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A QUICK READ OF THE NEWS

### Stranded protester rescued

Firefighters rescued an animal rights protester who was unable to lower himself to the ground after five days hanging on the side of a 19-story building.

The firefighters rappelled down the University of Minnesota's Moos Tower to rescue Matt Bullard, who had been hanging outside the 18th floor to protest research on primates.

Officials said Bullard, 24, who scaled the building, reported problems in lowering himself and requested help.

He was handed over to campus police when he reached the ground and was charged with fourth-degree burglary and criminal trespassing, campus police said.

### No IRS points for creativity

It may be one of the more creative tax exemptions, but it didn't fly with the Internal Revenue Service.

A judge sentenced Willie Foster of Fort Worth to two years in federal prison for causing three people to file false tax forms claiming "black tax" exemptions.

Foster, a 35-year-old part-time minister who said his great-grandparents were slaves, got \$30,085.89 back from the Internal Revenue Service after filing for the so-called "black tax."

The IRS rejected the claim, but Foster never gave the money back. He also convinced three other people to file for the credit, which he said was a federally authorized reparation for descendants of slaves freed after the Civil War. No such reparations have been authorized.

Foster said he believes he is right. "I've still never talked to an IRS agent who told me this is incorrect," he said.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Terri Moore said she could give Foster the benefit of the doubt on his own return, but said he was told there was no "black tax credit" before he led others to file similar claims.



Drawing date: Wednesday, Sept. 15  
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### On this date in history

Sept. 20 — The first radio newscasts are presented on KDKA in Pittsburgh (1921).

Sept. 21 — The editor of the New York Sun writes an editorial in response to an 8-year-old's question, and answers, "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus" (1897).

Sept. 22 — American patriot Nathan Hale, before being hanged by the British, says, "I only regret that I have but one life to give for my country (1776).

### LOCAL WEATHER

Isolated thunderstorms are expected to continue through Monday, with sunny conditions Tuesday and partly cloudy skies Wednesday. Highs should be around 80 with lows about 55 Sunday, 45 Tuesday and 50 Monday and Wednesday.

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# Mules bury Brownfield Cubs 48-14

By KEVIN WILSON  
Journal Sports Writer

The Muleshoe Mules had a goal all week of controlling the ball and continuing their dominance on defense.

Mission accomplished.

The Mules had no turnovers and turned two Brownfield turnovers into scores on the way to beating the Cubs 48-14.

The Mules offense, which had fumbled 14 times in its first two games, controlled the ball much of the first half and scored on five of six possessions.

The Cubs started the game with the ball and appeared to be effective with their run-and-shoot offense.

But only a few minutes into their first drive, Jeff Bruns intercepted a pass from Brian Hooper and returned it 65 yards for the opening score. From

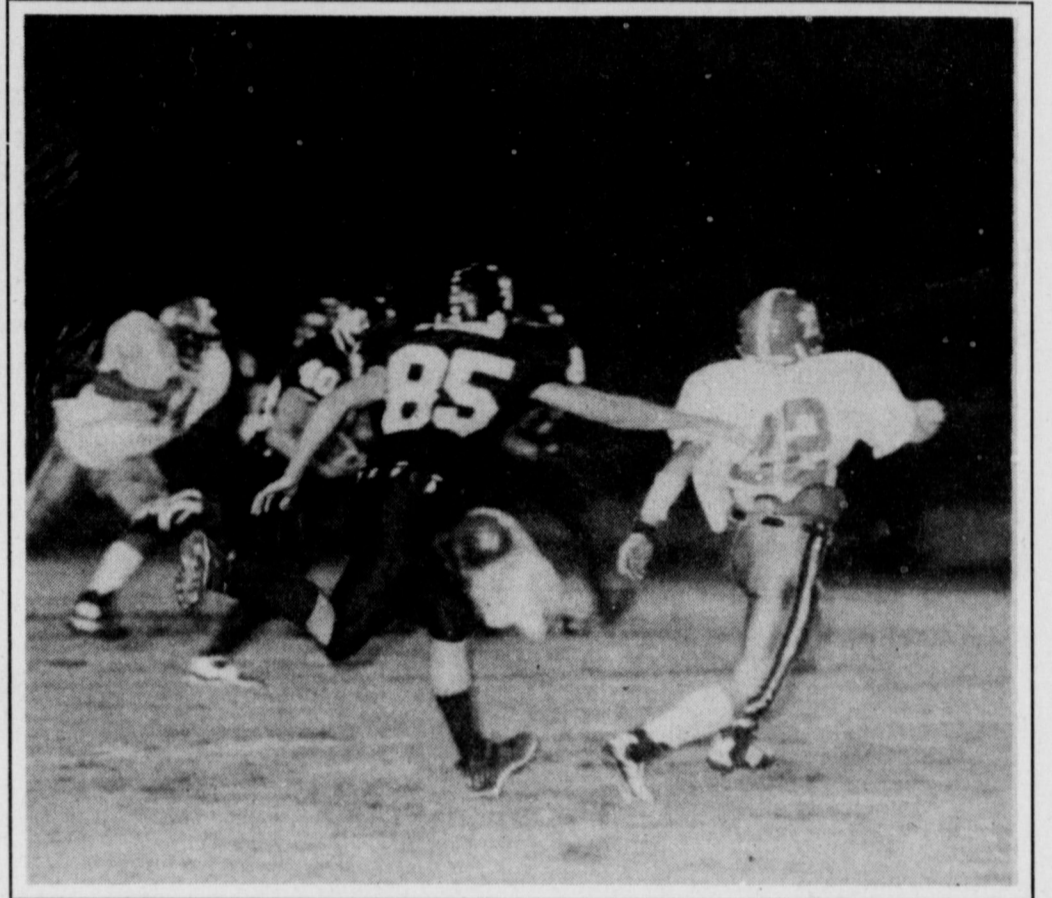
that point on, Brownfield's passing game deteriorated. Hooper completed only three of his next 13 passes in the first half.

While Brownfield struggled on offense, Muleshoe kept up a relentless attack. The Mules only required three plays on their next drive, which ended in a 22-yard touchdown run from Bruns.

Only a minute later, the Mules got the ball back on a Shawn McGuire fumble. Darrell Lewis took the Mules into the end zone with a 43-yard run, making the score 21-0.

After the quick scores, the Mules decided to take time on their next two drives. They made it a 28-0 margin on a 9-play, 5:15 drive that ended with a 3-yard touchdown run from

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Muleshoe's Jeff Bruns breaks loose for a 64-yard touchdown run after intercepting a pass with 9:25 left in the first quarter, which ended at 21-0.

## Texans can carry concealed guns on Arizona visits

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Arizonans with concealed handgun licenses issued by their home state now can legally carry concealed handguns in Texas, and vice versa.

Col. Dudley M. Thomas, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, has signed a reciprocity agreement with Arizona through which licensees can legally cross that state line with their concealed handguns.

This agreement will allow licensed Texans to travel freely in Arizona while enjoying privileges the same as or similar to what their licenses give them at home, Thomas said.

This reciprocity agreement — the fourth Texas has reached with another state — was made possible by 1997 changes to the state's concealed handgun law.

Texas also has reciprocity agreements with Arkansas, Louisiana and Oklahoma.

When the law first was passed in 1995, reciprocity would have been allowed only with states whose standards for receiving a license was at least as stringent as Texas'.

Since Texas' law requires more extensive training and background checks than most others, no

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## Aerobatic pilot to highlight Air Expo

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

PORTALES — Kirk Fulton, an unlimited aerobatic pilot, is scheduled to appear at the Portales Air Expo and Fly In on Sept. 25 at the Portales Airport.

Fulton has competed in world-class competitions such as the International Aerobatic Championships and the U.S. National Aerobatic Championships.

He reportedly is one of two people in the

world to land an airplane upside-down on purpose.

Fulton flies a Russian-manufactured SUKHOI-26M. According to Fulton, the plane's name has become synonymous with world-class aerobatic performance.

"There are no aerobatic maneuvers currently known to man that cannot be

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## Wheat crop not news: It's plentiful, cheap

By KELLY ADAMS  
Journal Correspondent

Every year Bailey County farmers have to ask themselves whether to graze, cut or hay their wheat crop. The answer can make the difference between profit and loss.

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service expects that when all the figures are in on the '99 wheat crop, it will be huge. But farmers who harvested their wheat are getting an average of about \$2.70 — a nickel more than last year.

According to Scott Brown of Sherley-Anderson Grain Co. in Labyrinth, farmers grow their wheat in the winter be-

cause it takes away some of the risk and helps meet expenses, but its effectiveness depends on the weather and on the price of wheat the next summer.

Muleshoe rancher Thurman Myers said he plants wheat with the sole intention of grazing. "I can usually get 1 1/2 to 2 head an acre," he said, adding that more rain equals more forage and more cattle per acre.

Myers usually plants wheat between Sept. 1 and Sept. 15 and puts cattle on it from mid-November through mid-June.

Lonnie McFarland, the manager at Sherley-Anderson Grain Co. in Lariat, said, "Pramer County usually grazes out

roughly 7,500 acres of wheat. This has been a better year because of the cool, wet weather we had in May."

According to the Farm Service Agency office in Muleshoe, grazed wheat in Bailey County amounted to 19,689 acres this year. Between irrigated and dryland, 42,172 acres were sown for seed and 1,467 for hay.

The agency's figures indicate that the county's irrigated wheat averaged 55 bushels an acre and the dryland averaged 35 bushels. Areas in the northern part of the county saw higher yields because of the spring moisture supply.

## Hospital officials: Local Medicaid stringency hurts cash flow

By RONN SMITH  
Editor

Muleshoe Area Medical Center officials were telling their board members Thursday night about new financing cuts the district is facing when the subject veered to a topic that apparently has been a sore spot with them for some time.

"There's been a problem in this county for a long time," hospital administrator Jim Bone said. "It's difficult to get qualified for Medicaid in this county, so they go outside the county and get qualified. That doesn't necessarily mean they seek the services outside the county, but it could contribute."

He said he does believe that Bailey County's demographics are that different from neighboring counties. "What I'm told is that they (applicants) are often treated in such a manner that they refuse to go back," he said.

Sharon Novak, the hospital's chief financial officer, said there have been cases where applicants got help from outside the county and mounted successful appeals to being turned down.

"What you're saying is that it's harder for them to get Medicaid in Muleshoe than it is in Littlefield," board president Buck Johnson said.

Novak said there have been reports that Human Services workers stated questions in such a

way as to elicit responses that resulted in eligibility. Or, she said, a client might be told that if they get a job they lose Medicaid eligibility but not be told that their children are still eligible.

"I don't understand why this is happening," Johnson said. "If you've got an office down here and that's their job, and they're not doing it, that's not right."

But Bone said it's "not that they're not doing their job, and even doing it right," but he added that maybe "they could be a little more user-friendly."

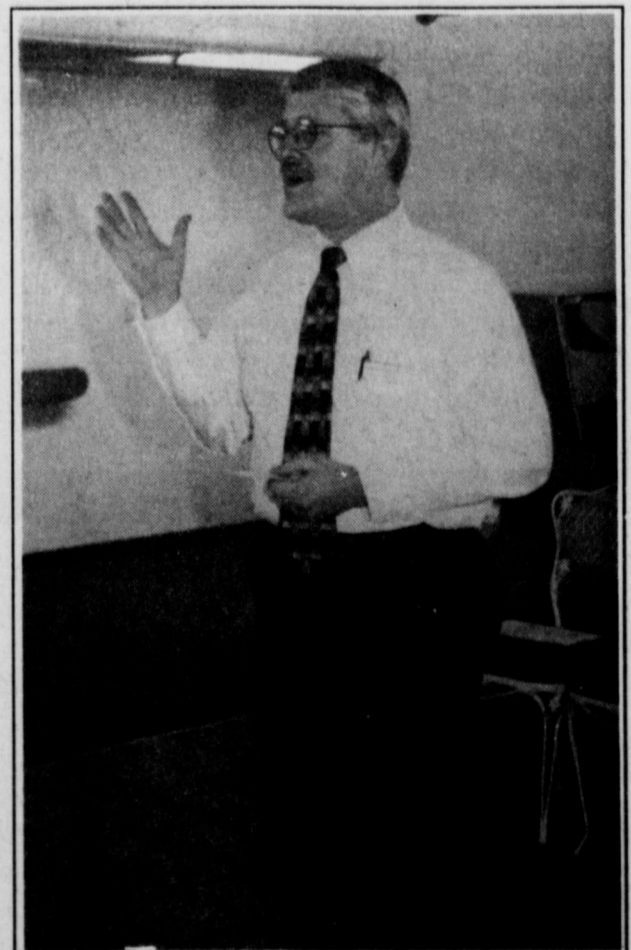
And Novak added that from talking to officials from other hospitals, she had learned that some other counties handle Medicaid similarly.

Ed Dudley, administrator of Muleshoe Area Healthcare Center, said, "And something else you have to realize is that people may not be honest with the system."

But board secretary Arline Phelps still expressed disapproval that "surrounding counties will approve the same person that will be declined here."

"It's something that needs attention, there's

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Jim Henderson tells the board the chance of Y2K problems at the hospital is minute.



**MULES**

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Mitch Mason.

Two minutes later, the Mules got the ball back on a downed punt at their 21.

They took advantage of a pass interference call and several big runs by Chris Vela, who ended a 14-play, 7:12 drive with a 7-yard touchdown run. The extra point by Ryan Hodge made the score 35-0 at the half.

In the third quarter, the Mules picked up where they left off. They opened the second half with a seven-play drive, again ended by a Vela touchdown run.

Brownfield then capped its best drive with a 26-yard touchdown run by Hooper.

However, Hooper's big play was not left unanswered by the Mules. On their second play of the following drive, Bruns added to the blowout with his third touchdown, a 75-yard run. Hodge's extra-point attempt was blocked, leaving the Mules ahead 48-7 entering the fourth.

The fourth quarter saw only one offensive first down between the teams.

The Mules had 319 yards rushing, with two players with at than 100 yards — Vela with 130 and Bruns with 104.



Homecoming queen Ebony Russ is flanked by runners-up Lysie Black (left) and Audra Clarkson in game activities.

**AIR EXPO**

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The Air Expo kicks off Friday at 7:30 p.m. (Mountain time) with a balloon glow, kiddie carnival and food and entertainment, all at the Portales airport.

Saturday's schedule includes a hot-air balloon launch, pancake breakfast and the seventh annual Pedal Bike Tour.

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More information is available by calling Bob Meeks at (505) 478-2863.

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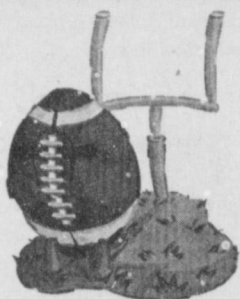
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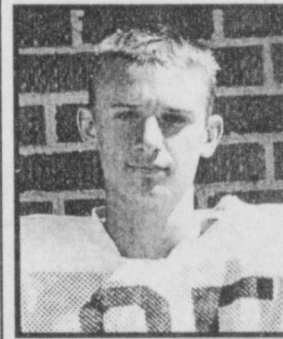
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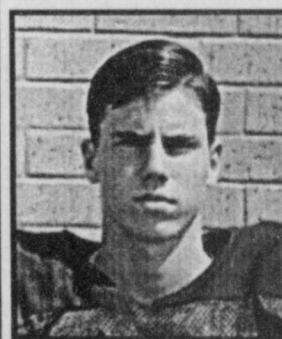
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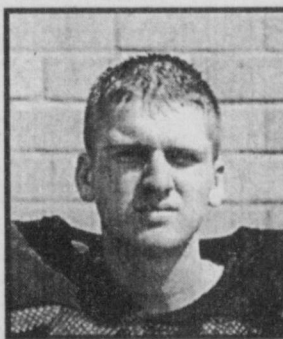
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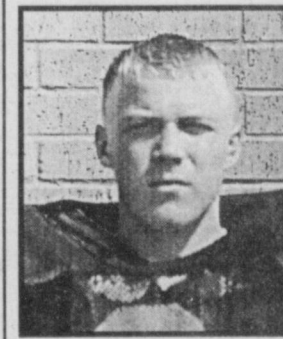
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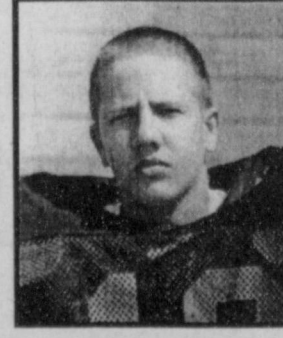
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## FLASHBACK

by John W. Smith

This is just some thoughts from a Bailey County native. I was born in the community of Muleshoe 77 years ago during the latter part of the administration of Warren Harding, the 29th president of the United States.

My father was a farmer at that time but also had some business interests in Muleshoe. He moved his family to town in a year or so; we lived in the 500 block of what is now Avenue B.

My father had an automobile agency where he sold Dodge Brothers cars. He had a service station at the north end of Main Street where he sold the cars.

In the back of the service station, he had a gasoline engine connected to a generator, where he made his own electricity and also supplied one grocery store and another business with electric lights.

At that time there was no other electricity available. This is a picture of what people had in the early 1920s.

Today my great-grandchildren are studying American history, while I am American history.

After Harding's death came President Calvin Coolidge, followed by Herbert Hoover, who was president when the country was devastated by the Great Depression.

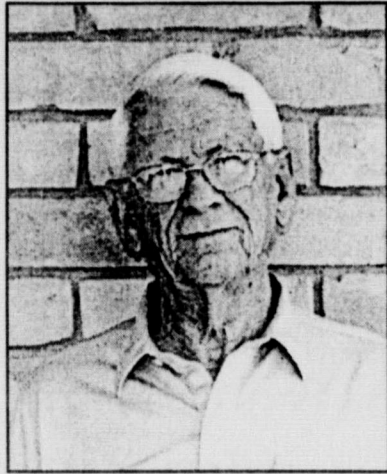
At that time, all the banks went broke and everyone lost all their savings — and all moneys. Businesses went broke, as there was no money. No one could buy anything. Even the wealthy were broke, too, because their money was gone.

My dad put in a small restaurant, and we managed to survive with what it made. Later, he took a job selling farm machinery.

That got us by until Franklin Roosevelt was elected president. He started several new programs to help people who had no jobs and were standing in long lines to get a bowl of hot soup.

This never happened in small places like Muleshoe, as people here helped one another and they had enough to eat.

I give Roosevelt credit for pulling this country out of the Great Depression. Then, as times began to get better, along came



John W. Smith

World War II.

I have three brothers, and all four of us served in the military during the Great War.

Our country pulled together in an all-out effort and was able to win that conflict with the help of our Allies. We thought it would be the last war for this country.

However, soon we would see the Korean War, and then we had a few years of peace before we got involved in the Vietnam War.

I could never understand our goal in the Vietnam conflict, as we apparently were not supposed to win. This was especially disturbing to me because our son was drafted and sent to fight in that area.

Our son, Gary, was trained for a year in a hospital setting in Tacoma, Wash., as a medical technician.

He was sent directly to Vietnam and to the front lines to help take care of the casualties. He sometimes had to perform the duties of a doctor because there was not one there.

This was a bloody year for him, and still haunts him more than anyone knows. We prayed every day that we would not get the call that so many parents did — that their loved ones had been lost.

By this time, we had experienced the administrations of Presidents Harry Truman, Dwight D. Eisenhower and John F. Kennedy, and had entered the administration of Lyndon Johnson.

It was during this administration that the Vietnam War was escalated and we began seeing a

terrible number of American casualties. It was not until President Richard Nixon was elected — for his second term — that we withdrew from that awful conflict.

I have lived under 14 presidents, and during this time there have been many tragic events that have had an impact on our country and its people. Some of those are:

- The German Holocaust;
- The assassination of John F. Kennedy;
- The assassination of Robert Kennedy, who was running for president;
- The assassination of Dr. Martin L. King, a civil rights leader;
- The shooting of Gov. George Wallace of Alabama; and
- The wounding of President Ronald Reagan.

During the 1960s, there was a lot of division in the South based on the deep racial prejudice of many Southerners.

The schools were segregated and blacks were not allowed to eat in restaurants. Blacks could ride the buses and streetcars if they sat in the back part of the passenger area, but they were not allowed to rent motel or hotel rooms.

Many of the smaller towns would not allow blacks to stay in their town overnight.

Of course, the schools in the north were segregated also, as this was not just a Southern tradition.

It had been a hundred years since the blacks were set free from slavery, but there had been little acceptance for them in our society.

This had caused a rebellion by the blacks, who felt they had been repressed long enough. This was such a terrible injustice that something had to give. I, for one, am ashamed of the way whites treated our black population. During the demonstrations that were to follow, many black people were shot or hanged, particularly by the Ku Klux Klan.

Through sheer determination, the blacks have been able to move forward and take their place in society. After all, this is their country, too.

## NURSING HOME NEWS

by Joy Stancell

David McIntire and Nancy Kidd directed our devotional-hymn time Thursday morning.

Donna Locker and Marquita Adamson honored Aline Locke with a reception on her birthday, Sept. 10, in our day room. Locke's health-care friends were served red-velvet cake, fruit and punch. She received a bouquet of flowers, gifts, cards and many good wishes on "her" day.

Pat Watson brightened up our day with her music, songs, poems and "remember when" Friday morning.

Wanda and Melvin Griffin, Harold and Mary Jo Burge directed the bingo games Saturday afternoon. The residents are always ready and waiting for bingo time.

The Muleshoe Singers came Sunday afternoon for a music

service and singing.

Claire Brown and Chantel White brought their fourth- and fifth-grade classes Monday to visit and deliver the grandparent cards that they had made for the residents in lieu of Grandparents Day. The group was from DeShazo Elementary School.

Lewis Wayne Shafer brought black-eyed peas for the residents to shell Monday. Without a moment's hesitation, our ladies and men went right to work and had the peas shelled in no time at all.

Tuesday afternoon, Beverly Wagon, Pat Watson, Claudine Embry, Mary Jo Burge and Nancy Kidd shampooed and set the ladies' hair and gave a lot of tender loving care.

Among those coming to visit Tuesday were Joe Embry, Elsie

Damron, Margaret Wilhite, Tennie McCormick and Frankie Carpenter.

Mary Francis Holt was visited Tuesday afternoon by her daughter, Mary Jo, from Plainview.

Buster and Wanda Kittrell and Harold and Mary Jo Burge served coffee and sweet rolls to the residents Wednesday morning. Harold Burge also directed the table discussion. Steve Claybrook, Loyce Killingsworth and Buster Kittrell directed our devotional and singspiration time.

Glenda Jennings and Jackie Scarbrough were here, right on-time as usual, for the afternoon sing-along and puppet show.

Jane Gare visited with Alta Gare on Tuesday.

## OBITUARIES



González

Services were held Friday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Muleshoe for Johnny González, 36, of Ruidoso. The Rev. Alfonso San Juan was the celebrant. Burial was at Muleshoe Memorial Park.

Ellis Funeral Home handled arrangements.


Mr. González was born July 15, 1963, in Lubbock. He died Tuesday at Presbyterian Hospital in Albuquerque.

He was a 1982 graduate of Lazbuddie High School and a truck driver. He was a Roman

Catholic.

He is survived by his parents, Leonardo and Isabel Gonzalez of Lazbuddie; two sons, John Matthew González of Hereford and Jonathan Leonard González of Ruidoso; a daughter, Danielle González of Hereford; two sisters, Lydia Garcia of Houston and Anita González-Onsúrez of El Paso; and three brothers, Noe González of Lubbock, Paul González of Odessa and Tony González of Dallas.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Kelly.



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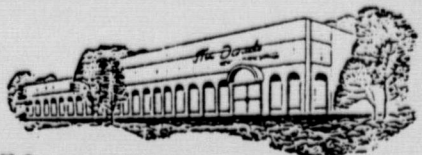
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


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Lazbuddie girls representing the Extreme Cheer squad, based in Lubbock, at the NCA All-Star Nationals in Dallas last February were (from left) Amberlee Steinbock, Bethenie Sánchez and Brianna Sánchez.



Selected as the top team at the Wayland Baptist University NCA Cheerleading Camp were Lazbuddie Junior High cheerleaders (from left) Miriam Hernández, Katy Loudder, Shawndee Nichols, Bethenie Sánchez (in front), Shonnah Black and Michelle Scott.

### Guide to harvest-aids aimed at helping cotton profits

LUBBOCK — Maximizing profitability is a foremost concern of cotton producers, especially during low-price years.

Getting the most dollars per acre this year is a No. 1 concern of producers rebounding from 1998's drought-shortened crop, and that's where the 1999 High Plains Cotton Harvest-Aid Guide can help, said a cotton agronomist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"Weathering considerably reduces the dollar value of cotton lint unless producers take steps to protect both yield and quality potential," said Randy Boman, Extension cotton agronomist based at Texas A&M's Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Lubbock.

"This is a rebound year for most producers, so they need to get the highest dollar value possible from all the lint in the field," he added.

"Even in a normal price or weather year, producers who use harvest-aids to speed harvest of a mature crop and to protect lint quality and yield potential often earn higher prices for their product. The best cotton prices typically occur early in the harvest season," he said.

Helping producers achieve a successful early harvest is the goal of the 11-page guide written by Boman, Wayne Keeling (Texas Agricultural Experiment Station systems agronomist) and

Alan Brashears (ag engineer with USDA's Agricultural Research Service.)

Several factors affect the usefulness and performance of harvest-aids from season to season, Boman pointed out.

"Warm, calm, sunny weather increases harvest-aid performance. Soil moisture should be relatively low, but sufficient to maintain active plant growth without moisture stress," he said.

"Soil nitrogen levels should be relatively low, and plant leaves should be actively growing and uniformly expanded," Boman added.

"Plants should have little or no secondary growth, a high percentage of open bolls in the 'cut-out' stage, and they should have shed some mature leaves," he said.

At the other end of the spectrum, these field conditions can reduce the performance of harvest-aid chemicals:

- Application under cloudy skies at temperatures below 60 degrees Fahrenheit;
- Prolonged wet weather after application;
- Plants still in the vegetative stage of growth, with low fruit set;
- Moisture-stressed plants with tough, leathery leaves;
- Rank, dense foliage and delayed maturity caused by high soil moisture and nitrogen levels; and

• Poor spray coverage, incorrect sprayer calibration or the wrong application rate.

The harvest-aids guide explains how to determine crop maturity and discusses the three types of harvest-aid chemicals, dessicants, defoliants and boll openers. It also provides tips on selecting and applying these chemicals, late-season insect management, harvesting a treated crop, and ways to prevent "sticky cotton" and other lint contamination.

The guide includes a treatment table that can help producers select the right treatment, or combination of treatments, based on crop maturity, yield potential and expected weather conditions.

"The 1999 guide includes updated information on chemical labels and more graphics," Boman said. "Knowing crop maturity is the key to successfully using harvest-aids. These chemicals won't speed maturity, but they can help producers get the most from their cotton crop — at harvest and at the mill."

The 1999 High Plains Cotton Harvest-Aids Guide is available under "Pest Management" (<http://lubbock.tamu.edu/ipm/AgWeb/index.html>) on the Lubbock Center's website, at South Plains county Extension offices and at the Lubbock center. Boman is at (806) 746-6101.

## Lazbuddie cheerleaders attend NCA All-Star camp

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL  
Three Lazbuddie girls were members of the Extreme Cheer cheerleading squad, based in Lubbock, during 1998-99.

Bethenie and Brianna Sánchez, daughters of Junior and Chandra Sánchez, and Amberlee Steinbock, daughter of Dennis and Tanya Steinbock, participated in the program, which is coached by Michael and Kristin Carver.

The girls' year began when they attended the North Texas State University NCA All-Star Cheerleading Camp in Denton on June 24-27, 1998.

Bethenie Sánchez competed on the large senior open squad while Amberlee and Brianna competed on the small juniors squad. Both squads received bids to attend the NCA All-Star Nationals in Dallas, where Amberlee and Bethenie made the All-American NCA team.

Then, on Nov. 22, 1998, Extreme Cheer's small juniors competed at the Cheer America competition in Austin. They placed first in their division, and their highest score of the division won them the Cheer America grand champion title.

On Dec. 13, both the large senior open and small juniors competed in the Trojans Competition at Grand Prairie, Texas, where the senior open squad placed second and the juniors placed first.

February was a busy month for the girls. Amberlee Steinbock participated in the ASC Nationals in San Antonio on Feb. 13-14, competing on an Extreme Cheer Top 25 squad (which placed first in its division) and the Junior Pom Squad (which placed first in its division and won the ASC National grand champion pom squad title). Amberlee also won the ASC National best cheerleader title in the youth division.

All three girls attended the NCA All-Star Nationals in Dallas on Feb. 27-28, where there were squads from all over the United

States.  
Brianna's squad went into the finals in seventh place and finished 10th in the nation. Amberlee and Bethenie's squad went into the finals in second place and finished third in the nation.

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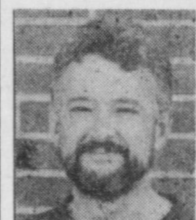
## A Protester's Rights and a Christian's Responsibilities

When I got some pictures back yesterday, photos I took on a trip to Washington, D.C., I got more than my money's worth. Every physical picture brings flashing through my mind a hundred mental pictures. And every one of them triggers a thousand thoughts and reflections.

I'm looking now at a picture of the Capitol building, a tremendously impressive place. I think of our nation and its leaders, our his-

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tory and our legacy, our freedom and our liberty.

No surprise that as I look at that picture I think about Washington and Jefferson and Lincoln. But you might be surprised to learn that as I look at that photo, I think also of another fellow, a man standing on the steps of the Capitol holding a sign. "Abortion kills babies!" his sign screams. Though you can't tell it from the picture, in my mind I hear him yelling Scripture verses and singing loudly as we pass by him, "Jesus loves the little children!"

That man intended to make me, and the other assembled sightseers, think. It worked, though I doubt my thoughts are the ones he intended to ignite. They might surprise him. They did me.

You are probably not surprised to know that I agree with him regarding the abortion issue. I hate abortion. I am appalled by our society's

cheap attitude toward life. I hate what abortion does to women. I weep at the slaughter of the innocents which is, in my opinion, nothing less than a national disgrace.

But I found the protester on the steps of the Capitol to be utterly obnoxious. The fact that I'm "on his side" on the issue did not help; it made the whole situation worse, because seeing him in action convinced me completely that he and his are hurting the pro-life cause far more than they are helping it.

The people in line to see the Capitol, those who didn't agree with him at all, thought he was crazy or self-righteous or annoying. I agreed with him, and I thought he was obnoxious and annoying. And worse. I think the methods of this zealous but unwise individual made it much easier for everyone within earshot to close their minds to rational and civil discussion, to flip a mental switch, and instantly decide that those who agree with him must be obnoxious nuts. He made me glad to live in a nation where he had every right to be there; I just wished that he wasn't. As an American, he had a right to protest. As a Christian, he had a responsibility to do it wisely.

We may be ever so correct on an issue, but if we spend a lot of time shouting, I personally doubt we'll do much but widen rifts and divisions. We may force the battle, but I doubt we'll win the war. And win or lose, I doubt we'll look much like the Prince of Peace who was strong enough to be gentle and whose voice was so powerful largely because he refused the temptation to shout at his enemies.

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

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### REBEKAH NEWS

Acting Noble Grand Thursie Reid called Muleshoe Rebekah Lodge No. 114 to order at 7:30 p.m. Chaplain Ruby Green gave the opening prayer. Secretary Patsy Chance called the roll with nine members answering. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Ina Wilemon reported that her stepdaughter, Sharon Ingle, has been ill for two weeks. Sylvia Lira's nephew died over the Labor Day weekend in Logan, N.M.

The members of the lodge in Hereford will be asked if anyone would like to be the district deputy president for next year.

The Rebekahs will host the nursing home birthday party Sept. 23. After the meeting, members went to McDonald's.

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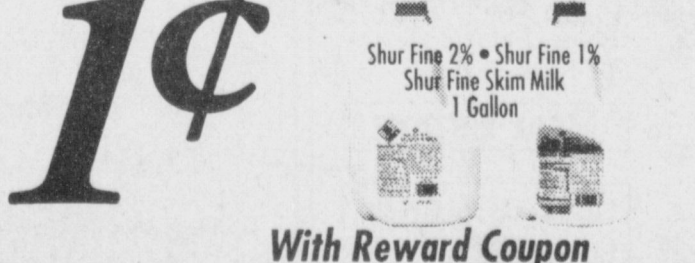
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