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A QUICK READ OF THE NEWS

Living in tight quarters

In a publicity gimmick that has generated genuine suspense, four Malaysians competing in an endurance test have lodged themselves in a car outside a shopping mall, battling boredom, body odor and bothersome pedestrians.

The radio-sponsored contest forces strangers to live together in a car parked in public until their sanity breaks. The last person to leave gets the vehicle.

Despite a hot spell, the rules also forbid them to shower or shave. But once every two days, they can brush their teeth and change clothes, except for their underwear.

Where's New Jersey?

The U.S. Postal Service is apologizing for leaving the Garden State out of the photo of the new "Greetings from America" stamps in its latest stamp collector's catalog.

The catalog photo contains two New York stamps and none for New Jersey. The actual set of 50 stamps covers every state. A flyer was mailed to collectors who would have received the catalog, and it includes a correct photo.

Employee of the month

Veterinarian Jim Rasmussen of Apple Valley, Minn., was forced into drastic measures after one of a zoo's Komodo dragons ingested a stuffed animal dropped by a visitor.

"I ended up putting my arm down his esophagus," Rasmussen said. Zoo officials were alerted when the dragon swallowed the toy about 15 minutes after one of the 130-pound dragon's two weekly feedings.



Drawing date: Wednesday, March 6
Winning numbers: 1-11-30-39-40-45
Estimated jackpot: \$4 million
Winners: 1
Next drawing: Saturday, March 9
Estimated jackpot: \$4 million

On this date in history

March 6 — Mexico's Gen. Santa Anna captures the Alamo after a 13-day siege; all defenders were killed (1836)

March 7 — The U.S. Supreme Court declares unconstitutional a Texas law prohibiting blacks from voting in Democratic Party primaries (1927).

March 9 — Fifty-five colonists from the Canary Islands establish Villa de San Fernando, later to become part of San Antonio (1836).

LOCAL WEATHER

Aside from an expectation of wind on Sunday, the National Weather Service is predicting a nice week for the area. High temperatures are expected to reach at least the mid-60s every day, and could climb to 75 on Wednesday. Morning lows also should be comparatively moderate, with the exception of about 27 early Monday. Look for partly cloudy skies, sunnier Wednesday.

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Six Mules gain notches on all-district list

By **DELTON WILHITE**
Journal sportswriter

Mules Lincoln Riley and Landon Sheets have been selected for the District 2-3A all-district team, with D.J. Domínguez, Kyle Atwood and Brennan Broyles gaining honorable mentions.

"Lincoln (Riley) was our go-to guy this season, and he averaged 17.4 points and

8.2 rebounds per game," Mule coach Ralph Mason said. "He was our best free-throw shooter, averaging 65.5 per cent from the line."

"Landon (Sheets) made 56 three-pointers and averaged 13.4 points and pulled down 4.5 rebounds. He was not afraid to shoot the ball and wore out the net in practice. I am looking forward to having

him next year, with more confidence in his shot."

"D.J. Domínguez averaged making 33 per cent of his shots from behind the arc and gave us 11.2 points and 5.5 rebounds per game," Mason continued. "Brennan Broyles was probably our most improved

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Sheriff's race highlighting Tuesday vote

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

With the Republican sheriff's race being the only contested in Tuesday's primaries, not a lot of interest has been generated.

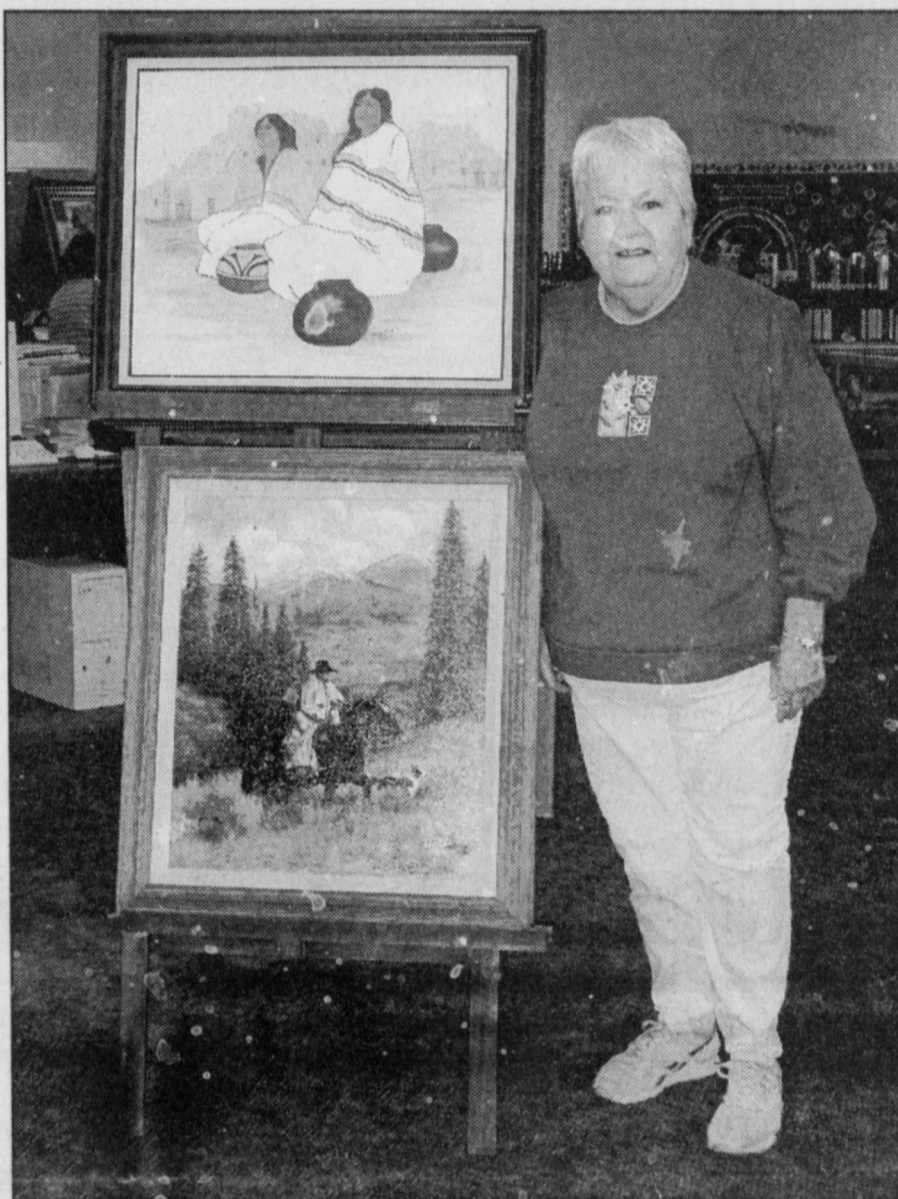
Incumbent Sheriff Ron Kemp, appointed to fill out a term, is a career veteran of the Albuquerque Police Department. His challenger, Muleshoe Police Officer Richard Wills, says he would bring a sense of intense community commitment to the job.

Republicans vote at the Earl Ladd Fire Station, while Democrats will be by voting precinct. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Democratic sites will be:

- Precinct 1 — courthouse;
- Precinct 2 — Bailey County Coliseum;
- Precinct 3 — Three Way School;

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Journal photo: Beatrice Morin

Artist being honored

The Muleshoe Art Association's artist of the month for March-April, Beth Martin of Littlefield, shows off some of her paintings that are on display at Muleshoe Public Library. Each month a member of the association is honored with an exhibit at the library.

New Mexico may approve disputed dairy permit

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

CLOVIS — New Mexico Environment Department staff recommended at a hearing Wednesday night that a discharge permit be approved for a dairy being protested by a local citizens' group.

Sarah McGrath, a department geologist overseeing on-site compliance for the project, said extra conditions have been included in

the draft permit in response to issues raised by Concerned Citizens for Clean Water.

These would include a fourth monitoring well to gauge pollution from the dairy and an added soil test to monitor salt in the ground.

Attorneys for the parties have 30 days for post-hearing submissions, then Environment Secretary Pete Maggiore has 30 days to decide.

EDC backs \$100,000 for Progress dairy

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The board of the Muleshoe Economic Development Corp. voted Thursday to offer a \$100,000 loan to a dairy proposed near Progress.

As with previous incentives offered to dairies, the

loan will be forgiven over a three-year period if the dairy remains in business.

The project, reportedly permitted for 3,200 head, is being developed by Stanley Jones and Joel Shearer, the

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Low-flying helicopter will be photographing Xcel utility structures

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Muleshoe-area residents should be aware that Xcel Energy is using a low-flying helicopter to map its electricity transmission system.

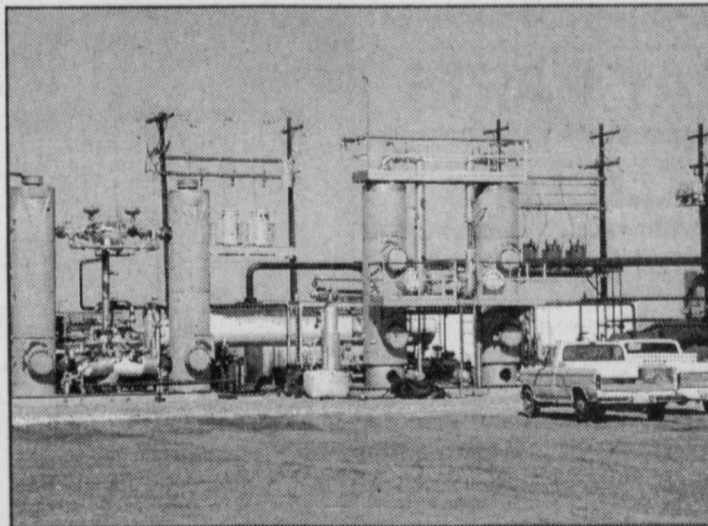
The chopper, equipped with a video camera, will be utilized to photograph substations and the tallest overhead lines on the South Plains.

The flights will continue over the next several weeks. The aircraft flies at 150 to 200 feet above the utility lines; it is black and white with the identifier N160RC on its cabin.

A camera under the front of the cabin digitally videotapes the lines, power interchanges and substations.

"Information from these flights may help us restore service more quickly after storm damage," said Milton Rasberry, the company's director for Texas and New Mexico field operations.

The pilot on the flights also reports to Xcel daily on any maintenance needs he sees, Rasberry said.



Journal photo: Marshall Stinnett

Online CO₂

CO₂ Services' Canaan Plant west of Muleshoe furnishes carbon dioxide for bottling plants and dry ice for beef packers across an area from El Paso to Colorado and Wyoming. A spokesman described the plant, which opened last year, as "like a big refrigerator" where gas is turned into liquid (actually a powdery substance) with a temperature of minus 110 degrees F.

Lazbuddie man dies in accident

John Mitchell, 54, of Lazbuddie was killed in a traffic accident Thursday near Clay's Corner.

The Parmer County Sheriff's Office referred calls to the Department of Public Safety's Hereford office, which declined to provide any information about the accident.

Funeral services were held Saturday morning.

State sets boll weevil assessment

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

ABILENE — The Texas Department of Agriculture has established the 2002 assessment rate, due date and discount date for the Northwest Plains Zone of the boll weevil eradication program.

The assessment is \$5 per dryland acre and \$12 per irrigated acre.

Growers with failed acres are eligible to receive a credit on any acres completely destroyed prior to the final certification date.

Qualifying failed acres must remain free of all hostable cotton until a killing freeze in order to receive the credit.

Assessment notices will be mailed by Aug. 21, and payment is due by Sept. 25.

Growers who pay by Sept. 10 are eligible for a 2 percent discount.

AROUND MULESHOE

Community Action to hold vote

South Plains Community Action Association will elect an alternate board member March 18-22.

Anyone interested in applying for a place on the ballot may do so by contacting Janie Posadas or Leonor Arrieta at 804 W. American Blvd. The deadline is noon March 15.

Voting will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the address above. More information is available by calling Posadas or Arrieta at 272-7537.

Soup and Sandwich Luncheon set

A "Focus on the Family" video featuring teacher-historian Ray Vander Laan will be shown at this month's Soup and Sandwich Luncheon from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday at 16th and D Church of Christ.

Vander Laan visits the Mount of Olives to explain Jesus' choice of the time, place and message of Passion week. The public is invited; the meal is always offered on a free-will donation basis.

More information is available by calling 272-4619.

Lazbuddie Shoot-Out scheduled

The parents of Lazbuddie High School seniors have scheduled a 3-on-3 basketball festival for April 12-13 in

the high school gymnasium.

The entry fee per four-member team is \$50. There will be elementary, junior high, high school, adult and coed (two men, two women) divisions.

The entry deadline is April 3. Play begins at 4 p.m. Friday and resumes at 8 a.m. Saturday.

More information is available by contacting the school at 965-2152 or P.O. Box 9, Lazbuddie 79053; Debbie Weir at 965-2302; or Sarah Black at 965-2149.

Public calendar

March 11 — 7 p.m. Muleshoe Athletic Booster Club, in the science room at the high school. Agenda will include upcoming track meets to be held in Muleshoe.

March 15 — 7:30 p.m. "Mortgage Relief Seminar" at First Assembly of God, 521 S. First. Details: 272-3017.

March 16 — 9 a.m. "Mortgage Relief Seminar" at First Assembly of God, 521 S. First. Information: 272-3017.

March 19 — 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Second sign-up for Muleshoe Little League, Watson Junior High gymnasium. Players must be 6 by July 31 and no older than 12 on July 31. Parents must present birth certificate and \$25 fee for each child. Details: Leslie Kerby, 272-5153.

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team behind J&S Dairy.

Before making the motion, board member Max King said, "We've given people \$50,000 and they've put in 1,200 head."

The offer now must be OK'd by the city council.

In other business, the board turned down a request from M-Pyre Auto Sales, saying that the proposal would not expand either the

tax base or local employment — prime elements in the EDC mission.

Board members also agreed to have their terms extended to October after City Manager David Brunson pointed out that the corporations bylaws state that board members should be named in October, not March as has been the practice.

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Labels Can Sometimes Be Confusing

Sometimes labels can be confusing.

In the grocery store, "low fat," "lite," and "fat free" do not mean the same things.

My Diet Coke can is labeled with a "nutrition fact" box. I know the law requires that label, but I also know that nutrition is the last thing on my mind when I want a Diet Coke. For that matter, it's the last thing on my mind when I want a Big Mac or Quarter Pounder with Cheese at McDonald's. I

make you drowsy, it's so good at it that it is also marketed as a sleep aid. Fine. Except that not only can labels be confusing, they can be dangerous. I wonder how many folks overdose by taking a dose of antihistamine and a dose of Tylenol P.M. at the same time and unwittingly double dip? Neither label helps much.

Labels. They can be frustrating and silly, confusing and dangerous.

Nowhere are labels more confusing than on church signs.

For example, in my own religious heritage are three groups with exactly the same roots. Though this was not what our forefathers intended, now each group worships under its own sign—Church of Christ, Christian Church (independent), or Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). In the North, the names Church of Christ and Christian Church are used pretty interchangeably. Horrors! Imagine the difficulty! You might actually stumble into worshipping with someone across the denominational fence from you!

I'm not picking on anyone, but Baptists have the same problem. Southern, Free Will, Primitive, etc.

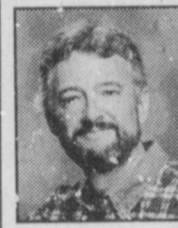
So do Methodists. United, Cumberland, Evangelical, etc. And so do Podiatrists. Lite, Fat-free, Non-fat, etc. Just kidding.

But I'm not kidding about this: If I were looking for a church, I'd look for one where the sign outside their building, genuinely worship under this sign:



It's the one that really matters.

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



Focus On Faith

Curtis Shelburne

couldn't care less about the fat content in the fries, though I care deeply about their taste. (I'm personally convinced that moderate amounts of just about any food you want to name won't hurt folks who have no malady mandating a restricted diet. I also know we Americans have a real problem with moderation.) But, if you want to worry about your fries at McDonald's, there's a "label" on the wall that will describe their fat content. There is, however, no label discussing how years of worry over such trivia will shorten your life and bore the people around you. Pass the salt.

Labels and more labels. At the pharmacy, Benadryl allergy medicine, "Sleep-eaze," and Tylenol P.M. all make you sleepy for the very same reason—they contain exactly the same amounts per capsule of diphenhydramine, antihistamine which not only might

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• Precinct 4 — Church of the Nazarene, 221 W. Ninth St.;

• Precinct 5 — Enochs Baptist Church;

• Precinct 6 — Needmore Community Center; and

• Precinct 7 — city hall.

Unopposed candidates all (incumbents) include Republicans Sherri Harrison, county clerk;

Donna Kirk, county treasurer; and Herman Morrison, justice of the peace; as well as Democrats Gordon Green, district judge; Marilyn Cox, county judge; Elaine Parker, district court clerk;

C.E. Grant, commissioner — Precinct 2; and Jerry Damron, commissioner — Precinct 4.

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player this year and played all positions for us."

"Kyle (Atwood) set a single-season record for assists this year with 264. He had double-digit assists in 13 games — 17 in two games — and was only our second player to ever be named to the Caprock all-tournament team."

Austin Sherman of Dimmitt was named the district's most valuable player.

Joining Sherman on the all-district roster from Dimmitt were Brent Josselet and Nicky Gauna.

Rounding out the team are Eric Morris, Kiel Kitch-

ens and Clay Christy of Shallowater along with Nathan McKinnon of Littlefield, Chris Thorne of Lubbock-Roosevelt and Darby Brown and Nathan Schon of Lubbock Cooper. A tie vote resulted in 11 players being named rather than the usual 10.

Mason also praised the other players on this year's edition of the Mules.

"Stephan Shelburne gave us some big buckets during the season and really stepped up his rebounding as the season went along. Luis Sanchez's confidence grew in his abilities as the season progressed and he

knocked down some big shots for us when the other teams did not respect his shooting.

James Hancock and Chance Turney gave us quality minutes and always worked hard in practice."

Mason concluded by saying, "I am already looking forward to next year with Sheets, Broyles and

Sánchez returning for us, and we will have several coming up from the junior varsity. We will probably try to turn it up a notch by pressuring teams all over the floor and try to score in transition."

"Early in the season we may throw the ball through the wall a few times, but we should be fun to watch."

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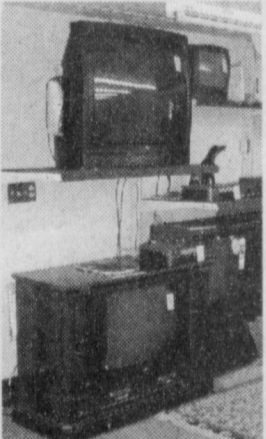
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José, Emily still favorite baby names in Texas

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Texans had more babies in 2000 than in any other year since the state began recording births in 1903.

A total of 363,325 babies were born, according to the Bureau of Vital Statistics at the Texas Department of Health — a 4.1 percent increase from 1999. The rate in 2000 was 17.9 births per 1,000 population compared with 17.5 births per 1,000 population in 1999.

For the third straight year, the names José and Emily are the most popular names for all Texas children born in the year 2000.

José also leads the list of most popular boy names for

Hispanic infants, while Ashley is the favorite for Hispanic girls. For African-American infants, the names Joshua and Jasmine were most often selected, and for Anglo children, Jacob and Hannah.

The list is tabulated using the exact spelling of infant names listed on birth certificates.

These names probably will be heard for a long time: Overall life expectancy for an infant born in Texas in 2000, according to the Health Department, was 76.7 years — 73.8 years for a male infant and 79.5 years for a female.

Other popular names for babies, by category, were:

Overall

- No. 2 — Jacob for boys, Ashley for girls.
- No. 3 — Michael for boys, Hannah for girls.
- No. 4 — Joshua for boys, Madison for girls.
- No. 5 — Christopher for boys, Alexis for girls.
- No. 6 — Daniel for boys, Samantha for girls.
- No. 7 — Matthew for boys, Alyssa for girls.
- No. 8 — David for boys, Brianna for girls.
- No. 9 — Juan for boys, Jessica for girls.
- No. 10 — Jonathan for boys, Sarah for girls.

Hispanics

- No. 2 — Juan for boys, Jennifer for girls.
- No. 3 — Luis for boys, Maria for girls.
- No. 4 — Daniel for boys, Samantha for girls.

- No. 5 — Jesús for boys, Emily for girls.
 - No. 6 — Jonathan for boys, Victoria for girls.
 - No. 7 — David for boys, Brianna for girls.
 - No. 8 — Christopher for boys, Alexis for girls.
 - No. 9 — Carlos for boys, Alyssa for girls.
 - No. 10 — Angel for boys, Jacqueline for girls.
- ### African-Americans
- No. 2 — Christopher for boys, Kayla for girls.
 - No. 3 — Jordan for boys, Taylor for girls.
 - No. 4 — Cameron for boys, Destiny for girls.
 - No. 5 — Michael for boys, Alexis for girls.
 - No. 6 — Isaiah for boys, Jada for girls.
 - No. 7 — Christian for boys, Brianna for girls.
 - No. 8 — Anthony for boys,

- Diamond for girls.
 - No. 9 — Jalen for boys, Kennedy for girls.
 - No. 10 — Xavier for boys, Kiara for girls.
- ### Anglos
- (Includes "other" and "unknown" race/ethnicity.)
- No. 2 — Michael for boys, Madison for girls.
 - No. 3 — Matthew for boys, Emily for girls.
 - No. 4 — Joshua for boys, Sarah for girls.
 - No. 5 — William for boys, Lauren for girls.
 - No. 6 — Zachary for boys, Taylor for girls.
 - No. 7 — Andrew for boys, Ashley for girls.
 - No. 8 — John for boys, Alyssa for girls.
 - No. 9 — Ryan for boys, Elizabeth for girls.
 - No. 10 — Tyler for boys, and Abigail for girls.

Specialist: Canned, frozen vegetables are healthy, too

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

COLLEGE STATION — Getting more healthy vegetables into the diet may be just a can opener away.

"Canned and frozen vegetables are nutritious," said Jenna Anding, Texas Cooperative Extension nutrition specialist. "They are naturally low in fat unless packaged in butter, cream sauces or with fat-containing foods."

And although some canned vegetables also contain salt, "low-salt products are available," she added.

In fact, using canned or frozen vegetables could be the easiest way of getting more produce in the diet. "Canned or frozen vegetables can often be substituted for fresh produce if fresh vegetables are not in season or are poor in quality," Anding said.

So don't worry if your vegetables came from a can or the freezer, but do learn the best way to use them for maximum benefit to health and budget.

For example, Anding said, substituting generic brands for name brands can save money without negatively impacting health.

"While it may be easy to spot the brand names," she

said, "don't forget about the store and generic brands of vegetables. They often taste just as good as the national brands and usually cost less."

Anding also offered these suggestions:

- Learn the terms. "A vegetable that is packed whole often will cost more than the same vegetable that is packed cut, diced or chopped," she said. "This is because the vegetables that are packed whole are specially chosen for their appearance. To save money, choose cut or chopped vegetables instead of whole, especially when the vegetable is planned for use in casseroles, soups or stews."

• For best quality, canned foods should be stored at no more than 75 F and should be used within a year of purchase (unless the date on the can specifies otherwise).

• Be careful when buying canned foods. "Do not buy or use cans that are bulging or leaking," Anding warned, because the food inside may be contaminated.

She also warned against buying cans that are dented "because small pinholes may accompany the dents."

• After the can is opened, refrigerate any leftovers in glass or plastic containers and use them within three days.

• Store frozen vegetables

at 0 F or lower. These foods will usually keep for eight to 12 months.

• Frozen vegetables that have thawed and been refrozen often are found in misshapen packages with ice crystals on the outside. "They are usually safe to eat, but the quality likely will be reduced," Anding said.

• Do not buy limp or wet packages of frozen vegetables.

• Once the package is opened and thawed, store leftovers in the refrigerator and use within three days. "If you wish to use only part of a package, be sure to return the unused vegetables back to the freezer before they thaw," Anding

said.

More information is available by asking a county agent for "Canned and Frozen Vegetables: Getting the Most Nutrition for Your Money" (Extension publication E-35).

OBITUARIES

JAMES A. ROBERTSON

Services were held Friday at the Lariat Church of Christ for James A. Robertson, 82, of West Camp. Sam Billingsley officiated. Burial was in Oklahoma Lane Cemetery.

Ellis Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Mr. Robertson was born Dec. 26, 1919, at Myrtle Springs, Texas. He died Wednesday at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

He married Alma A. Stancell on Aug. 28, 1941, in Clovis.

He moved to the West Camp area from the Fairview area in the early 1940s. He graduated from Farwell High School.

He was a veteran of the 79th Airborne Squadron of the U.S. Army Air Corps in World War II.

He was a farmer and also worked during ginning season for the Beck Gin Co. until it closed, and then for the West Camp Gin Co.

Mr. Robertson is survived by his wife; a son and daughter-in-law, James Dudley and Shary Robertson of Woodward, Okla.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Anne Claudette and Michael Smith of Slaton and Janie Laurene and James Perryman of Lexington, N.C.; a sister, Virginia Ruth DeLano of El Paso; nine grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to a favorite charity.

JOHN L. MITCHELL

Services were held Satur-

day morning at the First Baptist Church of Lazbuddie for John L. Mitchell, 54, of Lazbuddie. The Rev. Jim Watson officiated. Burial was in Lazbuddie Cemetery.

Ellis Funeral Home of Muleshoe handled arrangements.

Mr. Mitchell was born Jan. 19, 1948, in Littlefield. He died Thursday at Lazbuddie.

He had been a resident of Lazbuddie since 1957, when he moved there from Olton, and was a graduate of Lazbuddie High School.

He was a farmer and a U.S. Army veteran of the

Vietnam War.

Mr. Mitchell is survived by a son, Scott Mitchell of Lubbock; a stepson, Laramie Wood of Lazbuddie; a sister, Jan Brill of Canton, Texas; a granddaughter, Mackenzie Elledge; and a special friend, Maggie Cook of Odessa.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Shonda Lynn Elledge, on Sept. 14, 1993, and a granddaughter, Chezney Mitchell, on Dec. 16, 1989.

The family suggests memorials to Cal Farley's Boys' Ranch (600 W. 11th St., Amarillo 79101).

TOPS NEWS

The TOPS No. 34 meeting on March 7 was presided over by leader Lavern James at the usual site.

James was re-elected as co-leader. Elaine Coburn was elected secretary and Polly Otwell as treasurer.

Joline Franklin, the only appointed officer, was re-appointed by James to write the club news for the *Muleshoe Journal* and Channel 6 as she has for several years.

The officers will be installed at the March 14 regular meeting.

Coburn led the TOPS song as the other members joined in.

The previous week's minutes were presented by Otwell and approved as read.

Both weekly and monthly reports were presented by weight recorders Linda White and Alene Bryant.

Eleven members were present for the weigh-in, and Otwell was named the best loser. Coburn was the first runner-up and Molly Davis, the second runner-up.

TOPS No. 34 will have its next meeting at 4:30 p.m. March 14 at the usual site. Visitors are welcome.



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If your pockets seem empty, Pisces, it could be that you haven't been as thrifty as you hoped. Perhaps birthday riches will come your way next week when you wish on your candles.

Aries — March 21/April 20
There's no use trying to knock down a brick wall with just your hands, Aries, you're going to need a little help with that important obstacle. Cancer lends a helping hand.

Taurus — April 21/May 21
You've got a spring in your step, Taurus, and it could be due to that new relationship which is blossoming. Expect some good fortune to arrive in your wallet as well.

Gemini — May 22/June 21
Spent another all-nighter worrying about work issues? Don't let your job take up more than its necessary share of your day. This is an unhealthy way to live so make a change soon.

Cancer — June 22/July 22
You have plenty of plans and ambitions, yet few resources to make the dreams a reality. It's best if you start seeking assistance in influential places. Consult Scorpio for some expertise.

Leo — July 23/August 23
A visit to the doctor has you upset, but there's no need to be, Leo. You are making a mountain out of a molehill. Do some Internet research and ask around — you'll get find some clarity.

Virgo — Aug 24/Sept 22
Sometimes it seems like life is just passing you by, right Virgo? It's fine time you stop watching the train scot by and climb aboard. Cancer takes the ride, too.

Libra — Sept 23/Oct 23
A new business venture has you seeing green — profits that is, Libra. Yet, all is not what it seems, so don't rush into anything just yet. Concentrate on some research before investing.

Scorpio — Oct 24/Nov 22
As usual, in your quest to be "the best" you've taken on more than you can handle, Scorpio. You may just have to give in to defeat for once. Forget about extra work on Monday.

Sagittarius — Nov 23/Dec 21
You've taken a gamble on that attractive stranger and now you're ready to see if this person is the one. If you don't find a connection by Thursday, it might be best to throw this one back and keep fishing.

Capricorn — Dec 22/Jan 20
Someone close to you is giving you bad vibes this week, Capricorn. Trust your intuition but don't make any rash moves. Ask Virgo for a second opinion. Make time for fun on Wednesday.

Aquarius — Jan 21/Feb 18
After a bit of consideration, you've decided to play "the wanderer" for a while. An extended vacation or just a time for reflection seems best. Make this a solo trip to really reap the benefits.

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Sweethearts

Beta Sigma Phi's local Valentine sweethearts are Valinda Miller (left) representing Alpha Zeta Pi Chapter and Annette Bonds representing Xi Omicron Xi Chapter. They were honored Feb. 9 at the Muleshoe Country Club at a Valentine dance involving those two chapters along with Preceptor Zeta Rho. A door prize (dinner for two at The Roosevelt in Portales) was won by Bryan and Angela Morris.

Field day planned at vineyard

PLAINS — A field day is planned for April 12 at the Newsom Vineyard near Plains.

Sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension and the vineyard, the Newsom Vineyard Grape Day will run from 9 a.m. to about 2 p.m.

The vineyard is five miles north of Plains on Texas

214. Ed Hellman, Extension viticulture specialist based at Lubbock, and Ashley Basinger of Texas Tech will discuss deficit irrigation strategies for grape production. Neal Newsom will talk about vineyard equipment.

The event is free. RSVP to (806) 456-6877 for the free lunch.

Blacks in study die of heart failure less than whites

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL
HOUSTON — Fewer African Americans than whites may die of heart failure if both groups have equal access to health care, according to a Baylor College of Medicine study.

"It is commonly assumed that poor access to care and lack of follow-up contribute to differences between blacks and whites in outcomes for congestive heart failure," said Dr. Anita Deswal, professor of medicine at Baylor.

"However, when you take access to care out of the equation, blacks actually die of heart failure at a lesser rate than whites," she said.

In recent years, blacks have become a target of heart-disease awareness campaigns by advocacy groups such as the American Heart Association. The ethnic group is considered to be at higher risk for heart disease than whites — black men die of cardiovascular disease

at a rate 50 percent higher than white men, and black women at a rate of 65 percent higher than white women.

However, Baylor researchers found that blacks with congestive heart failure had a better 30-day survival after admission, as well as better one-year survival after leaving the hospital.

A year after discharge 23.9 percent of whites and 20.7 percent of blacks had died. The study tracked 22,000 patients with congestive heart failure — 17,000 whites and 5,000 blacks — for two years.

"The results were definitely a surprise to us," said Deswal, principal investigator of the study. "Future studies will provide more insight into reasons behind the difference in mortality, particularly the specific causes of congestive heart failure in individual cases."

Nearly five million Americans are living with congestive heart failure,

with 550,000 new cases diagnosed each year.

The disease weakens the heart, so that it cannot pump enough blood to the lungs and the rest of the body. Usually the heart has been weakened over time by an underlying problem, such as clogged arteries and high blood pressure.

The study collected data from heart-failure patients at Veterans Affairs hospitals nationwide. VA hospitals are considered equal-access care settings because patients do not need health insurance to receive treatment.

"However, even in an 'equal access' setting of the VA, blacks appear to have a greater dependency on episodic or fragmented care, such as going to the emergency room," Deswal said.

The study advocated developing strategies to better coordinate the out-patient care in blacks with congestive heart failure in order to improve the quality of their care and reduce the number of emergency-

room visits or hospitalizations.



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NURSING HOME NEWS

By Joy Stancell

Florence Harvey celebrated her birthday March 2.

Ruby Garner visited Park View on Friday.

Joyce Morrison, Leonard Kerr and Elva Marts are Park View's newest residents.

Kathrine Rogers was surprised by a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harper on Friday.

Wednesday morning Harold and Mary Jo Burge and Loyce Killingsworth served coffee and doughnuts to the residents at coffee time. Brady Mason and Janis Cowley directed the singspiration time; Jim Claunch was a special guest.

Glenda Jennings and Billy Bob (the puppet) directed the Wednesday afternoon sing-along in the day room and special-care unit.

Sheriff Ron Kemp, Glenda Jennings and Billy Bob (the puppet) participated in our Toast to Texas on Monday afternoon. Aline Locke helped prepare the hot yeast rolls served at the event.

Tuesday morning, Judy

Hubbard directed a music devotional in the day room and special-care unit.

Claudine Embry, Pat Watson, Mary Jo Burge, Beverly Wagnon and Eva Nell Dale came Tuesday to shampoo and set the women's hair. Norma Eaves provided nail care.

Alda Odom returned to Park View on Saturday after being in the local hospital. She received a visit from Sue Holt on Tuesday.

The family of Beulah Harper visited Park View on Friday and presented the residents a large bouquet of roses.

Joe Embry, Harold Burge and Elsie Damron were among those visiting Park View on Tuesday.

Ozell Cherry attended the memorial service for her brother, Elmo Owens, Monday afternoon.

Zona Gatewood and Janis Cowley directed a devotional in the day room and special-care unit.

Friday afternoon, Harold and

Avis Carpenter provided musical entertainment.

Harold and Mary Jo Burge, Melvin and Wanda Griffin and Iris Clements directed the bingo bash Saturday afternoon.

Members of the Muleshoe Church of Christ directed a Communion service Sunday morning.

Harold Burge taught the Bible study Sunday morning.

The Rev. Brad Reeves and members of First United Methodist Church came for a church and Communion service Sunday.

Members of Calvary Baptist Church came Sunday afternoon for church services.

Melvin Griffin participated

in the birthday party activities Thursday.

The young people and their teachers from Calvary Baptist Church made a silk flower arrangement for each resident's room and delivered them Sunday.

Residents having birthdays in March are Florence Harvey (March 3, 1911; Andy Hernández (March 6, 1924); Nettie Quesberry (March 7, 1903); and Dovie Matthews (March 30, 1904).

The March birthday party is scheduled for 3 p.m. March 28.

Park View's residents and staff express sympathy to the family Elmo Owens.

Visitors to Park View are

asked to sign the guest book in the lobby. Each visit is appreciated and should be acknowledged.

I would appreciate your vote for Parmer County Commissioner Precinct 4 in the Republican Primary.

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ROTARY NEWS

The Muleshoe Rotary Club met Feb. 26 at the Bailey County Coliseum. President Wanda Hooten presided.

Bill Saxton led the prayer, and Don Carter led the Pledge of Allegiance. Brad Reeves led the club in singing "God Bless America."

Members welcomed Norma Pérez, visiting with Janet Claborn. Rotary sweetheart Candace Hutto introduced Elizabeth Castorena and Stephan Shelburne, students of the month. They were presented honorary certificates of membership.

The club officially welcomed Tim McCormick as a new member, presenting him with a membership certificate and lapel pin.

Jean Petty was in charge of the week's program. She invited Dana Wright, a counselor in the Muleshoe School District, to speak on the Character Counts! program implemented in the district. After presenting an overview, she introduced students Brady Broyles, Jami Wedel, Jodi Hawkins, Lilia Flores, Stacy Mata and Bryan King, who

spoke about the program.

In charge of the next three programs were Brad Reeves (March 5), Bruce Purdy (March 12) and Katherine Schraeder (March 19).

Hooten reminded members that the Membership Challenge is approaching its final month. Members are encouraged to seek out people who might be interested in joining Rotary.

The week's Hunger Plus winner was Jim Bone, who adjourned the meeting by leading members in Rotary's Four Way Test.

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Technique studied for macular degeneration

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SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL
HOUSTON — A drug therapy that blocks new blood-vessel growth is under investigation at Baylor College of Medicine as a treatment for age-related macular degeneration, a progressive disorder that may lead to loss of central vision.

"The potential for this treatment is vast," said Dr. William F. Mieler, a professor of ophthalmology at Baylor College of Medicine and principal investigator on the study.

"The medication used in this study may be of benefit for patients who otherwise might have no other choice but to live with the life-altering effects of this disease," Mieler said.

The disease is the leading cause of visual impairment in patients beyond age 60. In many cases, the vision loss is due to the

"wet" form of the disease that causes abnormal blood-vessel growth in the retina.

The study involves injecting anti-vascular endothelial growth factor agent into the vitreous, a jelly-like substance that fills the inside of the eye.

Earlier studies have shown that the growth factor stimulates blood-vessel growth. The anti-growth agent employed in this study blocks the growth of blood vessels, which should limit development of scar tissue and preserve vision.

"We have to catch this disease process before scar tissue forms and causes irreversible damage to the eye," Mieler said. "This condition takes away the patient's central vision, making objects seem blurry or distorted. It makes completing routine tasks very

difficult, or even impossible."

The disease is caused by the deterioration of the central portion of the retina, the area known as the macula. The macula records images and transmits them via the optic nerve to the brain, controlling the ability to read, drive a car, recognize faces or colors and see objects in fine detail.

Thermal laser therapy and photodynamic therapy are used to treat age-related macular degeneration. These lasers are used to seal off blood vessel growth, and halt further degeneration.

"The problem with the thermal laser is that it can cause some damage to the retina," Mieler said. "So while patients treated with the laser are better off than patients who were not treated, the visual results are quite disappointing."

While photodynamic therapy is not as harmful to the retina, it only stabilizes vision or slows down the rate of impairment. About 15 percent of patients have better vision after the therapy.

Anti-growth factor therapy has been studied as a treatment for a wide range of diseases and has received recent publicity as a potential cancer therapy.

Eyetech Pharmaceutical is the sponsor of the study, which is the first to investigate the use of this agent in the eye.

During the treatment, doctors put anti-growth factor into the center of the eye in the vitreous cavity. The entire process takes less than five minutes and is done under a local anesthetic. The process must be repeated every six weeks during the first year.

More information is

available by calling (713) 798-3536.

Good management practices save time

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

COLLEGE STATION — In the whole world, with its infinite diversity of people, places and things — lifestyles, religions, cultures and creeds — the 24 hours in each day could be the only thing everyone has in common.

No one — no matter how healthy, wealthy or wise — gets more than that. It's in the management of those hours that our personal production is measured.

To get the most of that daily allotment of hours, Lynn White, a Texas Cooperative Extension family economics specialist, has a few suggestions.

First, she said, "you need to get a realistic idea of what you are doing with your time. Find out exactly what you are doing with your time, just like you find out what you are doing with your money."

One way to do that is to keep a time diary, White said, which will "give yourself a picture of how you are using your time. If you see you are spending time on certain things that are not giving you satisfaction, and you have a choice, you can decide how you spend it."

Make a personal 24-hour time log and chart, she said, and divide it into four categories:

- Work (job) activities, which include paid work and housework that supports the family;

- Work (personal) activities, which include going to meetings, shopping, spending time on hobbies or special interests, reading for growth and other activities done away from the job;

- Personal maintenance activities, such as eating, sleeping, getting ready for work and exercising; and

- Personal fun activities, such as going to movies, visiting with friends, reading for fun or playing sports.

Use this chart "for a few days or weeks to check how you tend to spend your time and spot changes that could make the greatest difference," White said. "Do you allow enough time to stay

healthy and be productive? Is more time used for some activities than you thought?"

Use this chart to help you determine ways to use time more productively.

"Check your chart and ask yourself how much time you are using for activities that produce results you value," White said. "Think about how valuable and how pressing the tasks are that you are planning to do. You aren't alone if you find yourself with a long list of pressing tasks with results you value and a long list of tasks that are not pressing and are of little value to you. It is easy to let important things slide until you are under pressure to get them done, and instead to do easy or enjoyable tasks that are not very important."

White suggested making a list of to-do items and labeling them:

- Things that are important but not urgent. (Now is the time to work on them, while there is time to be creative and study options.)

- Things that are urgent but not important. (It may be someone else's priority or something the doer is willing to bear the consequences for not doing, so mark it off the priority list.)

- Things that are not urgent but are so much fun. (Keep some time for renewal, relaxation and valued relationships.)

"We tend to spend most of our time on things that are urgent — and have major consequences if they are or are not done on time — because we waited until they became urgent to give them priority in our day," White said.

Time-management styles also can be reflected in an individual's tendency to be either right- or left-brained, White said.

"Left-brain dominant individuals concentrate on the job and do one thing at a time," she said. "They take time commitments and promptness seriously."

"Right-brained dominant people do many things at once, change plans often,

are easily distracted and interrupted and focus more on how they do the job (rather) than on the information needed for the job," White said.

"They think of time commitments as objectives to achieve, if possible. They are more committed to people and human relationships than to the jobs to be done," she added.

Determining which side of the brain dominates an individual's time-management style can help them make better use of their time, she said, by linking the person to tasks where they can be most productive.

"The way you manage your time can affect people with whom you work and interact, just as their time management can affect you," White said.

"Effective time management means deciding which activity should be done from all the possibilities available, and then doing it. It's a matter of setting priorities. Deciding which jobs are most important and working on those may be better than doing less important jobs, no matter how efficiently," White said.

More information on better ways to manage time is available in White's worksheet brochure, "Manage Your Time" (Extension publication B-6049).

Copies of this publication are available through county Extension agents, or can be downloaded from the website agpublications.tamu.edu/catalog/index.html Click on the link to Family and Personal Issues and then on the link to "Manage Your Time," which is available as a PDF file or can be ordered online.

White encourages feedback to county agents — family and consumer sciences. "Let your agent know if the tools are useful, whether or not you found ways to change your use of time to achieve the results you wanted and information you want to share about any problems encountered in using the tools."

HOSPITAL NEWS

Muleshoe Area Medical Center reports the following patient load:

Feb. 28 — Gwendol Lasiter, Alda V. Odom, Erica Peace, Joseph M. Rejino and Elmer R. Tharp.

March 1 — Sharon L. Menning, Alda V. Odom and Joseph M. Rejino.

March 2 — None reported.

March 3 — None reported.

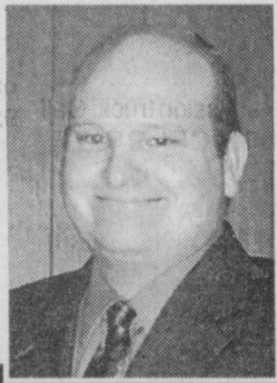
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March 6 — Virginia Corral, Gladys Kaltwasser, Montie A. McCallum, Abriana K. Mendoza, Jo Ann Mendoza, John Vaughn and Willie F. Williams.

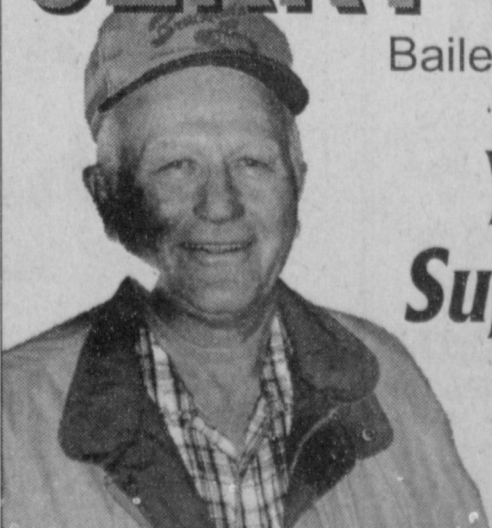
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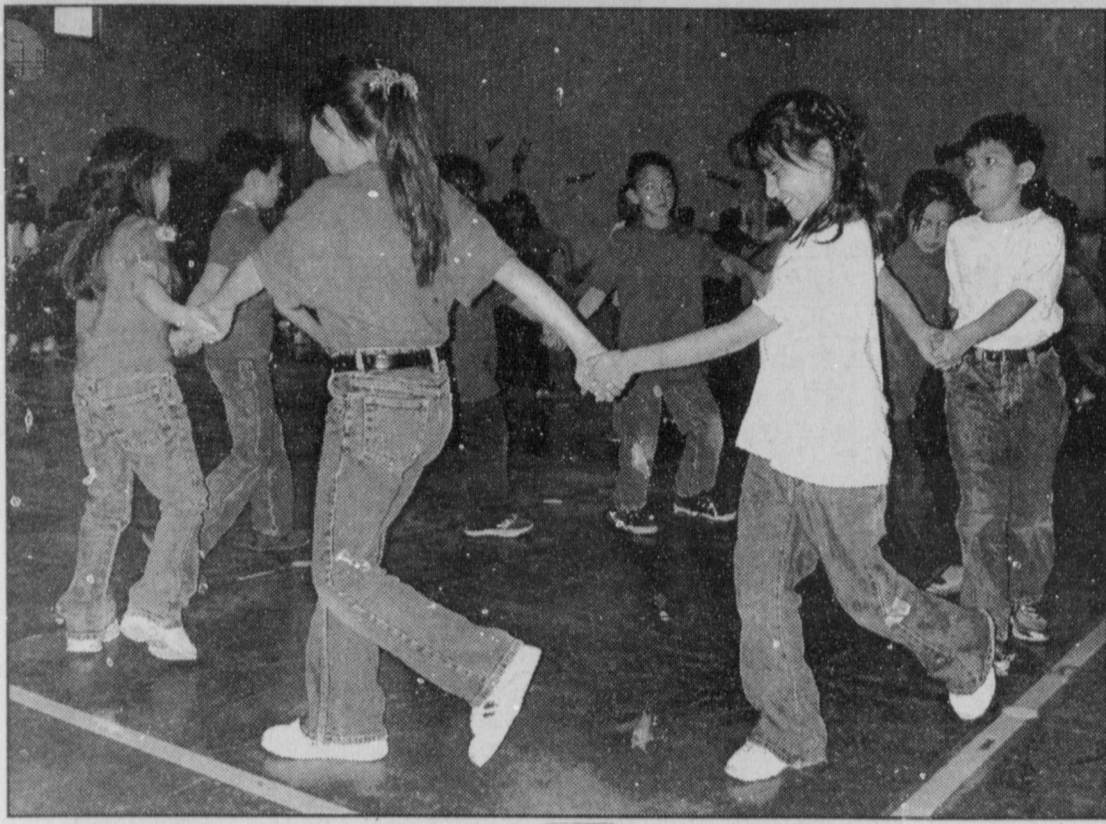
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Square dancing at last month's Muleshoe PTA meeting are (clockwise in circle, from left) Danielle Macias, Gilberto Simentai, Mateo Castillo, Michael Martínez, Marissa Olivas and Sofia Quezada.

Texas rangelands remain extremely dry

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL COLLEGE STATION

— Range conditions have been dry throughout Texas so far this year due to lack of rainfall, but this is normal for some regions of the state, Texas Cooperative Extension reports.

"We've been in an extended drought in our part of the state (west-central Texas) for years, probably since 1996 or so," said Scott Durham, district Extension director in San Angelo.

"Most rangelands could be characterized anywhere from poor to marginally fair condition," he said.

Durham said much of the grazing on rangelands is gone because of the severe drought in west Central Texas.

"Our livestock numbers are very low," Durham said. "We started culling animals and cutting back on our livestock numbers (in) about 1996, and we've been doing that every year since then. As we've been going along, we've been cutting livestock numbers, so we're at a very low number of livestock in the country."

The west-central area of the state has limited forage production on rangelands, and very limited forage production on improved pastures as well, Durham said.

Wheat, grown primarily for winter grazing, is in fairly decent condition this year because it received good fall moisture, he said.

"But we're back into a situation now where our wheat pastures are suffering moisture stress," Durham said. "The last significant amount of rain was received two months ago, which was 1 to 1 1/2 inches. Truthfully, that is not too unusual for this area."

Although there is no specific way to help the drought situation, the most important thing producers have been doing is reducing their livestock numbers and deferring pastures during the growing season, Durham said.

By lowering livestock numbers, producers are hoping the rangelands will have enough forage for the cattle that remain. That should provide some growth on those pastures

instead of grazing it all off, he said.

"This is a situation that's been going on for years in our part of the state, where we've been in an extended drought," Durham said. "Our producers have gone through years of reducing their animal numbers and managing for a drought. So it's nothing new."

Range conditions in Southwest Texas have been a concern as well.

"The region has not had an economically significant rain since mid-December, but the soil profile is moist due to excellent fall 2001 rain," said Joe Peña, Extension economist in Uvalde.

"Forage availability in South Central Texas would be rated as average, or slightly above for many parts — but not all — because some areas may be overgrazed," he said.

Peña said that while soil moisture and pasture/forage conditions are slightly above average in south-central and East Texas, West Texas remains very dry.

"The entire state, however, is still suffering from the lingering effect of very dry periods during four of the last six years since 1996," Peña said. "Farming recovers rather quickly from drought, but it takes a longer period for pastures/ranges to recover from an extended dry period."

Most Texas ranchers thinned their herds in 1996 because of a severe dry period and very weak markets, Peña said. While some restocking has occurred, south-central and South-west Texas remain at about half of their long-term stocking averages, he said.

Many other factors, such

as the use of wildlife resources on a fee basis, have influenced ranchers' decisions not to restock their cattle, he added.

"Although many do not realize their relationship, ranchers are really native forage farmers who market their product through livestock such as cattle, sheep, goats and fee-based wildlife resources such as hunting, recreation, ecotourism, etc.," Peña said. "So if forage availability is sparse as a result of the current and past dry period or the extended dry spell, they have to make adjustments, i.e., decide what they want to do, gradually restock if that is what they want to do or revise their plans for the use of forage resources."

Peña said excellent fall rainfall in the north-central, central, eastern and south-central parts of the state improves the feasibility of early planting, especially for dryland farmers.

"The good fall 2001 rainfall also improves the feasibility of small-grain production this spring, but we will need at least normal rain this spring," Peña said.

Conditions are much the same for Far West Texas.

Charles Neeb, district Extension director in Fort Stockton, said range conditions there continue to be very dry and livestock carrying capacities are at 10 percent to 15 percent.

Dry winds and no rain have caused drought conditions to continue for Reeves and Loving counties. Grass is short and winter weeds have prevailed.

Neeb said supplemental feeding is under way, but moisture is needed to help

TODAY'S RECIPE

CREAM OF BROCCOLI SOUP

- 1 10-oz. pkg. frozen chopped broccoli
- 6 Tbsp. butter
- 2 Tbsp. finely chopped onion
- 1/4 cup flour
- 1 cup chicken broth
- 2 cups light cream
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- Dash of pepper and nutmeg

Place the box of broccoli, standing on end, on glass or paper plate and microwave on high power for five to six minutes.

Set aside, unopened, for at least five minutes.

Combine the butter and onion in a glass casserole.

Microwave on high

power for one to two and a half minutes, or until butter is melted. Stir in the flour.

Slowly add broth, light cream and spices; stir until smooth.

Microwave on medium-high heat for four minutes.

Stir and continuing microwaving an additional four to five minutes or until slightly thickened.

Drain the box of broccoli, if necessary, and add broccoli to soup mixture.

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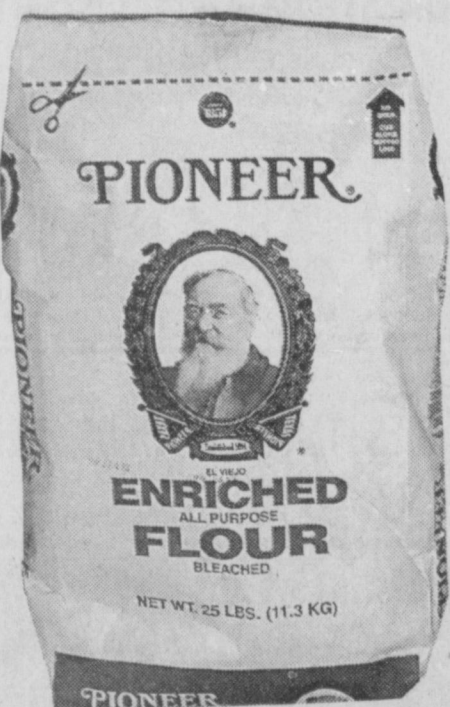
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