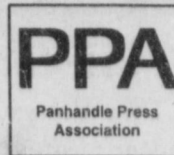




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A QUICK READ OF THE NEWS

### Parade, 3-on-3 set for 4th

A 3-on-3 basketball tournament and the traditional parade are among the numerous activities planned by the Chamber of Commerce for the annual Muleshoe 4th of July celebration.

The Firecracker Classic 3-on-3 tournament begins at 9 a.m. and will be played on portable courts on Main Street. Four age groups are available: 10-under, 11-13, 14-16 and 17-over.

The parade will feature first, second and third place prizes in four divisions: floats, decorated bicycles, riding clubs and antique cars.

For more information, contact the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture, 272-4248.

### Group studies Senior Center

A meeting concerning acquisition of a grant to fund a new senior citizens center in the community will be held June 25 at 7 p.m. at the Muleshoe State Bank community room.

Anyone age 55 or older is welcome to attend and show support.

For more information, contact Berta Combs at 272-3647.

### Honesty pays ...

HERMOSA BEACH, Calif. — Sweeping the supermarket floor is all part of a day's work for Greg Tucker.

So is honesty.

So when he swept up a 3-carat diamond ring, Tucker gave it to his boss and forgot about it — until Carl Terrano came to say thanks. Terrano gave Tucker a \$1,000 check as a reward for finding his wife's wedding ring.

"You didn't have to do that," Tucker responded. Terrano and his wife, Dusty, thought otherwise. They will celebrate their golden anniversary July 3, and Carl Terrano hated the idea that his wife would have been without the ring, which he estimated is worth \$40,000 to \$50,000.

### LOCAL WEATHER

	High	Low	Pre.
Tuesday	83	55	—
Wednesday	98	54	—
Thursday	99	55	—
Total to date	3.30 inches		

### EXTENDED FORECAST

Mostly sunny Sunday through Wednesday with the highs in the upper 90's to low 100's and the lows in the 70's.

## House Appropriations Subcommittee doubles federal boll weevil funding

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The House Appropriations Subcommittee last week voted to help states eradicate the cotton boll weevil by more than doubling the federal government's loan authority to \$100 million, up from \$50 million last year.

The loan authority assists producer foundations with financing during the early years of a typical four-year eradication program, when costs are high and growers have yet to see a benefit.

Larry Combest, the House Agriculture

Committee's vice chairman, led the effort by congressmen from throughout Texas, requesting that the Appropriations Committee increase Boll Weevil Eradication Program funding, which can be used specifically in the cotton-producing regions of Texas.

"Each federal dollar invested in the Boll Weevil Eradication program generates an estimated \$12 in return to the surrounding communities," said the Republican Congressman. "Doubling the federal loan authority to \$100 million could help the Texas Boll Weevil

Foundation with the needed flexibility to offer more affordable eradication plans that High Plains producers would be willing to pay for. This is progress that could mean the difference in Texas' success or failure implementing a comprehensive statewide program."

Congressman Combest also noted that the subcommittee bill keeps the eradication program's direct cost share assistance funding at the same level from the previous year, \$16.2

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### Dry ditch

Even irrigated corn fields like this one along the Friona Highway are showing the effects of the drought.

## Drought's impact: \$1.7 billion

By EDITH A. CHENAULT  
A&M Extension Service

COLLEGE STATION — The statewide economic impact of the drought for Texas agriculture could be more than \$1.7 billion in losses, according to figures released Tuesday by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

The projected direct loss of income to agricultural producers is \$517 million, which will lead to a loss of another \$1.2 billion in economic activity for the state, said Dr. Roland Smith of College Station, professor and associate head for the department of agricultural economics at Texas A&M.

According to the National

Weather Service, all 10 climatic regions within the state received below-average rainfall from March through May, a critical time in the production of corn, cotton, sorghum, wheat and forage in Texas.

For example, the lower Rio Grande Valley received no measurable precipitation during May and stood at only 17 percent of normal rainfall for the 90-day period that ended May 31.

East, Central and South Texas averaged from one-fourth to one-third of the normal rainfall for the same period.

"Many farmers, ranchers and agriculturally related businesses and communities in Texas are again faced

with the prospect of severe economic losses due to drought," said Dr. Joe Outlaw of College Station, Extension economist.

"This is a grim reminder of the devastation that occurred in many areas of Texas during 1996.

"Without significant, widespread moisture in the month of June," Outlaw said, "drought losses will spread rapidly to impact farmers, ranchers, and related businesses statewide. The anticipated repercussions on the Texas agricultural economy, should this occur, could be greater than that of 1996."

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## Wheat farmers might get help

Due to declining prices, this year's wheat crop could become eligible for a Loan Deficiency Payment, according to the Farm Service Agency in Bailey County.

Grain is eligible for LDP payments anytime the posted county price falls below the level of the county loan rate for that particular commodity. The crop must have been certified and be participation in the AMTA farm program.

The Bailey County loan rate for wheat is \$2.65. Posted county prices are determined daily from the Daily Market Rates using the grain differentials assigned to each county. These rates are received in the county office each morning and are effective for that day.

LDP payment rates are computed based on the difference between the county loan rate for wheat and the higher of the two between the Amarillo rate or the Texas Gulf rate.

Producers are eligible for LDP payments in three ways: (1) Non-contracted crop — the producer has not contracted his wheat and maintains beneficial interest in the wheat (the wheat has not been sold); (2) Contracted crop — the producer has contracted his wheat.

A copy of the contract must be presented to determine when beneficial interest will be lost (when the crop is delivered or when the producer receives payment); (3) Field direct — the producer sells the wheat when it reaches the elevator.

To receive an LDP payment on non-contracted wheat, producers must take the following action at the FSA Office:

■ Provide certified production evidence or a warehouse receipt from the elevator.

■ Sign the Loan Deficiency Application and Certification (CCC-666)

■ Sign a Direct Deposit Signup Form (1199A). All LDP payments will be issued by Direct Deposit.

Once all forms are completed and approved, the LDP rate is locked in. The producer can then sell his wheat if he so desires. The Loan Deficiency Payment will be issued by Di-

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## Muleshoe grad receives Governor's service award

ABILENE — Archie Scarbrough, a 1953 graduate of Muleshoe, was recently awarded the Governor's Volunteer Service Award for his work at a prison north of Abilene.

Scarbrough has served as a volunteer at the Middleton Unit in the chaplaincy program since it opened in 1993.

He told the *Abilene Reporter-News* that he is most proud when former inmates write and tell him how he made a difference in their lives.

Scarbrough was honored for the greatest number of hours served by a volunteer.

Scarbrough and the other volunteers, along with Chaplain Linda Hill, ministers to

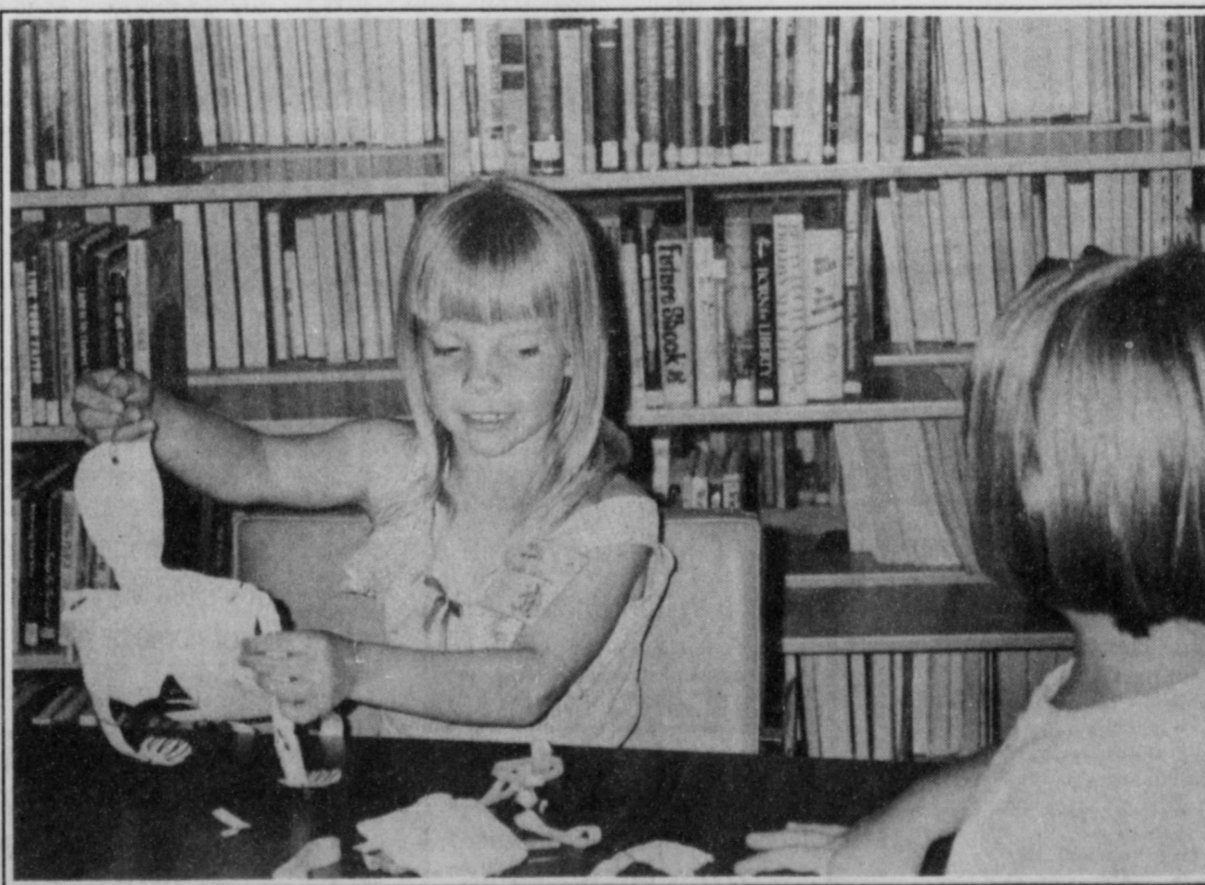
2,000 inmates and 580 staff members. He teaches a course in new life behavior which is designed to help the inmate turn their life a round.

"I think God is the only change that's going to make a difference in a person's life," he told the *Abilene paper*.

In a prison unit, Scarbrough is never at a loss for ministry opportunities. He teaches classes, helps Chaplain Hill with death messages, does the program scheduling, and in Hill's absence, is in charge of the volunteers.

In her nomination letter, Hill describes Scarbrough as being a servant. "He teaches us all

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### Spooky stuff

Xandra Ballenger of Muleshoe holds up a paper skelton she made Thursday during the Summer Reading Program at the Muleshoe Area Public Library.



## Benham will run tack at McMurry

ABILENE — Kendra Benham of Muleshoe has committed to run track next year at McMurry University.

Benham was a three-time regional qualifier and a four-year letterman for the Lady Mules.

Benham will be part of the first track team at McMurry since the school dropped the program in the spring of 1991.

Benham, a three-sport athlete, advanced to the regionals



Kendra Benham

in the 100 meters and sprint relay in 1995. She repeated that feat in 1996 while also advancing in

the shot put. In 1997, she competed in both the 100 and 200 meters at the regional meet. She failed to qualify in her injury-plagued senior year.

Benham received many ath-

letic awards this year, including being named Lady Mule Athlete of the Year. She was also captain of the basketball team as well as track MVP.

She is the daughter of Jack and Nancy Benham of Muleshoe.

Benham is the second Lady Mule senior that committed to play college sports this spring. Amy Locker signed to play basketball at Lubbock Christian University.

## Conventional farmers reconsidering organic

WATSONVILLE, Calif. — Once considered the polar opposite of conventional farming, organic farming is gaining more acceptance by traditional agriculture. Conventional farmers to be made in organic farming and some are showing a new interest.

About 350 acres of Dick Peixoto's 2,350-acre vegetable farm are planted with organically grown crops.

Vegetable producer Dick Peixoto is one conventional farmer who found such an interest three years ago. Peixoto, a member of the Santa Cruz County, Calif., Farm Bureau, converted 50 of his 2,000-plus acres to organic production. Since then, Peixoto has increased his organic operation to 350 acres and is candid about the financial incentives.

"The conventional markets are pretty flat right now," he said. "There's just not the increase in demand — and on the organic side, there's a pretty high increase in demand every year."

Dick Peixoto, a Santa Cruz County, Calif., produce grower, said the financial incentives convinced him to switch part of his acreage to organic crops. "There's a pretty high increase in demand every year," Peixoto said.

David Petritz, assistant director of the Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service, agrees with Peixoto's assessment. Petritz says the acceptance of organic farming by conventional farmers signals a dramatic change in agriculture.

"It's not just long-haired guys wearing tennis shoes anymore," he said. "Now it's boot-wearing farmers who are doing it."

The financial incentives for those boot-wearing farmers are obvious. Take soybeans, for example. Ron Roller, president and chief soybean buyer of

American Soy Products in Saline, Mich., says the organic soybean market is exploding. Roller says that while conventionally grown soybeans are bringing \$7 a bushel, organic soybean prices are ranging as high as \$25 a bushel.

Organic products account for less than 3 percent of total U.S. crop production, and no one has any illusions that organic farming will ever replace traditional agriculture. Still, a segment of the consuming public is purchasing organic products. Whether organic consumers believe the products are healthier, politically correct or chic, they are willing to pay extra. But as organics have moved from the fringe to the mainstream, Peixoto says people want the same quality conventional food offers.

"Ten years ago, if you grew organically, you just did the

best you could, threw it in a box and that's what people bought," he says. "Nowadays we take conventional standards and apply them to organic. Same weight, same size and no bugs."

While the throw-it-in-a-box-and-call-it-organic does not work for farmers and consumers anymore, it especially does not work for the government. The Agriculture Department is in the process of writing national organic standards to replace the patchwork of state-by-state rules. Dr. Enrique Figueroa, USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service administrator, says Congress feels national organic standards will protect consumers.


"As it currently stands, any consumer in the country can


buy something labeled organic and to varying degrees that may mean different things," Figueroa said.

But Figueroa was unaware of the political firestorm he was walking into when USDA initially recommended earlier this year that irradiated, genetically engineered and food fertilized with municipal waste be allowed to retain the organic label.


"We've counted 220,000 comments and we're still not done counting," Figueroa said. The vast majority of the comments opposed the USDA pro-

posal, so USDA is back at the drawing board and is scheduled to release standards acceptable to the organic industry and consumers this fall.





Joe K. and Joyeline Costen, 1998



Joe K. and Joyeline Costen, 1948

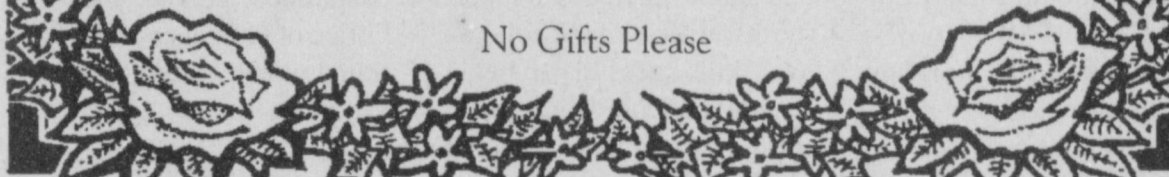
Friends of Joe K. and Joyeline Costen wish to invite you to share in the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday, June 28, 1998 2:00-3:30 p.m., Heritage Depot, 2200 West Ash Street, Muleshoe, Texas

In a double ring ceremony Friday, June 18, 1948 at 10 a.m., Miss Joyeline Stearns, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Stearns of Manitou and Laing, OK, became the bride of Joe K. Costen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenner B. Costen of Snyder, OK. The vows were solemnized by Rev. Walter Hargraves in the First Christian Church of Snyder.

The bride is a graduate of Laing High School and received her degree from the Oklahoma College for Women at Chickasha. The groom graduated from Snyder High School and served two years in the Army during World War II. Most of this time was spent in the Pacific theatre.

The couple chose June 18 as the wedding date because it was the wedding

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**Business of the Month**

Sanitary Barber Shop was named the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture's Business of the Month for June. Pictured with owner Frank Parker (seated) are (l-r) Dawn Williams, Susie Sowder, Hugh Young, Lavon Hunt, Joe Flores, Bill James, Wade King and Laura Precure.

**TASP test offered at South Plains July 25**

The TSAP test, a statewide academic skills program now required of students planning to enroll in college-level courses this fall, is scheduled July 25 at South Plains College.

Registration deadline is June 26, and fee is \$29.

Late registration is June 29-July 15; and emergency registration is July 16-22. Additional fees apply.

"The Texas legislature now requires that all college students must take the TASP test prior to enrolling in college-level courses unless otherwise exempt from the test," said Gracie Quinonez, counselor and testing coordinator at SPC.

The regulation goes into effect in the fall of 1998.

The Texas Academic Skills

Program is an instructional program designed to ensure that all students attending public institutions of higher education will be successful in their college studies, noted Quinonez. The test assesses basic college-level skills necessary to begin an undergraduate degree, measuring a student's strengths and weaknesses in reading, writing and math.

TASP exemptions apply to students who have earned at least three semester hours of college credit prior to the fall of 1989, those who have achieved high scores on the ACT, SAT and TAAS, persons 55 and older who are not seeking a degree or certificate; students enrolled in certain certificate programs; and veterans who have completed basic

training prior to the fall 1989, and others.

For more information on the TASP or special testing accommodations for students with disabilities, contact the SPC Office of Guidance and Counseling at SPC, 806-894-9611, ext.2367.

**BAILEY COUNTY HEART ASSOCIATION NEWS**

Bailey County American Heart Association held a Clay-Bird Shoot earlier this month. Approximately 25-30 shooters attended this fund raising event. Local merchants graciously donated nearly a thousand dollars worth of prizes and services.

Gary Skaggs and his son, Cary, along with Randy Smith kept things lively and fun. Several young men attended and received help with gun safety and shooting techniques.

Some of the winners during the shoot were: John Littlefield, Jay and Rick Seaton, Tommy Green, Gary and Cary Skaggs, Gail Hargrove, Ryan and Rick Powell, Shannon Redwine, Toby and Jaret Tucker, and Bradley Thomason.

The next meeting will be in August when the new year starts.

There will be a Heart Dance in September at the Civic center. Bill Case and The

Velvetones will be playing Big Band Era music. There will be dancing, food, or one may just sit and enjoy the music. Tickets will be \$10 for the dance and the baked potato pile-on buffet.

To volunteer your help, please call Joyce McGehee at 965-2950.

Anyone interested in forming a 4-H Gun Club can contact Gary Skaggs at 272-3993 for more details.

**Mr. and Mrs. Demp Foster of Lazbuddie will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary with a family weekend hosted by their children Saturday, June 21 in Lazbuddie. They are the parents of Mr. & Mrs. Jim Foster of Lubbock, Mr. & Mrs. Steve Foster of Red Oak, IA. Foster and the former Anita Steinbock were married June 10, 1948 in Muleshoe. They have five grandchildren.**



Irvin St. Clair donates his Boy Scout memorabilia to Muleshoe Heritage Foundation Board president Vivian White.

**St. Clair donates Boy Scout memorabilia to Foundation**

Irvin St. Clair donated historic Boy Scouts of America memorabilia to the Muleshoe Heritage Foundation.

It is in a custom made case and includes all of St. Clair's rank badges that he earned as a scout as well as the 21 merit badges in special fields of interest.

St. Clair earned his place in scouting history by being the first in Muleshoe to earn the rank of Eagle Scout. In addition to the badges, one can see the order of the Arrow, a very

prestigious honor and national brotherhood of scout campers. Its purpose is to recognize those scouts who best exemplify the scout oath and law in their daily lives. He received the order of the Arrow in 1941 and the Eagle Scout rank in 1942.

St. Clair joined the Muleshoe Eagle Scout Troop 20 in 1938.

Their meetings were held in the old Masonic Lodge Hall, a two-story building located where the Public Library now stands.

**Free brochure on children's food habits**

Parents are the greatest single influence on their children's attitudes toward food and their food habits.

To help parents develop good food habits in their family, Baylor College of Medicine in Houston has prepared a brochure entitled "Kids And Food: Starting a lifetime of healthy eating."

"Es Hora De Comer," the Spanish version of the brochure, is also available.

Any U.S. resident may obtain a free copy of the brochure by sending a stamped, self-addressed, business-size (10#) envelope: We Care for you- Kids and food or Es Hora De Comer, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX 77030.

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5116 <b>1996 Cutlass Supreme</b>	\$225 down 10.9% APR, 60 mos. <b>\$10,839</b>	<b>\$225<sup>00</sup></b>
5179 <b>1996 Chevy Lumina</b>	\$233 down 10.9% APR, 60 mos <b>\$10,995</b>	<b>\$233<sup>00</sup></b>
51725 <b>1996 Buick Regal</b>	\$250 down 9.9% APR, 72 mos. <b>\$11,995</b>	<b>\$237<sup>37</sup></b>
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5177 <b>1997 Chevy Lumina</b>	\$250 down 10.9% APR, 66 mos. <b>\$12,995</b>	<b>\$261<sup>89</sup></b>
5282 <b>1997 Chevy 150 EC 3rd Dr.</b>	\$500 down 10.9% APR, 72 mos <b>\$19,500</b>	<b>\$360<sup>67</sup></b>
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# Raising a stink



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Blaine was in Saskatchewan adding to his revolving horse collection, when the seller suggested he take a goat along as well. "Ya know, they have a calming effect on horses. As well as disease prevention."

"Where might I get one?" inquired Blaine. "I have one right here for only \$25," replied the seller, injecting ol' Billy into the innocent Blaine. Goat and horse climbed into the trailer.

On the trip home to Pincher Creek, Blaine became aware of Billy's strong, some would say unpleasant, odor. It only disappeared when he got above 60 kph.

Billy became king of the barnyard. He spent time with his original equine companion but generously made himself available to the other horses as well as occasional bulls that required goat therapy.

Blaine was pleased with the harmony that Billy lent to the homestead. And, if the smell bothered Blaine, he never said. It is entirely possible that Blaine was olfactory impaired due to his constant exposure to the purulent, putrifying parasitic infestations and assorted unsavory, malodorous pestilence that occurred in his daily practice of veterinary medicine.

However, it became a constant source of inquiry by farmers bringing stock by the clinic, as in, "O-o-o-o-e-e-e! Vat's dat smell, eh?"

"It's a goat," explained Blaine. "It's been said they have curative powers." "Yer ta vet," they'd say. "You don't belief dat do you?" You could hear the fear in their voices

as they imagined Blaine sending stinking ol' Billy home with them as companion for their trembling llama.

Soon, female goats were added to the menagerie as company for Billy. Goats begat goats begat more goats. They ate everything in sight. When they reached their peak population, the mob numbered 27. They would swarm a full grown conifer or decorative hedge like locusts and strip is bare. Finally under threat of banishment from the house, Blaine got rid of all the goats except Billy, who continued to reign supreme from his throne atop a round bale feeder in the colt corral.

One afternoon a buyer came by to look at some colts. Blaine led him into the corral. Billy was ensconced on his perch, head peaking through the tubular steel frame.

"Whoeee! What in the blasphemous, offensive, scatological, politically incorrect bodily function is that!" the buyer asked, covering his burning eyes and holding his nose. "It's a goat," said Blaine. "It smells dead," choked the buyer.

Blaine had a second look. Billy was sitting where he always sat, right on top of the round bale feeder. Except his head was at an odd angle where it poked under the steel. Upon closer examination there were other indicators of an accidental barnyard suicide of several days duration, like balloonish appearance and slippin' of the hair. "Yer right," said Blaine pausing, "I thought that bale was lastin' longer than usual."

## Good nutrition can boost energy levels

Adopting proper eating habits is the best way to recharge your battery, say behavioral psychologists in The DeBakey Heart Center's Behavioral Medicine Reseach Center at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

"The problem is usually poor nutrition," said Dr. Ken Goodrick, assistant professor of medicine. "Caffeine abuse may also cause tiredness."

Not eating enough, eating too much fat or not drinking enough water can cause a person to feel fatigued.

Goodrick recommends following a well-baleaced diet that provides no more than 30 percent of total calories from fat. A health eating plan also includes five or more servings of fruits and vegetables and at least eight glasses of water a day.

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# Drought can turn forage, hay deadly

COLLEGE STATION — With drought-related woes piling up, ranchers and others with livestock need to be sure not to add to them by letting their livestock consume nitrate-laden forage or hay, the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory reports.

"The good news is we've not seen nitrate levels as high as in the drought of 1996," said Dr. John Reagor, head of diagnostic toxicology at the laboratory's College Station facility. "Maybe that's because it's still early, or maybe it's because climatic conditions this year allowed more nitrogen to be used up in plant growth."

But that doesn't mean live-

stock owners can afford to let forage or hay go untested, Reagor said.

Although only one case of nitrate poisoning has been confirmed in the state so far this summer — four cows which died after consuming sudan hybrid sorghum — drought conditions appear to be worsening and the ailment can strike quickly.

"Typically, an animal will die within a few hours, but it can take as little as 30 minutes," Reagor said. "It will stagger, breathe hard, and die, and the owner doesn't know until the animal is found dead."

He is aware of two or three cases in the past two decades

where several dozen animals have died on a single farm or ranch, Reagor said.

Probably the most hazardous hay is that made of sudan hybrid sorghum contaminated with pigweed, also known as careless weed, Reagor said. Both are found in most parts of the state, and because sorghum was generally planted later than corn, it may not have been able to take advantage of stored water in the soil.

When conditions began to dry, that meant sorghum was more likely than earlier-planted crops, like corn, to have grown higher and use up nitrogen in the soil, he said.

Reagor said livestock own-

ers should have samples of their hay or forage tested at his laboratory or at the Soil, Water and Forage Testing Laboratory at Texas A&M University's soil and crop sciences department. The TVMDL's toxicology lab may be reached at (409) 845-3414, and the soil and crop sciences lab may be reached at (409) 845-4816.

# Texas wheat harvest appears strong

The 1998 Texas winter wheat crop is forecast at 132 million bushels, 11 percent above last year and up 75 percent from 1996.

According to June 1 survey conducted by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, statewide yield is expected to average 33 bushels per acre, up 4 bushels from last year. Harvested acreage, at 4.0 million acres, is down 2 percent from 1997.

"Yields continue to be very good as harvest was winding down in the Blacklands and

Central Texas. On the Plains combining was getting underway by early June and yield prospects are good," State Statistician Dennis Findley reported.

Production on the Northern High Plains is forecast at 59.0 million bushels, down 2 percent from last year. Winter wheat production on the Low Plains is forecast at 29.0 million bushels, up 22 percent from last year. The Cross Timbers is estimated at 10.0 million bushels, up 33 percent from last year's production. Production

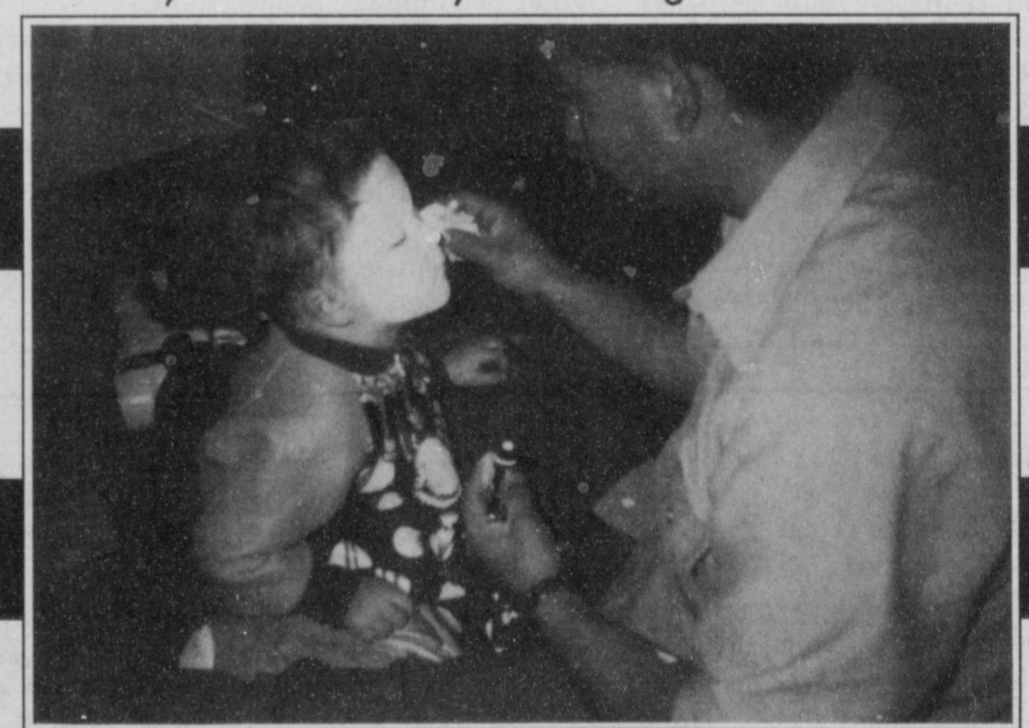
in the Blackland is forecast at 23 million bushels, 48 percent above the 1997 crop.

In South Texas, wheat harvest was virtually complete by June 1.

United States winter wheat production fro 1998 is forecast at 1.74 billion bushels down 7 percent from last year but up 2 percent from May 1. Yield is expected to average 42.9 bushels per acre, down 2.1 bushels from a year ago. Acreage to be harvested for grain is expected to total 40.6 million acres, 3 percent less than a year ago.

# Muleshoe Journal's 1998 "FATHER OF THE YEAR" Randy Dunn

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# Thanks for entering the Muleshoe Journal's 1998 FATHER OF THE YEAR CONTEST!

Although only one dad was chosen as winner of this contest, there are no losers on Father's Day!

*Father of the Year Contestant*  
**Hector Reyes**



"Our daddy always carries us on his shoulders, plays games with us, and reads books to us. We love our Daddy!"  
- Crystal, Clara & Carina Reyes

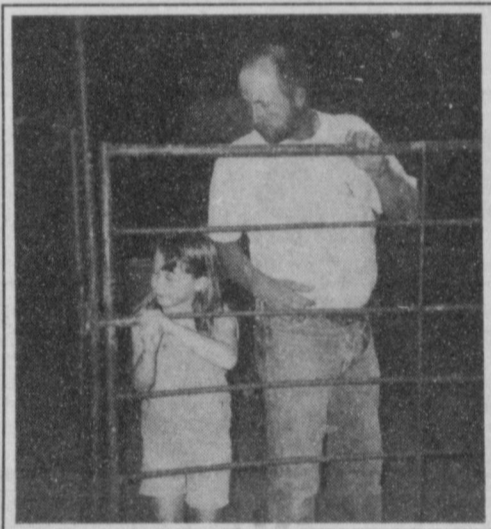
*Father of the Year Contestant*  
**Tony Scolley**



"No matter how big or how small - Daddy builds 'em all!" (pictured making gingerbread house)  
- Ashley & Mandy Scolley

Take a look at these  
**GREAT DADS . . . .**  
and don't forget  
your dad on  
Father's Day  
Sunday, June 21

*Father of the Year Contestant*  
**Mike Nichols**



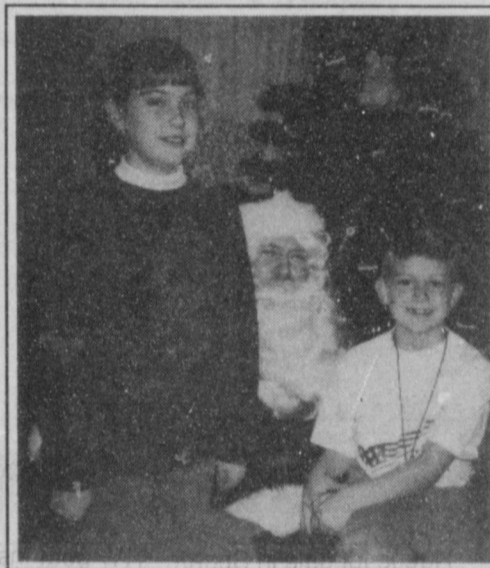
"My dad is the best because after a long, hard day at work, he still has time to help me with my horse, Bill."  
- Chelsee Nichols

*Father of the Year Contestant*  
**Mike Nichols**



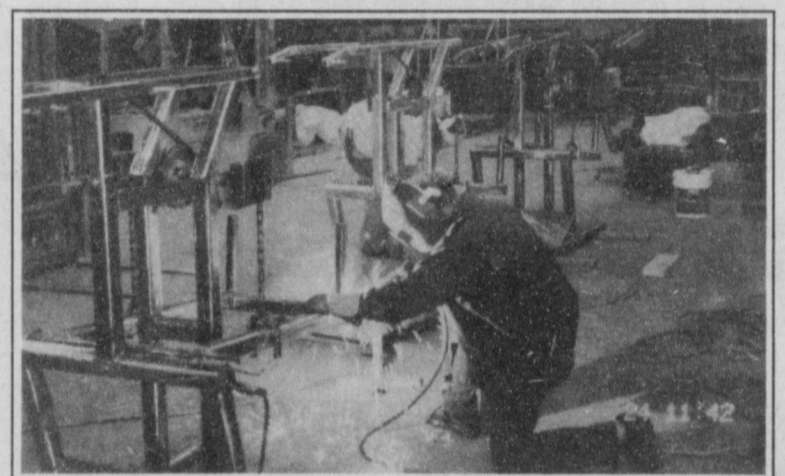
"I want to grow up to be just like my dad!"  
- Todd Nichols

*Father of the Year Contestant*  
**Scott Pace**



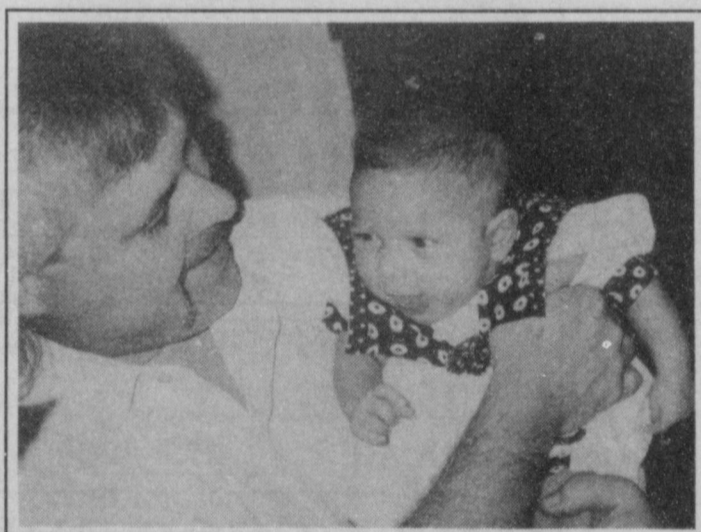
"Dad plays Santa for us."  
- Sarah & Micah Pace

*Father of the Year Contestant*  
**Cliff Black**



"Not just 'taters - My dad spends most of his free time doing things for the community. He built weight lifting equipment for the athletic department."  
- Cody, Corie Ann & Craig Black

*Father of the Year Contestant*  
**Steven Parker**



"Our dad puts a roof over our heads and helps out with our baby sister, Winter. He's always there when we need him. He just can't get enough of us!"  
- Lanae, Stevi, Autumn, Delaigna, Ki and Winter Deane Parker

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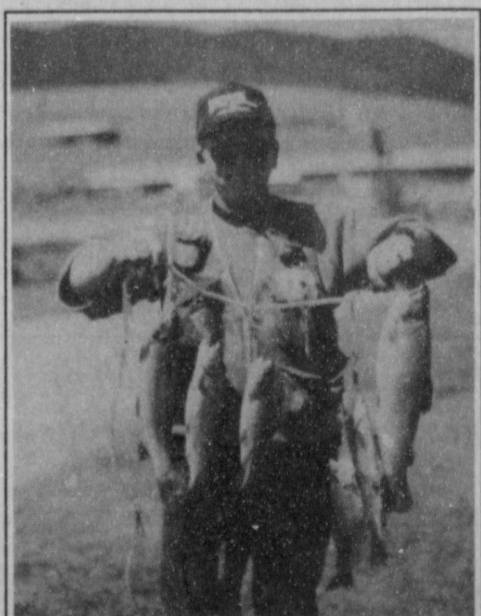
"My dad always gives me his advise and attention!!!"  
- Shawndee Nichols

*Father of the Year Contestant*  
**Mike Lopez**



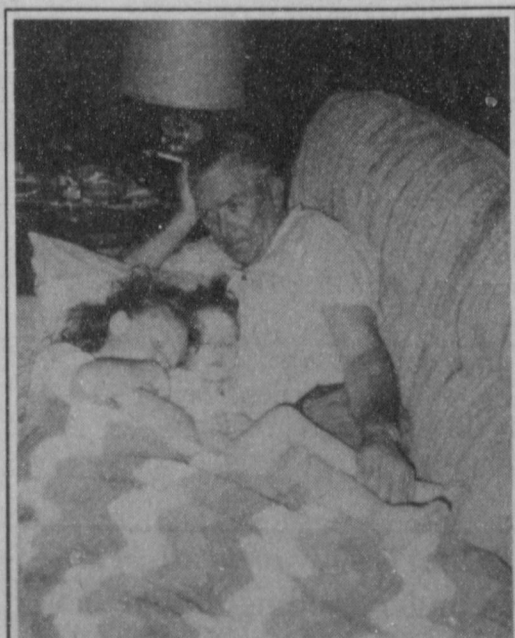
"He cheers me on at whatever I do!"  
- Amanda Lopez

*Father of the Year Contestant*  
**Cliff Black**



"In his dreams - My dad, Cliff Black, enjoys fishing but doesn't get to do very much of it."  
- Cody, Corie Ann & Craig Black

*Father of the Year Contestant*  
**J.O. Parker**



"My dad is always there- day and night."  
- Sondra Parker Scolley, Ashley Scolley & Shyann Stevens

*Father of the Year Contestant*  
**Gilbert Aguirre**



"My dad is the best dad ever because when we fall apart, he's always been able to weld us back together and hook us up by putting in the missing screws!"  
- Priscilla, Melissa, Yuri & Americo

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