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A QUICK READ OF THE NEWS

Taking a bite out of history

Middle-school students at Pittsburgh's Schiller Classical Academy — inspired by civil disobedience in the Boston Tea Party and the bus boycott in Montgomery, Ala. — want to improve the quality of their lunch.

Since mid-December, students have begun a boycott of the lunchroom and adopted the slogan: "We won't eat if it smells like feet."

They complain that their pre-packed provided meals often include half-thawed frozen peaches, watery macaroni and cheese, greasy pizza and discolored meat.

School officials say Schiller is limited in its offerings because the school lacks a cafeteria.

Crime buster barks

Shorty, an 11-month-old Labrador-Huskey mix, brought his owner Duane Palmer a wallet instead of the ball that was thrown during a game of fetch on Jan. 16 in Greensburg, Pa.

Police said the address where the wallet was found also was the location from which a woman called to report she had seen a man peeping into her living-room window on Jan. 9.

Detectives said they found footprints in the snow and what appeared to be an impression left by someone lying down.

When police showed her a picture from the driver's license found below her window, she positively identified a 23-year-old man. He was charged with loitering, prowling at night and disorderly conduct.



Drawing date: Wednesday, Feb. 6
Winning numbers: 14-20-23-32-35-52
Estimated jackpot: \$4 million
Winners: 0
Next drawing: Saturday, Feb. 9
Estimated jackpot: \$6 million

On this date in history

Feb. 8 — Davy Crockett and the Tennessee volunteers arrive at the Alamo (1836).
Also on Feb. 8 — The first person executed by electric chair is put to death in Huntsville (1924).
Feb. 9 — Gov. Sam Houston orders elections held to ratify the Secession Ordinance, taking Texas out of the Union and into the Confederacy (1861).

LOCAL WEATHER

As of Friday, the National Weather Service was predicting that daytime temperatures will continue to bounce up and down for the next few days under mostly sunny skies. Sunday is expected to reach only 45 degrees, but Monday should be back into the low 60s. Tuesday and Wednesday are forecast to reach the high 50s, while Thursday should again reach the low 60s.

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Ute water pipeline could reach Muleshoe

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The pipeline that is proposed for bringing Ute Reservoir water to Clovis and Portales also could be used to bring water from Hartley County, Texas, to Muleshoe, an engineer on the Ute project said Thursday.

Scott Verhines of Smith Engineering in Roswell said it

makes economic sense to avoid building a second pipeline on the Texas side of the state line. The project also could double the amount of water flowing through the Ute pipeline, thus reducing the per-unit cost to users in both states.

Verhines said he is scheduled to present the idea to the High Plains Underground Wa-

ter Conservation District in Lubbock on Tuesday.

He said the plan includes installing a meter at the state line on a pipeline from Hartley County to Ute Reservoir (a fairly short distance), then another meter near Farwell to make sure the amount of water pumped from Texas goes back to Texas.

During a presentation at Clovis-Carver Public Library, Verhines showed a map of the proposed Texas extension from Farwell up U.S. 60 through Bovina and Friona to Hereford, with small side branches to Muleshoe and Dimmitt.

The lake water could not be used for irrigated farming but could be used for dairies.

Farm-bill debate still disquieting to area farmers

By ROGER HALDENBY
Plains Cotton Growers

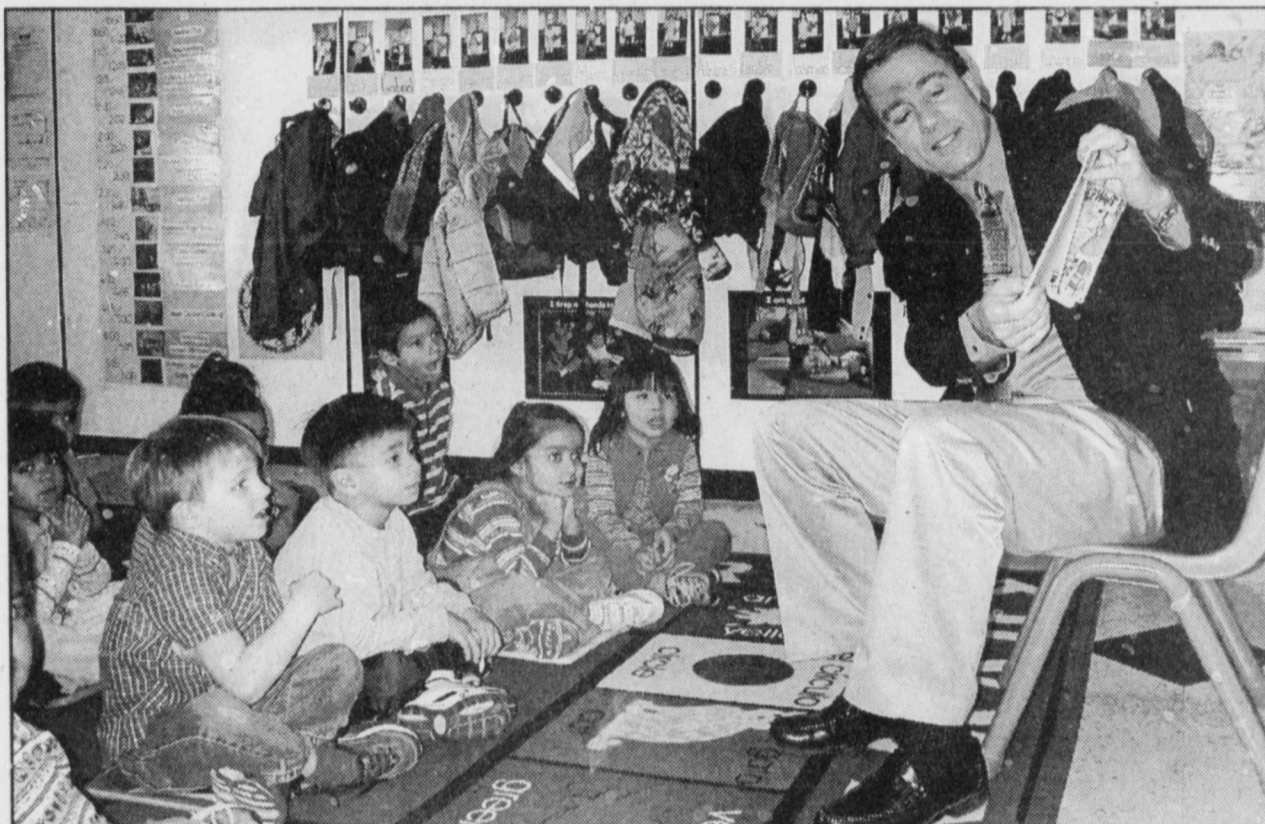
Debate on the farm bill continues in the U.S. Senate, while growers in West Texas continue hurting financially, psychologically and emotionally.

Many are looking on in desperation, praying that the slow turning wheels of government move fast enough to help their situation.

At the same time, they are wondering if those same wheels will come to a grinding halt right over them and squeeze out all hope of staying in business.

In one county hit by drought year after year in

see **BILL** on page 2



Journal photo: Beatrice Morin

Look at this page

Muleshoe school Superintendent Gene Sheets reads "Never Mail an Elephant" to students at Kindersteps preschool Thursday. Students shown are (front row, from left) Owen Raymond, Pablo Flores, Payal Patel and Yasmine Sandoval; (second row, from left) Desiree Gutiérrez, Serio Salas (barely visible) and Josué Chacón.

Lady Mules in playoffs after loss No. 2 to Fillies

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal sportswriter

Even the fans packed into the Muleshoe competition gym Friday could feel the electricity in the air as the Lady Mules and Shallowater Fillies readied themselves for the game of their season.

On the line was the District 2-3A championship and — maybe more importantly — the seeding in the state playoff bracket.

The Fillies had the advantage after defeating the Lady Mules in the teams' first meeting of the year but Muleshoe

hoped to grab a share of the gold ball and force a playoff game to determine seeding.

The lead changed eight times (four in the final period) and there were four ties, but Shallowater won 51-43.

The Fillies' 5-3 point guard, Stephanie Saldivar, shot only once in the contest, but she spotted up in the right corner and fired a three-pointer to break the backs of the Lady Mules.

The Fillies took the lead with only 2:45 on the clock and used the momentum generated by Saldivar's shot.

"The three-pointer that Saldivar hit was the difference in the game — she hit a clutch bucket," said Lady Mule coach Shana Simms. "Free throws and untimely turnovers hurt us tonight, but the effort of the girls was good."

Simms continued, "We have had a great season and may have another shot at Shallowater, but from here on out we have to win out. The support we have had this year has been great, and the girls need that."

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Lady Mules developing tradition in playoffs

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal sportswriter

The Lady Mules' first playoff foe had not been decided at press time, but Muleshoe has qualified for the post-season girls' basketball playoffs again — as it has since 1999.

This year, with a 25-5 record, Muleshoe may have more wins in a single season than any previous team.

Not to put an asterisk by this see **PLAYOFFS** on page 2

Dairy jobs already making impact in Bailey County

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

While the influx of dairies to the Muleshoe area may be a new phenomenon, the increase in jobs is already significant.

A permit application recently filed at city hall is an example, as provided by city economic development director Janet Claborn.

The permit application envisions a 2,400-head dairy and states that the business would have 25 employees — or about one job for each 96 cows — at an average salary of \$24,000.

That is within range of what Sharon Lombardi, a lobbyist for Dairy Producers of New

Mexico, said last month at a meeting in Clovis: New Mexico dairies hire one employee for each 75 to 100 cows.

If the four local dairies already operating (including the Boehning Dairy just across the county line in Lamb County) are milking a total of 5,800 head and hire at the same rate as the most recently proposed dairy, they have generated about 60 new jobs.

The new application projects a payroll of \$600,000 per year for its 25 jobs. Taking that as an average, the area's dairy payroll currently would be \$1.44 million per year.



RTM Dairy plans to start milking in March east of Muleshoe.

Existing permits already allow more than twice the current number of cows — 13,575

— by Claborn's figures. THURSDAY: Individual dairies and their locations.

It's official: Three Way consolidating with Sudan

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The Three Way and Sudan school boards have canvassed their respective votes from the Feb. 2 special election and declared that the consolidation of the two districts was approved by voters.

The margin in the Three Way district was 54-26 in favor of consolidation, Superintendent Thomas Alvis said Thursday after his school board met.

The vote breakdown was almost identical to that in a "straw poll" conducted by the school board last fall.

In the Sudan district, the vote was a near-unanimous 194-1, for a total vote of 248-27 favoring the combining of the two districts.

Alvis said representatives of the two districts will meet soon to plan bus routes and other details of the consolidation. Some items may be moved before the end of

school, he said — such as the football equipment Three Way will not need anymore.

Sudan Superintendent Pam Maxwell has said the bus routes are one of her district's biggest concerns because of the distances involved.

Three Way pursued consolidation after its enrollment dropped below 90, at which point state funding takes a hit.

AROUND MULESHOE

Singing Valentines still available

Members of the advanced choir at Muleshoe High School are offering singing Valentines for \$15 apiece, delivered with a carnation.

Proceeds will help choir members on their trip to New Orleans in April.

Agency gets funds for energy aid

South Plains Community Action Agency of Muleshoe has received funding from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs under the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program.

Priority will be given to eligible households containing a person older than 60, a handicapped person or a child under the age of 6.

Required documentation includes Social Security cards and birthdates for all household members and the applicant's driver's license, birth certificate or college ID (with photo); proof of income (earned and unearned); proof of the expense causing any loss of income, name, address and telephone number of landlord (if there is one); current utility bills with account numbers; and billing histories.

More information is available from Leonor Arrieta or Janie Posadas at 272-7537.

School news

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

Public calendar

Feb. 11 —Deadline for ordering giant-size Valentine cookies from Calvary Baptist Church. \$5 each; orders 272-4012 (afternoons only), 272-4071 or 272-3163.

Also on Feb. 11 — 5 p.m. Muleshoe School Board, in the board room of the district administration office, 514 W. Avenue G.

Feb. 14-16 — 8 p.m. (Mountain time). Stage production of Beth Henley's "The Miss Firecracker Contest," in the University Theatre Center at Eastern New Mexico University. General admission \$7, senior citizens \$6, pre-college \$5, ENMU students with ID, \$4. Tickets: (505) 562-2710.

Feb. 17 — 10:30 a.m. "Paul the Apostle" will be at First Assembly of God, 521 S. First. Information: Pastor Jack Stone, 272-3017.

Also on Feb. 17 — 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Valentine benefit meal for Lariat's Life in Christ Academy, being held at the Farwell Community Center. Includes silent auction. Menu is brisket; cost is a voluntary donation.

Feb. 19 — Mammograms at South Plains Health Care Providers, 208 W. Second St. in Muleshoe. Financial assistance is available. Exams are by appointment only: (800) 377-4673.

Feb. 26 — 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Practical parenting program in Spanish; presenter to be announced. In the high school cafeteria.

March 19 — 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Practical parenting program in Spanish; presenter to be announced. In the high school cafeteria.

April 23 — 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Annual program of the Spanish-language practical parenting classes; presenter to be announced. In the high school cafeteria.

The deadline for items to appear in Around Muleshoe is 5 p.m. Monday for Thursday's editions and 5 p.m. Thursday for Sunday's editions.

PLAYOFFS

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team's accomplishments, but as a footnote, the teams now play more regular-season games than were played in earlier times.

The 1952-53 Mulettes made the treasured trip to Austin only to be defeated by New Deal for the second time that year.

Bob Graves coached the Mulettes during the '70s, and the 1973-74 team had a 21-8 record but only the district champs advanced.

The Lady Mules recorded a 23-8 season in 1992-93 and won a district championship the following year (the record for the latter year is unavailable). They defeated Perryton for bi-district but lost to Graham in the area round.

The 1998-99 Lady Mules were district runners-up and defeated Tulia for the bi-district championship. After being defeated by

Denver City twice during the regular season, the Lady Mules downed Denver City in the area game to go further than any Lady Mule team since 1953. They were defeated in the regional quarterfinal by Dimmitt.

Seminole eliminated the 1999-2000 Lady Mules in bi-district, and Amarillo River Road defeated the Lady Mules last year for bi-district.

"No matter how the game turned out with Shallowater last night, we would still

Curry County declines dairy moratorium request

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Curry County commissioners refused Tuesday to grant a request for a five-year moratorium on dairy expansion in the county.

The request came from Concerned Citizens for Clean Water, a group seeking to stall dairy and feedlot construction in Curry, Roosevelt and Bailey counties.

A letter from the group to the county commissioners asked for the moratorium "until an environmental impact study and an economic impact study can be conducted."

Paul Elders of Ranchvale, N.M., who heads the Concerned Citizens, has said he thinks odors and other negative

factors from the animal operations might inhibit other economic development so much that the dairies' net contribution will be negative.

Curry County Commissioner Tim Ashley of Clovis told the *Clovis News Journal* earlier that county officials consider the moratorium request to be a matter for the state to handle.

State Sen. Patrick Lyons of Cuervo, N.M., a Republican whose district includes northern Curry County (and also a candidate for New Mexico land commissioner), said earlier last week that the county could impose the moratorium and that state officials would prefer to see the issue handled locally.

Homebuyer workshop set

LEVELLAND — A Homebuyer Education Workshop is scheduled for 9 a.m. to noon Feb. 16 at the Regional Housing and Community Services building in Levelland.

The workshop will present information on per-

sonal finances and strategies for purchasing a home.

Child care will be available.

South Plains Community Action and Xcel Energy Foundation are joint sponsors. Information is available at 272-7537.

BILL

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Plains Cotton Growers' 25-county area, most farmers don't know what to do or where to turn.

Local bankers say they cannot finalize loans for most growers until a safety net puts a better guarantee on the income side of their customers' balance sheets.

Local agri-businessmen say trade is at a standstill. At the time land preparation is normally in full swing, tractors are idle and hired hands are sent home.

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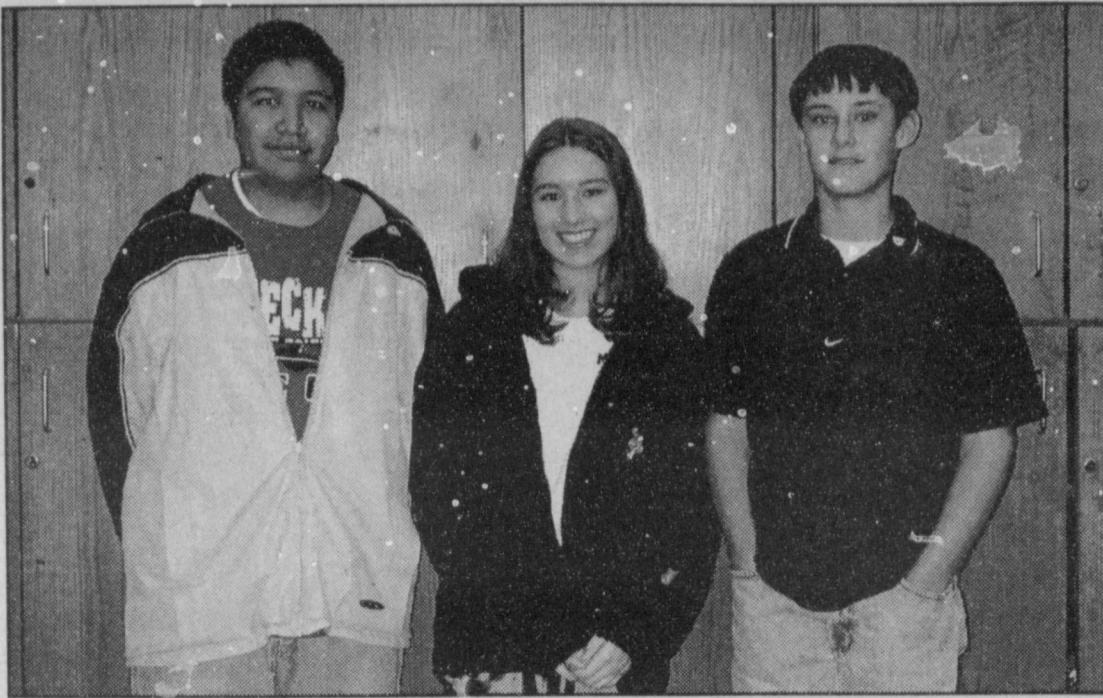
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All-region band

Muleshoe students who participated in the all-region band clinic and concert Feb. 1-2 in Lubbock are (from left) J.C. Orozco, Jami Wedel and Trevor Turnbow. Wedel was first-chair flute and performed a solo during the Saturday-night concert. She also was eligible to try out for all-state band, coming in eighth in area tryouts. Orozco was the only freshman in the honor band's percussion section, according to Muleshoe band director Becky Jones, and Turnbow (who plays trumpet) was the only junior high student who qualified.

Sheep and goat scrapie regulations take effect April 1

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

SAN ANGELO — People who own from one head to thousands of sheep or goats need to remember that on April 1, they must be in compliance with the new USDA state and federal scrapie management regulations.

"These new regulations require sheep and goats to be wearing a premises identification ear tag before they are removed from your premises," said Frank Craddock, Texas Cooperative Extension sheep and goat specialist in San Angelo.

"It makes no difference if that place is a ranch or someone's back yard, if the animals fall within the required regulation guidelines, they must be tagged," he said.

Information from the Texas Animal Health Commission and other government authorities indicate that scrapie is a fatal degenerative brain disease affecting sheep and goats. It was accidentally introduced into the United States

in 1947. Lambs and kids are most susceptible to the disease, Craddock explained.

The malady develops slowly, and infected animals usually don't show symptoms until they are at least 18 months old. Those symptoms include weight loss, tremors, coordination loss, swaying and wool pulling.

Past eradication efforts haven't been successful, Craddock said. The new premises identification system will allow diseased animals to be traced back to their point of origin. Knowing the origination point is a key element in eradication.

Craddock described five sheep and goat classes that require tagging:

- All sheep 18 months of age or older;
- All breeding sheep regardless of age;
- Sexually intact show or exhibition sheep and goats;
- All goats 18 months of age or older that are or have been commingled with sheep; and

• All breeding goats that are or have been commingled with sheep.

Wethers from either species and commercial goats that have never had contact with sheep are the only two exemptions to the tagging rule.

"To be absolutely safe and to cut down on confusion, my recommendation is to tag all female sheep and goats regardless of age and all intact males over 18 months old when they leave your place," Craddock said.

"After April 1, if you take animals to an auction without tags, the auction will tag them with their premises tags — for a fee," he said.

Craddock added that records of sales transactions must be kept for five years. This can be as easy as writing the date of sale, the premises number and the sold animals' individual numbers on the side of the tag box.

The premises number also should appear on all sales documents, including auction check-in slips, vouchers, canceled checks

Grants to train disabled leaders

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

AUSTIN — The Enterprise Foundation is seeking two Texas communities interested in training people with disabilities — and their families — in civic leadership.

The selected communities each receive \$16,300 to administer the 2002 Community Leadership Development Project, which trains people to be advocates for policy changes.

"People with disabilities and their families can be powerful advocates for meaningful change," said Laura Griebel, Enterprise Austin's program officer who administers the project. "The right community will have consumers, family members, advocacy groups,

service providers and community leaders committed to community improvement and citizen involvement."

Each year, Enterprise runs the Community Leadership Development Project, which is also funded by the Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities.

While the program concentrates on advocating effective local policies, the developed skills are applicable for state and federal policy work.

In the past, the program has been run in Austin, Corpus Christi, El Paso, Longview, Nacogdoches/Lufkin, San Angelo and San Antonio. These communities are not eligible to reapply for the 2002 program.

More information or a pro-

ducer," he said. "It is important to remember that turn-around time on tag orders is slow, from four to eight weeks, so to meet the April 1 deadline place your order as soon as possible."

"We want to wipe this disease out of the U.S. With a scrapie-free designation, our producers can freely sell breeding stock on the world market with minimal restrictions as Australia and New Zealand now do," he said.

and bills-of-sale.

The ear tags will carry the owner's premises number on one side along with a sequential number on the reverse side that owners may use for maintaining individual animal records.

"To get your premises identification number and order your free ear tags, call toll-free (866) 873-2824," Craddock said.

"White metal or white plastic tags along with a free pair of tag pliers will be provided at no cost to the

HOSPITAL NEWS

Muleshoe Area Medical Center reports the following patient load.

Jan. 31 — Richard Cunningham, Dakota Epperson, Pat L. Finlan, Crystal M. Galván, Rhea Gonzales, Jesús E. Guerra, Barbara Hall, Jack R. Hicks, Marcial Martínez, James Noles, Morris Nowlin, Virginia Sheets, Isidro Tafoya, Leona R. Whitworth and Elizabeth B. Wilcox.

Feb. 1 — Matthew Alarcón, Dakota Epperson, Pat L. Finlan, Rayitos Godínez, Rhea Gonzales, Jesús E. Guerra, Barbara Hall, Jack R. Hicks, Marcial Martínez,

James Noles, Morris Nowlin, Virginia Sheets, Isidro Tafoya, Leona R. Whitworth, Cheyenne E. Wilcox and Elizabeth B. Wilcox.

Feb. 2 — None reported.

Feb. 3 — None reported.

Feb. 4 — Matthew Alarcón, Rhea Gonzales, Jack R. Hicks, Marcial Martínez, Dovie C. Matthews, Melissa Moreno, Virginia Sheets and Kathaleen Talbott.

Feb. 5 — Joseph J. Arrickiello, Jack R. Hicks, Kelsey R. Marquez, Marcial Martínez, Michelle B. Martínez, Dovie C. Matthews, Melissa Moreno, Virginia Sheets and Helen V. Tinskey.

By Joy Stancell

NURSING HOME NEWS

Greetings from Park View — this is the first nursing home news from the new location.

Zona Gatewood and Janis Cowley directed music and devotional time Thursday morning.

The Muleshoe Mules scored high with residents Thursday afternoon. The Mules and cheerleaders starred at a Mules Super Bowl party. The students and their coaches joined Park View staff and residents for pizza and Coke after visiting with the residents.

The unanimous decision is that the team members are not only good athletes but also good young men.

Avis and Harold Carpenter came to entertain Friday afternoon. Harold plays well-remembered songs that bring smiles to residents' faces.

Members of First United Methodist Church came Sunday afternoon for Communion and music service.

Members of Calvary Baptist Church came Sunday afternoon for church services and fellowship.

Charles Lorange gave Park View some nice clothing and useful items.

Judy Hubbard of Earth di-

rected the devotional time Tuesday morning.

Beverly Wagon, Mary Jo Burge, Pat Watson, Eva Nell Dale, Josie Ovale and Linda Nowell (the beauty crew) shampooed and set the women's hair Tuesday afternoon.

Webb Watts was visited

Tuesday by his grandson Rusty Whitt.

Numerous people helped with moving to the new facility Wednesday. Any deed of kindness does not go unnoticed.

Melvin Griffin visited Monday.

The Valentine party will be

hosted by the women of Calvary Baptist Church at 3 p.m. Feb. 15.

Markita Adamson has something really good cooking for a Mardi Gras celebration at 3 p.m. Monday.

Melvin and Wanda Griffin and Nancy Kidd were super help at the Mules Super Bowl

party Thursday.

Lynn Campbell volunteered her time and talent to give special touches to Park View last week.

OBITUARY

E.B. 'GENE' STANLEY

Services were held Friday at the Spade Church of Christ for E.B. "Gene" Stanley, 87, of Spade. Duane Johnson and Bob Greg officiated. Burial was in Littlefield Memorial Park.

Ellis Funeral Home of Sudan handled arrangements.

Mr. Stanley was born Nov. 23, 1914, in Navarro County, Texas. He died Wednesday at home.

He married Elizabeth Beatrice "B" Clevenger on Dec. 18, 1937, in Clovis.

He was a farmer and a graduate of Sudan High School. He was an elder in the Spade Church of Christ.

Mr. Stanley is survived by his wife; three sons, Dale Stanley and Larry Stanley,

both of Littlefield, and Royce Stanley of Midland; a daughter, Joyce Allamon of Lubbock; 11 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three sisters, Jeanette Vernon, Opal Myers and Elizabeth "Pet" Brown, and

a brother, T.J. Stanley.

The family suggests memorials to New Mexico Christian Children's Home (1356 New Mexico 236, Portales 88130-9411) or Hospice of Lubbock (P.O. Box 53276, Lubbock 79453).

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GIRLS

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As the two teams worked for an advantage in the opening period, Tiffany Flores dropped in a 20-foot jumper from the baseline to give Muleshoe an 8-7 lead.

Shani Rasco drove the lane and got past the Fillies' 6-7 Sara Broome to end the first period with the Lady Mules in front 10-9. Neither team could muster more than a three-point advantage in the first quarter.

In the second quarter, the Lady Mules picked up their seventh team foul near the six-minute mark. That highlighted one of the Fillies' strengths — the charity stripe — and they made 13 of 14 first-half free throws to take a 25-17 cushion by halftime.

Katy Pounds, the Fillies' premier sophomore, had 14 points in the first half. Making only four points from the floor, she was perfect on 10 attempts from the line to lead all scorers in the first half.

With renewed determination, the Lady Mules returned to the floor and outpaced Shallowater 12-6 in the third frame. Britni

Gartin grabbed a Filly pass and got the ball to Annie Cox to complete a fast break.

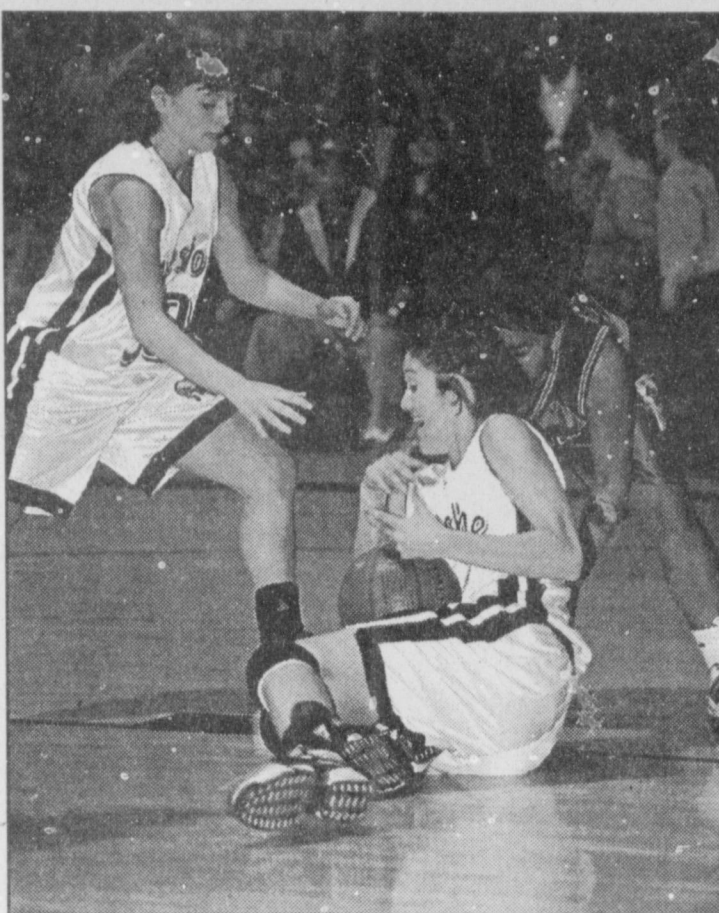
Cox nailed a trey from the top of the free-throw circle as Muleshoe cut into the Fillies' lead. Flores picked up two assists: She connected on a lob to Sara Benham and then, after a defensive stop by Muleshoe, she again set Benham up on the blocks to end the third frame with Muleshoe trailing 31-29.

Mindy Locker blocked a Filly shot and Cox grabbed the loose ball. She advanced the ball to Jessica Carpenter, who found Gartin breaking to the hoop to complete the fast break and knot the game at 31 as the final period began.

Broome fouled Locker as she posted up, and Locker made both freebies to give the Lady Mules their first lead of the second half.

After a Filly three-point play, Rasco connected from the left side of the lane just past the charity stripe to put Muleshoe back on top.

Then, with four minutes remaining, Rasco turned with the ball at the stripe and found Benham open on the block



Tiffany Flores battles for the ball in the Shallowater game as Tori Barton rushes in to help.

Journal photo: Mike Hahn

to deadlock the game at 38.

Then came the three-pointer by Saldivar, and Muleshoe was forced to foul in an attempt to stop the clock. The Fillies made six of seven from the stripe.

The Lady Mules ended their regular season at 25-5

and were second in district at 8-2.

In the finale, Benham set the pace for the Lady Mules with 18 points. Cox had 10, Rasco and Gartin made four each, Locker three, and Tori Barton and Flores two apiece.

ROTARY NEWS

The Muleshoe Rotary Club met Feb. 5 at the Bailey County Coliseum. President Wanda Hooten presided.

Brad Reeves led the prayer and Sherri Harrison led the Pledge of Allegiance. Members sang "God Bless America."

Elizabeth Castorena and Stephan Shelburne, students of the month, were introduced by Rotary sweetheart Candace Hutto. Other visitors were Shelbi Robinson and Tyler

Gartin, both with Phil Kent.

Members in charge of the next three programs are George Nieman (Feb. 12), Thurman Myers (Feb. 19) and Jean Petty (Feb. 26).

Members were reminded to invite their spouses to the Feb. 12 meeting, at which time a special menu is planned for Valentine's Day.

Hooten also reminded members about the mentoring program with the Boy Scouts. Officers elected for the

2002-2003 year are Mike Cleavinger, president; Phil Kent, vice president; Mark Morton, secretary-treasurer; Vic Coker, sergeant-at-arms; and directors Criss Cleavinger (international service), Stacy Conner (vocational service), Jean Petty (community service) and Sandy Vandevender (club service).

They will be installed at the July 2 meeting.

Jeff Mullins, who was in charge of the week's program,

invited Roy Urrutia of Energas to speak on the company's pricing strategy for this winter and the Amarillo Call Center's customer-service objectives.

The Hunger Plus winner for the week was Vic Coker, who adjourned the meeting by leading the members in the Rotary Four Way Test.

BIRTHS

ALARCON

Ricardo Alarcón Jr. and Rhea Gonzales of Muleshoe are the parents of a son, Matthew Titus Alarcón, born at 5:37 a.m. Feb. 1 at Muleshoe Area Medical Center.

He weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces and was 20 inches long. He has two stepsisters, Phelicia and Priscilla Alarcón.

Grandparents are Julia Alarcón of Clovis and Ruben and Christine Gonzales of Muleshoe. Great-grandparents are Benito and Juanita Alarcón and Juan and Maria Morón.

WILCOX

Dink and Barbra Wilcox of Muleshoe are the parents of a daughter, Cheyayne Elizabeth

Wilcox, born at 3:37 a.m. Feb. 1 at Muleshoe Area Medical Center.

She weighed 8 pounds, 15 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Grandparents are Sheila Pitcock of Merkel, Texas, and Richard and Beth Ellis of Wellington. Great-grandparents are Ike and Gail Wilcox of Muleshoe and Audie Buchanan of Hollis, Okla.

PEREDA

Daniel and Silvia Pereda of Clovis are the parents of a daughter, Stephanie Pereda, born at 2:37 a.m. Jan. 12 at Muleshoe Area Medical Center.

She weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces and was 20 inches long. She has two brothers, Leonardo

D. and Alexander, and a sister, Jacqueline.

Grandparents are Celia Monsivais, Deolegario Tovar and Felicitas Diaz, all of Mexico.

MARQUEZ

Herman Marquez and Melissa G. Moreno of Bovina are the parents of a daughter, Kelsey Renae Marquez, born at 7:31 p.m. Feb. 4 at Muleshoe Area Medical Center.

She weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Grandparents are Roberto and Ernestina Marquez of Bovina, Pablo Moreno and Rafaela Inez Rosa of Plainview. Great-grandparents are Celia Marquez of Bovina and Maria Moreno.

TOPS NEWS

Ten TOPS No. 34 members attended the Feb. 7 meeting at the Muleshoe Church of Christ. The two previous meetings had been cancelled because of bad weather.

Leader Laverne James presided and led the prayer and pledge.

Co-leader Polly Otwell presented the previous week's minutes, which were approved as read.

The weekly and monthly reports were given by weight recorders Linda White and Alene Bryant.

Jewel Peeler was the best (and only) loser in the weekly report.

Elaine Coburn was the best loser in the monthly report, with Bryant as first runner-up and Lucille Harp second runner-up.

Losing weight and keeping it

off was the discussion. The next meeting is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. Feb. 14. Visitors are welcome.



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Cuba trade could help Texas

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL COLLEGE STATION — Texas could ship more than \$53 million in additional exports, leading to the creation of 1,400 new jobs if trade barriers were lifted with Cuba, according to a Texas A&M University study.

Parr Rosson, director of the Center for North American Studies at Texas A&M, and Flynn Adcock, economist and research associate at Texas A&M, found that producers of beef, rice, poultry, forest products, wheat and cotton would be those to gain the most from such trade activity.

"It will mean additional markets for Texas products," Rosson said. "Those markets will mean an increase in sales, along with economic growth and more business activity in Texas," he said.

The study, "Economic Impacts of U.S. Agricultural Exports to Cuba," was commissioned by the Washington-based Cuba Policy Foundation, a non-profit organization.

Gains in new business for animal fats/oils and rice would be the highest among the commodities, reaching \$11.67 million and \$9 million, respectively. This is followed by beef (\$8 million), chicken meat (\$6 million), softwood logs and plywood (\$6.5 million), wheat and flour (\$3.3 million) and cotton (\$3 million).

According to the study's moderate export growth

forecast, which factors in a limited amount of lifted trade restrictions, Texas could export an additional \$22 million in agricultural products.

"Texas producers would benefit in commodities such as rice, animal fats and oils, beef, chicken, wheat and wheat flour, as well as cotton," Rosson said.

"An additional \$50 million would be spent to produce the above products, and that includes everything from input suppliers to retail trade. Overall, there would be a total economic impact of \$70 million," he added.

Nationally, the study indicates U.S. farmers could gain up to \$3.6 billion in economic activity with Cuba if trade, travel, and investment sanctions against the communist nation are lifted.

"Before the embargo in 1962, Cuba was one of the biggest markets for rice and beef," Rosson said. "Cuba has one of the highest literacy rates, more than 96 percent, and a high-skilled workforce of any country in Latin America. The potential is there for significant growth in trade."

About \$411 million in U.S. agricultural exports could generate as much as \$920 million in business sales, Rosson said. That would result in \$270 million in household income, leading to the creation of 11,000 new jobs across the United States.

In Texas, agricultural

producers could be tapping into a new market and new opportunities.

"It's important for Texas because producers certainly stand to be a reliable, efficient supplier of products — mainly rice, chicken and beef," Rosson said.

And tourism would play an important role, he noted, adding more than \$200 million to the value of U.S. agricultural exports to Cuba.

Passage of the Trade Sanctions Reform Act allowing recent shipments of American corn, wheat and poultry to Cuba has sparked discussion among Cuban officials and U.S. farm groups for increased agricultural trade.

Those shipments that continue through the end of February are the first direct commercial sales of U.S.-produced agricultural products to Cuba in nearly four decades.

These first shipments to Cuba are a result of Hurricane Michelle, which struck the island late last year.

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ZECHARIAH A YOUNG PROPHET
HAVING TAKEN THE ADVICE OF HIS YOUNG PRINCES, KING JOASH SETS UP IDOLS IN THE TEMPLE AT JERUSALEM AND ALL JUDAH HAS BEGUN TO PRACTICE IDOLATRY BUT NOT WITHOUT STERN OBJECTION BY HIS COUSIN, ZECHARIAH, AND NOW...

AND WHILE ZECHARIAH BERATES THE KING, THE PRINCES HOLD COUNSEL AMONG THEMSELVES...

WE MUST NOT ALLOW ZECHARIAH TO INFLUENCE JOASH—OR ALL WE HAVE GAINED WILL BE LOST!

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Choir contest participants

Choir members from Muleshoe High School (above) and Watson Junior High (below) who received first place at their solo and ensemble contests Saturday include high school students (back row, from left) Ricardo Aburto, Cedric Castorena, Suzanne Messenger, Laura Wood, Jennifer Rempe, Crystal Bailey, Erin Allen and Stephan Shelburne; (front row, from left) Mylissa Thompson, Angela Allen, Kneosha Méndez, Elizabeth Castorena and Cydni Vandiver. Junior high students are (from left) Janice Pacheco, Chrisie Reeves, Monica Posadas, Hillary Tipps, Elizabeth Symm, Jamie Hall and Nicklas Brewster. Not shown from high school are Megan Barrett and Amanda Vega; not shown from junior high is Amanda Vega. Several junior high students won seconds, including Rainey, Brewster, Samantha Sánchez, Samantha Sterling, Felicia Glover, Mali Ruiz, Gerardo Gómez, Eli Villa and Jesse Rodríguez.



Hepatitis C treatment promising

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL HOUSTON — A new drug combination looks promising in improving the cure rate for hepatitis C, a chronic disease that affects 4 million Americans.

"This combination therapy appears to be twice as effective in clearing the virus from the blood," said Dr. Reem Ghalib, director of the hepatitis program at Baylor College of Medicine and The Methodist Hospital. "The overall chance of a sustained response with this treatment is about 61 percent."

The hepatitis C virus can take a very mild form, producing few symptoms, or be life-threatening. Up to 10,000 deaths per year in the United States are attributed to the disease, which is spread primarily through contact with the blood of an infected person.

For hepatitis C patients who develop severe liver disease, treatment options have been limited. For many, a liver transplant has been the only life-saving measure.

The latest treatment combines two drugs — pegylated interferon alfa 2-b and ribavirin. Baylor researchers are participating in clinical trials to determine the effectiveness and safety of the drug combination.

Initial results are encouraging, the researchers say.

"Our results show it clears the virus from the blood in 61 percent of patients and decreases the severity of inflammation in the liver in the majority of patients," said Ghalib, also an assistant professor of medicine and surgery in the Michael E. DeBakey Department of Surgery and medical director of liver transplant at Baylor.

"Once a patient shows a sustained response — the virus gone for at least six months after treatment stops — the chance of it coming back is very small," Ghalib said.

The combination therapy is given for 48 weeks. Weekly injections of pegylated interferon alfa 2-b are given by the patient and the ribavirin is administered by pill daily.

The standard treatment for hepatitis C has been interferon — a manufactured version of a natural substance that slows down the virus. The pegylated version of interferon enables the drug to stay in the body longer, requiring less frequent injections.

The therapy is not appropriate to those whose disease has progressed too far, who abuse alcohol or drugs, or who suffer from severe uncontrolled psychiatric illness.

The most common side effects of the drug combination include flu-like symptoms, fever, fatigue, nausea, headache, poor appetite and anxiety or depression.

The hepatitis program at Baylor and Methodist was established in June 2000 as a specialized center for patients with hepatitis B and hepatitis C.

The patients are closely monitored by a team of experts in liver disease, along with a medical staff specially trained in this area.

"We believe that our focused approach to treatment enables patients to access the latest therapies in a timely fashion," Ghalib said.

Say good-bye to dry skin this season

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL HOUSTON — When winter temperatures bring on the dry-skin blues, changes in the daily routine can make a big difference.

"It is important to follow a good diet to avoid drying out the skin," said Dr. Ida Orengo, an associate professor of dermatology at Baylor College of Medicine. "Low-fat diets can cause a person to lose essential fatty acids that help moisturize skin."

Lotions typically fall into one of three categories — liquid, cream and ointment. Liquids are good over the entire body and don't stain clothing as much as creams. Creams are better for localized areas such as the hands, feet and face because they last longer on the skin. Ointments are thicker and greasier, appropriate for very dry areas and best applied at night to avoid soiling clothes.

Orengo offers the following tips for beating dry skin:

- Take lukewarm showers no longer than five minutes. Long, hot showers can strip the skin of natural oils.
- Instead of pure soap, opt for one with a moisturizer or use a soap substitute.
- Use soap only under the arms, in the groin and on the feet. Running warm water over the arms, chest and back is enough to clean these areas.
- Soak in a medicated bath such as an oatmeal bath for 15 minutes. This helps to control itching that results from dry skin, and helps to moisturize.
- Use a moisturizer two or three times a day if necessary. People who work closely with the public and have to wash their hands several times per day should re-apply lotion after every washing.
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I've long wanted to write a few words about one word—or more precisely, the reality behind it—but I've been afraid that I would be easily misunderstood or, more likely, not understood at all. And I'm almost afraid to begin. The quality behind this little word is far too precious for my poor pen, far too beautiful to be painted except by the most accomplished painter. It's a diamond before which the most worthy cutter of gems should bow and touch with the tools of his craft only in deepest reverence and then only with a prayer that his awed

trembling be stayed by the importance of his task.

I write about Joy. Not happiness. Happiness, wonderful in its own rite, is not the same as joy. Try to shape them into the same quality and we do great injustice to both. In that light, happiness is as deep as the puddle on your sidewalk; Joy is as deep as the Atlantic's deepest delve. Happiness is the candle's flicker; Joy is the bright ball of fire that is the sun.

Have you sensed it? You hear it in the laughter of a mountain brook babbling clear and clean as it splashes its way to the ocean.

You see it in the face of a mother holding her newborn child and looking into eyes lit up with new life. If you could see His eyes, you would see the Creator's filled with Joy as He flings color across the west with a sunset that takes your breath away. Joy is what filled the song the morning stars sang together on the very first morn-

ing of the very first day.

God gives it to us in a thousand ways. You even taste it with the delight of a wonderful flavor splashed freshly across your palate.

Those who have felt it recognize it. Once tasted, we live our lives, though we'd not put it this way, longing for it. For in it is the essence of hope, and it makes even dark and difficult days bearable, and life at all times a precious gift worth living.

Joy. It can't be hoarded. Chase it, and you'll surely chase it away. It's worth far more than gold, but it's laid in our hands as a gift and one of its greatest blessings is that it catches us so totally by surprise.

We realize suddenly that the words of our story have fit together beautifully, the notes of our song are rising clearer than we're able to sing. The throw we've made, the tackle we've tackled, the shot we've launched toward the basket, the breath we've drawn deeply in, the sight we've seen—so beautiful that two eyes are not enough to comprehend its beauty—all these things are far beyond us no matter how hard we've worked and how great our skill. We have not earned them, and they move us not to arrogant pride but to deep humility because they are gifts, and at their heart is the best gift.

Joy. Without it, a king is to be pitied and all his riches are as dust. With it, the poorest pauper should be deemed wealthier than the greatest emperor of the greatest land.

"Joy is the serious business of Heaven," C. S. Lewis wrote. For God's people, one day all will be Joy, and the deepest joys we've experienced here will be seen as wonderful and gracious glimmers of the far deeper Reality that is there. In the meantime, even those glimmers make the wait for that Land well worth it.

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Texas consumers can eliminate telemarketing calls

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT COLLEGE STATION — Everyone knows the drill: The phone rings at a bad time — during a bath or dinner preparations or visiting with guests — but someone takes the call anyway.

Then the listener is treated to a worthless monologue about how only YOU have been selected for a fantastic new opportunity to buy insurance, a coupon booklet or a "free" trip.

The caller doesn't allow you to get a word in; you don't want to be rude enough to just hang up; and whatever it is, you don't want it — especially right now.

As of Jan. 1, you and other Texans have been given a tool to help keep these unwanted telemarketing calls off your line and out of your house.

According to Nancy Granovsky, Texas Cooperative Extension family economics specialist, the

Public Utility Commission of Texas has implemented two "no call" lists for Texas consumers who don't want to be bothered with telemarketing calls.

The first list, a general "Do Not Call List," applies to every telemarketing business operating within the state of Texas. By paying a registration fee of \$2.25 per telephone number, each consumer can eliminate his or her name from telemarketers' calling lists for three years.

The second list, an "Electric No Call List," applies only to telemarketers calling about Retail Electric Providers and consumers' electric service. The fee for this five-year service is \$2.55 per telephone number.

To be included on both lists for five years, the fee is \$4.80 for each residential phone.

What all this means, Granovsky said, is that Texas consumers now at

last have a tool to prevent unwanted calls from unwanted telemarketers.

However, the Public Utility Commission has allowed some exceptions, allowing some telemarketing calls to be completed, including:

- Calls to customers with whom the telemarketers have already have a business relationship;
- Consumers who wish to make contact with a telemarketing company;
- Businesses collecting a debt;
- Companies calling on behalf of non-profit organizations or charities; or
- Telemarketers who are state licensees (such as real estate or insurance agents). These calls must (1) not be made by automated devices; (2) not be completed without a face-to-face presentation; and (3) not be previously informed the customer did not want to be called.

But don't expect to stop receiving these calls right away, Granovsky warned.

Implementing these new regulations is going to take a little time.

Commission information specifies the "No Call Lists" are to be published quarterly so telemarketers can update their lists each quarter (Jan. 1, April 1, July 1 and Oct. 1).

"Telemarketers will have 60 days from the date a number appears on a published list to update their internal databases and remove numbers," Public Utility Commission information states. "The first published list will be available to telemarketers April 1, 2002. You will be advised when you register on which quarterly list your telephone number will appear."

That means the calls will still be coming for a while, Granovsky said.

Anyone who pays the fees, registers their name on the "No Call List(s)" and still receives unwanted telemarketing calls after the 60 days may file a com-

plaint with the Customer Protection Division of the PUC (888-782-8477; TTY 800-735-2988, or by e-mail at customer@puc.state.tx.us) or the Office of the Attorney General Customer Protection Hotline (800-621-0508).

Signing up for this new service is easy, Granovsky said. Instant online regis-

tration is available at www.texasnocall.com; or call toll free at 866-TXNOCAL (1-866-896-6225). Or write to: Texas No Call, P.O. Box 313, E. Walpole, Mass. 02032.

More information is available on the Internet at www.puc.state.tx.us/ or www.puc.state.tx.us/ocp/telephone/donotcall.cfm.

'Supersizing' can double a meal's calories

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL HOUSTON — "Supersizing" a fast-food order may seem like a value, but the diner could get more than they bargain for in terms of health.

"People are unaware of normal food portions," said Dr. John Foreyt, a professor of medicine and director of the Behavioral Medicine Research Center at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "Increasingly, larger-than-normal amounts of food are perceived as normal."

Buying a large order of fries and a 32-ounce cola instead of a small order of fries and a 12-ounce soft drink may cost only a few cents more, but it can double the calories.

Foreyt says that despite the added fat, the inexpensive, larger fast-food "combo" is the choice of many busy families. "Even children are used to ordering larger servings," he said.

This trend is of concern given that U.S. Surgeon General David Satcher released a report in December stating that obesity causes 300,000 deaths a year in America. Smoking accounts for 400,000 deaths.

The key is knowing how to make sensible food choices. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which developed the Food Guide Pyramid, a daily diet consisting of no more than 30 percent of calories from fat includes the following amounts of food:

- Bread, cereal, rice and pasta: six to 11 servings. One serving: one slice of bread, tortilla or pancake; a half-cup of cereal, rice or pasta; two medium cookies; half a bagel or hamburger bun.
- Vegetables: three to five servings. One: a half-cup of chopped raw or cooked vegetables, scalloped potatoes or potato salad; 1 cup

raw, leafy vegetables; or 10 french fries.

- Fruit: two to four servings. One: one piece of fruit or melon wedge; a fourth of a cup of dried fruit; a half-cup of chopped, cooked or canned fruit; or three-fourths of a cup of fruit juice.
- Milk, yogurt and cheese: 2 to 3 servings. One serving: 1 cup of milk or yogurt (plain or frozen), 1

1/2 cups of ice cream or ice milk; 2 cups of cottage cheese; 1 1/2 ounces of natural cheese; or 2 ounces of processed cheese.

- Meat, poultry, fish, dry beans, eggs and nuts: two to three servings. One serving: about 3 ounces of cooked lean beef, pork, lamb, veal, poultry or fish — roughly the size of a deck of playing cards; a half-cup of cooked beans;

1 egg; or 2 tablespoons of peanut butter.

- Fats, oils and sweets: Use sparingly.

Ordering large portions of food at inexpensive prices can be tempting, so decide on the order ahead of time.

"Don't be caught in the drive-through line wondering what you want," Foreyt said. "You are in control of your diet, not a restaurant."

HOROSCOPES

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Aquarius - Jan 21/Feb 18
You've had a bit of luck at work, Aquarius, but don't let it go to your head. It could be a tough road this week — look at it as payment for the break you received. Love looks promising.

Pisces - Feb 19/March 20
Don't stay up every night this week burning the midnight oil, Pisces. While your job is important, it is not worth risking your health over. Things will calm by week's end.

Aries - March 21/April 20
You've been fooling yourself into believing you are ready for that next step. You've only been avoiding the issue, Aries. Better think it through a little longer before making a move.

Taurus - April 21/May 21
Expect this week to be a hectic one, Taurus. Many people are vying for your attention and you can't keep up with all of their demands. Ask for help from Sagittarius on Tuesday.

Gemini - May 22/June 21
You've been in good spirits, Gemini, and rightly so. That mountain you climbed really was a challenge but you pulled through with flying colors. Things will be easy this week.

Cancer - June 22/July 22
Things didn't pan out with your favorite hobby, Cancer, but don't let it get you down. Find something else that interests you that you'll have greater success with. Aquarius gets involved on Wednesday.

Leo - July 23/August 23
If you've been feeling restless, Leo, you are justified. Too much time spent at home is no good for the spirit. Recruit some friends for an entertaining night out. It may be what you need.

Virgo - Aug 24/Sept 22
You've been hiding behind a mask, Virgo. Don't put on a brave stance just to shield loved ones from the truth. A career change seems imminent.

Libra - Sept 23/Oct 23
That struggle you've been facing with your mate seems to lessen for you this week. You both seem to be writing on the same page. New twists at work occupy much of your time.

Scorpio - Oct 24/Nov 22
Mood swings are driving those close to you to run for cover. It's time to take a break and calm down, Scorpio. Things will work out no matter how much you worry.

Sagittarius - Nov 23/Dec 21
It seems that you may not be lucky in love this Valentine's Day, Sagittarius. But cheer up, it'll give you more time to pamper yourself for a change. Expect a big life change in the coming weeks.

Capricorn - Dec 22/Jan 20
You can't always get your way, Capricorn, no matter how much you pout and complain. It's better if you learn this lesson soon or you're heading for trouble. Leo is key this week.

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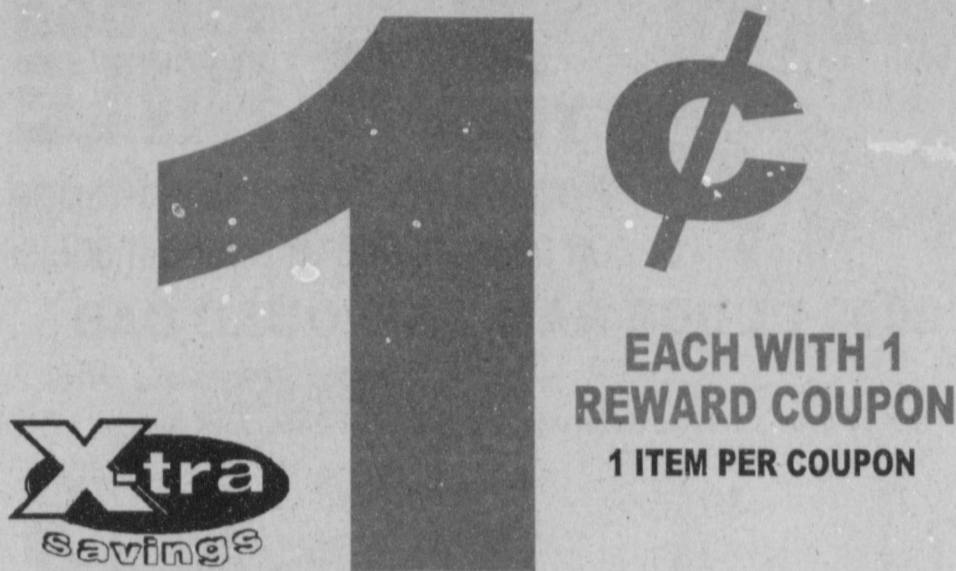
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