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A QUICK READ OF THE NEWS

No drugs allowed

A suspected drug dealer must not have had anywhere to stash his crack cocaine and marijuana, authorities said, so he brought it with him — to court.

When Duron Ford, 19, of Uniontown, Pa., had a court appearance on drug possession charges, officers approached him in the courthouse to serve a warrant on an unrelated case.

After 10 police officers corralled Ford in the hallway of the Fayette County courthouse, they found he was carrying about 2 grams of crack cocaine and some marijuana.

"We would hope that they have enough brain cells to know not to bring illicit drugs into the courthouse," said Ford's court-appointed attorney, Jeffrey Witeko.

Wallet back after 50 years

A San Francisco police officer who works at the same station where his grandfather worked more than 50 years ago got an unusual package in the mail recently.

It was his grandfather's wallet complete with identification, business cards and \$60. It arrived at the police station last week along with a letter from Robert Kupbens, a 79-year-old Tucson man.

The letter read: "Dear Sir, I found this wallet in a telephone booth in Bakersfield, California, in 1951 ... Much later I found the wallet in my personal gear and intended to send it to its owner but put it away and forgot about it in the following years because it was misplaced. Sorry it took so long to get this wallet to lost and found."



Drawing date: Wednesday, May 15 Winning numbers: 3-23-24-30-31-34 Estimated jackpot: \$22 million Winners: 1

Next drawing: Saturday, May 18 Estimated jackpot: \$4 million

On this date in history

May 15 — Tomás Sánchez founds Villa de Laredo (1755).

May 16 — The present Texas state capitol

opens (1888s). May 18 — The capitol building is dedi-

cated (1888)

May 19 — Indians attack Fort Parker, the children Cynthia Ann Parker and John Parker are taken captive (1836).

Also on May 19 — Rice Institute is founded (1891).

LOCAL WEATHER

Continued mild weather was Friday's forecast for the next several days, with morning lows in the mid-40s to low 50s. Wind may be a problem Tuesday. Expect a high near 80 on Sunday, then mid-80s from Monday through Thursday. Sunburn danger is very high through Monday, then becomes extreme.

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Missed your paper? Call carrier Yolanda Martínez at 272-4536 during business hours, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

School board approves pay increases

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The Muleshoe School Board approved payroll changes for several employees Monday night.

The added pay was mainly in the form of increased stipends for those who assume extra duties (such as coach or sponsor extracurricular activities). but also included \$500-ayear pay raises for teacher aides.

Superintendent Gene Sheets presented figures from various area school districts indicating that Muleshoe's starting pay for teacher aides was toward the lower end of the comparison, although the employee could eventually catch up after many years on the job.

Recommending the increase, he said, "They deserve it; they're very valuable in the classroom."

Increases (either in new positions covered or in higher stipends for positions formerly covered) include:

- \$1,000 for bilingual teachers;
- \$100 per contest for each UIL academic event attended (through the district level);
- \$1,000 for each high school cheerleader sponsor (up from \$750);
- \$750 for each junior see PAY on page 2



Journal photos: Beatrice Morin

Talk to the animals

Petting goats (above) at Dillman Elementary School's Western Day "Western Day" on Friday are Joseph Wallace (who doesn't seem too interested in the whole thing), Summer Sanders, Diana Salcido, Adrianne Precure, Ace Alvarez and De'Onte Walker. The students are from Michelle Strawn's and Cathy Ambriz's classes. At right, high school agriculture students Joel Cowart and Jodi Hawkins show kindergartner Elias Leal about grooming a pony. Looking on are kindergartner Rosa Andujo and teacher's aide Melody Thomason. A busy end-of school calendar includes the DeShazo awards assembly at 9 a.m. May 23, Circle of Champions (also DeShazo) at 8:30 a.m. May 24 and junior high awards assem-



Park View to get computer upgrade

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Park View nursing home soon will be operating with upgraded computers and new software, members of the Muleshoe Area Hospital District Board were told Thursday night.

Jim Bone, district administrator, said the company is not going to continue supporting the current system but is upgrading to Windows.

By sharing costs with an Olton nursing home, Bone said the local cost of the changeover should be about \$3,900.

He said the district also would need a new server for the computer system, but that an in-house computer consultant had recommended a server at a fraction of the cost of the company's recommendation.

In other Park View news, chief financial officer Sharon Novak said the facility still isn't paying its own way, housing

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Journal photo: Beatrice Morin

Serving up retirement

Aline Bryant (left), Jean Allison and Louise Clapp pass through the serving line Friday at 16th and D Church of Christ during a retirement luncheon for retiring teachers. Clapp was among those being honored.

Texas cattle to lose TB-free status around June 1

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

Texas livestock health officials are alerted producers that the U.S. Department of Agriculture will strip Texas of its "free" status for cattle tuberculosis eradication on or around June 1.

The TB status downgrade will mean that the 150,000 or more breeding cattle hauled out of Texas each year must have a negative tuberculosis skin test prior to being moved.

The USDA has placed a

moratorium on additional restrictions until at least next January, when the state's feeder cattle must be identified with official ear tags before being transported out of state.

"Since late February, we have worked with the USDA and cattle industry groups to prepare for the loss of Texas' TB-free status, which we initially thought would occur as early as April," explained Dr. Linda Logan, Texas' state veterinarian and executive direcCommission, the state's livestock health regulatory agency.

"This loss of status will have a great impact on the Texas have been tested, as officials livestock industry and, until producers are familiar with the process, it could slow the movement of breeding cattle out of the state," she said.

"The downgrade in TB status comes as a result of the diagnosis and subsequent depopulation of two TB-infected cattle herds during 2001," she

tor of the Texas Animal Health said. "Both infected herds were detected by slaughter-plant inspectors."

More than 130 other herds search for the origin of the outbreak, and where it may have spread. No other infected herds have been detected, and veterinary epidemiologists have been unable to pinpoint the source of infection.

"Federal regulations man-

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AROUND MULESHOE

Bamert heads school board again

Nick Bamert was re-elected president of the Muleshoe School Board after new members were sworn in Monday night.

Board member Cindy Purdy made a motion to elect Bamert by acclamation, which was done.

Members also elected Bruce Barrett as vice president, replacing Curtis Shelburne, and David Tipps as secretary, replacing Arnold Price.

New members, declared elected because they faced no opposition, were incumbents Bamert and Purdy, plus newcomer Rene Torres. They were sworn in by County Judge Marilyn Cox.

Campbell re-elected president

Tim "Buck" Campbell was re-elected president of the Muleshoe Area Hospital Board after new members were sworn in Thursday night.

Board member Mike Miller nominated Campbell.

Arline Phelps then nominated Miller for vice president, and new member Lary Hooten nominated Phelps for secretary.

New members declared elected because they faced no opposition are Miller, an incumbent, and Ronnie Dent, a newcomer. Hooten defeated Patsy Chance on May 4 for a seat on the board.

Chamber seeks vendors for Fourth

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce has rented the Bailey County Coliseum for a Fourth of July celebration, and is offering booth rentals at \$15.

Space is available to anyone wishing to show or sell their wares.

Vendors may set up their booths the evening of July 3 or the morning of July 4.

More informatin is available by calling Jan Thompson at 272-4248.

First Assembly holding revival

Muleshoe's First Assembly of God has scheduled a revival for May 19-22. Featured speaker will be the Rev. Kurtis Ivey of Elk City, Okla.

For almost two years, Ivey has traveled as an evangelist in South Dakota, Colorado, western and northern Texas, New Mexico, Nebraska and Oklahoma.

Prior to that, he served on the staff of Grandview Assembly of God in Elk City. He also served as youth pastor at Faith Temple Assembly of God in Dallas for two years while he attended Bible school in Waxahachie.

He began preaching at the age of 16, and while he was a member of a state-championship basketball team, the

coach was saved.

Services in Muleshoe are scheduled for 7 p.m. nightly,

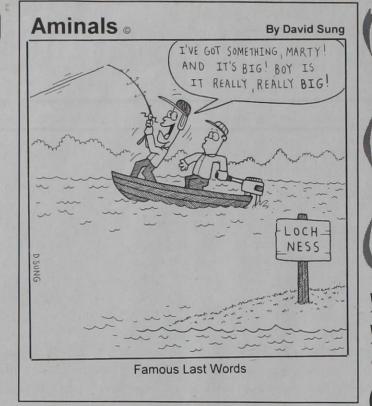
plus 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday.

More information is available by calling 272-3017.

Sheets begins series at 16th and D

Muleshoe School Superintendent Gene Sheets will teach a Sunday-morning Bible-study series beginning May 19.

The series will focus on Paul's "Letter to the Galatians,"



and is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. each Sunday throughout the summer and probably into the fall.

The public is welcome; the church is located at 1600 W. Avenue D.

More information is available by calling 272-4619.

Memorial Day service being planned

The annual Memorial Day service at Bailey County Cemetery is scheduled for 10 a.m. May 27 at the flagpole in the cemetery. Boy Scouts from Troop 620 — Matthew Richards, Cody Black and Christopher Ambriz — will conduct the flag ceremony under the direction of Scoutmaster Mike Richards.

Judge Glen Williams will speak.

All area American Legion and VFW members and their families are especially invited.

School news

Parents and others interested in activities in the Muleshoe Independent School District can learn about changes in the current week's activities by calling 272-7669. The information line is also updated for changes in the school schedule due to bad weather.

Public calendar

May 20 — 3 p.m. Muleshoe School Board, meeting in the board room to develop a five-year plan for the district.

May 21 — 8:30 a.m. Muleshoe City Council, in council chambers at city hall.

May 22 — 7 p.m. National Cotton Council meeting on the new farm bill, at Bailey County Coliseum.

May 30 — 2:30 p.m. Muleshoe schools dismiss for the summer.

June 3 — Mammograms available at Muleshoe Area Medical Center. Reservations required: (800) 377-4673.

June 8 — 1:30 p.m. Registration begins for the "Last Bash Reunion" at Three Way School. Catered dinner at 6 p.m., Ranch Dance Fiddle Band at 8 p.m.

The deadline for items in Around Muleshoe is 5 p.m. Monday for Thursday and 5 p.m. Thursday for Sunday.

Corn facility under construction at Friona

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

FRIONA — A groundbreaking ceremony was held earlier this month for a 110-car shuttle-train receiving facility just outside Friona.

The facility, designed primarily to handle yellow corn but adaptable to other commodities, is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

The facility is being built by Grain Suppliers LLC, a feed-grain partnership between Commodity Specialists Co. and the Harvest States division of CHS Cooperatives.

With a storage capacity of 880,000 bushels—about two shuttle trains' worth of grain—the facility's annual volume is estimated at 25 million bushels. The

Burlington Northern Santa Fe line will service the plant.

Rick Browne, Harvest States Grain Group senior vice president, "In today's increasingly competitive agricultural climate, it is critical to move grain from the producer to the consumer in the most efficient way possible. Facilities like this one are just one way to integrate the farm-to-table

system for maximum benefit to both buyers and sellers."

Todd and Sargent of Ames, Iowa, is serving as general contractor on the project. The company has a long-standing relationship with CHS Cooperatives, having served as general contractor for Harvest States flour mills in Pennsylvania and Wisconsin, as well as currently leading construction of a Minnesota soybean crushing plant.

HOSPITAL

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only 56 residents now while 64 would be required to break even.

Bone also announced that the district's Values in Action nominees for the quarter are Eileen Morton, Gail Hargrove and Luann Smith. The nominees' names are forwarded to Covenant Health Systems in Lubbock, and they are to be honored there at noon Wednesday.

The board approved allowing the district to apply for another state tobaccofund grant, and Bone said the application would have to be submitted before the next board meeting.

The district got one grant from the fund to pay for a

new in-house phone system, but the last two applications were unsuccessful. Miller asked "Did they

Miller asked, "Did they give a reason why they didn't want to do it for the X-ray system?"

Bone said that in that round, the state awarded about \$900,000 with applications for \$17 million.

The board also authorized a list of people to sign checks for the district.

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date a loss of TB-free status when a state has two or more infected herds disclosed within a 48-month period. Texas will move from the TB-free status it has held since November 2000, to modified accredited advanced status, the second-highest rung in an international five-tier ranking system for cattle TB eradica-

tion," Logan said.

She said it will take at least two years without an infected herd for Texas to regain the TB-free status enjoyed by all other states except Michigan.

The loss of status will immediately affect producers who move or sell breeding cattle out of state, Logan explained.

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high cheerleader sponsor (up from \$375);

• \$50 for each teacher participating in elementary and junior high UIL events;

• \$500 to John Gulley in the Spanish program;

• \$1,000 (up from \$500) for a third assistant basketball coach and assistant track coach at the high school; and

• \$1,000 (up from \$500) for the head golf coach, two head tennis coaches (high school and junior high) and four head cross country coaches (girls' and boys' at the high school and junior high).

I wish to express special thanks to Alfonso Posadas for his help during the prayer luncheon and also for his friendship to our family over the years.

Victor Leal

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willfully, knowingly, and unrepentantly opened and tore up some mail the other day that wasn't mine. Call the postal inspectors. I'll plead guilty, but I'll probably do it again.

And my son agrees with me at his college mailbox all the time, and he tears them up, too. He also agrees with me that it's a particularly rotten

The mail was addressed to my #2 son and claimed to be from the Alumni Association of the university he is attending. It was actually from a large bank that deals primarily in credit cards, a bank the Alumni Association has con-



spired with (that would be my term) to offer credit cards to students. The letter basically says that they would just love to give him a credit card so that he could conveniently charge anything and everything his heart might desire. They neglect to mention that if he does what their letter-and their other big bucks advertising encourages him to do-he'll be in debt up to his eyeballs and suddenly and severely out of this very congenial credit card company's favor-at which point, they will get over being congenial and quickly forget that they had a big hand in creating the monster.

I admit that some college kids can probably handle their own personal credit cards just fine. But I'm just as sure that the vast majority of 19-year-olds need their own credit cards about as badly as a camel needs Nike running shoes.

He gets credit card come-on's at his college mailbox all the time, and he tears them up, too. He also agrees with me that it's a particularly rotten and sleazy idea for a group associated with the university to tempt students, many of whom were born sans silverus dentissimus spoonus (that's the technical Latin medical term for "without silver spoons in their mouths") and are already amassing huge student loans just to be able to attend there. More debt when they leave is precisely what they do not need, and my son doesn't need four years of college to figure that out.

This is a church-related school, so they probably won't do it, but I suggested that if they want a fine way to make more money, and if they've decided that detrimental consequences for their students are of no consequence, maybe they could sell ice-cold beer in the cafeteria. Or maybe install slot machines. Or offer pay per view X-rated movies in the dorms. The possibilities are endless.

I'm kidding. About the beer, etc.—not about the detriment.

Well, I feel better. It really is a good school, and a good Alumni Association. They just blew this call, I think. If there is a point to all of this—and there might be—it is this: though we are all personally accountable for our decisions, I doubt we can walk away morally blameless if we are involved in tempting someone else to make bad ones. What

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

do you think?

Data show water levels declining

Depth-to-water measurements made by High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 indicate an average decline of 0.78 of a foot in the groundwater levels of the Ogallala aquifer across the water district's 6.8 million acre service area in 2001.

That average is 0.36 of a foot less than the 1.14 feet of decline recorded for 2000.

District staff made measurements in a network of more than 1,200 privately owned water wells that were compared to measurements made in 2001 to determine the change in water levels in the Ogallala aquifer within the district. season, the portion of Pot-The staff made the measurements in January and February to allow water levels to stabilize from pumpage during the previous cropgrowing season.

"The rate of changes in depth-to-water levels for 2001 is generally less as compared to those for 2000. This is likely the result of decreased pumpage during 2001 due to increased energy costs or other related economic factors or possibly timely precipitation that replaced irrigation in some areas," said Don McReynolds, the district's technical division director.

At the end of last crop

ter County that lies within the district had a water-level rise of more than a foot at 1.77 feet.

The portions Armstrong and Crosby Counties within the district recorded water-level rises of less than one foot.

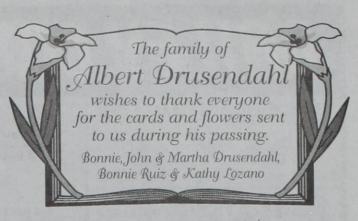
Lynn and Parmer counties, plus the portions of Lamb and Castro counties within the district recorded water-level declines of more than one foot.

Bailey, Cochran, Hale and Lubbock counties, and the portions of Deaf Smith, Floyd, Hockley and Randall counties in the district reported a decline in water levels of less than a foot.

Depth-to-water-level measurements indicate a five-year average annual decline of 1.03 feet and a 10-year average annual decline of 1.18 feet in water levels of the aquifer within the district.

Copies of the April 2002 issue of Cross Section containing the water-level data are available from the High Plains Water District at 2930 Avenue Q, Lubbock 79405, or by calling (806) 762-0181.

More information is available on the Internet at http://www.hpwd.com or by contacting Erica Goss at erica@hpwd.com.











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ETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

As a pastor of our fine community, I would like to take this opportunely to say thanks to our friend and mayor, Victor Leal.

Victor is a man of integrity and an asset to this community. His heart is one that is rare in ouir political system today. To know Victor is to understand his passion and love both for the city which we share as our hometown and for his country, which is sadly divided, mainly because of those who feel threatened when the truth is spoken.

The only hope for this great nation is to teach people to speak out and become a viable part of the cities and states they live in.

It is shameful that we, as humans, want to dig up dirt from the past when the message offends us. Randle (sic) Terry came here to impart a message of love, truth and action. Too bad some didn't get it.

Reporting relevant news is, without doubt, a difficult challenge. I pray that this city opens their spiritual eye and see's that unless someone takes a stand for righteousness, we become no different than any city in Afghanistan.

I read and continue to support our local news journal and look forward to enjoying encouraging and fare reporting in the future.

STEPHEN CLAYBROOK Pastor, New Covenant Church

Dear Editor,

On May 2, I was privileged with the opportunity to attend the Mayor's Prayer Luncheon on the National Day of Prayer.

We were treated to a brief but uplifting speech presented by Mayor Leal. The main speaker, Randall Terry, then challenged and encouraged us with his message.

I knew that there would be some who would not agree with the messages presented and expected there to be opinions voiced against Mr. Terry's in particular.

My expectations were not disappointed.

I am, however, disappointed in the editor of this paper. His article covering the event was a sounding board for his opinions of Mr. Terry and his message.

The editor subtly attacked Mr. Terry with his accusatory questions regarding unproven marital infidelity by Mr. Terry. Was this used as an attempt to discredit Mr. Terry? I think

Not only do these accusations attempt to discredit Mr. Terry but to cloud his message also. It appears the attempt was successful.

I have no problem if an opposing view is presented, but to use a supposedly "unbiased" news article to

unwarranted.

present an opinion is, I be-

lieve, unprofessional and

To those who were not at the luncheon: Don't forget the basic theme of Mr. Terry's speech. It is time for us, Christians of all faiths, to cast off the blanket of apathy that we use to protect us from the barbs cast at us by the world when we confront the issues that are attacking our moral fiber.

If you believe that homosexuality, illicit teen and pre-marital sex, abortion among many other issues are destroying our community and nation, let it be known.

Mr. Terry may not be a saint, but his message was correct.

It is time for us to collectively attack the ills that are contaminating our society if we are to protect the freedoms that God has given us.

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MULESHOE JR./SR. HIGH May 20

Breakfast — Texas cinnamon toast, cereal with graham cracker, assorted juice, assorted fresh fruit and milk.

Lunch — Salisbury steak, chef salad, hamburger, pepperoni pizza, tossed salad, hamburger fixings, mashed potatoes, oven fries, assorted chilled fruit, fresh fruit, chocolate pudding and milk.

May 21

Breakfast - Ham and cheese biscuit, cereal with graham cracker, assorted juice, assorted fresh fruit and milk.

Lunch - Rotisserie chicken, rolls, baked potato with butter and cheese, chicken parmesan, pepperoni pizza, tossed salad, potato rounds, mashed potatoes, assorted chilled fruit, fresh fruit, Blue Bell ice cream and milk.

May 22

Breakfast - French-toast sticks, cereal with graham crackers, assorted juice, assorted fresh fruit and milk.

Lunch — Lasagna, garlic breadsticks, chef salad, hamburger, pepperoni pizza, tossed salad, hamburger fixings, oven fries, assorted chilled fruit, fresh fruit, fruit crisp and milk.

May 23

Breakfast — Ham and egg taco, cereal with graham crackers, assorted juice, assorted fresh fruit and milk.

Lunch — Ham and cheese sandwich, baked potato, barbecue chicken cheddar sandwich, pepperoni pizza, tossed salad, potato rounds, vegetable soup, fresh fruit, assorted chilled fruit, chocolate pudding and milk.

May 24

Breakfast — Breakfast pizza, cereal with graham crackers, assorted juice, assorted fresh fruit and milk.

Lunch - Chicken-fried steak with Texas toast and gravy, garlic breadsticks, super sack-lunch meal, hamburger, pepperoni pizza, tossed salad, hamburger fixings, oven fries, seasoned green beans, assorted chilled fruit, fresh fruit, fruit crisp and milk

MULESHOE **ELEMENTARIES**

May 20

Breakfast — Cinnamon toast, cereal with graham cracker, assorted juice and

Lunch — Rib sandwich, pickle, ham and cheese sandwich, peanut-butter and jelly sandwich, macaroni and cheese, mixed vegetables, white cake with pink glaze and milk.

May 21

Breakfast — Blueberry muffin square, cereal with graham cracker, assorted juice and milk.

Lunch — Fish nuggets, rolls, chef salad, peanut-butter and jelly sandwich, macaroni and cheese, celery sticks peanut-butter, with

applesauce and milk.

May 22

Breakfast — Pancake and sausage stick, cereal with graham cracker, assorted juice and milk.

Lunch — Cheese pizza, bologna and cheese sandwich, peanut-butter and jelly sandwich, oven fries, carrot sticks, pear and milk.

May 23

Breakfast — Breakfast pizza, cereal with graham cracker, assorted juice and

Lunch — Cheeseburger, chef salad, peanut-butter and jelly sandwich, oven fries, hamburger fixings, peaches and milk.

May 24

Breakfast — Cinnamon toast, cereal with graham cracker, assorted juice and

Lunch — Dillman: Spaghetti and meat sauce, garlic breadsticks, ham and cheese sandwich, peanut-butter and jelly sandwich, tossed salad, seasoned corn, apricots; De Shazo: Super sack-lunch meal, potato chips, carrot sticks, Red Delicious apple and milk.

ONORS

BENHAM

Kendra Benham of Muleshoe was among 150 candidates for graduation May 11 at McMurry University in Abilene.

Benham graduated cum laude with a bachelor of scidegree ence multidisciplinary studies. **FOSTER**

Steven Brice Foster of Lazbuddie was among 469 students receiving degrees May 10 at Angelo State University in San Angelo.

Foster graduated summa cum laude with a bacher of business administration degree.

HOOTEN

Amy Hooten of Muleshoe has been selected for the Gold Medal award by Lubbock Christian University.

The honor is presented by the faculty to students who "best exemplify the ideals of the university and the greatest potential."

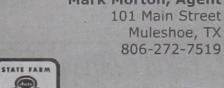
Hooten, a senior elementary education major, also was named Ms. LCU at the annual student appreciation banquet. That honor is voted on by the student body. MASON

Mitch Mason of Muleshoe has been selected for the Bronze Medal award at Lubbock Christian Univer-

The honor is presented to students who excel in each department. Mason was honored as the physical science top student in calculus at the annual student appreciation banquet.



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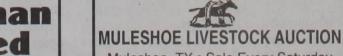
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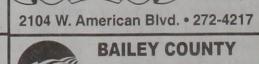
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Jeanetta Precure (left) had the low gross score of 85 in the Memorial Day Tournament at Muleshoe Country Club, while Lynne Box (right) won the tournament.

OUNTRY CLUB

The Muleshoe Country Club Ladies Association held its monthly luncheon and business meeting May 15.

The women teed off at 9 a.m. for their annual Memorial Day Tournament. Eighteen holes were played before the luncheon and business meeting.

Jerie Flowers, the president, presided over the meeting. Deborah Noble called the roll and read the minutes from the last meeting. Darlene Henry gave the treasurer's report.

Hi Plains Playday was in Tulia this month. Sheryl Engelking won low gross and low putts in her flight. The next Playday will be in Canyon in June.

The tournament committee has set the annual Jennyslipper Partnership Tournament for July 27.

Jeanetta Precure announced Lynne Box as the winner of the Memorial Day Tournament. Precure had the low gross score of

Those attending included Precure, Engelking, Henry, Box, Noble, Flowers, Elinor Yerby, Analita Haley, Neats Foster, Claudine Elliott, Anita Allgood, Linda Elder and Judy Wilbanks.

Veneman: USDA pushing farm-bill implementation

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL and timely process," she WASHINGTON, D.C.

- Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman said last week that the U.S. Department of Agriculture is committed to a timely and efficient implementation of the new farm bill.

She announced the formation of a Farm Bill Working Group, consisting of USDA's chief economist, the budget director and sub-Cabinet officials who will be instrumental in ensuring appropriate planning, coordination and implementation.

"USDA employees have been working for many months in anticipation of the new farm bill, Veneman said.

"Our farm-bill implementation team will include key career and sub-Cabinet officials with all mission areas working together to ensure an efficient added.

Veneman noted that the farm bill contains new programs that are widespread and impact many sectors including farm services, natural resources, conservation, rural development, nutrition, food safety, research, pests and diseases, as well as international

The measure establishes new authorities and additional rules, regulations and procedures.

"While it's not a perfect bill, the new measure provides certainty, a strong safety net for farmers and complies with our international trade obligations," Veneman said.

"It also provides investments in important areas such as conservation, trade, nutrition, research, rural development and energy," she said.

The family of Ruby Lillian Reed

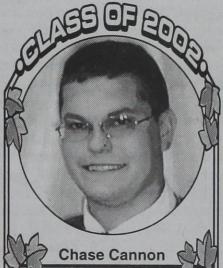
wishes to express our appreciation to all for your loving gestures of sympathy during our time of sorrow. Special thanks to MAHC Park View Special Care Unit personnel, Dr. Purdy and Ellis Funeral Home. Your care for Ruby was exceptional. Also, a special thank you to Jack Tiffin and his wonderful, caring congregation. Your love for Ruby has been a source of comfort during this sorrowful time.

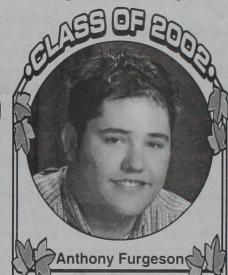
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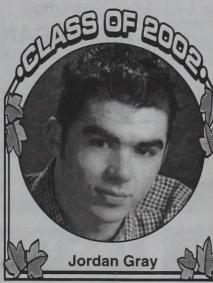


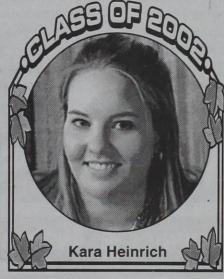
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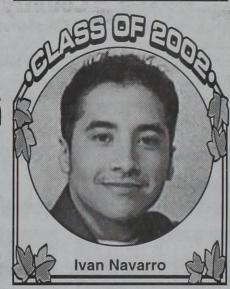






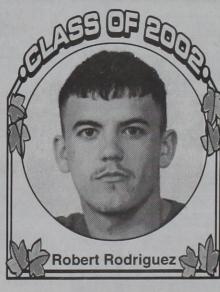






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ODAY'S RECIPE

CREAM CHEESE DELIGHT

2 cans (8 oz. each) refrigerated crescent dinner rolls 2 pkg. (8 oz. each) light

cream cheese, softened

1/2 cup sugar 1 egg, separated

1 tsp. vanilla

1 1/2 cups powdered sugar

3 Tbsp. milk

Grease a 13x9-inch pan. Spread out one can of crescent rolls in the bottom.

Combine the cream cheese, sugar, egg yolk and

Spread mixture over the

crust and cover with the second package of rolls.

Bake for 30 minutes at 350 degrees. Combine the powdered sugar and milk to make a glaze; spread over top of

NOTE: The recipe can be made using only one package of cream cheese mixed with one can (8 oz.) of welldrained crushed pineapple.

Layer as above, but omit glaze. Instead, spread with a mix of 2 tablespoons butter, 1/2 cup brown sugar and 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon. Bake as directed.

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Ribbon-cutting held

Gathered for the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce ribbon-cutting at Daydreams, a new business on American Boulevard, are (from left) Robert Montgomery, chamber manager Jan Thompson, Connie Haight, Tammy Kilo (the business co-owner), Rachel Givens Hill (co-owner), Mike Holt, Carson Holt and Eileen Morton.

BITUARIES

RUBY REED

Graveside services were held Thursday at Bailey County Cemetery for Ruby Lillian Reed, 88, of Muleshoe. Jack Tiffin officiated.

Ellis Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Mrs. Reed was born Oct. 31, 1913, in Comanche, Texas. She died Tuesday at Park View Nursing Home.

She married Ray "Mack" Reed on Oct. 12, 1956, in Clovis. He died Dec. 9, 1997.

She moved to the Muleshoe area from Littlefield in 1951. She was a homemaker and a member of the Muleshoe congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Mrs. Reed is survived by two daughters, Rosemary Bell of Muleshoe and Gloria LeVeque of Amarillo; a brother, R.J. Thomas of Redding, Calif.; six grandchildren, Steve Bell, Sharla Bell, Leah Bell, Christi Kelly, Marc LeVeque and Lynda Washgrandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by three sisters and a brother.

INEZ LOUISE BUTLER

Graveside services were held Friday at Enochs Cemetery for Inez Louise Hallford Butler, 76, of Fort Stockton, Texas. The Rev. Randy Richardson offici-

Memorial Funeral Home of Fort Stockton handled arrangements.

Mrs. Butler was born July 1, 1925, at Brice, Texas. She died Tuesday at Pecos County Memorial Hospital in Fort Stockton.

She married James C. Butler on Feb. 5, 1944, in

She was a Methodist and was the salutatorian of Bula High School in 1943.

She was a retired upholsterer and was one of the first female auto mechanics. She and her husband were a well-known drag-

ington; and seven great racing team, winning hundreds of trophies including state, national and world championships. They amassed a total of seven world speed records in 1967, the year they retired.

Mrs. Butler is survived by her husband; two daughters, Evelyn Cunningham of Fort Stockton and Patty Harris of Brownwood; two sisters, Betty Richardson of Morton and Billie Haskins of Los Lunas, N.M.; a brother, Carl Wayne Hallford of Lubbock; five grandchildren, Vickie Bradshaw and Amy Lightner, both of Fort Stockton, Beverly Ezell of Odessa and David Harris and Ronald Harris, both of Brownwood; and 12 greatgrandchildren.

INEZ LOZANO

Services were pending Tuesday afternoon for Inez Lozano, 73, of Muleshoe. He died Thursday.

Ellis Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Tele-auction planned for June 3-8

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PORTALES — More than 2,000 items will be available for bidding during KENW-TV's 26th annual tele-auction.

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Taurus - April 21/May 21

You can accomplish anything as long as you stay focused. Don't let an acquaintance stop you from reaching an important goal this week; don't get distracted.

Gemini - May 22/June 21 A business associate gets you involved in a difficult situa-

tion early in the week, Gemini. Keep your anger in check until you find a way out of this mess. Cancer – June 22/July 22 Don't keep your feelings bottled up inside on Wednesday,

Cancer. You need to talk to someone. If you don't, you're just going to make yourself miserable. Open up to a loved one who is always there. Leo - July 23/August 23

This is your week to celebrate, Leo. You finally receive the good news that you've been hoping for. Revel in it. Those closest to you will share in your joy. Capricorn plays an important role.

Virgo - Aug 24/Sept 22

Several people are counting on you to complete an important project by Thursday, Virgo. While this puts a lot of pressure on you, don't get overwhelmed.

Libra - Sept 23/Oct 23

Don't take a close friend's comment the wrong way, Libra. This person doesn't mean to insult you; he or she is just joking. Lighten up a bit and learn to be the life of the party. Scorpio - Oct 24/Nov 22

You have a busy week ahead of you. So, don't slack off. While you just want to relax, you know that you can't right now. Instead, buckle down and get to work.

Sagittarius - Nov 23/Dec 21

Everything appears to go wrong this week, Sagittarius. However, don't get discouraged. Things aren't as bad as they seem. If you take the time to examine the situation, you'll realize that you're doing well.

Capricorn - Dec 22/Jan 20

Stand your ground when a loved one tries to force you to do something with which you don't agree. You know the difference between right and wrong and what this person's asking is wrong. Aquarius - Jan 21/Feb 18

You have a full to-do list this week, Aquarius, but don't let this upset you. If you set your priorities and work diligently, you certainly can get everything accomplished easily. Pisces - Feb 19/March 20

Keep your sense of humor about you early in the week, Pisces, because you're going to need it when you get some discouraging news from a loved one. Try to laugh at the situation.

Aries - March 21/April 20

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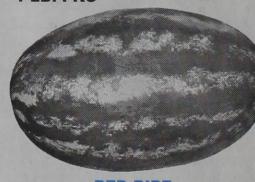
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