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A QUICK READ OF THE NEWS

The big popcorn caper

Police have recovered 15 tons of microwaveable popcorn, worth \$50,000, that was stacked from floor to ceiling in a two-car garage in Columbus, Ohio.

The 1,920 cases of popcorn were stolen a month ago from ConAgra Foods, the plant in Marion, Ohio, where it was produced, company officials said.

James Conway Jr., 48, and his daughter, Jennifer, 22, both of Columbus, each were charged with one felony count of receiving stolen property.

Cleaning up pays off

Diane McCarthy of Burlington, Vt., has found a box containing \$1,300 stolen two weeks earlier from a high school hockey game.

The Colchester High School Hockey Boosters had reported the theft to police, believing the money was gone forever, member Cheryl King said.

McCarthy turned the treasure over to police, who returned the cash to the club. No arrests have been made.

Celebration on ice

Hungry for tourism, the Nederland (Colo.) Chamber of Commerce came up with an unusual attraction: "Frozen Dead Guy Days."

The weekend celebration features coffin races, a parade, a pancake breakfast and "Grandpa Tours," showcasing the town's only cryogenically frozen body — that of Bredo Morstoel.

The 101-year-old died in his native Norway in 1989 and has since been resting in an ice-encased box in a shed behind his grandson's former home.



Drawing date: Saturday, March 16
Winning numbers: 3-34-39-42-52-54
Estimated jackpot: \$6 million
Winners: 0
Next drawing: Wednesday, March 20
Estimated jackpot: \$9 million

On this date in history

March 18 — The New London (Texas) school explosion kills 239 students and faculties, one of the worst disasters in state history (1937).

March 20 — Texas hero Col. James Fannin and his men are captured (1836). All but 20, who escaped, are executed on March 27.

March 22 — A battle occurs at Corpus Christi between Union and Confederate troops (1864).

LOCAL WEATHER

Mild — sometimes even balmy — days with no nights below freezing was Tuesday's National Weather Service for the next several days. Expect Thursday and Friday to reach the upper 60s, with Saturday and Sunday hitting the mid-70s before the mercury falls into the upper 60s for Monday. Mornings should be about 32 Thursday and Friday, mid-30s for the weekend.

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Lady Mule golfers poised for another title

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal sportswriter

The Lady Mule golf team took a giant step in its bid for back-to-back district championships March 18, defeating the second-place Shallowater Fillies by 91 strokes to grab the lead on the Slaton Municipal Golf Course.

Rendi Hodge set the pace for the Lady Mules with an 18-hole score of 91. Amanda Bell shot a 93, Kristen Magby 96, Candace

Hutto 99 and Nikki Bonds rounded out the team with a 127. Tisha Lovelady and Morgan Burton competed as medallists, with each shooting a 130.

Tournament host Lubbock Roosevelt did not have enough girls to participate as a team and neither did the Dimmitt Bobbies. Muleshoe won the tournament with a team score of 379 to Shallowater's 470, Littlefield's 471 and Lubbock Cooper's 524.

Cooper will host the second district tournament March 28 on the Elm Grove Course in Lubbock, and the final district tournament will be April 1 in Dimmitt.

If the first district tournament was any indicator, the Lady Mules will return to Odessa's Ratliff Ranch on April 22-23 for another Region I tournament to determine which teams advance to the state finals in

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Marricle gets nod to replace Duane Lloyd

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The Bailey County Electric Cooperative's board of directors have named David



Marricle

Marricle the president/CEO of the cooperative.

The move was made upon the retirement of Duane Lloyd, effective March 1.

Marricle said he plans no immediate changes.

He has been employed by the cooperative since 1979, serving as energy adviser for four years, acting assistant engineer for one year, assistant engineer for one year, and engineer from 1985 to the present.

He received a bachelor of science degree from West Texas State University in 1977 and attended its management internship program in 1994.

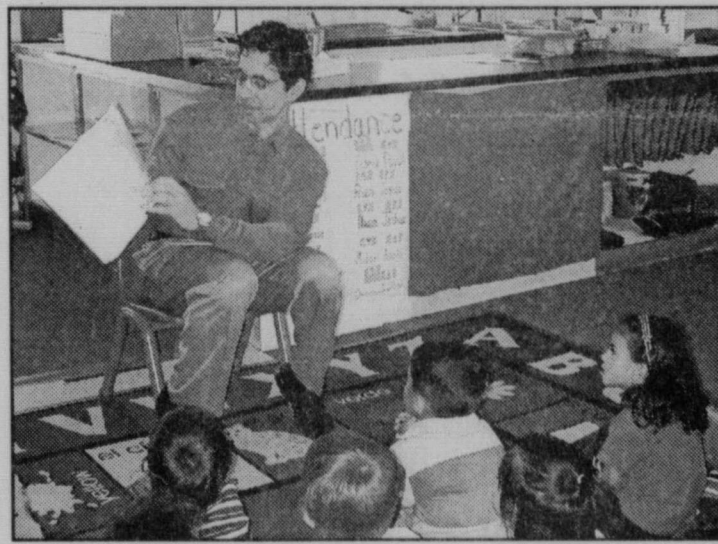
He and his wife, Terry, have two children, Amy of Canyon and Ryan, a sophomore at Muleshoe High School.



Journal photos: Beatrice Morin

Hizzoner reads

Muleshoe Mayor Victor Leal spends part of Monday morning reading (at left) to KinderSteps students. The book, *Mama Zooms*, engaged the attention of (above, top to bottom) Gabriel Reza, Lyzette Treviño, Eric Sánchez, Gabi Chávez and Pablo Flores.



Girls and boys show strength at Odessa track meet

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal correspondent

The Lady Mules and Mules traveled to Odessa on March 8-9 as their track seasons rushed toward full swing.

Kyle Atwood set the pace for the Mules by grabbing first place in both the 800- and 1,600-meter runs. Atwood was only eight tenths of a second from tying a meet record in the

800 with a time of 1:55.02 and completed the 1,600 in 4:35.

The two teams were scheduled to host the Mule Relays on March 22.

The boys' side of the meet was divided into two divisions while the girls competed against all schools involved.

In the field events, Minerva Martínez threw the shot put 29 feet, 8 inches, and Annie Cox's

best toss was 28-8. Martinez had a throw of 75-7 in the discus and Jessica Carpenter jumped 15-1 in the long jump followed by Tiffany Flores with 13-7 1/2 and Kayla Glover with 12-6 1/2.

Sara Benham set the pace for the Lady Mules in the triple jump with 32-0 1/2, followed by Carpenter with 31-5 and Glover with 30-4 1/2.

Benham placed third in the high jump with a leap of 5-2 and Britni Gartin placed fifth in the pole vault with vault of 7-6 followed by Jodi Hawkins with a vault of 7-0.

Lilia Flores led Muleshoe in the 3,200-meter run with a time of 14 minutes, 13 seconds, followed by Gradee

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Chamber banquet scheduled

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT
The annual Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce banquet is scheduled for April 27.

Tickets can now be obtained at the chamber office.

Office hours are from

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays, and the address is 115 E. American Blvd.

This year's banquet theme is "Muleshoe on the Bayou."

Tickets also may be purchased from any chamber officer.

Humorist to speak in Clovis

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Cowboy poet and retired veterinarian Baxter Black will speak in Clovis' Marshall Auditorium at 7 p.m. (Mountain time) April 13.

Tickets are \$15 for general admission, \$17 and \$20 for reserved seating.

Black spent part of his childhood in Lubbock, grew up in Las Cruces, practiced veterinary medicine for 13 years in California, Idaho and Colorado, and then retired to southeastern Arizona.

Advance tickets may be obtained on credit cards by calling (505) 762-9854. Tickets also are available at The Hat Barn, 1600 N. Prince St. in Clovis.



Black

Weather delays Mules' baseball district opener

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal sportswriter

It's always apparent when it is time for the Mules to start their baseball season: Every Tuesday and Friday has the worst weather of the week. The Mules' opening game of district play had to be postponed because of rain on March 19.

The Mules were scheduled to travel to Littlefield to face the Wildcats in the two teams' district opener. The game was tentatively rescheduled for March 20.

The Mules lost their first eight games in the pre-district season but got their game on track to defeat the New Deal Lions 10-3 in their final warm-up.

"The win against New Deal was big for us as we get ready to start district," Mule baseball coach Donnie Scott said. "Roddy Spradling did a good job for us on the mound for 5 and 1/3 innings, and then D.J. Dominguez came in and finished them off."

"Lubbock Cooper is the district favor-

ite and is rated second in the state," he continued. "They have several good pitchers and have kids that can hit the ball. They're a good solid team. Shallowater is probably second, with John Bewley leading them on the mound and a kid named Nieman that pitched in relief against us last year."

"Lubbock Roosevelt has several returning players this year and a new coach,"

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AROUND MULESHOE

Co-op scholarship deadline near

The deadline for applying for the four \$600 scholarships to be awarded by Bailey County Electric is April 8. Applications must be in the Muleshoe office by that date.

Applicants must be high school seniors who will graduate this spring, have completed high school or have received their GED.

Graduating seniors who plan to attend an accredited school and have received service from Bailey County Electric for at least a year are eligible.

Forms are available from high school counselors in Muleshoe, Morton, Springlake-Earth, Whiteface, Lazbuddie, Farwell, Sudan and Three Way. Full rules are provided with application forms.

More information is available from Rickie Warren at 272-4504.

Public calendar

Through March 22 — 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Voting for alternate board member for South Plains Community Action Association. At the office, 804 W. American Blvd.

March 21 — 7 p.m. Muleshoe Area Hospital District Board, in the dining room at Muleshoe Area Medical Center.

March 22 — Noon. American Association of Retired Persons, covered-dish luncheon at the Bailey County Coliseum. Speaker will be Andrea Kemp, director of the Bailey County Office of Aging Services.

Also on March 22 — 7 p.m. Senior citizens meet in the Muleshoe State Bank meeting room.

March 22-23 — Muleshoe Roadriders motorcycle rally at Bailey County Coliseum. Poker run starts at 8 a.m. March 23, field events and games 1 p.m., bike show 3 p.m., parade 4:30 p.m. Details 272-4143, 272-3818.

March 24 — 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Easter luncheon at Lazbuddie school to benefit senior class. Menu: turkey and dressing with all the trimmings. Price: \$6.50 regular, \$5 for a "lite" plate. Information or delivery: 965-2130.

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 30 — 7 p.m. "It Will Happen!" Easter program at First Assembly of God. Includes live animals, lightning and a re-enactment of Jesus being raised on the cross.

March 31 — 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. "It Will Happen!" Easter program at First Assembly of God. Includes live animals, lightning and a re-enactment of Jesus being raised on the cross.

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

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Adrian at 14:35 and Cassandra Gonzales at 14:51.

The 400-meter relay team of Cox, Jessica Carpenter, Jamie Carpenter and Gartin placed fifth with a final time of 52.03 seconds.

Lindsey Wood had a 2:47 in the 800-meter run, followed by Hawkins with a 2:50 and Megan Barrett with a 2:57. Cox place fourth in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 16.65 and Eva Pylant captured fifth with a 16.95.

Gartin ran a 13.04 100-meter dash while Tiffany Flores finished with a 13.47 and Jamie Carpenter had a time of 14.34.

The 800-meter relay team of Jesssica Carpenter, Jamie Carpenter, Glover and Benham finished with a time of 1:55.

Hawkins had a 67.75 in the 400-meter dash and Glover finished with a 67.8. Pylant placed fourth in the 300-meter hurdles with a 48.44 and Cox grabbed sixth with a time of 49.7. Gartin ran a 28.07 200-meter dash followed by Jessica Carpenter with a 28.9 and Tiffany Flores with 29.14.

Lilia Flores completed the 1,600-meter run in 6:39, while Barrett and Gonzales finished with 6:44s. The 1,600-meter relay team of Pylant, Jodi Hawkins, Wood and Benham finished with a time of 4:28.42.

Complete results for the Mules were not available at press time, but those placing in events included Brennan Broyles with a fourth-place high jump of 5-8 and a sixth-place pole vault of 12 feet.

The 400-meter relay team of Joseph González, Fabian Fabela, Jesús Tovar and A.J. Buhrman took fourth with a time of 45.5.

Lincoln Riley took third in the 110-meter high hurdles with a 16.25.

In the 1,600-meter relay, the Mule team of Buhrman, Tovar, Kyle Atwood and Riley placed third with a time of 3:35.

GOLF

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Austin.

The Mule golfers open their district tournaments March 21 when Shallowater hosts on the Elm Grove Course followed with the Mules hosting a district tournament March 25. Littlefield will host the final district tournament on April 4th.

The boys' Region I tournament is also April 22-23 at Ratliff Ranch.

All district tournaments are scheduled for shotgun starts at 9 a.m.



Bovina church plans event

The First Baptist Church will feature a program on "Christ in the Passover" at 7 p.m. March 22.

The program is presented by Jews for Jesus.

There will be no admission charge, but an offering will be taken for Jews for Jesus.

The church is at 308 Third St. in Bovina.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Recently, a New Mexico Environment Department hearing was held in Clovis regarding the issuance of a dairy wastewater permit to Vincent DeMaio and the Running M Land and Cattle Dairy.

It seems that in New Mexico, a cow has more rights than a human being.

And even that poor cow is nothing more than a cash machine, as far as the large-scale dairies are concerned.

Concerned Citizens for Clean Water is fighting for the protection of our community, our water and the very air we breathe. And we are in a pitched battle against our own government and BIG money and its worship of profits at any cost.

Little wonder Enron happened. It seems that the citizens of this country are considered disposable (except for our tax dollars, of course).

I, for one, am, as the old adage goes, "madder than hell" and I'm not going to take it anymore.

Changes WILL be made to the environmental laws to protect the people in our community and our water supply, even if it takes replacing the politicians who are in office now.

The problem with the current system of awarding dairy permits in New Mexico is that no one seems

to care whether the neighbors surrounding a dairy have drinkable water, or even any water at all. This has to change.

PAUL ELDERS
 Founder, Concerned Citizens for Clean Water
 Clovis

Dear Editor,

I have often wondered if I am missing the point of something in your newspaper.

I have decided, after years of being annoyed and confused about your selection of "news items," to voice my concerns about this particular recurring insert.

I find it very upsetting and completely unnewsworthy to publish the police, state, city and county arrest notices.

I understand that these are rightfully obtained documents, but I fail to see why your paper chooses to publish them.

I was taught that every person is considered innocent until proven guilty. These items are only arrest reports, not admissions of guilt, and have not been heard by a jury of their peers.

I also wonder how many of these arrests ultimately are resolved as dismissed cases or cases where the alleged perpetrators are found not guilty of the charges.

I am thankful to live in Muleshoe, a town that predominantly consists of Christian believers. I am hopeful that the majority of your readers send up prayers on behalf of the family, friends and the alleged "criminals." We are not the judge and jury of these people.

I find it completely bizarre that there are people who delight in the hardships of others. I do realize that someone who breaks the law deserved to be punished, but the family and friends of these criminals do not deserve the ridicule of their Christian brothers and sisters.

I am quite certain that just because these particular items are found by me to be in bad taste does not mean that you will no longer publish them.

I do hope that anyone who reads this will perhaps take a minute to think about the fact that one of the names could be a loved one, or the loved one of a friend.

Maybe we could all even make it a habit to say a prayer for those involved in these reports, if we choose to continue reading your newspaper.

Remember: We must first remove the plank from our own eye before trying to remove the speck from our brother's. Matthew 7:1-5

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Mule pitcher Roddy Spradling and catcher Landon Kerby confer during Friday's slaughter of New Deal. The varsity Mules' Tuesday game was cancelled because of the weather.

BASEBALL

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Scott continued. "Roosevelt won several of their early games while Littlefield, Dimmitt and us are unknowns and have struggled early in the season.

"We're starting to look like the team I thought we were capable of being when the season started. We have been in every game we have played this year for three or four innings. The other team would get a big inning on us and we could not answer, and the game would slip away from us.

"Domínguez and

Spradling are good solid pitchers. As long as those two guys can consistently throw strikes, we are going to be in the game. We are not blessed with a lot of speed this year and have to string together a series of hits or walks to generate runs."

"We just cannot afford to make mistakes on defense and give a team any extra outs. I told the kids in practice that the season starts now, and we believe we have a shot at getting in the playoffs again this year."

Early-season statistics

has Domínguez leading the Mules in hitting with a .400 average and Spradling following close behind at .368. Bryan King is hitting .360 and Ryan Marricle has a .312 average with 16 plate appearances.

The Mules have only one home game during the first round of district, when the Dimmitt Bobcats come to town at 5 p.m. March 22.

In the second round, the Mules will finish with a three-game home stand with Shallowater, Roosevelt and Cooper closing out the regular season.

Calcium-fortified vegetables possible

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL
HOUSTON — A calcium-rich diet could be an order of fries away in the future.

Plant scientists have found a tiny slice of protein that could one day lead to the production of vegetables that are "naturally fortified" with calcium.

In earlier studies, scientists working with Dr. Kendal Hirschi, a plant physiologist at the USDA/ARS Children's Nutrition Research Center at Baylor College of Medicine, discovered that "turning on" the production of a protein called CAX1 in the cells of a tiny weed known as *Arabidopsis thaliana* increased the calcium content of the plant's leaf and root cells by 30 to 100 percent.

Now, Hirschi's team has identified a tiny slice of CAX1, a string of nine amino acids responsible for the protein's calcium-boosting prowess, and successfully transferred the slice to similar proteins, called transporters. The team's findings were recently reported in the *Journal of Biological Chemistry*.

"We knew we had found the key slice of CAX1 because removing it rendered the protein non-functional, while inserting it into another transporter that "looked like" CAX1 turned that protein into one that

also functioned like CAX1," said Hirschi, also an assistant professor pediatrics at Baylor.

CAX1 is known as a calcium transporter because it pulls calcium out of cellular fluids and stashes it in cell storage structures called vacuoles.

Hirschi's team hopes to use CAX1 and other calcium transporters to move more calcium into "storage" inside cells, which could

set off a physiological chain reaction that might ultimately cause plants to pull more calcium out of the soil and improve their overall calcium content.

"Our success with this tiny weed is encouraging, but the real test will be whether this new knowledge will translate into improving the calcium content of popular foods like potatoes and tomatoes," he said.

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- ☞ Watch the sky and listen to radio and television for further information. Remain alert for rapidly changing conditions.
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 - ☞ 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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Lazbuddie spellers

Participating in the Amarillo Globe News local spelling bee at Lazbuddie on March 6 were (back row, left to right) Chelsee Nichols, Jason Davis, Daniel Hefner, Wesley Welch and Sergio Cuevas; (second row from back) Erica Derma, Brittney Schacher, Savannah Sain and Brenda Garcia; (second row from front) Bryce Haney, Jacie Anstead, Leticia Mendoza and Lydia Campos; (front row) Frankie Rodríguez, Joseline Garcia and Lakota Goe.

Spring seeding alfalfa is risky on High Plains

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

LUBBOCK — Spring is a time of new beginnings on the farm, a time when winter's planning is put into action. But it is also a time of risk, especially for those who consider planting alfalfa, a Texas A&M agronomist says.

"Several county agents and I have received quite a few calls and questions about alfalfa in the past month," said Calvin Trostle, Texas Cooperative Extension agronomist based in Lubbock.

"Even though alfalfa is a good crop when you want to branch out and diversify your cotton or grain operation, we do NOT recommend seeding it in spring," he said. "The best time to plant alfalfa in West Texas, and especially on the High Plains, is in the fall.

"The statewide recommended planting date is Aug. 20 to Oct. 1. Here on the High Plains, the best window for planting alfalfa is from early to mid-September. That puts us past the worst of our summer heat, and we can still get at least six weeks of growth and development before the first killing frost," he said.

Spring-planted alfalfa is a risky business, at best, because the root systems and crowns of spring-seeded plants may develop poorly in response to longer photoperiods (day length). Weed and insect problems also tend to be more severe, and yield potential is lower.

"First-year yields of spring-planted alfalfa are often 50 percent less than comparable yields from a fall seeding. In many cases, we'll be lucky to get more than two cuttings from a spring-seeded crop," Trostle said.

"That compares to at least four cuttings from a well-managed, fall-seeded crop. Oklahoma State University research trials suggest that spring-planted alfalfa yields never quite catch up to fall-seeded alfalfa yields in subsequent year of growth and production," he added.

Trostle said growers who are going to invest \$2 to \$3 per pound for alfalfa seed shouldn't gamble on spring seeding — especially when the cost of seed alone approaches \$50 to \$75 per acre.

"We can't afford to cut corners if we want a good, productive stand of alfalfa. The crop should have a productive life of at least four years, so why take a chance on getting a low-performance crop from spring seeding?" he asked. "It's a high-cost risk even if we hedge our bets by spring seeding alfalfa

into a good small-grains cover crop."

"Some recommendations from Leonard Lauriault, New Mexico State University forage agronomist in Tucumcari, gives us a good handle on how to manage a fall-seeded alfalfa crop here in West Texas."

Those include:

- Select a locally adapted variety with disease and insect resistance;

- Pull a soil test and fertilize accordingly to maximize growth each year;

- Prepare a firm seedbed to ensure good seed-to-soil contact;

- Use a seeding rate of 15 to 20 pounds per acre and a planting depth of zero to one-half inch. (Trostle recommends a minimum 20-pound seeding rate.) Higher seeding rates do not ensure better stands or higher long-term yields;

- Irrigate to prevent soil crusting and to promote good emergence;

- Make cuttings between bud and first flower to maximize yield and forage quality;

- Protect the crop from weeds and insects with a pest management program; and

- Give the crop a seven-week rest between the last two fall cuttings, to help ensure long life.

"When it comes to watering, we believe it will take at least 6 to 7 inches of rainfall or water under sprinkler irrigation to produce one ton of forage or hay here on the Texas South Plains. As you go further north in the Panhandle, the irrigation/water requirement may be about an inch less," Trostle said. "Extension's *Texas Alfalfa Production* guide pegs irrigation/water use at about 10 inches per ton, but that is for production farther south using row watering.

"That guide is available through county Extension offices, or you can download it from the Internet at texaserc.tamu.edu.

"The guide contains a formula on page five that can help producers pin down their upper acreage limit when they try to fit field size to their irrigation capacity. The same formula lists maximum evapotranspiration from alfalfa at .35-inch per day. That is probably a realistic average for June through August on the High Plains, but it will be much higher on hot, windy days."

Trostle also recommended these publications and Internet sites for producers who are interested in growing alfalfa on the High Plains:

- *Suggestions for Weed Con-*

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

LUBBOCK — Texas Tech University has received some key exemptions in financial-aid regulations related to distance education programs as part of the U.S. Department of Education's Distance Education Demonstration Program.

Tech is among 24 participants in this program.

"The purpose of this project is to test the feasibility of offering monetary aid to a broader population of distance learners," said Earl Hudgins, Tech director of financial aid.

The Higher Educa-

tion Act of 1965 restricts the amount of financial assistance available to distance-education programs.

Rosslyn Smith, vice provost for Texas Tech's Outreach and Extended Studies, said students enrolled in the university's bachelor of general studies external degree could especially benefit from this program. She said the self-paced program is designed for people with a wide range of schedules, commitments and locations who are unable to take advantage of more traditional campus-based education.

"Across the country,

more and more people are studying through distance education," she said. "At Texas Tech alone, we have more than 200 college students pursuing a degree entirely at a distance."

"Distance-education programs may reduce travel and scheduling constraints, thereby increasing the student's access to Texas Tech University. As enrollment increases, financial aid is certainly going to be a concern for more people."

Tech will participate in the study until the summer of 2004. Hudgins said at that

time, the Department of Education will prepare a report to the U.S. Congress on its findings which may result in the extension of the program.

More information on the Department of Education's Distance Education Demonstration Program is available on the Internet at www.ed.gov/offices/OPE/PPI/DistEd, or visit Tech's Financial Aid Department at www.fina.ttu.edu.

BUSINESS

GLASSCOCK

Hoyt Glasscock of Earth Reinke Services is among nine dealers for Reinke irrigation equipment who were recently named to the Reinke Dealers Council.

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

trol in Pasture and Forages (B-5038) includes information on weed control in alfalfa.

- *Integrated Pest Management Guide for Texas Forage Crops* (B-1401) includes insect management tips and treatments.

These Texas A&M publications are on the Internet at

texaserc.tamu.edu/catalog/index.html. These Texas Agricultural Experiment Station websites also contain information on alfalfa production overton.tamuledu and stephenville.tamu.edu/~eric/various.htm.

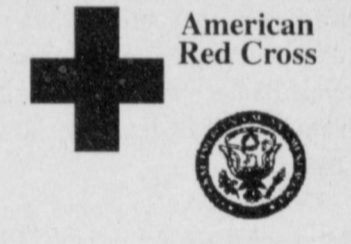
Oklahoma, State University

also maintains a good website on alfalfa production, Trostle said, at clay.agr.okstate.edu/alfalfa/pageone/okla-alf.htm.

New Mexico State University alfalfa publications, variety trials and production information is at www.cahe.nmsu.edu/pubs.

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disaster by planning ahead. This checklist will help you get started. Discuss these ideas with your family, then prepare an emergency plan. Post the plan where everyone will see it—on the refrigerator or bulletin board.

For additional information about how to prepare for hazards in your community, contact your local emergency management or civil defense office and American Red Cross chapter.

Learn how to protect yourself and cope with

Emergency Checklist

Call Your Emergency Management Office or American Red Cross Chapter

- Find out which disasters could occur in your area.
- Ask how to prepare for each disaster.
- Ask how you would be warned of an emergency.
- Learn your community's evacuation routes.
- Ask about special assistance for elderly or disabled persons.

Also....

- Ask your workplace about emergency plans.
- Learn about emergency plans for your children's school or day care center.

Create an Emergency Plan

- Meet with household members. Discuss with children the dangers of fire, severe weather, earthquakes and other emergencies.
- Discuss how to respond to each disaster that could occur.
- Discuss what to do about power outages and personal injuries.
- Draw a floor plan of your home. Mark two escape routes from each room.
- Learn how to turn off the water, gas and electricity at main switches.
- Post emergency telephone numbers near telephones.
- Teach children how and when to call 911, police and fire.
- Instruct household members to turn on the radio for emergency information.
- Pick one out-of-state and one local friend or relative for family members to call if separated by disaster (it is often easier to call out-of-state than within the affected area).
- Teach children how to make long distance telephone calls.
- Pick two meeting places.

- 1) A place near your home in case of a fire.
 - 2) A place outside your neighborhood in case you cannot return home after a disaster.
- Take a basic first aid and CPR class.
 - Keep family records in a water and fire-proof container.

Prepare a Disaster Supplies Kit

Assemble supplies you might need in an evacuation. Store them in an easy-to-carry container such as a backpack or duffel bag.

Include:

- A supply of water (one gallon per person per day). Store water in sealed, unbreakable containers. Identify the storage date and replace every six months.
- A supply of non-perishable packaged or canned food and a non-electric can opener.
- A change of clothing, rain gear and sturdy shoes.
- Blankets or sleeping bags.
- A first aid kit and prescription medications.
- An extra pair of glasses.
- A battery-powered radio, flashlight and plenty of extra batteries.
- Credit cards and cash.
- An extra set of car keys.
- A list of family physicians.
- A list of important family information; the style and serial number of medical devices such as pacemakers.
- Special items for infants, elderly or disabled family members.

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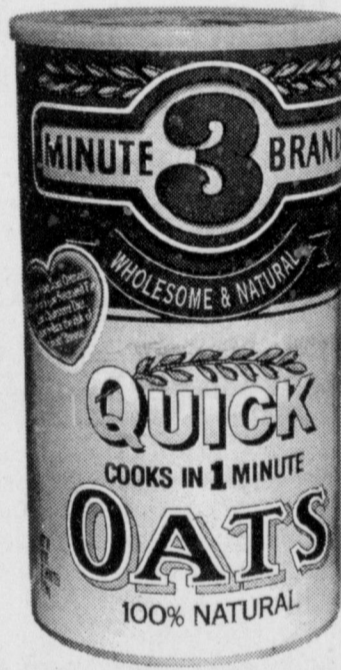
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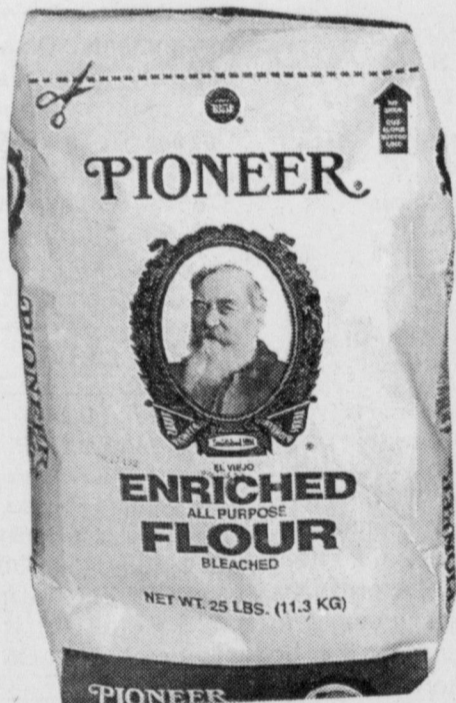
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