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A QUICK READ OF THE NEWS

Cost of murder falling

A Fort Payne, Ala., farmer who offered a hit man \$300 and four cows to kil his buddy's wife has been charged with criminal solicitation to commit murder.

Cecil Benjamin Hicks, 64, didn't know he was paying an undercover officer with cash and an IOU when he was arrested.

Hicks, who reportedly had not seen the intended victim in about 10 years, told police he "didn't like the way she was treating his friend."

TravelSmart guy nabbed

A man accused of robbing an Albuquerque gas station might have gotten away ---until he lost the keys to the getaway car.

Police say Jeffrey T. Anaya, 35, walked into a Chevron station and threatened the clerk with a screwdriver.

He then allegedly took cash, cigarettes and some lighters before fleeing. But when he got to his car, he realized he had misplaced the keys.

The clerk was on the phone with a 911 operator when Anaya allegedly went back into the store and began looking for the keys.

When officers arrived, he threw up his hands and told them he did it, police said.

Not a routine deposit

It took a welder, a locksmith and two fiery incisions to free a 7-Eleven clerk who got her hand stuck in a safe recently.

Elizabeth Mefford, 27 told rescuers in Aberdeen, Wash., that she had been dropping rolls of coins in the safe, but the rolls kept falling out. She pushed her fingers farther into the deposit chute, trying to get the coins to stay put.

A short time later, she was on a gurney with the 3-foot-tall, 600-pound safe latched onto her hand. Paramedics drove her to an industrial shop, where the safe was removed.

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The U.S. Department of Agriculture warned farmers Tuesday not to plant any corn unless they are certain that the seed has been tested and found free of the protein Cry9C. According to USDA, farmers should insist that seed companies verify that the seed corn has been tested for the protein Cry9C to ensure that only tested seed is planted. StarLink is the trade name for corn genetically modified to be pest

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resistant by producing Cry9C. The protein acts as a pesticide and is able to protect the plant from such pests as the European corn borer.

The protein was developed by Avantis Crop Sciences, a subsidiary of the French company Avantis S.A., and sold through various U.S. seed companies.

Last week, some seed companies reported finding isolated occurrences of low levels of Cry9C in seed intended for sale this year.

Based on aggregate information voluntarily provided by the American Seed Trade Association, of the companies reporting, it is estimated that less than 1 percent of corn seed offered for planting in 2001 may contain Cry9C protein.

The companies involved have recovered and taken control of all lots of hybrid corn seed found to have this protein.

Seed companies routinely test their products for impurities, and many took steps to detect Cry9C before the USDA's Dec. 29 recommendation in favor of testing. The USDA continues to work on this issue with the Food and Drug Administration, the Environmental Protection Agency, Iowa State University, the National Corn Growers Association, the American Seed Trade Association and Aventis.

More information is available on the Internet from:

Farmers warned not to plant StarLink corn • The USDA (www.usda.gov/ gipsa/biotech/starlink/ starlink.htm;

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• The Food and Drug Administration (vm.cfsan.fda.gover/~dms/ starguid.html;

• The Environmental Protection Agency (www.epa.gov/pesticides/ biopesticides/ factsheets/ fs00646.6t.htm;

• Iowa State University

(www.extension.iastate.edu/Pages/ grain/publications/buspub/ 0010star.pdf;

• The National Corn Growers Association (www.ncga.com/ 11biotechnology/StarLink/ index.html;

· American Seed Trade Associa-(www.amseed.com/ tion newsupdate/ asta_special_news_022601.html.



Great day to play

Taking advantage of Tuesday's beautiful weather to play at City Park were (from left) 2-year-old Rachael Precure and 6-year-old Madeleine Precure, daughters of Laura and Michael Precure, and 6-year-old Caitlin Sowder, daughter of Robby and Susie Sowder. The children were at the park with Paula Hargrove, who is visiting from Dallas during spring break, and 19-month-old Ben Hargrove.

Journal photo: Beatrice Morin



Drawing date: Saturday, March 10 Winning numbers: 7-19-22-33-40-45 Estimated jackpot: \$4 million Winners: 0 Next drawing: Wednesday, March 14 Estimated jackpot: \$8 million

On this date in history

March 9 — Mexico moves the capital of the state of Coahuila and Texas from Saltillo to Monclova, setting off widespread protests (1833). March 11 — Gen. Sam Houston learns of the fall of the Alamo when he arrives to take command of Texas troops at Gonzales (1836).

March 14 — Jack Ruby is found guilty of murdering Lee Harvey Oswald, believed to be the killer of President John F. Kennedy in Dallas (1964).

JOCAL WEATHER

Look for partly cloudy skies Thursday and Friday. Wind and a chance of showers come into the forecast for Saturday and Sunday, returning to partly cloudy by Monday. Temperatures hover in the upper 50s to lower 60s throughout the period. Lows dip into the mid 20s on Thursday, returning to the lower 30s Friday through Monday.

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

Fine Arts Boosters schedule annual 'Night To Shine'

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The Muleshoe Fine Arts Boosters has scheduled the annual Fine Arts Night To Shine for 6 p.m. April 3 in the Muleshoe High School Auditorium.

Donna Kirk, a spokesperson for the boosters, said Tuesday the event is the main fund-raiser for arts activities at Muleshoe High School and Watson Junior High.

There will be art exhibits provided by students in the high school art classes, plus performances by the Muleshoe High High School Choir, Watson Junior High School Band, The MHS 'Mighty M' Band and the Muleshoe High School oneact play cast.

The evening also will feature a silent auction and desserts.

Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$1 for students, and are available at the door or from any booster.

Dynamic congregation takes shape in just nine years

By LEAH BELL **Journal Staff**

Over the past nine years, the Rev. Reydon Stanford has watched Trinity Christian Center in Muleshoe grow from just a handful of people to nearly 180 devoted members.

Stanford came to Muleshoe 19 years ago from Sudan, where he graduated from high school in 1980.

In addition to working for KMUL-Radio in Muleshoe for 10 years, he had a 15-year stint as an evangelist and member of The Anchor Brothers, a Christian musical group.

As Trinity's pastor, Stanford has been instrumental in the church's physical and spiritual transformation. Two years ago, what was then known as the Christian Center Church became associated with Trinity Fellowship Ministries of Amarillo, which is part of the larger Trinity Fellowship Covenant Ministries International.

"Accountability was the reason for the change," Stanford said. "Belonging to a larger body of Christ is essential."

Trinity's relationship with the network is a beneficial one, he said. The support is there without the pressure to conform to any preset standard of operation. Each member congregation is

independent and responsible for its own daily operation.

"My purpose is to shepherd God's people, to make disciples of the people who come to our church, not to build churches or a name for myself," Stanford said

He has made a name for himself, though. People who attend Trinity have come to expect to feel better when the service is over. Intertwining his spiritual message with dry wit is his claim to fame. To Stanford, funny is real, and real is relevant.

In fact, making a sermon interesting requires relevance, according to Stanford.

"A message needs to affect people where they're at in life, what they're living — the human things that we all struggle with every day," Stanford said.

Stanford's unique style of ministering is all his own. Although ordained and licensed by the Trinity organization, he says he "was raised at the feet of Jesus."

The importance of having Christ in their lives is something he hopes to instill in his sons, 8-year-old Joshua and 5-year-old Nathan.

Stanford and his wife, Sharla, agree

see TRINITY on page 6



Journal photo: Leah Bell

Pastor Reydon Stanford strikes a characteristic pose. When the congregation does not respond as expected to one of his remarks, he is prone to say, "I said ... " and wait for the proper response.

AROUND MULESHOE

Schools set candidate drawing

The Muleshoe Independent School District has scheduled 8:30 a.m. March 22 for the drawing to determine the order of candidates' names on the May 5 election ballot, if one is needed.

State law allows the district to cancel the election if no candidates file to run against the incumbents, David Tipps and Bruce Barrett.

The drawing is scheduled to take place in the district administration offices, 514 W. Avenue G.

Farm loans available for storm damage

Applications for emergency farm loans to cover losses Dec. 12 through Jan. 15 related to a severe winter ice storm are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency, 111 E. Avenue D in Muleshoe.

President Bush recently named Bailey County and others as eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from the bad weather.

Joyce M. Thompson, manager of the local office, said farmers may be eligible for loans of 1) up to 80 percent of their actual losses; 2) the operating loan needed to continue in business; or 3) \$500,000, whichever of the three is less.

For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial

lenders, the interest rate is 3.75 percent.

Applications will be accepted until Oct. 12, but farmers are being asked to apply as soon as possible to avoid a backlog in processing.

Deadline to pull meters is March 30

Bailey County Electric Cooperative has notified its members that farmers must request that electric meters on irrigation wells be pulled no later than March 30 in order to avoid the on-peak demand charge. The meters may be replaced no earlier than Aug. 31.

The charge is \$22.80 per horsepower.

There will be no exceptions to the March 30 deadline, according to a flyer mailed to customers with this month's billing.

Public calendar

March 15 — 7 p.m. Muleshoe Area Hospital District Board, in the dining room at the hospital.

March 21 — 5 p.m. Deadline for candidates to run in the May 5 election for Muleshoe City Council, Muleshoe School Board, Lazbuddie School Board, Three Way School Board and Muleshoe Area Hospital District Board.

The deadline for items to appear in Around Muleshoe is 5 p.m. Monday for Thursday's editions and 5 p.m. Thursday for Sunday.



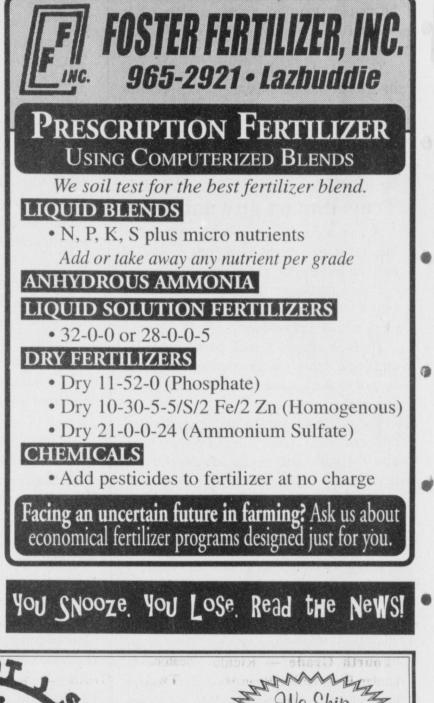
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National Girl Scout Week being observed

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL During Girl Scout Week, March 11-17, Girl Scouts across the South Plains and country are celebrating the anniversary of the organization's

founding 89 years ago. With the same dedication that the 12 initial members had in 1912, members are participating in activities that celebrate the fun and friendship that Girl Scouting provides.

The 3.6 million members in the national organization continue to promote the founder's vision of helping girls everywhere grow strong.

From nature walks and learn-

ing Morse code in the beginning of the 20th century to meeting with members of Congress and developing website in the year 2000, Girl Scouts have been in step with the times.

Traditional activities to commemorate the Girl Scout heritage will take place throughout Girl Scouts of Caprock Council's 18-county area with girls performing community-service projects, wearing uniforms to school and houses of worship, holding birthday celebrations and other things.

"As we celebrate the founding of Girl Scouts, we continue to commit ourselves to providing girls with a place where they can develop qualities of character, conduct and community service while growing into tomorrow's leaders," said Becky Burton, executive director of Caprock Council.

"While the values that were synonymous with Girl Scouting in the beginning of the 20th century still hold true today, we continue to evolve with a program that works best for girls in the 21st century."

Through a recent study conducted by the Girl Scout Research Institute, the organization found that although girls are maturing earlier than in previous generations, they still want and need to express their concerns and dreams.

teachers and other responsible adults, Girl Scouting provides a safe environment where girls everywhere can express themselves and obtain the skills to become confident women.

March 12, 1912, marked the start that under founder Juliette Gordon Low's vision has for nearly nine decades helped girls grow physically, mentally and spiritually.

More information about Girl Scouting is available by calling (800) 530-4957.

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SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL Swinford said.

AUSTIN — Cotton growers

He told the cotton producers from across Texas met near the that the latest census report capitol in Austin early this week would indicate growing popu-

and continuing low prices. One of the items of concern, Brown said, is the lack of a legislative vehicle upon which

In partnership with parents,

visits with members of the Texas Legislature.

Cotton growers heard various reports regarding pending legislation in both Austin and Washington, D.C.

At a meeting of Texas Cotton Producers convened on March 5, growers heard reports from Rep. David Swinford, R-Amarillo, chairman of the Texas House Agriculture and Livestock Committee; Zach Brady, representing the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation; Craig Brown, representing the National Cotton Council; and representatives from the Texas Department of Agriculture.

Swinford discussed various agricultural issues currently before the Legislature, and warned that rural representation will dwindle to new lows as the result of upcoming redistricting.

"In the coming weeks, you will see more news headlines pertaining to redistricting,"

Mike and Cheryl Harris of

Bedford, Texas, announce the

birth of a son, Timothy Paul,

He weighed 9 pounds, 15

ounces and was 20 inches long.

He has a sister, Madeline, age

Grandparents are Royce and

Kay Harris of Amarillo. Great-

grandparents are O.G. and

Loyce Killingsworth and the

late Earl and Farene Harris, all

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on Jan. 26.

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for two days of meetings and lations in Texas urban centers. This, he said, would combine with declines in most rural reas dictate a shift in representation from rural to urban.

> Brady, speaking on behalf of the foundation, told members that it appears the Legislature will approve another \$50 million outlay for the eradication program. The total fiscal outlay would be a result of \$25 million in each year of the next biennium (2002-03).

> Brown, speaking for the American Cotton Producers segment of the National Cotton Council, addressed issues now before Congress. He told participants the new administration continues to take shape.

One of the main issues challenging agriculture in Washington, Brown said, is when and whether further government assistance will be available to aid growers who have suffered from adverse weather

an assistance package could be attached.

In the past, he noted, there were various related bills introduced that facilitated the addition of farm economic assistance packages.

"There is no question that growers need economic assistance," Brown said. "In fact, they may need it now more than ever. But the concern is whether an assistance package will be made available, and how it can be carried through Congress. It is something we will have to closely monitor."

Donnie Dippel and Charlie Thomas, representing the Texas Department of Agriculture, discussed current pesticide issues being addressed by the agency.

They reported that efforts were under way to secure Section 18s for various chemicals widely used in the cotton and

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Attracting butterflies to the garden is a natural phenomenon

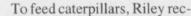
By RONN SMITH Editor

Cherinell Riley, the Extension entomologist for Bailey and Parmer counties, advises residents to plan now for attracting butterflies this summer.

Interest in butterflies has skyrocketed in recent years perhaps as much as interest in hummingbirds. Butterflies may be even more educational for children (of all ages), since you can get right up to them and watch the caterpillars feed and the adults drink nectar.

But the key to attracting butterflies is realizing that each species is especially attracted to specific plants, so the easiest way to get the butterflies is to grow their favorites. That means learning something about which butterfly species are found locally, so you know what you can attract.

There also are specific plants to feed the larvae (caterpillars) and specific plants to supply nectar for the adults. This isn't as complicated as it sounds because we don't have that many types of butterflies to worry about.





ommends common milkweed or butterfly weed for monarchs; parsley, dill or fennel for black swallowtails; canna for skippers; and nettles and thistles for "brushfooted butterfly species."

To feed adults, she recommends a selection of white or blue mist flower, assorted colors of lantana, red-flowered forms of scarlet sage, Indigo Spires sage, butterfly weed and Mexican mint marigold.

I would add that a bed of those two types of sage plus a species or two of agastache will have your yard "working alive" with various species of skippers and sulfurs, plus an occasional other species.

And it will draw hummingbirds once they discover it, too. ...

Making some news is a new

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LAZBUDDIE **Fourth Six Weeks** "A" Honor Roll

Second Grade — Jordan Hernández, Lacy Russell, Savannah Sain, Andrea Solano, Mariah Steinbock and Colton Weaver.

Third Grade — Lydia Campos, Katie Chávez, Dylan Haney, Darin Ivy, Kayle Jesko and Kinzi Schacher.

Fourth Grade — Richie Aguilar, Bart Guillén, Ryan Mason, Leticia Mendoza, Jacob Schacher, Cassie Steinbock, Brock Steinbock and RaJon Thorn.

Seventh Grade — Kaylee Burnett and Kayla Parham.

Ninth Grade — Suzanne Aragón, Shonnah Black, Kelli Harris, Nicole Lewandowski, Katy Loudder, Robby Martin and Shawndee Nichols,.

Tenth Grade — Andy Martin and Brady Mimms.

Eleventh Grade — Savannah Black, Candice Randolph and Jay Seaton.

Twelfth Grade - Kati Mimms, Crystal Scott and Elisabeth Thomas.

"A/B" Honor Roll Second Grade — Tasha Barnes, Keeley Burris, Jaime Campos, Court Crawford, Joseline Garcia, Lakota Goe, Shelby Martin and Rodrigo Mata. Third Grade — Logan Mason, Rhett Sain, Kyler Steinbock and Monica Vera.

disease-resistant form of Chinese redbud (Cercis chinensis) that is expected to reach retailers next year.

This is not so much news in my immediate area, which is fairly far removed from native redbuds and therefore from the lethal canker that tends to be a problem for gardeners.

But readers in the eastern Panhandle, who now get this column at www.panhandlenews.com, might face the problem sometime and need this new form, known as 'Don Egolf.'

Keep in mind, too, that the Chinese redbud is seldom treeform like our native species. It tends to grow more as a multistemmed vase-shaped large shrub or small tree. They also tend to flower even more heavily than the American redbuds.

The future of gardening is evident from the list of speaker topics at the June 13-16 annual conference of the American Horticultural Society

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Lee Reich, whose The Pruning Book and Uncommon Fruits Worthy of Notice are classics in their field and whose Associated

Bonney, Trevor Coker, Brenda

Joaquín Campos, Jason Davis,

Regina Mata, Megan McGuire,

Kayla Padgett, Brianna Sánchez,

Shayla Scisson, Rochelle Smith

Sixth Grade—Aaron Chavez,

Seventh Grade — David

Eighth Grade — Taryn

Burnett, Lus Ana Chavez, Chris

Deleon, Mandy Haney, Ana Hernandez, Hilda Marquez, Brett

Mimms, Cory Puckett, Garrett

Nineth Grade — Sandra

Lopez, Aaron Marks, Amanda

Martinez, Bethenie Sanchez,

Michelle Scott, Stephen Thomas,

Sterling Via, Kolby Wilkerson,.

Tenth Grade - Dustin

Campos Kirby Kimbrough, Peter

Erica Derma, Stephanie Williams.

Fifth Grade — Laura Beliz,

Garcia and Helen Loewen.

and Dakota Williams.

Loewen, Roper Smith.

Scisson.

Press gardening column runs all across the country, has chosen the topic "Stop Fighting Mother Nature."

The topic is from his latest book, Weedless Gardening, in which he advocates "a system of nurturing the ground from the top down."

If you still think the ground needs to be dug every year halfway to China, maybe you should try "minimum till," avoiding soil compaction, and mulching heavily and letting it rot into the soil.

If your soil tends toward clay, you might need to dig it again, add a lot of compost, and then mulch heavily in coming years.

Growing perfect root vegetables also will require tillage until you get the soil built up.

Digging and tilling eat up a lot of time and effort, and I think most of it is wasted. Growing up on a farm, I took it for granted tilling the soil was necessary to grow just about anything; it turns out that much of such work is wasted and sometimes even counterproductive. Why keep on keeping on?

Another writer, Michael Pollan, will speak on "The Garden and

Bartlett, Brittany Brakebill, Lucas

Deleon, Omar Lopez, Andrew

Eleventh Grade — Jodie

Coker, Mathew Goe, Kelsey

Martinez, Trey Nickels, Jeffrey

Harris, Landon Parham, Cole St.

Martinez, Tobin Redwine.

Phillips.

Clair, Laura Via.

the Environment." Most of Pollan's career has been spent in mainstream journalism, but recently he has won the American Horticultural Society's top writing award (for 2000) and his writing about genetically modified food won him the first Reuters-World Conservation Union Global Award for "excellence in environmental journalism" (I don't know exactly what that means - i.e., political agenda or not.)

Happy planting!

Questions and inquiries can be directed to Garden Writer. 571 County Road 1018, Muleshoe, Texas 79347, or e-mailed to ronnsmith@hotmail.com.



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Fifth Grade — Crescent Crawford, Robert Marrufo, Chelsee Nichols and Brittney Schacher.

Sixth Grade — Castle Crawford, Patrick Marks, Amberlee Steinbock and Montana Steinbock.

OSPITAL NEWS

Muleshoe Area Medical Center has released the following information about patient load: March 2 — Madge Beauchamp, James L. Belvin, Cynthia Coberley, Shawna Dale, Luís E. Franco, Monica Gonzales, Jacquetta S. Kirkland, Marion D. Logsdon, Audrey L. Magby, Cindy Martínez, Erminia A. Ortega and Arnold

Fourth Grade - Ryan

D. Prater. March 3 — None reported. March 4 — None reported. March 5 — Freeman Butler, Cynthia Coberley, Johnie Eubank, Arthur Gast, Tommy A. Haley, Ean E. Hasley, Ada L. Murrah, Manuela Rejino and Cynthia Villareal.

March 6 — Freeman Butler, Cynthia Coberley, Alyne L.

Cook, Johnie Eubank, Edgar Gutiérrez, Tommy A. Haley, Ramón Mendoza III, Manuela Rejino and Elbert Shelby.

March 7 — Miguel R. Acevedo, Cynthia Coberley, Alyne L. Cook, Arthur Gast, Edgar Gutiérrez, Tommy A. Haley, Ramón Mendoza III, Manuela Rejino, Elbert Shelby and Kenneth Thomas.



ITEMS THAT WILL NOT BE

PICKED UP INCLUDE:

Batteries, Oil Filters, Paint

Containers, Tires & Chemicals

ONE WEEK ONLY: City of Muleshoe **CITY WIDE SPRING CLEANU** MARCH 19-23, 2001 The City of Muleshoe will be performing a city wide spring cleanup campaign March 19-23, 2001. If you have items to be picked up, please place the items behind your fence in the alley prior to March 19, and the City will remove those items.



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

ITEMS THAT WILL BE PICKED UP INCLUDE:

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

Better Business Bureau offers fire safety tips to use at home

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL Home Fire Protection," a bro-

COLLEGE STATION -Each year more than 4,000 Americans lives are lost and 500,000 homes damaged or destroyed from fires, said Janie Harris, Texas Agricultural Extension Service housing and environmental specialist.

Property loss from these kinds of fires is more than \$4 billion each year, according to information from U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

But the emotional damage to survivors and their loved ones is immeasurable.

Not all of these fires have to happen, Harris said. A few common-sense precautions may prevent some homes --and lives - from being damaged or destroyed.

First, know some of the common causes of home fires and take steps to eliminate or correct them.

According to "Tips on

chure from the Better Business Bureau, some of the major causes of fatal home fires are careless smoking, heating systems and electrical wiring and/or equipment that are faulty or improperly used, and careless use of cooking stoves.

Smokers should:

• Never smoke in bed or

· Always use large noncombustible ashtrays that will keep cigarettes from falling out;

· Empty ashtrays ONLY after making certain that all smoking materials are completely out;

lighters and cigarettes away from small children; and

· Use safety matches and make sure matches are completely out before throwing them away.

ceive certificates.

Student art contest to close March 19

The deadline for students to enter the Cultural Diversity Art Contest sponsored by the diversity team from Lubbock **Regional MHMR and Region** 17 is March 19.

Work should be sent to Monte Anderwald, P.O. Box 2828. Lubbock 79408. or taken to the MHMR office at 1602 Tenth St., Lubbock.

Each piece should address either "What is diversity?" or "What is discrimination?"

First-place winners will receive a trophy; second- and third-place will receive rib-

intervals; when drowsy;

ALWAYS keep matches,

Heating equipment should: • Be checked by an expert

Sculpture, drawings, paint-

ings and other media are being

accepted for competition. Art

will be displayed March 22-

23 at Sunrise Canyon Hospital,

Winners will be announced

during a reception from 3 p.m.

to 6 p.m. March 23 at the hos-

Entry blanks are available at

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able from Anderwald at (806)

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at least once a year and the filters changed monthly; and • Never be pushed beyond

its capabilities. Wood stoves and fireplaces should:

· Have chimney connections checked at least once a year and cleaned at regular

• Have a sturdy fire screen or heat-tempered glass doors kept in front of each fireplace; and

• Be kept at a safe distance from combustibles, such as rugs or furniture.

Small portable heaters should:

· Be kept away from combustibles such as curtains, clothing, bedding and furniture;

· Be used with care followmanufacture's ing instructions:

• NEVER be left unat-

• Carry the Underwriters

• Keep the stove clean and

other fabrics can't blow across the burners if a breeze comes through;

• Keep cloth and paper away from the stove;

• Keep small children away from the stove; and

· Don't cook wearing clothing with loose sleeves that may drag over a burner and catch on fire.

Electrical dangers can come from many different sources. The Better Business Bureau advised homeowners to avoid overloading circuits, have electrical appliances installed and serviced by experts, avoid using extension cords and never run cords under rugs where they can be walked on and worn through, or over hooks and/or through partitions and doors where they can become worn.

Harris added some tips to that list:

"Install a smoke detector outside each sleeping area of the house," she said.

"If you have to use an extension cord, make sure it's a heavy-duty one," she said, and make sure it can carry the voltage required or it might get hot and melt, causing a fire.

If using candles, make sure they are placed securely in a spot where they can't be accidentally tipped over, or where fabric or some other combustible material can accidentally reach the flame.

Clean the lint filter of the clothes dryer after each use. "If you don't clean the lint filter on a dryer, lint can become overheated and start a fire," Harris said.

"In the garage, make sure you don't have clothing with linseed oil or any oil product on it," she said. Oily fabrics can spontaneously combust and start a fire that can spread to the house.

And above all, be prepared. All the caution in the world may not prevent a house from burning in a fire, so, in addition to installing smoke alarms, having a family escape route is of vital importance, Harris said.

Each family member should have a plan for at least two escape routes out of the house if it should catch on fire, and all should know the family meeting place once they have escaped from the burning building.

Two escape routes gives each person an extra way out if the first route is blocked because of the fire, Harris said.

"And practice, so no one will panic (in case of fire), especially if they are children," she said.



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In the kitchen: grease-free; bons. All participants will re-• Make sure curtains and

tended; and Laboratory seal.



MARCH 13-24

Aries - March 21/April 20

An important family situation early in the week calls for tact, Aries. So, don't crack a joke just to get a laugh. Your humor won't be appreciated. Instead, do what you can to help rectify this problem. An acquaintance reveals his or her true feelings for you this weekend. Let this person down gently. Leo plays a key role.

Taurus - April 21/May 21

Keep your temper in check when you have a run-in with a stranger early in the week, Taurus. This situation is unimportant, and you'll never see this person again. So, don't let it get to you. Just move on to more important things. That special someone has a surprise for you this weekend. Enjoy, because you deserve it.

Gemini - May 22/June 21

Patience is key this week, Gemini. You have to wait for a business associate to make an important decision. Don't pressure this person, because that will upset him or her. You just have to bide your time. Don't worry too much; you're sure to get the answer that you're hoping for.

Cancer - June 22/July 22

Don't let your conscience get the best of you when you ignore an acquain-tance during the middle of the week. This person doesn't take it personally. So, don't beat yourself up about it. A loved one needs your help with a family matter. While you don't want to get involved, you must. So, do everything that you can.

Leo - July 23/August 23

Keep your ego in check when an acquaintance pays you a compliment early in the week. You deserve the praise, but that's no reason to get cocky. Just accept these kind words graciously, and continue to work diligently. The person whom you've been seeing wants to intensify your relationship. Say yes!

Virgo - Aug 24/Sept 22

You're full of energy this week, Virgo. Don't let it go to waste. There are several projects that you've been meaning to start, but have never gotten around to. Now is the time. Take the initiative, and work diligently. You'll be surprised at how much you can accomplish. Leo plays a key role.

Libra - Sept 23/Oct 23

A close friend turns to you in a time of need. Be there for him or her. Even if you don't know what to say, just listen. This person really wants someone to talk to. Be that someone. Your efforts will be appreciated. Scorpio - Oct 24/Nov 22

Don't let a run-in with a co-worker during the middle of the week upset you, Scorpio. Just stay calm, and act professionally. The higher-ups know that you're not the person at fault here. They are on your side. A loved one asks for your help on Saturday. Do what you can for him or her. Sagittarius - Nov 23/Dec 21

An acquaintance turns to you for financial advice on Tuesday, Sagittarius. Don't get in over your head. You know that this person will do whatever you say. However, you also know that you're not qualified to make any recommendations in this situation. So, tell this person just that. Your honesty will be appreciated.

Capricorn - Dec 22/Jan 20

Don't take a bad day out on those closest to you this week, Capricorn. It's not their fault that everything isn't going exactly as you planned. Just take things as they come, and try to relax. Leave your professional problems at work, and enjoy the time you spend with your friends and loved ones. Aquarius - Jan 21/Feb 18

An acquaintance offers you some constructive criticism early in the week. Listen to what this person has to say, because it really could motivate you to make some needed changes in your life. This different perspective can help you see things more clearly. Cancer plays a key role.

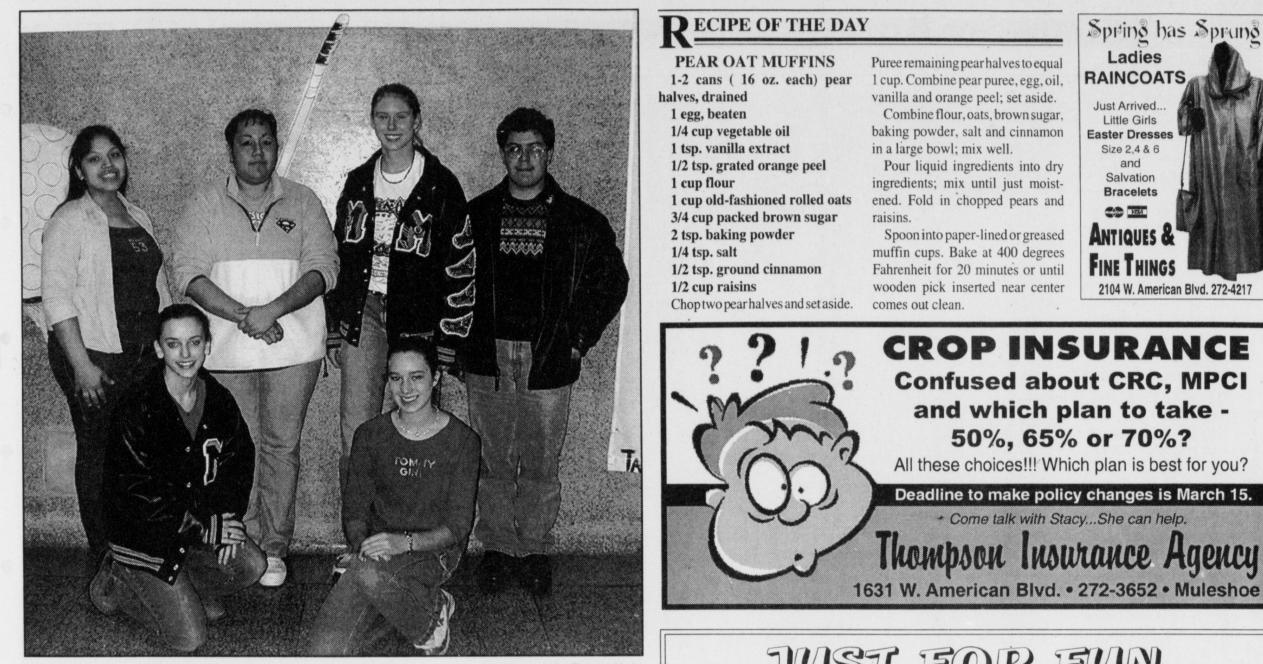
Pisces - Feb 19/March 20

Don't turn your back on a loved one in need this week, Pisces. You really are the only person who can help ease this situation. So, do what you can. Your efforts definitely will be appreciated. That special someone has a surprise for you on Thursday. Enjoy!



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Working the break

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Muleshoe students who spent their ski break participating in a University Interscholastic League practice meet at Lazbuddie on March 3 are (front row, from left) Stephanie Kirk, who won first in spelling and was on the first-place spelling team, and Jami Wedel, fourth in computer applications; (back row, from left) Elizabeth Castorena and Jessica Hernández, both members of the first-place spelling team; Megan Tipps, fifth in computer science and fifth in literary criticism; and Ricardo Aburto, second in current events and sixth in science.

Small businesses being sought for opportunities inside Mexico

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL WASHINGTON — The

U.S. Small Business Administration is looking for small American companies to take part in a trade and investment mission to Mexico — the second largest market for U.S.

experts and business executives, as well as presentations on doing business in Mexico and financing imports and exports.

The mission also includes on-on-one meetings with prequalified prospects, which will United States." Mexico can serve as a gateway for firsttime U.S. exporters considering expansion to Latin American markets.

Last year, Mexico imported \$108.7 billion worth of goods from the United States.



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manufactured goods and services --- to avail themselves of trade opportunities for U.S. small businesses and expand U.S.-Mexican commercial ties.

The two-day mission, March 27-28, will provide small-business owners with an opportunity to explore business options by facilitating joint ventures, investment matchmaking or trade.

The mission is co-sponsored by the SBA, U.S. Department of Commerce and the Mexican government under the leadership of President Vicente Fox.

Organizers describe the trade mission as full of opportunities for U.S. companies. It will feature high-level meetings with Mexican and U.S. government officials, industry

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allow companies to initiate commercial relationships with potential Mexican partners.

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Qualified firms must pay a participation fee of \$600, which includes the all-day conference and pre-scheduled appointments with prospective Mexican businesses.

President Bush recently remarked that "these are exciting times in Mexico, times of change and times of possibility. The doors are open to a closer partnership with the

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Mexico's domestic production is highly dependent on imported components, raw materials and capital goods, and has surpassed Japan as the second most important trading partner of the United States, trailing only Canada.

Previous SBA-led trade missions to Mexico have yielded in excess of \$10 million in revenues for participating U.S. firms.

More information on the trade mission is available on the Internet at www.sba.gov/ oit/mexbusopps.html.

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that every parent wishes their children would follow in their footsteps. These parents, however, are content to encourage their offspring to be what they want to be.

"The heritage I want to leave them is the knowledge of Christ. That's something they'll carry with them whatever they do," Stanford said.

Obvious to anyone who spends time with Stanford is his belief in family, both blood and Christian.

One of Stanford's goals is to continue building a healthy church - one that flourishes spiritually and makes its members feel as though they are part of a family.

Stanford smiled as he said, we're raising a family at Trinity."

The idea behind a church family is simple, he said: When one hurts, all hurt, and when one rejoices, all rejoice - just as in a physical family.

"We're well on our way to achieving that sense of family," Stanford said. "The most important thing we can do is keep our unity of spirit. Personal agendas stay out; God's agenda is in."

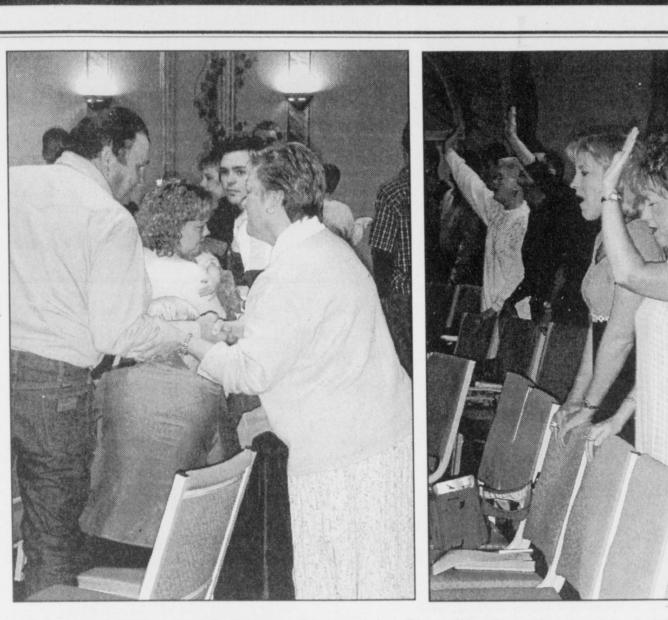
A second goal at Trinity is to be a "lighthouse for the hurting."

"Our desire is to never condemn or add weight to pain. We're here to relieve pain, be merciful and kind," Stanford said.

Stanford also has a couple of short-term personal goals - to become a published author and eventually to teach college courses pertaining to his material.

He is writing two books. One teaches about spiritual warfare, while the other is a fictionalized account of James, the brother of Jesus.

Stanford also has another, more unusual, passion outside church: He is a passionate NASCAR fan. In fact, he admits that in a paral-



Journal photos: Leah Bell

Judy Cox greets visitors from Portales at a Trinity service. Tammy Mardis and her daughter, Leigh, participate in worship.

lel universe his dream job would be driving a race car.

"Forty-three cars door-to-door, bumper-to-bumper, flirting with disaster for 500 miles is my idea of entertainment," he said with beaucoups machismo.

But in this life, he admits that ministering is the hardest job he has ever done even if it is the most fulfilling.

"Seeing people's lives changed by His power is astonishing," Stanford said, adding, "No race car is that powerful!"

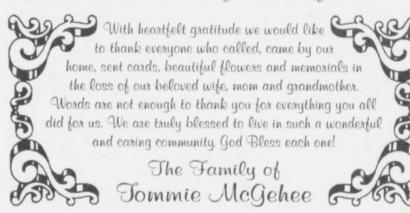
He says his greatest accomplishment to date, aside from his family, is the fact that when he steps up to the podium, people are there to

"The best motivation I can give my congregation is what Christ has done for me personally. I hope that everyone sees that," he said. Stanford is quick to point out that Trinity is not for everybody: "If you're looking for the perfect church, we're not it. But if you're looking to be loved by people through the love of God, then Trinity is where you need to be."

hear him.

Trinity's network (Trinity Fellowship Covenant Ministries International) is an apostolic organization with 8,500 members and ministries in New Mexico, Arizona, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Texas. More than 100 congregacharismatic churches.

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Scientific discovery in plants may advance human medicine

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL and aging. COLLEGE STATION Researchers at Texas A&M University studying the tips of chromosomes in a lowly weed have new insights that likely will lead to advances in human medicine.

"Much of the plant genome is very similar to the human genome," said Dr. Dorothy Shippen, A&M associate professor of biochemistry and biophysics. "Also, because we can do these wonderful genetic tricks in plants, we think that much of what we learn in the plant system will be ultimately translatable, and perhaps have significant impact, in human medicine."

The findings, by Shippen, colleagues Drs. Tom McKnight and Lawrence Griffing of Texas A&M bioldepartment, and ogy postdoctoral fellow Dr. Karel Riha, are in the current issue of Science magazine.

Telomeres seal the ends of chromosomes in plants and animals much like the plastic tip on the end of a shoelace.

Like the plastic tip that wears out, allowing the lace to fray and become hard to use, so does the telomere break down in most cells in the human body over time. For about 10 years, scientists have been looking at telomeres in humans for connections to cancer

"The integrity of the shoelace is maintained in large part because of this plastic tip," Shippen said. "In the same way, the telomere provides the stability for the chromosomes through many divisions of the cell."

The team used Arabidopsis, a weed commonly used in research because of its wealth of genetic tools and relatively small genome. The Arabidopsis genome recently was completely mapped, thus allowing scientists to make better comparisons, McKnight said.

To examine what differences telomeres make in plants, the team generated an Arabidopsis mutant without functional telomeres.

"The enzyme, telomerase, which is required for maintaining these structures on the ends of chromosomes, has been eliminated from the plant," she said. "Now we are following the consequences of not having telomeres, and we are finding some remarkable features in these plants."

One key difference between plants and animals, Shippen noted, is that plants continue to live for a long time despite the catastrophic events they endure without telomeres.

"The plants are able to take considerable genomic abuse,

which is a remarkable finding and differentiates, in a fundamental way, plants from animals," she said.

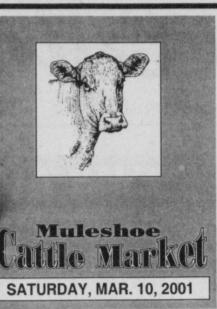
In similar studies of animal systems, cells have not been able to tolerate what a plant cell can. "Mammals have to keep a stable genome more than plants (do)," Riha said.

"In animals, there is a strictly regulated pattern of development, and there is no way of turning back," McKnight added. "But plants are always making new organs throughout their lives. Plants are more flexible."

The plant model developed in Shippen's laboratory should provide scientists with greater insights about now telomeres allow chromosomes to become stabilized. Those insights will lead to discoveries in human medicine.

"Telomeres are essential timekeepers for how many times a cell can divide," she said. "There 's a strong correlation between telomeres and the ability of cancer cells to divide.

"So, if we can understand what a cell sees in terms of telomere structure and function that allows it to decide if a telomere is functional or not in plants, we hope that will be translatable to understanding how cell division is controlled in humans," she said.



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STOP Journal Classifieds & SHOP Call 272-4536 March 15, 2001 Deadlines are 5 p.m. Monday and Thursday HELP WANTED FOR RENT OR LEASE WANT TO BUY AUCTION SERVICE SERVICE SEEKING INFORMATION We Will Travel Searching for Kathy Add On's References Want to buy The City of Muleshoe 4 circles, north **AIR CONDITIONING CAPITAL ROOFING** Available **Bullard!** Anyone with and Roofing **Children's Clothing** Handy Randy Financing available on new will auction three (3) Roosevelt Co., NM. OF LUBBOCK in good condition info. of her location central refrigerated air Sheetrock, Drywalling, Tape & Bed, Patch Up Jobs, Accoustic & used police cars along Electric or natural Looking for a P/T Rep. only! Call Charlie or where she can be Painting, Small Concrete Jobs, Picket Fences, Bathroom conditioning-heating with other seized or gas wells to help cover your area. Hanks at 965-2471 reached, please call: Remodeling, Floor Tile, Sky lights, Car Ports, Garage Doors equipment. As low as \$59 a abandoned vehicles on (505)276-8500 Earn extra \$\$\$ by in-Pager 766-9342 (214)826-4555 806-385-3103 Littlefield, TX any time till 9 p.m month. Bad credit? Saturday, March 24, specting damage done Bankruptcy? No Problem! 2001, 10:00 A.M. at to roof & siding. Will WE WILL FINANCE YOU! Great oaks FOR SALE DEADLINES FOR CLASSIFIEDS FOR RENT Lubbock Wrecker Sertrain to write estimates Air America 791-1093 OR LEASE. from little vice, 3209 Slaton Road, Monday 5 PM for Thursday's issue and assess damages. SUSAN'S SCENTS IRRIGATED Lubbock, TX. Call 806-785-7663 acorns grow! Facts are facts! Thursday 5 PM for Sunday's issue 605 W. American Blvd. FARM. CALL M-F 8-5 pm (Cellular 2000 building) 806-891-2732. Strongly scented homemade candle AUTOMOBILE



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 3-2 Home, corner lot, floor furnace heat, fenced yd. \$25K!! HS-PRICE REDUCED – NICE 3-1-1 Home, Cent. Heat & Cent.

Evap. Air, built-ins, stor. bldg., fenced yd., MORE!! \$35.5K!!! HS8 • 3-1-1 Brick, Dual Fuel Heat Pump, DW, Disp., 4 fans, cov. patio, 2 stor. bldgs., fenced yd. \$34,500!! HS-3

 VERY NICE 3-1-1 Brick, Cent. A&H, 3 ceiling fans, stor. bldg., fenced vd. \$38K!! HS-5

 VERY NICE 2-1-1 Brick, Elec. Heat Pump, stove disp. fans, deck, fenced vd.; MORE!! \$32.5K!! HS-13

• 3-1-1 Brick, Cent. heat, evap. air, Dishwasher, fenced yd.! \$28K!!

• NICE 3-2 1/2-2 carport Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, 2650' + Lv. area, fans, storm windows & doors, new roof, cov. patio, concrete cellar, fenced yd. w/ add. 2 carport, large workshop, &

 VERY NICE 2-1 1/2-2 carport Mobile Home, Elec. Heat Pump, built-ins, nice carpet & vinyl, fans, storage bldg., fenced yd. MUCH MORE!! \$23.5K!! HS-9

RURAL

 PLEASANT VALLEY, Approx. 160 acres, 2 bdrm home, 1 bath, 2 car detached garage, on pavement!!

 W. of SUDAN-NICE 3-3-2 Brick Home, 5 acre tract on Hwy. 298, Cent. Air & Heat, built-ins, large Quonset Barn, MORE!!!! \$95K!!! PRICE REDUCES – 108 acres or 7 acre tract on Hwy. 70, approx. 2100' office area, 16,900' commercial bldg. w/loading dock, 3,400' warehouse, new well, 2,800' runway!!!

 3-2-1 Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, fenced yd., man, spklr., 300" stor. on .84 acre on pavement, edge of town !! \$40's!!

• PROGRESS-VERY NICE 3-2-2 Home on 21.8 acres on Hwy. 84, Elec. Heat Pump, built-ins, FP, 3 fans, 10 hp., sub. irrig. well,

undrgrd. tile, valves, & gated pipe!!! MORE!! \$55K !!! • EARTH – 4-2-2 carport home, Heat Purm, fans, storage-workshop!! \$35K

• 3 Bedroom 2 Bath Home at edge of town on pavement, .8 acre, wall furnace heat, evap. air, DW, FP, fenced yd., 20' x 24" gar./ shop w/loft stor,. 1 hp. dom. well!!! \$49,5000!!!

• VERY NICE 2-1-1 Brick on .7 acre at edge of town, Cent. A&H, built-ins, storm windows & doors, stor. bldg., travel trailer cover, MORE!!! \$50K!!

• 2-2-2 carport Mobile Home on 1.997 acres on pavement close to town, storage, 45' x 74' barn, pens, & fenced pasture!!



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- MORE!! \$38K!! HS-4



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