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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.

House Appropriations Subcommitte 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 cottonproducing 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.

Wheat farmers might get help

Due to declining prices, this year's wheat crop could became 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). AllLDP 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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and the lows in the 70's.

Drought's impact: \$1.7 b

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

gions 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

Weather Service, all 10 climatic re- 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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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

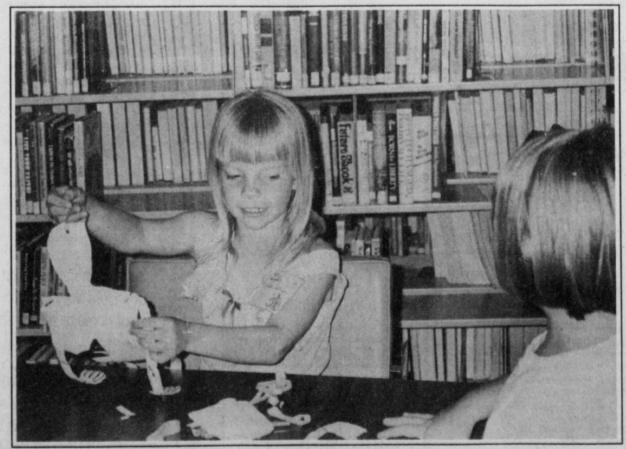
2,000 inmates and 580 staff members. He teaches a course in new life behavior which is designed to help the inmate turn their life a round.

"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 hernomination 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.

AROUND MULESHOE

Breast cancer screening July 6

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist/St. Anthony's Health System will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Muleshoe Area Medical Center, 708 South First Street, Muleshoe, on July 6.

Participants will receive a low-cost screening that includes a mammogram and instruction in self-examination by a registered nurse. The total cost is \$75. A minimum of fifteen women need to register in order for the mobile mammography clinic to come to area towns. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only.

For more information call (806)356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

Arts & crafts show June 27-28.

The South Plains Summer Arts and Crafts Festival will be held June 27 and 28 in the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. Artists and crafters from throughout the Southwest will be on hand with original art and handcrafted items. Hours for the show are Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. There is no admission charge.

Burch makes Texas Tech Dean's List

Keith Burch of Lazbuddie, made the Dean's List at Texas Tech University for the spring semester. He is a sophomore agronomy major.

Flores receives scholarship

Lucila Flores of Muleshoe was awarded a scholarship from Clarendon College for the upcoming 1998 school year. She is the daughter of Rito and Celia Flores. Each semester, Clarendon College awards scholarships on the basis of academic achievement, extracurricular involvement and need.

Glover makes A&M Distinguished List

Keetha Lynette Glover, a 1995 graduate of Muleshoe high school, was recently named to the Distinguished Students List for the spring semester at Texas A&M University. She is a senior majoring in interdisciplinary studies. To be named to the Distinguished Students list, a student must earn a 3.25 to 3.75 GPR while taking at least 15 hours.

Tooley receives Three Way 4-H awards

Joshua W. Tooley of Maple, received a list of awards from the Three Way 4-H Club. Those awards include the Gold Star Award, I Dare You Award, State Public Speaking-2nd and 4th, and was a State Food Show Qualifier. Tooley has been a member of the Three Way 4-H club for 9 years. He attends Three Way high school and was valedictorian of his class. He plans to attend Abilene Christian University and major in animal science. He is the son of Howard and Jan Tooley.

Blood drive at First Assembly of God

The Texas Blood Institute is conducting a community blood drive from noon to 7 p.m. Thursday, June 25 at First Assembly of God in Muleshoe at 521 South 1st St.

Blood donations have already drastically dropped this summer, according to Texas Blood Institute spokeswoman Jody Lewis. "Remember to donate during the critical summer months."

All blood donors will receive a T-shirt.

Appointments are helpful but not necessary. To sign up for the drive please call Glenda Powell at 272-5676.

MHS Project Graduation '99 reminder

All 1999 Muleshoe high school seniors and their parents are being asked to pick up tickets to be pre-sold for their July 4 hamburger sale.

Tickets can be picked up at the Watson Junior High office beginning June 16. To get your tickets and information, see Pam Thomason between 7:15 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

All proceeds from the hamburger sales will help fund Project Graduation 1999.

Deadlines to get items placed in Around Muleshoe are 5 p.m. Monday for Thursday's Muleshoe Journal and 5 p.m. Thursday or Sunday's Bailey County Journal.

Nutrition important lesson for young athletes

Teaching young athletes about good nutrition should be as important as teaching them the skills of the game.

"Sometimes coaches and parents overlook this important part of the training process," said Becky Gorham, a registered dietitian and research nutritionist at the USDA/ARS Children's Nutrition Research Center at Baylor

what is good for the body." Knowing how much to feed

young athletes, what to feed them, and when to feed them is important.

"Foods high in carbohydrates like fruits, breads, rice, and starchy vegetables like corn will provide athletes with the energy their muscles need," said Gorham. "Young athletes should also be encouraged to College of Medicine in Hous- eat at least four servings a day ton. "It's up to parents and of calcium-rich foods like milk coaches to learn and teach kids cheese, and yogurts. These

foods will help them build strong bones."

One of he most essential of all nutrients for athletes is water

"Children should drink three to six ounces of water every 15 minutes of practice to avoid dehydration," said Gorham. "Children need to be taught and remained during workouts to drink water even when they are not thirsty because thirst is

Guide Pyramid, vitamins are not necessary.

"Providing young athletes with healthy food choices is one of the keys to helping them tial," said Gorham.

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million. The House Appropriations Committee is expected to forward the increased funding

measure to the U.S. House of Representatives for approval in the 1999 fiscal year budget.

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rect Deposit as soon as possible. We will mail you a statement indicating the amount of the direct deposit.

To receive an LDP payment on contracted wheat or Field Direct wheat, producers must take the following action at the FSA Office before the wheat is harvested:

Provide a copy of the contract.

Sign a Direct Loan Deficiency Payment Agreement (CCC-709)

Sign a certification of Beneficial Interest Statement.

Sign a Direct Deposit Signup Form (1199A)

Upon harvest, provide either warehouse receipts, load summary sheets, or evidence of sales as production evidence. Scale tickets are not acceptable. Production evidence must include the date of delivery.

Once the LDP Agreement is approved, the LDP rate in effect on the date the wheat is delivered to the elevator will be locked in. Producers who elect to receive an LDP payment on their wheat are not eligible for the wheat loan.

AWARD

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that the only boundaries are those we each establish and choose to live within," Hill said.

Scarbrough tries to teach the inmates to live by that same philosophy.

Scarbrough worked for the Texas Instruments plant in Abilene until it closed down several years ago. That is when he became a full-time volunteer. Although he is called a reach their full athletic poten- volunteer, he is paid for 32

hours a month by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Scarbrough resides in Abilene with his wife, Joy. He and his wife are members of theNorthwest Church of Christ. They have three children.

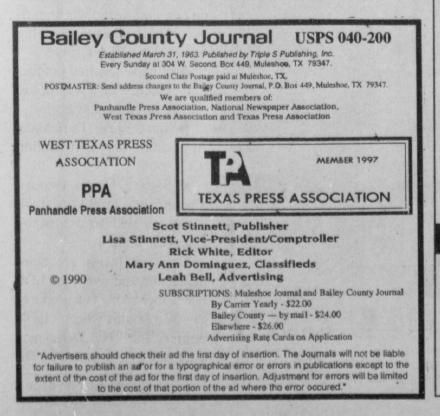
He is the son of Grace Scarbrough, a longtime Muleshoe resident now living at the Muleshoe Area Healthcare Center.



Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce July 4th celebration 1998

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8 a.m.	Chamber of Commerce information tent opens on "Mule Lot"	
	Vendors may set up anytime	
	Merchant's sidewalk sale specials throughout the day	
	World Championship Muleshoe Pitching contest registration on	
	Main Street	
	3-on-3 basketball tournament throughout the day on Main Street	
8:30 a.m.	World Championship Muleshoe Pitching contest	
9 a.m.	Activity booths open on Main Street	
	dunking booth	
	pony rides	
	pie-throwing booth	
	thrill rides located at "Mule Lot"	
9:15 a.m.	Lineup for parade on Boy Scouts grounds on south end of Main	
	Street	
10 a.m.	Parade begins from Boy Scouts grounds; moving north along Main	
	Street to U.S. 84, returning South on First Street	
11 a.m.	Turtle races held on north end of Main Street	
	Lunch available from various vendors on Main Street	
	Local talent will entertain throughout day on Main Street	
	Open house begins at Bailey County Coliseum	
noon	Registration deadline for mixed scramble golf tournament at Mule shoe Country Club	
1 p.m.	Muleshoe Country Club mixed scramble, shotgun start	
	Bailey County Coliseum 20th anniversary celebration, Speaker of	
	the Legislature, Pete Laney guest speaker	
2 p.m.	Old Settler's reunion	
8 p.m.	Local talent to perform at city park	
	Contest winners announced at city park	
	4-H concession stand open at city park	
9 p.m.	Free concert by Country music start T. Graham Brown at city park	
10 p.m.	Fireworks display at city park	
10:30 p.m.	Main Street dance sponsored by 1999 MHS senior class	



not accurate measure of hydration."

Contrary to popular belief, vitamin supplements will not provide a direct source of energy for young athletes. If the child is following the guidelines from the USDA Food

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Featured Patient

Margaret Roach was born August 18, 1915 in Knoxville, Tennessee. She and her family soon moved to Amherst, Texas where Margaret's father worked in a small cafe. It didn't take much coaxing to convince Mr. Roach to move to Muleshoe and open up his own cafe. After only a few months in Amherst, the family headed toward Muleshoe in 1925. Margaret grew up helping her family at Muleshoe's "Hot Shot Cafe" and has never left.

Margaret attended Muleshoe schools most of her life. Just before graduation in 1931, she chose to get married.

Margaret married a local boy named Bill Collins. The couple was happily married for 59 years before Bill's death in 1990. Bill and Margaret parented three daughters: Billie Jeter of Hereford, Bobbie Harrison of Muleshoe and Bettie Richardson of Austin. Margaret has 7 grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

After marriage, Bill and Margaret spent 40 years in the cafe business. They owned and operated "Bill's Drive In" which soon became a Muleshoe landmark.

Mrs. Collins is involved in many local social groups and hopes to return to being an active member after her recovery from a stroke she suffered at Easter. She attends the First United Methodist Church of Muleshoe where she is a member of the Progress Circle. Margaret is also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, which is part of the Masonic Lodge of which Mr. Collins was a member. Mrs. Collins is also the President of the Muleshoe Senior Citizen's Club.

About M.A.H.H.A., Mrs. Collins says, "At first, I couldn't do hardly anything. It gets better every day with their help." She also adds that she chose M.A.H.H.A. because they helped her out three years ago when she had her knees replaced. She trusts their knowledge completely. Affiliated with Lubbock Methodist Hospital Systems



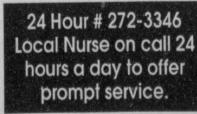
Margaret Collins



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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 fouryear 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

advancingin 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- tian University.

in the 100 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 Chris-

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

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-abox-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 Snyde 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

No Gifts Please



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 bootwearing 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 Page 4, Bailey County Journal, Muleshoe, Texas, Sunday, June 21, 1998



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 (I-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

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

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 collegelevel courses unless otherwise exempt from the test," said Gracie Quinonez, counselor and testing coordinator at SPC. The regulation goes into ef-

fect in the fall of 1998.

The TSAP test, a statewide 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-Registration deadline is June 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 The Texas Academic Skills 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.

RAILEY 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 965-2950. starts.

ter. Bill Case and The more details.

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

Anyone interested in form-There will be a Heart Dance ing a 4-H Gun Club can contact in September at the Civic cen- Gary Skaggs at 272-3993 for

Hr. and Mrs. Demp Foster of Lazbuddie will celebrate their 50th 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 Lazbuddie and Mark 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.

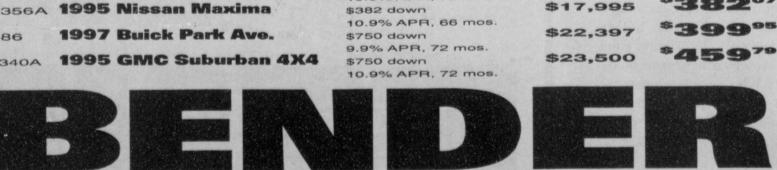
' Any U.S. resident may obtain a free copy of the brochure by sending a stamped, self-addressed, business-size (10#) envelope: We Care for you- Kids and food or Es Hora De Comer, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX 77030.

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Raising a stink

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-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."

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 nitrateladen 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 stagger, breathe hard, and die, because climatic conditions this and the owner doesn't know crops, like corn, to have grown year allowed more nitrogen to until the animal is found dead." be used up in plant growth."

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

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. 419 84

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

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.

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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 Colege of Medicine in Houston.

'The problem is usually poor nutriton," 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.



ERY DAY

РНАРРЧ

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

He is aware of two or three

But that doesn't mean live- cases in the past two decades

Reagor said livestock own-

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 combinig 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 compete 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 age. Acreage to be harvested for grain is expected to total 40.6 million acres, 3 percent less than a year ago.

"My Dad is always clowning around



Pictured are Randy and his son, James Robert. Good ol' dad is painting his son's face for "trick or treating" - Halloween 1995. Congratulations Randy! This picture is worth 1000 words!

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URSING HOME NEWS

Thursday, David McIntire directed our devotional time out on the patio underneath our new awning. Later inside, Clara Lou Jones played hymns on the piano as we sang along.

Thursday afternoon ladies from the Muleshoe Church of Christ baked and served pies for our pie party.

Friday morning, Pat Watson directed our music therapy and "Remember When Time." The theme she chose was wedding in June.

Zona Gatewood played the piano and sang to the residents Friday after lunch. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Miller came with her and stayed and played games with the residents.

Melvin Griffin assisted by Dorena Proudfoot, took some set the ladies hair, Beverly gave

BITUARIES

LOUISA GARZA

ODESSA - Louisa Garza, 63, of Morton died Thursday, June 18,1998 at Odessa Medi- daughters, Mary Linda Mencal Center.

Services were held Saturday at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Morton, with Father Ricardo Salidtos and Deacon Alfredo Franco officiating. Rosary was held on Friday at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel in Morton and burial was at Morton Cemetery.

She was born May 21, 1935 Sepulbeda of Morton, Lupe in Karnes City, Texas. The longtime resident of Morton was a homemaker and a member of the St. Ann's Catholic grandchildren. Church in Morton.

of the men out on the town a few hair cuts. Friday afternoon.

Buster Kittrell came Saturday to give them a shave and a cut

Melvin and Wanda Kittrell directed the bingo game Saturday after lunch.

Sunday afternoon, the Muleshoe singers came to sing and play gospel music. Lula Maye Shanks also participated.

Monday morning, Clara Lou Jones directed the group reading.

Tuesday morning, the residents council met to disuss residents rights. Tuesday afternoon, Beverly Wagnon, Pat Watson, Claudine Embry, Karen Cook, Ozell Cherry and Joy Stancell shampooed and

Survivors include two sons,

Arnold Cano of Odessa and

Jerry Cano of Tulsa Okla.; five

doza of Fresno, Calif., Ellen

Ruiz of Morton, Connie

Gardner of Levelland,

Armandina Rosales of Tulsa,

Okla., and Louisa Urias of

Odessa; four brothers, Daniel

Casarez of Whiteface, Manuel

Casarez of Ft. Worth, Henry

and Robert Casarez both of

Morton; three sisters, Ofelia

Sanchez of Odessa, and Marta

Garcia of Levelland; 18 grand-

children, and 16 great

MAURICE KINNIE

Mr. Daniel's son and his wife from East Texas were here vising this week. Zoado Gibb's daughter is here visiting with her. Mrs. Darland's great granddaughter, April Wells from Abilene is her visiting her.Gladys Wilson made and brought rice krispie treats for the residents Monday.

The men were honored with homemade ice cream and chocolate chip cookies Thursday afternoon. J.C Snitker entertained. Margaret Wilhite, Joy Whitt, Mary Jo Burge and Anna B. Lane each made a freezer of ice cream. Wanda Shafer made chocolate chip cookies. W.M. Daniels was recognized as old, oldest man (96). Our youngest, Bob, age

at his residence.

1997.

Baptist.

Young

held in the Sudan Cemetery.

Mildred Woolly in Lula, Okla.

on April 23, 1938. Mildred pre-

of Sudan since 1957, moving

from Santa Rosa, N.M. He re-

tired from SPS in 1981 after 27

years. He also served in the

Navy during WW II. He was a

He was born Jan. 26,1916 in

63.

Happy Father's Day from all of us at the Healthcare Center. Betty Ramage brought quarters for bingo Tuesday.

Irene Splaw's daughter, Pam, is here visiting. She spent the day with her Wednesday.

Harold and Mary Jo Burge, Jane Reeder and Loyce Killingsworth served coffee, juice and donuts to the residents Wednesday morning. Loyce Killingsworth and W.M. Danulls lead us in a gospel singa-long.

Jean O'Brien, Ruth Clements, Margaret Wilhite, Gladys Wilson and April Hall were guest at the Wednesday sing-a-long/ puppet show with Glenda Jennings and Jonessa Brockman.

He is survived by four sons, SUDAN-Maurice Kinnie, Ronald Kinnie of Portland, Ore., 82, of Sudan died June 16, 1998 Larry, John, and Donny Kinnie all of Sudan; four daughters, Church services were held Freda Sherley of Plainview, Nell Friday at the First Baptist Stanley of Lazbuddie, Becky Church of Sudan. Burial was

Otwell of Muleshoe, and Debra Wardlow of Amarillo; 18 grand-Elk City, Okla. He married children, 16 great grandchildren, and 1 great great grandchild.

The family suggests memoceded him in death on July 13, rials be made to the Sudan EMS and Fire Dept.

Kinnie had been a resident **PENDING**

Services were pending Friday for Elmer Cornelison of Muleshoe, who died Thursday, June 18. Ellis Funeral Home of Muleshoe is in charge of arraignments.

Public Television chelangelo,

For thirteen years, camera crews followed the painstaking restoration of the Sistine Chapel and the cleaning of Michelangelo's frescoes. Michelangelo, Restored documents this amazing rebirth, as well as the complexity of the great master's extraordinary accomplishment.

RESTORED

Producer, director, and narrator Perry Wolf, nominated for an Academy Award for the PBS presentation An Essay on Matisse, uses the Sistine Chapel as a starting point to open a window on Michelangelo the man and the artist. The program also explores some of Michelangelo's other works of genius, including his brilliant Pietas and the giant statue of David.

It took Michelangelo four years to paint the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel. He spent six years painting "The Last Judgement" on the back wall of the Chapel. Three hundred forty years later, a group of restorers began cleaning these great artistic triumphs.

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The documentary captures restorers cleaning the darkened surface of soot from thousands of candles, explains the engineering principles and scientific methods of the restoration, and demonstrates the technique of fresco art. Above all, the program goes beyond the scientific aspects of the restoration to offer a new vision of the old master.

The special also delves into Michelangelo's passions and faith, and examines and analyzes his use of color, his themes, and his extraordinary dilemmas. Finally, the program documents the emergence of the artist as one of the greatest colorists of all time and his tremendous impact on the art of the Western world.

Michelangelo, Restored airs Wednesday, June 24th at 8:00 p.m. It repeats Tuesday, June 30th at 11:00 p.m.



Ricky Skaggs began his music career as a child performing with first generation bluegrass legends Bill Monroe, Flatt and Sgruggs, and Ralph Stanley. In the 1980s, he combined his bluegrass roots and country charm and became one of the top country recording stars. On OLD TIME COUNTRY MUSIC, Ricky Skaggs and his six-piece acoustic bluegrass band, Kentucky Thunder, perform several songs, including "Little Maggie," "I'm Blue and Lonesome Too," "Little Girl of Mine in Tennessee," and "Were You There." This program airs Saturday, June 20th at 6:30 p.m.

> **Channel 3 Television from** Eastern New Mexico University, Portales, New Mexico

OSPITAL ADMISSIONS

The Muleshoe Area Medical Center reported admitting the following patients.

Jo Claybrook, Charles McCarty, Maria Ramirez, Rosa Creamer, Jose Green, S. Isenburg, Clarence Mitchell,

Chevez, Omar Gandara, Sanjuanital Garcia, Elias Skaggs Guerra, Antoina Guman, Kayla June 11 — Tracy Angeley, Johnson, Ruth Kitchens, Alfred Saurez, Melvin Young

June 14 — Marjorie

Pacheco, Boy Romero, Gary

June 16 — Marjorie Benedict, Teresa Hood, Kayla Johnson, Ruth Kitchens, Becsave Pacheco, Sylvia pacheco, Billie Powell, Boy

Romero, Gary Skaggs, Melvin

Bendict, Michelle Chavez, Boy

Diaz, Antonia Guzman, Ruth

Kitchens, Joe Luna, Becsave

Pacheco, Sylvia Pacheco, Billie

Powell, Rosa Suarez, Melvin

June 17 — Marjorie

1998 Medicare Update

January 1st many Medicare Supplement Insurers increased their rates up to 30% on Medicare Supplement coverage.

Virgie Perry, Ernestine Benedict, Anna Blatz, Michell Steinbock, Trisa Wentz, Maria Chavez, Omar Gandara, Lopez

Jennings

June 13 — Marjorie

Sanjuanita Garcia, Elias June 12 — Tracy Angeley, Guerra, Antoina Guzman, Boy Lopez, Maria Lopez, Kayla Johnson, Ruth Kitchens, Clarence Mitchell, Virgie Alfred McCarty, Maria Perry, Trisa Wentz, Joe Ramirez, Rosa Suarez, Melvin Young

June 15 — Marjorie Young Benedict, Anna Blatz, Michelle Benedict, Teresa Hood, Sylvia

DOLICE LOG

Arrest report **MULESHOE P.D.**

June 6 — Kathleen D'ann Thomas, 34, arrested on Lamb County DPS warrants for expired license plate and driving without insurance.

June 6 - Terri Lynn Villa, 20, arrested for criminal trespassing.

June 6 — Cynthia Ann Reyna, 31, charged with violation of probation.

June 6 — Shantel Dontay Hall, 20, arrested for criminal trespassing.

26, charged with criminal tresspass.

June 7 — Jesus Soto, 26, charged with criminal trespassing.

June 9 — Vicente Martinez Vela, 37, charged on warrants in Hidalgo Co.

June 10 — Alestino Rojas Jr., 40, arrested for assault (family violence).

June 14 — Raymond Armendares Jr., 21, charged with assault (family violence). SHERIFF'S OFFICE June 2 — Larry Don Wauson, 20, charged enticing

a minor. June 2 — Abraham Mendoza, 23, arrested for Bailey Co. warrants for deadly conduct.

June 4 — Joseph Grandville Rank, 39, charged with violation of a protective order by communication.

June 5 — Joe Duran Bara, June 7 — Mauro Vargas, 33, charged with for public intoxication.

> June 7 — Fransesco Gallegas Olvera, 18, charged with driving while intoxicated. June 7 — Hector Olvera,

> 17, arrested for consumption of alcohol by a minor and seatbelt violation.

June 8 — Luis Davila Daniel, 31, charged with as-

sault (family violence).

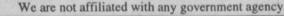
June 11 — Christina Marie Snell, 24, arrested on 33 counts of forgery.

June 13 - Ricky Lee Vaughn, 35, arrested onwarrants from the Lamb County Justice of the Peace.

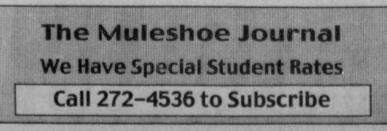
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Thanks for entering the Muleshoe Journal's 1998 FATHER OF THE YEAR CONTEST!

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,

Father of the Year Contestant Mike Nichols



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

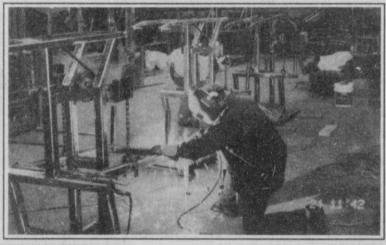
Father of the Year Contestant Scott Pace



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

Micah Pace ment."

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

Bill."

- Chelsee Nichols

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 Father of the Year Contestant Mike Nichols



"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 Victor Leal



"We love to clown around!" - Roman Leal

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

DROUGHT

From page 1

Presently, the drought is more pronounced in Central and South Texas, where total losses for cotton, the state's leading crop, have already reached an estimated \$157 million to producers, or about 475,000 bales, said Dr. Carl Anderson of College Station, the Extension economist who specializes in cotton marketing. The producer's loss of income impacts total business activity for the state by about \$529 million. This lost income hits local rural businesses the hardest, Anderson said.

As of June 15, the 3.5 million acres of cotton across the southern High Plains was still too young to evaluate.

Irrigation water is limited and is available to about half of the region's acreage, he said. Early growing conditions are very dry, with about a foot of dry top soil.

"Without timely and measurable rainfall, the chances of making a reasonable crop on about one-third of that acreage are fading every day," Anderson said.

The 3.5 million questionable, West Texas acres add up to 25 percent of the total acreage in the nation. "A major shortfall in Texas

cotton would reduce U.S. production and strengthen market prices," he said.

In 1997, Texas cotton producers harvested 5.3 million bales of cotton, worth \$1.8 billion at the farm and generating \$6 billion economic activity in the state.

Smith said the genesis of this year's drought is much different than that of 1996. The fall and winter of 1995-96 were extremely dry leading into the critical March-May production period.

This year, however, the state received well above average rainfall from December 1997 through February 1998.

However, when the rainfall shut off, it shut off. Several counties in West and South Texas already have started the request process to be declared an agricultural disaster area in order to be eligible for federal assistance. Requests for agricultural disaster declaration must be initiated at the county level and forwarded through the Governor's office to USDA in Washington, D.C., for final approval, Smith said.

On a more positive note,

tant rains have been received over the Edwards Aquifer recharge zone.

Joe Pena of Uvalde, Extension economist, reported that as of Monday the aquifer water level had risen 4 feet from last month. This may postpone for a short time further water use restrictions in San Antonio.

Grain Crops

Corn and sorghum are the two most affected grain crops in Texas; however, due to the unusually wet fall and winter, the average yields for the 1998 Texas wheat crop likely will be above normal.

"Although the yield potential was cut short by the dry April and May, the wheat plant was able to draw on the subsoil moisture available to still reach the above average yield level for the state as a whole." said Mark Waller of College Station, Extension economist.

"According to the June wheat crop estimate just released by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service," he said, "only extreme Southwest Texas are estimated to attain wheat yields below that of 1997." Therefore, no economist.

since the first of June, impor- statewide losses are estimated for wheat.

> In marked contrast, dryland corn and sorghum conditions continue to worsen in Central and South Texas. Losses to the farmer are estimated at \$94 million for grain sorghum and \$58 million for corn. The statewide impact on the Texas economy of this production shortfall would be slightly above \$500 million.

At the end of May last year, 80 percent of the state's sorghum crop was rated "good" or better. This year, only 36 percent is considered in that category, with 25 percent rated as "poor" or "very poor". Again, the conditions are variable depending upon planting dates and where isolated showers were received, Waller said. Livestock & Forage

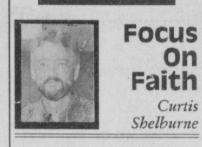
Texas rangelands in many areas of the state have been negatively impacted by the dry, unusually hot, and windy conditions in April and May. As of May 31, nearly half the state's rangeland was rated "poor" or "very poor," with only 12 per-Northeast, West Central, and cent being "good" or better, according to Dr. Ernie Davis of College Station, Extension

D addy, will you go to church with me?"

Church with Me?

"Daddy" directed his attention downward to the little pigtailed pixie-princess tugging at his bathrobe.

The question caught him by surprise. And from almost anyone else, it might have prompted a different response, but now it brought on one of those "long



conversation with yourself in about two seconds" situations before he answered.

He loved the little princess with the question on her lips. And he loved her mother. Of that there was no doubt. And he was an honest man. No one had ever doubted that either

For his wife and daughter to go to church every Sunday morning had always been fine with him. Why didn't he go with them? Hard to say. It was a decision made not so much by fault as by default, made now each week by force of habit more than by conscious thought. He just didn't go, though he was genuinely happy for them to.

But this morning's out of the blue question made him think.

"Pearly-gate" scandals and slick "hold onto your billfold, the circus is in town" TV preachers aside, he didn't mind admitting that a world in which most people took time to bow would be a better place. In a dark alley, he'd surely rather meet a big man coming from prayer meeting than one coming from a bar.

Yeah, he had some real doubts about organized religion, but he had to admit that with all its faults it had accomplished more practical good than the "unorganized" Jesus-and-me-andthe-TV variety.

He'd jump off a bridge for this little one, throw himself in front of a car, stare death in the face . . . but would he go to church for her?

Was that honest? To go for someone else?

If what he'd read about Jesus was true, he knew Christ had not an ounce of sympathy for fake religion, but he also knew that He never turned away an honest doubter

What would he tell his waiting princess-daughter? The thoughts raced through his head, and he bent down, and he said . . .

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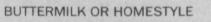


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