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A QUICK READ OF THE NEWS

### Politics is family affair

Miguel and Fabiola Diaz were in a hurry Monday morning after watching their son, Alex Diaz de la Portilla, being sworn in as a Republican state senator.

The couple had only minutes to rush over to the other side of the fourth floor of the state capital, where Alex's younger brother, Renier Diaz de la Portilla, was being sworn in as a new state representative to replace his older sibling.

"It's a real privilege," Miguel said. "It's a big day for the family."

### Guilty conscience loves art

Three paintings stolen during a museum break-in 22 years ago have been returned to the walls of the M.H. de Young Memorial Museum. The paintings were swiped Christmas Eve 1978.

They reappeared in November at William Doyle Galleries in New York, left in a bag by an anonymous man now being sought by the FBI and San Francisco police.

Harry Parker III, director of museums for the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco, said he had no idea where the paintings have been.

But on Thursday, he proudly showed off the damaged art and the 18th century Dutch cabinet that the thief scaled to escape.

### Don't tell him to clean room ...

A mother's admonishment to her son to take better care of his car became moot moments later when a single-engine plane fell from the sky and crushed it.

Pilot Souheil Seddik, 25, and passenger Tarki Miyajan were not seriously injured when their Cessna 150 landed on 24-year-old Ryan Neuhaus' 1995 Mercury Cougar.

The cause wasn't immediately determined. Only a short while before the accident, Neuhaus' mother returned from having the car's oil changed, and mechanics told her the car needed more than new oil.



Drawing date: Wednesday, Feb. 9  
Winning numbers: 9-21-29-32-38-50  
Estimated jackpot: \$18 million  
Winners: 1  
Next drawing: Saturday, Feb. 12  
Estimated jackpot: \$4 million

### On this date in history

Feb. 16 — The first Texas state Legislature convenes in Austin, thereby completing the process of annexation (1846) and Robert E. Lee arrives in San Antonio en route from Fort Mason to Washington. Rebel troops held Lee's baggage until he swore allegiance to the Confederacy, and he never recovered the luggage (1861).

Feb. 17 — Col. James C. Neill leaves the Alamo, leaving Col. W.B. Travis in command (1836).

### LOCAL WEATHER

High temperatures during the week should be in the 60s, reaching near 70 Tuesday through Thursday. Morning lows are expected to be near freezing Sunday, in the mid-30s Monday and in the upper 30s Tuesday through Thursday.

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## Mules make playoffs by acing final two

By KEVIN WILSON  
Writer

The Mules only shot 4-18 against Friona on Tuesday. Big deal — they won 78-40.

The Mules missed 15 free throws Friday against Lubbock Cooper. Big deal — they hit 24 of them and beat the Pirates 62-41.

The Mules lost a week ago to

district champion Shallowater. Big deal — the Mules won their two-game homestand to end the regular season, and they are now in the playoffs.

Shallowater has the district's No. 1 spot locked up, while Littlefield and the Mules are tied for the second spot.

There are two options for the

teams. They can have a playoff game for the second spot or they can have a coin flip. Whoever loses the chosen tiebreaker will have the third spot.

"We're leaning towards the flip," Mules head coach Ralph Mason said. He has talked with Littlefield head coach Jim Huseman and both feel the same way. Another game

between the teams would be very emotionally and physically draining with limited returns, since both teams are assured a playoffs spot.

"Which direction (in seeding) is the best to take is anyone's guess," Mason said.

But the Mules wouldn't even be  
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## West Plains to take big Internet step

By RONN SMITH  
Editor

West Plains Telecommunications of Muleshoe has announced that within the coming months, Muleshoe Internet users will have available to them an emerging technology known as ADSL.

No date was set for the beginning of the pilot project. The announcement said the dates of installation will be announced in the cooperative's customer newsletters.

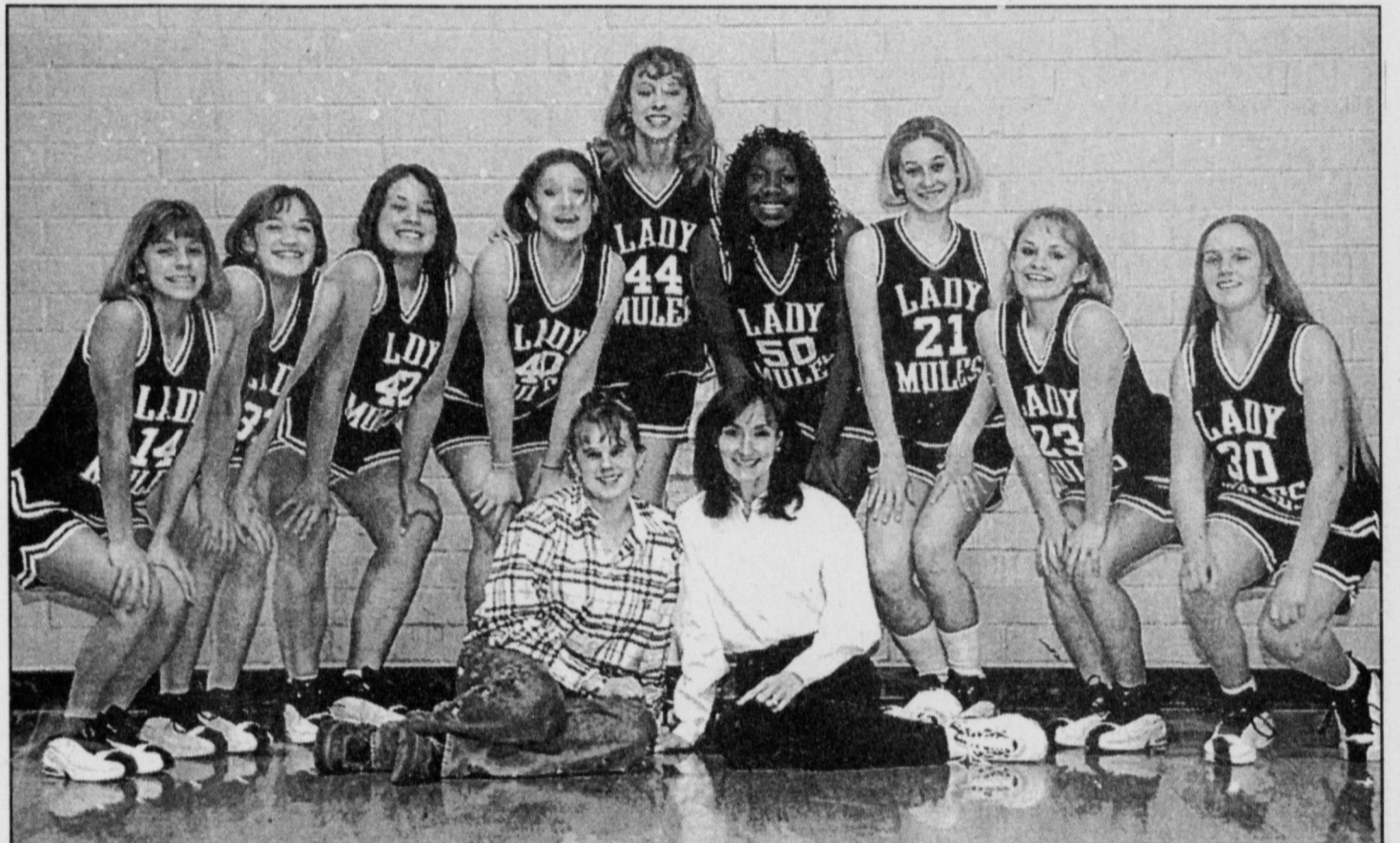
ADSL stands for Asymmetric Digital Subscriber Line, and it represents a quantum leap for Internet users.

Two of the service's biggest advantages are that the user is always connected, rather than on and off, and the service is expected to be much faster than the service now being provided.

An Internet habitué in the Washington, D.C., area said he didn't know much about ADSL except that it is "many times faster than the best Internet service provider" and that it isn't available even in most urban areas yet.

West Plains' announcement comes on the heels of a call by Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs for rural Texans to be given the up-to-date Internet service that is deemed necessary for economic development in today's electronic world.

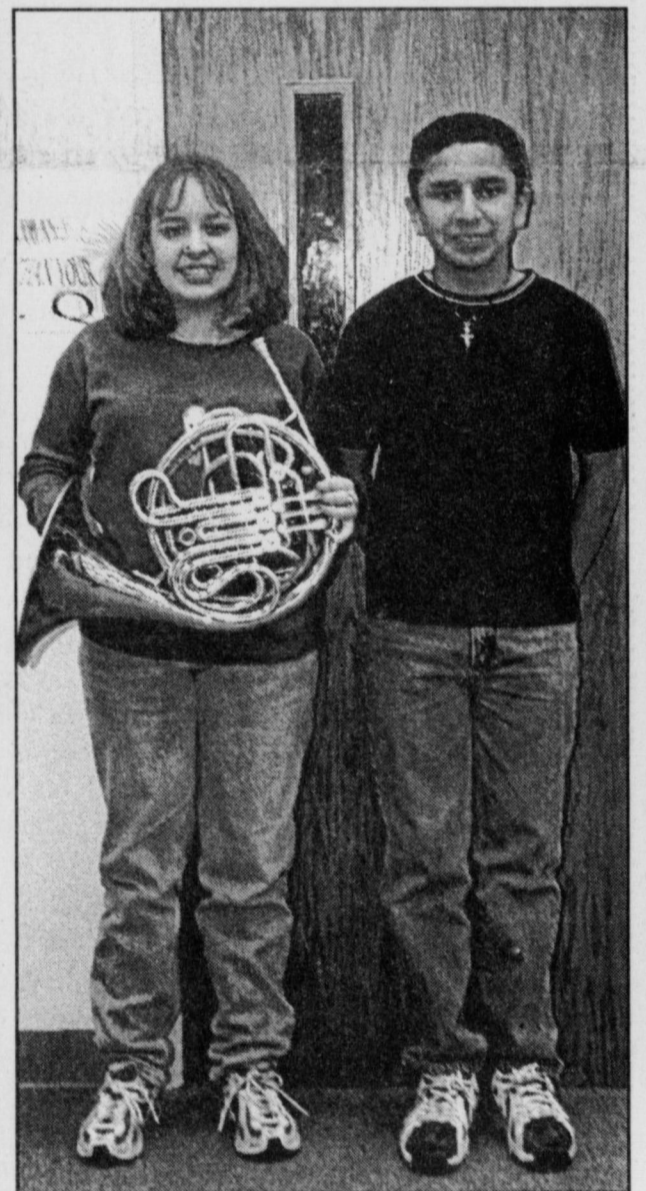
She compared today's "e-gap" between rural and urban Americans to the electrical, rail and road differential that existed early in the 20th century.



Journal photos: Beatrice Morin

### Faces of achievement

Varsity basketball teams who made the playoffs weren't the only students taking honors at Muleshoe High School during the past week. Immediately above, four of the five girls who earned the right Feb. 5 to compete in the state choir competition May 29 in San Antonio are Laura Wood, Nicole Felan, Rhea Gonzales and Mylissa Thompson. Not pictured is Christy Martin. At right at Hailey Hamilton and Cristobal Almanza, all-region band members. And above are members of the district champion ninth-grade girls' basketball team (from left): Eva Pylant, Tiffany Flores, Bailey Barrier, Johnna Cleavinger, Shani Rasco, Crystal Bailey, Kylie Henderson, Jode Hawkins and Wyndi Allison. In front are manager Trista Green and coach Belinda Steinbock. The ninth-graders' district record for this season was 10-0, giving them a 15-3 won-loss record for the year.



## Child safety week getting emphasis

Eileen Morton, trauma coordinator for Muleshoe Area Medical Center, urges area residents to give some thought to passenger safety this week, National Child Passenger Safety Week. This year's theme being "Buckle Up Your Valentine."

"This is a week to focus on child safety when a passenger in a car, on a bicycle, in a child seat, or even in a grocery-store shopping cart," Morton said.

Monday will be Buckle Up Your Valentine Day, followed on Tuesday with School Bus Safety Day and Wednesday with Pedestrian Safety Day. The following days will be Kids Aren't Cargo Day, Bike Safety Day and Child Seat Safety Checkpoint Day.

On Saturday from noon to 3 p.m., the Injury Prevention Coalition of the South Plains will be in the parking lot of the Wal-Mart at Fourth and Loop 289 to conduct free inspections of child car seats and how they are installed.

## Job fair set for Littlefield detention center

Management of the Bill Clayton Detention Center in Littlefield has announced a "job fair" for people interested in applying for work, or who would like to learn about job descriptions at the center.

The event will be held from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Feb. 15-16 in the Littlefield Community Center in Laguna Park, Third and Ripley streets.

According to Joel Treviño of Texson Management Group, unit director for the new facility, "We anticipate hiring 130 people in the near future."

Some of the positions

available include, but are not limited to, support staff (clerical, bookkeeping, food service, etc.); direct care staff (juvenile and correctional officers); professional staff (counselors, case workers, shift supervisors, etc.) and administrative staff.

"We're holding this session to allow the people to meet with our corporate administrative staff so they can answer questions and give job descriptions," Treviño said.

Job applications and descriptions may now be picked up from Sharon Judd at the Texas

Workforce Center, 315 Phelps Ave. in Littlefield.

Treviño said projections are that the center should be ready for occupancy somewhere between April 1 and April 15.

The Texas Youth Commission will send youths from 10 to 15 years of age to the facility in small groups for long-term supervision (12 months or longer), until the facility is filled.

Other youths in the same age group who live in Lamb County or the immediate region will be held here short-term while they go through the court system.

## AROUND MULESHOE

### Five Area holds annual meeting

Five Area Telephone Cooperative held its 43rd annual membership meeting Feb. 5 at the Bailey County Coliseum. Attendance was about 250.

Kirby Burch and Ann Sowder were re-elected as directors. Burch represents District 2 (West Lazbuddie) and defeated Dave Engelking. Sowder represents District 4 (Needmore) and defeated Pudd Wiseman.

Hubert Kidd, manager of the cooperative, announced his retirement effective April 1 and introduced Sandy Vandevender as the new general manager.

Burch, as board president, presented Kidd with a gold watch and a wooden plaque.

Vandevender presented a marble plaque to dedicate the newly built board room as the Hubert H. Kidd Community Room.

### Drawing for antique trunk is Monday

The drawing for the antique trunk being given away by Bailey County Family and Community Education clubs is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Feb. 15 at Antiques and Fine Things.

Tickets are \$2 each and are available at the Bailey County Extension office, 306 W. Second St., or by calling Linda Huckaby at 272-3463.

The winner does not have to present. Proceeds will help fund community-service activities.

### Dancing available around town

Various types of dancing are available on a regular basis in Muleshoe.

Round dance lessons are available at 7:30 p.m. Mondays in the Bailey County Coliseum. Instructors Randy and Joyce Hill will be teaching students such classics as the two-step and rumba. The cost is \$10 per person per month for four-month program. More information is available by calling Marshall or Helen Cook at 272-3352.

Square dance lessons are available in the same location on the second, fourth and fifth Thursdays of each month. The cost is \$50 per couple for 20 sessions conducted by James Pettus. More information is available by calling Chester or Elinor Yerby at 272-3321.

All ages are welcome in both classes.

And finally, senior citizens' dances are held from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall. Admission is \$3 per person, and the events are open to everyone age 55 and older.

### Energy assistance available

South Plains Community Action Agency has received funding for this year's Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program.

The program's primary intent is to make funds available for energy needs affecting low-income households. Priority will be given to households containing one or more people above the age of 60, a handicapped individual, or children under the age of 6.

The agency's office at 804 W. American Blvd. is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

## OBITUARIES

### EMILIO VALENCIA

Services were held Thursday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church for Emilio Valencia, 75, of Lazbuddie. The Rev. Ricardo Salditos was the celebrant. Burial was in Lazbuddie Cemetery.

Ellis Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Mr. Valencia was born April 5, 1924, in Galena, Chihuahua. He died Monday at Baptist St. Anthony Hospital in Amarillo.

He married Hortencia Garcia in Galena in 1948 and moved to the Lazbuddie area in 1966 from Mexico. He was a farmer and a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife; three sons, Roque Valencia of Dumas, Manuel Valencia of Sunray and Emilio Valencia of Cactus, Texas; five daughters, Hortencia Mendoza, Maria Elena Mata and Teresa Vera, all of Lazbuddie, and Martha Tijerina and Susy Valencia, both of Amarillo; 18 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

### MATTIE ERMA RAY

Graveside services were held Saturday at Sipe Springs, Texas, for former Muleshoe resident Mattie Erma Ray, 90, of Bryan.

Strickland Funeral Home of Caldwell, Texas, handled arrangements.

Mrs. Ray was born March 11, 1909, in Comanche County, Texas. She died Wednesday at Sherwood Health Center in

Bryan.

She married O.D. "Blondy" Ray in 1930 in Houston. They lived in Muleshoe from 1939 to 1996, operating Ray's Rocket restaurant for many years. She was a Baptist.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Dixon and Elaine Ray of Caldwell; two grandchildren, Clinton Collins of Tyler and Lynette Johnson of Bryan; and three great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to First Baptist Church of Muleshoe or a charity of choice.

### CECILE McMATH

Services were held Saturday at New Covenant Church for Cecile McMATH, 95, of Muleshoe. The Revs. Jimmy Low and Steve Claybrook officiated. Burial was in Bailey County Cemetery.

## Lady Mules top Friona in 1-pointer

By KEVIN WILSON  
Writer

A more appropriate name for Tuesday's Lady Mules-Friona Squaws game would have been "The Lindsey Field and Crystal Dow Show."

Fortunately for Muleshoe, Field is guaranteed at least one more episode, thanks to a 37-36 victory. The Lady Mules are locked into the second spot in the district. They play Dimmitt Tuesday night at 7 in Plainview.

Field hit two free throws with 5.3 seconds left to put Muleshoe ahead 37-35.

Dow had a chance to match Field, but she missed her final free throw with .6 left. Dow had tied the game on a three with 38 seconds left before Field's free throws.

"Lindsey played like a senior should," said Lady Mule head coach Shana Simms. "She didn't want it to be her last game."

Field had 20 points, including the final three for the Lady Mules. Britni Gartin added seven points in the win.

The Lady Mules were involved in a close game a month ago against Friona, but ended up losing by three. This time around, the team performed better with a playoff spot on the line.

"Our emotional state was better than it had been in close games before," Simms said.

Simms commended Field for fouling Dow on the last shot of the game. She said Dow would have hit the shot and sent the game into overtime without the foul.

Friona kept close throughout the game despite a limited

performance from Crystal Morton. Morton scored 21 against Muleshoe in their previous meeting, but was scoreless Tuesday.

"She is a home girl," Simms said of Morton. "She shoots a lot better at home." Morton missed all five of her field-goal attempts.

Muleshoe's biggest lead was seven, which the Lady Mules held midway through the second quarter. However, a 6-0 Squaw run keyed by Dow put the game at 19-18. A free throw by Field put the halftime score at 20-19.

After the run, the biggest lead Muleshoe had was a six-

point lead, which was eliminated by another 6-0 run.

For the last 10 minutes, the Lady Mules never led by more than three but never trailed.

Muleshoe	15	5	10	7	-37
Friona	10	8	10	8	-36

Muleshoe	Field	6-14	6-8	20	Gartin	3-6	1-2	7	Torres	2-0	0-0	4	Heathington	2-4	0-0	4	Benham	1-1	0-0	2	Carpenter	0-1	0-0	0	Locker	0-0	0-0	0	Hernandez	0-0	0-0	0	Friona	Dow	6-13	2-4	19	Smiley	4-6	0-0	8	Hand	3-4	0-0	6	King	12-0	0-3	Morton	0-5	0-0	0	Wilcox	0-0	0-0	0	Bandy	0-0	0-0	0	Jack	0-0	0-0	0	Rebounds - Muleshoe	21	(Field	9)	Friona	8	(Wilcox	4)	3 pt. - Muleshoe	2-6	(Field	2-4)	Friona	2-7	(King	1-2)	Assists - Muleshoe	11	(Field	Benham	Gartin	3)	Friona	14	(Morton	6)	Steals - Muleshoe	6	(Gartin	3)	Friona	8	(Morton	3)	Blocks - Muleshoe	1	(Field	1)	Friona	1	(Dow	1)	Fouled out - None.
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in this situation without a great performance during this week's two home games.

Bret Clements was big in both games. Against Friona, Clements went for 17 points and added eight rebounds. He got seven of his rebounds on the offensive end.

Clements played even bigger with a playoff spot on the line. Against Cooper, he scored 21 points on 6-of-7 shooting from the field and a 9-of-13 outing at the free-throw line.

"We were just going to the hole and taking it up hard," Clements said about the huge number of free throws the Mules took. "The whole team played a great game."

Muleshoe went to the line 39 times in the game, with 24 in the fourth quarter after the game was well in hand.

"When you get put at the line and you've got a big cushion, it's a little fun," Mason said of all the free throws.

Also benefiting from the line was Darrell Lewis. Lewis scored five of his seven points from the line Friday. The game was almost a continuation of his effort against Friona, where he shot 6-of-6 from the line and had 14 points.

Along with Jeff Bruns, who scored eight points against Friona, Lewis was a key element of the defense that frustrated visitors this week.

"Jeff has really turned it up a notch and it's made a big difference in our success," Mason said.

Point guard Mitch Mason also was a big part of the Mules' success. Mason shot only 2-of-9 against Friona, but had 13

assists to go with his eight points. Against Cooper, Mason scored nine points in the first half, all on threes.

The Mules look to be in very good shape going into the playoffs on the strength of two blowouts. There are no significant injuries for the squad, either.

Questions may surround the Mules in the next few days. Can they continue to shoot the ball well? If not, will the rebounding bail them out?

However, the most important question right now is this: heads or tails?

Muleshoe	21	19	16	22	-78																																		
Friona	8	8	17	7	-40																																		
Clements	7-14	3-4	17	Lewis	4-8	6-6	14	Brun	4-6	0-0	8	Latham	3-7	2-2	8	Mason	2-9	2-2	8	Barrett	2-7	1-2	7	McClanahan	2-2	2-2	6	Shelburne	2-3	0-0	4	Riley	1-3	0-0	2	Williams	1-1	0-0	2

Muleshoe	18	8	16	20	-62																																			
Cooper	8	13	8	12	-41																																			
Clements	6-8	9-13	21	Mason	3-5	1-2	10	Mason	2-9	4-6	8	Lewis	1-4	5-7	7	Williams	0-0	4-5	4	Black	1-5	0-0	3	Riley	1-1	0-0	2	McClanahan	1-1	0-0	2	Shelburne	1-4	0-0	4	2	Brun	0-2	1-2	1

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#### POLICE EXPERIENCE

- 22 years with the Albuquerque Police Department, retired as a Sergeant
- 2 years with the Corrales, NM Police Dept.
- 22 months as Chief Deputy Sheriff of Bailey County

#### POLICE TRAINING AND EDUCATION

- 1,120 hours of classroom and field training at the Albuquerque Police Academy
- 2 years university education in criminology and police science
- 827 hours of advanced training by Albuquerque Police Department
- Attended Texas Tech, Central Texas College & the University of Albuquerque

**RON "RONNIE" KEMP**  
For Bailey County Sheriff

#### POLICE MANAGEMENT AND SUPERVISION EXPERIENCE

- 160 hours of classroom training in Police Supervision and Leadership
- 8 years as a police supervisor with the Albuquerque Police Department
- 20 months as Chief Deputy with the Bailey County Sheriff's Department

#### PERSONAL INFORMATION

- Graduate of Muleshoe High School, 1967
- Veteran of the Vietnam War, 1971-72
- Married 32 years, Andy Kay (Thompson) Kemp
- Two children; a daughter, Kelle and a son, Adam
- Two grandchildren; Brett and Nic

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# The flavor of corn is best fresh off the stalk

By RONN SMITH  
Editor

People who like the flavor of corn might want to consider setting aside space to grow their own, whether they are truly gardeners or not.

The reason is that corn's flavor is enhanced by sugars, and those sugars begin to break down when the corn is picked.

Try as they might, suppliers can't get fresh corn into the stores before the flavor starts to decline — it's just one of the facts of life. Most varieties' flavor begins fading within a couple of hours after being picked.

One problem for people with limited space is that a single row of corn isn't likely to pollinate well. People do manage to get crops with two rows, but the pollination is better if you have, say, six short rows in a square-shaped patch rather than two long rows.

The wind-blown pollen is more likely to reach the ears that way.

Another problem with most varieties is that once the crop is ready, it pretty much comes at once and there's no repeat crop. Planting some every two weeks from some time in April through early July will assure you of a constant supply



throughout the corn season.

It's hard to imagine that plant breeders can improve on the taste of some of the old standby corn varieties, but they keep trying. This year's introductions include:

- 'Chubby Checkers' (72 days) — Another bicolor (yellow and white kernels on the same cob) and an attempt at extending the harvest season with a single planting. The ears are supposed to reach 8 1/2 inches long with 14 to 18 rows of corn. (Burpee Seeds)

- 'For Heaven's Sake Hybrid' (ears mature over a 10-day period) — Possibly the ultimate so far in trying to get away from the traditional one-time crop. It's a yellow sugar-enhanced yellow variety, meaning that the sweetness is especially noticeable in the fresh product. 8-inch ears. (J.W. Jung Seed Co.)

- 'Hickory King' (90 days) — A big white with large kernels and 9-inch ears. (Territorial

Seed. Co.)

- 'Indian Summer' (79 days) — This is an All-America Selection, meaning it's a good variety and has been successful across the country. It also won't be mistaken for just any old corn — the kernels are a mixture of yellow, reddish, white and purple. (Pinetree Garden Seeds)

- 'Legend' (68 days) — Another sugar-enhanced type with 7- to 9-inch yellow ears. Noted for the creamy consistency of its kernels, for its "holding power" — meaning the kernels are slow to get tough — and for its quick maturity. (Park Seed)

- 'Serendipity Hybrid' (82 days) A triplesweet-type bicolor with 8-inch ears. (J.W. Jung Seed Co., Territorial Seed Co.)

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As further evidence of the way we're headed — toward more natural-looking yards — the American Horticultural Society has added a "Habitat Gardening" section to its magazine, *The American Gardener*.

The section features information on making yards easier to maintain by using plants adapted to the specific climate, while at the same time providing a little food or shelter for

wildlife.

The society also has announced its SmartGarden system, a coding system that will be applied to all ornamental plants in the magazine and on its web site.

The system is similar to those used in many mail-order nursery catalogs already: A sun symbol (bright or shaded) will indicate the amount of sun or shade the plant needs, water droplets (clear or partly clear) will indicate how much water the plant needs, the USDA cold-hardiness zones will be listed, the AHS heat-tolerance zones will be listed, and the height of the plant will be shown.

As with all guidelines published for nationwide use, keep in mind that some of it may have to be ignored in our part of the world. For instance, many experts say hostas love sun, and they do in more northerly latitudes. But if you've tried to grow hostas in full sun here, you have probably ended up with baked hosta — not worth much.

By the way, *The American Gardener* is a good, informative magazine. The name was recently changed from *Horticulture*, and I'm not sure why somebody thought it was necessary to change it, but the

magazine comes with membership in the American Horticultural Society — \$35 a year. It's published every other month.

You can join by sending dues to the society at 7935 E. Boulevard Drive, Alexandria, Va. 22308-1300.

Happy planting!

Questions and suggestions can be sent to Garden Writer, Route 2, Box 880, Muleshoe, Texas 79347.

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## 'CREATIVE LIVING'

Information on sewing, recipes for entertaining and repairing heirloom fabrics will be featured on "Creative Living" on Feb. 15 at 1 p.m. and Feb. 19 at 3 p.m. (All times are Central.)

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

Karen Maslowski, a sewing expert and author from Cincinnati, will explain how sewing is much more than just dressmaking.

Connie Moyers of Clovis, formerly with Southwestern Public Service Co., will demonstrate some recipes for entertaining.

Evelyn Kennedy of Groton, Conn., owner of Sewtique, will show how to make repairs on

delicate lace or heirloom fabric.

Cooking rice and dealing with divorce will be featured Feb. 15 at 10:30 p.m. and Feb. 17 at 1 p.m.

Joe Domina of Portland, Ore., representing the California Wild Rice Advisory Board, will talk about wild rice and show the proper method for cooking it.

Dr. Bill Sammons, pediatrician and author from Framington,

Mass., will talk about how parents should tell their kids about an impending divorce and how to reassure them when everyone's life is in a turmoil.

"Creative Living" is produced by Sheryl Borden of Portales.

Viewers can request copies of materials offered on the show by sending one first-class stamp for each handout requested.

Send the stamps, along with name, address and booklets requested, to "Creative Living," c/o KENW-TV, 52 Broadcast Center, Portales 88130.

## ENGAGEMENT

Joe Bryan and Marsella Jennings of Lazbuddie announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Mia Marcel, to Michael Ray O'Neal, son of Don and Elizabeth O'Neal of Colleyville, Texas.

The bride-elect, is the granddaughter of Joe Bates and Cora Belle Jennings of Muleshoe and J.T. and Mary Ann Mayfield of Lazbuddie.

She is a graduate of Lazbuddie High School and of Baylor University in Waco, with a bachelor of business administration degree in accounting.

The prospective bridegroom is the grandson of Ray and Tommie O'Neal of Hurst, Texas.

He is a graduate of Trinity High School in Euless, Texas, and of the University of Texas at Austin, with a bachelor of arts degree in economics.

The bride-elect is a certified public accountant with Ernst and Young of Dallas, and the prospective groom is a regional fleet manager with Nation's Rent.

The wedding is scheduled for noon March 18 at Park Cities Baptist Church of Dallas.

## REBEKAHS

Lodge members have been busy this month. On Feb. 6, six of them went to Clovis for officer installation. The Clovis installation was an open/joint installation. Officers from three lodges, both Oddfellows and Rebekahs, were installed.

On Feb. 8, Noble Grand Thursie Reid opened the lodge meeting with nine members present.

Sisters June Green, Sylvia Kennemer and Berni Marts draped the charter for Sister Beulah Kelton.

Cards were sent to Sisters Bernice Holderman and Linda McGonagill, who were recently in the hospital. It was reported that Sister Velma Howell is still not feeling well. Bonita Rainey fell and hurt her knee

and was unable to walk for a while.

Secretary June Green read an application for membership from a new candidate, which should be voted on at the next meeting.

The High Plains Pre-Association meeting will be held in Muleshoe on Feb. 18 with the Association Meeting to be in April. Sisters Green and Marts have been elected as representatives for the lodge.

Congratulations go out to Johnnie Weaver, who won the RCA television the Oddfellows raffled off the Saturday before Super Bowl.

Vice Grand Alene Bryant closed the meeting with the Rebekah Creed and two verses of "An Evening Prayer."

## PUBLIC RECORD

### MULESHOE POLICE

Feb. 3

José M. Mejía, 44, public intoxication.

Sonia Mejía, 37, DWI.

Feb. 4

Raul DeLeón, 38, public intoxication.

Feb. 8

Ricky Lee Vaughn, 37, no insurance.

Feb. 9

Alejandro Cerda Yañez, 18, no driver's license and no insurance.

Juan Aaron Rodríguez, 18, immigration hold.

José Ismael Gámez, 18, immigration hold.

### SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Feb. 7

Cynthia Dawn Turney, 36, Bailey County warrant — theft by check.

Feb. 8

Alberto Diaz, 31, assault — family violence.

### STATE POLICE

Feb. 4

Terry Jason Obenhaus, 27, driving while license suspended, possession of marijuana under 2 ounces.

Feb. 7

Reynaldo Rendon Jr., 24, driving while license suspended, DWI (two).

## THE MULESHOE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & AGRICULTURE IS SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR ITS ANNUAL AWARDS.

Awards will be presented at the Chamber Banquet, April 8, 2000.

**Deadline for nominations is March 1, 2000.**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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NOMINATED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

### NOMINATION FORM — Woman of the Year

WOMAN OF THE YEAR: \_\_\_\_\_

WHY RECOMMENDED FOR WOMAN OF THE YEAR: \_\_\_\_\_

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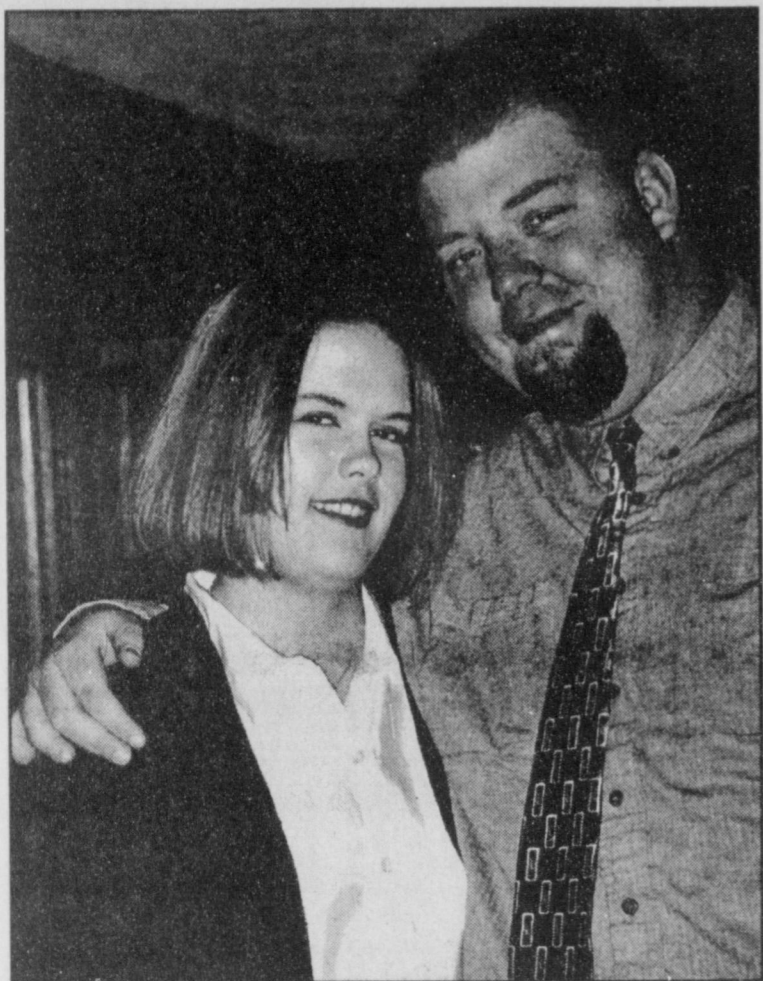
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The Clapps pose for the camera after the wedding

## Whittington, Clapp married January 15

Ryan Westley Clapp and Dori Lynn Whittington were married Jan. 15 at Calvary Baptist Church in Odessa. Parents of the bride are Jerry and Nelda Whittington of Odessa. Parents of the groom are Don and Louise Clapp of Muleshoe and the grandmother of the groom is Grace Clapp of Burlington,

Kan. The bride is a graduate of Permian Basin Christian School. The groom is a graduate of Muleshoe High School and South Plains College. He is employed by Prime Time Christian Broadcasting of Midland. The couple will make their home in Midland.

## NURSING HOME NEWS

by Joy Stancell

The question has been asked, "Is there anything more beautiful in life than a boy and a girl clasping clean hands and pure hearts in the path of marriage? Can there be anything more beautiful than young love?"

The answer is, "Yes, there is a more beautiful thing. It is the spectacle of an old man and an old woman finishing their journey together on that path. Their hands are gnarled, but still clasped; their faces are seamed, but still radiant; their hearts are physically bowed and tired, but still strong with love and devotion for one another. Yes, there is a more beautiful thing than young love ... old love! *Anonymous*

Thursday morning, ceramics instructor Nancy Lemons brought ceramics for the residents to paint. The residents participating were Aline Locke, Grace Scarbrough, Jackie Davenport, Bootie Tiller, Florence Harvey, Pearlie Holmer, Nettie Quesenberry, Minnie Underdown, Rosie Martin, Juanita Teague and Winnie Orcutt.

Brother David McIntire, Zona Gatewood and Yolanda Martin directed the devotional/reflection time Thursday morning.

Every Saturday morning, J.C. Shanks comes to cut the men's hair and give shaves.

Friday afternoon, Harold and Avis Carpenter entertained the residents with piano music and songs.

Melvin and Wanda Griffin and Harold and Mary Jo Burge di-

rected the bingo games Saturday afternoon.

Sunday morning, the Muleshoe Church of Christ directed the weekly Communion Service.

The United Methodist Church conducted a communion church service Sunday afternoon.

The Calvary Baptist Church came later on Sunday afternoon for singing and church services. The church had several young people participating in the service.

Joy Radford "coached" the exercise class Monday morning. Radford also served the residents juice and Rice Krispie treats and peanut brittle made and delivered by Gladys Wilson.

Tuesday afternoon, Mary Jo Burge, Claudine Embry, Beverly Wagon, Dorothy Turner, Pat Watson and Nancy Kidd came to shampoo and set the ladies' hair, give haircuts and manicures.

Wednesday morning, Wanda Kittrell made biscuits, gravy and sausage for the residents at coffee time. Buster Kittrell, Harold and Mary Jo Burge served the residents.

Brother Steve Claybrook, Buster Kittrell and special guest Brad Mason, minister of music at First Baptist Church, played the piano and sang a "special." Brother Steve Claybrook directed the devotional and Buster Kittrell lead the singspiration time. Jim Claunch directed two songs. Loyce Killingsworth, Wanda Kittrell and the residents participated in the singing.

Winnie Orcutt had several members of her family visiting her Wednesday evening.

Mary Holt was visited by her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Holt, Wednesday afternoon.

Kathryn Hancock went out with her daughter, Janie Mosley,

**Feb. 7**—Mildred N. Ferrell, Jame Hartline, Rendi G. Hodge, Bernice Holderman, Luciano Orozco and John Vaughn.

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**Feb. 9**—Mildred N. Ferrell and Luciano Orozco.

**Feb. 10**—Mildred N. Ferrell, Lawrence Fluellen, Luciano Orozco, Dott M. Parker and Josie Toscano.

## HOSPITAL NEWS

Muleshoe Area Medical Center reported the following patient load:

**Feb. 3**—Kathryn Cole, Mildred N. Ferrell, Lawrence Fluellen and Aurora Garcia.

**Feb. 4**—Chad Beall, Eva L.

Carpenter, Kathryn Cole, Mildred N. Ferrell, Lawrence Fluellen, Aurora Garcia, Bernice Holderman and John Vaughn.

**Feb. 5**—Chad Beall, Eva L. Carpenter, Mildred N. Ferrell, Rendi G. Hodge, Bernice Holderman, Luciano Orozco and John Vaughn.

**Feb. 6**—Mildred N. Ferrell, Jame Hartline, Rendi G. Hodge, Bernice Holderman, Luciano Orozco and John Vaughn.

## BIRTHS

### NOAH BRAY KELLEY

Evan Kelly and Yolie DeHoyos of Lubbock announce the birth of a son, Noah Bray Kelley, born at 12:37 p.m. at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

He weighed 8 pounds, 3 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Mario and Mary Jane DeHoyos and Danny and Ricki Kelley, all of Muleshoe, and Ron and Snowy Belt of Carrollton, Texas.

Great-grandparents include Guadalupe Pollard of Lubbock, Shirlee Boyd of Muleshoe and Francis Kelley of Olton.

### ANTWAN DeLEON

Antwan and Corrine DeLeon of Friona are the parents of a son, Antwan Jaime DeLeon, born at 7:45 p.m. Feb. 8 at Lamb Healthcare Center in Littlefield.

He weighed 9 pounds, 2 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Grandparents are Kathy Gallegos and Jaime DeLeon.

## Some Strokes from the Pen of a Valentine's Day Grinch

If this column reads like it was written by a Valentine's Day grinch, I plead guilty.

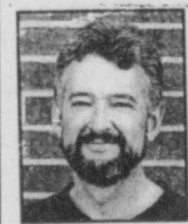
It's probably good for husbands like me to have a deadline to meet that calls for flowers, candy, and seriously-overpriced cards. I have difficulty appreciating the Madison Avenue manipulation, but I don't doubt that romantic clods like me

"luuuuuv" our society has only succeeded in unleashing a demon who offers easy sanction for anyone wishing to commit almost any wrong, shatter any vow, break faith with God and society, and, in the sordid process, break the hearts of countless spouses and children. And the "luuuuuv" god blesses the whole mess brought on by unvarnished selfishness.

How does our society respond? When we should turn away in nausea and disgust, we instead turn to tabloids and gossip magazines that glamorize the carnage.

God help us when we fail in our marriages to love as we should—and we fail often—to turn contrite hearts to our spouses and our God as we seek His grace and renew our commitment to share with each other His genuine mercy and forgiveness and love. If we can't share those things with our own mates, I doubt that what we'll share with others will be worth very much.

Fellows, you really ought to invest in some candy or flowers and a card, too. But your gift will mean a lot more if your lady knows that behind it is the kind of genuine, unselfish love that helps with dishes and diaper-changing before it hands over the flowers.



**Focus On Faith**  
Curtis Shelburne

probably need the shove. Honestly, what bugs me is not Valentine's Day; it's the fact that so much in our society that masquerades in second-rate song lyrics as "luuuuuv" isn't. The famous singer I saw recently on *Good Morning, America!* opining that he and his wife had just split up because "the sparkle wasn't there anymore" has believed too many of his own songs. He's confusing love with "warm fuzzies" and body heat. Correct me if I'm wrong, but that kind of "luuuuuv" bears precious little resemblance to the kind of genuine commitment that really means "in sickness and in health, for richer, for poorer."

Trying to make a god out of

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

Wednesday afternoon. Hancock was also visited by Lynn Roberts from Farwell on Wednesday.

Joe Embry paid the residents a visit Wednesday morning.

Bonnie Carpenter was the guest of Rosie Martin at the coffee time and singspiration Wednesday morning.

Annie Chavez's family visits her every day.

The Truth Seekers Sunday School Class of First Baptist Church made a donation to the center.

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# Bacteria and genes, not stress, may cause ulcers

**SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL**  
HOUSTON—Genetics and *H. pylori* infection play a significant role in determining who will develop a stomach ulcer, a new study shows.

Researchers at Baylor College of Medicine studied 691 sets of twins to determine genetic susceptibility to peptic ulcer disease and infection with *H. pylori*, a bacteria that causes stomach ulcers.

Results were published in a recent issue of *Archives of In-*

*ternal Medicine.*  
"We found that there was a reasonable genetic component among those who developed peptic ulcer disease, but there is also an environmental component involved," said Dr. Hoda Malaty, a Baylor associate professor of medicine and the study's lead investigator.

The study used information collected from identical and fraternal twins, those reared together as well as those reared apart.

This allowed researchers to account for genetic makeup while controlling for environmental factors, such as smoking, use of non-steroidal, anti-inflammatory drugs, age, gender, alcohol and caffeine consumption, stress and diet.

Researchers found that identical twins who grew up apart were equally as likely to develop peptic ulcer disease as those who grew up together, thus establishing a strong genetic link.

While about 99 percent of all people with peptic ulcer disease are infected with *H. pylori*, not everyone infected with the bacteria develops an ulcer.

The study showed that the genes responsible for the susceptibility to peptic ulcer disease are not the same as those responsible for acquiring *H. pylori* infection.

Researchers concluded that infection with *H. pylori* and a family history of peptic ulcer disease puts an individual at

highest risk for developing an ulcer.

"These findings are very important in terms of preventive medicine," Malaty said. "Individuals who know they have the gene for peptic ulcer disease can be tested for *H. pylori* and, if necessary, receive treatment before an ulcer develops."

In cooperation with the Swedish Adoption/Twin Study of Aging, the study also was funded by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

## VFW LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS

The Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8570 met for its regular monthly meeting Jan. 3 at 203 E. Ash.

President Janie Rodriguez presided over the meeting, with member Carol Buhrman and officers Mariann Anzaldua, Joy Nicholson, June Green, Leah Bell, Yvonne Stockman and Ruby Green present.

Club rituals, including recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and the opening prayer, were conducted by club members.

Minutes and the treasurer's report from the December meeting were read and approved by members with two corrections to be made: Viola's Restaurant provided the food for the Meals on Wheels Thanksgiving dinner the organization served and Bell's volunteer hours at the nursing home were amended.

Accounts payable items presented to Nicholson were Christmas gifts for Post Commander Joe Ambriz and bartender Delma Espinoza and cleaning supplies for the club.

In old news, committee reports were presented by Buhrman, Ruby Green and Nicholson.

Campbell's soup and Vlasic pickle label collections are going well. Community involvement is encouraged. The auxiliary appreciates Myrtle Puckett for her donation of soup labels. Everyone is reminded that this is an ongoing effort to help purchase supplies for our local school children.

Green reported on volunteer hours performed by auxiliary members. Almost 200 hours (many of those attributed to Green herself) have been recorded. Each volunteered hour counts toward state recognition for the local auxiliary.

Membership drive efforts were reported on by Nicholson. Two new lifetime members have joined the organization, fifteen members have renewed their memberships and one new membership application has been approved as of January.

In new business, members

voted to bring used pantyhose/kneehighs to the next meeting for the purpose of "stuffing" lap throws for cancer patients.

Rodriguez reported that she had made Christmas gift baskets for three veterans in Muleshoe Area Healthcare Center and four veterans at the senior citizens complex. Auxiliary members had previously decided to provide help to as many local veterans as possible. The results of our packages were "very positive" according to Rodriguez.

The state ladies auxiliary has asked local members to pay a percentage of its membership dues to the District 13 president so that she can meet state quota for members. Members present agreed.

Club members used 781 buddy-poppies for all of the competing centerpieces decorated in 1999. Each poppy used in competition counts toward state recognition and helps the handicapped veterans who make them.

A new fund-raising project

will start this month. Members will be selling wholesale items from the World of Products catalog presented by Stockman. The organization will receive 30 percent of the profit of these sales. Catalogs were handed out to each member present and orders will be taken and payment collected until the February meeting. This is possibly an ongoing fund-raiser activity for the organization.

Members were reminded by Rodriguez that one of the state goals for our local group in February is to promote voting and political involvement by the community. Bell suggested that the local newspaper might be willing to place auxiliary sponsored reminders to vote in some of its upcoming editions.

For the Super Bowl Sunday party, each member was directed to sell ten 50/50 tickets as a fund-raiser for the club.

Starting in February, auxiliary members will be running the concession stand at the old VFW location, which is available for

special occasion rentals by the public through Ambriz or Alfredo Anzaldua.

Bell opened discussions about a donation to Women's Protective Services in Lubbock. Wanda Hooten of Muleshoe Motor Co. is seeking \$100 donations to help furnish a recently built facility devoted to battered women of Bailey County. A total of \$10,000 is needed to complete the project. Members voted and approved the donation request.

All members have been urged to help Green work on a quilt for the district meeting. She will call members regarding the time and place.


Rodriguez presented a birthday basket that garnered \$9 in donations by members and was won by Bell. A silver drill netted \$3.18.

Without further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting of the auxiliary is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Feb. 14 in the VFW building at 203 E. Ash.

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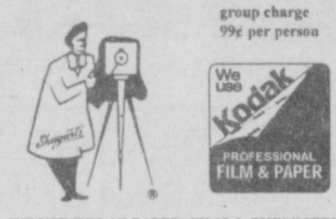
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JACOB'S FIRST BORN CHILD REUBEN, THE SON OF LEAH, GREW UP WITH A KIND DISPOSITION. TO HIM, AND HIM ALONE, THE PRESERVATION OF JOSEPH'S LIFE APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN DUE! WHEN HIS BROTHERS PLOTTED TO KILL JOSEPH, BECAUSE OF THEIR JEALOUSY OVER THE FACT THAT HE WAS JACOB'S FAVORITE SON, REUBEN CAME FORTH AS THE ELDEST BROTHER, WITH THE PROPOSAL TO CAST HIM INTO A PIT, INTENDING TO BRING HIM BACK TO HIS FATHER LATER WHEN TEMPERS COOLED. HIS KIND DISPOSITION WAS AGAIN EVIDENT WHEN HE VISITED THE PIT TO FIND JOSEPH GONE, SOLD INTO SLAVERY BY HIS BROTHERS WHEN HE WAS ABSENT FROM THE SCENE. THE ACCOUNT IN GENESIS 38 RECALLS HOW REUBEN "...RENT HIS CLOTHES" AND SAID, "...THE CHILD IS NOT; AND I, WHITHER SHALL I GO?" THE TRAITS THAT ARE REUBEN'S ARE THOSE OF ARDENT AND IMPETUOUS GENEROSITY, NOT CRAFTY AND CRUEL AS THE OTHER BROTHERS SEEMED TO BE! THIS THEN IS THE PROGENITOR OF THE FUTURE TRIBE OF REUBEN.



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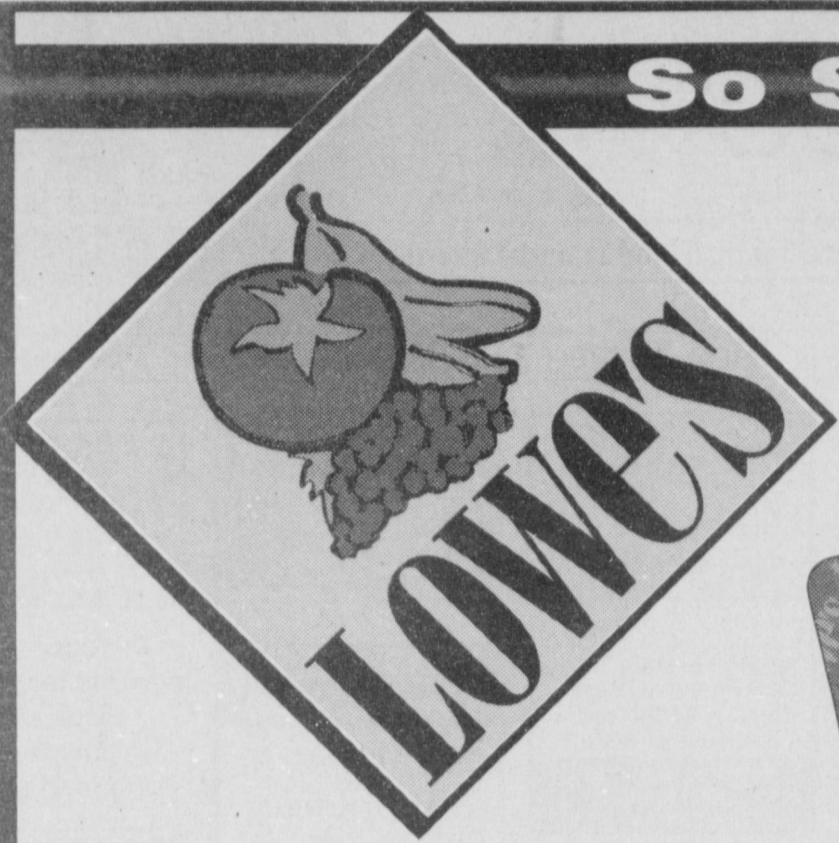
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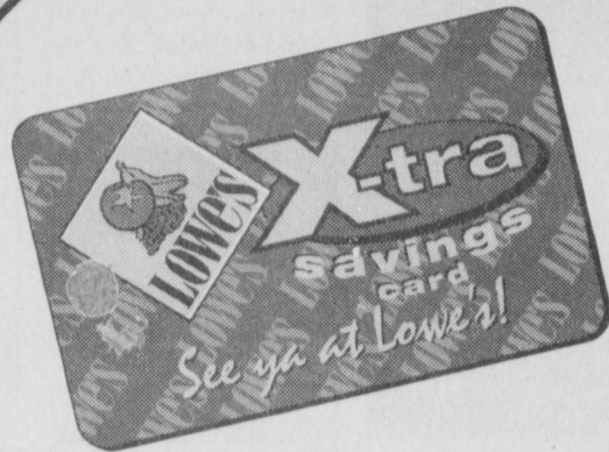


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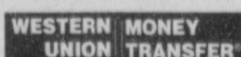
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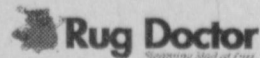
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