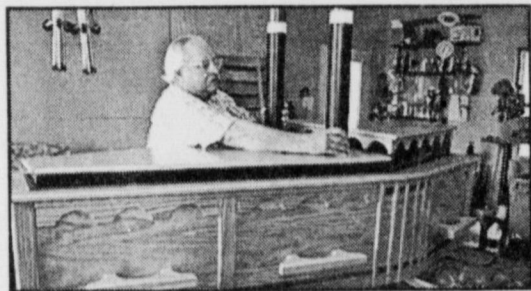


## PAGE ONE

A QUICK READ OF THE NEWS



Bert Sperath finishes a steamboat coffin in his Murray, Ky., workshop.

### Custom coffins catching customers with cachet

Anyone who has always wanted to have the last word might want to contact two Kentucky artists.

Roy "Bud" Davis and Albert "Bert" Sperath, who live in the town of Murray, create custom-made coffins.

The partners have carved out an inventive niche in the realm of Kentucky-crafted objects, and over the past six years have gained an impressive list of patrons from Georgia to Nova Scotia, Maine to Washington state.

An upbeat Cynthiana, Ky., woman ordered hers in Easter colors, the outside finished in hand-rubbed yellow ochre and the inside lined in purple satin.

A California rottweiler, Oscar of Oakland, is in the doghouse for the last time.

His ashes reside in an urn fashioned as a cherry-wood box with, appropriately, dogwood feet and a finial topped with a glass dog eye.

But what may be the most bizarre commission in the already unusual portfolio is a steamboat-shaped coffin, complete with dual smokestacks.



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### On this date in history

**July 29** — Fort Griffin is established (1867) on the Clear Fork of the Brazos River, northeast of present-day Abilene, on the West Texas frontier. It was first called Camp Wilson, but the name was changed to Fort Griffin on Feb. 6, Sam Bass is killed at Round Rock, Texas (1878).

**July 24** — Napoleonic exiles at Champ D'Asiles on Texas' Trinity River abandon their settlements amid rumors of a Spanish move against them (1818).

### LOCAL WEATHER

Monday and Tuesday should be somewhat clearer, but otherwise there is still a good chance for partial cloudiness. Sunday should be seasonal, with a high temperature of about 94, but the heat is expected to return Monday with a high around 100, dropping into the upper 90s through Thursday.

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## Plan aims to allow aliens to work farms legally

### JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

A bill being co-sponsored by Rep. Larry Combest would allow foreign workers to spend 10 months a year employed in U.S. agriculture and return to their home countries for the other two months.

The Agricultural Opportunity Act, being described by its proponents as a "win-win situation for farmers and farm workers," bears some resemblance to the old Bracero program of decades ago.

They say the proposed pilot program would provide farmers with a stable work force and assure them that harvest will not be interrupted by the mass deportation of their work force.

The employees, in turn, avoid the inherent risks of being undocumented workers and gain the protection of U.S. labor laws.

The bill would establish a registry in each state where producers requested one. The registry would attempt to match available workers to the agricultural jobs then available in that state.

Workers would sign up with the registry indicating their qualifications, the kind of work they would do, and where they would consider going.

If an employer hired a worker under the program, then everyone working for that employer would be screened to make sure they were all legal.

An employer would be allowed to list jobs with the registry as a way of making sure beforehand that people being hired were legally eligible to work in the U.S.

Fees for use of the registry would be established.

A summary of the bill that was forwarded by Combest's office lists these reasons why the bill is needed:

- "A sizable majority of the agricultural workforce is unauthorized to work.

- "Employers cannot determine who is really legal and who is not until the Immigration and Natural-

ization Service audits employers and deprives them of their workforce, often during critical harvest periods."

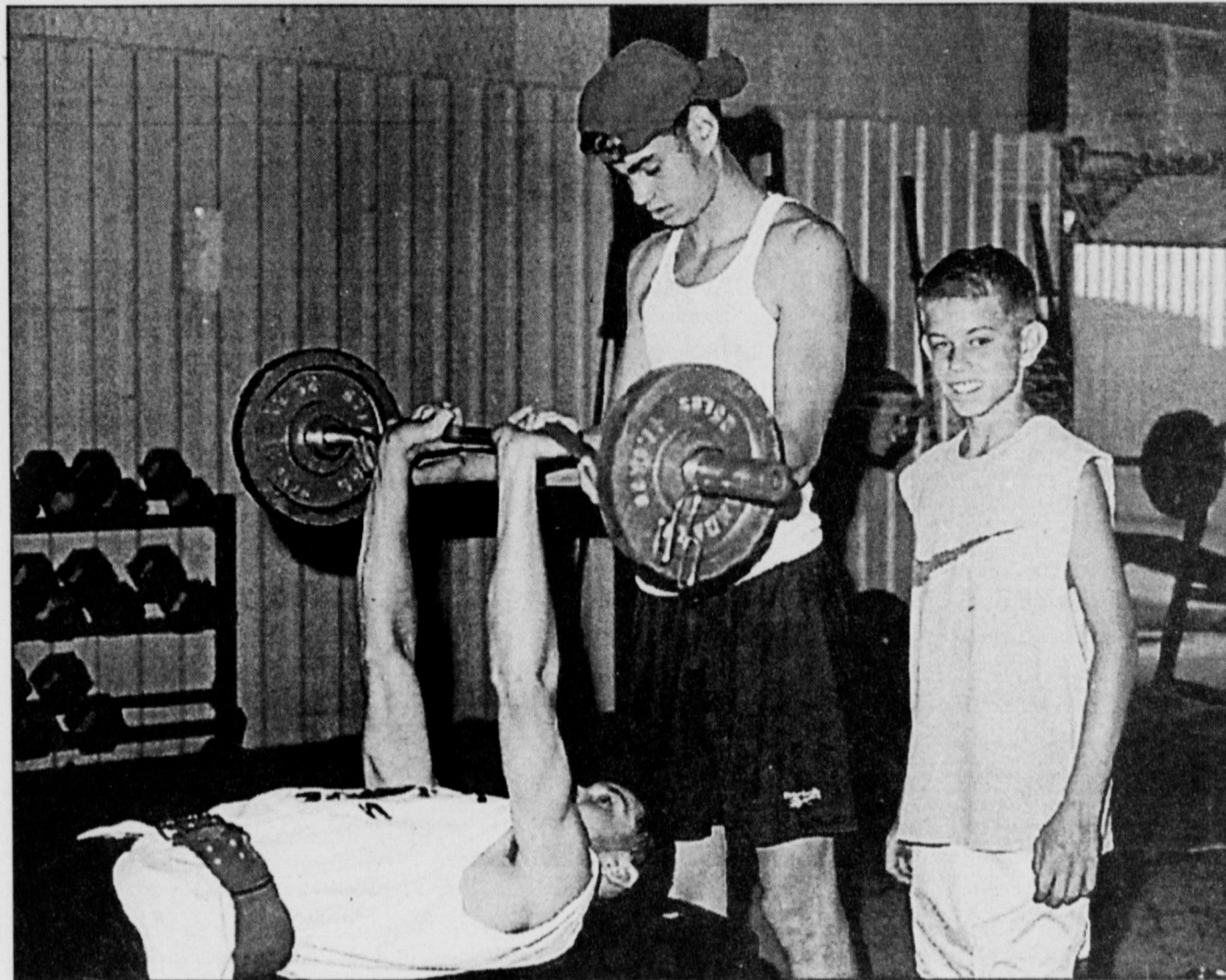
- "Agricultural employers are increasingly receiving letters from the Social Security Administration

after filing W-2 reports that an authorization document is fraudulent."

- "Agricultural employers cannot attract workers due to the current full-employment economy which affords workers more desir-

able year-round opportunities.

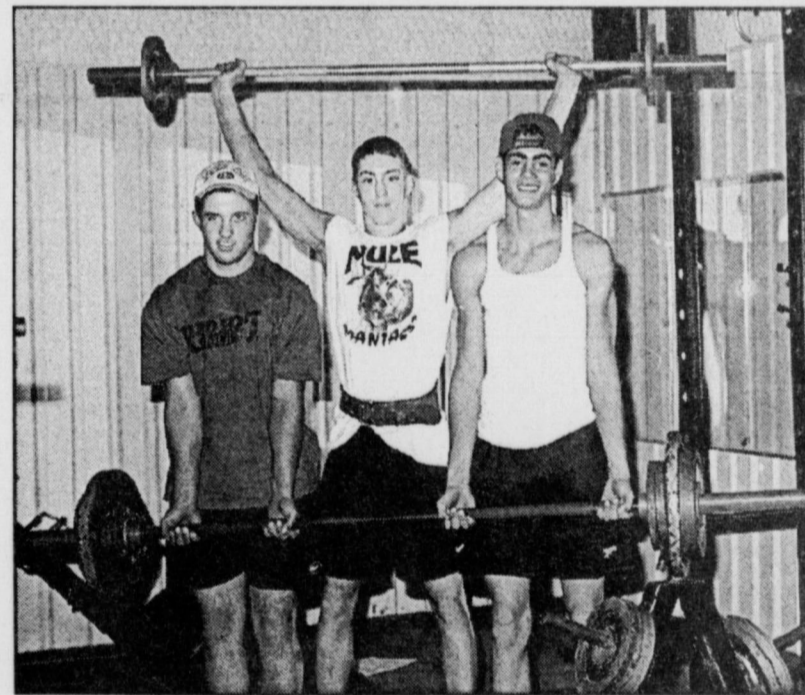
"Coordinated efforts by agriculture and state welfare and employment departments to attract farm workers in rural counties even with comparatively high unemployment have been unsuccessful."



Journal photos: Beatrice Morin

### Hard-working Mules

Above, Muleshoe High School sophomore Brennan Broyles (center) spots his older brother, senior Brandon, as the latter performs a bench press getting ready for the start of another football season. Younger brother Brady supervises. At right, senior Cade Hooten (left) and the two older Broyles brothers show off for the camera. The two older boys expect to play defense on the varsity team, which is scheduled to play its first regular-season game Sept. 8 against Amarillo Caprock. The following two weeks — Sept. 15 and Sept. 22 — get right into district play, against Slaton and Friona, respectively. Dimmitt will finish up the regular-season, on Nov. 10.



## Crash kills Muleshoe newcomer

### JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

A 21-year-old man who recently moved to Muleshoe to begin a new job was killed Thursday in a traffic accident on Texas 214 just north of the Bailey County line.

Justice of the Peace Todd Ellis, who pronounced the victim dead on arrival at Muleshoe Area Medical Center, said he understood Roy Bird in Ground, 21, was a Native American who had lived in Muleshoe only a short time.

Acquaintances said Bird in Ground was from Montana.

Spokespeople for both the Parmer County Sheriff's Department and the

Texas Highway Patrol said Friday that details of the crash were not available.

Bird in Ground reportedly was a passenger in a pickup that collided with a tractor-trailer rig.

Two other people riding in the pickup, Roy Tarango and Thomas LaForge, both of Muleshoe, were taken to the Muleshoe hospital.

A hospital spokeswoman said both were still hospitalized 24 hours later, but that both were stable. The pickup came to rest right-side up in a field several feet east of the highway.

The truck driver reportedly was uninjured.

## New jury may be empaneled in August

### JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

More Bailey County residents may be receiving jury summonses in August — but if a jury is needed, its members could have a considerably less traumatic time in the jury box than two recent juries who considered slayings.

District Court Clerk Elaine Parker said Friday that court officials will know after the Aug. 9 court session whether a jury panel will be called for Aug. 21.

One case already scheduled for trial at that time is that of Anita Pérez Alarcón, accused of theft by deception in the alleged disappearance of money where she worked.

Her attorney recently filed several motions seeking potential evidence related to the case, including a request to be informed about any previous criminal record of the victim.

The Aug. 9 docket call includes some defendants indicted July 10 by a local grand jury.

Among those is Alvaro Ernesto Pérez Jr., accused of assaulting a family member. Court records indicate he has a previous conviction in a similar situation dating from Sept. 15, 1998.

Plea bargaining or continuances could eliminate the need for a jury in August. Parker said that, if needed, jury summonses will be mailed after Aug. 9.



Journal photo: Beatrice Morin

### Restoring service

Jackie Ethridge (in bucket) and Russell Byers (on ground) work Thursday afternoon repairing a Southwestern Public Service cable on 13th Street that was damaged in a truck accident. The incident affected telephone, cable TV and electrical service in southwest Muleshoe.

## AROUND MULESHOE

### Muleshoe Beall's to remain open

Stage Stores Inc., the parent company of Beall's department stores, that a dozen Beall's stores in Texas will be closed, but Muleshoe is not among them.

Stage Stores filed for reorganization in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Houston on June 1.

The Texas stores that will be closed are among 120 nationwide that the company is shutting down. The company also is seeking a new chief executive officer. In the meantime, it is being led by interim CEO Jack Wiesner, former head of C.R. Anthony Co., which stage stores bought in 1997.

### School board bails out insurance fund

Members of the Muleshoe School Board voted Friday to loan \$117,000 to the district's Group Health Trust account to make up a shortfall caused by claims on the district's health insurance plan.

The action came in a special board meeting after district business manager Tracy Ray told the board Monday night that the account was overdrawn and the district would be facing service charges on the account.

The insurance account had operated with a surplus of as much as \$400,000 until large claims two and three years ago began eroding the fund's position.

The district now is facing a hefty increase in costs for health insurance, and the board is still debating how much of the hike will be absorbed by the district and how much employees will be asked to contribute.

### Trinity sets vacation Bible school

Trinity Christian Center Church of Muleshoe has scheduled its "End of Summer" vacation Bible school for 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. July 26-29.

The evening schedule was chosen to allow parents to attend with their children if they wish.

Games, prizes and snacks are planned, as well as Bible stories for children of all ages.

More information is available by calling Sharla Stanford at 272-3877.

### Reading program to feature medical field

The Muleshoe Area Public Library's summer reading program will feature speakers from various medical-related fields on July 26.

Anticipated speakers include Scott McCall, Joby Clayborn, Robert Leopard, Kasey Miller and an EMT.

Each speaker will tell students a little bit about their individual work.

The program begins at 3 p.m. and is designed for kindergarten graduates through fifth grade.

### Softball fund-raiser scheduled

Friends of the Library's Men's Softball Tournament has been set for Aug. 11-13, with an entry deadline of Aug. 8.

Trophies will be awarded to the first-, second-, third- and fourth-place teams and T-shirts will go to first, second and third. MVP and Golden Glove trophies also will be awarded.

Entry fee will be \$120 per team, with low class D and E teams accepted.

More information is available by contacting Richard Orozco at 272-3576 (after 7 p.m.), Kevin Smith at 272-4051, "Shorty" at 272-5112 (after 7 p.m.) or the library staff at 272-4707.

### 3-on-3 basketball tournament set

A Muleshoe Area 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament is being planned for Aug. 3-5 in the Christian Life Center at First Assembly of God, 521 S. First St.

The cost is \$40 per team, and the entry deadline is 3 p.m. July 29. Entries are to be turned in at Louie's Shear Shack on Main Street. Entries are payable with cash or money order upon entry.

Entries by mail will be accepted, but must meet the same deadline. They should be sent to Westin Price, 703 W. Avenue J, Muleshoe 79347. Entrants are asked to print all material so it will be easy to read, and be sure to specify which age bracket is being entered.

The four brackets will be:

- Boys ages 12-14;
- Girls ages 12-14;
- Men age 15 and older; and
- Women age 15 and older.

Brackets will be mailed July 31 to the captain of each team.

### Lazbuddie school reunion scheduled

The Lazbuddie school reunion, held every five years, is being planned for July 29-30 this year.

The event will begin with a golf scramble at 8 a.m. July 29 at the Muleshoe Country Club. The \$35 cost includes golf fee, cart fee, lunch at the club, and a souvenir towel. Entries are limited to 60.

More information on the scramble is available from Jerry Don Glover at 965-2162.

Reunion registration begins at 10 a.m. the same morning at the school. Lunch will be served at noon by the Class of 2001.

At 3 p.m. there will be an assembly, where awards will be presented and recognition given to honored guests. The evening will be available for individual groups and class gatherings.

July 30 registration begins at 11 a.m. at the school. Beginning at 11:30 a.m., lunch will be catered by Riversmith's of Lubbock. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$4.50 for children. Reservations are available by calling Donna Glover at 965-2162.

The afternoon will be given over to visiting.

The first such reunion was held at the Star Ranch in 1907.

### Annual Lingo reunion scheduled

The annual Lingo community reunion is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 6 at the Portales Senior Citizens Center, 501 N. Industrial Drive.

A potluck lunch will be served. Attendees are asked to bring

a generous covered dish to share, and also are encouraged to bring old photos or other memorabilia.

Lingo is on New Mexico 114 just west of the Bailey County line.

More information is available by calling either Milz Bickley or Betty Williamson at (505) 675-2353 or e-mailing windswept@yucca.net.

### Public calendar

July 24 — 7 p.m. Jennyslippers' "ladies' night out membership drive" at Mule-Putt Miniature Golf Course.

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. The Journal's fax number is 272-3567.

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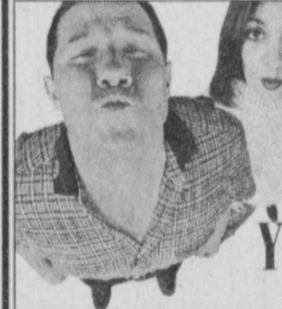
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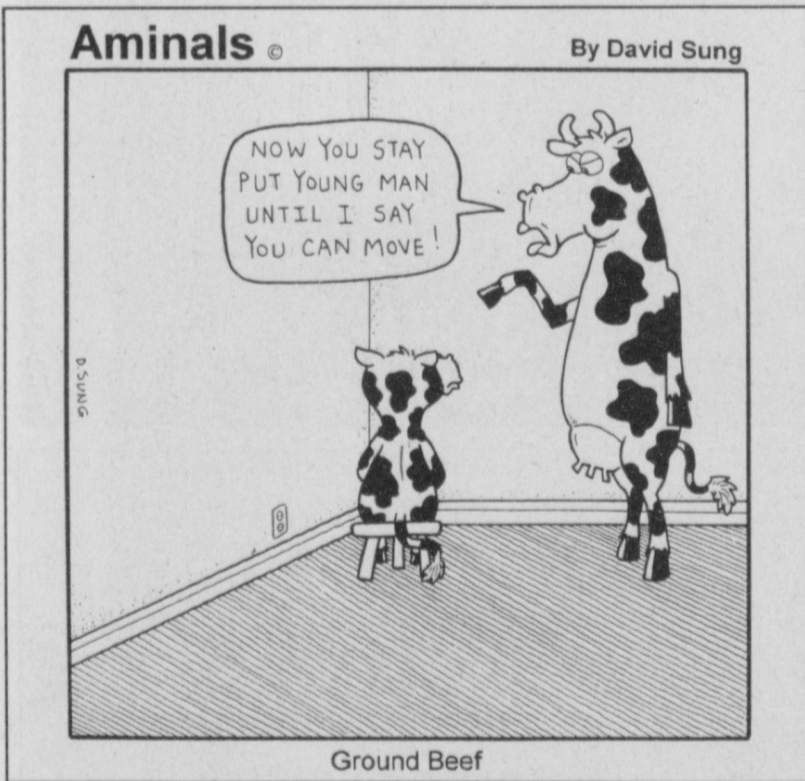
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### TOPS NEWS

Sixteen TOPS No. 34 members met July 20 at the regular site, the Muleshoe Church of Christ. The meeting was opened and presided over by the leader, Laverne James.

Missy Royal led both TOPS songs, "The Slimmer We'll Be" and the "Goodnight Song."

The previous week's minutes were read by co-leader Polly Otwell in the absence of Janis Hughes, secretary.

Elaine Coburn was presented a present in honor of her recent birthday. The other members sang "Happy Birthday" to her.

Weight recorders Betty Jo Davis and Alene Bryant gave the results of the weigh-in.

The best-loser position

was a three-way tie between James, Joline Franklin and Linda White. First runner-up was Molly Davis.

James shared an interesting and humorous article titled "Only in America!"

The article "hit home" more than a few times.

James also read several country and homespun-style jokes.

The Red Pepper Tree Contest is still in progress and going well under the direction of contest chairperson Jewel Peeler.

Members say this is one of the favorites among the contests the chapter has held.

The next meeting of TOPS No. 34 is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. July 27 at the same site.

Visitors are welcome.

### HONORS

#### TRACY

Jeff Tracy, a recent graduate of Amarillo High School, has received merit and golf scholarships to attend St. Bonaventure University in New York, where he will major in pre-law.

He played golf for four years. Other honors included being named best second-year German student, winning the Department of Physics Award and the Sandie Spirit Award, and being named to Who's Who in American High Schools and the all-academic team.



Tracy

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Tracy of Amarillo and the grandson of Alene Bryant and the late A.C. Bryant Jr. of Muleshoe.

#### WT GRADUATES

Three Muleshoe-area students were among the 476 spring graduates of West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

Kevin J. Bush received a bachelor of science degree in biology, Bryan A. Field received a bachelor of business administration degree in marketing and Crista J. Trussell received a bachelor of fine arts degree in graphic design.

Members of the graduating class represented 88 Texas towns, eight states and three countries.

## You snooze, you lose. Read the news!

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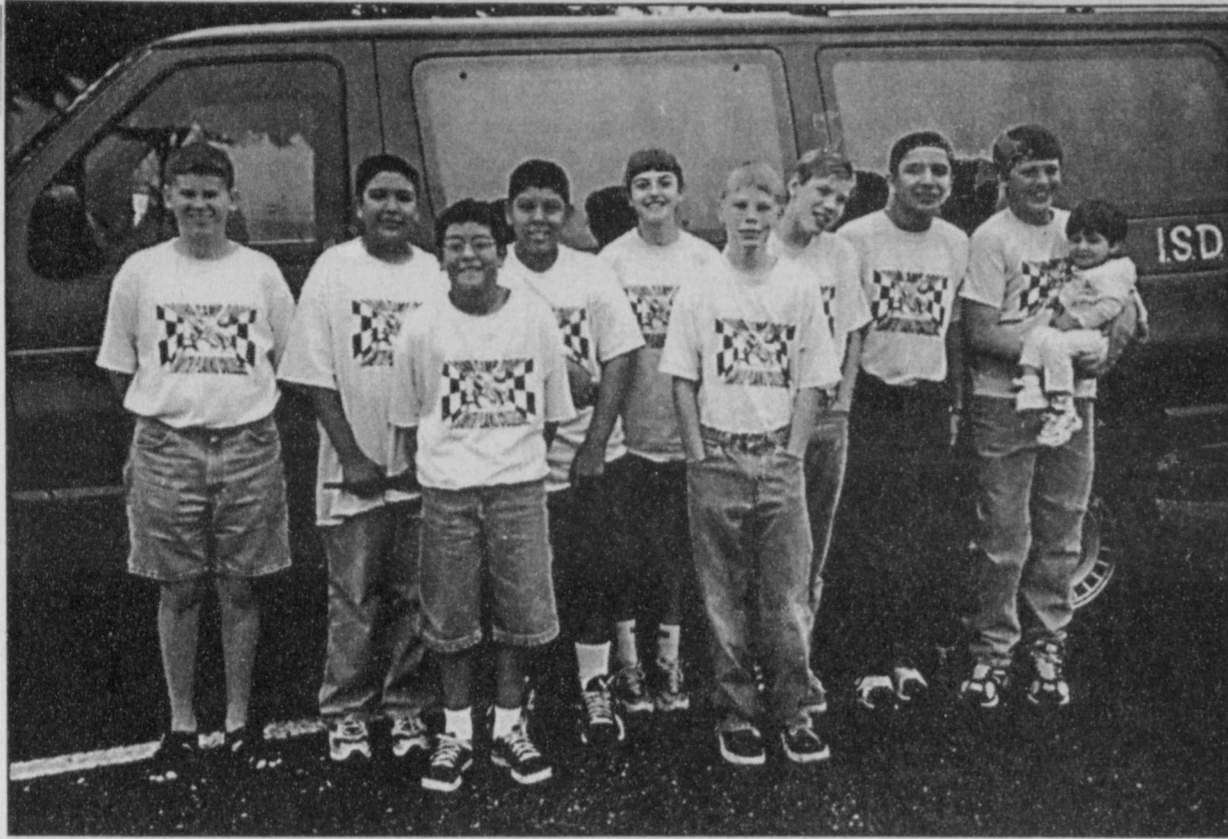
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Watson Junior High School students attending the recent junior high band camp at South Plains College in Levelland included (from left) Nicholas Green, J.C. Orozco, Josh Ramirez, Patrick Duarte, Shalisa Ladd, Zach Hall, Quinton Hall, Cristóbal Almanza and Brandon Simnacher (who is holding Tara Flores, the granddaughter of Watson band director Becky Jones). Not present for the photo was Brant Wedel, who also attended the camp.

## 10 students attend band camp

Ten Watson Junior High students attended South Plains Junior High Band Camp in Levelland in June.

More than 200 students from across the area participated in the day camp.

Many classes were offered such as jazz band, music appreciation, theory, history, marching drum major, flags and twirling as well as sectionals and band practice.

Recreational activities such as swimming, video games and other games also were a part of the daily routine.

Phil Phyllaier and Becky Jones of Muleshoe transported the students every day and taught classes and sectionals at the camp.

The students had chair tests over material they had prepared

on the Monday morning to determine which of the three bands they would be in, as well as what chair they would make.

Band I was comprised of the most advanced students, with less experienced students in bands II and III.

Students from last year's Watson beginning band, and their placements, were: Shalisa Ladd, percussion Band II; Brandon Simnacher, tuba, Band III - first chair; Patrick Duarte, baritone, Band II - first chair; Josh Ramirez, saxophone, Band III - first chair; and Zach Hall, trombone, Band I - sixth chair.

Students who were in junior high band with two years experience were: Nicholas Green, saxophone, Band I - second chair; Quinton Hall, baritone,

Band I - fourth chair; Cristóbal Almanza, mallats, Band I - second chair; J.C. Orozco, percussion, Band I; and Brant Wedel, percussion, Band III.

Daily awards also were given throughout the week. Duarte received the brass maintenance award as well as the brass technique and music history awards. Simnacher received the marching award, Ladd was given a drumline award, Green received the marching and the drum major awards, Almanza received the music history award (on two different days) and Quinton Hall was awarded the brass maintenance and the conducting awards.

The camp concluded with a Saturday-morning concert that featured each of the three bands as well as the two jazz bands.

## LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION

The Muleshoe Ladies Golf Association held its July luncheon July 19.

President Darlene Henry called the meeting to order. She thanked Sheryl Engelking for the festive red, white and blue decorations.

Connie Domínguez served ham topped with pineapple and cherries, candied yams, green beans, rolls, vegetable salad and chocolate cake. Henry commended her on the beautiful and delicious meal.

The event had one visitor, Henry's daughter Sherry Cross. She had good news for the members concerning her triplets.

A report was given on Cookie Bamert, who is expected to get out of the hospital soon.

July birthdays include Pat Kirk and Henry.

Anita Allgood reminded the ladies that noon Aug. 18 is the entry deadline for the Jennyslippers tournament, which will be at 9 a.m. Aug. 19. The cost will be \$70 per team plus cart.

Breakfast will be served, cash prizes offered and a meal served afterward. This one-day scramble will be flighted by blind draw.

Linda Elder reported that seven members played in the High Plains Tournament at Hereford. The team brought home three points - one contributed by Elder and two from Neets Foster. They will play at Dimmitt in August.

Engelking, the association's play day chairman, awarded a play day ball to Analita Haley for being first on the No. 8 green. The June 5 scramble got rained out. On June 12 Deborah Noble received a sympathy ball for playing by herself.



Big winners at the Muleshoe Ladies Golf Association's Memorial Tournament were Analita Haley (left), low net (67), and Yolonda Philips, low gross (86).

The association hosted its Memorial Tournament on June 19. Haley was the low-net winner with a score of 67 and low gross went to Yolonda Philips with a score of 86. They were awarded crystal candy dishes as mementoes of their achievements.

Allgood won this month's door prize.

Henry concluded the meeting

## BIRTH

### GUTIERREZ

Joe and Rachel Gutiérrez are the parents of a son, Kobe Alexander Gutiérrez.

He was born at 9:41 a.m. June 25 at University Medical Center in Lubbock.

He weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long.

by thanking the members for their support after the recent death in their family.

Members attending were Allgood, Elder, Engelking, Foster, Haley, Henry, Kirk, Noble, Philips, Tammy Black, Ronda Box, Claudine Elliott, Kay Field, Pam Miller, Dorothy St. Clair, Jana St. Clair, Helen Templeton, LaVern Winn and Elinor Yerby.

He has a sister Heather, 7, and a brother, Joe Angel, 5.

Grandparents are Rosie Lujan of El Paso and Mary Vásquez and Henry Toscano, both of Muleshoe.

Great-grandparents are Margarito Gutiérrez of Farwell and Geronima Pérez of Odessa.

## PUBLIC RECORD

### MULESHOE POLICE

July 8 David L. Navejar, 33, stalking.

July 10 John Aaron Mendoza, 32, assault.

July 13 Michael Ray Bara, 45, assault - family violence.

July 16 Israel Mata, 33, DWI; Antero S. Estrada, 39, DWI (second); Armando Davila, 50, public intoxication;

July 19 Jonathan Ruiz, 18, failure to appear.

### SHERIFF'S OFFICE

July 12 Rachel Refugio Ochoa, 17, criminal trespass, criminal mischief, evading, immigration hold;

Ricky Dean Zogg, 38, failure to maintain financial responsibility and displaying fictitious registration

July 16 Anthony Chevy Lasoya, 17, burglary of a vehicle (two).

Nico Juan Campos, 17, burglary of vehicle (two).

July 17 Tracy Serpa, 42, Bailey County warrant and motion to revoke.

### STATE POLICE

July 13 Jeremy McCloud, 20, failure to provide identification.

July 15 Candelario Villegas Ruelas, 23, immigration hold.

Ignacio Villegas Ruelas, 21, immigration hold. Roberto Guerra III, 17, minor in consumption. Ernesto Toscano, 19, no seat belt and minor in consumption

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ASHER WAS THE SECOND SON OF ZILPAH, LEAH'S MAID SERVANT (GEN. 30:12,13,35:26) HIS BLESSING GIVEN BY JACOB ON HIS DEATHBED IS THUS WORDED:  
 \*OUT OF ASHER HIS BREAD SHALL BE FAT,  
 AND HE SHALL YIELD ROYAL Dainties.\*  
 (GEN. 46:20)

HE HAD FOUR SONS AND A DAUGHTER NAMED SERAH (GEN. 46:17; I CHRON. 7:30) THE TRIBE OF WHICH ASHER WAS THE PROGENITOR, WAS ASSIGNED THE TERRITORY TO THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY OF PALESTINE AND, IN THE SOUTH, BOUNDED BY CARMEL, A LENGTH ABOVE SOME SIXTY MILES. (JOSH. 19:24-31) UNFORTUNATELY THE ASHERITES COULD NOT EXPEL THE CANAANITE INHABITANTS FROM SUCH STRONG CITIES AS SIDON, ACCHO, TYRE, AND THIS FAILURE TO CAPTURE AND OCCUPY THE PHOENICIAN PLAIN, ALONG THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA, LEFT THEM ONLY THE INLAND HILL COUNTRY--EXCEPT NEAR CARMEL. HOWEVER, THIS TERRITORY WAS WELL ADAPTED FOR THE GROWING OF OLIVE TREES--SO THAT THE BLESSING OF MOSES UPON THE TRIBE OF ASHER COULD BE FULFILLED --  
 \*BLESSED BE ASHER WITH CHILDREN,  
 LET HIM BE ACCEPTABLE UNTO HIS BRETHREN AND LET HIM DIP HIS FOOT IN OIL.\*  
 (DEUT. 33:24)

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### Garden Spot of the Week

This bed at the home of Heriberto and Lupe Mendoza, 218 E. Cedar, is the Jennyslippers' Garden Spot of the Week for July 13-19. It is a good example of minimal planting, producing a spare, very contemporary look.

### AREA PIONEERS

Thirty-three people attended the annual meeting of the Muleshoe Area Pioneers at the Bailey County Coliseum on July 4. President Marsshal Head called the meeting to order and led the opening prayer. Guests were registered by Jack Bates; Natalie Head led the Pledge of Allegiance. Glenda Jennings entertained the group with puppets and songs.

Maureen Hooten gave a history of her family settling early in Bailey County. Ladene Spears gave the treasurer's report. A drawing for Leal's meal tickets was won by Bill Johnson, Alton Epting, Fern Davis, Marshall Cook, Lavone Hinkson and Katie Roubinek. Cook was elected as the group's new president and Spears was retained as treasurer.

## Herding instinct never leaves even if ignored

I sat across from an urban stranger in a restaurant the other day. He had some kinda fried meat and beans on his plate. I noticed he spent considerable time chasin' those beans around the edge, crowding them up against the baked potato keeping them together. Now and then a bean would break to the outside or hang back, and he was on 'em like a striking snake! But he never skewered the outlaw frijole. Just patiently shoved it back in with the bunch. Then he'd sneak under the pile and quietly life a forkful and put it in his mouth. I knew he must have herder blood in his ancestry. He surely was descended from stockmen of yore and still possessed that herding instinct. I have seen many examples of this hereditary predisposition — first-grade teachers



going from the classroom to the playground, window washers Squeegee-ing each drop off the plate-glass window, long-gone urban herders raking leaves, pickin' pecans or even making precise swaths with the lawnmower driving the clippings into a smaller and smaller circle. You may notice it, too, when you're in the company of people wearing wingtip shoes or tasseled loafers. If he opens the door, then steps back and, with a sweep of his arm, enfolds everyone in the building, you can bet he's got cow manure in his veins or at least some goat hair in his DNA. To further bolster my con-

attention that these characteristics are real, just spend some time around a border collie or any other dog that has not been raised in town. These dogs are constantly in search of something to gather or drive or even just torment. Pigeons, cats, postmen, kids and even shadows fall prey to their primal instinct. Sometimes it's kind of sad when you realize what a big chunk of their happiness is never going to be realized. I had that same thought

about the stranger herding his beans around his plate: He probably had an unsatisfied longing to be punchin' cows or herding swine. Without thinking, I asked him, "Do you miss 'em?" "Yeah," he said. "Sometimes I just feel this terrible urge to go bite a hock."

### OBITUARIES

**BELLAR**  
Services were held Friday at the Sudan Church of Christ for Modena Bellar, 88, of Littlefield. Kerry Hurst and Joey Bellar officiated. Burial was in Sudan Cemetery.

Ellis Funeral Home of Sudan handled arrangements.

Mrs. Bellar was born March 13, 1912, in Denison, Texas. She died July 19 at Knight Nursing Home in Littlefield.

She married Ed Bellar in Vernon. They moved from there to Lazbuddie and then, in 1930, to Sudan. He died March 20, 1987.

Mrs. Bellar was a homemaker and a member of the Sudan Church of Christ.

She is survived by two sons, Waymon Bellar of Sudan and Joe Bellar of Littlefield; three sisters, Venita Cummins of Grand Prairie, Texas, Irene Boswell of Lubbock and Eugenia Abbott of Vernon; a brother, William Thomas Cardwell of Grand Prairie; six grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Sudan Fire Department/EMS.

**SMITH**  
Graveside services were held Friday at Littlefield Memorial Park for Leatha Smith, 91, of Olton. Gary Skaggs and the Rev. Randy Tucker officiated.

Mrs. Smith was born Jan. 25, 1909, in Childress. She died July 19 in Running Water Draw Care Center in Olton.

Ellis Funeral Home of Muleshoe handled arrangements.

She married L.A. Smith on Dec. 21, 1935, in Clovis. She moved to Olton in 1995 from Gainesville, Texas. She had been a schoolteacher and was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Olton.

She is survived by two daughters, Mary Allison of Gainesville and Hellen Adrian of Muleshoe; three grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

**DANFORTH**  
Services were pending Wednesday for Beulah Mae Danforth, 91, of Earth. She died July 19.

Parsons-Ellis Funeral Home of Earth was handling arrangements.

**MERRITT**  
Services were held Saturday at

the First Baptist Church of Morton for Estellina Merritt, 67, of Morton. The Rev. Danny Jackson officiated. Burial was in Morton Cemetery.

Ellis Funeral Home of Morton handled arrangements.

Mrs. Merritt was born Aug. 17, 1932, in Lubbock. She died July 19 in Morton.

She had been a resident of Morton all her life and married J.D. "Dake" Merritt there on July 1, 1949. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband; two sons, James Dee Merritt of Decatur, Texas, and Coy Merritt of Morton; two sisters, Carolyn Sue Pond of Fort Worth and Norma Eling of Muskegon, Mich.; three brothers, Truman Weed of Saint Jo, Texas, Kenneth Weed of White Oak, Texas, and Donald Weed of San Antonio; five grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

The family suggests memorials to the First Baptist Church of Morton or to the Alzheimers Association (3601 Fourth St., Room 3A-116, Lubbock 79430).

**TROY COX**  
Services for Troy Cox, 82, of Portales will be held at 10 a.m. (Mountain time) Monday in

Wheeler Mortuary Chapel of Portales. The Rev. Darryl Tenefos will officiate. Burial will be in Portales Cemetery.

Mr. Cox was born March 12, 1918, in Westville, Okla. He died July 20 at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

During the Depression, he worked in a Civilian Conservation Corps camp in western Wyoming planting trees and doing forestry work.

He moved to Portales in 1938 and began work in the body shop of a local car dealership. In 1940, he joined the U.S. Army, serving as a bridge engineer in England and later in France and Germany.

He returned to Portales in 1945 and studied welding and mechanics under the GI Bill. He worked for a short time in West Texas oil fields but soon returned to Portales. For a number of years, he commuted to work at Empy's Welding and Machine Shop in Clovis. Later he worked in Portales for Wilbur Wallace and Walter Bureson, and then in Muleshoe. He retired in 1982.

He and Esther Lidzy were married June 12, 1954.

He was a Baptist and was for a time active in the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He enjoyed gar-

dening, but his favorite pastime remained welding and he became known for making gates and other items for himself and others.

He is survived by his wife; a son, Tommy Cox of Las Vegas, Nev.; two brothers, Robert N. Cox of Hagerstown, Md., and Leon Cox of Hobbs, N.M.; a sister, Josephine Simeich of Ashford, Wash.; and two grandchildren, Dustin Thomas Cox and Jamie Lee Cox, both of Lyman, Wyo.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Alvin Cox, and a daughter, Marsha Kay Cox.

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# Stanfield, Treider marry in Bryan

Kristen Margret Stanfield and Russell Ray Treider Jr. were married June 3 at Heritage Park in Bryan, Texas.

The candlelight, double-ring ceremony was performed by the Rev. Chris Osborne of Central Baptist Church. A selection of scriptures was read by the Rev. Tim Skaggs, also of Central Baptist.

During the ceremony, "This Day" was sung by Jamie Skaggs of Bryan, "Because You Loved Me" was sung by Barbara Dobyns (the bride's aunt) of Conroe, and "I Will Be Here" was sung by Daniel Hronek of Waco.

A rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom's mother and stepfather.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Derrek Stanfield of College Station. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Mosier Jr. of Palacios, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Stanfield of Bryan. She is the great-granddaughter of Mrs. Mae Mosier of Palacios and Mrs. Lillian Turner of Spring, Texas.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lance Leschper of College Station and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Treider Sr. of Plainview. He is the grandson



Mr. and Mrs. Russell Treider Jr.

of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Cook and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Treider, all of Muleshoe, and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Head of Levelland. He is the great-grandson of Mr. and Mrs. George Mitchell and Nola Treider, all of Muleshoe.

Escorted to the park's gazebo by her father, the bride wore a silk gown embellished with pearls. The bride's attendants wore light pink and light yellow gowns.

Serving as maid of honor was Kelli Gibson of College

Station. Bridesmaids were Samantha Dobyns (a cousin of the bride) of Conroe, Rachel Meisel of College Station and Christen Wiese of Bryan. The flower girl was Abbey Head (a cousin of the groom) of Albany.

The best man was Jamin Hacker of Tulia. Groomsmen were Kyle Frazier of College Station, Brian Head (a cousin of the groom) of Bryan and Daniel Stanfield (brother of the bride) of College Station.

The ringbearer was Landon Leschper and the candlelighter was Logan Leschper (both brothers of the groom), both of College Station. Ushers were Brian Olson of College Station and Stephen Osborne, Brian Skaggs and Dustin Stanfield (a cousin of the bride), all of Bryan.

The bride is a 1998 graduate of A&M Consolidated High School and a former employee of the Brazos County Tax Assessor's Office, motor vehicle division. The groom is a 1998 Tulia High School graduate and is stationed in Norfolk, Va., as a damage controlman, third class, in the U.S. Navy.

The newlyweds are living in Virginia Beach, Va.

## NURSING HOME NEWS

by Joy Stancell

Brother Beivley of the Progress Baptist Church and Joline Franklin directed the devotional reflection time Thursday morning.

Ladies from the American Boulevard Church of Christ baked and served pies to residents that afternoon.

Friday morning, Pat Watson came for music therapy.

Friday afternoon, the Menonite youth from Farwell came to visit and sing to the residents.

On July 11 and July 18, Claudine Embry, Dorothy Turner, Ann Williams, Donna Locker, Pat Watson, Mary Jo Burge and La Nell Stancell came to work in the beauty shop and give shampoos, haircuts and sets.

On July 8 and July 15, Melvin and Wanda Griffin and Harold and Mary Jo Burge directed the bingo "bash." Clark Price and Doris Jackson baked cookies for refreshments.

On July 9, the Muleshoe Singers came for a gospel sing-

ing service. On July 16, members of the Primitive Baptist Church came for church services.

On July 12, Buster and Wanda Kittrell, Harold and Mary Jo Burge served coffee and doughnuts to the residents at coffee time. Brother Steve Claybrook, Loyce Killingsworth and Buster Kittrell directed the devotional singspirational time.

On July 19, Harold and Mary Jo Burge, Anna B. Lane and Loyce Killingsworth served coffee and doughnuts to the "coffee club." Harold Burge read the news and led discussion time. Brother Steve Claybrook, Killingsworth, Lane and Jim Claunch directed our devotional singspirational time.

On July 12, Glenda Jennings and Jackie Scoggins led the sing-along. On July 19, Jennings, Jonessa Brockman and Gage directed and entertained at the sing-along.

Nettie Quesenberry was vis-

ited Wednesday by her daughter Anna B. Lane, her granddaughter Michell Standard and great granddaughters Tiffinay, Lakin and Kalce Hatcher and grandson-in-law Roy Hatcher of Clovis.

Among the center's visitors this week were Joe Embry, Elsie Damron, Norma Eves, Melvin and Wanda Griffin and Margaret Wilhite.

Gladys Wilson visited the center and delivered homemade Rice Krispie treats.

A special friend had Decorators Floral to make and deliver to the center two beautiful fresh flower arrangements.

Cari Kidd's family hosted a birthday party for her Wednesday afternoon in the center's day room. Birthday cake and punch were served to the residents, volunteers and staff.

Harold and Avis Carpenter

entertained on July 7.

Minnie Underdown was visited over the weekend by her daughters and their husbands, E.H. and Rita Little of Dalhart and Lon and Dorothy Martin and Laurence and Doris Jackson of Hereford.

Kathrine Rogers was visited by Clinton and Maxine Rogers and Elsie Damron.

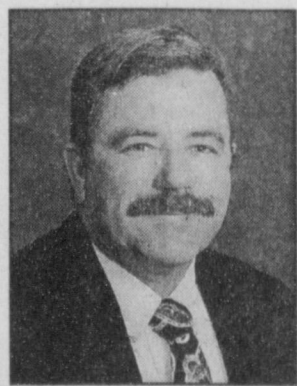
The July birthday party is scheduled for 3 p.m. July 27.

Michelle Standard gave Zaoda Gibbs a haircut Tuesday morning.

The center's residents and staff express sympathy to the family and friends of Margie Copley.

Guy Kendall was visited by his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Kendall, and his wife, Elsie, over the weekend. They surprised him with a new television set.

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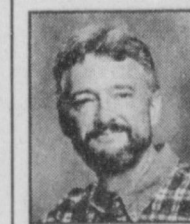
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So, what's in a name?

My own parents named me Curtis Kline. (No jibes, now, it wears just as well as Milton Scott or William Jehoshaphat or Delton Eli or Richard Milhouse or Clive Staples . . .) Presumably, Mom and Dad liked the sound of it, but more than that, they liked the two gents whose names they borrowed, Curtis Humphries and Kline Nall.



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Curtis Shelburne

Uncle Kline, longtime English professor at Texas Tech, wrote a letter to me (I was still in the crib at the time) explaining that my names meant "courteous little one," and I hope the description is still at least halfway accurate.

Names are interesting things. Some prestige seems to be attached to having either fewer—or more—than old Billy Bob Smith who has just the usual three. Cher, Madonna, Friedrich Heinrich Karl La Motte-Fouque.

The prophet Hosea got into all manner of trouble after he married a woman named Gomer. Well, what did he expect?

I once met a good kid named Lambert as I was substitute teaching for my brother's Amarillo High Bible class. Lambert was a toothy

little smidgeon of a kid whose parents must've bought one of those baby name books, flipped it open in some haste, popped their finger over to an entry in the L's, and landed upon "Lambert," pretty much guaranteeing that their son would never find his name etched into a cornerstone as CEO of a Fortune 500 company. Which is probably way overrated anyway.

William Frederick Halsey. It was the right name for an admiral a long time before Halsey won flag rank.

John Hancock. Johann Sebastian Bach. Oliver Wendell Holmes. William Henry Harrison.

Lambert Stromp. Not the same. Then there was the fictional uncle who Garrison Keillor writes about in some of his "News from Lake Wobegon" stories. The gentle, unassuming little man was Senator K. Torvaldsen, and, no, he was not a senator. He had, in fact, never been elected to any public office at all, much less the United States Senate. But his parents liked the ring of "Senator," didn't care a fig for the names in baby name books, and cared even less about the fact that nobody else ever named a kid "Senator." They were proud Norwegian Minnesotans perfectly willing to pioneer a new naming trend, and they thought "Senator" would do just fine as a first name, which, for him, it was. And I suppose they were right.

Whatever our names, if we've committed our lives to God, we wear His name. Wear it well.

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