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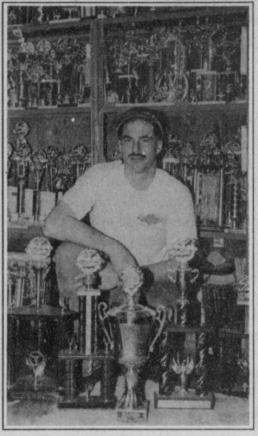
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Need for speed

Bailey County resident Jerd Vinson (left) is one of the top midget racers in the Southwest. He has hundreds of trophies (above) to prove it.

"I love the speed, the competition, the camaraderie between teams, and of course winning. There's no greater feeling than that."

-Midget racer Jerd Vinson

YEAR IN REVIEW '98

Murder trial top local story

By RICK WHITE **Managing Editor**

Like most businesses, the Journal staff was busy this week taking inventory.

While going through our files, we picked out the following as the top 10 stories that appeared in the Journal in 1998:

A Bailey County jury deliberated less than three hours on Oct. 23 before finding Joseph Carpenter of Muleshoe innocent of the murder of his next door neigh-

The decision brought an end to nearly 18 months of suffering for the 35-year-old Carpenter and his family.

The 10-day trial before District Court Judge Jack D. Young in October hinged on whether the jury believed it was possible for a defendant to make a Stadium. false confession to the crime because there was no physical evidence to link Carpenter to the crime scene.

But the burning questions remain, if Carpenter didn't kill 20-year-old Muleshoe housewife Faviola Mendoza, then who did and are they still walking the streets of Muleshoe?

The badly beaten body of deficit. Mendoza was found in her West 20th Street home the morning of April 13, 1997. Carpenter was arrested and charged with the murder three days later.

But even the biggest murder trial this decade had to share

the front page with the resurgent Muleshoe football team, which energized the whole community with a wondrous 10-2 season.

The Mules entertained legitimate playoff hopes for the first time in years entering the 1998 season.

But even the most optimistic fan couldn'thaveenvisioned the Mules'

magical ride that ended with their first district title since 1979 and their first playoff berth since 1983.

A 28-15 win against Littlefield in their district opener stamped the Mules for real. But the regular-season highlight came when Muleshoe whipped arch-rival and previously unbeaten Friona 21-6 in the mud and muck of Benny Douglass

Scheduled for Friday, the game was halted in the second quarter because of a series of strong thunderstorms. When the teams picked up where they left off the next afternoon, senior fullback Greg Pena sloshed his way for 178 yards and two fourth-quarter touchdowns as the Mules rallied from a 6-0

Muleshoe rallied to beat Sanford-Fritch 14-13 in overtime in a bi-district contest before losing to Crane 28-14 in the second round.

The Muleshoe community was rocked with another murder when 19-year-old Yvette Barraz was found dead in her car in the border town of Presidio.

Barraz was last seen March 11 in the parking lot of a Mule-

shoe restaurant where she worked. Her body was found two days

A warrant was issued for former boyfriend Gilberto "Tito" Reyes of Muleshoe, who was last seen crossing into Mexico.

Reyes, then 24, was captured three months later at a Portales, N.M. hotel and charged with the abduction and murder of Barraz. He was extradited to Texas in July and is being held without bail in a Lubbock jail.

No trial date has been set.

Muleshoe area farmers were hit with a devastating drought in the spring. Experts estimated the drought had a \$1.7 million impact statewide. The local impact was estimated at \$8 million. The local dryland cotton crop was virtually wiped

Record temperatures kept sprinklers running around the clock most of the sum-

mer, severely cutting into the profits of farmers and ranchers. All this after an unusually

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Ife in the fast lane

By LESLI RADFORD Journal staff writer

Racing has been a way of life for Jerd Vinson since he was 12.

He said that he gets his need for speed from his dad, who used to race before Jerd was born. "He took me to a race in Lubbock and I asked one of the guys who was racing if I could ride in one of his cars," said Vinson. "I've loved racing ever since."

The Bailey County resident is one of the top midget race car drivers in the Southwest, finishing fifth in the nation in 1998 in the open cockpit cars powered by 600 cc motorcycle engines.

He said that in the racing world,

everyone is family. "I may only see the people I race with once a year, but it's a very close-knit group."

Racing has also formed a special bond between Vinson and his father. "He's my best friend," Vinson said. "I think that racing has helped us stay close." His mother has missed only a few races since Jerd took over his father's legacy, and his dad has missed even less.

"It's a full time job," he said. "I spend several hours, sometimes until 2 o'clock in the morning, getting a car ready for a race."

The 28-year-old owns and operates Southside Welding in Muleshoe.

He said that his love for racing is a combination of things. "I love the speed, the competition, the camaraderie between teams, and of course winning," said Vinson. "There's no greater feeling than that."

He said that midget racing is about "pride and prestige" because there is little money in it.

"You hardly get any sleep during racing season," said Vinson. "We might have a race in Amarillo on Friday night and have a race Saturday night in Oklahoma. We put more than 35,000 miles a year on our (race car) trailer traveling

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A QUICK READ OF THE NEWS

Now wait a second

WASHINGTON — The arrival of 1999 was postponed, just a bit.

The folks who keep track of time added one second to the end of 1998 — a leap second.

Such leap seconds are needed from time to time because the atomic clocks used to keep time are more precise than the Earth, which varies a bit in how fast it rotates.

So, to keep the clocks and the planet in synch, leap seconds are added to clock time. It seems easier than trying to adjust the spin of the Earth.

LOCAL WEATHER

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EXTENDED FORECAST

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ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Jan. 1 - The Emancipation Proclamation, intended to end slavery in the U.S., is issued by President Abraham Lincoln (1863).

Jan. 2 — Sen. John F. Kennedy announces his candidacy for President of the U.S (1960).

Jan. 4 — The treaty between America and Britain ends British sovereignty in the U.S. (1784).

Jan. 5 — The first demonstration of x-rays is given by German physicist Wilhelm Roentgen (1896). Jan. 6 - Samuel Morse gives the first public demonstration of his electric telegraph (1838).

Monterey eliminates Mules 69-59

confidence in the second half,"

Muleshoe coach Ralph Mason said.

"Once that happened, they started

LUBBOCK - Muleshoe was one solid quarter away from a big halftime lead and a likely spot in the

consolation finals of the ABC Caprock Holiday

Tournament. The Mules failed to finish what they started, allowing Lubbock Monterey to rally for a 69-59 victory Wednesday at Coronado High

School. Muleshoe was on the verge of taking control of the game after a strong first quarter but lost its focus.

"We let them back in the ball game and they played with a lot of

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knocking down their shots."

Propelled by Josh Washington (20 points) and Mic Sutherland (12 points on four 3-pointers), the Plainsmen pulled away from the Mules in the second half.

Dustin Cleavinger led Muleshoe (11-6) with 22 points while Mitch Mason chipped in three 3-pointers and 11 points.

By beating Brownfield 67-59 Tuesday in a consolation quarterfinal game, Muleshoe con-

tinued its habit of beating the teams it is supposed to beat and coming up short against the others.

"We still haven't gotten the win we're looking for," a disappointed Mason said. "We haven't beaten that 5A school or a really good team that will get us over the hump. But we're going to, whether it's this season or next year . . . "

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Scientists warn of more servere droughts

WASHINGTON - American mega-droughts over decades and dwarfing even the 1930s' Dust Bowl could again wreck the nation's Great Plains agricultural "bread basket" next century, according to U.S. sci-

Paleoclimatic studies of tree rings and archeological remains suggest the U.S. heartland has seen numerous severe droughts over the last 2000 years, the Commerce Department's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) study said.

"Conditions that could lead to severe droughts, such as that of the late 16th century, could recur in the future, leading to a natural disaster of a dimension unprecedented in the 20th century," said Jonathan Overpeck, head of NOAA's paleoclimatology program.

Scientists want state planners to take into account a possible upswing in unpredicted droughts and to better conserve well water for irrigation while diversifying farm economies.

By 2020, quality water from the High Plains Ogallala Aquifer supplying 30 percent of the ground water used for U.S irrigation will be drained, they warn.

University of Colorado scientist Connie Woodhouse, who works at NOAA's National Geophysical Data

Center in Boulder, Colorado, said more droughts are to be expected.

"Paleoclimatic records of the past 400 years strongly indicate that the severe droughts of the 20th century, the 1930s Dust Bowl and the 1950s drought, were not unusual events," she said.

'(They) suggest that we can expect to have droughts of this magnitude once or twice a century."

Drought in the Plains states, which stretch north from Texas to the Dakotas, has had a special resonance in American culture since the 1930s event, which scientists say lasted

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AROUND MULESHOE ...

Acosta completes Navy deployment

Navy Seaman Charles Acosta, 1996 graduate of Muleshoe High School, recently completed a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean, Indian Ocean and Arabian Gulf aboard the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln.

While deployed in the Arabian Gulf, Acosta's ship aided multinational interception operations in prohibiting contraband transports to and from Iraq. Planes from the embarked air wing flew 1,855 missions to support sanctions imposed by the U.N. against Iraq after the 1991 Gulf War.

Acosta is the son of Dimas Acosta of Muleshoe.

Charity seeks children's programs funds

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Lubbock, Inc. is accepting funding requests for projects and programs in Lubbock and surrounding South Plains and eastern New Mexico communities for non-profit organizations whose programs/projects help to improve the quality of life for children and their families. Grants will be considered for three distinct areas: civic and social services, education and the arts, health care and medical research.

To obtain a Grant Application Form, or for more details, call the Ronald McDonald House at (806) 744-8877.

Friona offers winter basketball league

The Friona Youth Commission will be sponsoring a Men's Sunday Afternoon Basketball League from Jan. 24 through March 14.

Sign-ups must be in by Friday, Jan. 15 at 4 p.m.

Teams will be limited to 10 people per team at \$300 per team. All proceeds from this event will go toward the Friona Youth Empowerment Program.

All participants will receive a T-shirt. Trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places will be awarded after the tournament.

For more information contact Joe Lafuente at (806) 250-2761

or e-mail joe@wtrt.net.

CCC holds commencement exercises

Three Muleshoe students completed their degree requirements during the Fall 1998 Commencement Convocation on Friday, Dec. 11 in the Student Activity Center at Clovis Community College.

Dana M. Bartholf received an associate of applied science degree in business computer information systems. Robert R. Orozco received a certificate of completion in practical nursing. Linda Kay Lee received an associate of science degree in business administration. Linda graduated with honors, which requires a 3.5 or higher cumulative grade point average.

Census takers needed in this area

The U.S. Bureau of the Census is seeking persons interested in becoming census takers, crew leaders and office clerks to help with local census taking efforts.

Anyone interested in earning extra money are encouraged come by the Texas Workforce Commission office at 804 W. American Blvd. in Muleshoe on Wednesday, Jan. 6, 13, 20 or 27

Bring a valid driver's license or photo identification and social security card. Veterans also need to bring a copy of DD214.

Participating persons will receive competitive hourly wages and mileage reimbursement (33¢/mile). Evening and weekend work is required.

For more information, contact Jeff Coffman at (806) 272-7537 or call toll free 1-888-325-7733.

Square dance lessons

Square dance lessons taught by James Pettus of Portales, N.M. will start at 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 14 at the Bailey County Coliseum. Singles, couples and families are welcome. It is a smoke free and alcohol free environment. The first two lessons are free.

The deadline for items to appear in Around Muleshoe is 5 p.m. Monday for Thursday's edition and 5 p.m. Thursday for Sunday's edition. Items can be mailed (PO Box 449), called in (272-4536) or faxed (272-3567).

It happened in 1998

Imagine that the experiences we go through and the people we meet are scraps of material. As each year of our lives pass, the different pieces eventually intertwine to form a great work of art called life. To the quilt this year, we've added both happiness and sadness—births, weddings and obituaries. As we prepare to start 1999, take a moment to share a smile or a tear with the community as we remember these 1998 events published in the Journal.

NEWCOMERS

Marcos Raul Gonzales was born on Jan. 7 to Raul and Maribel Gonzales of Sudan.

Erin Taylor Settle was born on Jan. 13 to Stephanie and Shannon Settle of Muleshoe.

Lexie Marie Ramirez was born Jan. 14 to Valentin and Rosario Ramirez of Bovina.

Alexander Diaz was born Jan. 26 to Angelica Diaz of Muleshoe

Marco Godinez was born Jan. 28 to Mr. and Mrs. Armando Godinez.

Cameron Scott Hardwick was born Jan. 17 to Michael and Jenna

Hardwick of Ralls Ashton Faith Shultz was born Feb. 2 to Joey and Missy Shultz of

Sudan. Michal Kate Durington was born Jan. 30 to Kendra and Val Durington

of Abilene. Zachary Wilson was born on Feb. 16 to Wade and Kristy Wilson

of Sudan. Austin Dane Stancell was born March 5 to Steven and Elaine

Stancell of Muleshoe. Cambree Haseloff was born March 10 to Darren and Lorre Haseloff Tahoka.

Ethan Rhodes Northcutt was born March 3 to Mark and JoRonda Northcutt of Pasadena.

Joseph Anthony Sena was born March 20 to Joe and Francisca

Sena of Lubbock. Elias Michael Fuentes was born

April 28 to Crystal and Jessie Fuentes of Bovina

Lorena Ingrid Soto was born May 3 to Rosa and Javier Soto of Friona Timothy Aaron Perez was born May 19 to Rebecca and Dulces

Perez of Muleshoe. David Armand Pedroza was born May 24 to David and Brenda Pedroza of Artesia, NM.

Jet Ryan Black was born May 5 to Monty and Brittni Black of Mule-

Mia Addison Clapp was born May 5 to Rob Clapp and Irene Logan-Clapp of Lubbock.

Taylor Raye Hamilton was born May 22 to Ronnie Gail and James Ray Hamilton of Midlothian.

Leona Rachelle Whitworth was born June 17 to Seth and Gaylene Whitworth of Muleshoe.

Jacob Vargas was born June 23 to Mr. and Mrs. Israel Vargas of

Nicholas Stephan Harvey was born May 8 to Stephan and Joy

Harvey of Lubbock. Brittany Marie and Amanda Nichole Chancey were born June

24 to Joey and Shonda Chancey of Whiteface.

Abigail Rhiannon Jesko was born June 15 to Dustan and Stephanie Jesko of Lazbuddie.

Nela Klassen Blatz was born July 11 to Anna and Frank Blatz of Friona.

Jesus Leonardo Rodriguez was born July 10 to Jorge Sr. and Monica Rodriguez of Muleshoe.

Tristan Robert Long was born July 10 to Brad and Shelley Long of

Cynthia Leticia Pineda was born July 15 to Linda and Jose Pineda of

Earth Dylan Reed Miller was born July 9 to Kurt and Valinda Miller of Mule-

Rose Munoz was born July 26 to

Norma G. Hernandez of Muleshoe. Rheanne Martinez was born Aug. 3 to Lupe and Janet Martinez.

Diego Garcia was born Aug. 5 to Lorena Garcia of Farwell Kendall Stancell was born Aug.

9 to Carey and Kathy Stancell. Melissa McCowen was born Aug. 14 to Mike and Summer

McCowen. Samantha Cortez was born Aug. 4 to Fidencio and Kristy Cortez.

Lynzee Jordan was born July 30 to Damon and Zanna Jordan of Nogales, Ariz.

Patricia Azua was born Aug. 18 to Israel and Lidia Azua. Lesley Toscano was born Sept.

13 to Teresa Toscano and Pedro Nunez, Jr. of Earth. Rachael Colette Precure was

born Oct. 14 to Dr. Michael and Laura Precure of Muleshoe. Taylor Esteban Reyes was born Oct. 14 to Ivan and Lori Reyes of

Manuel Reyna Jr. was born Nov. 12 to Manuel and Regina F. Reyna

Camilo "Tre" Villa was born Nov. 25 to Sharon and Woody Villa of

Emily Ann Precure was born

Nov. 24 to Carroll and Terri Precure of Muleshoe Taylor Belle Scoggin was born

Dec. 6 to Justin and Kim Scoggin. Sarah Ann Paige Richards was born Dec. 8 to Dean and Pam Richards of Sudan.

Norberto Diaz III was born Dec. 16 to Norberto, Jr. and Kit Diaz of

Blake Walter Parker was born Dec. 23 to Benny and Karissa Parker of Muleshoe.

James Clarence Johnston was born Dec. 23 to Jim and Laurie Ann Johnston of Wichita Falls.

Hugo Alexis Chacon Astorga was born Dec. 25 to Leonel and Perla Chacon of Sudan. JOINED HEARTS

Stephanie Gore and Shannon Settle were married Jan. 2 in Clo-

Cari DeAnn Turner and Jeffrey David McIntire were married Nov. 29 in Muleshoe.

Brandi Waggoner and Wade Angeley were married Jan. 15 in

Sonya Dawn Smith and Matthew Clayton Alexander were married

Jan. 31 Muleshoe. Angela Denise Bock and Wayne Wallace were married April 11 in

Muleshoe. Kristi Shay Turner and Conrad Douglas Flusche were married April

18 in Muleshoe. Laura Michelle Dent and Timothy Merle Rader were married May

16 in Muleshoe. Jeremy S. Bruns and Kathryn McCollough were married May 24 in Lubbock

Amy Marie Burton and Bron Buress Johnson were married May 16 in Amarillo

Crystal Erin Howe and Chad Freeman were married May 30 in Muleshoe.

Misty Davenport and Cody Marion were married July 18 in Las Vegas, Nev. Tisha Young and Dale Hughes

were married July 12 in Muleshoe. Susan McKinney and Corey Dodd were married Aug. 8 in Mule-

Elizabeth Barbra-Ayne Lennon

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and Dink Isaac Pitcock were married July 31 in Muleshoe. Laurie Anderson and Darin

Shaw were married Sept. 19 in Austin. Kristi Bennett and Ike Blasingame were married July 17 in

Muleshoe. Tara Cox and Greg Young were married Aug. 5 in Whitedeer.

Amanda Marie St. Clair and Scott David Adams were married Aug. 22 in Muleshoe. Margaret Lynn Richardson and

Mark Ernest Paul were married Oct. Neshell Johnson and Michael Thompson were married Nov. 21.

REST IN PEACE Dalia Speck Betts, 84, of Morton

died Jan.1 Billy B. Hanna, 73, of Sudan died Jan. 7.

Floyd Flemming, 68, of Yucca Valley, Calif. died Jan. 6.

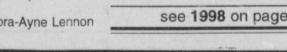
Tommy Nellyn Chaney, 72, of Abilene died Jan. 6. Buddy Adrian, 80, of Earth died

Jan. 10. Wallace O. "Buzzy" Jones, 79, of Earth died Jan. 11

Roy Dail Hilliard, 35, of Littlefield died Jan. 12.

Callie Mae Dyck, 81 of Lubbock died Jan. 8.

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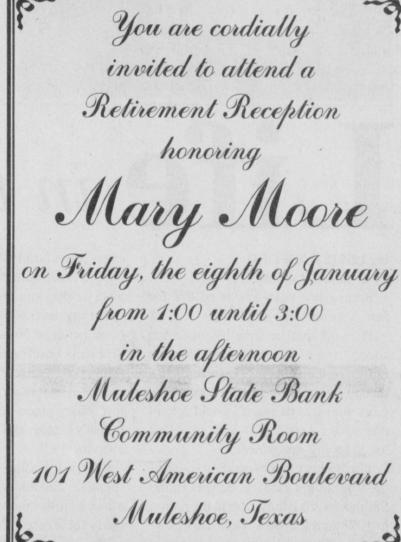
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Less than ten years ago we were still frozen in the Cold War, standing nose to nose with Russia. Both countries know where they stood. They could count on Canada and the U.S. producing enough grain to cover their shortage AND we could count on them having a shortage. It was a great arrangement particularly because it



was financed by the U.S. government. Food had always been a weapon in the Cold War sparring.

I wrote a column back then stating communism was the friend of the American farmer. If communism were to give way to democracy, Russia would soon be over-producing like we do, and our grain export market would collapse. And guess what. Communism did collapse. The Berlin Wall came down, Russia became a free enterprise country but they are still unable to feed themselves.

Their government is in chaos, they

are low on supplies, their money's no good and they are experiencing their coldest winter in thirty years. They are even a worse loan risk than pre-Gorbachev days. Canada and the U.S. are negotiating billions of dollars worth of foodstuffs.

It is profound that what Russia needs is not improved computer software, medicine, nuclear expertise, better stockbrokers, generals, mechanics, teachers, or even cd players. They need something to eat.

Fear not, my dear Russians, Superman is in the phone booth changing. Help is on the way. Once again the responsibility for saving the day is back on the shoulders of the American farmer. Our state department will dole out "Food Stamps" according to our political needs, and Russia will get in line behind Rwanda.

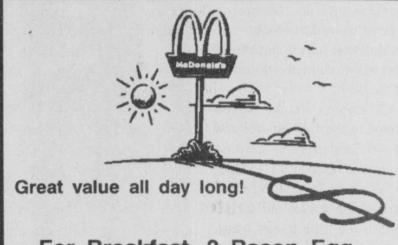


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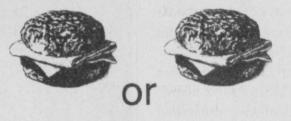
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eight years.

Author John Steinbeck's "The Grapes of Wrath" immortalized the plight of the farmer Okies, or Oklahomans, who suffered from the agricultural devastation which sent thousands fleeing to California or elsewhere in search of a better life.

those who can recall the migrations of destitute farmers from their land to survive, but they may not be the last.

Woodhouse said new evidence shows at least two protracted, multi-decade droughts hit portions of what is now the south and west United States in the 13th and 16th centuries.

Probability and signs of mod-The era left deep scars for ern global warming led the sci-

Droughts continue to elude forecasters. A 1998 drought in

entists to warn that long Texas and Oklahoma surprised droughts could return to the scientists, who foresaw wetter than normal conditions for the region.

OLICE LOG

ARRESTS MULESHOE PD

Dec. 11 — Jose Luis Flores, 17, theft by check.

Dec. 17— Angela Gwen Ulrey, 21, warrant.

Dec. 18— Jose Antonio Marrufo, 25, warrant.

Dec. 20— Ismael "Mayo" Gutierrez, 18, driving with a suspended license.

Dec. 23- Joshua Brent Kitchens, 17, minor driving under the influence.

Bailey County SO Dec. 1 — Jose Garcia Jr., 17, possesion of marijuana.

Dec. 11 — Elijeo Vela Jr., 22, motion to revoke probation.

Dec. 23 — Benito Hidrago Olvera, 35, driving while intoxicated.

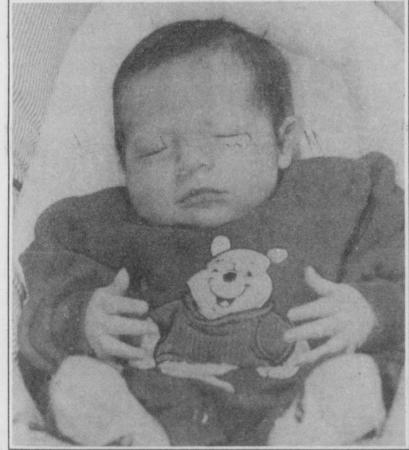
Dec. 25—Ricky Villalobos, 19, public intoxication.

Dec. 25—Roberto Ramirez, 20, public intoxication and minor in possesion.

Dec. 25 - Salvador Olivarez, 28, theft.

Dec. 25 — Jose Luis Ramirez, 24, public intoxica-

RIRTHS



NORBERTO DIAZ

Norberto, Jr. and Kit Diaz of Muleshoe announce the birth of a son, Norberto Diaz III.

Norberto was born at 10:05 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 16, 1998 at University Medical Center in Lubbock. He weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces and was 21 inches long. He has a two-year-old sister,

Grandparents are Alice Gonzales and Norberto and Sylvia Diaz, all of Muleshoe. Great grandparents are Andrew and Monica Gonzales and Jose and Maria Olivas, all of Muleshoe.

Glickman hoping for brighter 1999 for America's farmers

Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman said the focus on agriculture in 1999 should include ensuring farmers have an adequate safety net to fall back on should the low price trends of the last couple of years continue.

He said the trouble experienced by producers in 1998 is proof that more work needs to be done on the 1996 farm bill.

He said the \$400 million in crop insurance incentives recently announced by USDA "is not the end of the proposal," and is not a solution to the problem. "Without some form of supplemental assistance next year, whether that's in the form of risk management or other safety net assistance, I think there could be some problems," Glickman said.

Glickman said 1999 will also bring other policy area priorities to USDA, including: extending hazard analysis critical control points meat inspection guidelines to about 2,500 small-scale processors; establishing national standards for organic food; continuing to improve USDA's record on civil rights; and continued efforts to boost the economic well-being of rural America.

OSPITAL ADMISSIONS

Muleshoe Area Medical Center reported admitting the following patients:

Dec. 24 - Emilina Elizarraraz, Aaron Garza, Christa Garza, Blake Parker, Karissa Parker, Letha Patterson, Clarence Taylor, Billy Weir, Agnes Wolf and Jack Rials.

Dec. 25 — Feliciano Reyes, Arlie Rials and Agnes Wolf.

Dec. 26 - Don Bruns, Emiliana Elizarraraz, Clarence Taylor and Agnes Wolf.

Dec. 27. - Emiliana Elizarraraz, John Purdy, Ellis Sterling, Clarence Taylor and Agnes Wolf.

Dec. 28 — Hattie Coleman, Emiliana Elizarraraz, John Purdy, Ellis Sterling, Clarence Taylor, Marsha Wilson and Agnes Wolf.

Dec. 29 - Hattie Coleman, Julian Jaime, Christine Luna, Sonnia Rank, Clarence Taylor and Lucille Wills.

Dec. 30 - Hattie Coleman, Lawrence Fluellen, Theola Hulcy, Julian Jaime, Christine Luna, Clarence Taylor and Lucille Wills.

Dec. 31 — Letha Beach,

IRTHS

BLAKE PARKER

Bennie and Karissa Parker announce the birth of their first child, Blake Walter Parker.

Blake was born Wednesday, Dec. 23, 1998 at Muleshoe Area Medical Center. He weighed 7 pounds 12 ounces.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J.O. Parker and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Dale both of Muleshoe. Great Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Owen, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Dale and Joyce Ferguson.

Hattie Coleman, Julian Jaime, Christine Luna and Clarence Taylor.



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Tied at halftime, Monterey carved out a 35-29 lead as Muleshoe started slowing in the third quarter, missing its first three shots and five of six free throws.

Muleshoe picked up the scoring pace a little midway through the quarter, but Washington turned a halfcourt steal into a conventional three-point play and Sutherland swished 3pointers on back-to-back possessions as Monterey pushed its lead to 46-36.

Muleshoe never got closer than within eight points the rest of the way.

Cleavinger scored seven points in the first quarter and Mason added five, helping Muleshoe build an 18-11 lead.

"We were dominating every part of the game and taking care of the little things," Mason said. "Then we relaxed and lost focus a little and they (Monterey) took advantage."

"They just killed us on backside rebounds, which gave them a lot of second chances."

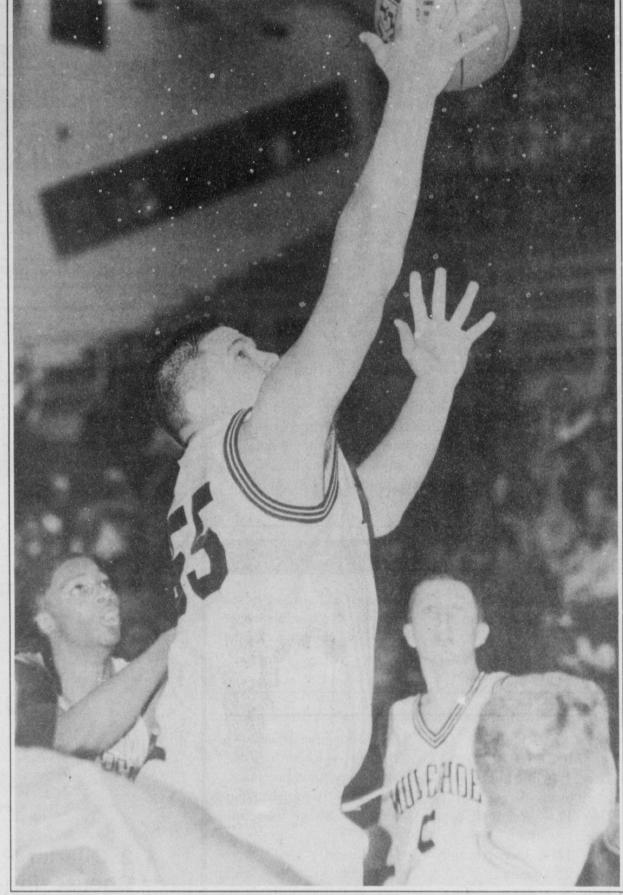
Norman Garrett collected six points off the offensive boards as the Plainsmen outscored Muleshoe 15-8 in the second quarter to tie the game at 26.

Monterey (59) — Hill 3 2-2 9, Sutherland 4 0-2 12, Pope 5 1-5 11, King 20-04, Washington 75-720, Garrett 40-0 8, Moeller 2 1-2 5. Totals 27 9-18 69.

Muleshoe (59) — Lewis 41-29, Bruns 1 0-0 2, Sinclair 3 2-2 9, Hodge 0 0-0 0, Mason 3 2-2 11, Clements 0 0-0 0, Hahn 00-00, Cleavinger 68-1322, Turney 30-2 6. Totals 20 13-21 59.

Monterey Muleshoe

18 8 12 21 59 3-pointers — Monterey 6 (Sutherland 4, Hill, Washington), Muleshoe 6 (Mason 3, Cleavinger 2, Sinclair). Records: Muleshoe 12-6.



Hard to the hole

Muleshoe's Matt Turney lays the ball off glass for two points Wednesday during the second half of a 69-59 loss to Monterey in the ABC Caprock Holiday Tournament at Lubbock Coronado High School.

AREA BASKETBALL SCORES

ABC Caprock Holiday Tournament Lubbuck Wednesday

Championship semifinals Seminole 75, Frenship 64 Abilene 69, Hereford 62

Consolation semifinals EP Jefferson 50, Del Rio 34 Monterey 69, Muleshoe 59 Lubbock High 43, Estacado 42 Levelland 64, Stephenville 58 Championship quarterfinal consolation

Trinity Christian 70, Dimmitt 65 S. Angelo Central 67, Shallowater 49 Consolation

Monterey 52, El Paso Jefferson 49 Consolation Lubbock High 62, Levelland 54

Third place Hereford 67, Frenship 65 Championship Seminole vs Abilene (n)

Tuesday Championship Second round Dimmitt 66, Lubbock High 61 Hereford 64, Stephenville 40

Consolation First round Lorenzo 74, Slaton 59 Ozona 47, El Paso Bowie 42 Whiteface 81, New Deal 47 EP Jefferson 43, Perryton 37 Brownfield 63, Cooper 43 Dalhart 74, LCHS 65 Del Rio 48, Coronado 47

Championship quartefinals Seminole 63, Trinity Christian 55 Abilene 83, Shallowater 49 Hereford 65, San Angelo Central 45 Frenship 60, Dimmitt 58 OT

Consolation quarterfinals MHS 67, BROWNFIELD 48 23 16 14 12 67 Muleshoe Brownfield 7 16 8 17 48 Leading scorers - Muleshoe: Lewis 19, Cleavinger 18, Sinclair 13; Brownfield: Davis 13.

Monterey 92, Whiteface 62 Lubbock High 79, Lorenzo 59 El Paso Jefferson 50, Nazareth 36 Levelland 75, Dalhart 44

New Deal 51, Perryton 49 LCHS 64, Cooper 54 Coronado 64, River Road 36 Monday

First round Hereford 57, EP Jefferson 50 Championship

Wilhite 13, Field 10.

Stephenville 57, Ozona 30

Guarantee games

Late games

Lady Mules 4th at WTGI

SLATON — Muleshoe finished fourth at the West Texas Girls Invitational, dropping its last two games by a total of five points.

Borden County held off a second-half rally and beat the Lady Mules 40-37 in Wednesday's third place game. Host Slaton edged MHS 50-48 Tuesday in the semifinals.

The close losses continue a season-long trend by the Lady Mules (5-13) of coming up just short.

Muleshoe coach Jim Gruhlkey said he can live with the losses as long as the Lady Mules learn from them come district time.

"I feel a lot better (heading into district) after the way we play in the tournament," Gruhlkey said. "We played much better as a team. I saw some real positive signs."

Muleshoe found itself down by 14 points against Borden County Wednesday after a sluggish first half.

Picking up their effort in the second half, MHS clawed their way back into the game. The Lady Mules missed a 3-pointer with two seconds left that would have tied the game.

Erin Wilhite lead Muleshoe with 13 points and Lindsey Field added 10.

Field scored 19 points in the loss to Slaton.

The Tigerettes nudged Levelland 46-45 for the tournament title.

Second round Shallowater 66, Estacado 61

Trinity Christian 71, Nazareth 50

West Texas Girls Invitational at Slaton Wednesday

Championship Slaton 46, Levelland 45 Third place

BORDEN COUNTY 40, MHS 37 Borden County 10 13 11 6 40 6 3 12 16 37 Muleshoe Leading scorers — Borden County: Wootan 11, Smith 10; Muleshoe:

Consolation

Idalou 53, Andrews 30 Seventh place Cisco 61, Slaton JV 30

Tuesday Championship semifinals **SLATON 50, MULESHOE 48** 12 12 9 14 48 Muleshoe

Slaton 9 13 17 11 Leading scorers — Muleshoe: Field 19: Slaton: Huddleston 20, Robison

Levelland 38, Borden County 32 Consolation semifinals Andrews 48, Slaton JV 31 Idalou 38, Cisco 35

RACING

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to races all over the states."

Vinson owns three midget race cars. He takes two to races with one serving as a back up. The light-weight cars can reach speeds of up to 85 miles per hour. Wings, opposite of those on an airplane, hold the car down while racing. Side boards, which run along the side of the car, stabilize the car in turns.

Vinson explains that he earns points every time he races in a sanctioned event.

"Every time you race," he said, "you are competing against someone in Nebraska, or Florida. It doesn't matter if you win races, it matters that you collect points from each race." Vinson runs in more than 40 races a year.

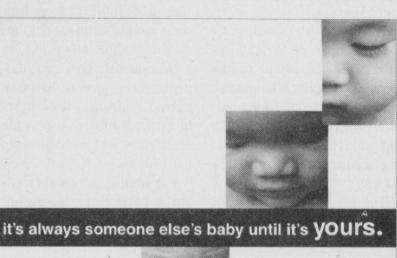
Even though he had a rough season this year—blowing five engines which cost him several races, he still won the New Mexico State Championship in Albuquerque.

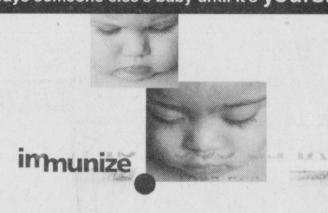
He also raced in the Region Five Championship, winning in 1993, '94 and '95. He has competed in other races through the National Modified Midget Association that sponsors the modified midget races in Texas and several other states. In 1988, he was rookie of the year.

He said the weirdest thing that has happened to him in racing was when he took the lead in a 100-lap race on the 63rd lap when it started sprinkling. "We received a yellow flag indicating that the race was being cancelled due to rain. It was unbelievable. It was my third time in a row to win that race!"

Jerd recalls the worst time being when a car in front of him slammed on his brakes, clipping his car, flipping him over the track a few times. Fortunately, he wasn't hurt.

"They really are safe cars," claims Vinson





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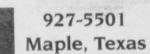
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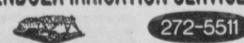
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Newell Ryan, 89, of Wheatridge,

Colo. died Jan. 10.

Mickey Max Price, 57, of Muleshoe died Jan. 18.

Evette LaParche Freeman, 47 of Duncan, Okla. died Jan 15. Bess Hobbs, 101, of Muleshoe

died Jan. 19. Gayle Stewart, 58. of Sudan died

Hallie Mae Sybert, 91, of Mule-

shoe died Jan. 26. Theron Delmar Vaughan, 78, of Lazbuddie died Jan. 24.

Maudie Primrose, 98, of Farwell died Jan. 28.

Francis Harold Gable, 75, of Levelland died Jan. 29. Avis Marie Knox, 84, of White-

face died Jan. 28. Delbert Watson, 74, of Mule-

shoe died Jan. 31. Elsie Tarr, 88, of Farwell died

Friday, Jan. 30. Tice Elkins Hugg, 81, of Lazbud-

Mattie E. Smith, 88, of Andrews

died Feb. 7. Nathan Reyes of Muleshoe died

Dossie V. Terrell, 87, of Maple died Feb. 8.

Farene Harris, 80, of Muleshoe died Feb. 10. Jerry Brackman, 59, of Euless

died Feb. 12. Carl D. Richardson, 60, of El

Paso died Feb. 2 Patsy Sowder, 63, of Muleshoe,

Eris "Jeri" Anthony, 74, of Earth died Feb. 16.

Jody Marlow Miller, 89, of Muleshoe died March 26.

Edna Howard, 88 of Muleshoe died Feb. 21.

Phillip Haberer, 73, of Earth died Feb. 19

Hazel Randolf, 82, of Earth died Feb. 21.

Walter Little, Jr., 47, of Pheonix, Ariz. died Feb. 18. Addie Moyer, 94, of Muleshoe

died Feb. 28. Janie Martinez, 51, of Muleshoe

died Mar. 2. Francis H. Franks, Sr., 79, of

Muleshoe died Mar. 2. Frankie Long, 84, of Morton died Feb. 28

Vera Coison, 101, of Muleshoe died Mar. 12. Manuel Nieto, 51, of Earth died

Opal Snitker Moore, 80, of Albu-

querque died Mar. 12. Yvette Barraz, 19, of Muleshoe

died Mar. 13. Pedro N. Sanchez, 62, of Earth died Mar. 13.

Ambrosia Cisneros Rojas, 87, of Wichita Falls died Mar. 13. Farris Patton, 67, of Morton died

Mar. 16 Gayle Rush, 45, of Stanford died Mar. 25.

Triny Espinoza, 73, of Hardin died Mar. 26.

Aureliano "Lelo" Tenorio, 49, of Hart died Mar. 27.

Avanell Lenderson, 86, of Muleshoe died Mar. 28. Clinton Lloyd Peat, 70, of Mule-

shoe died Mar. 28. Cass Kirkpatrick, 79, of Olton died Mar. 31.

Ruben Price, 76, of Muleshoe died April 2

Marie Toombs, 75, of Maple died

Joe Rodriguez, 6 months, of Muleshoe died April 1.

Wilma Jean Fulton, 72, Morton died April 3.

Essa Hollingsworth, 88, of Springlake died April 3.

Alice V. "Shorty" Williams, 85, of Earth died April 3.

Bill Black, 58, of Plainview died

Clifton B. Allen, 58, of Muleshoe died April 13.

Raymon "Junior" Salazar, III, 22, of Earth died April 12. Viva Maye Lewis, 75, of Medford,

Ore. died April 11. Vera Downing, 92, of Muleshoe

died April 17. Louise O'Brien, 89, of Morton

died April 19. Foy Leona Bilbrey Derryberry, 77, of Lubbock died April 16.

Geneva Legg Whitten,60, of Sudan died April 19. Everette Patterson, 91, of Earth

died April 22. Alfred Garcia, 89, of Earth died

April 22. Robert W. "Bob" Taylor, 69, of

Sudan died April 24. A.D. Dargin Kirk, 72, of Levelland

died April 27. Edna Bauer, 98, of Muleshoe

died April 26. Lorine Wilson, 90, of Muleshoe died April 30.

Nellie Mae Porter, 68, of Odessa

Avrel P. Fleming, 71, of Earth died May 1. Joe Brooks, 61, of Breckenridge

died April 29 Mildred Head, 91, of Muleshoe

died May 3. Myrtle Hodge, 88, of Morton died May 4

Sam White, Jr.; 92, of Lariat died May 4.

Robert Furche Riley, 60, of Earth Ralph Rudd, 88, of Springlake

died May 9. Nina Adrian, 76, or Earth died

May 9. Billy B. J. Garner, Jr., 19, of

Friona died May 23. Lucy Lewis, 86, of Earth died

May 23. Orby Lee Jarman, 89, of Muleshoe died May 23.

Naomi Austin, 77, of Farwell died May 24. Mary Lou Garcia, 52, of Mule-

shoe died June 2. Delores Lopez, 79, of Van Horn

Raymond Nieto Perez, 59, of Earth died June 13.

James Duncan, 70, of Morton died June 11. Victor Aranda, 48 of Morton died

June 14.

Louisa Garza, 63, of Morton died June 18 Maurice Kinnie, 82, of Sudan

died June 16. Loretta Lloyd, 60, of Muleshoe died June 22.

Clarence Mitchell, 86, of Farwell died June 20.

Wanda Marie Kelley, 74, of Earth died June 19.

Elmer Cornelison, 90, of Muleshoe died June 18.

Luis Orozco, 19, of Muleshoe died June 21.

Annie Eudell Costen, 95, of Snyder, Okla. died June 20.

Henry Landers, 87, of Muleshoe died June 27. Joe L. Blaylock, 85, of Muleshoe

died June 29. Jimmy Weldon Presley, 65, of Keller died June 26.

Farwell died Sept. 22. Vicenta Garcia, 88, of Muleshoe died July 15.

Billy Smart, 48, of Morton died shoe died Sept. 26. July 16. Maye Parker, 79, of Morton died

died Sept. 30. C.L. Mooney, 54, of Sudan died

Rachel Elsea, 94, of Hereford died July 24. Joyce Smith, 55, of Clovis died

July 26. Ottis Blaylock, 90, of Muleshoe died July 26.

Agustin Rodriguez, 57, of Earth died July 27.

Maria C. Espinoza, 76, of Muleshoe died July 28.

Robert Luttrell, Jr., 73, of Mission died July 25.

Courtney Elizabeth Haseloff, infant, died Aug. 2.

Vashti R. Fowler, 94, of Farwell died Aug. 5. Kathryne Snyder Stone, 69, of

Clovis, NM died Aug. 4. Lenna Hill, 91, of Sudan died

Aug. 11. Elmer Wolfe, 72, of Ralls died Aug. 11.

Gene Hamilton, 64, of Muleshoe died Aug. 4. Gladys McWilliams, 89, of

Celburne died Aug. 15. Doyle Eubanks, 60, of Mount

Pleasant died Aug. 17. Kennedy Brooke Head, infant, stillborn on Aug. 18. Lucille J. Tuggle, 88, of Mule-

shoe died Aug. 21. David Jinks Beller, 90, of Muleshoe died Aug. 22.

Medalene Peterson, 80, of Muleshoe died Aug. 26. Patricia Orozco, 97, of Muleshoe died Aug. 30.

Juan Sigala, 74, of Muleshoe died Aug. 31. Teresa Garcia, 66, of Muleshoe

died Sept. 2. Nolan H. Harlan, 78, of Bula died Sept. 3.

Mae Mahan Davis, 93, of Lubbock died Sept. 4.

George Cooper, Jr., 78, of Morton died Sept. 6. Tom W. Cooper, 93, of Andrews

died Sept. 6. Kenneth "Si" Watkins, 71, died

Mildred Windom, 80, of Lubbock died Sept. 9. Gladys Pierce Cranford, 86, of Morton died Sept. 10.

James Shelton Smith, Jr., 68, of Austin died Sept. 9. Ellen Bayless, 89, of Muleshoe

died Sept. 13. Gladys Lowe, 94, of Morton died

Sept. 12. Roy Harris, 65, of Plainview died

Sept. 12. Dessie Stafford, 93, of Lubbock died Sept. 11.

Debra Jean Walls, 44, of Lubbock died Sept. 12. Margie L. Moore, 72, of Mule-

shoe died Sept. 14. Francis Villareal, 83, of Morton died Sept. 16.

Alfred Dutton, 85, of Olton died Sept. 17.

Lov Mae "Tommie" Williams, 69, of Muleshoe died Sept. 18.

James Herriage, 72, of Earth died Sept. 19.

Jan Rury Gamble, 73, of Amarillo died Sept. 17. Vernon E. Symcox, 75, of

Arlene Greathouse, 87, of Sudan died Sept. 28.

Jose C. Guzman, 81 of Mule-Cordie M. Claunch, 89, of Bula

Glenn W. Gatewood, 80, of Sudan died Sept. 30.

Maria Elena Diaz, 62, of Muleshoe died Oct. 2.

Elbert Nowell, 92, of Muleshoe died Oct. 2. Berta Kitchens, 88, of Muleshoe

died Oct. 6. Loraine "Lou" Davis, 88, of Farwell died Oct. 6.

Blanche Hudson, 89, of Farwell died Oct. 7

L.B. Eady, 76, of Amherst died Margarito "Mayo" Herrera, 71,

of Earth died Oct. 14. Bessie Stevenson, 92, of Arlington died Oct. 18.

Zeffa Shafer, 84, of Muleshoe died Oct. 25.

Teresa Rose, 29, of Hanover,

NH died Oct. 19. J.W. "Jay" Maritt, 72, of Lubbock

died Oct 23. Jewel Rich, 81, of Sudan died

Faye Kelley, 92, of Earth died Oct. 28. Hazel Holloman, 86, of Lubbock

died Oct. 28. Nellie Johnson Fincher, 87, of Morton died Oct. 31.

Refugia Jasso Porras, 79, of Big Spring died Oct. 30. Inez Sanders, 86, of Enochs died

Granville Queenen Patterson, 72, of Lubbock died Oct 30.

Eddie Ray Davis, 54, of Kingsland died Oct. 29. Noel Woody, 87, of Terrell died

Dewaine Mullins, 39, of Muleshoe died Nov. 4. Allen J. Stancell, 74, of Ander-

Domingo C. Vasquez, 68, died Nov 9.

Melgie Jo Reinholt, 77, of Friona died Nov. 11. Danny Leon Miller of Morton died at birth Nov. 9.

James Harvey, 77, of Texico, NM died Nov. 12. Rosa Lee Sneed, 91, of Muleshoe died Nov. 14.

Everette B. Wallace, 90, of Ropesville died Nov. 12. Ruby Willman, 86, of Muleshoe died Nov. 13.

Hettie Hutchinson of Muleshoe died Nov. 16. Minnie Cox Childs, 89, of Morton

died Nov. 18. Marian Taylor Porter, 78, of Houston died Nov. 21.

Margaret Ledbetter Smart, 48, of Morton died Nov. 20. Garland Brown, 84, of Bledsoe died Nov. 25.

Virginia Ann Fyie Linneer, 56, of Lubbock died Nov. 24. Miguel "Mike" Garcia, Jr., died

Mel Howard, 69, of Odessa died Dec. 1. Coleman Terrell, 86, of Sudan

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died Dec. 7 Bob Gage, 63, of Muleshoe died

J.W. "Joe" Casey, 72, of

Tecumseh, Okla. died Dec. 9 Gary Berryhill, 68, of Ruidoso Downs, NM died Dec. 12.

Janice Jordan Anderson, 65, died Dec. 10. Peggy Dodd, 65, of Muleshoe

died Dec. 16. Alejandro Sisneros, 93, of Needmore died Dec. 17.

Le Dema Wright, 87, of Muleshoe died Dec. 22

Juanita Busby, 85, of Amarillo

died Dec. 22. Verna Raye Trapp, 68, of Amarillo died Dec. 24.

Lindsey Bandy, 17, of Anadarko,

Okla. died Dec. 23. Herman Ray West, 72, of Levelland died Dec. 27.



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Some Thoughts on the Threshold of the Millennium

Well, here we go. 1998 is hope he remembers he was now history, and 1999 looms large before us. We stand on the threshold of the millennium, the year 2000 just a few heartbeats away.

I'm sure there are more than a few folks who think the world will end at the stroke of midnight on December 31, 1999. I personally doubt it.



Curtis Shelburne Myself, I expect the world to

Focus

midnight on December 31, 2000. Just kidding. About the end-

end when the new millennium

actually begins at the stroke of

ing of the world, I mean. But if I could work up some real intensity of feeling about the subject and come up with a sufficiently weird view of the whole thing, I might be able to join the ranks of the many questionable prophets (nonprofitable prophets raking in non-prophet profits?) presently cranking out even more ques-

tionable books! I've been working on a little book based loosely on Paul's Letter to the Ephesians. I even have an interested publisher. (I

interested if I ever finish this thing.) I'm hoping to make some significant progress early in '99. It'd be nice to have something in print before the world as we know it ends.

But a book based on Ephesians may be really tame stuff compared to all of the wild stuff the harbingers of millennial doom will likely be publishing. Maybe if I could come up with some wild angle. Hmm. Ephesians is snaisehpE spelled backwards. Or, as bet-Ephesians, yes raslonds rest which transliterated into Sanskrit and, as Providence would have it, when numerically coded into ancient Hebrew, too, means, well, I'm reasonably sure that it means, "Let the reader who wishes to be blessed sell all that he has and buy 2000 copies of Shelburne's book before 2000." Now that might stir some interest. Anyway, I'm working on it. The book. Not the angle.

All of this is written, I hope you understand, tongue very much in cheek. But I'm very serious when I say that we humans are notoriously shortsighted (and gullible) creatures. We don't know what tomorrow (or the next five minutes) may hold, but we do indeed know "who holds tomorrow." And that's enough.

Curtis Shelburne is minister of the 16th & D Church of Christ in Muleshoe

STORIES

from page 1 wet winter provided guarded optimism for a good year.

Muleshoe City

Manager James Fisher resigns under Citing a lack of confidence in Fisher, the Mule-

shoe City Council asked Fisher to resign in late August. The Council hired current Post City Manager Rick L. Hanna in December to replace Fisher effective Feb. 1.

Fisher was hired on Sept. 16, 1996 to replace longtime manager Dave Marr. Among his accomplishments were helping the city reach a lawsuit settlement with former patrolman Chris Lopez and auctioning off surplus city property.

The Muleshoe Area Hospital District Board gives the go-ahead to building a \$2.5 million nursing home on donated land in

private investors.

the new city park. Plans call for a 80-90 bed facility that would include a separate Alzheimer unit, with the possible addition of an adjacent assisted-care living facility in the future. The project is expected to be funded by

The project is expected to take two years to complete. In August, United Supermarkets of Lubbock announced plans to building a 22,000 square-foot

super store in Muleshoe along U.S. Highway 84. The store is expected to open next summer and create 50 new

In February, the

Muleshoe City Coun-

cil voted 3-1 to abolished the auto tax. The city's portion of the tax generated between \$60,000 to \$80,000 a year. The change becomes effective in 1999.

The Bailey County Ministerial Alliance created a food pantry, which opened in September.

The volunteer service

oganization helps feed more

than 90 families in the Muleshoe area, mostly the elderly. Longtime 287th District Court Judge Jack

D. Young of Muleshoe retires.

He also served as county and

district attorney during his 42

years of public service. Muleshoe attorney Gordon "Corky" Green will replace

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URSING HOME NEWS

those who visited us over the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Holt had a host of family members come to visit. Mr. Barber had family come to visit. Geneva Lemon's daughter and son were among those visiting her. Mrs. Matthews family came to visit. Earld Gross' family was here visiting her. Mrs. Black had grandchildren visiting her with her, and she also went out to see her daughters. Dee Clements was visited by his son Olen Clements. Guy Kendall's family came to visit him. Winnie Orcutt's family came to visit her. Bootie Tiller spent Christmas at Kay Swint's,

Iris Clements was among visiting with her family, daughter Sharon and her husband. Jack Davenport spent Christmas out visiting with her daughters and their families. Eliza Darland spent part of the holidays in the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Combs. Ruth Lackey celebrated Christmas in the home of her son and his family, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lackey.

We had a wonderful Christmas season. For every one that included us in their holidays, we are extremely grateful for each and every deed, every visit, every act of kindness.

On Christmas Eve we had a

special candle light service directed by Rev. David McIntire, with the residents and volunteers. Clara Lou James, J.C. Shanks, Jolene Franklin, Harold and Mary Jo Burge and the activity staff all partici-

Sunday afternoon, the Progress Baptist Church came for church services.

Dorena Proudfoot led the exercise class Monday morning, and Clara Lou James directed the Reading Group.

Beverly Wagnon, Mary Jo Burge, and Lanell Stancell came Tuesday to volunteer their time and talents by setting, combing and cutting our ladies

Nettie Quesenberry was taken to a Lubbock hospital Tuesday evening, she returned back to the Care Center later that night, please remember her in your prayers.

Buster and Wanda Kittrell; Harold and Mary Jo Burge served coffee, juice and donuts to the residents on Wednesday morning. Harold lead us in discussion and reminiscing. Steve Claybrook Kittrell and Loyce Killingsworth directed our sing spiration/devotional time. Jim Claunch, our special guest, led and sang at the gathering.

Glenda Jennings and Jackie Scoggins directed our sing-a-

long/puppet show Wednesday afternoon. Anna B. Lane also participated in the event.

Joe Embry, Mrs. Damron, Melvin and Wanda Griffin, R.L. Scott, and Joyeline Costen were among those visiting the Care Center this week. Connie Height brought her well behaved and entertaining canine

"friends" to visit us last week. Happy January Birthday to Jeanetta Hukill 1-23-1909, and Finis Webb Watts 1-5-1904. The January birthday celebration has been scheduled for

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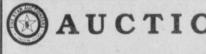
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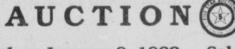
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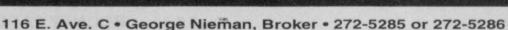
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