres stole an errant pass and passed it to Bobbie Benham for a buzzer-beating layup. Benham's third and fourth points gave Muleshoe a 26-25 lead, their first of the night.

Gartin opened up the second half with a three, but Carol Summers answered with a three of her own. A free throw by Black tied the score a minute later.

Only 10 seconds later, Lindsey Field scored a basket and drew a foul. Field could not hit the free

throw, but the Lady Mules had the lead back at 31-29. They never lost it again.

Field's next score opened up the fourth quarter for Muleshoe. A free throw by Torres gave the team its biggest lead of the game at 41-35. Dimmitt answered with four straight points.

With 4:38 left and a two-point lead, Benham scored on a running shot and drew a foul. She missed the free throw, but her basket was the start of a 6-0 run that put the game out of Dimmitt's reach. Benham finished with six points and four

rebounds.

Field finished the scoring for both teams with two free throws. She had 10 points on the evening to go with nine rebounds and three blocks.

The Bobbies were led by Black, who had 11 points to go with seven steals.

"(Black) is the one I was really worried about," Simms said, "and she really hurt us."

What hurt Dimmitt was poor shooting throughout. The Bobbies shot 15-of-55 for the game, a dismal

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Muleshoe mayor Montgomery won't run again

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Muleshoe Mayor Robert Montgomery has announced that he will not seek another term as mayor when his current term ends in May.

He said his decision to step down as mayor is based on a combination of factors — his increased responsibilities at Muleshoe State Bank and the fact that the city is in better shape than it has been for years.

"The city is in excellent financial condition," he said. "The city has superior management and superior staff, both administrative and otherwise. We also have an excellent city council. I just feel like the times to make changes are in good times. Everything at the city is excellent right now, and I expect it to continue."

"If there were any problems, I'd probably

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City rejects proposed gas-rate hike

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The Muleshoe City Council turned down a proposed rate increase on natural gas.

The approval of a resolution of denial regarding the Energas price-hike proposal formalized what had already become a point of contention between the company and

Muleshoe, as well as other cities across West Texas.

The cities have formed a steering committee to fight the proposal, which in arbitration goes before the Texas Railroad Commission. Muleshoe City Manager said the total amount involved in the Energas amounts to an in-

crease of \$9.8 million a year, while the cities are recommending a decrease of \$7.1 million.

Hanna said the law requires the commission to report its findings within 180 days.

The city has some power in this case, unlike the recent cable-TV rate hike, he said.

Organic cotton meeting scheduled here

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

Muleshoe has been selected by the Texas Department of Agriculture as one of three High Plains sites for meetings to discuss organic cotton production in active boll-weevil eradication zones.

The Muleshoe meeting is scheduled for 9 a.m. Feb. 22 at Muleshoe State Bank.

The department also will be taking written comments through March 10. They can be mailed to the department at P.O. Box 12847, Austin 78711, faxed to (512) 463-1104 or telephoned to either Matt Brockman or Scott Heselmeyer at (512) 463-7593.

The meeting will review proposed rules for organic

producers in areas where the boll-weevil eradication program is active.

"These proposed are merely a draft," said Brockman, special assistant for producer relations with the department. "We want the cotton industry to take these hearings and the

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Muleshoe speech, theater students build winning season

By BEATRICE MORIN
Writer

Dr. Kerry Moore's speech-theater students will attend a Cross-examination UIL Tournament on Saturday at Friona High School, but they have already had a successful year.

Of the 10 invitational tournaments the students have attended, some of them have won their event in as many as seven tournaments.

The tournaments consist of eight to 17 events in speaking, interpretation and acting, and take from 11 to 17 hours to complete, Moore said. He added that 300 to 700 students are involved in each tournament.

The students must carry critical information for use during the

tournaments.

Moore said each student enters two to five events in every tournament, adding that some of his most "consistent" students during tournaments have been:

- Louie Pacheco has won the outstanding interpretation award at three tournaments;
- Amber Futch has won the outstanding oral interpretation award once;
- Phillip Hardt placed in the top three in four of the tournaments, taking a first and a third in interpretation and winning second in the Lincoln-Douglas Debate at Hereford;
- Joseph Anguiano placed fourth in

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Journal photo: Beatrice Morin

Muleshoe High School students Chris Gatewood (left) and Westin Price have had an outstanding year in debate, winning seven of the 10 tournaments they've entered.

AROUND MULESHOE

Time of band concert changed

The starting time of Thursday's concert by the Muleshoe High School and Watson Junior High bands has been changed from 7 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The event is scheduled to take place in the high school auditorium.

Mules entering playoffs

The Muleshoe Mules officially start their playoff journey at 7 p.m. Feb. 22 at Amarillo High School in a bi-district game against the Dalhart Wolves.

Admission at that game will be \$4 for adults and \$2 for children.

Mules fans also may want to attend a practice game Saturday between the Mules and Stratford, starting at 2:15 p.m. and Canyon Randall High School, east of Interstate 27 in southern Amarillo.

Fans who make the trip earlier on Saturday can see Dalhart in action in another practice game right before the Mules take the court.

Chamber headquarters complete

Wednesday was scheduled to be moving day for the staff of the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce, as construction has been completed on the new chamber headquarters adjacent to the Mule Memorial.

Completion of the new building comes on the heels of Pam McCaul's return to the chamber as manager.

Meeting on local deer season is set

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has set a meeting for 7 p.m. March 2 to discuss the mule deer hunting season in Bailey and adjoining counties.

Items on the agenda include the opening of a mule deer season in Cochran County and the extension of the season from five days to 16 days in Bailey, Lamb, Hockley and other nearby counties.

The meeting is scheduled for the Cochran County Activity Building, 201 W. Taylor in Morton.

Metabolic glitch might raise Hispanic diabetes risk

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

HOUSTON — Ethnic differences in glucose metabolism might help explain why Mexican-Americans are two to three times more likely to suffer from diabetes than their European-American counterparts.

Researchers at Baylor College of Medicine and the USDA/ARS Children's Nutrition Research Center in Houston have found that one of the body's metabolic responses to insulin, which is to minimize the liver's conversion of glycogen into glucose, is significantly reduced in Mexican-Americans.

Glycogen is a type of carbohydrate stored in the liver and muscle tissues.

"We believe this could be one of the earliest markers of insulin resistance in Mexican-Americans," said Dr. Ashok Balasubramanyam, a Baylor assistant professor of medicine and the study's principal investigator.

Insulin resistance, caused by the body's insensitivity to the action of insulin, is responsible for 90 to 95 percent of all diabetes cases in Mexican-Americans.

The study involved six Mexican-American males and six European-American males of like age and Body Mass Index.

All were healthy with normal glucose-tolerance tests and none had close relatives with diabetes. An abnormal glucose tolerance test is considered the first clinical sign of insulin resistance.

Liver glucose production was monitored using non-radioactive "tracers" during both a fasting and six-hour feeding period. The feeding studies were designed to test the liver's ability to minimize its own glucose production when food is ingested.

The tracers also made it possible to closely monitor how much glucose the liver's two "production lines" or pathways made.

"This was important because we believe that the two pathways might not be equally sensitive to regulation by insulin," said Dr. Farook Jahoor, a study co-investigator and USDA/ARS Children's Nutrition Research Center scientist who perfected the technique.

Although no significant differences were noted between the two groups during

Senior citizens holding dances

Senior citizens' dances are held from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. every Tuesday night at the Muleshoe American Legion Hall.

Admission is \$3 per person, and the events are open to everyone age 55 and older.

No alcohol is allowed.

Dancing lessons available

Lessons in both square and round dancing are available on a regular basis in Muleshoe.

Round dancing is available at 7:30 p.m. Mondays in the Bailey County Coliseum. Instructors Randy and Joyce Hill will teach students such classics as the two-step and rumba. The cost is \$10 per person per month for four-month program. More information is available by calling Marshall or Helen Cook at 272-3352.

Square dance lessons are available in the same location on the second, fourth and fifth Thursdays of each month. The cost is \$50 per couple for 20 sessions conducted by James Pettus. More information is available by calling Chester or Elinor Yerby at 272-3321.

All ages are welcome in both classes.

Energy assistance available

South Plains Community Action Agency has received funding for this year's Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program.

The program's primary intent is to make funds available for energy needs affecting low-income households. Priority will be given to households containing one or more people above the age of 60, a handicapped individual, or children under the age of 6.

The agency's office at 804 W. American Blvd. is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

Public calendar

Feb. 17 — 7 p.m. Muleshoe Area Hospital District board of directors, in the dining room of Muleshoe Area Medical Center.

The deadline for Around Muleshoe is 5 p.m. Thursday for Sunday's edition. Items may be brought to the office at 304 W. Second, mailed to P.O. Box 449 or faxed to 272-3567.

the fasting studies, both pathways responded to insulin as expected in the European-American men, quickly shutting down to a trickle. But in the Mexican-Americans, the pathway that converts glycogen to glucose took much longer and required higher levels of insulin to significantly reduce glucose production.

"Because this defect in gly-

cogen metabolism was found in completely healthy Mexican-Americans without close relatives with diabetes, we believe it is one of the factors that could be contributing to the high rates of Type-2, or insulin-resistant, diabetes in this group as a whole," Balasubramanyam said.

HONORS

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Christy Lyn Holt of Muleshoe was one of more than 1,500 students at Texas Tech University receiving degrees at the end of the

fall semester.

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Annual planting-intentions survey says more cotton will be planted in 2000

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL LUBBOCK—Most industry officials patiently waited for the release of the National Cotton Council's preliminary planting intentions survey with an impending sense of dread.

The reason for their uneasiness was the feeling that since

U.S. cotton prices projected as less than spectacular the promise of high Loan Deficiency Payments to make up market shortfalls could spur additional cotton acreage in 2000.

The council survey shows that producers do indeed plan to plant more acres to cotton

in 2000 — a whopping 490,000 more according to the council's figures.

Beltwide, growers say they will plant some 15.35 million acres to upland and extralong-staple cotton in 2000. They planted 14.86 million acres of cotton in 1999.

Upland cotton plantings are

projected at 15.12 million acres.

What that means for growers is that there will be little or no upward momentum for the market during the growing season, barring widespread weather problems that significantly reduce crop size.

It also means that while

world cotton stockpiles are beginning to fall, U.S. supplies probably will stay level or increase slightly by the end of the 2000 marketing year.

Texas growers are expected to plant 3.2 percent more cotton in 2000, upping acreage to 6.344 million.

The change in Texas ac-

counts for one-half of the projected increase with the bulk of the remainder located in the mid-south and far west growing regions.

The cotton survey is regarded as a very reliable estimate of grower intentions and is usually the first such survey available each year.

Clarendon College schedules hiring workshop for business owners

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL CLARENDON — No business ever outperforms its employees, says best-selling business author and syndicated newspaper columnist Don Taylor, director of West Texas A&M University's Small Business Development Center program.

"Finding, training and keeping good people is just good business," said Taylor, who is the featured speaker at the Feb. 22 workshop slated from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Clarendon College's Bairfield Activity Center.

"It's one of the greatest challenges small business owners face today," he added.

Program topics include how to attract self-starting, self-sufficient people, and the four basic steps in creating a motivating workplace. He also will address ways to maintain employee peak performance.

"If you don't know where you're going, who will want to go with you?" Taylor said. He will outline the importance of communication in the workplace, offer ways to prevent hiring mistakes and steps to

follow when a relationship doesn't work out.

The event is the second in a series of workshops designed to help area companies and retailers improve their operations

by using best business practices, according to Sue Church, family and consumer science agent with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service of Donley County.

The speaker's nationally syndicated column, "Minding Your Own Business," appears in many area papers.

A 30-year veteran of the small business wars against big cor-

porate retailers, Taylor's book, *Up Against the Wal-Marts* (co-written with Jeanne Archer) is a best-seller.

His latest book, *Solid Gold Success Strategies for Your Business*, was released in March.

The event is free to the public.

Registration and more information are available by calling (806) 874-2141.

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comment period seriously and provide us with the best input possible."

The department developed the rules to maintain the effectiveness of the boll-weevil eradication program as well as protect the integrity of the state organic certification standards

and the crops produced under them.

The proposal includes an indemnification program for growers who are forced to destroy organic cotton crops due to their infestation in active eradication zones.

Such growers, and those who

forgo planting organic cotton in favor of alternative crops, will be compensated under a proposal that includes the growers' historical planting patterns, yields used in the federal crop insurance program and historical data relating to prices paid for organic cotton, lint and seed.

MAYOR

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stay to see it through. But there aren't any — not a one."

"Anyone interested in running for mayor must sign up at city hall between Feb. 21 and March 22. The post is a non-paying job.

"My eight years as mayor have been very enjoyable. It's been good experience," he said.

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27.2 percent. Included was a 3-for-16 three-point performance.

Muleshoe	13	13	12	11	-49
Dimmitt	15	10	10	8	-43

MULESHOE

Gartin 6-11-0-114, Field 3-7-2-310, Heathington 2-6-6-9-10, Benham 3-4-0-1-6, Torres 2-3-1-4-5, Locker 0-1-1-2-1, Carpenter 0-0-0-0-0, Hernandez 0-0-0-0-0

DIMMITT

Robertson 4-12-2-4-11, Black 5-13-1-2-11, Summers 3-10-2-2-9, Welch 1-4-3-4-5, Fuentes 1-8-3, Schultc 1-4-2, Traylor 0-2-0-0-0, Webb 0-0-0-0-0

Rebounds — Muleshoe 28 (Field 9) Dimmitt 22 (Robertson 10), 3 pt. — Muleshoe 2-4 (Gartin 2-4) Dimmitt 3-16 (Robertson 1-2), Steals — Muleshoe 5 (Torres 2) Dimmitt 14 (Black 7), Blocks — Muleshoe 4 (Field 3) Dimmitt 0, Fouled out — Summers



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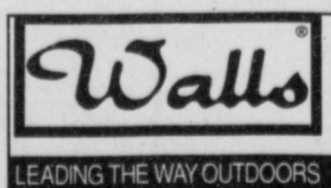
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Leadership of the future

Muleshoe DECA students who will compete for state titles in Corpus Christi on March 2-4 are (from left) Gary Jones, Liz Torres, Kristy Martin, Leesa Gable, Devin Carpenter and Lisa Ramirez. The six qualified for state competition in the District 8 competition Jan. 31 in Wichita Falls. Gable, Carpenter and Jones won for their public relations project, re-establishment of the Muleshoe Area Senior Citizens Center; Ramirez and Torres qualified with their Learn and Earn project that raised money for the club; and Martin triumphed with her Entrepreneurship Participating project. Lola Pylant, the local club's sponsor, will travel with the students to state competition.

Democrats praise college financial aid program

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL
McALLEN, Texas — Texas

Democratic leaders on Friday applauded the first progress report on new college tuition grants for low-income students.

State Democratic Party Chair Molly Beth Malcolm and former Texas Comptroller John Sharp joined South Texas lawmakers in announcing that more than 8,600 Texas college students received a total of \$18 million during the first half of the school year under the Toward Excellence, Access & Success Program — known as TEXAS Grants.

More than 900 students received grants totaling \$2.4 million to attend Rio Grande Valley colleges and universities under the new state aid program created by Democrats last year. The University of Texas-Pan American at Edinburg had the most successful

first-semester record of the state's colleges.

"Democrats believe that every young person in this state should have the opportunity to get a college education if they're willing to work hard and make the grades," Malcolm said.

"Nobody should be turned away from a public college or university in this state because they can't afford it," she said.

The TEXAS Grants, a scaled-back version of Sharp's Lone Star Scholars proposal in 1998, are awarded based on financial need and completion of a recommended high school curriculum.

"Our success in the future depends on an educated and well-trained workforce," Sharp said. "Brain power is the key to prosperity in Texas."

State Rep. Juan Hinojosa of McAllen said the demand for the

grants at UT-Pan Am shows "there is a big demand for higher learning in South Texas. But it has to be affordable."

State Rep. Roberto Gutiérrez of McAllen said the demand for the tuition grants should increase at community colleges as students learn more about the program and the high school courses that are required for participation in the program.

"Education is the best investment we can make in this state," said State Rep. Jim Solis of Harlingen. "Our students are eager to learn if they are given the chance."

State Rep. Kino Flores of Mission said, "There were concerns that low-income students would not have the academic preparation to qualify for the tuition grants. These results should put those concerns to rest."

TOPS NEWS

In the absence of secretary Janie Hughes, the previous week's minutes were read at the Feb. 10 meeting by Polly Otwell, co-leader of TOPS No. 34, and accepted as read.

The Fellowship Room of the Church of Christ on American Boulevard was the site of the meeting.

Laverne James led a discussion about food safety at home as she named several kitchen conditions. Members were asked to answer "yes" or "no" to see if our kitchen would pass the test of food safety.

A fact brought out by James is that the accepted temperature for a refrigerator is now considered to be 40 degrees or less.

"Orange peelings are good to run through the garbage disposal because they have such a pleasant aroma," James said.

She also said ice cubes are good for sharpening the blades of a garbage disposal unit.

Thirteen members were weighed in by Alene Bryant and Betty Jo Davis, weight recorders.

Ruth Clements was named best loser and Hughes and James tied as first runner-up. There also was a tie for the second runner-up position between Cheryl De Graffenreid and Noemí Sánchez.

Contest Chairperson Jewel Peeler announced that Sánchez and Hughes are tied for the lead in the Happy Hearts Contest, each having two "happy hearts" on the contest board.

For the next two weeks, TOPS members who lose weight will gain one of the hearts. The member who gets the most hearts wins the contest.

Cards with a lot of get-well wishes were sent to Ozell

Cherry, Aurora Mata, Jerrell Otwell, Evelene Harris and Walt Sain.

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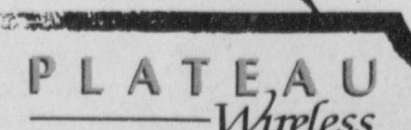
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Texans need to eat less, move more for good health

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL COLLEGE STATION — Everything is bigger in Texas, or so the saying goes.

Trucks are bigger. Buildings, hair and steaks are bigger. And now, according to the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, Texans are getting bigger, too.

Since 1991, the percentage of obese Texans has increased by 56 percent, according to JAMA figures. Jenna Anding, a registered dietician and nutrition specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in College Station, isn't too surprised.

According to recent figures, adults are consuming an estimated 230 calories more today than they were 20 years ago.

Illustrating her point, Anding said, "Without increasing one's physical activity, this could add up to a weight gain of about 24 pounds in the course of a year."

Where are these extra calories coming from? Some experts believe that the increase in eating out is one factor behind the rise in food consumption.

According to U.S. Department of Agriculture surveys, people tend to eat more fat and calories when they eat out — thanks, in part, to the portion sizes served at everyday restaurants.

For example, in 1957 an ordinary fast-food hamburger contained about 1 ounce of meat — much less than the typical 6-ounce patty found in burgers

today. An average soda was 8 ounces, a mere splash in comparison with the 32- to 64-ounce drinks served today.

"Been to the movies lately?" Anding asked. "The medium-size tub of popcorn you bought probably contained about 16 cups — much more than the 3-cup serving found 40 years ago."

And while food intake has steadily increased, exercise has not. An estimated 60 percent of American adults are not participating in regular physical activity, which is defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as 30 minutes or more of moderate-intensity physical activity on all, or most, days of the week.

So how can we eat less and move more to achieve healthier weights?

Anding said there are several ways consumers can eat less.

First, eat from a plate instead of a bag or a box. Those "handfuls" of chips or cookies tend to add up fast. When you eat from a plate, you can see how much you are eating.

Try serving your meals on smaller plates. The plate will look as if it is full of food so you won't feel cheated.

"Keep in mind that it takes about 20 minutes for the brain to realize that the stomach is full, so think twice before reaching for that second helping," Anding advised.

Read food labels — fat-free

doesn't mean calorie-free.

Prepare more of your meals and snacks at home.

Finally, sit down and enjoy your meals. "It's not uncommon for people to eat in front of the TV or while they're doing other things. This can also result in overeating," she explained.

Anding, who walked almost a mile across the Texas A&M University campus to be interviewed for this article, said individuals who don't like traditional forms of exercise can still fit in regular physical activity if they are willing to be creative.

For example, at work take time from your lunch break for a brisk walk.

Want a clean house and a

good physical workout at the same time? Try scrubbing the floors by hand or cleaning out your kitchen cabinets. Other ways to sneak in physical activity around the house include doing yard work like gardening or mowing the lawn.

When the kids go to soccer practice, do you sit and watch? Try walking up and down the sidelines instead.

Finally, for pet owners, at least one study has found that owners who were overweight had dogs that were overweight as well. If you won't exercise for yourself, then do it for Fido or Spot.

"The bottom line," concluded Anding, "is 'Get off the sofa and move.'"



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Texas Governor and state officials join school-prayer court fight

AUSTIN — Gov. George W. Bush, Texas Attorney General John Cornyn and officials of other states are going to bat for school prayer.

Cornyn recently announced the Dec. 30 filing in the U.S. Supreme Court of a friend-of-the-court brief in support of Santa Fe Independent School District's policy of allowing students to give a message, including a prayer, at high school football games.

"(Santa Fe ISD's) policy does not require the student to give a prayer, but simply permits a prayer to be given if the student chooses to do so," Cornyn said.

"To prevent a student from praying under this policy will



violate the First Amendment. Asking the state to supervise and censor religious speech is clearly unconstitutional," he said.

Alabama, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Nebraska, South Carolina and Tennessee joined

Texas in filing the brief. Oral arguments in *Doev. Santa Fe Independent School District* are expected to be scheduled for March.

Justice chair resigns
Allan Polunsky recently resigned as chairman of the Texas Board of Criminal Justice.

The Board of Criminal Justice oversees the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Polunsky, whose term was to expire in February 2001, had been a member of the board since 1987. He served as secretary of the board from 1989 to 1995, when Gov. Bush appointed him chairman.

During his tenure, he saw the state's criminal justice system

change dramatically. He was a member when the prison, parole and probation systems merged in 1990 to become the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. He was on the job during times of administrative reform, overcrowding and mass prison expansion in which the prison population grew from 38,000 inmates to 155,000.

Polunsky, a real estate lawyer from San Antonio, is partner at the law firm of Polunsky and Beitel.

County wants papers back

Bexar County Clerk Gerry Rickhoff wants the University of Texas to return a collection of up to 300,000 pages of documents dating from 1717 to 1836, the

year Texans were defeated at the Alamo but gained independence, *The Austin American-Statesman* has reported.

The documents were sent to the university in 1899 to be indexed and translated. Translations were started in the 1930s, but so far, about 14 percent of the documents have been translated.

Rickhoff said the university is taking too long to do the job and could take up to 200 years to finish them.

But UT is not ready to let them go. Patricia Ohlendorf, counsel for the university, said the documents will stay where they are.

"These are documents that are

critical to the state of Texas, and we feel that what's best for the state of Texas is that they remain here," she told the *American-Statesman*.

Some of the records mention Jim Bowie and Davy Crockett, the newspaper reported.

Other highlights

• Starting in May 2001, the University of Texas will require that most dissertations be filed online.

Exceptions will be made for student who have concerns, such as turning their dissertations into books and facing publishers who won't consider reprinting material that is free on the Internet, the *Austin American-Statesman* reported.

OBITUARIES

ZORA MAE BELLER

Services were held Monday at the First Methodist Church of Muleshoe for Zora Mae Beller, 87, of College Station. The Rev. Brad Reeves officiated. Burial was in Muleshoe Memorial Park.

Ellis Funeral Homes handled arrangements.

Mrs. Beller was born May 6, 1912, in Bangs, Texas. She died Feb. 11 at the Hearne (Texas) Healthcare Center.

She married David "Jinks" Beller in Clovis on Feb. 26, 1931. He died Aug. 22, 1998.

She was a homemaker and a member of First United Methodist Church. She and her husband lived in Muleshoe from 1925 to 1995, when they moved to College Station.

She is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Waneen and Gene Van Keuren of Reno, Nev., and Pat and Lavelle Gay of Hearne; a sister, Ruth

Wimberly of Columbia, Mo.; a brother and sister-in-law, J.T. and Ida Mae Shofner of Muleshoe; five grandchildren, Patti Stevenson, Rhonda Reed, Alesia Turner, Terri Hall and James B. Hall; and six great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the First United Methodist Church (502 W. Third St., Muleshoe 79347).

She also was preceded in death by a sister, Oleta Buhrman.

HELEN BARTON

Services were held Monday at the First United Methodist Church of Earth for Helen Barton, 80, of Earth. The Revs. Bobby Broyles and Henry Stone officiated. Burial was in Earth Memorial Cemetery.

Mrs. Barton was born Dec. 31, 1919, in New Boston, Texas. She died Feb. 12 at Lamb Healthcare Center.

She married Weldon Barton in Alexandria, La., on Oct. 28,

1945. She had lived at Earth since 1945, when she moved there from New Boston, Texas.

She was a homemaker and a member of the First United Methodist Church of Earth. She also served in the U.S. Army as a nurse during World War II.

She is survived by her husband; a son, Craig Barton of Christoval, Texas; three daughters, Karen Tunnell of Muleshoe, Debbie Haberer of Earth and Welda Cook of Naples, Texas; and seven grandchildren.

The family suggests contributions to Earth EMS or a favorite charity.

JANICE KNOX

Services were held Saturday for at the First Baptist Church of Sudan for Janice Knox, 80, of Sudan. The Rev. Cliff Hargrove officiated. Burial was in Sudan Cemetery.

Ellis Funeral Homes handled arrangements.

Mrs. Knox was born July 1,

1919, at Direct, Texas. She died Feb. 10 at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

She married R.B. Knox at Seymour on Jan. 22, 1938. He died Jan. 13, 1995.

She was a graduate of Bomarton (Texas) High School and moved to Sudan in 1947 from Jacksboro. She owned the Sands Restaurant in Sudan during the 1960s and '70s and also was a cook for the Muleshoe livestock auction barn for many years.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Sudan.

She is survived by two sons, Jim Knox of Abernathy and Chester Knox of Littlefield; a daughter, Celia Kuykendall of Sudan; three sisters, LuVois McHenry of Mesquite, Texas, Ruby Davis of Seagoville, Texas, and Joyce Rasberry of Dallas; two brothers, Ferrol Ford of Seagoville and Bobby Ford of DeSoto, Texas; four grandchil-

dren, Curtis Knox, Len Kuykendall, Melissa Kuykendall and Wendy Knox; and two great-grandchildren.

The family suggest memorials to Sudan EMS/ Sudan Fire Department.

WALTER KNOX

Services were held Wednesday at the First Baptist Church of Whiteface for Walter Knox, 82, of Whiteface. The Rev. Harold Harrison officiated. Burial was in Morton Memorial Cemetery.

Ellis Funeral Homes handled arrangements.

Mr. Knox was born May 13, 1917, in Lubbock County. He died Sunday at Live Oak Medical Center in Blanco, Texas.

He married Avis Marie Brasher in Plainview on Sept. 28, 1945. She died Jan. 28, 1998.

He moved to Whiteface from Morton in 1957 and farmed in the Lehman area of Cochran County. He was a U.S. Army

veteran of World War II.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Whiteface, moving from Whiteface to Blanco in November 1999.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Henry and Connie Knox of Blanco; two sisters, Alice Sinclair and Anna Withers, both of Lubbock; and a brother, Jim Knox of Whiteface.

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Sain, Thornton wed in western theme ceremony

Les Alan Thornton and Shelly Denise Sain were married in a candlelight ceremony Aug. 7 at Trinity Baptist Church in Muleshoe.

The double-ring ceremony was performed by the Rev. Mark Zedlitz of Pampa.

Parents of the bride are Walter and Rose Sain of Muleshoe. The groom's parents are Bill and Dorothy Thornton of Grants, N.M.

Vows were exchanged before a western setting of a wedding archway adorned with raffia, trailing English ivy entwined with streamers of blue silk ribbon and accented with large blue satin bows.

At the base of the archway, on each side, was a cream can, one belonging to the groom's grandfather, the late E.B. Taylor, and the other belonging to the bride's grandfather, the late Alex Little. There was also a coal-oil lamp, crocheted dollies and quilts handed down from the bride's grandmothers.

Two 15-branch candelabras with tapers accented the front sides of the archway and were adorned with raffia entwined with English ivy, blue satin streamers and large blue satin bows.

Large wagon wheels, coiled lariat ropes tied with bows of blue and white checked gingham, and baskets of ivy and fern accented the piano and organ enclosures.

Each stained-glass window held a coal-oil lamp set on a crocheted doily or a western cowboy boot holding an arrangement of fresh flowers.

The parents' pews were marked with large blue and white checked gingham bows with clusters of white silk miniature daisies, miniature cowboy hats and streamers of raffia. Family pews were marked with yellow bows.

Traditional music was provided by Tommie Bratcher of Muleshoe. Soloist Brenda Zedlitz of Pampa sang "To Make You Feel My Love" before the ceremony as the couple faced each other.

After the ceremony, Jeanie Hunt, Ashley Hunt and Brenda Zedlitz, all of Pampa, sang "He's Been Faithful."

The bride was given in marriage by her parents and escorted to the altar by her father. She wore a princess-style gown of candlelight bridal satin.

The bodice featured a high round neckline with a lace front and back-rounded yoke, which was edged with a self material flounce. The neckline and lace yoke were encircled with seed pearls. An antique white and gold cameo accented the front of the yoke.

The long sleeves tapered to a petal point at the wrist and were closed with tiny satin-covered buttons. The back of the gown flowed into a chapel-length train.

Completing her ensemble was a fingertip two-tiered veil of silk



Mr. and Mrs. Les Alan Thornton

illusion, bordered with satin ribbon. Clusters of tiny pearls as well as single pearls were scattered over the tiers. The veil was attached to a comb holding small clusters of silk daisies edged with narrow satin ribbon and centered with seed pearls.

The bride carried a cascading bouquet of yellow, lavender and white daisies complemented with touches of purple statice and hot pink kalanchoe blooms, finished with sprengeri fern and leather-leaf, with satin streamers of white, yellow, pink and purple, tied in love knots.

For something old, she wore pearl earrings and a wedding band, 81 years old, that belonged to her late grandmother, Mrs. Alex Little; something new was her veil, which she made with the help of her mother and her maid of honor, Devona Smith; something borrowed was the wedding dress from her mother. Rose Sain wore the dress, made by her mother and aunt, in 1949; and something blue was belt loops from a pair of the groom's denim jeans, hidden in her bouquet.

The bride wore a penny in each shoe, one minted in the year of her birth and the other in the year of the groom's birth; and a candlelight satin and lace garter made and given to her by her sister, Debbie Williams.

The maid of honor was Devona Smith of Amarillo. Matrons were Brenda Doughty and Susan Timmons, a former college roommate of the bride, both of Pampa. Junior bridesmaid was the groom's niece, Mallory Pritchard

of Dallas.

The attendants wore denim blouses and broomstick skirts of blue and white gingham, accented with blue printed daisies. They carried bouquets of blue, yellow and white daisies, greenery and sprays of baby's breath tied with blue satin streamers imprinted with miniature white daisies.

Brittini Sain, niece of the bride from Red Bluff, Calif., was the flower girl.

Candles were lit by the groom's nieces, Caitlin Kirk of San Diego, Calif., and Alisha Thornton of Grants.

The groom wore a white western shirt, blue Wrangler jeans, black vest, boots and a black western string tie with a boutonniere of blue, white and yellow daisies.

Best man was Ponch Hall of Roswell. Groomsmen were Goose Bradford and Paul Brockman, both of Amarillo. Junior groomsmen was Scott Sain, nephew of the bride from Red Bluff.

Ringbearer was Cody Kirk, nephew of the groom, from San Diego. He carried a satin pillow designed and made by the bride's mother.

Ushers were Andy Sain of Red Bluff and Brett Williams of Paducah, Texas, both nephews of the bride.

Wedding guests were registered by Erin Williams of Paducah and Codi Smith of Sacramento, Calif., nieces of the bride.

The registration table was laid with a floor-length denim cloth and overlaid with a square blue and white checked gingham cloth accented with a white table can-

delabrum holding two yellow votive candles, entwined with greenery and surrounded by yellow and white daisies. Also on the table were the couple's engagement picture, the bride's book, a decorated pen and wedding programs.

A double reception immediately followed the ceremony in the church Fellowship Hall.

Honored were the bride and groom and the bride's parents, celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. The Sains were married Sept. 10, 1949 at Decatur, Texas.

Erin Williams and Codi Smith registered the guests.

The bride's table was laid with a white lace floor-length cloth. The eight-tiered wedding cake centered the table. It was lemon with white frosting, decorated with yellow and blue trim and covered with fresh yellow and white daisies. Jeanie Hunt of Pampa made the cake, which was served by Crystal Gonzales of Lubbock and Ashley Hunt of Pampa.

A table for the groom was covered with a floor-length blue and white checked gingham table cloth. Loops of raffia draped the corners and sides. Centering the table was a bronze bronco and rider.

The guests served themselves citrus lemonade from a brass fountain.

The couple toasted each other with crystal western bride and groom glasses, decorated with a cowboy hat, rope, gun trinket and fringe given to them by Tim and Wendy Sain.

The bride and groom left the church with the bride wearing her wedding gown and veil, and the couple "ran" to a white antique horse-drawn carriage while being "showered" with bird seed by the guests.

After being escorted around Muleshoe by the owner of the carriage, James Whitehead of Morton, they then returned to the church for snacks prepared by the bride's sisters, Debbie Williams, Becky Smith and Bonnie Arrington, and the bride's sister-in-law, Wendy Sain.

Then the bride and groom opened their wedding gifts and were entertained by fiddle and guitar music furnished by the bride's cousins, Oran Sain of Wellington, Texas, and Mort Sain of Canyon, her brother, Tim Sain of Red Bluff and her brother-in-law, Tim Arrington of Sherman, Texas.

After a wedding trip to Cripple Creek, Colo., the couple is at home in Amarillo.

The bride, a graduate of Muleshoe High School and Texas Tech University, is employed by the Randall County Juvenile Probation Center. The groom, a graduate of Grants High School and Devry Institute of Technology in Phoenix, is employed by Cellular One in Amarillo.

A rehearsal dinner and dance were hosted by the groom's parents in the barn of Robert Gallman near Lazbuddie.

The barbecue dinner was catered by Ron Chisum of Amarillo, and the barn was decorated with bales of hay, encircled with twinkle lights. Wooden posts were tied with red bandannas. The tables were covered with white tablecloths, and centerpieces were blue and yellow floral arrangements in western cowboy boots.

Guests were entertained by band members Gerald Shanks, Terry Kemp, Charles Chovajsa, Jack Henderson, Tim Sain and Tim Arrington. The groom also entertained by reciting some of his cowboy poetry.

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Government, Ducks Unlimited improving health of wetlands

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

AUSTIN — Dry conditions and disease wiped out 10,000 waterfowl a decade ago in Texas prairies and marshes, but wetlands habitat enhancements make a repeat less likely, wildlife biologists say.

Isolated die-offs of as many as several hundred birds, mainly snow geese, have occurred this winter and could have escalated into widespread waterfowl disease outbreaks if these wetland habitat developments were not available.

Such a calamity is not imminent, according to a recently completed assessment by the Migratory Bird Drought Response Team.

The team is an interagency work group whose members represent Texas Parks and Wildlife, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Lower Colorado River Authority and Ducks Unlimited.

"Although conditions could be better, they are not as bad as we had expected," offered David

Lobpries, a Parks and Wildlife waterfowl biologist. Lobpries, in conjunction with the wildlife ser-

vice and Ducks Unlimited, recently conducted an aerial assessment of wetland habitat from southwest of Houston to Victoria and noted at least 15,400 acres of available freshwater habitat — exceeding the goals established under the state's Waterfowl Disease Contingency Plan.

"The area is in much better shape than it was 10 years ago when similar drought conditions resulted in waterfowl die-offs from avian cholera and aflatoxin," said Dr. Larry McKinney, Parks and Wildlife's senior director for aquatic resources.

"The contingency plan goals were designed to avoid the loss of tens of thousands of birds, across the entire Texas coast, however, and not to sustain waterfowl populations in specific geographic areas during the winter," McKinney said.

"We are doing everything possible to direct the limited water resources to wildlife habitat in an effort to disperse migratory species and minimize the threat of disease," he added.

Outbreaks of bird-killing diseases such as avian cholera are

common during stressed conditions and can be isolated as long as the birds are dispersed before mass infection occurs, according to biologists.

A recent outbreak in Nebraska, however, resulted in the loss of between 30,000 and 50,000 birds.

This winter in Texas, cholera has been responsible for the deaths of 2,500 waterfowl (95 percent snow geese).

Avian cholera is a highly-infectious bacterium that attacks waterfowl, coots, cranes, shorebirds, gulls, crows and songbirds.

The disease is transmitted by bird-to-bird contact, ingestion of contaminated food and as an aerosol, according to the Field Guide to Wildlife Diseases.

"A lot of folks remember what happened 10 years ago and realize water is the key," McKinney said.

"Steps have been taken to try to prevent those occurrences from happening again, primarily through wetland development programs like the Texas Prairie Wetlands Project and other North American Waterfowl Management Plan initiatives."

The improvement in habitat conditions is largely attributed to wetland projects and initiatives established under the Gulf Coast Joint Venture, a regional planning group whose goal is to provide an added component of reliable wetlands for wintering waterfowl in coastal Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama.

Since 1991, through a Ducks Unlimited partnership with Parks and Wildlife, the wildlife service and the Natural Resources Conservation Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, about 18,000 acres have been developed.

This program has provided financial and technical assistance to private landowners who want to improve wetland habitat for waterfowl and other wildlife on their land in 28 Texas coastal counties.

Almost 200 landowners have entered into formal wetland agreements with Parks and Wildlife.

"If we didn't have those wetland projects in place, we'd probably be looking at a major die-off," offered Vernon Beville, Parks and Wildlife director of migratory wildlife and wetland ecology.

"It would be pretty dismal and could get that way in spite of the habitat enhancement work accomplished if the drought is long and severe. These restored and created wetlands are helping to carry over these birds right now, but they may not be enough. We hope that localized die-offs remain small because we realize we can not prevent some from occurring."

Lobpries noted that flocks of ducks and geese have migrated southward along the coast where remnants of rainfall brought on by Hurricane Bret have created safe haven.

"The luxury we have for ducks is there are places for them to go to the south," he said. "The shorebirds are mov-

ing as well, but are also concentrating in areas that are drying up. A lot of them are dependent upon shallow sheet-water habitat that we don't currently have."

Lobpries, who has managed waterfowl on the middle Texas coast since 1983, said water conditions are drier than he's seen in many years.

Last year, statewide rainfall averages measured half the normal levels, but the habitat conditions along the coast are better because more landowners know about the need for wetland habitat.

"Landowners are doing what they can to bring water into these wetlands," he noted. "The situation could change for the better with some good rains."

The public can also help by reporting dead or dying birds to a game warden or Parks and Wildlife biologist or calling the Waterfowl Disease Hotline at (800) 432-5099, Lobpries said.

Workshop to help High Plains ranchers

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

AMARILLO — Most ranchers, given the chance, want to compare their operations to other ranches, according to Dr. Steve Amosson, farm and ranch management economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

On March 23-24, the Beef Cattle Standardized Performance Analysis Workshop slated at Amarillo's Texas A&M Research and Extension Center is the first of six such opportunities open to Texas ranch operators to evaluate their financial and production strengths and weaknesses.

Other such events are sched-

uled around the state through June.

The workshops are limited to 15 ranches, with a March 1 registration deadline for Amarillo. Cost of the program is \$150. For operators repeating the course, there is a discounted fee of \$100, which includes the cost of all software, educational materials and meals.

Each ranch will be set up with a personal technician to identify ways to improve production and reduce costs. The data needed for the analysis will include details on the 1999 calf crop.

The Texas data base has 171,000 beef cows for the


comparative analysis. All information will be kept confidential.

Information outlined in the workshops will enable ranches to compare their performance to that in other years and to other producers, regions, or production systems. The program is intended to be a yearly analysis tool and was developed in cooperation with the National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

To register for the Amarillo workshop, contact Amosson at the Amarillo Center, (806) 359-5401, or any county Extension agent in the Northern High Plains area.

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On August 12th, 1915, 250 officers and volunteers from the royal estate of George V, advanced into withering gunfire during the Gallipoli campaign and were never seen again. Eyewitnesses spoke of a strange mist that embraced the men and carried them heavenward to safety.

Masterpiece Theatre presents a moving 2-hour drama based on newly discovered evidence of their real fate, on "All the King's Men." The film is a 20th-century *War and Peace*, reaching from the idyllic royal estate at Sandringham to the horrific battlefield at Gallipoli in Turkey, where British, Australian, and New Zealand troops met disaster in an ill-conceived invasion during World War I.

David Jason stars as Captain Frank Beck, the king's manager at Sandringham and commanding officer of the home guard of servants, grooms, and gardeners, who saw their first — and last — action at Gallipoli. Maggie Smith plays Queen Alexandra, mother of the reigning monarch George V.

"All the King's Men" on Masterpiece Theatre can be seen Sunday, February 20th at 9:00 p.m. It repeats Friday, February 25th at 12:30 a.m.

NOVA "Lost Tribes of Israel"

Israel and southern Africa are separated by 4,000 miles of deserts, mountains, rain forests, savanna, and open sea. Yet there are intriguing clues that centuries ago a band of Jews found their way to a remote corner of Africa and kept their traditions alive. *Nova* retraces the scientific trail of evidence for this remarkable migration, in "Lost Tribes of Israel."

Israel's lost tribes were swallowed up by history after conquering Assyrians banished them from the Kingdom of Judah in 722 B.C. Since then, countless conjectures and fantastic theories have been proposed to account for their fate.

When anthropologist Tudor Parfitt of London University heard that a black African tribe called the Lemba claimed to be practicing Jews and descendants of the Biblical patriarchs, he decided to investigate. After many years of collecting Lemba oral traditions, Parfitt embarked on a new phase of this research, using a recently discovered genetic marker that appears to be linked to an ancient Jewish population.

Jewish tradition has long held that men with names like Cohen or Kahan are descended from a hereditary priestly class that passed their profession from father to son. Analysis of the male "Y" chromosome of such men shows that they have a unique genetic signature, revealing a pattern of paternal inheritance that extends back many generations. This discovery provides a distinctive marker to trace descendants of the ancestral Jewish population and, for Parfitt's purposes, to test the claims of the Lemba.

"Lost Tribes of Israel" on *Nova* airs Tuesday, February 22nd at 8:00 p.m. It repeats Saturday, February 26th at 10:00 p.m. and Sunday, February 27th at 1:00 a.m.

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This year's contestants will appear in the April 9 edition of the Bailey County Journal. A panel of unbiased judges will pick the most attractive picture to be the 1999 Cutest Baby. All baby pictures will be printed. Babies need not be born in this area.

Bring your favorite photo along with \$10 to the Muleshoe Journal office at 304 W. 2nd Street, Monday-Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. or mail the coupon below with your child's photo and \$10 to Cutest Baby 1999, c/o Muleshoe Journal, P.O. Box 449, Muleshoe, Texas 79347. You may pick up your baby's picture during office hours after Monday, April 10, 2000. Arrangements must be made to return photos by mail!

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The High Plains is facing a serious moisture deficit

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

A familiar problem is facing producers as they try to prepare for the 2000 growing season.

In the face of a severe moisture shortage High Plains cotton growers are doing their best to take advantage of every drop of this region's most precious resource.

In general the Texas High Plains is anywhere from 2 to 10 inches short of the moisture needed to fill the 5-foot root zone soil profile.

A full moisture profile is the key to a good crop start and achieving average or above-average yields.

The High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service surveyed moisture conditions during the November/December 1999 time period.

The survey again shines a light on a primary problem producers have been dealing with for some time — inadequate moisture. The only cure is a return to average rainfall and to some extent the timeliness of those rains.

The conservation district recommends that producers carefully evaluate their soil moisture situation and plan any pre-plant

irrigation and tillage operations to best take advantage of irrigation efforts or rainfall events between now and planting.

Additional information, including a regional soil moisture survey map, is available from the district at (806) 762-0181 or on the internet at: www.hpwd.com.

In other agriculture news, Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman has announced the marketing certificate program for cotton.

Initially the availability of generic certificates for cotton, provided upon request in lieu of cash payments, will be limited to the Step 2 program participants and gradually expanded by the start of the 2000 marketing year.

The program will be administered in the same manner as prior programs and provides that:

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Muleshoe Cattle Market

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2000

744 head of cattle, 183 hogs, 338 sheep and goats and 7 horses for a total of 1,272 animals were sold at the February 12th sale. Market was steady to up to \$2 higher on most classes.

The Muleshoe Cattle Market is brought to you each week by Muleshoe Livestock Auction, located east of Muleshoe on U.S. 84. Muleshoe Livestock conducts sales every Saturday, beginning with hogs, sheep and goats at 10 a.m. and cattle following at approximately 12 noon.

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Correspondence to the Administrator should be addressed 220 South Main, Muleshoe, Bailey County, Texas and the Post Office address is: ESTATE OF JOE RAYMOND SHIPMAN; % Carrissa A. Cleavinger; Attorney at Law; P.O. Box 311; Muleshoe, Texas 79347. All person having claims against the Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Dated the 14th of February, 2000. Carrissa A. Cleavinger; Attorney at Law; 220 South Main; Muleshoe, Texas 79347; (806) 272-4205; Fax: (806) 272-3681; By Carrissa A. Cleavinger; Attorney for the Estate; State Bar No.: 04351100. Published in the Muleshoe Journal, February 17, 2000.

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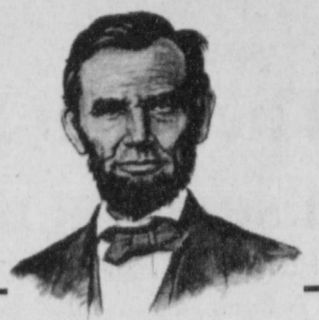
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- NICE CHURCH BUILDING**, approx. 2 acre tract, with 3-2 Mobile Home for classrooms or parsonage!!!
- HIGH SCHOOL**
- NICE 3-1-1 Brick, cent. heat, evap. air, DW, fans, fenced yd., workshop-storage, extra garage, MORE!!! \$38K!!! HS-6
 - VERY NICE 3-1-1 Brick, Heat pump, DW, nice carpets, fenced yd., MORE!!! \$30's!!! HS-1
 - NICE 3-2-1 Brick, Cent. A&H, built-ins, fenced yd., stor. bldg. \$50's!!! HS-2
 - VERY NICE 3-1-1 Home, Cent. A&H, nice carpets, six fans, 2 stor. bldgs., fenced yd., \$30's!!! HS-5
 - VERY NICE 3-1-1 Brick, Cent. A&H, stove, DW, fenced yd., MORE!!! \$38K!!! HS-4
 - 3-2-2 Brick, Dual Fuel Heat Pump, built-ins, fans, storage bldg., fenced yd., MORE!!! \$60K!!! HS-7
- RURAL**
- PLEASANT VALLEY, Approx. 320 acres, 2 bdrm home, 1 bath, 2 car detached garage, on pavement!!!
 - VERY NICE 4 bdrm., 2 bath, Brick Home on Hwy. 70, total elec., Geo Heat Pump, built-ins, FP, loads of storage, fenced yd., auto splkr., storage bldg. & shed, 2 acre tract. MORE!!!
 - W.of SUDAN-NICE 3-2-2 Brick Home, 5 acre tract on Hwy. 298, Cent. Air & Heat, built-ins, large Quonset Barn, MORE!!! \$95K!!!
 - 5 Acre tract on pavement close to town!
 - Approx. 108 acres on Ftwy. 70, approx. 2100' office area, 16,900' of commercial bldg. w/loading dock, 3,400' warehouse!! 2,800' runway!!
 - LONGVIEW - GOOD Dryland Labor, fully allotted, planted in wheat. \$225.00 per acre.
 - 152.8 acres, 15 hp & 20 hp. sub., Lockwood splkr., 85 acres seed grasses & 35 acres wheat. \$475.00 per acre.
 - EARTH - (Hite Park Add.), 3 bdrm. 2 bath!! Call for Details!!
 - NICE 3-2-2 Home on 1 acre, built-ins, MORE!!! \$40's!!!



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MEAT

- X-TRA SAVINGS PAK BONE-IN COUNTRY STYLE
- PORK RIBS** LB **97¢**
- PILGRIM'S PRIDE WHOLE
- CUT-UP FRYERS** LB **77¢**
- PILGRIM'S PRIDE
- WHOLE FRYERS** LB **57¢**
- X-TRA SAVINGS PAK BEEF BONELESS
- CHUCK ROAST** LB **\$1.59**
- 2 PACK BEEF BONELESS
- CHUCK EYE STEAK** LB **\$2.99**
- X-TRA SAVINGS PAK BEEF BONELESS
- CHUCK STEAK** LB **\$1.79**
- X-TRA SAVINGS PAK BONE-IN
- PORK STEAK** LB **\$1.39**
- X-TRA SAVINGS PAK BEEF BONELESS
- STEW MEAT** LB **\$1.99**
- X-TRA SAVINGS PAK
- WHITING FILLETS** LB **\$1.69**
- X-TRA SAVINGS PAK
- POLLOCK FILLETS** LB **\$1.59**
- PILGRIM'S PRIDE BREADED
- CHICKEN NUGGETS** 32 OZ. BAG **\$4.69**
- PILGRIM'S PRIDE BREADED
- CHICKEN BREAST TENDERS** 32 OZ. BAG **\$6.59**
- X-TRA SAVINGS PAK PILGRIM'S PRIDE
- BUFFALO WINGS** LB **\$2.69**
- ADVANCE
- CHICKEN FRIED BEEF FINGERS, PATTIES OR CHUCK WAGON PATTIES** LB **\$1.79**
- ADVANCE
- BREADED CHICKEN NUGGETS, PATTIES OR STRIPS** LB **\$2.29**
- PEYTON'S BONELESS
- SLICED HAM** 24 OZ. **\$4.99**
- PEYTON'S REGULAR OR DOUBLE SMOKED
- SLICED BACON** 12 OZ. **\$1.79**
- PEYTON'S REGULAR OR POLISH
- SMOKED SAUSAGE** 14 OZ. **\$1.29**
- PEYTON'S
- CHORIZO** 8 OZ. PKG **\$1.29**
- PEYTON'S
- PORK SAUSAGE** 16 OZ. ROLL **99¢**
- LOUIS RICH
- TURKEY BACON** 12 OZ. PKG **\$1.89**
- RANCH BRAND
- FRANKS** 2.5 LB. PKG **\$2.99**
- PEYTON'S
- BEEF FRANKS OR BOLOGNA** 12 OZ. PKG **2/\$3**
- PEYTON'S
- MEAT BOLOGNA** 16 OZ. PKG **\$1.29**
- PEYTON'S
- MEAT FRANKS** 16 OZ. PKG **99¢**
- PEYTON'S
- MEAT FRANKS** 12 OZ. PKG **69¢**
- PEYTON'S
- MEAT BOLOGNA** 12 OZ. PKG **99¢**
- HILLSHIRE FARM
- BRATWURST OR ITALIAN
- SAUSAGE** 18.7 OZ. PKG **\$2.79**
- HILLSHIRE FARM ASSORTED VARIETIES
- DELI SELECT SLICED MEATS** 6 OZ. PKG **3/\$5**
- FRESH
- MUENSTER CHEESE** LB **\$1.99**

PRODUCE

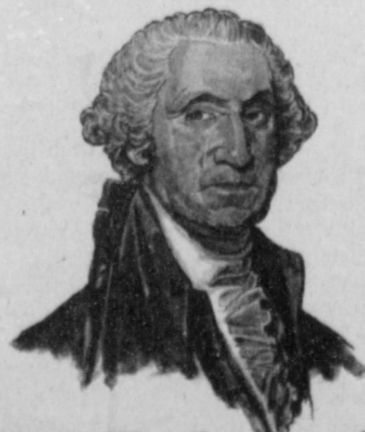
- FRESH GREEN
- CABBAGE** LB **10¢**
- GARDEN FRESH
- CUCUMBERS** **3/\$1**
- GARDEN FRESH
- BELL PEPPERS** **3/\$1**
- 3 LB. BAG
- RED OR GOLDEN DELICIOUS APPLES** **2/\$3**
- RED RIPE
- CHERRY TOMATOES** PINT **79¢**
- SWEET
- D'ANJOU PEARS** LB **79¢**
- SWEET
- YELLOW CORN** EARS **3/\$1**
- SEEDLESS
- WHITE GRAPES** LB **\$1.49**
- JUMBO SWEET
- RED ONIONS** LBS **3/\$1**
- TROPICAL
- KIWI FRUIT** **6/\$1**
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- 12 PK. SWEET FREEDOM FUDGE LITES • 6 PK. VANILLA NUTTY SUNDAE CONES • 12 PK. KRUNCH BARS
- BLUE BUNNY NOVELTIES** **2/\$5**
- BLUE BUNNY ASSORTED
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- MICHELINA'S ENTREES**.... 8-9.2 OZ. **99¢**
- ASSORTED
- HEALTHY CHOICE MEALS** 10.5-11.7 OZ. **\$1.99**
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- FISH STICKS** 24 OZ. PKG **\$2.69**
- CURLEY QQQ'S • TATER BABIES • FAJITA FRIES
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- ASSORTED
- BIRDS EYE VOILA!** 20 OZ. PKG **\$3.19**
- KRAFT MILD CHEDDAR OR COLBY
- LONGHORN HALFMOON CHEESE**..... 14 OZ. **\$2.79**
- KRAFT REG. \$2.99 STACK PACK
- AMERICAN SINGLES**..... 16 OZ. **\$2.79**
- MINUTE MAID ASSORTED
- ORANGE JUICE** 64 OZ. CTN **2/\$4**
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- DISH LIQUID** 14.7 OZ. BTL **\$1.19**
- ALPO ASSORTED
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HEALTH & BEAUTY

- 12 CT. SEVERE COLD TABLETS OR CAPLETS • 10 CT. COLD & COUGH LIQUID CAPS OR COLD & SINUS LIQUID CAPS
- SUDAFED**..... YOUR CHOICE **\$2.98**
- ASSORTED
- CRYSTAL CLEAN, LADY SPEED STICK OR TEEN SPIRIT DEODORANT** 1.3-1.5 OZ. **2/\$3**
- ASSORTED V05
- SHAMPOO OR CONDITIONER**..... 15 OZ. BTL **77¢**
- SHUR SAVING
- SALTINE CRACKERS** 16 OZ. **77¢**
- WOLF BRAND REGULAR
- CHILI NO BEANS**..... 19 OZ. CAN **99¢**
- ASSORTED
- SPAM LUNCHEON** 12 OZ. **2/\$3**
- FAMILY SIZE EXCLUDES DECAF.
- LIPTON TEA** 24 CT. **2/\$3**
- HUNT'S
- KETCHUP** 24 OZ. BTL **99¢**
- HUNT'S ASSORTED
- BBQ SAUCE**..... 18 OZ. BTL **99¢**
- 20 OZ. FROSTED FLAKES • 15 OZ. CORN POPS • 15 OZ. APPLE JACKS • 15 OZ. FROOT LOOPS
- KELLOGG'S CEREAL**.. YOUR CHOICE **2/\$4**
- KRAFT REGULAR, FAT FREE OR SEVEN SEAS
- SALAD DRESSING** 8 OZ. BTL **3/\$4**
- TOSTITOS® ASSORTED
- TORTILLA CHIPS** REG. \$3.29 SIZE **2/\$5**
- TOSTITOS® ASSORTED
- SALSA CON QUESO** 15.5 OZ. JAR **2/\$5**
- SWISS MIX MARSHMALLOW LOVERS FAT FREE OR NO SUGAR ADDED
- HOT COCOA MIX** 8 PACK **2/\$4**
- QUAKER ASSORTED
- GRANOLA BARS**..... 10 OZ. PKG **2/\$4**
- REG. WHOLE OR DICED PEELED
- LIBBY'S TOMATOES**..... 14.5 OZ. CAN **2/\$1**
- GEBHARDT
- JUMBO TAMALES** 28 OZ. CAN **2/\$3**
- GEBHARDT ORIGINAL OR JALAPENO
- REFRIED BEANS** 15 OZ. CAN **2/\$1**
- PAM ORIGINAL
- VEGETABLE SPRAY** 6 OZ. CAN **\$2.29**
- REG. \$2.29 SIZE
- CHEE-TOS CHIPS** **2/\$3**
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- SOFT DRINKS** 3 LITER BTL **88¢**
- REFRESHING
- PEPSI COLA** 12 PACK-12 OZ. CANS **\$2.69**
- REFRESHING
- PEPSI COLA** 2 LITER BTL **99¢**
- QUILTED NORTHERN WHITE OR ULTRA
- BATH TISSUE** 4 DOUBLE ROLLS **\$1.88**
- 24 CT. MEDIUM • 18 CT. LARGE • 16 CT. EXTRA LARGE
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