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A QUICK READ OF THE NEWS

This ice cream packs punch

Here's a confection with a kick — ice cream spiked with booze. Blend's, an alcoholic ice cream, made its debut in northern Wisconsin this week, offering such potent cocktail flavors as grasshopper and pink squirrel.

"Imagine a brandy Alexander ice cream cone," said Daryl Orris, majority owner of The Ice Cream Bar Inc., the Minneapolis company that developed Blend's. "It's a convenient form of an ice cream drink."

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"I think it's going to do well," said Rick Estridge, general manager of supermarket Wayne's IGA supermarket. "I wish I'd had it a couple of months ago, when the weather was hot."

Football contest gets brutal

There were upsets and roughed-up players all over the field once the scores were in for the second week of the *Journal's* football contest.

When the dust settled, Leslee Redwine of Friona stood atop the heap. She was one of only two players (out of 47) who predicted Meadow's upset of the Lazbuddie Longhorns, and that was her margin of victory over the second and third place winners.

Redwine missed five games in the contest while Nathan Crawford and Kelli Harris, both of Lazbuddie, each missed six.

Crawford was closer on the tiebreaker score (Muleshoe vs. Denver City), so he claimed second-place honors and left Harris with third.

Only five players correctly picked Clovis over Plainview.



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On this date in history

Sept. 16 — Duke Ellington presented his first concert of sacred music at San Francisco's Grace Cathedral. (1965).

Sept. 17 — The Constitution of the United States is completed and signed by a majority of delegates at the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia (1787).

Sept. 18/19 — On Sept. 18, President George Washington lays the cornerstone for the Capitol Building (1793).

LOCAL WEATHER

Scattered showers and thunderstorms are expected across the area through Sunday. Expect highs near 80 degrees; lows are expected to be 51 all through the period. The greatest chance for rain will occur on Friday and Sunday.

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Prayer issue fills board's meeting room

By RONN SMITH
Editor

In a meeting room packed with on-lookers — many of them apparently teen-agers — Muleshoe Independent School District's board of trustees passed a resolution Monday night endorsing prayer at football games.

The perennial issue became even hotter recently with a ruling by the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals that such prayers at school functions are unconstitutional.

The board's resolution expresses support for the Santa Fe (Texas) Independent School District, which is appealing a decision against it in a case brought by a resident of that district.

The letter expresses the belief of Muleshoe board members that the ruling is erroneous and should be overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Before the board unanimously voted for the resolution, however, several residents expressed strong opinions on whether the board should unilaterally declare that prayers would be offered at Muleshoe games.

The Rev. Stacy Conner, opening the debate, said he would oppose the board strongly if it voted to allow the prayers of various religious faiths to be given at school functions.

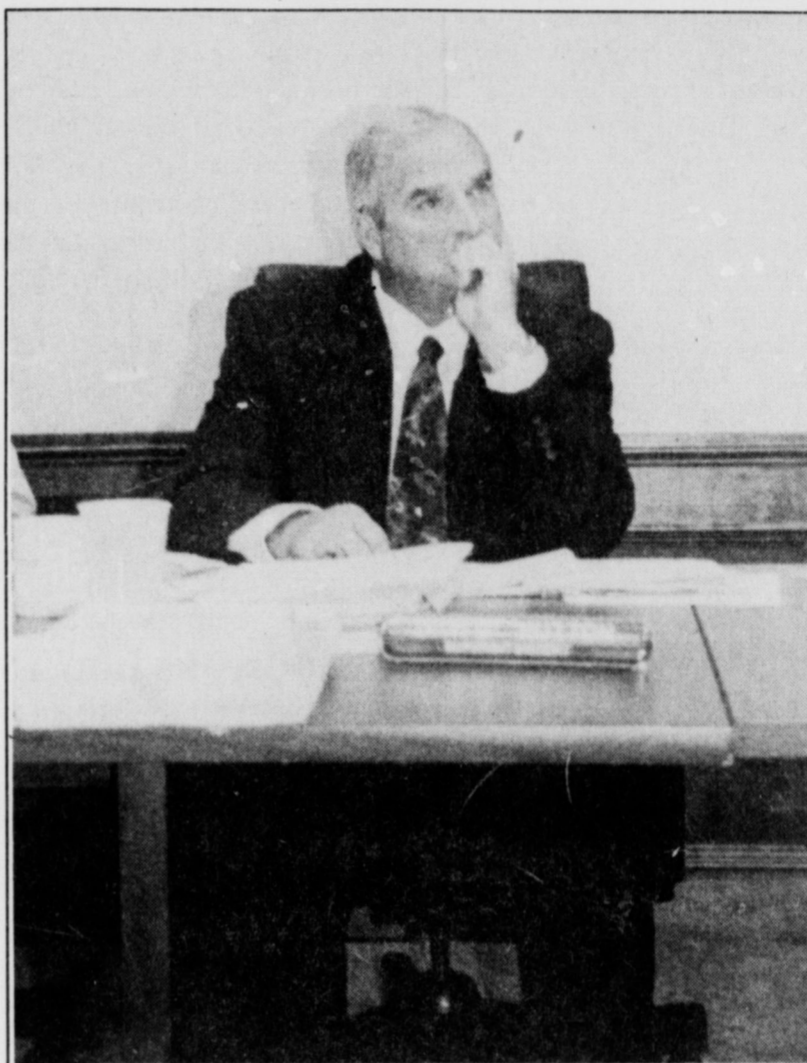
"I speak from the minority position from which Baptists have spoken for 400 years," he said. He said he is not willing to give equal time to religions he doesn't support, and urged the board to let the courts decide the issue.

Carroll Precure told board members that he personally would support them if they voted to go ahead with prayers at games, and added that there would be groups willing to help the board with any legal problems that arose from such a decision.

"I do not feel the federal government has the right to tell us we can't offer up prayers whenever and wherever we want," he said.

Jason Cochran told the board that the crowded room was full of people with the best of intentions.

"This is not a lynch mob — this is a



Muleshoe School Superintendent David Hutton listens to audience members Monday night just before he read a resolution supporting another Texas district in its legal fight to re-instate prayers at high school football games.

concerned community wanting prayer back in the schools," he said.

Cochran recalled when he himself was an athlete and how impressed he was when his coach prayed. "Even if he yelled at us all week, that was the only spiritual moment we saw," he said, bringing laughter from the audience.

Michael Precure invoked the memory of Martin Luther King Jr., saying that while he does not uphold everything King stood for, "he did put a whole lot on the line for what he believed in." Precure added that sometimes people have to risk breaking the law if that law is unjust.

Asking if a public prayer from a Wiccan, for instance, is likely to happen in Muleshoe, he said that of course it isn't. But as the parent of three children, he said that he has faith in Jesus that his children would make the right choices if confronted with a prayer offered from some other religious viewpoint.

Larry Kirk was somewhat more tongue-in-cheek. "We didn't really know what the Constitution said until the brilliance of the people of the '60s," he said. Public prayer obviously was against the law along, he continued, but people didn't know it until the people of the 1960s pointed it out.

And finally, Ronnie Holt offered the viewpoint that seemed to be eventually endorsed by the board: By defying the law, he said, the board would be teaching children that it is OK to pick and choose which laws one will uphold.

Lary Hooten elaborated on that point by asking, "How do you explain to a student that it was wrong for them to break a rule or a law when you're breaking the law?"

Board members were unanimous:

- Arnold Price agreed that the board wanted to encourage students to obey the law until legal measures have been exhausted.

- Nick Bamert supported the legal action, though he said prayer is a tradition in West Texas football.

- David Tipps told audience members, "I would like to see y'all express as much concern as you have here to the people who have the power to do something about this . . . when it comes up in front of the Supreme Court."

Board President Cindy Purdy thanked the youth of Richland Hills Baptist Church for a letter to the editor they sent asking that citizens support action getting prayer back into public schools.

Purdy said the letter demonstrated the students' adulthood in their religious beliefs.

But, she added, the district's attorneys had advised the board against re-instating a moment silence, "reflection" or anything else they might call it pending the outcome of the appeal in the Santa Fe case.

She broke into tears in a story of someone telling her, "They cannot stop me from praying, and when my child went out on the field, they *didn't* stop me."

Hutton told the crowd, "If anyone had told him six months ago that somebody would stop me, as a superintendent, from allowing prayer at a football game, I'd have said they were crazy."

The litmus test for him, he added, is that he cannot tell a student "my disobedience is different from your disobedience because mine is from God." That might invite the student to invoke some other god to justify an action, he added

Mules to seek third win in homecoming game

By KEVIN WILSON
Journal Sports Writer

Many coaches will tell you that the early season for any sport is filled with tests.

This year for the Muleshoe Mules is no exception. Their first two games — a 31-14 victory over Portales and a 21-0 triumph over Denver City — were passed with flying colors. Over the two games, Muleshoe has allowed only one touchdown on defense.

Coming up on Friday, though, the defense will face a new test — the air attack.

When Brownfield comes to Muleshoe this weekend, the Cubs will showcase their run-and-shoot offense. Mules head coach David Wood said that defending an offense where 80 percent of the plays are passes will be a challenge to a mostly run-oriented defense.

However, the Mules will not be facing a very prolific offense. Brownfield, 1-1 on the year, has averaged only 10 points per contest, winning its opener against Kermit, 14-7, but taking a drubbing by Friona last Friday, 44-6.

The Mules probably will have offensive troubles of their own. Wide receiver Danny Ramirez dislocated his arm in Friday's game. He will be out at least three weeks.

Even with Ramirez, the Mules have been fumbling the ball at a dangerous rate — six times against Denver City, with three of them on consecutive possessions in the third quarter.

But Wood thinks that worrying too much about ball control could create worse circumstances.

"Our offense still has some kinks," Wood

said. "Maybe we've been concentrating too much."

In any case, the fumbles stalled Muleshoe's offense, which otherwise might have put Denver City away early.

"We've got to address it," Wood added. "I don't know what the answer is."

On the other hand, the Mules' defense was

impressive, allowing Denver City only six first downs. Much of that was Darrell Lewis, the Mules' player of the week, who had 14 tackles — three for losses. He also recovered two fumbles and had some big hits near the line of scrimmage.

The Mules try to stay undefeated this Friday starting at 8 p.m. at home.



Competing for honors as Muleshoe's homecoming queen for 1999 are (from left, front row) Audra Clarkson, daughter of Roger and Regena Clarkson; Kala Johnson, daughter of Reggie and Sue Johnson; and Bobbie Benham, daughter of Jack and Nancy Benham; (from left, back row) Lysie Black, daughter of Rex and Linda Black; Stacy Locker, daughter of Fred and Ruth Locker; and Ebony Russ, daughter of Evelon Grace.

AROUND MULESHOE

Friday homecoming activities set

There will be a homecoming pep rally at 2:45 p.m. in the Watson Junior High Gymnasium to cheer the Muleshoe Mules before their game Friday night against Brownfield.

Later, the Muleshoe freshman class will sponsor a pregame dinner from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sept. 17 in the high school cafeteria.

The meal will be chicken-fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, gravy, rolls, cobbler, coffee and tea.

Tickets are \$5.50 for adults and \$3.50 for children 12 and under, and may be purchased from any freshman or at the door.

Delivery will be available from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. on the day of the dinner by calling 272-7306.

The homecoming game will be the subject of an Athletic Boosters Club at 7 p.m. Monday, science room at the high school.

Public calendar

Sept. 17 — 7 p.m. "Understanding Emotional and Behavioral Problems in Single-Parent Kids," second in a series of seminars on successful single parenting, in the library at Christian Center Church, 1723 W. American Blvd.

Sept. 20 — 7 p.m. Athletic Boosters Club, in the science room at the high school. Main topic will be this week's homecoming game against Brownfield.

Sept. 21 — 5:30 p.m. Project Graduation meeting for parents of members of the Muleshoe High School senior class, First Baptist Church Youth Building, 219 E. Avenue B.

Sept. 28 — 7 p.m. Muleshoe Heritage Foundation's 14th annual meeting, at the complex. Updates on beautification projects.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Four Mules get Amarillo notice

No less than four Muleshoe Mules were given honorable mention this week in the Amarillo Globe-News' 3A player of the week selections.

Defensive linebacker Darrell Lewis, linemen Jeff Shelburne and Jeff Bruns, and cornerback Matt Conklin all attracted the newspaper's attention for their efforts in holding the Mustangs scoreless.

The newspaper cited Lewis for making 14 tackles (11 solo and three behind the line of scrimmage), recovering two fumbles and knocking down a pass in the Mules' 21-0 effort against Denver City.

Shelburne made 12 tackles, seven of them solo and two behind the line, caused two fumbles and had two quarterback hurries.

Bruns contributed six tackles, including one sack, and Conklin graded out at 85 percent on blocking plus making three tackles on the defense, the newspaper pointed out.

Quarterback Adam King of 3A Amarillo River Road, was the newspaper's player of the week for all classes. His team beat Stinnett West Texas 33-12.

Farwell's Clint Corn was the 2A player of the week for his work in helping the Steers to a 55-0 rout of Crosbyton.

Corn scored three touchdowns and carried for 211 yards to lead the Steers.

And finally, Lazbuddie's Jeffery Seaton was listed as an honorable mention in the six-man category for scoring six touchdowns in his team's 56-54 heartbreaking loss to Meadow.

Nazareth breaks into Top 10

The Nazareth Swifts became the first South Plains team in any class to break into the state's Top 10 teams this season, entering the Class A rankings at No. 9.

Nazareth has disposed of Turkey's Valley High School 28-7 and Lubbock Christian 48-13.

This week, the Swifts' offense takes on 2A Farwell's stiff defense, which has not allowed a point in two games. The game is at 7:30 p.m. in Nazareth.

Workshop scheduled for Clovis college

A workshop on theft prevention for small businesses is scheduled for 6 p.m. (Mountain) to 9 p.m. Sept. 27 at Clovis Community College.

Situations and problems that may be encountered in businesses of any size will be addressed.

More information is available by calling (505) 769-4136.

BIRTHS

ERIN DURAN

Ralph Rene and San Juanita Durán of Littlefield announce the birth of a daughter, Erin Renee.

She was born at 2:16 p.m. Sept. 2 at Lamb Healthcare Center, weighing 7 pounds, 1 ounce and measuring 20 1/2 inches long.

She has a sister, Denise Durán.

Grandparents are Ralph and Dorothy Durán and José and Juanita Yzaguirre; great-grandparents are Tana Coronado and Concepción Durán. All are from Littlefield.

HALEY FARRELL

Matt and Tami Ferrell of Carrollton, Texas, announce the birth of a daughter, Haley Bree.

She was born at 8:46 a.m. Aug. 18 at Presbyterian of Dallas Hospital, weighing 7 pounds, 11 ounces and measuring 19 3/4 inches.

Grandparents are Aaron and Annette Scheller of Muleshoe and Pat and Patty Farrell of Garland.

Great-grandparents are Billy and Marion Hodge of Earth and Bobbie L. Domkowski of Kansas City, Mo.

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Mule football honors

Sept. 3
Portales game

Sept. 10
Denver City game



Honored as player of the week against Portales (lower row) was Jeff Bruns (left); the Slobberknocker award went to Roger Whipple (center) and sportsmanship award to Matt Conklin. Darrell Lewis (top left) won both the player of the week and the Slobberknocker award for his efforts against Denver City. Rhett Kerby (top right) was singled out for sportsmanship in the Denver City game.

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Evolving ideas on gardening are bound to boost viburnums

By **RONN SMITH**
Editor

Our changing ideas about the functions of gardens — and even what constitutes a garden — have led to an explosion of interest in viburnums.

This genus, mostly shrubs (150 species), contains many of the most useful shrubs in ornamental landscaping. But until recent years most gardeners only knew about the common snowball (*Viburnum opulus* 'Roseum,' formerly known as *V.o.* 'Sterile' — a nice shrub but one of the least interesting viburnums, it seems to me, because its sterile blooms yield only one season of interest in the garden.

Back in the days when "the garden" was a few rows of corn and black-eyes, people didn't concern themselves so much with the quality of ornamental plants — usually they didn't have the time or the money to worry about that, anyway.

Nowadays, we think of a garden as being not only the most pleasing plants we can grow (whether for food or pleasant appearance), but also everything that walks into, flies into, blows into or washes into those plants, people tend to expect ornamental plants to "earn their keep" in more than one way.

With most viburnums, the flowers are pleasant enough. They're usually white or creamy, but there are pink forms. Sometimes the scent that goes with the flowers is remarkable. Then, in many species, the berries that follow the flowers are so numerous that the display much more spectacular than the blooms or scent.

Most of the species produce red berries, but you also can select blue, yellow, black or blue-black fruits. You can find species that have blue berries on bright red pedicels (the stem-like structures that hold the berries), which make quite a show.

There are some that make excellent preserves. A notable one, *Viburnum trilobum*, is known as the highbush cranberry or American cranberry bush — though it's not related to true cranberries.

Of course, one of the first things people on the High Plains are likely to wonder about when they're considering shrubs is whether the things will tolerate enough dry weather to survive here without coddling.

There are a few viburnums



(notably *V. lantanoides*) that require cool, moist woodland conditions and would be a real challenge to grow here, but those are the exception.

At least one species — *Viburnum lantana*, or the wayfaring tree — thrives in really dry soil and alkalinity, which means even people in alkaline pockets around Portales and Muleshoe should have no trouble with it. A baby one set out just this spring survived the summer with only rain water. Probably it didn't grow as much as it would have with a little care, but it made considerable growth on its own.

The wayfaring tree isn't really a tree, but it makes a big shrub — 7 to 10 feet high and nearly as wide. Its berries are oblong rather than round, and stay red for quite awhile and then turn black when they ripen. New stems, which are "fat," are covered with rich brown tomentum — fuzz, to most of us. The tomentum will sometimes turn a dark crimson in the fall.

Another species that survived the High Plains without care in its first summer is *Viburnum prunifolium*, probably best known as the blackhaw. (If you grew up in hill country east of the Mississippi, you may have enjoyed blackhaw preserves.)

In appearance, it is almost the exact opposite of the wayfaring tree: Where the former has leaves with non-shiny surfaces and whitish undersides, the cherry-leaf has foliage just as it sounds — shiny and green, always looking as if it has just been washed.

It's also a good-sized shrub, almost as big as the wayfaring tree.

Blackhaw fruit ripens to almost, but has a heavy blue bloom on it so it doesn't necessarily look black.

While we obviously can't explore 150 species in one column, one that has to be considered is *Viburnum plicatum*, the Japanese snowball.

This also comes in a sterile form, if you don't want berries.

Some forms flower in the typical snowball form, while others have bloom patterns more like dogwoods or the lacecap hydrangeas. Nearly all are white; some (notably 'Pink Beauty') turn pink as they age. Japanese snowball tends to be smaller than the two species mentioned above.

The berries are red, then turn black, and the leaves sometimes turn reddish or purplish in the fall.

At least one form of the species is one of the most beautiful of flowering shrubs in cultiva-

tion. *V.p.* 'Mariesii' branches in a tiered pattern, so that when the white flowers open they appear like snow along the tops of the branches.

'Mariesii' has leaves that color well in the fall, and when the berries turn black, they show up well next to the red pedicels.

The wayfaring tree is supposed to be easy to root from softwood cuttings and get a start that way. If you're buying viburnums, it's especially important to get them from a reputable nursery supplier; there are

so many species, and some of the species have so many cultivars, that confusion can easily occur among the "cut-raters."

Many shrubs have disadvantages that offset their good points, but viburnums just don't — as long as you remember that some of them are going to get big, so they aren't to be planted in tight places.

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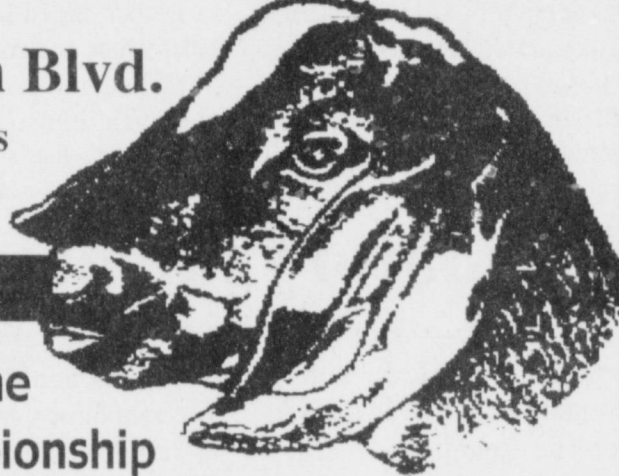
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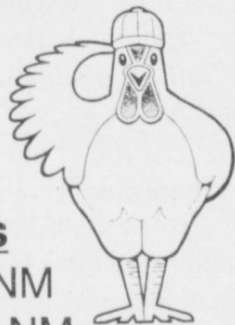
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TOPS NEWS

The fellowship room of the Muleshoe Church of Christ was the scene Sept. 9 for TOPS No. 34 meeting.

Leader Laverne James opened the meeting with the prayer and pledge. Last week's minutes were read by Janie Hughes.

Fourteen members weighed in at the meeting. The results of the weigh-in were given by weight recorders, Betty Jo Davis and Alene Bryant.

The best loser was Linda White, with Jolene Franklin as first runner-up. Ruth Clements was the second runner-up.

Get-well cards were sent to Aurora Mata, Peggy Otwell and Evelene Harris.

The meeting was cut short so that two TOPS members, Molly Davis (Mrs. Carol Davis), and Rose Sain (Mrs. Walt Sain), could reminisce and share memories of both couples' recent 50th wedding anniversaries and of their early days of marriage and the years since.

Otwell and her husband, Jerrell, also recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

The next TOPS meeting will be Sept. 16 at 5 p.m. at the Muleshoe Church of Christ. Guests are welcome.

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Farmers may find water a profitable 'crop' in future

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

Texas farmers and ranchers will have unprecedented opportunities to chart their future in the next 50 years in light of predicted water shortages, a Texas Agricultural Extension Service agricultural engineer says.

Texas is expected to fall short in meeting water demands: Some say by the year 2050, the state's water demand will be 20.95 million acre-feet per year.

The combined groundwater and surface water supply is projected to fall short by 6.04 million acre-feet, enough water to cover the entire state of New Hampshire to a depth of one foot.

"Existing supplies will not meet the demand," said Dr. Bruce Lesikar of College Station.

It is expected that the shortfall will be met through more efficient agricultural, landscaping and household practices, waste water

reuse, development of new resources or reducing the amount used on irrigated crops.

Already, irrigated agriculture use is predicted to drop to 5 million acre-feet of water from the current 11.1 million acre-feet. Still, Lesikar predicted, about 17 percent of the irrigation demand will go unmet.

"Our water path is not really charted," Lesikar said. "We have the opportunity to change how our water picture looks in the future, either by increasing the amount of waste water that we use for irrigation of crop land or turf grass areas and using more potable water resources for meeting other demands."

Lesikar urged farmers to consider water as a commodity.

"When we start considering water as a commodity, we will be looking at what is best use of the water resource," he said. "It may

be more profitable for the farmer to actually sell the water to other sectors than it is for him to use the water to grow an agricultural crop."

For instance, urban water consumers pay from \$1 to \$2 per 1,000 gallons of water in the first part of their water usage; then \$2 to \$4 per 1,000 gallons as they get up into a higher water usage and rate structure.

That could increase to \$4 to \$6 per 1,000 gallons as water becomes more precious and alternative technologies are needed to treat the water to drinking water quality, he said.

If a farmer purchased his water for 65 cents per gallon and he grew a crop that required 2 acre-feet of water, or 650,000 gallons, to grow, his water cost would be \$422 per acre. On the other hand, the farmer could sell the water to the municipality, resulting in a

profit of \$422. The city could then transport the water, pay for the pipeline to bring it to the city and sell the water and still cover its infrastructure costs, he said.

The farmer could then use the land to grow dryland crops or could sell just a portion of his water and irrigate a smaller section of land, and still have an annual income coming from the sale of the water.

Lesikar warned, "If you sell the right to the water, you get a one-time sale to the city. So it would be better to lease your water or sell it on an annual basis rather than selling the right to the water."

Not everyone will have this option to sell water; however, farmers near major cities may wish to consider this.

Water deficits also may be met through new technologies being developed for water treatment,

allowing the use of saline groundwater resources or the Gulf of Mexico as supplies. There also may be a shift in the types of crops being produced.

Farmers have been switching to more efficient means of irrigation over the past two decades, said Dr. Guy Fipps of College Station, Extension agricultural engineer.

"One change we're seeing is the abandonment of furrow irrigation and a switch to center pivot irrigation," Fipps said. Long used on the Texas High Plains, the more-efficient center pivot method is being adapted widely in Southwest Texas. These types of systems put the water where the crop needs it, either on the surface of the ground or under the surface.

Lesikar added, "With irrigation scheduling, we can calculate what the water demand is for that crop and apply that water at the time

the crop needs it or store the water in the soil profile. We get the maximum return on the water invested in the crop production."

Texas reached its peak of irrigated acreage in 1974 with 8.4 million acres, Fipps said. In 1997, the total irrigated acreage in the state was 5.1 million acres, about 13 percent of the total farm acreage.



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Regulatory fairness is target of H.R. 1592 regarding chemicals

LUBBOCK—With 159 cosponsors in the House of Representatives and 21 in the Senate, The Regulatory Fairness and Openness Act of 1999 (H.R.1592 / S.1464) will attempt once again to override the self-defined policies of the Environmental Protection Agency regarding chemicals.

The stated objective is to govern how the agency goes about approving new chemicals and re-evaluating older products.

The last major attempt was the Food Quality Protection Act. Critics say EPA's interpretation and Congress' intent in that measure haven't met eye to eye.

The results over the past few years have been numerous efforts to speed up the approval process and prevent the elimination of entire categories of agricultural chemicals.

The Regulatory Fairness and Openness Act's goal is to prevent the unnecessary banning of pesticides for growers and pest control users; to facilitate a smooth transition to accommodate evolving changes in science policy and allow for development of new data; to level the playing field for U.S. growers by bringing the regulatory requirements in differ-

ent countries closer together; and to put in place a transparent regulatory process based on reliable data and sound science.

The bill would specifically require EPA to:

- Prepare a written "transition analysis" and report identifying various assumptions or defaults used in making tolerance and nonfood pesticide use decisions;

- Require use of actual data and scientifically sound information when modifying or revoking pesticide tolerances and, in certain cases prevent the use of default assumptions and anecdotal or inadequate information;

- Issue through public notice general procedures and policies as regulations, and data guidelines specifying the kinds of information required to support new or existing tolerances;

- Allow approval of Section 18 emergency exemptions without full FQPA risk assessment if EPA finds incremental exposure from Section 18 exemption would not pose a significant risk;

- Require EPA and USDA to prepare within six months a report to Congress that includes proposals to revise EPA's priorities and resources to better

process and make decisions on all registration applications and other requests; and

- Establish a new, permanent Pesticide Advisory Committee.

Anyone interested in this issue should contact their con-

gressional representatives to see if they have signed on as sponsors of this legislation.

Creative Living tackles loose furniture joints, microwave candy and sporty leisurewear

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

Information on tightening loose joints on furniture and making candy in the microwave will be featured on "Creative Living" on Sept. 21 at 1 p.m. and Sept. 23 at 3 p.m. (All times are Central.)

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

Lynn Hack-Gerhart of Niles, Mich., a furniture refinishing expert with QRB Industries, will show how to use glycerin to tighten loose joints on furniture without taking the furniture apart.

Owida Franz of Clayton, N.M., representing the New Mexico Cooperative Extension Service, is going to share some of her favorite recipes for making candy in the microwave oven.

Tips for baking success and leisurewear will be featured on Sept. 21 at 10:30 p.m. and Sept.

23 at 1 p.m.

Diane Creston of New York City, a representative for Quantum, will present a line of leisurewear featuring a sports motif.

Sharon Davis of Lincoln, Neb., the family and consumer sciences educator with the Home Baking Association, will present the top 10 tips for baking success.

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

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

Viewers can request copies of materials offered on the show by sending a first-class stamp for each handout requested, along with name, address and booklets requested, to "Creative Living" Requests, c/o KENW-TV, 52 Broadcast Center, Portales 88130.

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OBITUARIES

DON MARLOW

Services were conducted Tuesday at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel for Don Marlow, 72, of Muleshoe. The Rev. Jim Green officiated. Burial was in Muleshoe Memorial Park.

Mr. Marlow was born June 29, 1927, in Chillicothe, Texas. He died Saturday at home.

He moved to Bailey County from Chillicothe in 1934 and graduated from Muleshoe High School. He married Barbara Shafer in Clovis on Dec. 19, 1947.

He was a member of the Longview Baptist Church.

Mr. Marlow is survived by his wife; two sons, Michael Don Marlow of Vernon and Tommy Ray Marlow of Muleshoe; a daughter, Finetta Susan Statser of Dallas; a sister, Jodie Kay Herbert of Hale Center; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Jolene, in 1939 and a brother, Billy Wayne, in 1977.

VIOLET McCLUSKEY

Graveside services were held Tuesday at Sunset Terrace Cemetery in Farwell for Violet McCluskey, 81, of Clovis. Dr. James R. Burk officiated.

Ellis Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Mrs. McCluskey was born March 21, 1918. She died Saturday at Plains Regional Medical

Center in Clovis.

She married Earl McCluskey in Gary, Ind., on Dec. 18, 1971, and was a homemaker. She moved from Miami, Okla. to Clovis in 1996.

She is survived by her husband; four sisters, Anna Foy of Valparaiso, Ind., Martha Brown of Hammond, Ind., Mary Blystone of Crystal River, Fla., and Eleanor Wilson of Spring Hill, Fla.; three brothers, Arnold Camp of Homassassa Springs, Fla., Raymond Camp of Hammond and Kenneth Camp of Vandergaph, Pa.

ROBERT BARBER

Services were held Monday at Lazbuddie Methodist Church for Robert Littleton Barber, 77, of Amarillo. Andy Rogers officiated. Burial was in Muleshoe Memorial Park.

Peoples Cooperative Funeral Home of Lone Wolf, Okla., handled arrangements.

Mr. Barber was born June 6, 1922, in Lubbock to William Oliver and Sallie Lenora (Peavey) Barber. He died Sept. 9 at home.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, receiving the European-African-Middle Eastern Service Medal, the Air Medal with five oak-leaf clusters, Good Conduct Medal and a Distinguished Unit Badge. He was honorably discharged Sept. 16, 1945, at Fort Bliss.

He married Alice Marie Hagan on Nov. 22, 1975, at Lazbuddie. He worked for Foster Fertilizer for more than 30 years and also farmed. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

Mr. Barber is survived by his wife; five sons, Robert Leslie Barber of Dalhart, Jerry Lynn Barber of Lazbuddie, Bill J. Hill of Dumas, Bobby C. Hill of Sunray and Thomas Ray Hill of Amarillo; one daughter, Gwen Grooms of Denver; one brother, Clarence Barber of Union Gap, Wash.; one sister, Edith King of Fort Worth; 12 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Crown Hospice of Texas, 1000 S. Jefferson in Amarillo.

VERNON BRYANT

Services were held Wednesday at Ellis Funeral Home for Vernon J. Bryant, 91, of Muleshoe. The Rev. Cleveland Bass officiated. Burial was in Morton Memorial Cemetery.

Mr. Bryant was born April 22, 1908, in Dumas. He died Monday at White Dove Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Littlefield.

He married Violet O'Neal on Sept. 2, 1939, in Lovington, N.M. They moved to Muleshoe in 1964 from Levelland. He was a farmer and rancher, a veteran of WWII, serving in the U.S. Navy, a life member of the Disabled Ameri-

can Veterans and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion.

He is survived by his wife; a brother, Bert Bryant of Lubbock; and several nieces and nephews.

BOB TEMPLAR

Services were held Wednesday in the First Baptist Church of Lazbuddie for Bob Templar, 60, of Lazbuddie. Jerry Smith officiated. Burial was in Lazbuddie Cemetery.

Mr. Templar was born Oct. 25, 1938, in Muleshoe. He died Monday near Amherst.

He was a lifetime resident of the Lazbuddie community and married Wanda Parker in Muleshoe on Oct. 8, 1960. He was a farmer and trucker and a member of the First Baptist Church of Lazbuddie.

He is survived by his wife; three daughters, Charlotte Harris and Netta Haney, both of

Lazbuddie, and Shari Barnes of Mineral Wells; his mother, Erma Templar of Muleshoe; a sister, Pat Clark of Lazbuddie; two brothers, Jack Templar of Muleshoe and Jerry Templar of Montgomery, Ala.; and eight grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Bill, in 1995.

The family suggests memorials to the Lazbuddie Fire Department or Lazbuddie EMS.

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Dr. Seuss comes to town

The Cat in the Hat, Dr. Seuss' erudite and personable character, was among those present to greet visitors at Friday's opening of Muleshoe's United.

Quilt festival shows 100 best 20th century quilts

HOUSTON — International Quilt Festival is the only place to see works of art selected as the 100 best American quilts of the 20th century.

As many of the quilts as can be located are part of the exhibit, "The 20th Century's 100 Best American Quilts," on display at the 25th anniversary of International Quilt Festival coming up Oct. 21-24 at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston.

A panel of 29 experts from four nonprofit organizations — The Alliance for American Quilts, the American Quilt Study Group, the International Quilt Association, and the National Quilting Association — nominated more than 1,700 quilts made in the United States or Canada between 1900 and 1999.

The list then was narrowed to the top 100 and is comparable to Top 100 lists of movies, books and actors.

The quilts chosen from the "100 best" list span a wide range from simple utilitarian bed quilts made by anonymous women in the early 20th century to contemporary art quilts from famed stitching celebrities that surpass the quality of many paintings for color, style and beauty.

Quilts selected will be on loan from their makers, from private collections, and from museums and other institutions.

In addition to this exhibit, there will be more than 1,000 antique and contemporary quilts, original cloth dolls, wearables and related textile arts on view, all on one wheelchair-accessible level.

There also will be 34 special exhibits and more than 800 merchants offering quilts and other items for sale including fabrics, textile art, dolls, books, notions, garments, patterns, antiques, crafts and gifts.

Attendees also can choose from more than 300 quilt-related classes, lectures and special events.

For the third year, the festival will offer audio tours of selected exhibits. Visitors can learn more about the quilts, other special exhibits, and the IQA's judged show through three tours of 30 minutes in length. Tape players rent for \$5 per tour.

Daily admission is \$9; seniors (65 and over) \$7; and children 10

and free with a paying adult.

A preview night to see the quilt exhibits and to shop is slated for 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Oct. 20. Admission is \$9 and good for one return visit to the festival.

More information is available by calling (713) 781-6864, faxing (713) 781-8182 or visiting the web site at www.quilts.com, e-mailing shows@quilts.com.

Study says bottled water unsafe for rinsing contacts

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

HOUSTON — A new study shows bottled water is not a safe alternative for rinsing and storing contact lenses.

Researchers at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston found low levels of bacteria and other germs in several samples of bottled water purchased at Houston-area grocery stores. Results of the study were published in a recent issue of *Ophthalmology*, the journal of the American Academy of Ophthalmology.

Under criteria proposed by the Food and Drug Administrations and the Environmental Protection Agency, the Baylor study found that 20 percent of bottled-water samples exceeded acceptable sanitation limits.

Another 17 percent of the samples consisted of lower levels of microbes. Using contaminated bottled water to rinse contact lenses passes the bacteria to the surface of the lens.

"This study shows that bottles water is not always sterile," said Dr. Kirk Wilhelmus, a professor of ophthalmology at Baylor's Cullen Eye Institute and director of the study.

According to the International Bottled Water Association, sales of bottled water exceed \$3 billion a year. Since it is perceived to be of better quality than tap water, bottled water is sometimes used as a substitute for rinsing and storing contact lenses.

"Incidents of infections due to bottled water have not been widely reported, although some groups are calling for stricter criteria for regulating the product," Wilhelmus said. "Some of the water tested in our study contained coliforms, mold, amoebas and algae. Many of these have the potential to infect the eye."

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Incredible Journey:

Return of the Galloping Goose No. 5

Incredible Journey: Return of the Galloping Goose No. 5 is the story of a historic railroading relic from the Great Depression of the 1930s.

The Geese were introduced by the Rio Grande Southern Narrow Gauge Railroad as a more economical means of transporting freight, mail, and passengers along the line from Ridgeway, Colorado, to Durango, Colorado, when their regular steam operation went into receivership.

The Galloping Geese added an extra twenty years to the life of the railroad, but in 1952, the Rio Grande Southern abandoned its railroad forever. For the next forty-six years, Goose No. 5 stood in Dolores, Colorado, deteriorating in the state's harsh winters. **Incredible Journey** tells the history of the Rio Grande Southern Goose No. 5 and how the Galloping Goose Historical Society saved and fully restored it back to its original condition. By 1998, Goose No. 5 was again flying down the rails of the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad. Today, passengers can experience this piece of history from bygone days of the Rio Grande South Narrow Gauge Railroad.

Incredible Journey: Return of the Galloping Goose No. 5 airs Monday, September 20th at 9:00 p.m. It repeats Sunday, September 26th at 11:00 p.m.

The River that Harms

On July 16th, 1979, a small Navajo Indian community in New Mexico was awakened by the sound of a dam crack. Upon investigating, Navajo ranchers found that 94 million gallons of radioactive water and wastes spilled into their water supply, the Rio Puerco. The accident was and still is the largest release, by volume, of radioactive waste in the United States.

The little-known story of the United Nuclear Corporation (UNC) spill and how it affected the Navajo people unfolds in the documentary, **The River that Harms**. The program follows the trail of the spill and various investigations by state and federal agents who were seemingly indifferent about the dangers associated with radioactivity and uranium mining operations.

The River that Harms blends ancient beliefs, technological mishaps, and official indifference with personal tragedy experienced by the Navajo people who live up and down the banks of the Rio Puerco.

The program also includes an update on current developments in the Navajo community of Church Rock. Another uranium mining company plans to move into the Church Rock community, but this time, the company plans to invade ground water that serves more than 15,000 Navajo people. To protest this development and to safeguard their water, the Navajo people have formed an organization that is activating community, legal, interfaith, and environmental support.

The River that Harms will be broadcast Tuesday, September 21st at 11:00 p.m. It repeats Sunday, September 26th at 12:00 a.m.

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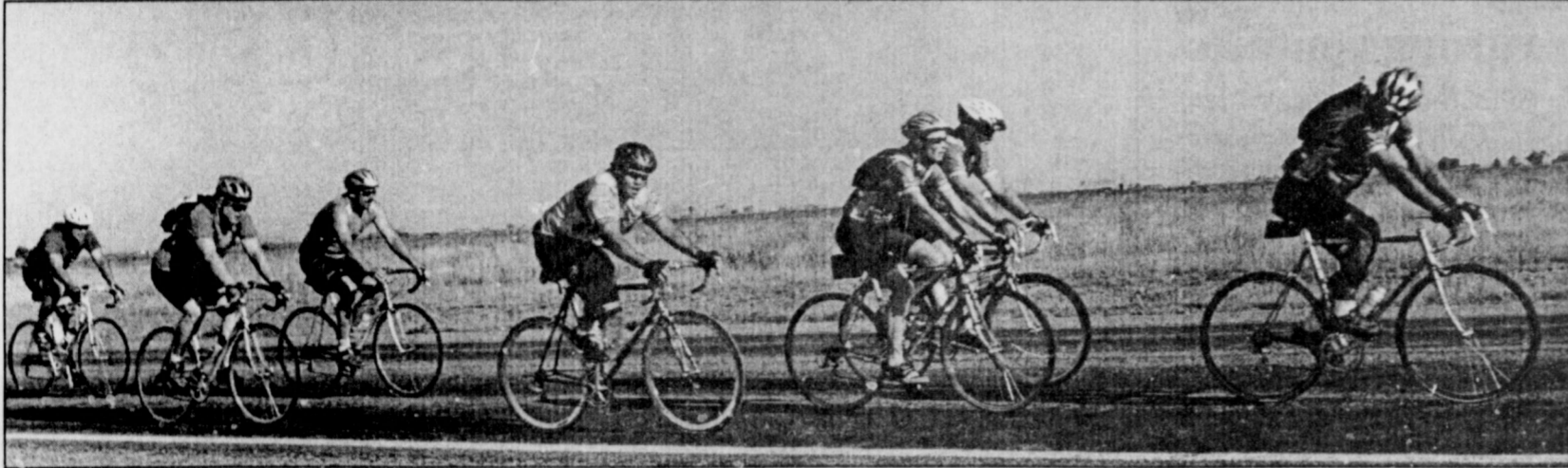
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1999 Tour de Muleshoe *Traveling a long, lonesome highway*



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JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The Sept. 6 Tour de Muleshoe enjoyed perfect weather, and the groups of riders taking off from the Bailey County Coliseum parking lot were in high spirits.

"We were happy with the turnout," said Victor Leal, a longtime participant in the tour.

"It was a little lighter than in years past, but we attracted riders from Lubbock, Plainview, Amarillo, Clovis, a couple from the Dallas area, Kansas — so we had a diversity of riders," he said. "It was good to see some of the younger riders out."

Results (provided by Lonnie Adrian of Muleshoe) from the competitive road race were Mark Wilson of Lubbock, first in the boys' 17-18 age category, 1:32.37; Christi Adrian of Muleshoe, first in girls' 17-18, no time provided; Ryan Kimbrell of Amarillo, first in the boys' 13-14 age category, 50.17; Tyler Harendt of Lubbock, second in boys' 13-14, 50.28; Gradee Adrian of Muleshoe, first in girls' 13-14, 1:33.01; and Samantha Ordaz of Lubbock, first in the girls' 10-12 age category.

Later in the day, time trials for personal best times were held in both adult and youth categories, with the following results:

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- Men 35 and older — Gordon Ingram of Garland (Matrix Club), 38.59;
- Men, levels 1/2/3 — Jurgen Heise of Lubbock (Chaparral Cycling Club), 38.32;
- Men, levels 4/5 — Mike Sparks of Abilene (San Angelo Bicycling Association), 37.30; Ronnie Kimbrell of Amarillo, 38.33; and Greg Barnhill of Stanton, 39.52;
- Women, open — Daina Barnhill of Stanton, 26.22;
- LANCE ARMSTRONG JUNIOR OLYMPICS**
- Boys' 17-18 — Mark Wilson of Lubbock (CCC), 20.48;
- Girls' 17-18 — Christi Adrian of Muleshoe (CCC), 24.27;
- Girls' 13-14 — Gradee

ENMU's rodeo set for Sept. 16

PORTALES — The College Daze Rodeo opens Sept. 16 at Eastern New Mexico University, bringing college rodeo teams to Portales for the region's opening collegiate rodeo of the season.

Action continues through Saturday at Lewis Cooper Arena.

Last year, ENMU hosted the largest-ever National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association rodeo, with 459 entries. This year, more than 500 entries are expected to break the school's own record.

Nightly performances will begin at 7 p.m. On Saturday, the performance will be the short go, with the top 10 performers in each event competing in the finals.



Braden (top), Christy and Wayne Miles of Amarillo demonstrate the family atmosphere that goes with the tour. Braden chose the Tour de Muleshoe to be his first 40-mile bicycling experience.



Keith Ingram (top) of Clovis refuels during an early leg of the 40-mile tour.



Dan and Millie Throckmorton (top) of Muleshoe serve refreshments to an unidentified rider at the rest stop set up at U.S. 70 and Farm Road 303 east of Muleshoe.

Adrian of Muleshoe (CCC), 21.41;

• Boys' 13-14 — Ryan Kimbrell of Amarillo (CCC), 22.31; Tyler Harendt of Lubbock (CCC), 24.21; and Seth

Anderson of Lubbock (CCC), 28.07;

• Boys' 10-12 — Shane Stewart of Lubbock (CCC), 23.00; and Josh Rantz of Lubbock (CCC), 28.10;

• Girls' 10-12 — Samantha Ordaz of Lubbock (DFC Club), 24.56; and

• Boys' under 10 — Will Stewart of Lubbock (CCC), 37.39.



Running back Gabriel Juárez takes one on the chin while on defense.

'Horns take a tumble in 56-54 squeaker Friday

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Lazbuddie's Longhorns led Meadow 40-34 at the end of the third quarter Friday night, but lost the battle in the fourth quarter to come up short for the night by 56-54.

Meadow's Eric Pérez led the onslaught, scoring five touchdowns and rushing for 203 yards.

But the Longhorns' Jeffery Seaton put on a much more impressive display in the losing effort — six touchdowns and 327 yards amassed. He also added another six points through point-after kicks.

Lazbuddie led at the half by 18 points, 40-22, but lost the battle in the second half as Meadow racked up 34 points to Lazbuddie's 12.

Aside from Seaton, Jason

Jesko scored twice for Lazbuddie.

The Longhorns actually led in total yardage for the game, 432 to 369, but Meadow had a slight edge in first downs, 11 to nine.

Lazbuddie also gave up three fumbles, while Meadow fumbled three times but managed to recover each one.

Meadow's Jared Dewbre sparked his team to victory with two touchdowns in the fourth quarter to put the Broncos ahead for the first time.

The Longhorns will try to get back on track Friday against the Southland Eagles, starting at 7:30 p.m. in Southland.

The Eagles are coming off a 76-24 shellacking at the hands of Amherst.

Lazbuddie's Jeffrey Seaton, the leading rusher in the Lazbuddie-Meadow game on Friday, tries to outmaneuver a Meadow defender during one of his 31 carries. His efforts won him honorable mention in the Amarillo Globe-News six-man player of the week selections.



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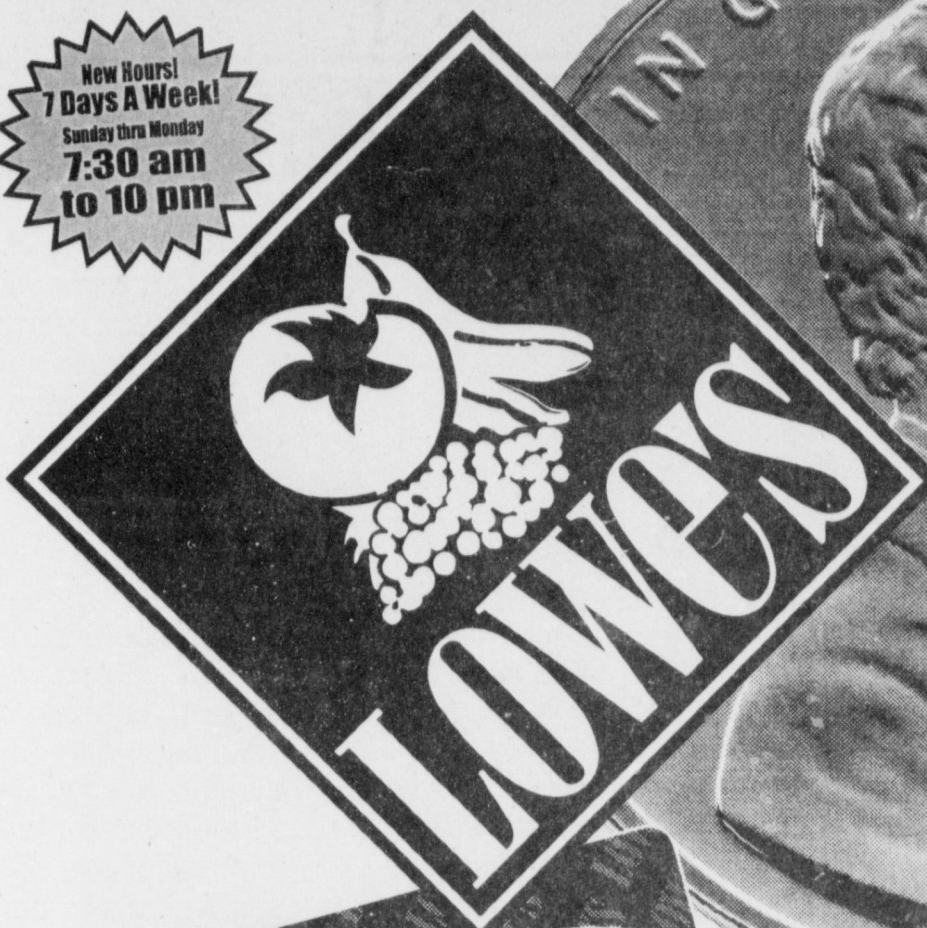
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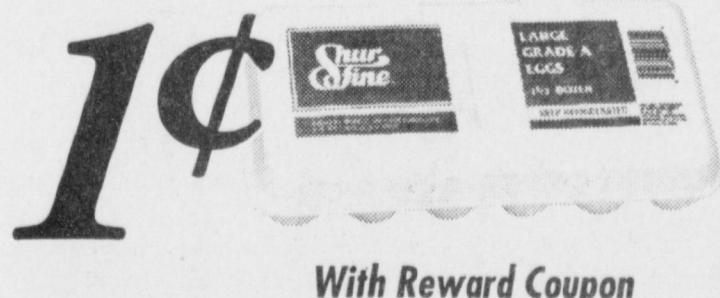
White or Wheat - 24 oz.



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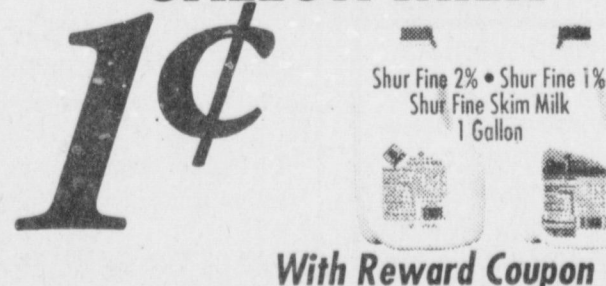
Shur Fine Large Eggs

18 ct.



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LOWE'S HOMOGENIZED GALLON MILK



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HORMEL BLACK LABEL BACON

• Hormel Black Label Bacon 1 LB.
• Low Salt 1 LB.
• Mesquite 1 LB.



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