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A QUICK READ OF THE NEWS

Last-place finish is record

Not only did Martin Buser set a record in winning this year's Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race in Alaska; David Straub was the fastest last-place finisher.

Straub, 41, of Willow, Alaska, reached Nome last Sunday about 90 minutes before the mushers' banquet and covered the 1,100 miles in 14 days, 5 hours, 38 minutes.

Buser, of Big Lake, Alaska, won in 8 days, 22 hours, 46 minutes, 2 seconds. Straub earned the Red Lantern as the last finisher.

Pet turtle hits geriatric age

Mike Conley was about 8 years old when his parents bought him a 49-cent drugstore turtle.

Forty years later, Tiger could be the world's oldest red-eared slider.

The record had been 37 years, 9 months, said Joseph T. Collins, herpetologist emeritus at the University of Kansas Natural History Museum.

Once about the size of a half dollar, Tiger has grown to about 8 inches by 10 inches and lives in a metal washtub at Conley's parents' Overland Park, Kan., home in suburban Kansas City.

Slides down so easy

It's a rare champion who can boast of winning every competition he's entered for 30 years.

Darwin Weber can: He recently swallowed 77 smelt in 30 minutes to win the Kelso (Wash.) Eagles' smelt-eating contest. Weber, 54, has won each time he's entered since 1972.

"I like fish, but I don't really care for smelt," admitted the 210-pound Weber, who won \$50 and the blue ribbon. "I'm waiting for someone to beat me



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Winners: 0
Next drawing: Saturday, March 23
Estimated jackpot: \$13 million

On this date in history

March 25 — Texan prisoners from the Mier Expedition draw beans to determine those to be executed; 17 draw black beans and 139 draw white. The survivors march to Perote Prison in Mexico City (1843).

March 26 — Texas' Secession Convention ratifies the constitution of the Confederate States of America, then adjourns (1861).

LOCAL WEATHER

As of Friday, the National Weather Service was predicting another winy day for Sunday, then possible rain for Monday with a high of only about 47 degrees warming to 63 Tuesday. Otherwise, daily highs through Thursday were expected to be around 70. Morning lows should be in the upper 20s through Tuesday, then modify to near freezing for Wednesday and Thursday.

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Hospital board addresses health insurance

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The Muleshoe Area Hospital District board has authorized district administrator Jim Bone to look further into proposed alternatives to the district's controversial new health-insurance plan.

Bone said both proposals now on the table will cost a little more than the district has ever paid for insurance, but "both are considerably under what we were looking at in December" when First Care proposed premium hikes the district couldn't pay.

Dr. Bruce Purdy and Dr. Kyle Sheets have both addressed the board about the plan that was adopted as the district's only alternative at the time, and both doctors roundly criticized it.

Bone drew chuckles from the audience at Thursday's board meeting when he said, "We think we have a good idea what people *don't* want — several people have expressed their opinion on that in recent months."

Board President Tim Campbell said, "People have to realize insurance premiums went up 20 to 25 percent last year, and it's reached the point where it's hard for us to come up with the money to pay for it. Our revenues aren't going up as fast as the premiums are."

Bone indicated that many plans aren't even realistic for the district to consider at this point.

"We had a call yesterday from a broker, and basically what they wanted was a statement that 100 percent of our employees were healthy and that they would stay

healthy for the next year," he said. "If we could guarantee that, we wouldn't need insurance in the first place."

One reason lower premiums are being offered now is that a few people who were big claimants are now off the plan.

The district may well benefit from switching to the new self-insurance proposal, he said. Even though the costs would be higher than previously paid, "if services aren't utilized, we can save a little money."

Among the options in the new offering, Bone said the difference in premiums between a \$500 deductible and a \$1,000 deductible are big enough that it would be cheaper for the district to pay the second \$500 of the higher deductible than to pay the premiums on the \$500 deductible, even if everyone on the plan met the \$1,000 deductible.

The new proposals have an April 1 effective date.



Courtesy photo

'An average spring'

"Chief" Weldon Crim performs his annual weather forecast Friday morning at dawn near Clay's Corner, and he said the southeast wind indicated the area should experience an average spring. "Rainfall will be a little below average, and there will be some hail," he said. He has been performing the burning ritual for 20 years, continuing the tradition started by his grandfather, Taylor Crim, in 1910 after he learned the tactic from Indians in the El Paso area. The family says the predictions have an 80 percent accuracy record.

Mules fall to Littlefield

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal sportswriter

LITTLEFIELD — The Mule baseball team dropped its district opener — postponed to March 20 because of bad weather — in a 6-0 loss to Littlefield.

"Baseball is a funny game — some days the ball just seems to jump off the bat and runs are easy to come by, and some days you can't generate a run," Mule coach Donnie Scott said of his team's performance.

The Mules battled the Wildcats for six and a half innings, holding them to one run in the first, fourth and

fifth inning and three in the bottom half of the sixth on the Wildcats' home turf.

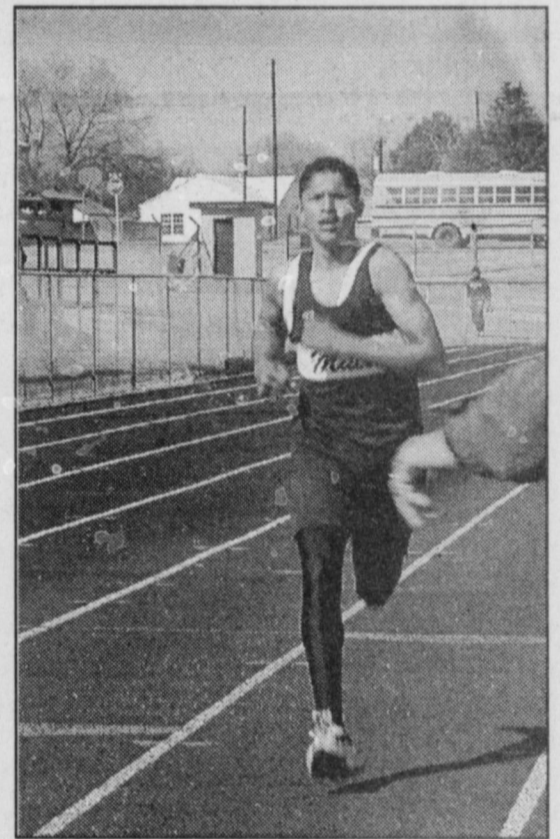
"We made some really good plays today on defense, and we gave up a couple of unearned runs, but overall our kids battled hard today and we just could not get a hit," Scott continued. "I have told the kids we need to win all our home games and then steal a couple on the road, and we will be in this race."

D.J. Domínguez, a left hander, went the distance for the Mules on the

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The leader

JV Mule Samuel Regalado (at right) leads in the 3,200 meters at Friday's track meet. The mysterious hand belongs to Lonnie Adrian, who was directing Regalado to switch lanes. The young athlete's unofficial time was 12:53. Results from an earlier track performance by the JV girls are on page 4, JV baseball is on page 5 and varsity baseball results are at left.



Noninsurable crop benefits deadline near

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Federal regulations published Wednesday offer security for farmers growing noninsurable crops, but they will have to act quickly.

The deadline for signing up under the Noninsured Assistance Program for 2001-2002 coverage is April 18.

Under the previous federal program, coverage was available only when catastrophic losses occurred over a wide area.

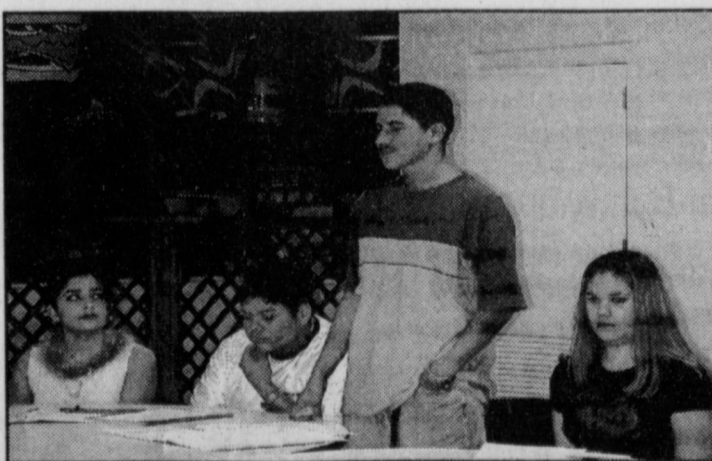
Now, the provisions allow for a customized crop-protection plan written for an individual farmer. Each individual loss will be addressed on its own merits.

The local Farm Service Agency (272-4538) stands ready to accept applications for coverage under the new provisions.

Combest to address Rotary

U.S. Rep. Larry Combest is scheduled to address the local Rotary Club at noon Tuesday in the Bailey County Coliseum. The public is invited.

Combest spokesman Dirk Fillpot said Friday that Combest does not have a prepared speech but is expected to talk about the farm bill, the war on terrorism and other issues. Questions will be taken.



Journal photo: Beatrice Morin

Panel discussion held

Joni Moreno (standing) speaks in Spanish during a panel discussion Tuesday night in the high school cafeteria. Seated are participants (from left) Gabriela Nava, Miguel Nuñez and Carla Estrada. The program, "An Adolescent's Perspective of Family Life," was conducted in Spanish. Other students involved were Judy Marquez, Perla Juárez, Angelica Contreras, Leslie Franco and Jaime Mendoza. The students had been aided in preparing for the event by Brandon Sheets, who volunteered his time.

Holy Week services slated for Muleshoe

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The Bailey County Ministerial Alliance has scheduled Holy Week observances at various sites around Muleshoe.

- March 24 — 7 p.m. Community singing at First Baptist Church, led by Brady Mason;
- March 25 — Noon. Community meal at First Assembly of God. Music, Jack Stone; speaker, Brad Reeves; prayer, Joe Chorkavunkal;
- March 26 — Noon. Community meal, First United Methodist Church. Music, Curtis Shelburne; speaker, Stacy Conner; prayer, Greg Guzmán;
- March 27 — Noon. Community meal, First Baptist Church. Music, Brady Mason; speaker, Stephen Claybrook; prayer, Cody Favor;
- March 31 — 7 a.m. Community sunrise service, at the new city park tennis courts. Speaker, Vance Roberts; prayer, Javier Rodríguez.

Participating churches are responsible for the meals, and donations will be taken at the door to help defray expenses.



AROUND MULESHOE

Rain soaks Bailey County

Most areas of Bailey County apparently got in the neighborhood of 1 inch of rain during last week's showers, which occurred mainly on Tuesday.

Officially, Muleshoe weather recorder said the city received 1.27 inches, and amounts recorded in northern parts of the county were generally in that range.

The AK Ranch near the Three Way School recorded .98 of an inch, which typified the rainfall in other parts of the county.

New sheriff to be named

Bailey County Commissioners' Court has scheduled a special meeting at 10 a.m. Monday to consider appointing a new sheriff to fill out the term of Ron Kemp, who has resigned effective April 1.

Commissioners also will consider allowing Ernest Ruthardt to run an irrigation line under a county road and discuss the interlocal agreement on subdivision regulation passed Tuesday by the city.

Missionary to speak at Coliseum

John Wakabi, a missionary from Uganda, will speak April 1, 2, 4 and 5 in the Bailey County Coliseum meeting room as part of his Victory Crusade 2002.

He has taken his crusade around the world and has been speaking in the United States for two years. He says his services have "seen blind eyes open, deaf ears hear and sick healed."

He said he and his family members pastor 100 churches in Uganda.

Wakabi is associated with World Healing Ministries in Midland.

May 4 candidate slates set

Prospective candidates registering by the March 20 deadline indicate that the Muleshoe Area Hospital District and Lazbuddie School District will be having elections May 4, but the city and the Muleshoe School District will not unless write-in candidates register Monday.

- Candidates (with "I" denoting incumbent) are:
- Muleshoe City Council — District 3 — Jerry Hicks (I); District 2 — Sharon Grant (I);
 - Muleshoe School Board — District 2 — Cindy Purdy (I); District 3 — Rene Torres; District 5 — Nick Bamert

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mound.

The Wildcats' first batter caught a break and stole second base when Brandon Mount fell on the slippery field trying to field a pop fly. The runner scored when the fourth batter of the inning hit a line shot to right center field.

Tyrel Gear chased down a high fly to short right field, and Landon Kirby made a spectacular catch of a short pop-up in foul territory to the first base side of the infield. The ball did not get as high as the backstop and was going toward the Wildcat dugout.

Kirby had to spot the ball as he ran toward the dugout and hit the turf on his knees and made a sliding catch in front of the Wildcat bench.

Domínguez finished off the inning by fielding a bunt down the first-base line and tossed the ball to Gear for the third out of the inning.

Mount redeemed himself by sacking up a pop fly for the first out of the second inning. The next hitter drew a walk before Domínguez threw the pitcher's best friend—a double-play ball. Mount scooped up the grounder and flipped the ball to Roddy Spradling as he crossed second base from his shortstop position.

Spradling fired the ball to Gear to complete the double play and end the inning for the Wildcats. The Mount to Spradling connection continued into the third inning when Mount fielded a grounder and tossed the ball to Spradling to force out the first Wildcat of the inning.

Domínguez helped him-

self by picking off the runner who had reached on the fielder's choice after he had taken too large a lead and was not ready for the left handers move to first base.

The Wildcats were able to pick up a second run in their half of the fourth to lead the Mules 2-0.

The Mules' second double play ended Littlefield's fifth inning after the Wildcats had scored their third run.

Mount found himself in the way of a line drive he had to field or lose his head, and then fired the ball to Gear to double off the base runner who had left on the crack of the bat.

Muleshoe threatened only in the sixth inning, when the Mules were able to load the bases with a little help from the Littlefield left fielder's back-to-back errors on Muleshoe fly balls.

Domínguez banged the Mules' only hit of the day, a single to center field, but a pop fly and a ground out

Aminals

By David Sung



- (I);
- Hospital board — Position 1 — Patsy Chance, Lary Hooten (incumbent L.T. Johnson not seeking re-election); Position 3 — Ronnie Dent (incumbent Paul Wilbanks not seeking re-election); Position 5 — Mike Miller (I);
 - Lazbuddie School Board (at-large positions) — Keith Hicks (I), Terry Jesko (I) and Dieter Isaacson.

Public calendar

March 27 — 11:22 a.m. to 12:22 p.m., served according to the usual class schedule. Easter dinner at Three Way school. Menu: turkey and dressing with all the trimmings. Price: \$2.

March 28 — Deadline to turn in results in Friends of the Library's adult read-athon.

Also on March 28 — Muleshoe schools will dismiss an hour early for the Easter holidays, resuming the regular schedule on April 2.

EQIP sign-up deadline is March 29

Farmers wanting help with the cost of installing irrigation pipelines, converting center-pivot sprinkler systems or installing drip-irrigation systems have

until March 29 to apply for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program.

They should begin by contacting the Farm Service Agency (272-4538), which then refers the application to the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

ended Muleshoe's hope of a run.

Not scoring may have mentally hurt the Mules, as they allowed the Wildcats to ice the game with three runs in the bottom of the sixth and then went quietly and in order in the top half of the seventh to end the game.

The Dimmitt Bobcats were in Muleshoe Friday afternoon and the Mules travel to Shallowater on March 26 for their third district game.

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Members of the council, which acts as a liaison between the Deshler, Neb., company and its 150 dealers, are elected by their fellow dealers.

AGRO DISTRIBUTION

Effective immediately, Agro Distribution has announced that it will be known as Agrilliance.

This does not reflect an ownership change, as Agro Distribution had been an operating division of Agrilliance since July 1999.

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Three Way play advances

The Three Way one-act play cast will compete at the district level March 25 at Smyer after advancing from the March 19 zone competition at Loop. Drama team members are (back row, from left) Jordan Gray, Anthony Furgeson, Kara Heinrich, Chase Cannon and Canaan Heinrich; (front row, from left) Ivan Navarro, Landon Gray, Julie Salamanca and the director, Joe Branham. This was Three Way's first time to compete since the 1980s, and the cast (all seniors) brought home several honors. Jordan Gray was named best actor in the zone; Cannon and Navarro were named to the all-star cast; and Heinrich and Furgeson were honorable mention all-stars. Loop, Ropes and Cotton Center high schools also advance.

Gospel group to sing in Lubbock

LUBBOCK—Acappella is scheduled to be in concert at 7:30 p.m. April 15 at the Monterey Church of Christ in Lubbock.

The church address is 3636 58th St.

The group has made 18 albums and performed more than 3,000 concerts in its 19-year history.

Bass singer Gary Evans,

who joined the group last year at the age of 20, is a native of Lubbock.

Advance tickets are \$8 for students and senior citizens, \$10 for adults. Tickets will be \$2 more at the door.

Advance tickets are on sale at various places in Lubbock: the Bible Mart (3710 34th St. or 797-2249), Family Christian Store (7720 S. University

or 745-4995), LifeWay Christian Store (3829 50th St. or 797-4186) and the Lubbock Christian University admissions office.

The group can be traced to founder Keith Lancaster's days singing in a school-sponsored a cappella quartet at Williamstown Christian College in West Virginia during the 1980s.

Cowboy poet, symphony join talents

LUBBOCK — The Lubbock Symphony Orchestra is scheduled to be joined by top cowboy poet Waddie Mitchell and western singer Don Edwards for the orchestra's Pops Spectacular on April 13.

The event, called "The Bard and the Balladeer," is set to begin at 8 p.m. in the Lubbock Municipal Auditorium.

Featured music will include Rossini's *Overture to William Tell*, Copland's *Hoedown from Rodeo*, Anderson's *Fiddle Faddle*, Grofe's *Grand Canyon Suite* and Hayman's *Pops Hoedown*.

Mitchell has performed all over the world and on such television shows as *The Tonight Show*, *Larry King Live* and *Good Morning America*.

He also has been featured in *People*, *Life*, *USA Today*, *Fortune*, *National Geographic* and *The Wall Street Journal*.

Edwards sings songs that tell "tales of the day-to-day lives and emotions" of the in-

habitants of the American West.

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Songs and Songs of the Cowboy, and also has performed all around the world.

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Tattoo and body piercing: How safe are they?

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

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Ed Potter is an artist and his canvas is skin. He's the manager of a tattoo and piercing studio in Austin.

Notorious Ed, as he's called by friends and employees, is working on a tattoo that is about the 500,000th he has created in this 30-year career.

"A tattoo is not just a picture," he said. "It's a hook to hang your memories on because when you see it and you look at it, it brings back memories of where you were when you got it, who was with you, what was going on in your life. That's what a tattoo is — the ultimate souvenir."

Ever thought about a tattoo? Or having an ear or an eyebrow pierced?

Because those forms of bodily decoration cut into the skin, the procedure can be risky. Hepatitis B and C, staph bacteria and HIV infections can be transmitted. But how serious is the risk?

"This is an industry that comes in contact with blood and body fluids on a constant basis," said Stephen Beekman, manager of the Drug Program at the Texas Department of Health. "So the risk is there, but we feel like TDH rules make the risk minimal."

The health department inspects 400 tattoo and body-piercing studios a year, and checks to ensure that:

- Equipment is sterilized before each use with an approved sterilization unit;
- Instruments and jewelry are individually packaged and sterile;
- Instructions are provided about care for new

tattoos or piercing:

• Tattoo and body-piercing clients meet age and consent restrictions. (No one under 18 may legally get a tattoo unless it's to cover an existing tattoo).

Consent of a parent, managing conservator or guardian can be given one of two ways:

• The minor brings a notarized consent to the studio which contains the name, address, telephone number and signatures of both the minor and parent, managing conservator or guardian and the location of the body

that may be pierced; or

• The adult is present at the studio during the piercing and presents identification and evidence and signs statements swearing that they are the parent, managing conservator or guardian of the minor.

Studios licensed by the state are dependably safe. The health department (512) 719-0237 can provide a studio's history.

More recommendations:

Make sure sterile techniques are used before, during and after the tattoo process. Select a tattoo you

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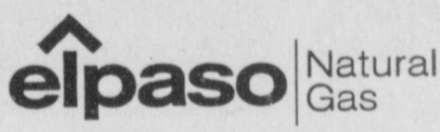
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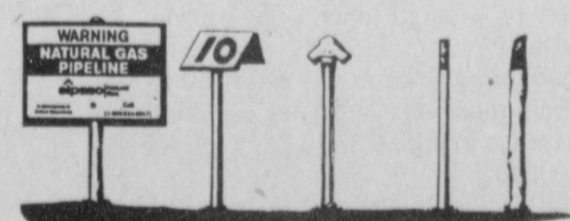
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JV Lady Mules win varsity trophy at Friona Meet

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal sportswriter

The junior varsity Lady Mule track team flexed its muscles and grabbed the first place trophy in the varsity division of the Friona Chief-tain Relays on March 9.

Amber Cowart set the pace for the Lady Mules by placing in all five of her events and scored 52 points.

Muleshoe recorded 150 points in the meet to defeat Tulia, which had 119, Farwell (113), Clovis Yucca (94 1/2), Friona (85 1/2), Morton (28) and Clovis Gattis (12).

April Morgan and Sarah Domínguez competed in the shot put with tosses of 23 feet 10 1/2 inches and 22-7

respectively. Shani Rasco claimed third in discus with a 93-1 heave.

Cowart and Yuri Aguirre took first and fifth in the long jump with leaps of 14-4 1/2 and 12-11 3/4 followed by Tori Barton at 12-1. Cowart repeated her first-place finish in the triple jump with a leap of 30-8 and Tori Barton and Kyla Ellis recorded jumps of 23-5 1/2 and 22-10 1/2.

Rasco won the high jump, clearing 4-10, and Tamara Thompson finished third by leaping 4-6. In the running events Mitci Hawkins and Jessica Hall took second and sixth in the 3,200-meter run with times of 13 minutes, 56 seconds, and 15:08. Marisela

Silva turned in a time of 16:06.

The team of Cowart, Ellis, Christy Morgan and Samantha Ruthardt placed second in the 400-meter relay with a time of 54.27. Kristen Ambriz was third in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:53.18, Marlie Black placed fifth with 2:54.59 and Irene Torres ran a 3:03.75.

Cowart took second in the 100-meter hurdles with a 17.52; Charissa Conner placed fifth with a 19.2 and Jennifer Kirby ran a 23.03. Ruthardt and Barton took first and second in the 100-meter dash with times of 13.61 and 14.12 and Kayla Spradling posted a 15.38. Aguirre, Rasco, Barton

and Ruthardt placed fourth in the 800-meter relay with a time of 1:58.85. Thompson took third in the 400-meter dash with a 72.12 while Domínguez and April Morgan posted times of 86.23 and 88.15.

Cowart was second in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 53.63, while Kirby and Conner posted times of 62.99 and 63.88. Christy Morgan, Ellis and Aguirre placed fourth, fifth and sixth in the 200-meter dash with times of 29.1, 30.44 and 30.5.

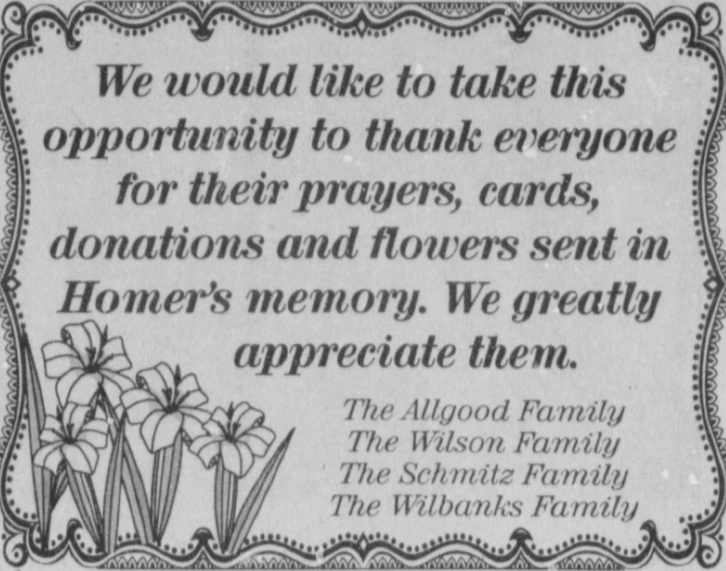
Hawkins claimed first in the 1,600-meter run with a time of 6:22.39, Paje McRoberts ran a 6:54.27 and Marlie Black competed in the event but her time was

not reported. Christy Morgan, Ellis, Thompson and Rasco completed the day for

the Lady Mules by placing fourth in the 1,600-meter relay in a time of 4:52.98.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, donations and flowers sent in Homer's memory. We greatly appreciate them.

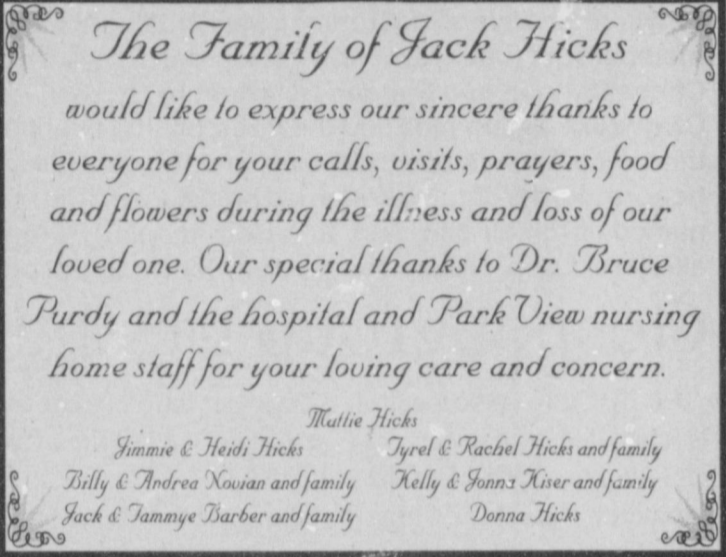
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The Family of Jack Hicks would like to express our sincere thanks to everyone for your calls, visits, prayers, food and flowers during the illness and loss of our loved one. Our special thanks to Dr. Bruce Purdy and the hospital and Park View nursing home staff for your loving care and concern.

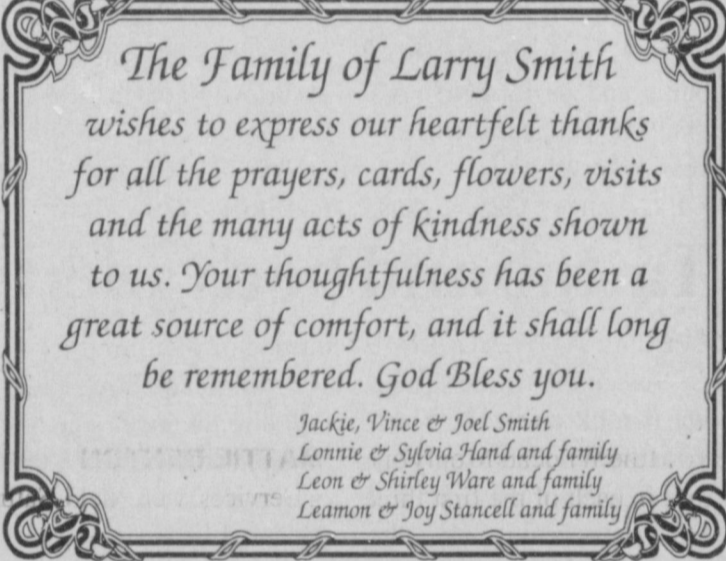
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The Family of Larry Smith wishes to express our heartfelt thanks for all the prayers, cards, flowers, visits and the many acts of kindness shown to us. Your thoughtfulness has been a great source of comfort, and it shall long be remembered. God Bless you.

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Lonnice & Sylvia Hand and family
Leon & Shirley Ware and family
Leamon & Joy Stancell and family*



NURSING HOME NEWS

Members of the Trinity Baptist and Primitive Baptist churches have directed services the past two Sundays.

Melvin and Wanda Griffin and Harold and Mary Jo Burge have kept the Saturday afternoon bingo games going strong.

Glen Williams directed the devotional Wednesday.

Allison Huckabee came Tuesday morning and played classical and old-time favorite songs on the piano for the residents.

The family of Nettie Quesenberry brought refreshments for the employees Monday.

The Muleshoe Church of Christ women served homemade pies to the residents Thursday afternoon.

Jearl James, Gary Morris, Eddy and Tammy Mardis and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Johnson directed cowboy church in Park View's day room Saturday. Cecil Davis read a cowboy poem he had written.

Members of the Lazbuddie Young Homemakers hosted a St. Patrick's Day party for the residents Monday morning.

Anne Locke, Park View's ombudsman, visited Monday morning, playing the piano and singing hymns to residents in the special-care unit.

Jonessa Brockman visited her grandmother, Sallie Robinson, on Monday.

Josie Ovalle came early Tuesday morning and gave Joyce Morrison a perm and Grace Plyler a hair cut.

Beverly Wagon, Claudine Embry, Eva Nell Dale, Linda Nowell, Mary Jo Burge and Pat Watson came to shampoo and set the women's hair Tuesday afternoon. Norma Eaves gave nail care. To show her appreciation to the volunteer beauty show crew, Maude Young presented the women with a large box of Russell Stover chocolates Tuesday.

The center staff extends sympathy to the families of Nettie Quesenberry and Elva Marts.

Jack and Anne B. Lane, Joe Embry and Harold Burge were among Park View visitors Tuesday. Morris Nowlin visited Monday.

Beatrice Garcia donated a microwave oven to the special-care unit.

Judy Hubbard came Tuesday morning for a music devotional.

Jackie Scoggins and Glenda Jennings came Wednesday afternoon to lead a sing-along and puppet show.

Herb and Betty Ramage visited Park View on Tuesday. They restocked the vending machine and left bingo quarters.

Betty Wuerflein from Decorator's Floral delivered St. Patrick's Day centerpieces and a large bouquet last week.

Guy Kendall was visited by his daughter and son-in-law,

Darla and Bobby Halt of Clovis, his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Kendall of the Houston area, and his wife, Elsie Kendall, on March 13.

The March birthday party is scheduled for 3 p.m. March 28 and the Easter party for 3 p.m. March 29.

Webb Watts was visited this week by his granddaughter, Jan Whitt Kuehler, and grandson, Rusty Whitt.

Cozette Blackwood and Betty Burelsmith of Lubbock visited Park View recently.

Melvin and Wanda Griffin visited the residents and staff Monday.

Frieda Locker was visited by Don and Pam Locker and Claudine Embry.

The Rev. and Mrs. Jack Stone visited Saturday.

The Followers and the Mary Martha Sunday school classes from the First Baptist Church gave donations to Park View.

By Joy Stancell

HOROSCOPES

For entertainment purposes only

MARCH 24-30

Aries - March 21/April 20

You're not concerned with other people's opinions this week, Aries. You are feeling quite confident and loving every minute of it. Consult with friends for weekend plans.

Taurus - April 21/May 21

It seems that romance is key for this week, Taurus. You are well equipped to handle any situation that comes your way — so make the most of chances for passion. Libra could be a love match.

Gemini - May 22/June 21

Stop your excessive worrying, Gemini, things will turn out just fine. Capricorn is a key player in surprising events on Thursday. Expect an outcome you never expected.

Cancer - June 22/July 22

Now is the time to take chances and step out into the public spotlight, Cancer. Make the most of your confidence to pursue a new love interest. Don't look too far for that someone.

Leo - July 23/August 23

This week's struggles won't go away with a quick fix. You must pull out the big guns and spend some time and consideration on this difficulty. Look to Pisces to lend a hand.

Virgo - Aug 24/Sept 22

The more you learn, the more you are anxious to use your knowledge, Virgo. All matters concerning technology are child's play this week. Others need your help.

Libra - Sept 23/Oct 23

You provide the missing link in an important work project, Libra. Tuesday will prove to be your most productive day of the week. Use it as your power day and all others will look toward you as a leader.

Scorpio - Oct 24/Nov 22

You're the master of your domain, Scorpio and you feel great. An easy work week leaves you plenty of time to sit back and enjoy the scenery. A natural loner, enjoy it alone.

Sagittarius - Nov 23/Dec 21

You are not in the mood for commotion this week, Sagittarius, so stay away from those who are loud and overbearing. Spend some serene moments with your mate.

Capricorn - Dec 22/Jan 20

Let work associates get a peak at what makes you tick, Capricorn, and you'll seem less mysterious to them. A testy boss confronts your work ethic. Be patient and the situation will blow over.

Aquarius - Jan 21/Feb 18

You've bitten off more than you can chew this week, Aquarius, but there's no backing out now. Best to call in the reserves, namely a few trustworthy friends who can lend a hand.

Pisces - Feb 19/March 20

When a close friend pushes your limits, it's best to stand by your principles and not go along with this person's plan. Trouble is not what you need right now.

Protect your rights! "Render" your taxable property by April 16th.

A "rendition" is a report to the appraisal district that lists all the taxable property you owned or controlled on January 1st of this year. The rendition form is available at your local appraisal district office...or you may draft a similar form.

Who must file a rendition?

You must file a rendition if you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income—such as the inventory and equipment used by a business.

Are there any advantages to you?

The advantages of filing a rendition are:

- ☛ You give your opinion of your property's value. If the appraisal district believes the value is higher, it must notify you in writing of the higher value and explain how you can protest that value to the appraisal review board.
- ☛ You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address. If your bill is mailed to the wrong address, the law still holds you responsible for paying your taxes on time or paying extra charges for late payments.
- ☛ You can also file a "report of decreased value" to notify the appraisal district of significant depreciation of the value of your property in 2001. The district will look at your property before assigning a value in 2002.

What's the deadline?

The last day for filing 2002 renditions is April 16. Call your appraisal district for the last date the rendition may be post-marked, if mailing. You can get an extra 15 days if you ask for it in writing by the April 16 deadline.

Where do you file?

File renditions with your local appraisal district at:
Bailey Central Appraisal District
302 Main Street
Muleshoe, Texas 79347
806-272-5501

For more information stop by your appraisal district and pick up

"Texas Property Taxes: Taxpayers' Rights, Remedies & Responsibilities"
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When is the application deadline?

If your land has never had a productivity appraisal or you are a new owner, you must apply to your local appraisal district by April 30 to take advantage of this benefit on your 2002 property taxes. You may get up to 60 extra days if you have a good reason and ask for it by April 30. If you miss this deadline, you may still be able to apply, but you will pay a penalty. Check with your appraisal district office.

Do you need to reapply annually?

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ENGAGEMENT



GLOVER-CHADWICK

Gary and Joy Glover of Muleshoe announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Keetha, to Troy Chadwick, son of James and Tanya Chadwick of Farwell. The bride-elect is a 1995 graduate of Muleshoe High School and a 1999 graduate of Texas A&M University. She teaches kindergarten in the Frenship Independent School District. The prospective groom is a 1995 graduate of Farwell High School and a 2001 graduate of Texas Tech University. He is the reservations manager at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Towers in Lubbock. The wedding is scheduled for July 5 in Lubbock.

JV baseball team falls to Littlefield Wildcats

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal sportswriter

The junior varsity Mules baseball team dropped its district opener to the Littlefield Wildcats 15-5 on the Mules' home diamond March 18.

Clay Tunnell started on the mound for the Mules and held the Wildcats to only one run in each of the first three innings.

Muleshoe tied the game at one in the bottom half of the first when catcher Robby Bomer doubled over the center fielder's head and then scored on back-to-back pass balls. The Mules' bats went silent in the second inning but exploded for four runs in the third to take a five to three lead.

Bomer drew a lead-off walk to start the fourth inning, and Tatom Heathington came in as a courtesy runner for the Mule catcher. Cory Hunt and Alex Agundis also drew walks to load the bases with no outs.

After Tunnell struck out, J.C. Orozco powdered a line drive to the center-field fence to pick up three runs and slide into third for a triple. Orozco scored when the next pitch got away from the Wildcat catcher for the Mules' fourth run of the inning.

Littlefield battled back in the fourth inning to score two runs and knotted the game at five runs each. The Wildcats might have gotten more in the inning, but a Wildcat tried to stretch a double into a triple on a throw home and Bomer gunned him down at third with a strike to Miguel Castorena at third.

The Mule bats fell silent for the night, and Littlefield picked up two runs in the fifth and sixth innings to re-take the lead. Mule coach Kodi Crane called in Orozco to relieve Tunnell after six and a third innings.

The Wildcats scored six runs in the top half of the seventh before Cory Hunt

sacked up a high fly to deep center field to stop the bleeding for the Mules. Muleshoe's bats remained quiet in the final stanza as the Mules went in order to

end the game. The Mules were scheduled to travel to Dimmitt on March 23 for a game with the Bobcats and to Shallowater for a 4:30 p.m.

game March 25. Muleshoe will defend its home diamond March 30 when the Lubbock Roosevelt Eagles come to town for a 1 p.m. game.

OBITUARIES

MATTIE BENTON

Services were held Saturday at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel in Muleshoe for Mattie Ruth Benton, 90, of Richland Hills, Texas. The Rev. Dr. Stacy Conner officiated. Burial will be in Littlefield Memorial Park.

Mrs. Benton was born Dec. 15, 1911, in Hopkins County, Texas. She died Monday in Richland Hills.

She married Ernest Benton on Oct. 5, 1933, in Clovis. He died in 1967.

She lived in California from 1944 to 1976 and moved to Muleshoe in 1982 from Prescott, Ariz. She had lived in Richland Hills since 1996.

She was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church of Muleshoe.

Mrs. Benton is survived by a son, Dale Benton of Camarillo, Calif.; three stepsons, Ernest H. Benton of Longmont, Colo., Ben Benton of Fort Worth and Floyd Benton of Bowie, Texas; a stepdaughter, Dorothy Tracht of Bakersfield, Calif.; a sister, Juanita Brown of Littlefield; two brothers, Barney Kyzer of Prescott and Ervie L. Kyzer of Moreno Valley, Calif.; 17 grandchildren; and 36 great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by a sister, Polly Kent, and two brothers, R.N. Kyzer and James Kyzer.

CINDY COBERLEY

A memorial service is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at New Covenant Church for Cindy Coberley, 46, of Muleshoe. The Rev. Steve Claybrook will officiate. Graveside services are scheduled for Monday at Fife (Texas) Cemetery.

Brooks Funeral Directors of Canyon is handling arrangements.

Mrs. Coberley was born Jan. 15, 1956, in Houston. She died Friday in Amarillo.

She married Chancie Coberley in Clovis on Oct. 17, 1979.

She grew up in Abilene and graduated from Cooper High School there. She attended Hardin Simmons University, majoring in nursing, and graduated from the Mary Meek School of Nursing in 1978. She received a bachelor of nursing degree in nursing from West Texas State University in 1988 and a master's degree in nursing, also from WT, in 1993.

She completed her family nurse practitioner preceptorship in 1994 and was certified as a family nurse practitioner.

She was a nurse at hospitals in Abilene and Amarillo before coming to Muleshoe Area Medical Center in 1996 as a nurse practitioner in the emergency room. She also taught nursing part-time at Amarillo College during the 1990s.

She was a member of the American Nurses Association, Texas Nurses Association and Sigma Tau Alpha international honor society for nursing.

She also was a co-organizer of the Hope Chest of Muleshoe, a charitable organization for the needy of Bailey County.

Mrs. Coberley is survived by her husband; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Chris and Vera Coberley of Timbercreek Canyon, Texas, and John Coberley of Williamsburg, Va.; a daughter and son-in-law, Lu and Shawn Stephens Coberley of



Coberley

Round Rock, Texas; her parents, Bill and Betty Tedder of Abilene; a brother and sister-in-law, Charles and Stacy Tedder of Lubbock; her mother-in-law, Doris Coberley of Pampa; and three grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Hope Chest of Muleshoe (Box 175, Muleshoe 79347).

'CREATIVE LIVING'

Information and recipes featuring grapes, sewing for children and decorating with dried flowers will be the topics on "Creative Living" at 1 p.m. March 26 and 3 p.m. March 30. (All times are Central.)

"Creative Living" airs on public broadcasting station KENW-TV from Eastern New Mexico University in Portales.

Courtney Romano of Seattle, representing the California Table Grape Commission, will share some recipes that feature grapes and will talk about selection, storage and handling tips.

Karen Maslowski of Cincinnati, author and sewing expert, will talk about age and ability, pattern selection and special equipment for teaching children to sew.

Abbie Small of New York City, representing the Simplicity Pattern Co., will demonstrate decorating ideas using dried flowers.

Information on fitting garments when sewing, preparing breakfast foods ahead of time, and doing faux-tortoise finishes on furniture will be featured at 10:30 p.m. March 26 and at 1 p.m. March 28.

Karen Howland, a custom

fashion designer from Loveland, Ohio, will explain how to use a sloper to take the struggle out of fitting when sewing garments at home.

Tara Gillette of KitchenAid in Benton Harbor, Mich., will demonstrate some recipes for preparing breakfast foods ahead of time.

Sharon Hanby-Robie of Minwax Home Decor in Lancaster, Pa., will demonstrate how to create the look of faux tortoise on furniture with brush strokes and decorative paint.

"Creative Living" is produced and hosted by Sheryl Borden of Portales.

The show is carried on more than 100 PBS stations in the United States, Canada, Guam and Puerto Rico and is distributed by Westlink of Albuquerque.

Viewers can request copies of materials offered on the show by sending a first-class stamp for each handout requested.

Send the stamps, along with name, address and booklets requested, to "Creative Living" Requests, c/o KENW-TV, 52 Broadcast Center, Portales 88130.

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First Baptist Church
Brady Mason (FBC)

Monday, March 25th
COMMUNITY MEAL AT NOON
First Assembly of God
Music-Jack Stone; Speaker-Brad Reeves; Prayer-Joe Chorkavunkal

Tuesday, March 26th
COMMUNITY MEAL AT NOON
First United Methodist Church
Music-Curtis Shelburne; Speaker-Stacy Conner; Prayer-Greg Guzman

Wednesday, March 27th
COMMUNITY MEAL AT NOON
First Baptist Church
Music-Brady Mason; Speaker-Stephen Claybrook; Prayer-Cody Favor

Sunday, March 31st
COMMUNITY SUNRISE SERVICE AT 7 AM
New City Park (tennis courts)
Music; Speaker-Vance Roberts; Prayer-Javier Rodriguez

Participating churches are responsible for the meal of their choice. Donations will be taken at the door for each meal.

90th Birthday Celebration

Alma Turner

Will Celebrate Her 90th Birthday
With Family & Friends
On Saturday, March 23rd
At The First Baptist Church Activity Center

The event is being hosted by her six children and their families: Joyce Bucks of Encino, CA; Alan Turner of Kingsville, TX; Royce Turner of Muleshoe; Doyce Turner of Muleshoe; Rita Hawkins of Muleshoe; and Sherri Johnson of Lake Wylie, SC.


Alma was born March 21, 1912 in Boswell, Oklahoma to Mr. and Mrs. H.S. Evans. She is the only survivor of the couple's five children.

Her family moved to County Line (west of Abernathy) in 1923. The move to Texas took 23 days by covered wagon. Alma finished school at County Line and married Doyle Turner on April 7, 1928 in Clovis, New Mexico. Doyle passed away in 1994.

The Turners moved to the Pleasant Valley community in 1951, then to Muleshoe in 1963. They farmed in the Pleasant Valley area until 1979.

Mrs. Turner has been an active member of the Muleshoe First Baptist Church Study Club for many years and is a very good friend to the library.

She has 16 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren. Seven of her grandchildren have graduated from Muleshoe High School and six great-grandchildren currently attend Muleshoe schools.



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Women's History Month being recognized

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This column was written by Virginia Whitehill, a resident of Dallas since 1960 who visited Muleshoe last year and met several local residents. It appeared in this month's issue of Today's Dallas Woman and is reprinted with the author's permission in recognition of March as Women's History Month.)

One male astronaut declared that men landing on the moon was "one giant step for mankind." I am here to declare that winning the vote was a monumental giant step for womankind.

The 1920 passage of the 19th Amendment was an enormously profound event.

For the first time, women were declared to have fully formed brains capable of the challenges of voting day.

This was a giant break from the second-class citizenship of women formerly practiced in this country.

In honor of the foremothers, and our 82-year-long struggle since the franchise, many of us want March to be nationally recognized as Women's History Month.

Let us give tribute to Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton,

Sojourner Truth, Alice Paul and Frederick Douglas (there good men helping, too), and many others we should seek to know.

Getting women the right to vote was a bloodless revolution in America except for the sweat of unfair labor practices and in the tears of women who desperately needed protection under the law.

Getting women the right to vote opened the door for women to have the right to make better lives for themselves and their families.

It has taken years and many hard-fought legislative battles to get women legal protection, and make no mistake about it, the war we are currently engaged in is about the status of women as much as anything else.

The same people (in Afghanistan) who would tear down our civilization reduced women to a condition worse than slaves or farm animals.

Slaves and farm animals are considered wealth, and there is an obligation to feed and take care of them. That was not true for the women of Afghanistan

subjected to Taliban rule. We who have earned our rights should use those rights to be faithful and true to the roots of freedom.

Never let us forget the loss of life that has paid dearly for our continued liberty. Once again, we are taught that our rights are never permanently secure, but must be ever guarded and nurtured.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Muleshoe Area Medical Center reports the following patient load:

March 15 — Elsie Kendall, Rachel Lewis, Alma Pierson and Christian S. Vidaurri.

March 16 — None reported.

March 17 — None reported.

March 18 — Gladys Kaltwasser, Elmer M.

In designating March as Women's History Month, we set the stage for the first steps toward the year 2020, when we will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment.

In the meantime, let us educate our sisters, daughters and friends to remember and protect that which we should not take for granted.

Langford, Brandy M. Martínez, Pattie J. Piñeda and Lucille Wills.

March 20 — Clara Coffman, Larry G. Combs, Jimmie L. Gregory, Gladys Kaltwasser, Hubert H. Kidd, Elmer M. Langford, Geronimo Lazaro, Randy Lewis, Enrique López, Brandy M. Martínez, Baby Piñeda, Pattie J. Piñeda and Lucille Wills.

Even the Rocks of Creation Praise the Creator's Son

This Sunday is Palm Sunday. Remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on the Sunday before he would die?

Jesus entered Jerusalem riding on a donkey no one had ever ridden, a beast his disciples found just as he had said they would.

As he approached the city, people began to spread their cloaks on the road and wave

The cynical poet Swinburne once wrote, "Thou hast conquered, O pale Galilean! / The world has grown grey with Thy breath."

If Christ was the morose Son of a joyless God sent just to tell this world we are wrong and lost and that we'd better straighten up, but to do nothing to help us, if the cross was just an unfortunate accident, a tragic historical footnote with no meaning, instead of the event in which God himself accomplishes the work of salvation, I could well agree with the poet's words. Good news? What good news?

If God was just a stern heavenly killjoy, a thin-lipped, overly strict, bloodless, joyless Father griping that his kids are more trouble than they're worth and who'd really rather not bother with them . . .

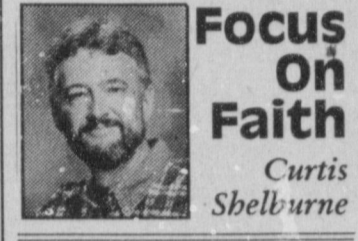
If God had stopped with the tables of stone revealing his holy law and not gone on to send the Savior with the message, "God's laws are real, and you often break them at great cost, but I have paid the price for your pardon and risen to heal and empower you to live lives under his mercy and filled with his joy . . ."

If God had sent just the Law to be our Prosecutor and not the Son to be our Savior, Swinburne would be right.

But he's not right. Not even close.

And it would be a shame to let the rocks do all the praising.

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



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

palm branches hailing the coming King.

As he came down the road from the Mount of Olives, the crowd began to burst into praise.

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

The Pharisees, soured by their toxic approach to religion, began to warn Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples. Shut them up!"

And Jesus replied, "I tell you, if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."

On this Palm Sunday, and on every Sunday, I'd rather be a rock on the road praising the Savior than a Pharisee all dressed up but blind to the One who is worthy of all our praise.

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TORNADO WATCH

Tells you tornadoes are possible in your area. Remain alert for approaching storms. Watches are intended to heighten public awareness and should not be confused with warnings.

TORNADO WARNING

Issued when a tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radar. Warnings indicate immediate danger to life and property to those in the path of a storm.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO...

- ☞ Watch the sky and listen to radio and television for further information. Remain alert for rapidly changing conditions.
- ☞ Know the area in which you live. Use a road map of your area to track storm path.
- ☞ If you can hear thunder, you are close enough to be struck by lightning. Take shelter inside sturdy structure.
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- ☞ Go to safe shelter in a sturdy building.
- ☞ Continue to listen to radio and television for further information. Postpone outdoor activities if thunderstorms are imminent.
- ☞ Unplug appliances not necessary for obtaining weather information. Unplug air conditioners. Power surges from lightning can overload compressors.
- ☞ Avoid using telephone or appliances. Do not take bath or shower. Use phone ONLY in an emergency
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- ☞ Watch the sky and listen to radio and television for further information. Remain alert for rapidly changing conditions.
- ☞ Know the area in which you live. Use a road map of your area to track storm path from weather bulletins. Remember: Tornadoes occasionally develop in areas in which a severe thunderstorm watch or warning is in effect.
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- ☞ In a home or building, move to a pre-designated shelter, such as a basement.
- ☞ If an underground shelter is not available, move to an interior room or hallway on the lowest floor and get under a sturdy piece of furniture. Stay away from windows.
- ☞ Get out of automobiles. Do not try to outrun a tornado in your car. Instead, leave it immediately.
- ☞ Continue to listen to radio and television for information.

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...IF KING JOASH IS WORRIED AT ZECHARIAH'S PROPHECY, HE SHOWS NO SIGN OF IT, BUT....

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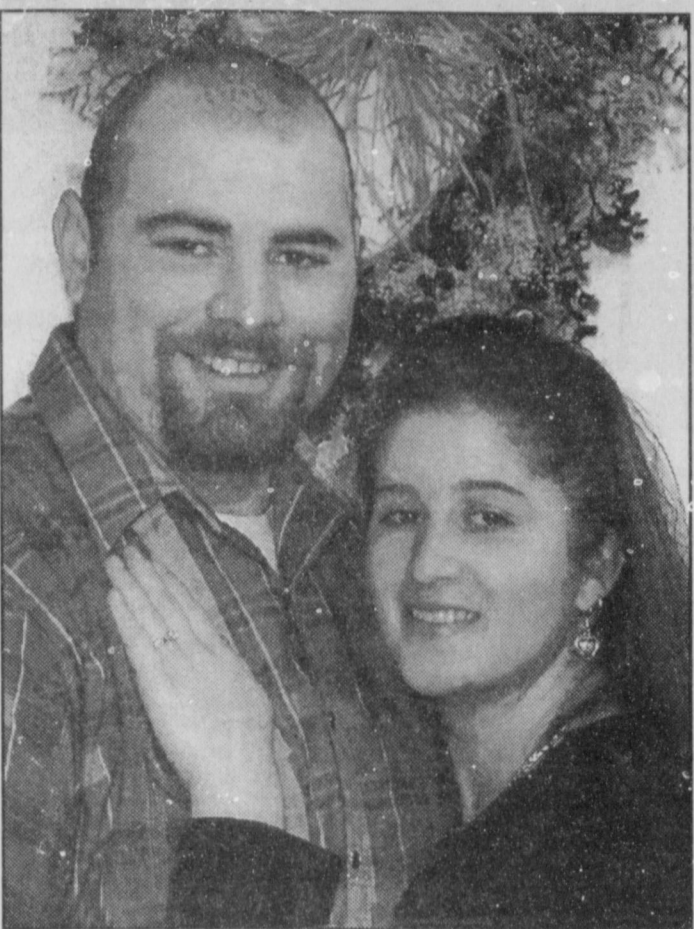
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TODAY'S RECIPE

MARASCHINO DRUM CAKE

- 4 cups powdered sugar
 - 1/2 cup butter or margarine, softened
 - 1/3 to 1/2 cup half-and-half or milk
 - 2 1/2 tsp. vanilla
 - 1 oz. unsweetened baking chocolate, melted
 - 1 baked two-layer (8-inch cake)
 - 14 sticks of peppermint candy
 - 1 jar (10 oz.) maraschino cherries, drained
 - 2 6-inch twists of red licorice
- Combine the sugar, half-

and-half and vanilla; mix thoroughly or until smooth. Stir chocolate into 3/4 cup of the above mixture. Mix thoroughly and set aside. Frost the top of each layer of cake with white icing and stack them; set aside remaining white icing for decorating. Frost sides of the cake with chocolate icing. Cut the peppermint sticks to the desired length. Angle them in a zigzag pattern around the sides of the cake. Where peppermint sticks

meet at the top and bottom of the cake, pipe star shapes and top with maraschino cherries.

Place a cherry on the end of each licorice twist to make drumsticks. Makes 10 to 12 servings.

TOPS NEWS

TOPS No. 34 met March 21 at the regular site, the Muleshoe Church of Christ. Leader Laverne James presided and led the prayer and pledge.

Elaine Coburn led the group as they sang both TOPS songs.

Eight members were present for the weigh-in, which was conducted by Linda White, weigh-in recorder.

Cheryl DeGraffenreid

was named best loser. Lucille Harp was the first runner-up, and White was the second runner-up.

James was presented with a gift in honor of her recent birthday. Joline Franklin also was presented a gift for losing weight two weeks in a row.

The next meeting is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. March 28 at the same site. Visitors are welcome.

Ag-loan eligibility boils down to basics this year

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

LUBBOCK — Farmers seeking operating loans for the current crop year should focus on the basics when they visit their lenders, according to K.W. Hill, an agriculture loan officer with City Bank in Levelland.

"Things are going to be pretty tight this year," Hill said. "We don't have a farm bill in place. We don't know when we will have a farm bill in place, and commodity prices are less than encouraging. As a result, lenders will be looking very closely at what I call the five C's for each and every loan and client."

Hill was a featured speaker at the Jan. 16 West Plains Ag Conference in Hockley County — one of seven regional South Plains ag conferences sponsored in January and February by Texas Cooperative Extension.

"The five C's are: Character, Cash Flow, Capital, Credit Rating and Capacity (management ability). In my 18 years' experience in ag lending, these are the factors that count the most in loan eligibility," Hill said.

"Your character and capacity may already be known if you are a repeat customer with your lender. If not, how you have conducted business in the past and the success of those enterprises provides a good indication of both.

"In addition, there is a loan eligibility checklist that you should keep in mind. A list of important information your lender will need to evaluate your standing under the other C's." Hill said the checklist includes these items:

- A financial statement showing assets, debt and net worth;
- A budget statement of expected expenses for each enterprise;
- A proposed operating plan, with details on acreage, crops, livestock, inputs, etc.;
- A five-year farm-and-crop yield history;
- Last year's income/expense statement for the operation;
- A copy of the producer's tax returns for the past three to five years;
- A debt/collateral statement for the operation;

- A list of equipment that will be used, and proof of insurance on larger equipment;

- A real estate description of the farm;

- An overview of the producer's marketing plan;

- Crop insurance statements from recent years; and

- A projected schedule of farm-program payments pertinent to each enterprise.

"In generating a financial statement, it's important to remember that production investments, inventory, dividends and rebates should be listed as assets," Hill said.

"Loan committees put a lot of weight on net worth, but we realize that net worth fluctuates and is highly variable in light of low commodity prices during the past few years."

All of the items on the checklist are basic ingredients for

generating a projected cash flow statement. Farm program payments can often mean the difference between a positive and negative cash flow, he added.

"We can help you generate a schedule of projected farm program payments, once Congress puts a solid farm bill on the table," Hill said.

"But the real bottom line is a cash-flow projection of more than 100 percent (of the desired loan). I use a bottom line of 110 percent, but other lenders may require more.

"If your cash-flow percentage doesn't measure up, there are probably some options your lender will want you to consider. Are there any ways to cut operating expenses? Can you extend or restructure an existing loan? Should a Farm Service Agency guaranteed

loan be part of your overall loan package? Can you refinance an existing loan at a lower interest rate?"

"These are options that can affect or possibly improve your cash flow and loan eligibility," he added.

Producers who follow the loan-eligibility checklist and generate a flexible operating plan are likely to fare well with ag lenders, he added.

"Preparation before you visit your lender, and building a flexible operating plan, could be the key to hitting the right cash flow percentage," Hill concluded. "Above all, remember that cash flow in any operating plan is all important — whether you're planning to operate in a 'cut-back' mode, or in a 'go-all-out' mode."

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Proposals should be for the same coverage and in the amounts now provided under the Bailey County Employee Benefit Trust, a partially self-funded plan, which plan year runs from June 1st through May 31st. Any proposals for more or less coverage, or for plans which would not be partially self-funded, should be presented as options and labeled as such. Specifications, as well as personnel and claims experience information, are available in the County Judge's office and will be provided upon request. The County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. Published in the Bailey County Journal March 24, 2002.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Three Way ISD is accepting competitive sealed bids on the Interactive Television Laboratory to be effective June 2002. Proposals will be received until 4:00 PM on Tuesday April 9, 2002. The Board of Trustees of Three Way ISD reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids. For more information, call Tom Alvis at 806-927-5531. Published in the Muleshoe Journal, March 21, 2002 and the Bailey County Journal, March 24, 2002.

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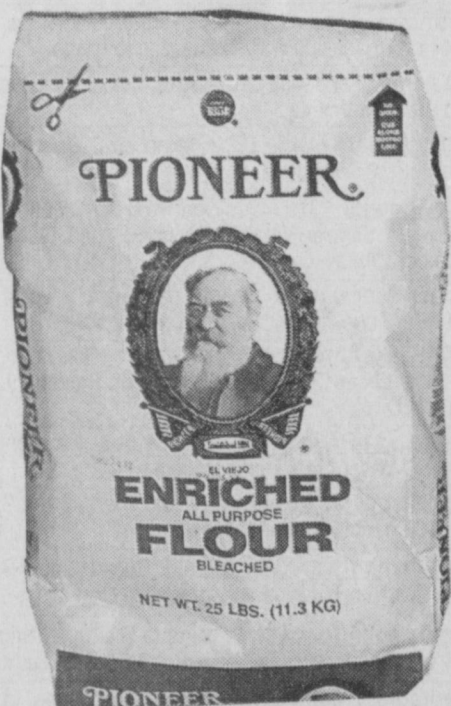


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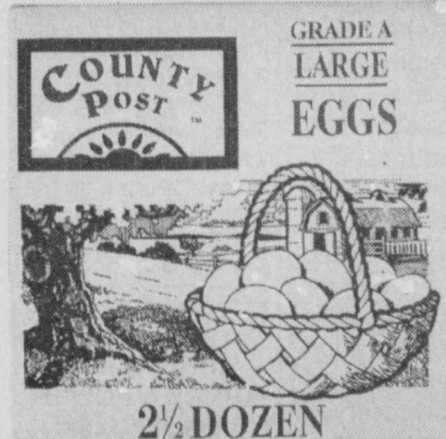
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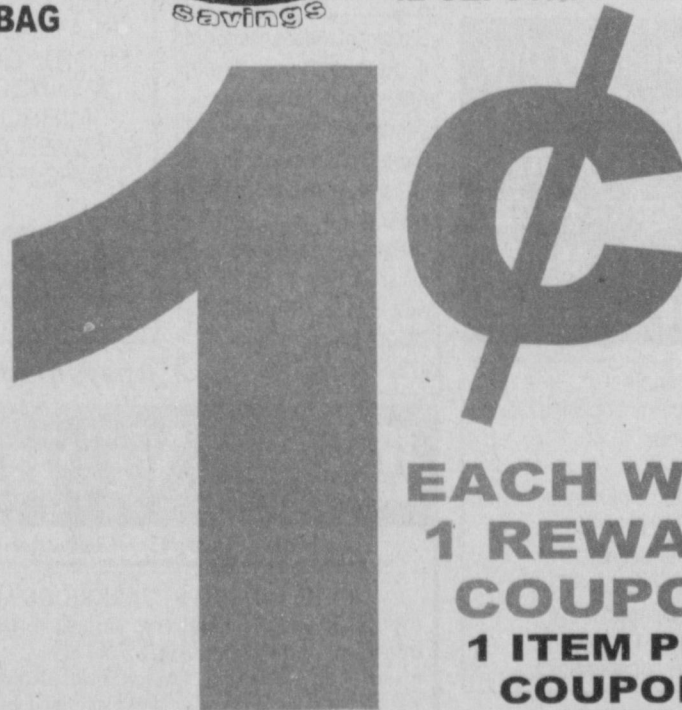


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