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A QUICK READ OF THE NEWS

Lady Mules down Dalhart in bi-district playoffs

AMARILLO — Britni Gartin fired in three key three-pointers in the third period to lead Muleshoe past Dalhart 62-46 in 3A bi-district action here Tuesday at the Caprock High School Activity Center.

Gartin hit four treys for the game and led the Lady Mules with 16 points. But her second trey of the third period keyed an 11-0 Muleshoe run that took the heart out of the Golden Wolves (8-20).

The Lady Mules improved to 26-5 overall and advance to the area round Friday, when they meet Slaton at 6 p.m. at Lubbock Christian University's Rip Griffin Center.

After Muleshoe broke on top 16-7 after one period, Dalhart closed within 25-20 at the half. But as Gartin found the hot hand, the Lady Mules outscored the Golden Wolves 24-12 in the third to open a commanding 49-32 margin.

Sara Benham added 14 for the Lady Mules.

Dalhart was paced by Taeler Shepherd with 19 points and Amy Rice added 10.

In other 3A bi-district games Tuesday, River Road stopped Littlefield 52-44; Lamesa downed Monahans, 58-40; Vernon held off Sweetwater 53-51; Glen Rose dominated Kennedale 71-42; Midland Greenwood hammered Kermit 60-28; Merkel defeated Graham 45-29 and Springtown ran past Whitney, 59-39.

Lamesa advances to take on Shallowater, while Greenwood plays Perryton.



Drawing date: Saturday, Feb. 9
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Winners: 0
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Estimated jackpot: \$9 million

On this date in history

Feb. 10 — The Legislature creates Texas Technological College and requires that it be located in West Texas (1923).

Feb. 11 — Freemasonry begins in Texas when several Masons, including Stephen F. Austin, meet near San Felipe de Austin to consider petitioning the Grand Lodge of Mexico to organize a lodge in Texas (1828).

Also on Feb. 11 — The only recorded mutiny in the Texas Navy occurs while the San Antonio is docked in New Orleans. U.S. authorities hanged the mutineers (1842).

LOCAL WEATHER

Warmer-than-normal weather should prevail for the next several days, the National Weather Service said Tuesday. After a windy Thursday, high temperatures should continue around 60 through Sunday, dropping to about 56 Monday. Morning lows should be about 29 from Friday through Sunday, and slightly cooler Monday at 23.

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School board sets election for 3 seats

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Three members of the Muleshoe School Board will be up for re-election May 4.

Voters will elect a new trustee from District 2 (currently represented by Cindy Purdy), one from District 3 (now Sergio Leal) and one from District 5 (now Nick Bamert).

Superintendent Gene Sheets said Monday that candidate for the seats are not required to live in the district they want to represent, but only the voters in that district vote for their representative.

Candidates may apply at the district administration office, 514 W. Avenue G, between 8 a.m. Feb. 18 and 5 p.m. March 20.

On school holidays between those dates, applications will be available at the Muleshoe Area Medical Center administrative office.

The election can be canceled by the board if there are no contested races.

High-profile attorney to speak

Jon Shelburne, who served as the lead defense lawyer for the pilot who flew under a U.S. Marine jet that sheered an Italian ski gondola and left 20 people dead, will speak at the Feb. 14 Soup and Sandwich Luncheon at 16th and D Church of Christ.

He is the nephew of Curtis Shelburne of Muleshoe.

The meal at the luncheon series is always served on a free-will donation basis.

Muleshoe-area dairy numbers expanding

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The Muleshoe area has four dairies currently milking in the area, three more sites that have secured their permits, and (as of Feb. 1) three more that are in the process of seeking permits.

Those operating are:

- Muleshoe Dairy owned by Jack and Beverly Heron of 1450 FM 1760 (on Cacahuete Road), milking 150 head;

- Pleasant View Dairy owned Larry and Pam Hancock of 510 County Road 123, milking 1,800 but with a permit for 4,200 head;

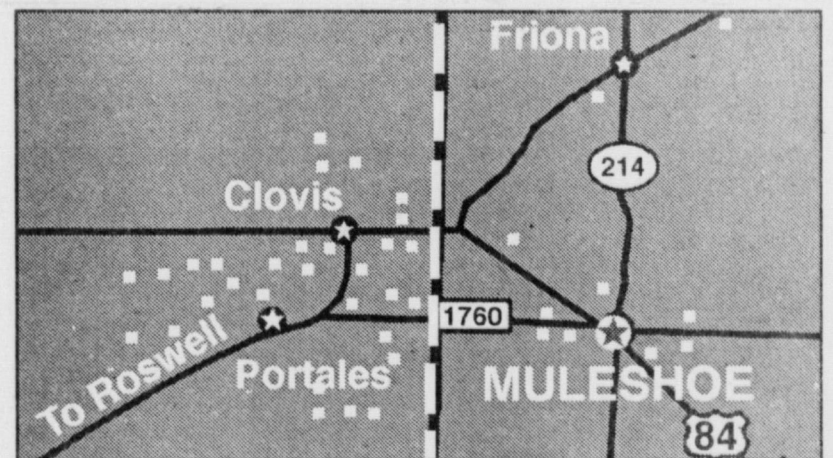
- Boehning Dairy owned by

Brian and Tiffany Boehning of 690 Lamb County Road 45 (just across the Bailey County line), milking 2,300 head; and

- J&S Dairy, owned by Joel Shearer of 1230 County Road 1038 (west of Muleshoe and north of Cacahuete Road) and Stanley Jones, a dairy developer; approved for 1,600 but amending its permit to 2,400.

Dairies in various stages are:

- RTM Dairy, owned by Randy and Tretha Martin just east of Muleshoe on Airport Road, planning to start milking on-site in March but now milking 600 at a rented site



Map prepared by Janet Claborn with "X" denoting a dairy.

near Portales;

- Rio Blanco Dairy, owned by Alan Caddell and David Lawrence 3 miles north of

Boehnings; milking by July;

- The Johnny Koller dairy, north of Muleshoe near the Parmer County line.

Mules' last-minute strength could lead to playoffs

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal sportswriter

The Mules faced a must-win situation against the Lubbock Cooper Pirates at home Monday night in order to force a four-way tie for third in the district, and they won 54-49.

The two teams are now tied with Littlefield and Lubbock Roosevelt and will have a mini-tournament later this week. The tie depended on Shallowater beating Littlefield, which happened 62-56 after Littlefield forced the Mustangs into overtime, and Dimmitt beating Lubbock Roosevelt, a game that was to be played Tuesday night.

According to Mule coach Ralph Mason, "The game was like a heavyweight fight. They would throw their punches, and we would throw ours. It was back a forth through the whole game.

"We did not have the total defensive answer for them tonight, but I think we

confused them at times and that gave us a chance to make some plays. The biggest thing for us was our free-throw shooting. We were 10-for-10 tonight in the last period."

The first period set the tone for the night, with the score tied three times and two lead changes occurring in the first eight minutes.

Early on, D.J. Dominguez took the ball deep in the lane and then kicked it back out to Landon Sheets, nailed his second three of the quarter to break the tie and give the Mules a 9-6 advantage midway through the period.

The Pirates then hit three treys in a row to take a 15-9 advantage into the second frame.

Kyle Atwood picked up his second foul early in the second period and Brennan Broyles came off the bench to run the Mule offense.

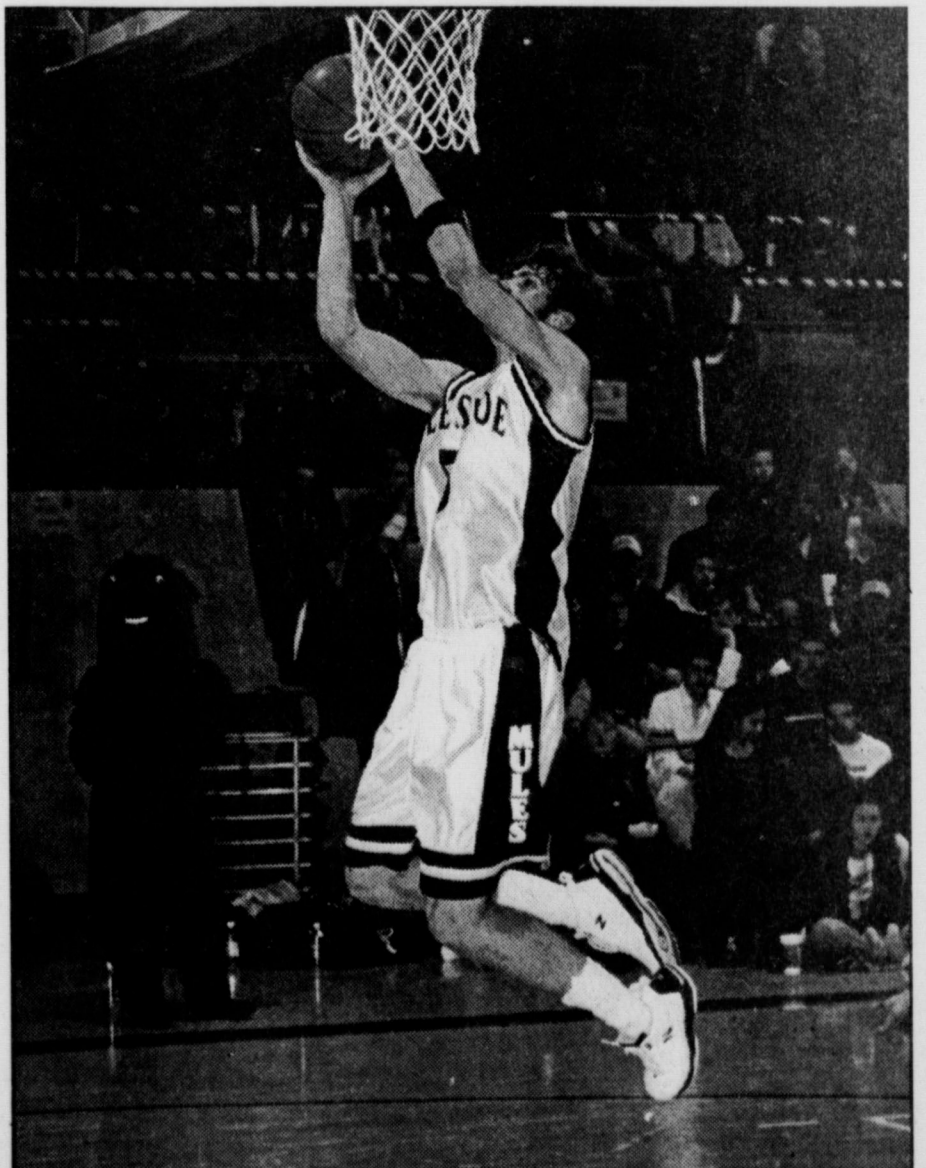
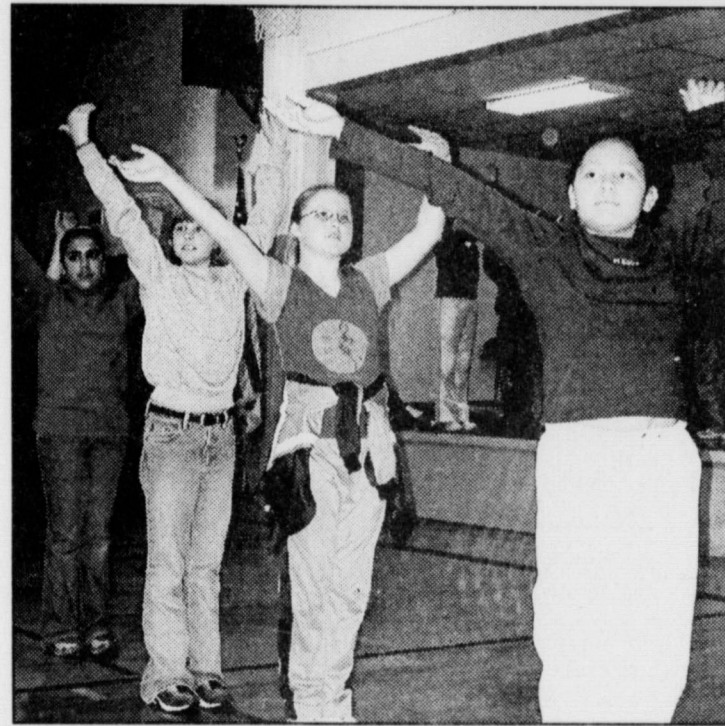
Luis Sanchez set up Riley
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Journal photos: Beatrice Morin

DeShazo talent

DeShazo Elementary students entertain during the Feb. 4 PTA program, "Possibilities, a Celebration of Life." Above (from left), fifth-graders Gunner Kerby, Marshall Head, Ray Ramirez, Wes Wood and Austin Wright dance. At left (from the left) Tania Avila, Tabitha Orr, Sunny Snider and Karen Campos strut their stuff. Several students also performed solos and a trio (Mariah Hall, Amelia Clemmons and Ashley Johnson) danced to "Charlie's Angels."



Journal photo: Mike Hahn

Brennan Broyles goes up in style against Shallowater.

AROUND MULESHOE

Five Area plans annual meeting

The annual membership meeting of Five Area Telephone Cooperative is scheduled for 10 a.m. Feb. 23 at the Bailey County Coliseum.

- Registration will begin at 9 a.m.
 Three directors will be elected. Nominees are:
- District 5 (Maple) — R.R. Kindle Jr. and incumbent Johnny Furgeson;
 - District 6 (Bula) — Larry Clawson and incumbent Wayne Swart; and
 - District 7 (Lehman) — Harlie Adams and incumbent Jon Gandy.

Nominations also may be made at the meeting. There also will be a drawing for gifts, and lunch will be served at 11 a.m., after the meeting.

DECA students head to state

Seventeen Muleshoe High School DECA students have qualified for state competition, which is scheduled for Jan. 28-March 3 in Houston.

Principal Dave Jenkins said Monday that only one school in the region had more students qualify, and the region stretches from Wichita Falls to Snyder and west to the New Mexico state line. Schools up to Class 5A compete together.

Qualifying from Muleshoe are Anthony Anguiano, vehicles and petroleum series event; Sílvia García, apparel and accessories series event; Carmen Flores, DECA scholarship finalist; Jessica Hardt, Jesús Tovar and Cassie Wilcox, Learn and Earn project; Erienne Hill, Monique Rodríguez and Bryan Smith, entrepreneurship written event; Jean Kinnie and Rita Villalobos, civic consciousness project; Kristol Sotelo and Kristina Lozano, public relations project; Veronica Toscano, free enterprise event; and Keri Copley, Latasha Glover and Ashly Williams, e-commerce business plan.

Shann Best is the group's adviser.

Science honor society forms

A Muleshoe High School chapter of the Science National Honor Society has been formed, with 11 students eligible for membership.

They are Ricardo Aburto, Cydni Vandiver, Gradee Adrian, Brennan Broyles, A.J. Buhrman, Jessica Carpenter, Kayla Glover, Timothy Villa, Jami Wedel, Matt Luna and Micah Ruthardt.

Cell-phone drive extended

The drive to collect used cell phones for Women's Protective Services of Lubbock has been extended through the end of February.

All customer information will be removed from the phones before they are re-assigned, according to organizer Nelda Laney of Hale Center.

Muleshoe-area contributors may drop off the phones at the Muleshoe Journal office during business hours. The drive originally was to last only through Jan. 31.

Ballots available by mail

Voters wishing to vote by mail in the upcoming Democratic or Republican primaries can request an application by calling the Bailey County Clerk's Office at 272-3044.

The application must be signed and returned to the clerk's office in order for a ballot to be issued to the voter. The voter must offer a reason why they need to vote by mail — such as being out of town during the voting period or unable to travel to the courthouse.

The ballot itself must be returned by March 5, with the primaries scheduled for March 12.

Early voting in person begins Feb. 25 and runs for two weeks. County Clerk Sherri Harrison said early voting can be done any time during regular business hours at her office, and no reason need be given for voting early.

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. 14 — 8 p.m. Three Way School Board, in the board room of the district administration building.

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.

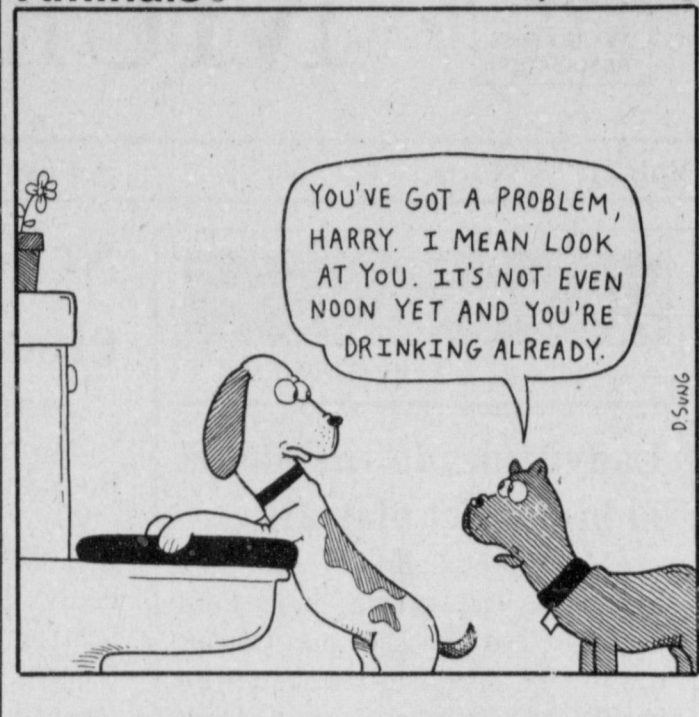
Also on Feb. 17 — 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Benefit meal for Lariat's Life in Christ Academy, at the Farwell Community Center. Menu features brisket; cost is a free-will donation.

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 6 — Deadline for high school seniors to apply for Kristy M. Landers Scholarship; applications available at high school counselor's office.

Aminals

By David Sung



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on the blocks, and Riley was fouled shooting. He made both charity tosses, and Broyles banked in a three from the top of the key to draw the Mules within one point.

Domínguez set up in the left corner and drained a three at the six-minute mark to give the Mules a brief 17-15 margin.

There were five lead changes in the second period before Nathan Schon, the Pirates' 6-3 guard, hit a bucket to knot the game at 25 at the halftime break.

Sheets untied the knot with his third trey of the night, but Cooper hit back-to-back buckets to regain a one-point advantage.

Near the five-minute mark, Stephan Shelburne hit a 12-foot baseline jumper to put the Mules on top to stay.

Domínguez surprised Schon by coming from behind and taking a Mule rebound from him, putting the ball back on the rack for two points. Schon fouled Domínguez on the shot and he dropped in the freebie for a traditional three-point play to give the Mules a five-point lead.

Lincoln Riley missed an easy layup but got position for his own rebound and put the ball up and in.

He was hammered on the put-back and made the charity toss to give the Mules a 37-29 advantage.

Muleshoe outscored the Pirates 14-8 in the period to take a 39-33 advantage into the final quarter.

The Mules then went on their fourth-quarter free-throw spree. Atwood hit a three to keep the Pirates at bay. Schon drained a three from the corner in the final seconds to trim only one point from the Mule lead in the final period.

The two teams combined for 17 treys during the contest while making only 16 two-pointers.

The Mules were 16-of-18 in shooting from the charity line and turned the ball over four times while being charged with only four fouls.

"This is the closest group of players I have ever been around," Mule post Lincoln Riley said after the game. "We'd be checking out track equipment right now

if it were not for the closeness of this team."

Domínguez paced the Mules with 15 points and Darby Brown had 15 for the Pirates.

Riley made 13 points and was nine-of-11 from the line. Sheets dropped in three threes and 11 points, Broyles and Atwood added five each, Sánchez made three and Shelburne added two.

"We had worked on ball movement all week, and that opened up somethings on the inside for us tonight," Stephan Shelburne said.

"We kept changing our defense from a box-and-one to a diamond-and-one, and finally the two-three zone. We moved well on defense tonight and that shut them down."

Muleshoe 62
Lubbock Roosevelt 54

Due to a computer crash, details of the game between the Mules and Lubbock Roosevelt were not available at press time.

The game story will run when it becomes available.

Shallowater 73
Muleshoe 67

Hard luck continues to plague the Mules as they lost another district game — their seventh in a row — to the Shallowater Mustangs 73-67. But there was still hope for a playoff berth, since Lubbock Roosevelt defeated Littlefield on Feb. 5.

The Shallowater game seemed to follow a familiar script, with the Mules scrambling back from an early deficit to claim the first-period lead at 16-14.

Landon Sheets made eight of the Mules' first-period points and finished the period with a drive down the lane and a scoop shot that put the Mules on top. D.J. Domínguez had an answer for two Shallowater three-pointers with back-to-back threes of his own, and Kyle Atwood pulled the trigger on a trey from near the DeShazo campus as the teams battled in the second period.

Atwood made his second three in the period with 43 seconds showing, and Brennan Broyles dropped in two from the charity stripe as the half ended with the Mules trailing 35-34.

After the break, the Mus-

tangs racked up 20 points in the third quarter while the Mules managed only 15. The Mules were trailing 55-49 as the final quarter started.

Lincoln Riley was plagued with foul problems much of the contest but made two free throws and hit a bucket near the six-minute mark to cut the Mustang advantage to four.

With the clock showing less than one minute, Domínguez hit a fall-away jumper and Stephan Shelburne nailed a three from the corner to draw the Mules close at 67-64.

After that, the Mules could not get their shots to fall as time slipped away and the Mustangs converted six of eight free throws in the final 25 seconds.

Domínguez had a game high 23 points and only Shallowater's starting five scored.

Eric Morris paced the Mustangs with 18 and Kiel Kitchens had 16 points.

Sheets added 13 for the Mules, Broyles 10, Atwood and Riley eight points each and Shelburne had five points.

"This was probably our best offensive performance of the year, efficiency-wise," Mule coach Ralph Mason said.

"We were patient and relaxed in our offense and had some good perimeter shooting as well as post play tonight. I thought we played well as a team," he added.

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The choice of plants for dry, sunny sites is wide

By **RONN SMITH**
Editor

Much of my gardening is done in shade, some of it so shady that "ordinary" plants for the High Plains die immediately.

Since most of you don't have that problem, how about plants that like bright sun and dry soil?

While most of our common garden annuals require sun (because they have to grow so fast to reach maturity and produce seeds), the perennials can be a little trickier because the different species are adapted to just about every microclimate you can imagine (and even some you wouldn't think of).

Sometimes the cultural directions on the pot or in the catalog also can be rather sparse, so when you get the plant home and set it out, it bakes within a week.

Certainly one of the showiest dry-sun flowers (and one



of the showiest introductions of recent years) are the hummingbird trumpets (*Zauschneria* species).

Various species and cultivars are generally from a foot to 18 inches tall, wider than they are tall, and just about all of them produce MANY trumpet-shaped flowers in some shade of reddish orange.

Since most of them that are in cultivation come from southern California, Arizona and New Mexico, we used to assume they wouldn't tolerate our winters. We now know that most of them will.

They tend to have a bushy, well-behaved growth habit

and flower through late summer and autumn.

Oriental poppies (*Papaver orientale*) fell out of popularity for several years, but have come back into favor.

The reason people just about quit growing them is that their season of bloom is fairly short, but the reason they're popular again is that they are so striking during that short season when they're at their best.

They will die without a little extra water, but it doesn't take a lot. They develop a taproot that can tide them over between irrigations (and it's the taproot that makes it inadvisable to try transplanting them once they're well-established).

The flower stalks may get 3 feet tall, but oriental poppies are still good toward the front of the bed — the foliage is low-growing. I wouldn't put them right in front, though, because the foliage gets pretty ratty by

late summer. Having something in front to hide the mess when it comes will prove a good move.

Most varieties have black (or at least dark) blotches inside the base of each petal. The flowers are generally huge (up to several inches across) and come in shades of pink to red, pale mauve to purplish, white and orange (including possibly the most shocking "neon orange" of any flower).

Other perennials commonly recommended for dry sunny sites include butterfly weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*), purple coneflower (*Echinacea purpurea*), gailardia species, liatris or gayfeather species (though I'd recommend some irrigation there, too), false indigo (*Baptisia australis*), rudbeckia species and cup flower (*Silphium laciniatum*).

Most people don't think of

bulbs for dry sites, but there are some. The spectacular 3-foot yellow or orange spikes of desert candle, also known as foxtail lily (*Eremurus stenophyllus*), certainly don't take a lot of water. However, when the catalogs advise a well-drained site, they don't mean the kind of sand some of us have out here. Take my word for that.

A bulb that nobody would guess (from its appearance) prefers a dry, sunny site: the dragon arum or "voodoo lily" (*Dracunculus vulgaris*).

The shiny, tropical leaves will need afternoon shade, but are more durable than almost any other leaf of their type.

The velvety, maroon-purple "flower" (actually a spathe, as is produced by calla lilies and similar plants) is fascinating, though some people would consider it more interesting than beautiful. Also surprising is the

dragon arum's winter-hardiness.

Happy planting!
(Questions and comments may be directed to Garden Writer, 571 County Road 1018, Muleshoe, Texas 79347, or e-mailed to ronnsmith@hotmail.com.)



The Fair Store
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'CREATIVE LIVING'

Information on microwavable soups, pin weaving, and ready-made salad mixes will be featured on "Creative Living" at 1 p.m. Feb. 19 and at 3 p.m. Feb. 23. (All times are Central.)

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

Judy Murray, manager of the test kitchen for Samsung Electronics America in Ledgewood, N.J., will show how to prepare soups in the microwave.

Pat de Santis of Wrights in West Warren, Mass., will explain what pin weaving is and what can be done with it. She will show how it can be used as a home-decorating accent, used on a garment as an appliqué, and even on pillow tops for an attractive look.

Nancy Berkoff, a representative of ReadyPac from Los Angeles, will demonstrate how ready-made fresh produce makes "speed scratch" cooking

a breeze.

Information on fabric gifts and desserts will be featured at 10:30 p.m. Feb. 19 and 1 p.m. Feb. 21.

Connie Moyers of Clovis, the Extension home economist in Roosevelt County, will demonstrate several fabric gifts to make, most of them requiring little sewing.

Janel Franklin of Jan-Su Publications in Tahoka will share delicious, easy-to-prepare des-

serts that can be enjoyed year 'round.

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

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.

PUBLIC RECORD

MULESHOE POLICE

Jan. 31
Erica Sigala, 18, warrant for no driver's license.

Feb. 1
José S. Arzola Holguín, 27, warrant for assault — family violence

Facundo Olivas, 19, motion to revoke (two) — assault.

Feb. 3
Manuel Soliz, 28, DWI (second).

Feb. 4

Jennifer Lee Cantrell, 18, motion to revoke — theft.

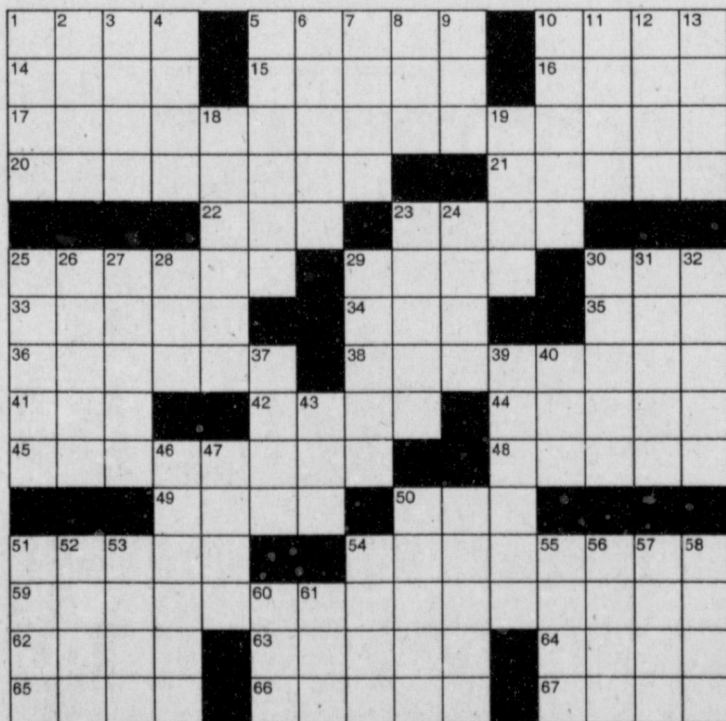
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Ryan Wayne Coldiron, 28, bond surrender — warrant for forgery and burglary of a building.

Feb. 2
Juan Carlos Apodaca, 30, driving while license suspended.

Feb. 4
Alice Gutiérrez, 40, Potter County warrant for theft by check.

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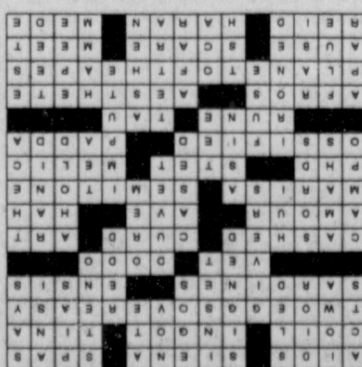


11. Herbs, Indian arrowroot
12. Body that defines computing protocols
13. Asserts
18. Benefactors
19. Clear
23. Quilt
24. WordPerfect's home
25. Field (Spanish)
26. Domestic helps
27. Flocks of mallards
28. A Chinese Moslem
29. Arranged in a container
30. Stored in a ship
31. Woodfrog or bullfrog
32. Type of sac or capsule
37. Hindu calendar month
39. Judge
40. Herb, for one
43. Kicker's tool
46. Pressed
47. Blend
50. Characin fish
51. Unhealthy
52. South American armadillo
53. Protuberance
54. Isodor __, Nobel physicist
55. From a distance
56. German town
57. Sword
58. __ off, angry
59. This (Spanish)
61. Internal secretion
62. Wood sorrel

- Clues ACROSS
1. Backs up
 5. Italian city
 10. Holiday resorts
 14. Wind
 15. A block of metal
 16. __ Turner, rock singer
 17. Breakfast order
 20. Clupeid fishes
 21. Mollusk genus of razor clams
 22. Examine animals
 23. Extinct bird
 25. Paid
 29. Coagulated milk
 30. Creation
 33. Involvement
 34. Latin for hail
 35. Expresses surprise
 36. __ Tomei, actress
 38. Musical interval
 41. Doctor of Philosophy
 42. Remain as is
 44. Intended to be sung
 45. Changed state

48. Bird genus of weaverbirds
 49. Graphic symbol
 50. Follows sigma
 52. Hairdos
 55. Connoisseur
 59. Charlton Heston Film of '68
 62. French river
 63. Excite
 64. Contest
 65. George __, Australian MP
 66. __ que, a tirade
 67. Native of ancient Asian kingdom
- Clues DOWN
1. Religious text
 2. American state
 3. Christian __, designer
 4. Travel in a conveyance
 5. Unspoken
 6. Put within
 7. Psyches
 8. Calendar month
 9. Fed
 10. Takes dictation

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JENNYSLIPPERS

The Jennyslippers (women associates of the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce) met held their 21st anniversary celebration and installation banquet Jan. 21 at the Bailey County Coliseum.

Nancy Kidd gave the invocation and Cari Ann Kidd led the Pledge of Allegiance; guests included husbands and children of members.

President Peggie Bruton gave the welcome and recognized guests including Mayor Victor Leal; City

Manager David Brunson and his wife; Magann Rennels of Channel 6 television; Noe Anzaldua of KMUL Radio; new chamber president Mike Holt and his son, Carson; Ruth Briscoe and Helen Hall.

Certificates of appreciation were given out. New-member certificates were given to Wannie Frazier, Anna Bales, Elaine Parker, Virginia Payen and Brenda Tapley.

Holt commended the Jennyslippers for their service at the chamber office

and in other areas. Leal presented a "state of the city" address.

Bruton and Patsy Chance recognized retiring officers Joy Williams, treasurer; Gail Hargrove, secretary; Donna Kirk, vice president; and Bruton, president.

New officers were installed by Nelda Merriott and presented with a rose: Kirk, president; Andrea Kemp, vice president; Parker, treasurer; and Hargrove, continuing as secretary.

Bruton commended the

group for work on the past year's projects: the prescription fund, Toast to Texas, Financial Aid Seminar, Mule-Putt Golf Course, Operation PUSH, July Fourth ice cream sales, Garden Spot of the Week, a Tour de Muleshoe rest stop, July Fourth and Christmas parade floats, the \$500 scholarship, a concession stand at the Christmas bazaar, Christmas gifts for three senior citizens, Girl Scouts, patriotic badges (which raised \$895.65 each for the Red

Cross and Salvation Army), and volunteers for the KENW public broadcasting station's telephone auction.

Jennyslippers meet each second and fourth Tuesday at noon at the Girl Scout Hut, 815 W. Second, where

Ruby Green serves a home-cooked meal.

The group decided to help with the KENW auction again, and will need 16 volunteers to help with the telephones.

Merriott gave the benediction.

OBITUARIES

MARCELINA GARCIA

Services were held Tuesday at Earth United Methodist Church for Marcelina B. Garcia, 90, of Olton. The Rev. Gary Hubbard officiated. Burial was in Earth Memorial Cemetery.

Parson-Ellis Funeral Home of Earth handled arrangements.

Mrs. Garcia was born July 17, 1911, in Edinburg, Texas. She died Saturday at Runningwater Draw Nursing Home in Olton.

She married Abraham Garcia Sr., who died in 1984.

She moved to Earth in 1950 from Raymondville, Texas, and later to Olton.

She was a homemaker and a member of St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church in Earth.

Mrs. Garcia is survived by five sons, Joe Garcia and Abraham Garcia Jr., both of Earth, Jessie Garcia of Lubbock, Guadalupe Garcia of Littlefield and John Garcia of Wauchula, Fla.; three daughters, Juanita Camacho of Levelland, Magdalena Reyna of Raymondville and Rosa Porras of Earth; a sister, Lupe Cruz of Raymondville; a brother, Timoteo Bernal of Elsa, Texas; 28 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Ofelina Gonzales, in 1990.

HARLAN DAVIS

Services were held Monday at Richland Hills Baptist Church for Harlan Davis, 74, of Muleshoe. The Revs.

Bruce Cotton and George Malis officiated. Burial was in Sudan Cemetery.

Ellis Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Mr. Davis was born Aug. 26, 1927, at Fairview. He died Friday at Muleshoe Area Medical Center.

He married Betty Jo Campbell on March 11, 1948, in Muleshoe. They moved into Muleshoe in 1960 from Fairview.

He was a truck driver and a member of Richland Hills Baptist Church.

He also was a U.S. Air Force veteran of World War II.

Mr. Davis is survived by his wife; a son, Jed Davis of Claude, Texas; a daughter, Shelley Kay Davis of Tulsa; and two grandchildren, Seth Davis and Sarah Davis.

The family suggests memorials to the American Diabetes Association (8008 Slide Road, Lubbock 79424) or Meals on Wheels (300 S. First, Muleshoe 79347).

RUTHIE BATES

Services were held Wednesday at the First United Methodist Church of Sudan for Ruthie E. Bates, 81, of rural Muleshoe. The Rev. Monte Wike officiated. Burial will be in Muleshoe Memorial Park.

Ellis Funeral Home of Muleshoe handled arrangements.

She married Buford Bates in Lubbock on April 30, 1938. He died July 3, 1984.

She moved to the Sudan area in 1926 and had been a resident of Bailey County since her marriage.

She was a graduate of Sudan High School and had owned Ruthie's Beauty Salon in Sudan.

Mrs. Bates is survived by a son, Gene "Butch" Bates of Fort Collins, Colo., and a grandson, Austin Gregor Bates.

JIMMY LESTER

Services were held Wednesday at the First Baptist Church of Shallowater for Jimmy Lester, 47, of Shallowater. The Rev. Mitch Wilson officiated. Burial was in Lazbuddie Cemetery.

Resthaven Funeral Home of Lubbock handled arrangements.

Mr. Lester was born Dec. 21, 1954, in Lubbock. He died Saturday.

He moved to Shallowater from Lubbock in 1968 and graduated from Shallowater High School in 1973. He had worked in construction for 22 years, the last of those for Siegel Construction.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church and Elks Lodge No. 1348.

Mr. Lester is survived by two daughters, Christina Kaufman and Jennifer Lester, both of Shallowater; his parents, Shorty and Sue Lester of Shallowater; a brother, Curtis Lester of Lubbock County; and a sister, Diane Siegel of Shallowater.

The family suggests memorials to Elks Lodge No. 1348.

CLAY RUCKER

Services were held Wednesday at Parkside Chapel in Hereford for Clay Rucker, 84, of Hereford.

Harlan Resch officiated. Burial was in West Park Cemetery at Hereford.

Parkside Chapel Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Mr. Rucker was born March 29, 1917, in East Texas. He died Monday at home.

He married Jane Williams on Dec. 24, 1936, in Clovis. They had lived in Hereford for more than 25 years.

He was a self-employed trucker and a member of the Church of God in Hereford. He also was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II.

Mr. Rucker is survived by his wife and several nephews. He was preceded in death by two brothers.

The family suggests memorials to the Hereford Senior Citizens.

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Lazbuddie honors students of the month

Students of the month for January at Lazbuddie High School and junior high were announced this week.

They are 17-year-old Candice Randolph, 18-year-old Omar López, 12-year-old Shayla Scisson and 14-year-old Sergio Cuevas.

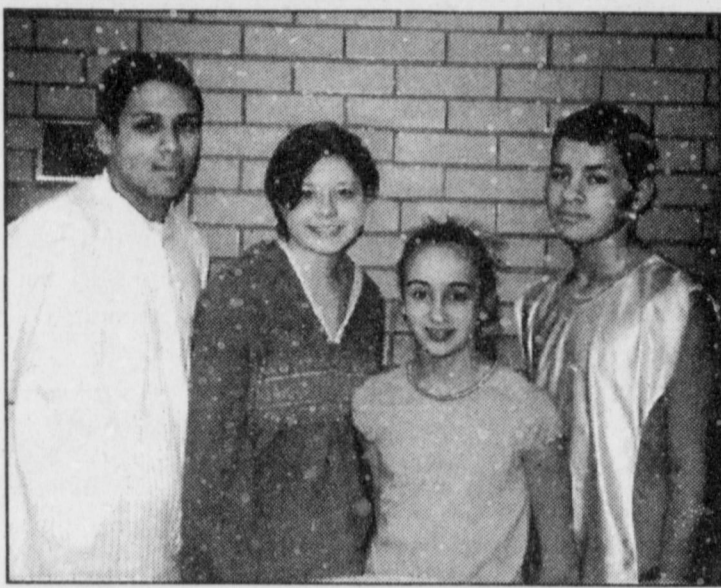
Randolph is the daughter of Pat and LynEldon Randolph. Her birthday is Sept. 1.

She says the important things to her are God, family, friends and "the small things that make life worth living."

She wants to "just get out" of high school and attend either Eastern New Mexico University or Amarillo College, majoring in either art or interior design.

Her personal motto is "If there is no wind, row." She would like to make the world a better place by changing herself so she could be an example and people would not think she was a hypocrite.

Her best tip for surviving high school is to take one day at a time.



Lazbuddie junior high and high school students of the month for January are (from left) Omar López, Candice Randolph, Shayla Scisson and Sergio Cuevas.

She likes the book *The Sacred Romance*, her favorite junk food is M&Ms and her favorite color is yellow.

Her pet peeve is backstabbing.

López, whose birthday is March 16, is the son of José Abel López and Maria Valdez.

He says his family, friends and job are important to him.

His plans for high school include staying in the National Honor Society.

He wants to attend Texas

Tech University.

His motto is "Be a friend to have a friend, and treat everyone equally."

He would improve the world by trying to stop discrimination and by involving all young people in good projects.

His best tip for surviving high school is "do what the teachers ask you."

His favorite book is *Sacred Hoops*, his favorite junk food is candy and his favorite color is blue.

Shayla is the daughter of Mark and Tonjua Scisson,

and her birthday is July 8.

She says sports, school and family are important to her.

Her high school plan is to have fun for the next five years.

Her personal motto is "You should treat others as you would like to be treated." Her survival tip for junior high is "Do your homework!"

She would make the world better by getting rid of wars.

Her favorite band is Nickelback, and her other favorites include Texas Tech, Eastbay, Julia Roberts, candy bars and the color blue.

Her pet peeve is her brother.

Sergio is the son of Nicholas and Rosario Cuevas; his birthday is Oct. 7.

He says his family and friends are the important things to him.

He wants to go to college and become a doctor.

His personal motto is "Treat others as you want to be treated." His survival tip for junior high is "Keep trying and never

stop."

He would change the world by bringing more hot girls and sending all the ugly ones to another planet.

His favorite song is "How You Remind Me" by Nickelback, favorite college is Oklahoma State University, and his other favorites include ESPN Magazine, Carson Daly, candy, Cokes and the color blue.

His pet peeve is fifth-graders.

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The sky doesn't fall and the world isn't against you

Have you ever had one of those days? You know, THOSE days that most country songs are about. When we're in the middle of one of those wondrous days, it seems as if it'll never end.

Then, when you look back about a week later, everything is hilarious. All of the things that made your day so "terrible" seem so petty it makes you wonder if you're that shallow, or just extremely hormonal.

There was this day a couple of years ago — it's kind of sad I still remember — when it seemed everyone and everything was conspiring against me. Nothing was

KATYE'S KALEIDOSCOPE

By Katy Cook

going right.

I ended up crying at the end of the day because all I wanted to do was collapse in my bed, and my sheets weren't there!

My mom was doing laundry and I just bawled for about 20 or 30 minutes, about everything. First I cried about my sheets, then everything else that was wrong in the world: Starving people in various places, my dog that had died a year before — you name it, and I shed a personal tear for it that night.

I'm talking a big, sloppy meltdown; it was great!

When little things keep going wrong, they just keep piling up and the stack keeps getting bigger. It seems as if the sky is falling on your whole world while you sit back watching helplessly.

I know now that no matter how crumbly and gray your sky might seem, it will always be blue again, and won't ever fall down.

You've just got to pace yourself and remember that the weight of the

world doesn't belong on your shoulders. If it finds its way there, there is always someone who will share the load.

(Katy Cook, a former student at Three Way High School, writes this column for the Journal.)

Research melts the chocolate myth

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL
HOUSTON—Just because someone has acne doesn't automatically mean they have to put up the candy this Valentine's day.

"Despite the belief that chocolate causes acne, there is no scientific basis that proves this theory," said Dr. John Wolf, chairman and professor in the department of dermatology at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "Follow a common-sense diet. If a particular food affects your complexion, don't eat it."

Acne is a skin condition primarily affecting teen-agers and nearly half of all adults. It is most often found on the face, neck, shoulders, upper back and chest in the forms of whiteheads, blackheads and pimples.

Acne is not caused by poor hygiene—but

rather results from a combination of factors including heredity, hormones, natural bacteria, excess oil production and clogged pores. Other factors that can trigger acne include stress, fatigue and menstruation.

"There is a natural tendency to associate acne flare-ups with something that you can actually see, such as a candy bar," Wolf said. "It is important to understand, however, that acne goes through a continuous cycle of ups and downs caused by factors often beyond our control," Wolf said.

Wolf offers the following tips for controlling acne:

- Avoid harsh, excessive scrubbing. Washing with abrasive cleansers can make acne worse;
- Avoid oil-based makeup. These products can irritate the skin, causing acne to worsen;

- Don't pick. Touching the skin spreads bacteria and excess oil, which could lead to breakouts;

- For mild acne, try over-the-counter products that contain benzoyl peroxide. This is effective for killing bacteria associated with acne. If this doesn't help, see a dermatologist for prescription medication; and

- Don't assume that youthful acne will be outgrown. If let untreated, acne can cause scarring that could affect a person's physical and psychological health.

"Acne is not just a teen disease. It is a disease that can affect anyone at any stage in life," Wolf said. "The key to keeping it under control is catching the problem early and seeking treatment from a professional."



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Enter any child born in 2001 who you fell in love with at first sight - children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, friends, etc...

This year's contestant will appear in the March 31 edition of the Bailey County Journal. A panel of unbiased judges will pick the most attractive picture to be the 2001 Cutest Baby. All baby pictures will be printed in this Easter edition of the paper. Babies need not be born in this area.

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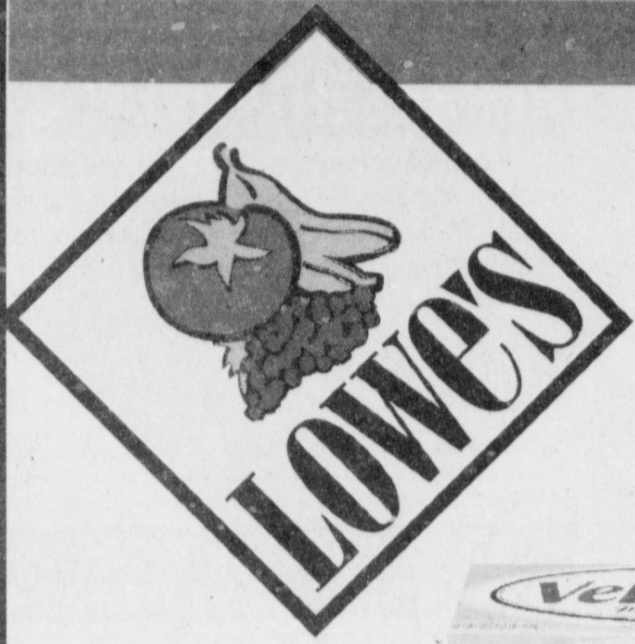
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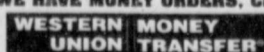
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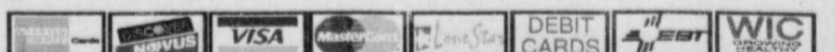
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