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A QUICK READ OF THE NEWS

Mom sues over baby name

An outraged Italian mother has gone to court after her husband furtively named their newborn son after a prize-winning horse.

Before his wife was out of hospital, the man went to the records office in the small southern town of Boscotrecase to register his son as Varenne Giampaolo.

Varenne is a seven-year-old horse considered the greatest trotter in history and Giampaolo is his jockey's name.

"He said his wife agreed," an official at the records office told Reuters.

Varenne is, after all, no ordinary horse. The dark brown racer is a national hero in Italy, where he was awarded athlete of the year in 2001.

But when the mother discovered she couldn't change the baby's name to Christian, she went to court.

"She just wouldn't accept that the name isn't embarrassing or insulting," the official said. The court's ruling is pending.

Teen meets 'mean queen'

A teen-ager who wrote a poem praising Britain's "hip hop happening cool mean queen" met with the monarch at Buckingham Palace last month to receive first prize in a poetry competition.

Alexander Pirrie, 13, was among nine youths invited to the palace to collect gold, silver and bronze medals from Queen Elizabeth II after winning a Golden Jubilee poetry competition.

"Hey there Queen!/Gonna boogie in the garden./Boogie so loud / Gonna need a Royal Pardon," the poem began.



Drawing date: Wednesday, Aug. 14
Winning numbers: 8-12-14-39-43-44
Estimated jackpot: \$4 million
Winners: 0
Next drawing: Saturday, Aug. 17
Estimated jackpot: \$6 million

On this date in history

Aug. 19 — A hurricane destroys or damages every building in Indianola, Texas, over a three-day period, and the town is never rebuilt (1886).

LOCAL WEATHER

As of Friday, the National Weather Service was calling for partly cloudy skies for the next several days, with a slight chance for rain Monday through Thursday. Look for Sunday and Monday to be hot (98 degrees), but then the area should settle into a streak of mid-90s. Mornings should continue to hit the low 60s until Thursday's 59.

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Missed your paper? Call carrier Yolanda Martinez at 272-4536 during business hours, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

West Nile virus invades area counties

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Just about a week after being reported from Haskell County, north of Abilene, the rapidly spreading mosquito-borne West Nile virus has reached four High Plains counties.

Horses are especially susceptible to the disease, although there have been several human deaths recorded since it reached the United States in 1999.

The Texas Department of Health has advised horse owners to get their animals

vaccinated. Muleshoe veterinarians have the shots available for \$15 apiece, with three needed to establish immunity, according to Dr. Barry Cowart.

Texas' most recent reports have come from Deaf Smith County (the Hereford area), Swisher County (Tulia/Kress), Briscoe County (Silverton/Quitauque) and Floyd County (Floydada/Lockney).

A horse at Lockney was euthanized because of the severity of its case, according to the Texas A&M Veterinary Medical

Diagnostic Laboratory in Amarillo.

West Nile virus is not contagious between people, nor is it passed through close contact with an infected bird or animal.

Contagion is strictly through a mosquito biting an infected animal, acquiring the virus, and then biting another animal to pass along the virus.

Health officials stress early detection; even then, they stress, there is no specific drug designed to cure the virus.

Renovation of schools still going

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

With school about to begin, workers are working feverishly to put the last touches on the Muleshoe district's extensive summer renovation projects.

Superintendent Gene Sheets said Friday that all the teachers were in their classrooms and all campuses were in good shape, with work remaining mainly on principals' offices at Dillman Elementary School and Watson Junior High.

As far as the principals' offices were concerned, he said, "It's not really the contractors' deal — we decided to do some other stuff." The contractor-related details remaining were mainly touchup and cleanup, he added.

Principals at those two schools will operate out of classrooms for a few days.

The computer labs were "essentially done" and all the windows being replaced this year had been replaced, he said (more window will be replaced next year).



Journal photo: Beatrice Morin

Here's how it's done

Above, Lenda Trussell (back to camera), counselor at Dillman Elementary School, explains the school registration process to Maria Chavez, who is flanked by her children, 4-year-old Brandon, 2-year-old Laura and 5-year-old Michelle. At right, Dillman resource teacher Dana Heathington (on ladder) shares a laugh Friday morning with teacher aide Maggie Ramirez as the two of them help get classrooms ready for this week's school opening.



Three Way meeting discusses community center

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

About 20 people showed up Aug. 10 at the Three Way school cafeteria for a pot-luck dinner and discussion on using part of the school as a community center.

Sudan School Superintendent Buddy Lowrance and Board President Pam Maxwell sent word to the group that the Sudan district wants to assist the project. The Sudan district has offered to pay utility bills for up to two years to allow the community center to become self-sustaining.

Attending the meeting were J.E. and Wanda Layton, Betty Kirby, W.C. and

Betty Eubanks, Bob and Paula Foley, Ted and Sammi Simpson, Bill and Darlene Dolle, Darla Dolle, Harold Toombs, Bonnie Wright, Jack Reeves, Joan Reeves, James and Sharon Kindle, Mary Kindle and Kay Cole.

Cole then took the community's concerns to the Sudan School Board meeting held Monday night.

Residents have been asked to respond to three questions:

- "Do we want a community center?"
- What kind of activities do we want there?"
- "How can we come up with funds to

run the center?"

• "How should we get organized?"

Cole says that across the state line in Arch, N.M., residents have obtained several grants and stage an annual pheasant hunt to fund the community center. It is then available free of charge to residents because its basic operating expenses are covered, but it took several years to reach that point.

Both Arch and Dora community centers are nonprofit organizations, Cole said, and the Three Way group "should consider becoming a nonprofit organization or a part of one."

Schools buy one bus, wait on the other

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The Muleshoe School Board voted Monday to buy one new small school bus.

The district had budgeted for two vehicles, but Assistant Superintendent Don Wood said the district will wait to see if Texas bans vans before proceeding.

He added that small buses cost about \$46,000 — "almost as much as a big one, but you don't want to mess with a big one for 12 students."

Event to honor Combest

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

U.S. Rep. Larry Combest, chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, will be honored with a reception from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Aug. 27 in the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center's exhibit hall.

The theme is "Business and Agriculture Saying Thanks to Chairman Larry Combest." Admission is free, and attendees are "encouraged to come as they are."

The occasion is to provide the public a chance to thank Combest for his role in gaining passage of the 2002 farm bill, signed by President Bush on May 13.

The event is sponsored by a long list of area businesses and agriculture-related organizations.

Sierra Club blasts 'polluters'

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

CLOVIS — The Sierra Club fired both barrels at confined animal feeding operations Tuesday, issuing a press release from Clovis about dairy-related transgressions on the same day a story in the *New York Times* outlined a Sierra Club study of alleged polluters in the poultry and beef industries.

The Clovis press release cited the 2001 incident in which a cheese plant's emissions overloaded the sewer system in Lovington, N.M., and resulted in \$100,000 in assessments against a dairy cooperative. Also mentioned was the Gorzeman Dairy case from Las Cruces, in which the former regional chairman of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission was found guilty of failing to report the illegal dumping of at least 70 tanker loads of rendering-plant waste, most of which went into the Elephant Butte irrigation system.

Tyson Foods was cited as one of the companies with

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AROUND MULESHOE

Chamber to paint numbers on curbs

Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce directors will be available during September to paint house numbers on curbs as a fund-raiser for the chamber.

The cost will be \$20.

Appointments are available by calling Jan Thompson at the chamber office, 272-4248.

School news

Parents and others interested in activities in the Muleshoe Independent School District can learn about changes in the current week's activities by calling 272-7669. The information line is also updated for changes in the school schedule due to bad weather.

Public calendar

Aug. 18 — 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Eastside City Park. Community-wide Health Fair. Area agencies and organizations will have screening and educational booths; all services will be free.

Aug. 19 — 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Back-to-School Night at Dillman Elementary School.

Also on Aug. 19 — 7 p.m. in the high school science room. Athletic Boosters meet to plan the Aug. 27 Meet the Mules event.

Aug. 20 — 8:30 a.m. Muleshoe City Council, in council chambers at city hall.

Also on Aug. 20 — Breast-cancer screening clinic at Muleshoe Area Medical Center, if enough people sign up. Appointments only; (800) 377-4673.

Also on Aug. 20 — 7 p.m. Hub Cowboy Fellowship at Hub Community Center, 1 1/2 miles south of Texas 214 and Texas 86 intersection. Speaker: Jack Patterson. Music: Jim and Rhonda Murphree. Nondenominational;

ROTARY NEWS

Rotary Club of Muleshoe installed Mike Cleavinger as president for 2002-2003.

The installation ceremony was conducted by Julie Cage, a Paul Harris Fellow and wife of Rotarian J.D. Cage (a former Rotary International district governor).

Also installed as new officers and board members were Phil Kent, vice president and president-elect; Mark Morton, secretary-treasurer; Vic Coker, sergeant-at-arms; Wanda Hooten, past president; Cris Cleavinger, international service; Stacy Conner, vocational service; Jean Petty, community service; and Sandy Vandevender, club service.

The change in leadership occurs each year the first week of July.

Mike Cleavinger attended two conventions to prepare for his new position. In March 2002, he attended Lone Star PETS (President Elect Training Session), a three-day event whose purpose was to prepare him. He attended workshops that enhanced his knowledge of Rotary goals and met the incoming

district governor and other incoming area presidents.

In June, he attended the Rotary International convention in Barcelona, Spain. His wife, Cris Cleavinger, accompanied him to the convention, which introduced the Rotary theme for the year — "Sow the Seeds of Love."

At Barcelona, Rotary set a goal to raise \$82 million during the 2002-2003 club year. This amount would finish the work beginning in 1985 by to eradicate polio worldwide.

After the initial push by Rotary, other groups — such as the World Health Organization and the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta — joined the fight against polio. The target date for eradication is 2005.

While in Barcelona, the Cleavingers met other Rotarians from many countries and exchanged information on club projects throughout the world.

Upon returning from

everyone invited.

Aug. 21 — 8 p.m. Muleshoe Youth Basketball annual meeting to elect officers; at Hereford Feed Ingredients, 232 Main St. Information: Carroll Precure, 946-7322; Rhonda Myers, 272-3598; Shelly Turnbow, 272-5762; or Robert Lepard, 272-3446.

Aug. 23 — Breast-cancer screening clinic at Muleshoe Area Medical Center, if enough people sign up. Appointments only; (800) 377-4673.

Aug. 26 — Registration deadline for "Growing Kids God's Way," a parenting class that begins Sept. 10 at Trinity Christian Center Church. Information: Curtis or Karie Preston, 272-5861, or the church office at 272-3877.

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the worst records. Ed Nicholson, a Tyson spokesman, told the *New York Times*: "We're proud that we help support ranchers from all over the United States with the cattle we buy, and farmers who grow the grain to feed the animals grown for us."

Ken Midkiff, director of the Clean Water Campaign for the National Sierra Club, didn't seem impressed.

"Environmental violations by the meat industry

add up to a rap sheet longer than *War and Peace*," Midkiff stated in the Clovis press release. "Unfortunately, unsafe working conditions, recalls, massive pollution, inhumane treatment of animals and other violations have become a common feature of industrial livestock production."

The Sierra Club's Rap Sheet on Animal Factories is available online at <http://www.sierraclub.org/factoryfarms/rap sheets>.

Barcelona, he began planning the Muleshoe Rotary year, creating a club action plan, a club budget and a club calendar.

He also delegated responsibilities for the Muleshoe Rotary Club's Labor Day Team Roping, the club's major fund-raiser. It enables the club to grant scholarships to graduating seniors, fund low-interest continuing education loans through the Opportunity Plan, send Muleshoe students to Rotary Youth Leadership Camp, beautify the City Park and participate in other charitable causes in Muleshoe.

Last year's Labor Day roping raised more than \$10,000. This year's will be held Aug. 31-Sept. 1 at Dusty Rhodes Arena.

The club's other fund-raiser is the Flag Project, which offers flag service to local businesses on major holidays. The fee is \$25 per year, and either Treasurer Mark Morton or Project

Chairman Lary Hooten can handle enrollments.

Prospective members should contact Mike Cleavinger or any Rotarian. The local club meets at noon Tuesdays in the Bailey County Coliseum Meeting Room.

PUBLIC NOTICE

M.A.H.D. TO POSTPONE THE SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2002-2003 BUDGET AND BOARD MEETING

The Muleshoe Area Hospital District board of directors will postpone the public hearing on the proposed 2002-2003 Budget and the Board Meeting scheduled for Thursday, August 22, 2002 at 6:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. respectively. The meetings will now be scheduled for Tuesday, August 27, 2002 at 6:30 and 7:00 p.m.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The LAZBUDDIE ISD will hold a public meeting at 9:00 PM, August 27, 2002 in Lazbuddie Boardroom, Lazbuddie, Texas.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted.

Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Comparison of Proposed Rate with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Local Revenue Total	State Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.500000	\$0.000000*	\$1.500000	\$3,614	\$4,978
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.426700	\$0.000000*	\$1.426700	\$3,503	\$5,090
Proposed Rate	\$1.498300	\$0.000000*	\$1.498300	\$3,632	\$5,090

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both.
The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$31,448	\$31,199
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$16,448	\$16,199
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.500000	\$1.498300
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$246.72	\$242.70
Increase in Taxes	\$0.00	-\$4.02

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.498300. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.498300

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$300,000
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$0

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Registration Times: 3-year-olds—6 p.m.; 4-year-olds—7:30 p.m.

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Classes Begin: 4-year-olds—Tues., Sept. 3; 3-year-olds—Wed., Sept. 4

FOR MORE INFO., CALL POLLY AT 227-2234 OR 227-2067

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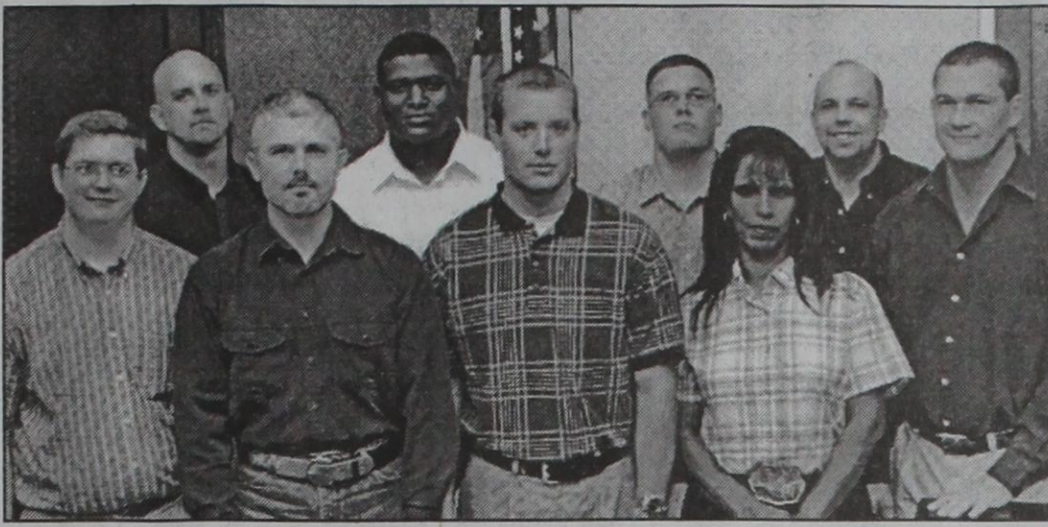
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Police academy graduates

Muleshoe residents Shane Kirk (back row, left) and Billy Williams (front row, second from left) were among the nine Aug. 13 graduates of the Summer Police Academy at South Plains College in Levelland. Shown are class members (back row, from left), Kirk, Jimmie Davis of Littlefield, Bo Baker of Levelland and Joe Hutson of Lubbock; (front row, from left) Jody Barnes of Lubbock, Williams, Shawn Wilson and Delia Baiza, both of Littlefield, and Ed Mayfield of Spearman. Baiza was the class president.

Tech's Hunt added to Lombardi list

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL
LUBBOCK — Texas Tech senior defensive end and All-American Aaron Hunt from Denison, Texas, has been added to the 2002 Rotary Lombardi Award Preliminary Watch List.

Hunt joins teammate and All-American linebacker Lawrence Flugence of Klein, Texas, who was placed on the initial list in the spring.

The Lombardi Award is presented annually to the

nation's top offensive or defensive lineman or linebacker. It is named for legendary Green Bay Packer head coach Vince Lombardi.

Hunt enters his senior season after an impressive junior campaign in which he set the single-season school record with 12 sacks and 83 sack yards.

He has 25 career sacks and needs only one to break the school record of 25.5, set by Montae Reagar from 1995-

98. Hunt also needs on five sacks to break the Big 12 career record of 29.5 sacks, set by Kansas State's Darren Howard from 1996-99.

In addition to his sack accomplishments, Hunt tied the Tech single-season tackles for loss mark of 19 last season.

Hunt and the Red Raiders open their season in the NACDA Pigskin Classic against Ohio State at 2:30 p.m. Aug. 24 in Columbus.

OBITUARIES

MARYELLEN ELISONDO

Services were held Friday at Templo La Hermosa in Earth for Maryellen Elisondo, 21, of Earth. The Rev. Pastor Paul Ramon officiated. Burial was in Earth Memorial Cemetery.

Parsons-Ellis Funeral Home of Earth handled arrangements.

Ms. Elisondo was born Oct. 27, 1980, in Beeville, Texas. She died Tuesday near Earth.

She was a member of Templo La Hermosa and active in its youth group. She was a 2000 graduate of Springlake-Earth High School and had enrolled for the fall semester at South Plains College in Levelland.

She is survived by her father, Rene Elisondo of Amarillo; her mother, Frances Elisondo of Earth; a grandmother, Carmen Escalante of Amarillo; a grandfather, Francisco Escalante of Amarillo; a sister, Crystal Torres of New Braunfels, Texas; a stepsister, Patsy Ann Salinas, also of New Braunfels; and three brothers, Manuel Elisondo of Amarillo and Rodolfo Elisondo and José Cruz Jr., both of Earth.

RUBY NELL BRUNS

Services were held Thursday in the Chapel of the Chimes in Muleshoe for Ruby Nell Bruns, 85, of Muleshoe. Curtis Shelburne and Russell Byard officiated. Burial was in Muleshoe Memorial Park.

Ellis Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Mrs. Bruns was born Dec. 6, 1916, at Ridgeway, Texas. She died Wednesday at home.

She graduated from high school in Plainview and then earned an elementary education degree from Texas Technological College in Lubbock. She taught school at Stegall, Sudan, Lazbuddie

and Morton.

She married Leslie F. Bruns on July 5, 1937, in Clovis. He died in January 2001.

They farmed at Stegall, Akin and Hub.

She was a member of the Church of Christ, the Retired Teachers' Association and the Muleshoe Study Club. She served as vice chairman of the Parmer County Republican Party during the 1960s.

Mrs. Bruns is survived by four sons and three daughters-in-law, Morris Bruns, Jerry and Jenda Bruns and Bruce and Connie Bruns, all of Muleshoe, and Mark and Sharla Bruns of Littlefield; three daughters and sons-in-law, Judy and Howard

Watson of Breckenridge, Texas, Toni and George Tucker of Possum Kingdom, Texas, and Jane and Keith Stephens of Shallowater; a sister, Mary Hutchinson of Andrews; a half-sister, Mozelle Landers of Sulphur Springs, Texas; a half-brother, Bill Morris, also of Sulphur Springs; seven grandchildren, Brent Stephens of El Paso, Troy Watson of Fort Sam Houston, Texas, Jeremy Bruns of Boston, Neal Watson of Abilene, Kristi Borthwick of Lubbock, and Amber Elliott and Jeffrey Bruns, both of Amarillo; and one great-grandchild, Kate Borthwick of Lubbock.

The family suggests memorials to Hospice of Lubbock (P.O. Box 53276, Lubbock 79453).



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HOSPITALNEWS

Muleshoe Area Medical Center reports the following patient load:

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Aug. 9 — Ronnie N. Davis Sr., Earl C. Finley, Elizabeth Galaviz, Lillian A. Hamilton, Jewell H. Morrison, Evelene Priddy, Baby Salazar, Gertrude Shipp, John Vaughn and John Williamson.

Aug. 10 — None reported.

Aug. 11 — None reported.

Aug. 12 — Flora M. Bridwell, Earl C. Finley, Lillian A. Hamilton, Evelene Priddy and John Vaughn.

Aug. 13 — Earl C. Finley, Anais Gonzales, Lillian A. Hamilton, Evelene Priddy, John Vaughn and Joe M. Wagnon.

South Plains Health Provider Organization, Inc. Celebrates National Health Center Week August 18-24, 2002

MULESHOE—The week of August 18-24, 2002, has been designated national Health Center Week. Community, Migrant and Homeless Health Centers in all 50 states are holding activities highlighting the health center program that now serves as the family doctor to one out of every 9 uninsured Americans. As part of its observance of National Health Center Week, South Plains Health Providers in Muleshoe participated in the Muleshoe Community Health Fair.

One of the goals of National Health Center Week this year is to direct attention to the commitment this nation is making to strengthen the health center safety net. The President is calling on this nation to double the capacity of health centers with 1,200 new and expanded health center sites that will allow serving an additional 6 million people by 2006. A bipartisan majority in the Congress has expressed support for even greater growth.

Health Centers like South Plains Health Providers have a 35 year track record of providing communities with access to high quality, cost-effective health care. Among the services offered by South Plains Health Providers are prenatal care and counseling, childhood immunizations, treatment of diabetes and heart conditions, as well as dental care and pharmacy drug assistance. Community health centers have resulted in better health, an enhanced quality of life, and reduced overall health care spending.

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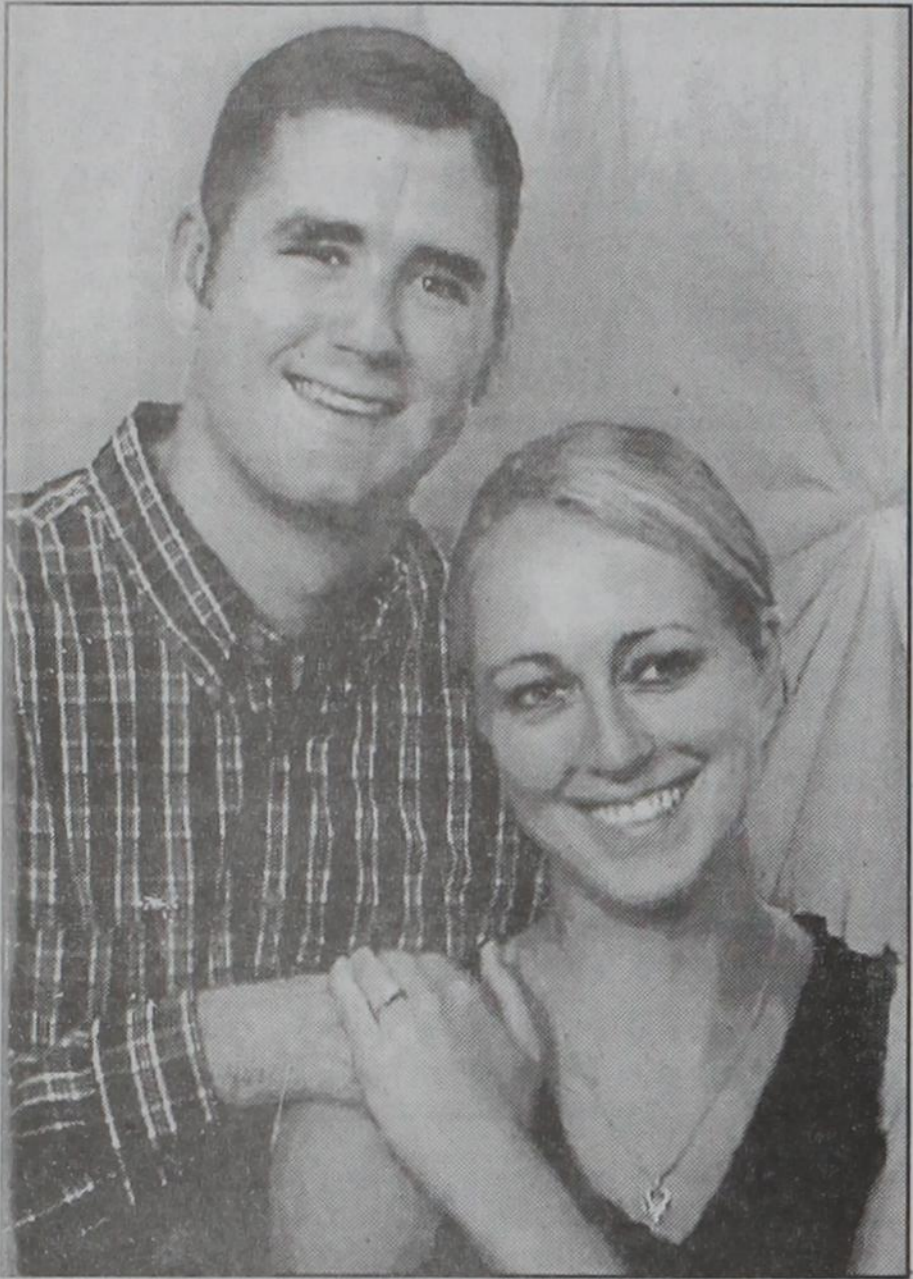
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Mr. and Mrs. Roger Clarkson of Muleshoe and Mr. and Mrs. George Caldwell of Hewitt, Texas, announce the approaching marriage of their children, Audra Leigh Clarkson and Michael Lee Caldwell. The bride-elect is a 2000 graduate of Muleshoe High School who plans to attend the University of Houston-Clear Lake in the spring, and is majoring in social work. The prospective groom is a May graduate of Lubbock Christian University and is employed at Ana-Lab of Houston. The wedding is set for 2 p.m. Oct. 19 at 16th and D Church of Christ. Friends and family are invited.

TODAY'S RECIPE

NAING KUK

(Korean Cold Cucumber Soup)
3 medium (about 6-inch) cucumbers
2 Tbsp. light soy sauce
1 1/2 Tbsp. white vinegar
1 Tbsp. chopped green onions
1/2 tsp. sugar
1/2 tsp. chili powder
1 1/2 tsp. sesame oil
5 cups (1 1/4 liters) chicken stock
2 tsp. white sesame stock
Peel the cucumbers and slice very thinly. Place in a dish and

add the soy sauce, vinegar, green onions, sugar, chili powder and sesame oil.
Set aside for an hour, then add the chicken stock.
Toast the sesame seeds in a small pan over medium heat until they turn golden and begin to pop, then grind them finely.
Transfer the soup to a tureen and sprinkle on the sesame seeds.
Serve at room temperature or slightly chilled.
Serves 4 to 6

ROTARY NEWS

The Rotary Club of Muleshoe installed Mike Cleavinger as president for 2002-2003.

The installation ceremony was conducted by Julie Cage, a Paul Harris Fellow and wife of Rotarian J.D. Cage (a former Rotary International district governor).

Also installed as new officers and board members were Phil Kent, vice president and president-elect; Mark Morton, secretary-treasurer; Vic Coker, sergeant-at-arms; Wanda Hooten, past president; Cris Cleavinger, international service; Stacy Conner, vocational service; Jean Petty, community service; and Sandy Vandevender, club service.

The change in leadership occurs each year the first week of July.

Mike Cleavinger attended two conventions to prepare for his new position. In March 2002, he attended Lone Star PETS (President Elect Training Session), a three-day event whose purpose was to prepare him. He attended workshops that enhanced his knowledge of Rotary goals and met the incoming district governor as well as other incoming area presidents.

In June, he attended the Rotary International convention in Barcelona, Spain. His wife, Cris Cleavinger, accompanied him to the convention, which introduced the Rotary theme for the year — "Sow the Seeds of Love."

At Barcelona, Rotary set a goal to raise \$ 82 million during

the 2002-2003 club year. This amount would finish the work beginning in 1985 by to eradicate polio worldwide.

After the initial push by Rotary, other groups — such as the World Health Organization and the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta — joined the fight for polio eradication. The target date for eradication is 2005.

While in Barcelona, the Cleavingers met other Rotarians from many countries and exchanged information on club projects throughout the world.

Upon returning from Barcelona, he began planning the Muleshoe Rotary year, creating a club action plan, a club budget and a club calendar.

He also delegated responsibilities for the Muleshoe Rotary Club's Labor Day Team Roping, the club's major fund-raiser. It enables the club to grant scholarships to graduating seniors, fund low-interest continuing education loans through the Opportunity Plan, send Muleshoe students to Rotary Youth Leadership Camp, beautify the City Park and participate in other charitable causes in Muleshoe.

Last year's Labor Day roping raised more than \$10,000. This year's will be held Aug. 31-Sept. 1 at Dusty Rhodes Arena.

The club's other fund-raiser is the Flag Project, which offers flag service to local businesses on major holidays. The fee is \$25 per year, and either Treasurer Mark Morton or Flag Project Chairman Lary Hooten can handle enrollments.

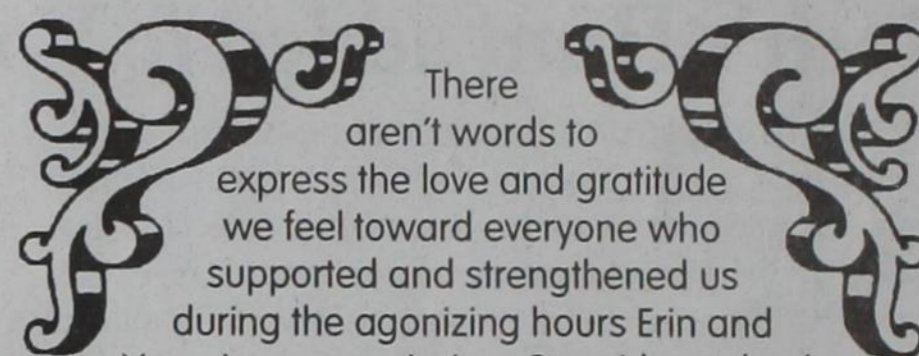
Prospective members should contact Mike Cleavinger or any Rotarian. The local club meets at noon Tuesdays in the Bailey County Coliseum Meeting Room.

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There aren't words to express the love and gratitude we feel toward everyone who supported and strengthened us during the agonizing hours Erin and Veronica were missing. Our girls are back home and the biggest fear we have now is that we will neglect to thank each and every person who helped. Be assured that we appreciate you all — friends, family, community members and police personnel. A special thank you to those who helped search for the girls, to those who donated their time and gas handing out flyers here and in surrounding communities and to those who handed out yellow ribbons. We also wish to thank those of you who "kept your heads" and helped us figure out what to do first. Your calm, quick actions were just what our "panicked" family needed. Thank you for your cards, flowers, phone calls, visits, food and prayers. All of your help has been so loving and heartfelt. We've learned a valuable lesson —

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This Morning, I Saw a Terrible Headline

As I was leaving the house this morning, I stooped over to pick up the newspaper and toss it toward the door, a morning ritual designed to test my ability as a veteran paperboy to hit a porch on the mat with one toss. (In my day, just hitting the property wasn't good enough.) But before I threw it, I saw part of the headline and stopped.

In Dallas or Houston or Los Angeles, it probably wouldn't have been a front page headline, which is why I'm thankful not to

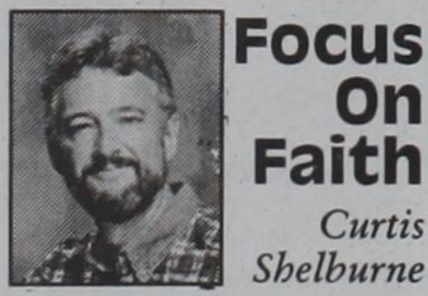
I doubt this is the right view, but, right now, I would shed no tears at all if the perpetrator soon stops a bullet or a few and saves the State and Lubbock County the expense and trouble of years of endless legal wrangling. The sad thing is that I've never met a police officer from whom firing a deadly bullet, however justly, didn't exact a high emotional price that's tough to see paid.

But I think what follows is the right view. All citizens, have a stake in justice. Yes, I know, Christians who have experienced Christ's forgiveness are also charged to extend it, especially to those unworthy of it. We are not to exact vengeance ourselves. But we can and should pray that the State will be just. And what of the convicted criminal who becomes a Christian? I see no reason why we can't be truly thankful for a murderer's conversion and at the same time believe that he should accept his punishment as a Christian should.

Would, you ask, I expect to see him in heaven? My answer? Of course. The State is to be just. Christians are to be forgiving. Both can happen.

But forgiveness is no easy thing. Do those parents eventually need to come to the point that they can forgive? Yes, but I can't imagine anything more difficult. Perhaps for years their highest prayer in this regard, and one in which I stand in awe, might simply be, "Lord, just help us to want to forgive. We can't possibly do it on our own. Just give us the strength to keep trying to want to, lest our own souls become twisted."

God, help them!
Curtis Shelburne is minister of the 16th & D Church of Christ in Muleshoe.



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

live in or near Dallas or Houston or Los Angeles. But sometime early yesterday morning in Lubbock, a 21-year-old college student was gunned to death near an ATM machine. At this point, the motive seems to have been robbery.

Only in my nightmares do I imagine how this young man's parents must feel this morning. I am the parent myself of three college students and four sons, 22, 20, 19, and 15. Two of them are living in Lubbock.

Those poor parents must be in complete shock, and they have my prayers and deepest sympathy. Death is often cruel, but this death is so utterly senseless, useless, and tragic.

But I have the luxury of jumping to an emotion that one day those parents will deal with in far larger proportions—anger, and an intense desire that justice be done. Their loss can't be erased, but this act cries out for justice.

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You're acting like a clown these days and you don't mind the stares and finger pointing. Clue others into your way of thinking and life might just be a little more enjoyable for the week.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
Others really appreciate what you do for them, Virgo, even though it may seem you're running around too much. Pretty soon you'll have time for yourself — be patient.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
Diversity brings you a wide range of choices, particularly where your career is concerned. You make friends easily, so don't be afraid to strike out on new ground.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
The view from the edge bores you when you can't go any further. Work with what you have now, Scorpio. You're bound to find a new way to cross the crevasse.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
Rather than trying to hold on to a little piece of the past move on to grasp at the future. Close friends and family will support you in all decisions so don't be afraid of the challenges ahead.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
An innocent social situation has turned into something more. You find that you still have feelings for a former romantic interest. If he/she feels the same way you should definitely pursue it.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
You are walking on cloud nine when that person you've had your eye on for a while finally acknowledges your existence. Feel free to float on air for the rest of the week.

PISCES – Feb 19/March 20
Before you give up on an important project try using logic rather than an emotional appeal. If you find you can't solve the dilemma, go back to the drawing board.

ARIES – March 21/April 20
It takes longer to do something than it does to delegate it. So don't feel like you must be in control of everything. If it will make you feel better, help out just a bit.

TAURUS – April 21/May 21
Someone's style, whether genuine or counterfeit, says much about the person who has adopted this way of acting. Consider if you two should really continue your relationship.

GEMINI – May 22/June 21
Your brain is your most attractive feature this week, Gemini. When someone gets you talking you are chock full of good ideas. Make sure higher-ups hear your advice.

CANCER – June 22/July 22
Not everyone is ready for your fantasy ideas and dreams. Although you must come out of your shell every once in a while, Cancer, you can do it with less drama. Virgo is a key player this week.

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Boater program teaches young kids water safety

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL
AUSTIN — Though it is only a year old, a Texas Parks and Wildlife Department water and boater safety program has already reached 10,000 children.

Junior Boater was started last year for kids younger than age 12 in an effort to reach those who are not old enough to be eligible for Boater Safety certification.

"We wanted to make children aware that the water is great fun but it's also dangerous and they need to take certain precautions," said Jack Dyess, Parks and Wildlife's statewide boater education coordinator.

These precautions are taught by the program, which requires kids to succeed at four of the following tasks to attain Junior Boater certification:

- Throwing a personal flotation device to a target;
- Completing a life-jacket relay, where kids are on teams and try to find the device that fits them best, fasten it on, and then tag their teammate, who does the same;
- Identifying at least two items they should have when leaving shore;
- Identifying water-related items as safe or hazardous and why;
- Learning about weight distribution in a boat;
- Identifying water pollutants;

- Learning basic boating directions and terminology; and
- Being able to recognize the intended movement of a watercraft based on signals.

Recently, a Temple police officer partnered with Parks and Wildlife to teach the program to more than 1,000 kids in the Temple/Belton area.

They taught elementary school students how to not rock a boat by putting a ca-

noe up on two inner tubes, held a life-jacket relay and had kids throw floatation devices at a Hula Hoop to perfect their aim.

Parks and Wildlife is hoping leadership-type groups that take the class, such as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and 4-H groups will fan out across Texas and teach the course to others.

Parks and Wildlife loans out all supplies, including life jackets and manuals with directions

for instructors. All anyone has to do is request a kit and specify a time and place.

"Children have the ears of their families and friends. This is a way for us to reach a lot of people with basic safe water and boating messages," Dyess said.

More information on how to set up a seminar is available by calling (800) 792-1112 (press 0 and ask for 4938).

NURSING HOME NEWS

Zona Gatewood directed a music devotional Thursday in the day room and special-care unit.

Friday morning, Pat Watson presented a music program on "the dog days of summer," and all other dogs. Her music, poems and readings were related to the canine.

Members of Farwell's Mennonite Church of God in Christ came Friday evening to visit and sing for the residents.

Thursday morning, Aline Locke, Clydetta Mitchell, Gladys Wilson, Bootie Tiller, Florene Mills, Clara Coffman, Susie Whatley, Alda Odom, Alvin Isaacson and Delphine Gruda painted ceramics in craft class.

Members of the 16th and D Church of Christ came to sing with the residents Sunday afternoon. Joe and Clara Harbin, Dan and Mollie Throckmorton, and June Conway, all members of 16th

and D, baked and served pies Thursday afternoon.

Clydetta Mitchell and Kathrine Rogers both celebrated birthdays with their families over the weekend.

Park View staff and residents express sympathy to the family and friends of Ronnie Davis.

The city loaned Park View a fire hydrant for the Dog Days of Summer "Pup" Luck Supper. Che Chávez and Jonathan Ayala (strong football boys) picked up the hydrant and delivered it to Park View.

Dianne Brown, Linda Nowell, Ruby Henderson, Mary Jo Burge, Claudine Embry, Megan Williamson and Dolores Garrett shampooed and set the women's hair Tuesday. Iris Clements and Janis Cowley also helped, and Norma Eaves gave manicures.

Buster Kittrell and Harold Burge had 28 to attend the

Bible class Sunday morning.

Bertie Mae Purcell, Melvin Young and Pat Young visited Juanita Teague on Tuesday.

Each week, members of the Muleshoe Church of Christ direct a Communion service. Buster Kittrell teaches the Sunday school class. He also cuts the men's hair on Saturday mornings. Harold and Mary Jo Burge, Buster and Wanda Kittrell serve coffee and doughnuts. Buster Kittrell and Loyce Killingsworth direct the singspiration time.

Glenda Jennings and Jackie Scoggins conduct a sing-along Wednesday afternoon, and Zona Gatewood comes for a music program Thursday afternoon.

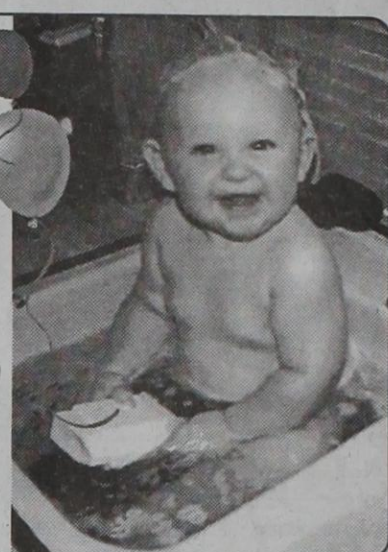
Stanley Wilson visited Gladys Wilson and Muriel Lewis on Monday morning.

Guy Kendall was visited recently by his daughter and son-in-law, Darla and Robert Hoyl.

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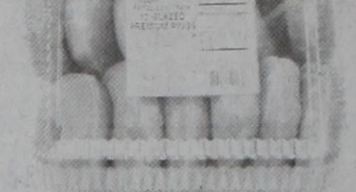
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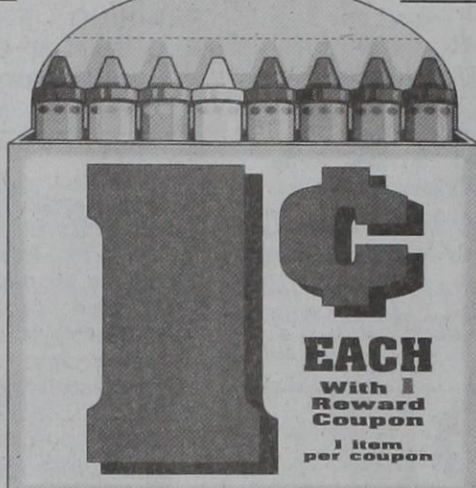
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