## PAGE ONE

He was ready to go to jail
The only thing stopping him was the jail
Coote, 36, attempted to turn himself in at N. J., but was allowed to leave after officials

Authorities said Coote's name was run
through databases tracking municipal information, but apparently was not checked in

Coote, who remains at large, told police leave. He had decided to turn himself in
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Doubling the tax refund reasury afer workers accidentally printed "Six hundred out of 2 million is not a big mistake, but it's a mistake nonetheless," an ed a system has been put in place to make

The blunder stemmed from a high-speed 5,000 to 20,000 checks a night. The agency has mailed the recipients postage-paid en-

Balanced diet takes sticker

## charges that he ate a forged sutomobile

 inspectionsticker during a 1999 traffic stopHe allegedly locked the car doors and


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nizes the Republic of Texas as an independent
March 4 - Sam Houston is elected com-

## Local weather

As of Tuesday, the forecasters were still predicting comparatively mild temperatures through the beginning of next week. Periods of sunshine may be interrupted by precipitation on Thursday and Sun-
day. Expected a fairly cool Thursday with a high of about 40 , increasing to about 60 on Friday and Saturday. Despite the possible showers, Sunday should be a mild day, probably in the mid-50s.

[^0]Missed your paper? Call carrier Melissa Flores at 272-6719 or the Journal during business hours, $8: 30$ a.m. $-5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.

## Shelburne book to be available soon

## Bill that would ban Tour de Muleshoe drawing fire

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL Muleshoe's Tour de Muleshoe bi yele ride are not the only Texa upset about proposa toban bicycle rides from Texas highways. Far from it, Lance Armstrong, two time winner of the Tour de France and native Texan, grew up cycling on the long, flat roads near Plano Now he's concerned that his son may never have that opportunity. In an editorial published last month in the Austin American Statesman, Armstrong expressed his disappointment with two Cen tral Texas lawmakers who want tighter restrictions on cyclists us ing state roads and highways. Senate Bill 238 , sponsored by Sen. Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio, would ban groups of more than two cyclists from riding together on roads without shoulders A bill likely to be submitted in the Texas House by Rep. Rick Green, R-Dripping Springs, would ban bicycles on such roads altogether if the speed limit for cars is more than 55 mph .

Wentworth said the bill's main point is to bring more safety on farm and ranch roads, but according to Gayle Cummins, executive director of the Texas Bicycle Coalition, there are laws that
bike safety on the books bike safety on the books. laws don't who obey the current sonable flow of traffic," she said
few cyclists disobeying the law." laws.
Indeed, Wentworth has agreed with her assessment, recently saying, "It's a minority of cyclists who are doing wrong."
The issue is about more than just sports. Opponents of the bill poin

Here's a toast!
Fourth-graders from Malia Whalin's class at DeShazo Elementary School take part Monday in the Jennyslippers' annual Toast to Texas, held this year in a courtroom at the Bailey County courthouse Hoisting their cup of water are (front row, from left) Kasey Hearn, Roger Lira and Victor Hernández; (second row) Cody González and Juan Vidana. Several county elected officials attended the event to support the students.

The bicycle industry is four times the size of the firearms industry Cummins argues that the bill strikes at the heart of this ,mostly smallbusiness owned industry. "Most retail bike shops in Texas exist on

scheduled to come off the press in late April. In the meantime, Shelburne plans to begin a sermon series based on the book Sunday morning, and continuing each Sunday morning (except Palm Sunday and Easter) through the spring and early summer at 16 th and Avenue D Church of Christ.

## Sunday-morning services begin

 10:30 a.m.Each segment of this series will stand alone, and Shelburne encouraged visitors to attend any service they can.

Our members would like to invite their friends and neighbors who are not involved in their own churches to join us for worship and for this special series of sermons at time during the next few months," he said.
Shelburne has received a copy of the design for the book's foil-em bossed cover. He said Tuesday that he temporary style of the cosign
More information about either the book or 16th and D services is avail able by calling 272-4619.

How To Measure a Rainbow, the new book by Muleshoe minister Curti soon by Covenant Publishing Shelburne said Tuesday
"The book focuses on the magnifi cence of God who specializes in filling lives with his purpose, direction and color," Shelburne said.
Based on the Apostle Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, each chapter in the book is designed to be easily read and understood as it encourages readers o open their eyes to the many and varied reflections of God's love, he said.
Longtime Lubbock minister and writer Joe R. B arnett said of the book "It's about time! I' ve been a Shelburne fan for a long time. I like what he says - and the way he says it. In this book Curtis provides provocative spiritua insights, reflected through the omni present twinkle in his eye. His marriage of wisdom to wit is infectious encouraging and enlightening. Read ng How To Measure a Rainbow is like sitting down with a savvy and warm-hearted friend."


Topnotch scrambler
Wearing his official "calf scramble" T-shirt from the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, Muleshoe's Joel Cowart poses with his father, Dr. Barry Cowart (right), and show representative Gary Nesloney. The younger Cowart was one of 14 winners, so he will receive a $\$ 1,000$ certificate to be used toward the purchase of his next show calf.


## A historic day

Members of the Bailey Members of the Bailey County Historical Commission gather (at left) Tuesday around the new microfilm machine at Muleshoe Area Public Library. From left are Jerry Hicks, Ann Camp, librarian Dyan Shipley, Ruth Hall, Julie Cage, Tom Boutell and LaVonne McKillip. Within two or three weeks, the library expects to have local newspapers on microfilm from May 1924 to December 1979, with later years eventually to be available. The state Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund bought the machine, and the

## AROUND MULESHOE

Luncheon to feature Adrian Meador
The monthly Soup and Sandwich Luncheon at 16th and D Church of Christ is scheduled for noon to 1 p.m. March 8 and will feature Adrian Meador, assistant superintendent of the Muleshoe Independent School District
Meador's topic, "Educational Lessons from a Lifetime in Education," will share some of the nuggets he has mined during his many years as a professional educator
The public is invited to the luncheon, which will be held in the church's fellowship hall. The meal is always offered on a free will donation basis.
The luncheon series is held on the second Thursday of each month during the school year (except for January). More infor mation about this week's event or any of the upcoming programs is avalable by caling 272-46.
Community Action seeks candidates
Bailey County on the South Plains Community Action Associa tion board is asked to contact the Bailey County office by March 14.

Two positions - one representing the target population and one alternate board member - will be on the ballot, with voting to take place March 19-23 at the local office.
More information is available by going by the office ( 804 W

American Blvd.) or by calling either Janie Posadas or Leonor
Meals on Wheels needs donations
The Bailey County Meals on Wheels program is critically low on funds and is asking the public for help with donations, director Andrea Kemp said Monday
The program gets some funding from government sources, bu Kemp said unusually high demand has eaten up that money. In addition to delivering meals to people with limited mobility, he program also provides rides to citizens age 60 and older, strictly on a donation basis.
More information is available by calling 272-3647.

## Public calendar

March 6-7:30 p.m. Muleshoe Rebekah Lodge No. 114, 308 W. Second.

March 8-7:30 p.m. Muleshoe Odd Fellows Lodge No. 58 308 W. Second.
Also on March $8-8$ p.m. Three Way School Board, in the board room of the district's administration building.
Also on March 8 - Deadline for Muleshoe students to apply or the Kristy M. Landers Memorial Scholarship; application forms are available at the high school counseling office.
March $12-6: 30$ p.m. Muleshoe Heritage Foundation board of directors, at the depot

## Railroad Commission OKs school-bus initiative

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

Members of the Texas Railroad Commission voted Tuesday in favor of an intiative that Commission Chairman Michael L. Williams said would reduce the cost of pro-pane-powered school buses.
Propane-powered buses produce significantly lower levels of environmentally damaging

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL COLLLEGE STATION Texans love the open road the achingly blue sky above the blacktop straight and true, the breeze ruffling through the driver's hair .
Texan Willie Nelson even sings about it: "On the road again.

Could anything sound bet-
ter? Just don't try to fulfill that tempting picture in tehopen bed of a pickup, say safety officials. And don't let a child ride back there.
"Every year in Texas there are crashes involving children or adolescents riding in the bed of a pickup," said Marlene Albers, program manager for rural passsenger safety educa-

## GAS

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increased fertilizer and in creased irrigation costs," said District Extension Director Jett Major of Lubbock.
"Natural gas is used to make fertilizer utilized on the farm, and it is also used to fuel engines that pump underground water for irrigating crops," Major said. "Producers will be limiting, or in some cases even eliminating, irrigation this year to try to minimize the cost of production. This will reduce regional production levels of regiton and other major crops grown on the South Plains." Meanwhile, growers ar awaiting developments in Washington, D.C., and what will happen with the farm bill, Major said. "We need higher commodity prices, lower costs for the producer and more suportive farm policy or we'll portive fam
Bob Robinson, district Extension director in Amarillo, also said Panhandle farmers are looking at alternative crops. "We are willing to see what will happente natural gas prices

In addition, the Railroad Commission will provide manufacturers and partners with periodic evaluations of their alternative-fuel technol ogy.
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young people who are killed or receive life-long injuries, he receiv


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"Scher bus engines.
School buses are exempt from state of Texas air-quality requirements," Williams said "This program will show school-bus operators the cost and emissions advantages of operating their fleets on propane."
The commission's Alterna tive Fuels Research and Edu-
grants with additional funding from the Texas Alternative Fuels Council to provide rebates for 30 propane school buses. There are more than 1,500 propane buses operating across the state.
Benefits of the proposed program would be cost savings to school districts, emissions r

## Texans encouraged not to ride in open pickup beds

tion with the Texas Coopera
tive Extension Service.

Most victims whe. these crashes have head inju ries that can take years of re overy, she said. Too often, victims don't sur
"These incidents take place not on the highway, but in neighborhoods, residential ar eas or school zones, and many times at speeds of 30 mph or less," Albers said.
One common scenario in volves a pickup, a young highschool age driver, and a load of his or her friends who are headed to a fast-food place on their lunch break from school Someone invariably sits on the edge of the pickup bed or on the wheel well, and then
orturns a corner that person is thrown from the pickup. "We never refer to these Albers Albers said, "because accidents are predictable, and if someone is riding on the bed of a pickup, you can predict that's an accident waiting to happen.'
Particularly in Texas, where pickups are a favorite mode o transportation, incidents such as this are not uncommon: Senior Trooper Eddie Carmon of Bryan - with the Texas Department of Public Texas Department of Public Safety's Safety Education Ser vice, has seen his share of
crashes, wrecks - incidents - involving people riding in the backs of pickups.
to decide what crops we will grow," he said. "Corn requires lot of irrigation, so we are looking at alternative crops.' Milo, sunflowers, soybeans and sorghum hay are options that require less waterthan corn. "We have had a threefold increase in natural gas prices in increase in naturalgas prices in said. "Ourlenders are
 are still looking at their enter are still looking at their enterprises and deciding what they
will plant." will plant."
Some Panhandle fields are still too muddy to work, but observers in both the Panhandle and South Plains regions report that wheat is responding to recent warmer temperatures, providing better forage


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Tops in spelling
Winners in Lazbuddie's March 1 competition in the annua Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee were (front row, from left) Ryan Bonney, second in the junior bee; Kayle Jesko, third in the junior bee; Kinzi Schacher, third in the senio bee; and Brittney Schacher, first in the junior bee; (back row, from left) Castle Crawford, first in the senior bee; and Luzana Chávez, second in the senior bee. The event is designed to help students improve their spelling, increase their vocabulary and develop correct English usage. Othe Lazbuddie participants were Katie Chávez, Jacob Schacher Leticia Mendoza, Crescent Crawford, Mari Beliz, Patric Marks, Bryce Haney, Kirby Kimbrough, Roper Smith, Corey Puckett and Kaylee Burnett

## Genealogy seminar scheduled in Amarillo

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 The spring seminar of the Amarillo Genealogical Societ is scheduled for March 31 in the Amarillo College West Campus Lecture Hall, 6222 W Ninth Ave. in Amarillo The lecture hall is the central building on the West Campus, and is adjacent to parking lots with entrances on Ninth enue.Sessions are scheduled from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to :30 p.m
Topics will includ

- "Gone to Texas: Life in the Republic," dealing with gener alizations about life in the Re public of Texas, "a dangerous, sad and pioneering kind of place," and the impact of those factors on the people wholived
chere, "Ou Multi-Cutural Past" but Mur-Cura far groups that came to Americ and how they shaped who and what we are
"That Was the Year When .." about national and international events in 1800,1825 and


## There are options when income tax cannot be paid

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

WASHINGTON - For taxpayers who find the filing deadline to be a "pay" this year and can't afford to pay the full amount due, the best advice is to go ahead and file on time and pay as much as possible. The IRS may allow the taxpayerto pay any remaining balance in monthly installments or, in some cases, even settle for less than the full amount through its Offer in Compromise program.
Once it i determined that the taxpayer cannot meet his or her full liability, they can go ahead and file and attach to their return a Form 9465 , a request for an installment agreement.
The IRS has streamlined the approval process if the amount owed is not more than $\$ 25,000$ and can be paid off within a five-year period. The taxpayer should specify the amount of the proposed monthly payment and the day of the month when payment would be preferable. The IRS charges a $\$ 43$ fee for setting up an installment agreement, and the taxpayer will be required to pay interest plus a late penalty on the unpaid balance.
This penalty, usually 0.5 percent of the balance due per month, drops to a 0.25 percent Nurse aide, ph starting again at South Plains
Classes in certified nurse aide training and basic phlebotomy begin March 26 at South Plains College in Levelland.
The nurse aide course provides education and training for work in long-term care home health and hospital environments. It meets from 5:30 p.m. to $9: 30$ p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in the college's Technical Arts Building, Room 112 Students successfully com pleting the course will tak the State of Texas Certified Nurse Aide Competency Examination.
Tuition is $\$ 300$ and the state exam fee is $\$ 69.75$. The in
installment agreement if the return was filed on time and no levy notice was received from the IRS.
Besides possibly qualifying for the reduced late-paymen penalty, the taxpayer has an other reason for filing by the due date - avoiding the late filing penalty, which is 5 per cent per month of the amoun due.
Paying as much as possible at the time of filing reduce these interest and penalty charges accordingly Anyone who finds that they cannot pay their taxes eve through an installment plan may apply for an offer in compromise to settle the tax liabil ity for less than the full amount owed.
The IRS will review the nancial situation and future in come potential to determine whether the offer is deemed appropriate.
Taxpayers seeking this course of action should submi Form 656, the offer in compro mise, and Form 433A, a statement containing the necessary collection information. The IRS website www.irs.gov has interactive sections to help determiné eli gibility for an installment pla phlebotomy to be structor is Barbara Brattan, licensed vocational nurse. Phlebotomy classes will meet from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednes days in the Technical Arts Building, Room 101. Tuition is $\$ 300$ and the instructor will be Georgia Mulloy, a certified phlebotomist
Clinical instruction will be arranged. Students planning to enroll in either class must provide proof of immuniza tion for MMR and tetanus and have a current tuberculi test.
More information (or preregistration) is available be ginning March 19 by calling (806) 894-9611, ext. 2341. oaded from that site The forms also are availab
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- "The South Lost the War You Know. How, Why and So What," detailing the advantages and disadvantages of the North and South prior to the Civil War, and what that meant to the people of the time; and - (if time permits) "So Your Ancestors Are Dead? A Look at What Ailed Them," a dis cussion of some common dis-
eases and ailments from which our ancestors suffered, and the impact those diseases had on the people.
Refreshments will be served Lunch is brown bag (each participant should bring their own) or off-campus.


## Registrations postmarkedb

and can be mailed to the Am illo Genealogical Society the door the cost is $\$ 17.50$



## RUBY EVERETT

Services were held Saturday at the First United Methodist Church for Ruby Everett, 87, of Muleshoe. The Rev. Brad Reeves officiated. Burial was in Muleshoe Memorial Park.
Ellis Funeral Home handled arrangements.
Mrs. Everett was born April 25 1913, in Young County, Texas. She died Thursday at Muleshoe Area Healthcare Center.
She had lived in Bailey County for 75 years, the past 38 of those in Muleshoe. She married Clint Everett in Portales onDec. 13, 1933 He died June 5, 1969.
She was a graduate of Goodland High School, a homemaker and a member of First United Methodist Church.
Mrs. Everett is survived by a son, Neil Everett of Needville, Texas; a daughter, Nancy Stovall of Muleshoe; two sisters, Irene Harth of Portales and Nina Brown of Ropesville; a brother, Pete Tarlton of Maple; seven grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. She also was preceded in death by a son, Kenneth W. Everett, on June 24, 1997.
The family suggests memorials to Muleshoe Area Healthcare Center ( 106 W. Avenue H, Muleshoe ELAINE STOUT the First United Methodist Church in Floydada for Elaine Stout, 51 , of Levelland. The Rev. Anthony Sisemore officiated. Burial was in Floyd Coda

Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home of Floydada handled arrangements.
Mrs. Stout was born June 15 1949, in Floydada. She died Thurs day at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.
She graduated from Floydada High School and attended Texas Tech in Lubbock and Hardin Simmons University in Abilene. She married Paul Dwayne Stou Aug. 16, 1969, in Floydad Aug. 16, 1969, in Floydada. They moved to Levelland from Muleshoe in 1989. She was a li brarian at South Plains College and was a member of the Marigold and South Plains Church, both in evelland.
Mrs. Stout is survived by her husband; three daughters, Mychelle Simms of Clovis, Natalie Boyd of Waxahatchie and Barbie Grimes of Yukon, Okla.; her parents, Tho mas and Marie Warren of Floydada wo brothers, Ed Warren Levelland and Don Warren of Floydada; a sister, Joyce Owens
Floydada; and three grandchildren The family suggests memorials The South Plains College Library (1401 S. College, Levelland

## JAMES FITTS

Graveside services were held Tuesday at Morton Memorial Cemetery for James Fitts, 45, of Morton. The Rev. Kennith Lawrence officated.
Ellis Funeral Home of Morton handled arrangements.
Mr. Fitts was born Oct. 6, 1955 in Morton. He died March 1 a Covenant Hospital in Levelland.
excent for $141 / 2$ years spent in the U.S. Army. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War and a member of the United Pentacostal Church in Abilene.
He married Shelia Morris in Temple on Nov. 13, 1991.
He is survived by his wife; six sons, James Fitts Jr. of Atlanta, Ga., Jacob Paul Fitts of Tacoma, Wash., and Christopher Lovett, Jonathan Lovett, Justin Smith and Victor Smith, all of Tulia; a daughter, Karla A. Corbray of Tacoma; five sisters, Jettie Mae Bailey of Dallas, Verna Bailey of Fort Worth, Nova Bailey of Frederick, Okla., and Penny Renee Hopkins and Linda Hawthorne, both of Lubbock; nine brothers, Ray Bailey and Ricky Bailey, both of Dallas, Donald Bailey and Darrell Bailey, both of Fort Worth, Robert Bailey of San Bernardino, Calif., Joe Curtis Fitts of Abilene, Dan Curtis Fitts of Morton, Joseph Hopkins of Denver, and Willie Hopkins of Amarillo; and two grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a brother, Larry King, in 2000 BESSIE ROBERTS
Services were held Monday in the First Baptist Church of Earth for Bessie E. Roberts, 99, of Earth. The Rev. Bobby Broyles officiated. Burial was in Earth Memorial Cemetery.
Parsons-Ellis Funeral Home of Earth handled arrangements. Mrs. Roberts was born July 1901, in Mena, Ark. She died Sat urday at the Hospitality House in Littlefield.
She married Harold Roberts on

## L ETTER To THE EITIOR

Dear Editor,
Lawrence Eugene Roddam died Jan. 6 in Wichita Falls after a long fight against cancer. He was born Aug. 3, 1925 , and was the oldest of six chiland was the oldest of six chilMae Roddam, who were form Mae Roddam, wh
After graduating from Muleshoe High School, Geneenlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1943 and was sent to basic training and radar school in California
I first met him in early March 1944 when we were sent along with many others to the Navy Amphibious Base, Little Creek, a., to become the crew of a classified new type of landing craft called an LSM (Landing Ship Medium).
This began a close friendship of more than 57 years
Gene had a chronic problem with seasickness that plagued him his entire Navy career. It was first noticed when we trained on Chesapeake Bay, trained on Chesapeake Bay then Lake Michigan when we

LUBBOCK - The West Texas Native American Association has scheduled its ninth nnual intertribal Powwow for March 24-25 at Fair Park Coli seum in Lubbock
The event opens to the public at 11 a.m. each day, with the grand entries scheduled for 1 p.m. each day (plus 7 p.m. on March 24).
Admission will be $\$ 3$ for adults, and children under the age of 12 will be admitted free. Cash awards will go to the first three places in each divi sion of the dance contest men's traditional, men's grass women's fancy shawl and ingle (combination) and women's cloth and buckskin (combination).
The master of ceremonies will be Thomas Chibitty from Moore, Okla. Headman will be
with an interruption for the Korean War when Gene was called
to serve on a destroyer off Korea and I was in the Army We both joined the National LSM Association when it was formed in 1990, and until two
years ago Gene made every annual meeting. He was forced to retire for medical reasons from his job as the manager of a condominium complex.
Burial with full military honors was at Crestview Memorial Park in Wichita Falls.
During the war, when he was not referred to as Gene, he answer to "Muleshoe" and never
tired of telling about the good tired of telling about the good life he had growing up in a
small town. small town.
Rest in well-deserved peace, old shipmate. Your crew will raise a beer in toast to you at our next reunion, but it will not be too long before we will all be together again.

COL. FRANK D.
SLOCUM
Waianae, Hawaii

Public invited to Native American powwow in Lubbock
picked up our new ship, LSM

asked for a medical transfer, but would stand hisevery watch; during periods when we were under constant air attacks, he never left his post.
During the almost two year we spent in the South Pacific he taught himself to be a signal man and radioman in addition to his own position as the senior radarman.
He was discharged at the end of the war as a radarman second class. He more than paid his dues to his country.
We kept in touch after the war We vist

## George "Cricket" Shields from

 Norman, Okla., and headlady will be Phyllis "Tiny Bear" Roberts from Sisseton, S.D. Northern drum will be pro vided by the Black Iron Singers of Enemy Swim, S.D., and southern drum will be by Cedardale of Carnegie, Okla. individuals from many tribes for the purpose of singing, dancing, feasting selling and trading arts and crafts and upholding traditional customs. More information is avail-
able by calling (806) 792-0757 or (806) 828-4054

Dec. 24, 1921, in Moberly, Mo. He

## died Feb. 7, 1988.

She had lived in Earth since 1978, moving there from Moberly. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church of Earth. Mrs. Roberts is survived by a daughterand son-in-law, Betty and Bill Anderson of Littlefield; two grandchildren, Kathleen Anderson of Amarillo and Kevin Anderson of Earth; and two great-grandchilof Earth; and two great-grandchil-
dren, John Anderson of Seymour and Kim Anderson of Lubbock. and Kim Anderson of Lubbock. The family suggests memorials
tothe First Baptist Church of Earth to the First Baptist Church of Earth
(101 N.E. First. Earth 79031) or Earth Memorial Cemetery (P.O. Earth Memorial Cemetery (P.O RUTH McCARTY
Services will be at 2 p.m. ThursChurch of Munt United Methodist McCarty, 91 , of Lubbock. The Rev Brad Reeves will officiate. Burial will be in Muleshoe Memorial Park.

Ellis Funeral Home is handling arrangements.
Church (P.O. Box 505, Muleshoe Mrs. McCarty was born Oct. 6, 79347) or Muleshoe Memorial Park , in Petrolia, Texas. She died Monday in Lubbock.
She was a 1927 graduate of Mulehoe High School, where she participated in tennis and basketball. She was a member of First United MethodistChurch and apast worthy matron and organist for the worthy matron and organist for the Muleshoe Order of Eastern Star.
She married A.D. "Delma" She married A.D. "Delma" McCarty on Nov. 24, 1927, in
Muleshoe. He died July 11, 2000 Muleshoe. He died July 11, 2000. She worked in sales at the C.R Anthony department store in Mule shoe until her retirement. She moved to Lubbock from Muleshoe
She is survived by a son, Fuston McCarty of Lubbock; a sister, Iris Butts of Fort Collins, Colo.; four grandchildren; and six great-grandhildren.
The family suggests memorials
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## Care-givers must make time to care for themselves, too

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL COLLEGE STATION As the population ages, many families find that providing some kind of supplemental care for older relatives is a fact of life.

Taking care of older family members is an issue that needs to be addressed before the need arises, said Dr. Judy Warren, professor and gerontology specialist for Texas Agricultural Extension Service.
First, "have a family conference and talk about issues related to the problem. What are the goals if anything should happen?"' Talk about choices; find out what family members' wishes would be if they needed someone else's care. "It needs to be a two-way communication," Warren said.
Financial information needs to be discussed, even though older parents may not want to talk about it. Adult children "may need to probe," she said. "It's not inappropriate to ask (older parents), 'What would you do if worst came to worst, and you had to go to a nursing home? How would you pay for
it? Asking parents personal questions isn't always easy, but it may be necessary, Warren said. "Issues within a family are very complex."
Make sure important documents - including wills, health-care powers of attorne
and living wills - are filed "Youneed to have them in place if you want to have your wishe carried out," Warren said. "If you want the government to make the decisions about the distribution of your assets for you, then you don't need will." Look at things ned done to improve the living en vironment. In this situation little things can mean a lot Warren said. For example, due to age-related decline in eyesight, older adults need more light; therefore, adding light ing to a home might be a simple way to help an older relative be self-reliant longer.
Look at ways to make a home safer. Warren said falls are serious threat to older adults in fact, she said, " 40 percent of nursing-home admissions are related to falls." But not only are falls a physical threat, they are an emotional one as well "Once a person falls, his confi dence capn be affected in a really negative way.
When an older person becomes less able to care for his orherownneeds, arrangements for care must be made. Often these arrangements involve care given by a family member.
Usually these care-givers are spouses, adult children or even adult grandchildren or siblings of the older adults who are no longer able to care for themselves, Warren said.

## HOROSCOPES

## MARECH 10-97

Aries - March 21/April 20
Keep your temper in check when a loved one makes an honest mistake early in the week. He or she doesn't mean to cause you any trouble. So,
instead of getting angry at this person, help him or her get out of this instead of getting angry at this person, help him or her get out of this
situation. Your assistance will be appreciated. Scorpio plays a key role. Taurus - April $21 /$ May 21
Dourt keep your feelings bottled up inside when you get angry at that
special someone on Thursday, Taurus. He or she cat tell that yous special someone on Thursday, Taurus. He or she can tell that you're up-
set; don't deny it. Your relationship is strong enough to handle this minor set; dacle. So, be honest with him or her. A loved one has a surprise for you on Saturday. Enjoy!
Gemini - May 22/June 21
Gemini - May 22 June 21 , an opportunity to do something new and exciting, take it It It will be a bit of a challenge for you, but you certainly are up to it. Enjoy yourself! An ac-
quaintance asks for your help with a personal problem. Do what you can quaintance ask
for him or her.
Cancer - June 22/July 22
rufeel as if you're on an emotional roller coaster this week. One minute, you're up; the next minute, you're down. To get yourself back on track,
talk to that special someone. He or she always makes you feel better. A taik to that special someone. He or she always makes you feet better. A
business associate asks a favor of you on Friday. Don't get involved. There is more going on here than you know
Leo- July 23/August 23
You meet an interesting person on Wednesday, Leo. Try to make a good impression, because this could be the one for you. Just stay calm, and be
yourself. Your feelings will be reciprocated. A family friend calls you out of yourself. Your feelings will be reciprocated. A family friend calls you out of
the blue this weekend. Catch up with him or her. You're sure to learn a lot. Aquarius plays a key role.
Virgo - Aug 24/Sept 22 .
Don't get too upset with yourself when you make an honest mistake on Tuesday, Virgo. You don't do it intentionally, and your error doesn't cause
any serious problems. So, just rectify the situation, and move on. No one is going to hold this against you.
Libra - Sept 23/Oct 23
who are fighting do to help ease the tension between two close friends who are fighting, don't. Your input only will make the matter worse. This is involved. Piscess plays a key role.
involved. Pisces plays a k
Scorpio - Oct $24 /$ Nov 22
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There is a lot to do at work this week, Scorpio. If you are diligent, you're
sure to sure to get it all done. However, don't get so wrapped up in things that
you that
you ingre your loved you ignore your loved ones. They need you right now. Be the
it's a fine line, but you certainly can walk it if you stay calm.
Sagittarius - Nov 23/Dec 21
Don't let a minor setback in your romantic life get you down. You can
overcome this if you just stay positive. Ty to look on the bright side overcome this if you just stay positive. Try to look on the bright side of
things, and work to surmount this obstacle. A loved one offers you some advice. Listen to what he or she has to say. It's valuable information Capricorn - Dec 22 /Jan 20
Stand your ground when an acquaintance tries to take control of a prob-
lem that you're having. You tem that you're having. You are the only one who knows what the best Just let his or her advice go in one ear and out the other. Gemini your life. Important role in all of this.
Aquarius - Jan 21/Feb 18 , 18 , by yourself. The sooner you realize this, the better. Don't be afraid to ask
others for help. People are more than willing to assist you. A loved one has a surprise for you on Friday. Enjoy!
Pisces - Feb 19March 20
Keep your sense of humor about you this week, Pisces. There is a lot going on at work, and not all of it is good. If you can laugh at the situation,
you'll get through it easily. Try to help others see the humor in things too you'l get through it easily. Try to
Your efforts will be appreciated
"If you look at the older population who are over 60 years of age, 4 percent to 5 percent of older adults are living in nursing homes," Warren said. "About 15 percent require some kind of assistance from family."
Most of the older adults who need care receive it from family members, although in-home care from professionals is sometimes required.
Information from the 1990 Census Bureau showed that 10 years ago (the most recent figures available): ures available)
and older weople age 15 and older were caring for a household member who had an illness or condition that prevented him or her from doing some activity;

- About 47 percent-nearly half - of these care-givers assisted their loved one with three
or more activities (including grooming, doing housework, running errands, etc.);
- About 15 million people provided care to a loved one who did not live in the same house with them; and
- About 71 percent of care is provided by car-egivers ages 30 to 64
According to information from The Family Times Quarterly Family and Human Development Newsletter (fall 1994), the number of people age 85 and older could increase as much as 11 -fold in the next 20 years.
If care-giving becomes necessary, it should be a family decision, Warren said. Often one person is the designated care-giver with other family members helping out in varius ways. Sometimes care-giving must be done by
ong distance if relatives live far apart and moving one or the other isn't an option.
In whatever form it takes, caring for another adult is stressful, and a care-giver should remember to take care of his or her own personal needs as well as those of the older person. Warren offered some advice for those who find themselves in care-giving situations: First, she said, "figure out what you are really responsible for and what other people are responsible for." Delegate whenever possible to ease the burden. And don't hesitate to ask for help.
Then take some time for yourself. "Youcannot give 150 percent of yourself withouttaking some time to replenish yourself. Take a break.
Seek support from others and
what programs your parent qualifies for-example,Medicare and Medicaid - and utilize them. "Maximize your resources, both from the family and the community," Warren said.

And remember, "learn to say no." One person - one caregiver - can't do everything.

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Holley Morris poses at her Feb. 3 bridal showe
Bridal shower honors Holley Morris Holley Morris, bride-elect ter, Sandy Gregory, Barbar of John DavidAgee, was hon- Lust, Faye Poynor, Jan Via ored with a bridal showerFeb. Patti Kent.
Special guests for the event ere Vicki Morris, mother of the bride; Sharon Agee, mother of the groom; Irene grandmothers of the bride; and Reagan and Emily Agee, daughters of the groom. Judy Brockman, Sheryl Engelking, Ellen Gallman, Patti King, Marca Morris Terry Thomas, Sue Bessire
nd Debbie Weir. The hostess gift was money The focal point for the serv ing table was a large fruit ower topped with a pineapple ries, kiwi fruit, various mel ons and peaches. It was garnished with different types o leaves. A variety of muffins nd sausage balls were also erved along with punch and The couple married Feb. 17

## Combs: National Agriculture Week is time to honor farmers, ranchers

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL they continue to fulfill an en-

AUSTIN - Agriculture
Commissioner Susan Combs as announced that March 18 .
in Texas.
"During this week, we honor the farmers and ranchers whose dedication and commitment to he land and people of Texa extends all year," combs said.
"National Agriculture Week s the time to honor the
hardworking individuals in our state's food and fiber industry," she said. "It is also a good time orecognize the impact that ag riculture has on our daily lives In this new millennium, Texas' farm and ranch familie enges," Combs added. "Y
College announces job fair

tive employers from through- ested in employment," said out the South Plains are signing up to participate in South Plains

College's annu
The event is open to any current or for hans sident and is scheduled from 11
a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Sundown a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Sundown
Room of the Student Center on campus.
"A number ofemployers have
during legacy that ensures dant, reliable and affordable supply of food, natural fiber horticultural and other agricul tural products.
Combs will kick off the spe cial week with a proclamatio signing March 19 at the state capitol.
Agriculture is the second larg est industry in Texas, generat-
ing more than $\$ 80$ billion hrough the state's economy The Lone Star State leads the nation in the number of farms and ranches, and about 80 per and ranches, and about 80 per some form of agricultural in some form of agricultural production.
diverse state in the nation as far
as its agricultural production.

"For generations, Texas farmers and ranchers have worked hard to build an industry that accounts for about 7 percent of the total U.S. agricultural income Texas is the nation's se ond leading state in agricutural production," Combs said Although agriculture provides a job for one out of five working Texans, less than 2 percent of the population is involved in day-to-day farming or ranch| ing. |
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It is incredible when you think that only a small number of people produce our food and fiber, and many times do so against difficult odds," Combs

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PUCKETT
Kalamand LisaAnn Puckett announce the birth of a daughter, Elizabeth Ann Puckett, born at $1: 57$ p.m. Feb. 12 at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. She weighed 8 pounds, 13 ounces and was 20 $1 / 2$ inches long.

Grandparents are Larry and Cheryl Puckett of Muleshoe and Tom and Pat Clark of Monroeville, N.J.

e scientific materials and portunities at the center

Sokolov's visit is sponsored by the American Councils for International Education, a program funded by the U.S. State Department.
"I hope in the future the Viet nam Center will be recognized as the principal place for Viet. nam studies in the world," he

## said.

Both Sokolov and von
Irgens-Berghlearned about the center while conducting their research, and each contacted James Reckner, director of the Vietnam Center.
Sokolov has been in contact with Reckner since 1992, af ter meeting him on a visit to Hanoi, Vietnam. Von Irgens Bergh found out about the cen ter while reading a book that made a reference to Reckner Von Irgens-Bergh said encouragment is what per suaded her to come from Eu rope to Lubbock.
She said it was difficult for her to find information in Denmark on the war. Here, she has been able to read privat diaries and letters, as well as look through personal artifacts In her research on Vietnam veterans, she is trying to find duce a quality, cost-effective product that serves people
worldwide. National Agriculure Week gives us an opportunity to recognize those produc nity to recognize those produc

1964 to 1973
"The Vietnam War is still a
big part of people's lives, she said. "It had a huge impact on so many people. This war divided people, and everyone has a different opin-

Center preserves a big part of American history. People associate the Vietnam War with pain, but the Vietnam Center could really help heal wounds," von Irgens Bergh said.

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## Copenhagen in Denmark

Sokolov's research concerns United States and Vietnam during the 1940s.
Sokolov will be in Lubbock fival in months. Since his arbeen able to find many materials, books and articles to help him form a hypothesis for his "The United States has information I can't get in Eu-


## Extension proposals play key role in reducing water demand

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

COLLEGE STATION Recommendations by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service are playing a key role in achieving a projected 20 percent decrease in water demand by agriculture in the Rio Grande Valley over the next 50 years, according to a recently released study.
Extension experts are work ing at both ends of an irrigation problem - finding ways to reduce water losses in an inefficient irrigation canal system, and proving methods for using less water on crop lands.
Agricultural irrigation i important to the Rio Grande Valley, which contains about 12 percent of the irrigated acres in the state and grows many of the winter vegetables produced in the UnitedStates
"There is a lot of dryland cotton and sorghum, but just about everything that's irrigated is done through canal systems in districts," said Dr Guy Fipps, Extension agricultural engineer.
Agricultural irrigation ac counts for 90 percent of the water use in the Valley; average use is about 1 million than 325 billion gallons

Concrete canals and irrigation pipes are literally the lifeline to agriculture in that region. About 4,100 miles o

West, Fla., to Seattle, Wash serve not only yagriculth but municipal and industrial purposes as well.
However, the Valley is bedemanding more water-the population is projected to more than double, growing fromabout 1.3 million people o 3.1 million by 2050 , the Lower Rio Grande Valley De elopment Council reports. According to the regional water plan submitted in Feb -
ruary to the Texas Legislature water districts and agricultural producers are being
"There is no other source of water for the cities, except for desalinization plants, which are very expensive, Fipps said. "To meet future water demand, there's going
to have to be a transfer from agriculture to municipal and industrial use.
In cooperation with Rio Grande Valley irrigation discompleted a sudy recently tified 24 canal segments with a loss rate of about 10,532 acre-feet of water per year, or 3.4 billion gallons per year. The purpose of the study was The purpose of the study was
to identify how much water

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