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A QUICK READ OF THE NEWS

Beach stormed by mistake

The British military apologized earlier this month for invading Spain — by mistake.

About 20 Royal Marines went slightly off course in an amphibious exercise and stormed a Spanish beach near the British colony of Gibraltar, a British Defense Ministry spokesman said.

Residents of the Spanish border town of La Linea watched in astonishment as the beach filled with combat-ready troops wielding mortar launchers and SA 80 assault rifles, according to Spanish press reports, which said at least 30 troops were involved.

Spanish television station Telecinco showed footage of an advance team in combat fatigues dashing through the surf to a beach several yards from the border, with paratroopers dotting the sky in the background.

Spain's Efe news agency said the soldiers left after several fishermen and local police officers told them they were on Spanish soil.

The accidental incursion came at a delicate time in negotiations between Spain and Britain over the future of Gibraltar, where Britain established a military base in 1704.

The 2.5-square-mile territory was formally ceded to Britain under the Treaty of Utrecht in 1713. Gibraltar is an irritant to British-Spanish relations and the two countries are trying to reach an agreement, that would include the colony's internal self-governance, by summer.



Drawing date: Saturday, Feb. 23
Winning numbers: 16-17-22-23-25-27
Estimated jackpot: \$6 million
Winners: 0
Next drawing: Wednesday, Feb. 27
Estimated jackpot: \$9 million

On this date in history

Feb. 20 — The Women Airforce Pilots flight school opens at Avenger Field in Sweetwater, Texas (1943).
Feb. 21 — The Texas Legislature elects Sam Houston and Thomas J. Rusk to the U.S. Senate (1846).
Feb. 24 — Col. William B. Travis sends his famous letter from the Alamo stating "I shall never surrender or retreat" (1836).
Feb. 25 — The Navy Commission of the Republic of Texas arrives in New Orleans consider selling the Texas Navy (1843).

LOCAL WEATHER

The bitter cold that engulfed the region early this week should be over for awhile, according to the National Weather Service, but Thursday's high of 54 may be a false alarm: Friday is expected to reach only 37 with a mixture of rain and snow. Expect rapid warming after that — to 58 Saturday and 67 Sunday, with morning lows moderating to the mid- to upper 20s.

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Channel 6 could lose cable affiliation

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Muleshoe's Channel 6 television apparently was issued an ultimatum by Classic Cable at the close of business Tuesday that could change the way the station operates.

There was no answer late Tuesday at Classic's corporate headquarters, and Jack Rennels of Channel 6 declined to comment on the offer that was made.

Unofficial reports indicated that the cable company is asking either a sizable payment from Channel 6 or corporate control of Channel 6 programming in order for the local station to remain on cable.

The original deadline for compliance reportedly was noon Wednesday, but the station's lawyer apparently got that ex-

tended to Friday.

Petitions opposing the cable company's reported move began circulating in several businesses immediately.

Mayor Victor Leal, who has one of the petitions in his restaurant, said he was "extremely disappointed" with Classic's proposal, although he understands that the company needs to demonstrate in bankruptcy court that it is attempting to improve its bottom line.

"I would hope that they would consider all their options before they take Magann (Rennels) off the air," Leal said. "No. 1, we have been outspoken about the quality of service from Classic Cable for some time."

Business owners Buck and Carolyn Johnson said they distributed petitions to

various businesses.

"My concern is losing the community service that Channel 6 provides," Carolyn Johnson said. "They film all the school programs — and those kids get such a self-confidence boost from seeing themselves on TV — and all the 4-H programs, the church services they broadcast for shut-ins. That kind of thing can't be replaced."

"There's no way anybody could charge corporate rates to do that," Buck Johnson said.

"And you couldn't hire someone to do what Channel 6 does, because they wouldn't have the wealth of knowledge Magann has from spending her life here," his wife added.

"There are a sizable number of us who don't want to lose Channel 6 or Gil Lamb Advertising," Buck Johnson said.

3 Longhorns selected for all-district list

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal sportswriter

The Lazbuddie Longhorns got bumped from the playoffs 64-48 by Ropesville on Saturday night at Frenship High School, but the team had more good news this week: Three Longhorns — Jake Louder, Aaron Marks and Sterling Via — have been named to the all-district team.

Louder also was chosen as a Six Man All Star and will participate in the all-star games this summer in Lubbock.

"We just completed a very good season," Longhorn coach Chris Marks said Tuesday. "This was a very good group of kids to work with because they were so cohesive. I have never had a group get along as well as this one. When they were not playing or practicing, they were at someone's home doing things together, so our chemistry was very good."

The Longhorns' season goal had been to get to the playoffs for the second year in a row.

Last year, few expected to see the orange and black in the post season. The players were happy just to be there, only to be eliminated in the bi-district game.

This year, Lazbuddie found itself in a very evenly matched district that was up for grabs, and the outcome hung on every game.

The Longhorns lost three district games, with two of those losses on the road.

The first was at Three Way in what Marks de-

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Journal photo: Beatrice Morin

Looks like a parachute . . .

Second-graders at Dillman Elementary School make dramatic use of a prop during their "Red, White and Blue" program Monday evening at the Muleshoe PTA meeting.

Team takes second, \$500 in Science Bowl

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

CANYON — A team from Muleshoe High School took second place and \$500 Saturday at the BWXT Pantex Science Bowl 2002 competition held at West Texas A&M University.

There were 29 teams in the competition from the north half

of Texas.

Members of the winning black team, coached by John Jones, were Ricardo Aburto, A.J. Buhrman, Louis Simpson and Gradee Adrian.

Members of the white team, coached by Jack Willis, were Jami Wedel, Elida Diaz, Erica

Whalin and Tim Villa.

The first-place team was from Class 5A Fort Worth Dunbar; third went to Lubbock High.

Muleshoe black lost to Dunbar white but beat White Deer, Canyon High, Lubbock High gold, Denison, Dunbar wildcats and Lubbock High black.

Art students go to state

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

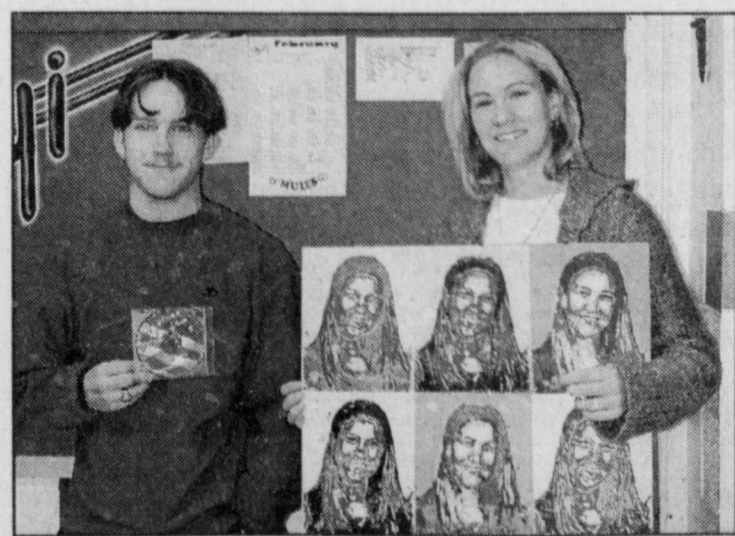
Two Muleshoe High School art students were selected Feb. 16 to advance to state competition, scheduled for April 13 at the University of Houston-Clear Lake.

Gradee Adrian qualified two pieces, a cast silver ring titled "Trinity" and a block print titled "Multiplicity," inspired by Andy Warhol's work using multiple copies of the same image in different colors.

Richard Powell had the only animation piece to advance from the region, a computer animation titled "God Bless America" and based on his reaction to the Sept. 11 attack.

Ten percent of the entries receiving

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Journal photo: Beatrice Morin

Richard Powell and Gradee Adrian display their "tickets" to a state art competition in Houston. Adrian holds a Warhol-inspired block print and (in her hand) a ring; Powell holds a CD containing his computer animation project, "God Bless America."

Duties of sheriff defined by state

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Although the lack of many contested local races has limited the excitement related to the March 12 Democratic and Republican primaries, GOP voters will be deciding a race for sheriff between incumbent Ron Kemp and challenger Richard Wills, a city police

officer.

Those voters might be interested to know the sheriff's duties by law:

- Provide security for county and district courts;
- Enforce traffic laws, other county ordinances and other state laws;
- Serve processes;
- Conduct sales of seized

or unclaimed properties;

- Accept bail for prisoners in his custody; and
 - Take charge of and be responsible the county jail and its prisoners.
- Bailey County's incumbent sheriff, Ron Kemp, was appointed by commissioners' court to fill out an unexpired term.

Early voting under way

Early voting (in person) for the March 12 Democratic and Republican primaries began Monday and continues through March 8 at the Bailey County Clerk's Office.

Mail-in ballots must be returned to the clerk's office by March 5.

The polling place on the day of the primary, the clerk's office, will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

AROUND MULESHOE

Girl Scout cookie deadline Friday

The 65th annual Girl Scout cookie sale is under way until March 1, featuring two new cookies and six returning favorites.

New this year are All-Abouts and Olé Olé. All-Abouts are shortbread cookies with fudge coating on the bottom, while the Olé Olé is a reduced-fat, bite-sized vanilla cookie with pecan chips, coconut and a covering of powdered sugar.

Returning cookies include the Thin Mint, Original Samoa (caramel and toasted coconut), Tagalong, (layered peanut butter and chocolate), Do-Si-Do (oatmeal peanut-butter cremes) and Trefoil (shortbread).

Orders may be placed by calling 272-6833 (evenings) or 272-5281 (evenings or leave a message).

Little League sign-ups scheduled

Muleshoe Little League sign-ups begin March 7 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Watson Junior High gymnasium.

Players must be 6 years old by July 31 and no older than 12 by July 31. In order for the child to sign up, parents must be present with a birth certificate and a registration fee of \$25 per child.

Future sign-ups are scheduled for March 19 and at tryouts. More information is available by calling Leslie Kerby at 272-5153.

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

March 6 — Muleshoe schools dismiss an hour early for spring break, with classes resuming on the regular schedule March 18.

Also on March 6 — Deadline for Muleshoe High School seniors to apply for Kristy M. Landers Scholarship; applications available at counselor's office.

March 19 — Mammograms at South Plains Healthcare Providers, 208 W. Second St., provided enough people pre-register; call (800) 377-4673.

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.



Cotton conference planned in Hereford

Cotton producers will get to hear the latest information on production and marketing at the Southwest Panhandle Cotton Conference beginning at 8 a.m. March 8 in Hereford.

The event is scheduled for the Hereford Community Center on Park Avenue.

Presentations will include cotton management, irrigation management, weed control, insect control, genetically modified cottons, selection of seed instruments, marketing opportunities, cotton fertilization, cotton physiology, controlling herbicide drift, safe handling of pesticides and risk management.

Speakers include nine Extension and university experts from across Texas.

There will be a trade show

and other displays from industry-related entities.

"We feel that we have an event planned that will provide both old and new cotton producers with an opportunity to learn more about producing, marketing and risk management as it pertains to cotton," said Dennis Newton, Deaf Smith County Extension agent-agriculture.

The conference has been approved for 5.5 hours of CEU credit for pesticide applicators and 5.75 hours for certified crop advisers.

Registration fee is \$5, which covers the luncheon, refreshments and handouts.

To get an estimate of those attending, Newton asked for RSVPs to the Extension office (806) 364-3573 or dw-newton@tamued.

Basketball camp accepting applications

Applications are being evaluated for the Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp, which is by invitation only.

Boys and girls ages 10 through 19 are eligible to apply.

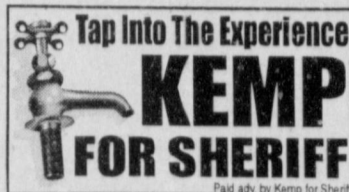
Players from 48 states and seven foreign countries attended last year's camp.

Locations include Commerce, Texas; Thousand Oaks, Calif.; Babson Park, Fla.; Gainesville, Ga.; Champaign, Ill.; Greencastle, Ind.; Dubuque, Iowa; Hillsdale,

Mich.; St. Paul, Minn.; Rochester, N.Y.; Boiling Springs, N.C.; North Canton, Ohio; Lock Haven, Pa.; Bristol, R.I.; Athens, Tenn.; Blacksburg, Va.; and Olympia, Wash.

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scribed as "the Temple of Doom of basketball," and the second to Amherst "on a night we just didn't play well."

Lazbuddie, however, was not to be denied a return to the post-season tournament — even after dropping its third and district-deciding game to Cotton Center (by only two points).

The Longhorns had a shot at the buzzer to take the game to overtime, but the shot banged off the front iron rather than falling through the net.

The loss of the district championship was soon tempered by defeating the District 6-A champion Spur Bulldogs 59-53 in Rip Griffin Center at Lubbock Christian University.

Lazbuddie racked up the first 23 points in the contest and then hung on as Spur posted a 23-8 scoring run of its own to climb back into the game by halftime.

Spur managed to cut the Longhorn lead to 43-39 by the end of three periods, but Lazbuddie recovered to out-run Spur 16-14 in the final eight minutes and take home the bi-district gold ball.

Loudder led the Longhorns against Spur with 19 points; Marks and Jeffery Phillips added 14 each. This was the first basketball playoff victory for this group of Longhorns and for their coach.

"After having played so well in the bi-district game,

we just came out flat and did not play with the same intensity we had had just four nights before," Marks said.

"Ropes came out ready to play and they got on us early. We just could never really match what they were able to do, but I don't want that game to be what everyone remembers about this year.

"Rather I want this team to remember how it felt when they held up the gold ball for winning the bi-district championship."

Via, normally a defensive specialist, set the pace for the Longhorns against the Ropes Eagles with 16 points; Loudder had 15 and Marks added 13.

After a 17-10 season, winning bi-district and advancing to the playoffs for the second year in a row, Lazbuddie seniors Loudder, Phillips, Shannon Redwine and Michael Martínez can look back on a very successful high school career.

"Jake Loudder, at 6-5, was our big man and averaged 18 points and 12 rebounds per game. He finished the season as the top rebounder in the area in Class A. Jeffery Phillips missed all of last year and came back this year to provide the 'hustle play' for us when we needed it," Marks said.

"Shannon Redwine is what I would call a 'tweener player,' in that he is too small to play inside and really not a perimeter player. But he got the job done wherever I put him, usually on the inside, and he worked

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medals (the top rating) at regional advance to state competition.

Ten of the 20 Muleshoe entries received medals. The others were Stacy Mata, Louis Simpson, David Burciaga, Christy Morgan, Jordan Dale,

hard."

"Michael Martínez played for the first time this year since he had been in eighth grade. As a senior, Michael decided he wanted to play, and he really helped us in practice and we were glad to have him."

Lazbuddie will return three starters next year with Marks, Via and Tobin Redwine.

Joining these in a strong nucleus will be Lucas DeLeón, who as a starter suffered a season-ending injury during the second game of the season, Andy Martin and Rob Martin.

Jonathan Carrillo and Laura Vásquez.

"I was extremely proud of our kids," art teacher Hellen Adrian said. "They represented MHS in a tremendous fashion. It was a day that makes a teacher very proud."

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Helping with the work

Gathered to help out when the Jennyslippers and VFW donated a refrigerator to the Girl Scout Hut on Feb. 21 were (back rows, from left) Donna Kirk, Elaine Parker, Nelda Merriott, Peggie Bruton, Joe Ambriz, Mary Ambriz, Gloria Mendoza and Freddie Anzaldua; (middle row, from left) Girl Scouts Dominique Mata, Mikah Stiles and Sabrina Cruz; (front row, from left) Scout Leslie Macias, Mari Quintana and Emily Flores.

Contest for young writers announced

Students in grades nine through 12 have until March 20 to submit their work in the Young Writers Division of the Panhandle Professional Writers' Frontiers in Writing Contest 2002.

The contest features cash prizes, publication and awards at a May 18 luncheon in Amarillo.

Categories include non-fiction, fiction and poetry, and the work will be judged by the faculty of the English department at West Texas A&M University.

Anyone ages 14 through

19 who is not a college student is eligible to enter.

Cash prizes, provided by the *Amarillo Globe News*, are \$75 for first, \$50 for second, and \$25 for third in each category, with an additional \$100 for "best of show."

First-place entries will be published in the *Globe News*, and winning writers not only will be honored at the luncheon but will get free admittance to a writing conference June 14-15 at Amarillo's Ambassador Hotel.

The keynote speaker at the conference will be Elmer Kelton, author of 40 western novels.

Entries must be post-marked no later than March 20.

More information (including entry forms and guidelines) is available by calling Cheryl Beckley at (806) 374-6650 or e-mailing Janda Rader at ljraker@arn.net.

The competition is sponsored by West Texas A&M and the Region 16 Education Service Center.

TOPS NEWS

The TOPS No. 34 meeting was held Feb. 21 at the regular site, the Muleshoe Church of Christ.

Nine members attended the meeting, and Elaine Coburn led them in singing both TOPS songs.

Leader Laverne James opened the meeting and led the prayer and pledge.

Jewel Peeler read the previous week's minutes, which were approved as read.

The weigh-in was conducted by weight recorders Linda White and Alene Bryant.

White was named the best loser, Molly Davis was first runner-up, and Retha Knowles and Joline Franklin tied for second runner-up.

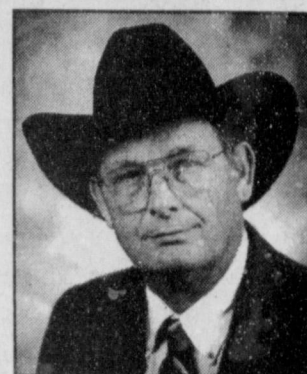
"Getting Enough Sleep" was the name of James' program. A good night's sleep is important to everyone, she said, but not everyone needs the same amount of sleep. The requirement can vary from four hours to 10.

Playing soft music or the sound of distant waterfalls can sometimes help when falling asleep is difficult.

Members expressed sorrow

over the death of a longtime member, Evelene Harris.

The next meeting is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. Feb. 28 at the regular site. Visitors are welcome.



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OBITUARIES

MANUELA REJINO

Services were held Monday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church for Manuela Flores Rejino, 84, of Muleshoe. The Rev. Joe Augustine was the celebrant. Burial was in Bailey County Cemetery.

Ellis Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Mrs. Rejino was born July 17, 1917, at Tonaville, Texas. She died Friday at home.

She married Concepción C. Rejino in January 1942 in San Marcos, Texas. He died Nov. 8, 2000.

She was a homemaker and had lived in Muleshoe since 1959, when she moved here from Shallowater. She was a member of Immaculate Conception.

Mrs. Rejino is survived by a son, Guadalupe Rejino of Muleshoe; two daughters, Maria Rejino of Muleshoe and Eva Flores of Lubbock; a sister, Juanita Flores of Muleshoe; a half-sister, Rita Alba of Austin; seven grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Hospice of Dimmitt (213 W. Etter, Dimmitt 79027) or Immaculate Conception Catholic Church (805 E. Hickory Ave., Muleshoe 79347).

BUD BRASHER

Services were held Wednesday at Southcrest Baptist Church in Lubbock for Bud Brasher of Lubbock. The Rev. Jack Whyburn and Jeff Proctor officiated. Burial was in Sudan Cemetery.

Ellis Funeral Home of Sudan handled arrangements. Mr. Brasher was born Aug. 25, 1921, at Floyd, Texas. He died Sunday at home.

He married Ruth McCarty

on Feb. 24, 1940, in Sudan.

He moved to Lubbock in 2000 from Marble Falls, Texas, where he had lived since 1977.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and was a baker on the *USS Medusa*. Before his military service, he had wrapped the first loaf of bread at Mead's bakery in Lubbock.

He was a custom home builder. He had served as chairman of the board of deacons, chairman of the building committee and a greeter at the First Baptist Church of Granite Shoals, Texas. He was a member of Southcrest Baptist Church.

Mr. Brasher is survived by his wife; a son, Hugh Jackson Brasher of Ada, Okla.; a daughter and son-in-law, Sandra Gay and Connie Franks of Sudan; two sisters, Billie Watson of Lubbock and Wilma Nixon of Rosenberg, Texas; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Brenda Joyce Tomison in 1985, and by sisters Aleen Standifer, Margie Plunkett, Neola Brasher and Edith Inman.

The family suggests memorials to American Kidney Foundation or Southcrest Baptist Church (3801 S. Loop, Lubbock 79423).

BILL LEBOW

Services were held Wednesday at the Eastside Church of Christ in Morton for Bill Lebow, 89, of Morton. Joey Pierce officiated. Burial was in Morton Memorial Cemetery.

Ellis Funeral Home of Morton handled arrangements.

Mr. Lebow was born Nov. 22, 1912, in Pike County, Ark.

He died Sunday at Littlefield.

He married Lottie Novis Jarry on Dec. 22, 1938, in Waskom, Texas. She died in March 1995.

He had lived in Morton since 1956, when he moved there from Clovis. He was a farmer.

Mr. Lebow is survived by three daughters, Jerry Beth Waller of Littlefield, Janice Faye McCown of Amarillo and Jane Ellen Hoyl of Morton; a sister, Eva Baker of Morton; eight grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by four brothers and three sisters.

The family suggests memorials to a favorite charity.

BEULAH HARPER

Services were held Thursday at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel in Muleshoe for Beulah Lou Harper, 82, of Mena, Ark. The Rev. Bob Burris officiated. Burial was in Muleshoe Memorial Park.

Mrs. Harper was born April 23, 1919, in Fort Worth. She died Sunday in Mena.

She married Leburn Harper on Aug. 10, 1936, at Circle Back. He died Feb. 2, 1996.

She lived in the Circle Back area for many years and was a member of Circle Back Baptist Church. She was a homemaker and had been a Girl Scout leader in Muleshoe.

Mrs. Harper is survived by three sons, Frank D. Harper of Caddo, Okla., Tony E. Harper of Mena and Gary M. Harper of Cherry Hill, Ark.; a daughter, Barbara D. O'Brien of Gainsville, Texas; a brother, J.D. Perkins of Cordoval, Ala.; six grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

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Nature is ready for planting many vegetables

By RONN SMITH
Editor

Well, I can't guess what the soil temperature will be by the weekend: Certainly that frigid blast on Tuesday and Wednesday left its mark.

But the ground is probably still warm enough to think about planting another crop of peas, plus things like spinach and beets (I know: BEETS! But scientists just discovered a whole new group of anti-oxidants in beets. Those of us who are "over 30" especially need to worry about all the anti-oxidants we can get.)

Also, any time the soil temperature (2 or 3 inches down) reaches 45 or so, it should be warm enough to get radishes to sprout — and once you have eaten radishes grown during our cool season, you won't be so interested in any other kind.

Cool-season radishes tend to be sweeter and more



tender than those grown in the summer.

Also many flowers can be planted any time from now until spring. Even though the directions on the seed packet may say "April-May" is the planting season, if it's something you have seen coming up "volunteer" in someone's yard, then obviously the seeds will be fine sown while the weather is still cold.

Of course, not everybody has a tight schedule and has to do these things whenever the chance arises, so THOSE people should go ahead and follow directions.

As for starting vegetables indoors for planting outside later, it's time to plant just

about everything except squash and melons.

The garden centers are full of spring-flowering bulbs already sprouted in little pots for easy planting.

This is a fairly recent phenomenon for most gardeners, but if you didn't plant bulbs last fall or if you want to add a few — or for any excuse really — this is a chance to have beautiful flowering bulbs in a few weeks.

Why are you still not growing redbirds-in-a-tree? *Scrophularia macrantha* is one of those unique perennials introduced in recent years from its native Southwest, and it remains pretty much a prophet without honor in its own land.

The horticultural stocks come mainly from the piny slopes of Cooke's Peak near Deming, N.M., so even though it's a southern New Mexico species, it's cold-

hardy enough for the High Plains.

It's also a magnet for hummingbirds, so that alone should be reason enough for most people to grow it.

While it gets 3 to 4 feet tall and a foot and a half wide, it has a sprawling, open growth habit that doesn't block the view of what's behind it. In fact, redbirds-in-a-tree can be grown amongst other tall plants, where it intertwines and can be very effective against blue or white flowers.

The flowers of redbirds-in-a-tree are, as the name

suggests, cherry red and look somewhat like flocks of little cardinals perched on the plants.

The fact that the flowers are individually rather small — thus not as gaudy as many other flowers, especially hybrid annuals — may account for the fact that it hasn't caught on more quickly in our area.

Of course, those of you who have discussed plants with me might already know that I don't care for the practice of criticizing a plant because it isn't something else. Redbirds-in-a-tree certainly looks like nothing else when

its in bloom, and it can be appreciated for its own uniqueness even though it isn't gaudy. (It's a relative of penstemon, and the foliage could easily be mistaken for some of the penstemons when the plant isn't in flower.)

Like its penstemon relatives, this plant is relatively unbothered by rabbit attacks — a big plus for most country gardeners, at least.

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

Texas onion producers optimistic for '02 crop

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL COLLEGE STATION — Spring onion producers in Texas are expecting to shed no tears over this season, Texas Cooperative Extension reports.

Cool temperatures in the Rio Grande Valley have helped the state's onion crop.

"So far we've had a good growing season," said Marvin Miller, research plant pathologist with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station in Weslaco. Onions there have benefitted from the temperatures of 60 to 70 degrees F, he said.

Miller said that with current conditions, the sweet onion crop — which includes the Texas 1015 onion — will be ready to harvest in late-February to early March.

Spring onions found in the stores earlier than that probably will be from Mexico.

In Southwest Texas' Winter Garden area, "The crop is making excellent progress," said Joe Pena, Extension economist in Uvalde. "The crop was planted on time, and so far has escaped major problems, except maybe from the recent cold spell."

Peña said the recent cold spell and several mornings with hard freezes in the Uvalde may increase the incidence of "bolting," or producing a flower stem, in the spring.

Still, he said, "We're very optimistic this year about the onion season."

Along with favorable temperatures, water is needed to complete the growth cycle, and the rainfall in the Winter Garden has been ideal. "That means we had excellent early fall/winter rain, and the soil profile is relatively full," Peña said.

The crop had adequate water to begin growing,

Peña said. Too much water during the growing season, however, can cause disease. Almost all the onions in Texas are produced with irrigation, Peña said.

"Excellent early fall rains will reduce supplemental water requirements and reduce production costs, and irrigation water is available in case we have a dry spring," he said.

Insect problems normally arise later in the season, Miller said. "Dry weather encourages thrips. Thrips are little, tiny insects, not even an eighth of an inch long, that you can barely see. They get into the whorls of the onions and feed on that area."

Still, dry weather can be beneficial to the crop, Pena said.

"We want dry tops and good soil moisture conditions," he said.

Texas leads the nation in the production of sweet spring onions, with most grown in the Valley and the Winter Garden, Peña said.

Peña said out of the 6.7 to 7 billion pounds of onions produced in the U.S., Texas grows about 1.1 to 1.2 billion pounds, half of which is sweet spring onions.

Producers in the Valley are expecting to harvest 10,800 acres of spring onions, which is about 8 percent less than 2001. In the Winter Garden, an estimated 3,700 acres of spring onions is expected to be harvested, which about doubles last year's harvest, he said.

In 2000, adverse weather dropped harvested acreage in Texas to 12,400 acres and pounds produced to 418.5 million. In 2001, 13,500 acres were harvested and 461.5 million pounds produced.

In 2002, producers are expecting to harvest about 14,500 acres and 470 million pounds of spring onions.

"The other states that produce spring onions are Arizona, California and Georgia," Peña said. "There's many other states that produce onions, but they produce the summer (storage) onions."

Texas also produces 3,500 to 4,000 acres of what are called summer non-storage onions annually. Planted in the northern region of the state, these onions are harvested later and consumed fresh, Peña said.

"If you've ever noticed that there are good hamburger onions through May and June, those are the Texas summer non-storage onions," Pena said.

"During the rest of the summer, consumers may buy nice looking onions, and they give a lot of aftertaste."

Most of the onions produced in Colorado, Idaho, Michigan, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, Minnesota and Oregon are summer storage onions, the onions consumed out of cold storage the rest of the year.

The summer storage onions contain a higher dissolved solid content and are more pungent, Peña said. "They are much better for cooking, processing, etc. as opposed to the spring onion varieties, which are sweeter and better suited for fresh consumption in burgers and salads. Spring onions are not as well-suited for cooking and processing."

Miller said onion prices depend on competition and how many are produced in Mexico.

Good prices are considered to be around \$10 per 50-pound bag of onions, he added.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Muleshoe Area Medical Center reports the following patient load.

Feb. 14 — Haley E. Beasley, Luis E. Franco, Herman Friesen, Jack R. Hicks, Doris B. Marts, Leonard V. McCormick, Hazel McMahan, Maria R. Olivas, Jewell L. Perry, Lucy F. Recio, Johnnie Richey, Billy G. Toshiv, Gabriel Vargas and Carmen D. Vega.

Feb. 15 — Luis E. Franco, Herman Friesen, Jack R. Hicks, Hazel McMahan, Alexander Quintanilla, Lucy F. Recio and Johnnie Richey.

Feb. 16 — None reported.

Feb. 17 — None reported.

Feb. 18 — Henry Froese, Ana Hernández, Betty Johnson, Gwendol Lasiter, Hazel McMahan, Rosa

Prieto, Baby Girl Quesada, Jaily Regalado, Blanca Regalado, Christopher Thompson, Baby Vásquez and Maria Vásquez.

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1168 head of cattle, 123 hogs and 346 sheep and goats for a total of 1,637 animals were sold at the Feb. 23rd sale. Market 162.00 lower overall.

The Muleshoe Cattle Market is brought to you each week by Muleshoe Livestock Auction, located east of Muleshoe on U.S. 84. Muleshoe Livestock conducts sales every Saturday, beginning with hogs, sheep and goats at 10 a.m. and cattle following at approximately noon.

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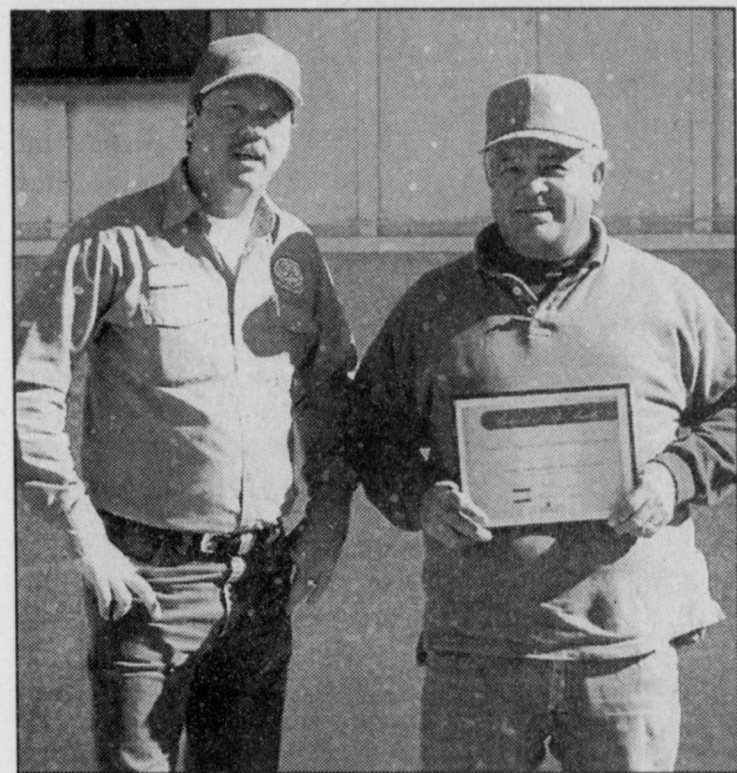
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Rebecca Carrasco, Hereford	Char. Bull	Cif	per hd 195 lbs.	at \$260.00
Sherry Wallace, Pampa	2	Hol. Strs	240 lbs.	at \$98.00
Carlos Silva, Lubbock	1	Bik. Bull	435 lbs.	at \$102.00
Bryan Braddock, Nazareth	2	Hol. Bulls	283 lbs.	at \$106.00
Robby Bomer, Muleshoe	1	Red Bull	470 lbs.	at \$98.00
Lexie Fennell, Springlake	4	Mxd. Strs	333 lbs.	at \$118.00
Curtis Drager, Friona	1	BMF Bull	495 lbs.	at \$104.00
Gilberto Morales, Muleshoe	2	Char. Strs	468 lbs.	at \$96.00
Rick Miller, Amherst	3	Red Hfrs	595 lbs.	at \$80.00
Jane Ann Miller, Amherst	4	Blk. Bulls	810 lbs.	at \$72.00
Pat Newson, Sudan	1	Char. Hfr	480 lbs.	at \$90.00
R.B. Riley, Bovina	1	BMF Bull	370 lbs.	at \$111.00
Ronda Sue Smith, Dumas	1	Bik. Hfr	per hd 275 lbs.	at \$310.00
C&M Shorthorns, Littlefield	4	Mxd. Bulls	679 lbs.	at \$74.00
Kelly Cure, Olton	7	Mxd. Hfrs	746 lbs.	at \$76.25
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Jimmy Cooper, Monument, NM	6	Mxd. Strs	421 lbs.	at \$115.00
Jimmy Cooper, Monument, NM	11	Mxd. Strs	598 lbs.	at \$90.00
Bill Benham, Muleshoe	1	Blk. Str	535 lbs.	at \$99.00
SGS Farms, Muleshoe	3	Mxd. Hfrs	403 lbs.	at \$93.00
SGS Farms, Muleshoe	5	Mxd. Hfrs	594 lbs.	at \$80.00
SGS Farms, Muleshoe	8	Mxd. Hfrs	621 lbs.	at \$83.25
Ike Wilcox, Muleshoe	4	Mxd. Strs	566 lbs.	at \$90.00
Ike Wilcox, Muleshoe	10	Strs	798 lbs.	at \$76.00
George Wilson, Felt, OK	1	MF Cow	105 lbs.	at \$46.00
George Wilson, Felt, OK	1	BMF Bull	1765 lbs.	at \$59.50
H.G. Watson, Springlake	1	Char. Bull	1740 lbs.	at \$58.50
H.G. Watson, Springlake	3	Mxd. Bulls	543 lbs.	at \$84.50
Rio Blanca Dairy, Earth	1	Hol. Cow	1440 lbs.	at \$42.25
L.M. Lawson, Olton	1	Bik. Cow	1130 lbs.	at \$44.50
Kenneth Henry, Proctor	1	Hol. Cow	1280 lbs.	at \$42.25
Mike Hamersley, Shallowater	1	Spot Cow	1180 lbs.	at \$42.00
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C&M Cattle, Muleshoe	1	BWF Pair		\$750.00



Courtesy photo: Clay Kidd

Business of the month

Gathered to honor Wes-Tex Feed Yards as the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce business of the month for February are (from left) manager Lonnie McDonald, Esmeralda Campolla, Chris Schraeder, chamber manager Jan Thompson, Joy Glover and Mike Holt.



Courtesy photo: Clay Kidd

Business of the month

Clay Kidd (left) presents Jesse Castorena with a plaque honoring Jesse Castorena Construction as the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce business of the month for January.

HONORS

TECH PRESIDENT'S LIST

Alyssa Blair Saylor of Muleshoe and Marvin Ryan Kerr of Lazbuddie have been named to the president's list for the fall semester at Texas Tech University.

Both are juniors. Saylor is majoring in family studies, while Kerr is an exercise and sports sciences major.

In order to be eligible for the honor, students must earn a 4.0

grade-point average while taking at least 12 hours of work.

KINARD

Lauri Michelle Kinard of Muleshoe was recognized during December graduation ceremonies at Texas Tech University as one of the three graduates with the highest grade-point averages in the College of Human Sciences.

Kinard majored in human development and family studies.

Beef conference set for March 6 in Vernon

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

VERNON — Cattle producers can build their short- and long-term perspectives on commodity markets and prices, current farm-bill legislation and marketing techniques by attending the 2002 Ag Outlook Conference slated for March 6.

"There have been a lot of ups and downs in the cattle industry/market during the past two years alone," said Stan Bevers, Texas Cooperative Extension agricultural economist. "One goal of this conference is to help provide some perspective on those past movements and take a look at where the industry might be headed."

The conference site is Texas A&M University's Agricultural Research and Extension Center, six miles southwest of Vernon. Registration costs \$50 per person and includes lunch and

'CREATIVE LIVING'

Information on candle care, Southwestern cooking, and Alzheimer's disease and memory loss will be featured on "Creative Living" at 1 p.m. March 5 and 3 p.m. March 9. (All times are Central.)

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

Olga Puzas of Partylite Gifts in Plymouth, Mass., will explain how to get the most from candles, with tips on proper burning and how to make candles look better and last longer.

Pat Baird of Greenwich, Conn., a representative of Nutraceutical Inc., will talk about how to cope with memory loss and Alzheimer's disease.

Janel Franklin of Jan-Su Pub-

lications in Tahoka will share a recipe for one-dish Southwestern cooking.

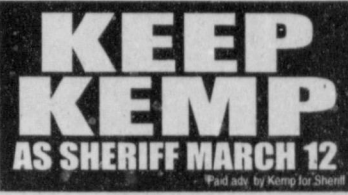
Information on variations of peanut-butter and jelly sandwiches and cooking wild game will be featured at 10:30 p.m. March 5 and 1 p.m. March 7.

Gayle Stephenson of Gorman, Texas, a food communications specialist with the Texas Peanut Producers Board, will show several versions of the PB&J sandwich.

Pete Zimmer, head chef at the Inn of the Anasazi in Santa Fe, will discuss how most types of wild game are low in cholesterol as well as fat.

The show is carried on more than 100 PBS stations in the United States, Canada, Guam and Puerto Rico.

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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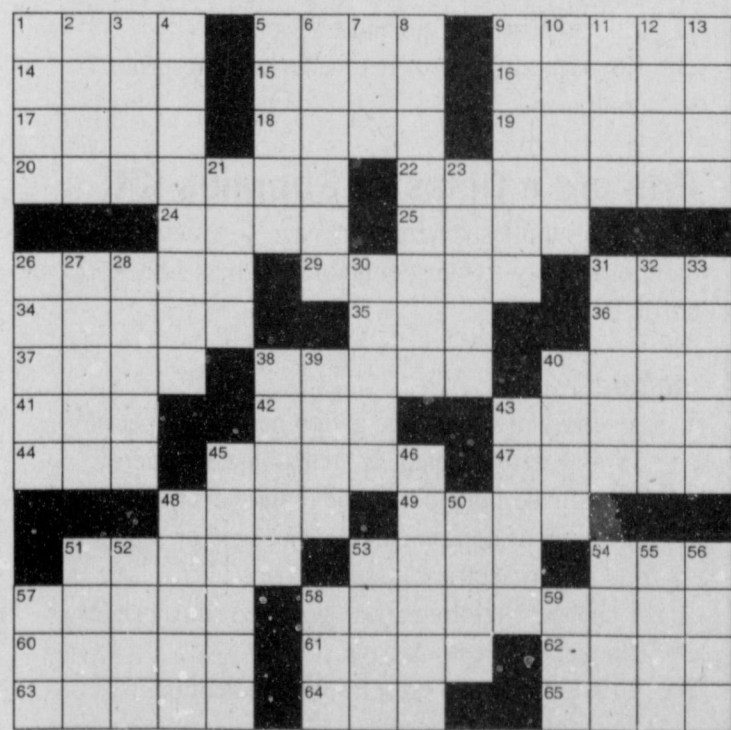
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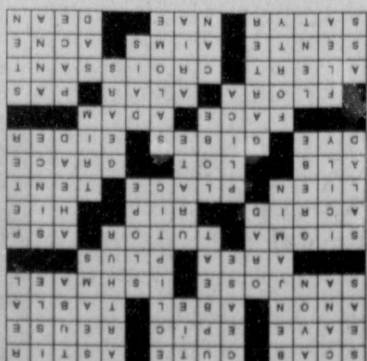
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- Academic administrator

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- Bass
- A small island
- Honest-to-God
- Toward the mouth
- Angle
- Type of dish
- Very coldly
- Diving bird
- Salt of uric acid
- In front
- From a time
- Decrease
- Fold of skin
- Roundish projection
- Well-kept
- Adjusts
- Make fast
- Notorious dancer
- XL
- Platform
- Insect
- Provided
- Strain
- Tempo
- Old Indian coin
- Type of gun
- Real jerk
- Donkey
- Homesick

Crossword Answers



MULESHOE JOURNAL'S 8TH ANNUAL CUTEST BABY CONTEST

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

Please provide phone number or address (it will not be published) so that we may contact you if we need additional information.

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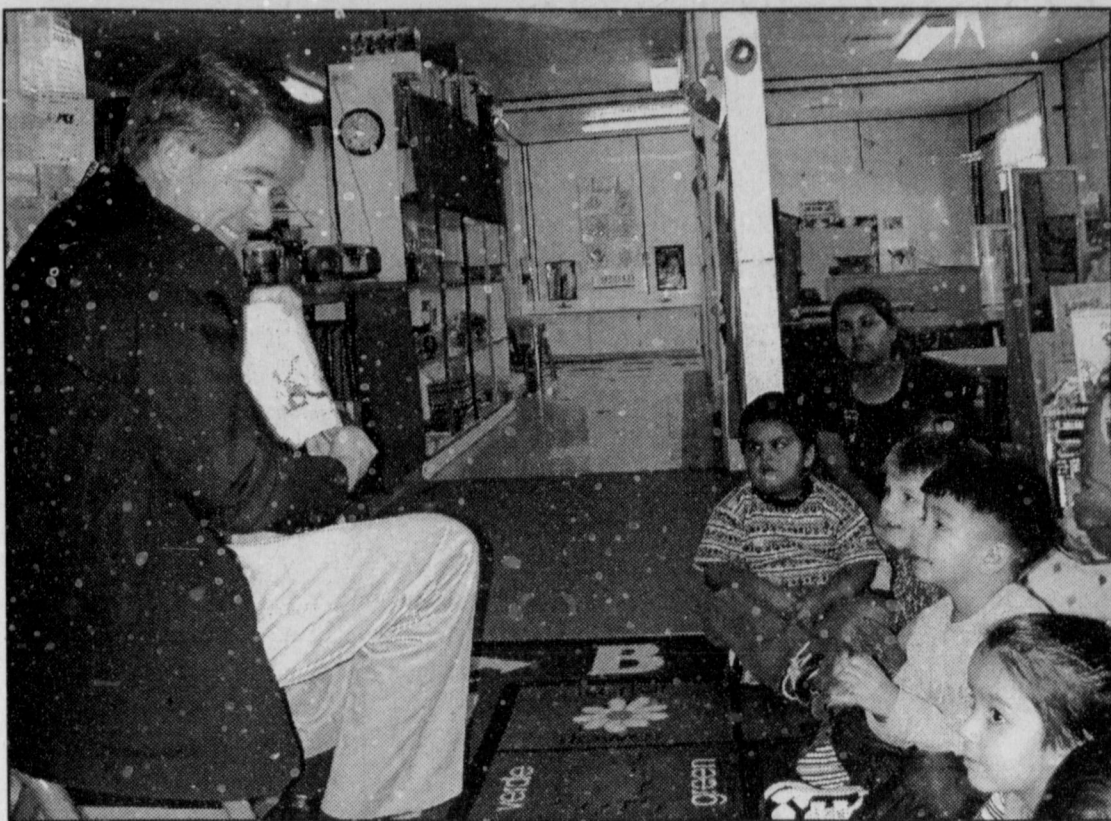
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This year's contestant will appear in the March 31 edition of the Bailey County Journal. A panel of unbiased judges will pick the most attractive picture to be the 2001 Cutest Baby. All baby pictures will be printed in this Easter edition of the paper.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

Bring your favorite photo along with \$12 to the Muleshoe Journal office at 304 W. 2nd Street, Monday-Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or mail the coupon below along with your child's photo and \$12 to Cutest Baby Contest, c/o Muleshoe Journal, P.O. Box 449, Muleshoe, Texas 79347. You may pick up your baby's picture during office hours after Monday, April 1, 2002. Arrangements must be made to return photos by mail.

Winner will receive a \$50 Savings Bond for being selected 2001's Cutest Baby!

ENTRY DEADLINE
Fri., March 15 at 5 pm



Journal photo: Beatrice Morin

Kindergartners smart enough to see the diamonds others miss

KATYE'S KALEIDOSCOPE

By Katy Cook

I'm not sure if you are smarter when you first enter school or right after you graduate.

When you are 5 or 6 years old in kindergarten, one friend is enough. That friend doesn't have to be cool or pretty or smart, just a friend — someone who will build things with you and whisper and make funny faces at you during nap time when you can't fall asleep.

The older you get, the more the world seeps into your head.

Like him, he's cute; like her, she has cool clothes. They're the people to hang out with because they talk this way.

A truly good friend is one of the most valuable things on earth — no matter what they look like, if they talk with a lisp or have perfect speech, if they sing or are tone-deaf, as long as they stand by you and

aren't afraid to let you know that they need you. Nothing can replace that.

Friendship is the most valuable relationship there is.

They say you should be able to count your true friends on one hand. I must be odd or under strange circumstances, because I can't. I hope I'm on each one of those people's hands when they count.

I am blessed with friends who will tell me they love me. No matter how long it's been since I've called them or been to their house, if I call they'll always listen.

If I have a free Saturday, they'll fill it. If I'm down, they know just how to pick me up again, and if that fails, they

know at least three more things that will work.

I only hope I'm half as good a friend as my friends are because then I'll know I'm a priceless treasure, a diamond that shines in my friend's lives as they shine in mine.

I think we should all go back to kindergarten friendship standards.

We could all become diamonds again, then take it from there.

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

Mixed reviews

Gene Sheets, Muleshoe school superintendent, gives it his best shot as he reads to KinderSteps children earlier this month, but either his delivery or the story ("Never Mail an Elephant") doesn't seem to set well with student Gabriel Reza (glaring). Also listening are (back to front) teacher's assistant Jennifer Pacheco and students Owen Raymond, Pablo Flores and Payal Patel.

Bankers fighting identity theft

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

The Independent Bankers Association of Texas and its members across the state are leading the assault on one of the nation's fastest-growing crimes with the launching of a statewide campaign attacking identity theft.

Identity theft affects as many as 750,000 victims each year and costs consumers, merchants and the financial industry billions of dollars. It occurs when someone steals personal information such as Social Security or driver's license numbers and uses it to establish credit by applying for loans or credit cards to buy merchandise and services.

"Fueled by growth of the Internet, the number of consumers falling victim to identity theft has risen dramatically over the past few years," Christopher Williston, president and chief executive officer of the banking group, said in announcing the movement.

The campaign — "Don't Let Someone Steal Your GoodName" — will include print and electronic media materials in English and Spanish, geared to providing tips on how to avoid

being victimized by identity fraud.

The Federal Trade Commission reports that its fraud hotline receives about 1,700 calls each week. The U.S. Treasury Department's Financial Crimes Network reports that identity theft documented by financial institutions nearly tripled from 1999 to 2000.

The Social Security Administration says reports of misuse of Social Security numbers on its fraud hotline increased by more than 500 percent between 1997 and 2000.

Here are just a few tips to protect "your good name":

- Carry only a few credit cards with you;
- Beware of "Dumpster divers." Shred all credit-card receipts and solicitations, cancelled checks and financial documents before throwing them away;
- Watch for "shoulder surfers" — people who lurk nearby at an ATM and try to get PIN numbers in order to gain access to accounts;
- Check your credit-card statements carefully, and immediately report unauthorized purchases;
- Never write down PINS and passwords — memorize them — and do not use

Site offers recycled goods

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL
Consumers can find more than 100 diverse recycled-content products from almost 60 Texas manufacturers on the Internet at www.TexasRecycled.org.

Using products made from recycled materials conserves the state's natural resources, energy, and water when compared to using virgin materials.

Buying recycled materials creates a market for the items recycle from home and the workplace.

"The Texas Recycled website is a great resource for finding Texas products that help conserve our natural resources," said Gary Olp, a Dallas architect specializing in environmentally sensible design. "It is amazing the number of products that are made in Texas and included on the site."

The benefits of recycling and buying recycled are more than just environmen-

tal. According to a study by the Southern States Energy Board, companies that process recovered materials or use them in manufacturing recycled-content products pump nearly \$2.9 billion into the state's economy and employ more than 20,000 people.

"Purchasing recycled-content products made in the Lone Star State allows Texans to show their pride in our state's environment and economy," said Woody Raine, Texas Recycled program coordinator.

Products listed on the Texas Recycled website include:

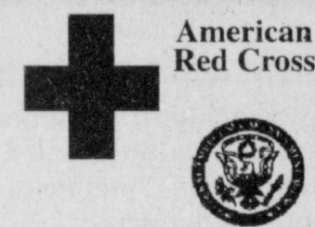
- Architectural and building products;
- Landscaping products;
- Paper and office products;
- Roadway and other construction products;
- Vehicular products;
- Wood products; and others.

any part of your Social Security number, mother's maiden name, birthdate or address;

- Don't leave paid bills in the mailbox; and
- Check a credit report at least twice a year.

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Emergency Preparedness Checklist



The next time disaster strikes, you may not have much time to act. Prepare now for a sudden emergency.

Learn how to protect yourself and cope with

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

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

Emergency Checklist

Call Your Emergency Management Office or American Red Cross Chapter

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

Also....

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

Create an Emergency Plan

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

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

Prepare a Disaster Supplies Kit

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

Include:

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

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Austin program gets good advice to lawn owners

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL
AUSTIN — As in other rapidly urbanizing areas, too many fertilizers and pesticides are running off lawns in Austin, putting ground-water supplies at risk.

The city of Austin has teamed with Texas Cooperative Extension to tackle this problem at the source — residents in neighborhoods.

They have introduced the Grow Green program, which helps educate people on the least-toxic approaches to lawn care, with the goal of reducing the quantity of landscape chemicals that seep into waterways and degrade water quality.

"We are concerned about maintaining the excellent water quality that Austin has always enjoyed," said Cathy Nordstrom, Grow Green coordinator for the City of

Austin Watershed Protection Department. "The key to solving this problem, we think, is not regulation, but education."

One part of the Grow Green program offers a series of classes for employees of the city's parks, garden centers and local nurseries. Landscape experts provide instruction and handouts to help employees inform the public about less-toxic pesticides and integrated pest management options.

"Probably three of four people who come into the store ask for our input on what chemicals to use," said Sam Fleischmann, an employee at Breed and Co. "A lot of people do ask us for safer alternatives, and we turn to the Grow Green pamphlets for answers."

Garden center employees like Fleischmann attend the

Grow Green classes, taught by Extension, and bring information back to share with co-workers.

Topics covered include the integrated pest management approach to gardening and city water conservation programs.

Grow Green provides quick-reference cards, fact sheets and shelf markers to the nurseries to help residents identify and treat common landscaping problems with less-toxic alternatives.

"The charts and product descriptions on the fact sheets and pamphlets are most helpful to the customer and are easy for the employees to reference — even when they don't get a chance to attend the classes," Fleischmann said.

"This program works really well for nurseries like

us, where we have the chance for one-on-one service with the customer," he added.

During the past year, 32 nurseries have joined the program, including many of the area's largest, such as Breed and Co., Wolfe Nurseries, Barton Springs Nursery, Home Depot, Lowe's, Red Barn Garden Centers and Wal-Mart.

Employees of these stores can reach thousands of residents with messages about safe chemical use.

"People are really receptive to the safer alternatives the Grow Green fact sheets and product guides offer," said Tracy Newberry, a Texas certified nursery professional at Wolfe Nursery in Round Rock.

"A lot of our customers have small children and pets and want to do what's best

for them as well as the environment. We are right on top of the Edwards Aquifer, and our customers are aware of water-quality issues.

"I'd say 80 percent of them choose the safer alternatives when they are presented," Newberry said.

The Grow Green website also helps home gardeners answer yard-care questions, identify pests and diseases and choose less-toxic products.

A follow-up pilot program, Stillhouse Spring Cleaning, was launched last January to improve water quality in Stillhouse Spring, located in an environmentally sensitive recharge zone of the Northern Edwards Aquifer.

Water-quality data show the spring's nitrate levels (caused by chemical runoff from fertilizers) are some of

the highest in Austin.

In the project, residents of the 200 homes near the spring are encouraged to follow Grow Green guidelines.

The participants enjoy many benefits, such as landscaping rebates, neighborhood fire-ant treatment and free soil tests, and they reap handsome rewards, such as a safer environment, less exposure to chemicals and cleaner water.

"We are hoping that the scientific results after five years will show a difference in the water quality," Nordstrom said. "It just takes time to undo the damage that is done in such a short period of time. That is something we all need to think about."

More information about Grow Green is available at www.growgreen.org.

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February 28, 2002

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR A MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE PERMIT PROPOSED PERMIT NO. MSW 2291 APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. The City of Mulshoe has applied to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) for a permit (Proposed Permit No. MSW 2291) to authorized a new Type I-AE municipal solid waste disposal facility. The proposed site covers approximately 43.31 acres and will provide 29.55 acres for landfilling purposes. The facility is located approximately 1.0 mile east of the City Limits of Mulshoe, Texas, approximately 1.8 miles southeast of the intersection of U.S. Highway 84 and State Highway 214 in Bailey County, Texas. This application was submitted to the TNRCC on March 27, 2001. The TNRCC executive director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The executive director has made a preliminary decision to issue this draft permit. The permit application, executive director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at the City of Mulshoe City Hall, 215 South 1st Street, Mulshoe, Texas, 79347, in Bailey County. **MAILING LISTS.** You may ask to be placed on a mailing list to obtain additional information regarding this application by sending a request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. You may also

ask to be on a county-wide mailing list to receive public notices for TNRCC permits in the county. **PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING.** You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comment or to ask questions about the application. The TNRCC will hold a public meeting if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing. **You may submit additional written public comment to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 within 30 days from the date of newspaper publication of this notice.** **OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING.** After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material or significant public comments. The response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who requested to be on a mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting a contested case hearing or reconsideration of the executive director's decision. A contested

case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court. A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the commission will only grant a hearing on issues that were raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn. Issues that are not raised in public comments may not be considered during a hearing. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION.** The executive director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the executive director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and requests to the TNRCC Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. **INFORMATION.** If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TNRCC Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. General information about the TNRCC can be found at our website www.tnrcc.state.tx.us. Further information may also be obtained from the City of Mulshoe at 215 South 1st Street, Mulshoe, Texas 79347, in Bailey County, or by calling the City Office at (806)272-4528. Issued February 20, 2002. Published in the Mulshoe Journal February 28, 2002.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Mulshoe Independent School District intends to examine alternatives to its present food service program. All interested parties must attend a Pre-proposal Conference and District Tour on **March 18, 2002 at 8:30 AM at Mulshoe ISD Administration Building, 514 West Avenue G, Mulshoe.** No offer of intent should be construed from this legal notice that Mulshoe Independent School District intends to enter into a contract with any party for alternative food service unless, in the sole opinion of the District, it is in the District's best interest to do so. All costs involved in submitting alternatives to the Mulshoe Independent School District's current food service program shall be borne in full by the interested party and should be kept to a minimum. A copy of the Request for Proposal can be obtained by contacting: Trae McNeill, Business Manager, Mulshoe ISD, 514 West Avenue G, Mulshoe, TX 79347, 806-272-7400. Mulshoe Independent School District reserves the right to accept any proposal which it deems most favorable to the interest of the District and to reject any or all proposals or any portion of any proposal submitted which, in the District's opinion, is not in the best interest of the District. **MULSHOE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**
By: Trae McNeill
Title: Business Manager
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- 3-2-1 carport Home, Brick, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, 1,880' Lv. area, fenced yd., MORE!! \$47.5K!! L-1
- 3-2-2 Brick, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, 2000+lv. area, fenced yd., MORE!! \$75K!!

HIGH SCHOOL AREA

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- VERY NICE 3-1-1 Brick, Heat pump, DW, nice carpets, fenced yd., MORE!! \$30's!!! HS-1
- 3-2 Home, corner lot, fl. furn. heat, fenced yd. \$25K!! HS-10
- HWY. 84-2-1 1/2-2 Brick, Cent. Heat, win. air, built-ins, fans, workshop/storage, fenced yd., also good office location!! PRICED REDUCED!! 40K!! HS-2
- 3-1 Home, Fl. furnace, fans, storage & 2 apartments, corner lot!! \$35K HS-3
- VERY NICE 3-1-1 Brick, Cent. A&H, built-ins, nice carpet, FP, large covered patio, fenced yd., stor. bldg., MORE!! \$49K!! HS-4
- 2-1 Home, corner lot, stove, refrig., fans, workshop & storage, fenced yd.!! \$23.5K!! HS-8
- EARTH - 4-2-2 carport home, Heat Pump, fans, storage-workshop!! \$35K

- EARTH - VERY NICE 2-2-2 Brick, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, 2770' lv. area, nice carpets, loads of storage, cellar!! MORE!! \$85K!!

COMMERCIAL

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- An approx. 5.1 acre tract w/approx. 144.5' frontage on Hwy. 84, approx. 1584' office, 1320' shop, 4000' shop, & 2880' bldg., has railroad access, 2 mobile home hookups, MORE!!
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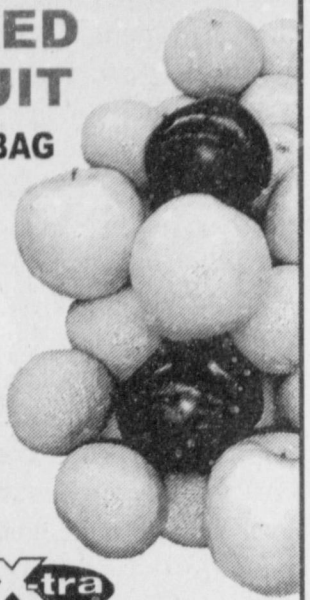
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