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A QUICK READ OF THE NEWS

Drinking, robbing don't mix

Sheriff's deputies say a drunken man stole a rifle from a house in Wheeling, W.Va., then ripped off a box of shells from a Wal-Mart.

Not realizing the shells were the wrong size, he took the gun to an adult sex-toy shop where he demanded cash. In the process, investigators say, he pulled the trigger — but the rifle misfired because it had the wrong size shells.

The clerk managed to subdue the man and hold him until deputies arrived.

Brian Lee Moore, 28, was jailed on charges of attempted murder, attempted robbery and malicious wounding.

Her Royal Highness

Valerie R. Harvey of Philadelphia claimed to be royalty — Queen Vallahra El Harre Bey of the Noble Great Seal Moors of Philadelphia and Montgomery Counties.

That's why, she says, a judge should give her diplomatic immunity and dismiss charges that she used an invalid credit card to rent an Avis rental car for three years.

But prosecutors say there's no record of Harvey or her alter ego, Queen of the Moors. She is being held on \$15,000 bail.

Unless she can prove diplomatic immunity, the charge carries a maximum penalty of seven years in prison.



Drawing date: Wednesday, April 18
Winning numbers: 2-3-4-12-23-50
Estimated jackpot: \$19 million
Winners: 0
Next drawing: Saturday, April 21
Estimated jackpot: \$25 million

On this date in history

April 21 — Two baseball teams, the Stonewalls of Houston and the Robert E. Lees of Galveston, play the first such game in Texas. Houston won 35-2. (1867).

Also on April 21 — Texans defeat the Mexican forces at San Jacinto (1836).

April 22 — Texans capture Mexico's Gen. Santa Anna, effectively ending the war for independence (1836).

April 23 — The Mexican retreat to lands south of the Rio Grande begins (1836).

LOCAL WEATHER

As of Friday night, the forecast called for continued mild temperatures across the area, with daytime highs near 70 for Sunday and Monday but rising to near 80 by Wednesday and Thursday. The ultraviolet index will be high, so there will be the danger of sunburn. Morning low temperatures are expected to be in the low 40s each morning with the exception of Monday, which should dip to about 37.

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New nursing home is christened 'Park View'

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The Muleshoe Area Hospital District Board voted Thursday to name the new nursing home Park View.

Other names suggested for the facility were Park Ridge, Park South and Park Place.

Board member Mike Miller made the motion to accept Park

View, and it was seconded by L.T. Johnson.

District administrator Jim Bone said he met Thursday with representatives of the project contractor, Greenstreet Inc. of Lubbock, and they told him the project is about 70 percent complete.

The board again tabled action on accepting a bid for irrigation

and landscaping around the building. Only two bids were received — Muleshoe Sod Farms and Shafer's Nursery. Comparing the bids is complicated since no landscape design was specified, and each business bid on its own design.

The board also took a large step toward furnishing the new facility

by approving \$10,000 to buy surplus equipment (including 31 beds, six of them never used) from Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital in Sonora, Texas.

The board also heard the district's annual audit report and applauded the presentation of a 10-year service certificate to Bone from Covenant Health System.

Wheat estimate up 41 percent from last year

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

AUSTIN — Texas wheat producers expect to harvest 93 million bushels this year, 41 percent above the drought-plagued 2000 crop but 24 percent less than the 1999 crop.

According to an April 1 survey conducted by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, planted acreage for the 2001 crop is estimated at 5.7 million acres, down 5 percent from 2000 and 8 percent from 1999.

Production on the northern High Plains is expected to total 39 million bushels, up 47 percent from a year ago. Though rains and colder weather hindered planting, moisture conditions through winter and spring have been beneficial.

Producers in the Blacklands expect to harvest 15 million bushels, down 31 percent from last year. Planted acres for the region, at 710,000, were down 6 percent.



Journal photo: Beatrice Morin

Future all-stars

Wednesday's T-ball practice at Dillman Elementary School provided some younger athletes a chance to show their championship form. Above, Alyssa Leal prepares to catch a ball by holding her mouth just right, while in the photo at left Selena Villegas gets in position to field a ground ball. Both girls are members of the turquoise team, whose coach is Robert Shafer — assisted by Kevin King. Opening ceremonies for Muleshoe's T-ball season were scheduled for Saturday.



Mules drop baseball game 8-6 to Roosevelt Eagles

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal correspondent

The playoff-bound Mules failed to take full advantage of a first-inning four-run spot donated to them by Lubbock Roosevelt on Thursday, eventually losing 8-6. It was only Roosevelt's second district win of the season.

The Eagle pitcher hit the first two Mule batters and walked the next two before Chris Barrera singled to right field and put the Mules ahead by three runs. The fourth run scored on a passed ball, giving Muleshoe a 4-0 lead.

Then, in the first half of the sixth inning, Lindy Piñeda stroked the ball over the left-field fence for a home run, giving the Mules a 6-3 margin. But the wheels came

off for the Mules in the bottom of the sixth, with Roosevelt sending nine batters to the plate and scoring five runs.

Barrera again gave the Mules a four-run lead at 5-1 in the second inning after drawing a walk and stealing second base on the first pitch to T-Bird Cox. Barrera moved to third and scored on back-to-back passed balls.

Landon Nichols, the starting Mule pitcher, then gave up a single to Roosevelt's lead-off batter. But he got the next batter to pop out to Russell Warren on second and the next two batters to hit ground balls to Warren, holding the 5-1 lead through two full innings.

Piñeda doubled to center field with two outs in the third, but the

Mules could not get him home. Two Mule errors on the infield resulted in Roosevelt's second run of the game. The Eagles changed pitchers to start the fourth inning, and the Mules went three up and three down.

Roosevelt cut the Mule lead to two runs in that inning with a single to left, a fielding error and a muffed pick-off play at first base.

Raymond Toscano took over pitching duties in the fifth inning and blanked the Eagles.

Piñeda's homer in the top of the sixth was only the Mules' third hit of the game. A series of errors, a walk, a triple and a base hit down the first-base line put the Eagles up 8-6 by the end of the sixth.

In the top of the seventh, Barrera

got a single through the hole and moved to second on a passed ball with only one out, but the Mules could not put the bat on the ball and had to settle for their third loss in district play.

"We seemed to be out of synch today, and once we got the lead in the first inning, we just seemed to take a mental break. We have not made this many errors (six) in the last three games," Muleshoe coach Donnie Scott said.

"For some reason, we were just not ready to play today. This is very disappointing — I just hope we learned from today," he said.

"Teams have days like we had today," he added. "I just hope we

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Rainbow Room to shine over Muleshoe

Soon the children of Bailey County who are in need of immediate care because of abuse or neglect may have their needs met more quickly.

The staff of the local agency caring for these children has often relied on its own resources, a great deal of ingenuity or a trip to Littlefield to go through used clothing at a facility there.

Many larger communities already have facilities known as Rainbow Rooms to assist the case workers of Child Protective Services. The Muleshoe facility, at 1620 W. American Blvd., is expected to begin full operation soon.

The goal will be to provide a smooth transition for children who are entering the public system. These children often are found in deplorable conditions, and often they are removed from their homes without clean clothes or

in the case of infants, diapers and formula.

Volunteers will be cleaning, painting and stocking the facility, and financial contributions will be needed to begin the basic setup.

Stocking the Rainbow Room will need to be a community effort involving civic groups, businesses, church groups and individuals.

The goal is to get the Muleshoe facility in shape in time for a fall open house to allow the public to see what is available.

Fall classes targeting teens also are planned.

More information can be obtained by calling 272-5846. Speakers are available through that number to address community groups regarding the mission of Rainbow House and how citizens may help with the project.



Journal photo: Beatrice Morin

Doubles to regional

Members of the Muleshoe High School tennis doubles teams that will be competing at regional in Odessa on Monday and Tuesday are (from left) Summer Daniel, Laura Wood, Josh Hall and Jason Riggs. Both doubles teams won their events at district and lifted the boys' team to the district title and the girls' team to the co-championship.

AROUND MULESHOE

SCAC bake-auction raises \$1,400

The annual bake-auction held by the Student-Community Action Club over Channel 6 raised more than \$1,400 in one morning. The event was held April 14.

"It was wonderful to see the SCAC junior and senior students of Muleshoe High School giving up vacation time to do something for the community," said Jean Allison, one of the club's longtime sponsors.

Each student was responsible for bringing two "from-scratch" items for the sale, and then was there to work during the event.

The money raised goes to improvement projects at the Muleshoe Heritage Center, the club's long-term project. Past fund-raisers have helped decorate the little girl's room in the Janes ranch house, build a loft and new raised roof on the log cabin, secure a new flagpole and make repairs on the cookhouse.

Blood drive set for Lazbuddie

A blood drive has been scheduled for 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 30 at the Lazbuddie Methodist Church.

Potential donors are asked to eat their regular meals and drink plenty of water prior to donating.

More information is available by calling (806) 385-4563.

Teacher of year nominations open

Nominations are due in writing by 4 p.m. May 4 for the sixth annual teacher of the year awards presented by the Muleshoe Independent School District.

Two awards — one for elementary grades, one for secondary — will be presented during a May 28 general faculty meeting in the high school auditorium.

The cost of the awards is underwritten by Muleshoe State Bank and First Bank.

Shelburne schedules book-signings

Curtis Shelburne of Muleshoe has scheduled two local events where he will be available to autograph copies of his book, *How To Measure a Rainbow*.

They are set for 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. April 29 at the 16th and D Church of Christ, where Shelburne is the pastor, and from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. May 11 at Williams Athletics.

The book also may be ordered directly from Shelburne by writing to him at P.O. Box 402 in Muleshoe, calling 272-4664 or e-mailing ckshel@aol.com.

Area residents to be honored at banquet

Tobin Redwine, Crescent Crawford, Brock Steinbock and Kyler Steinbock, all of Lazbuddie, and Ralph Franse of Farwell are among those who will be honored for "outstanding contributions to the Texas soil and water conservation program" during a May 1 banquet in Plainview.

The Lazbuddie students are to be honored in the posters and essays category.

The banquet is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m., and will recognize

citizens from 52 counties in the Panhandle.

Students exhibit at art show

Six students from Three Way schools exhibited their artwork during the student art show held in conjunction with the Lubbock Arts Festival on April 20-22.

Participating were Michael Soliz (senior), Ivan Navarro (junior), Monica Walker (sophomore), Katy Cook (freshman), Eddie López (freshman) and Edgar Estrada (eighth grade).

The students' sponsor is Clyde Davis of Clovis, an English teacher at Three Way Junior High School.

Classroom teachers offering scholarships

May 18 is the deadline to apply for two scholarships being offered by the Muleshoe Classroom Teachers Association to graduates of the high school.

One scholarship will be given to a member of the class of 2001 who plans to major in education, while the other will go to an earlier graduate now attending college as a junior or senior majoring in education.

More information is available by calling Gayla Gear (272-7303), Patty O'Hare (925-6415) or Alice Liles at 272-5200. Applications also can be turned in to any one of the three.

Sheets to host Alzheimer's discussion

Dr. Kyle Sheets will host an informational evening about Alzheimer's disease from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. April 26 in the family room of the Muleshoe Church of Christ, 2201 W. American Blvd.

Topics to be covered include "The Disease Process," "Effects on Family," "Planning for Care," "Medication Overview," "Advance Directives" and "Available Resources."

The panel will include Dr. Josefina Diaz-Vogt (a psychiatrist), Roy Puente and Judy Gentry.

There will be no admission fee.

Softball tournament scheduled

The Muleshoe Chapter of Family Career and Community Leaders of America is sponsoring a softball tournament April 28-29 at the softball field.

This is an ASA, double-elimination tournament. Entry fee is \$100, with \$50 due up front. T-shirts will be awarded for first place, trophies for second and third.

More information is available from Raymond Toscano (272-4941), Lupe Nuñez (272-5139) or Sonny Chávez (891-5092).

Public calendar

April 23 — 7 p.m. Muleshoe School Board, in the district administration building, 514 W. Avenue G.

April 26 — Deadline for entering the May 2 talent show being sponsored by the Muleshoe High School Leadership Council. Entry fee is \$5, and a completed entry form is required.

April 28 — 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. West Texas Gospel Jubilee at First Assembly of God, 521 S. First. Information: Pastor Jack Stone.

The Blackwater Valley Soil and Water Conservation District has Eastern Red Cedar evergreen trees available for windbreak planting for a limited time.

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MULES

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have ours out of the way now and can begin to build momentum for the playoffs."

The Mules scored six runs on four hits along with their six errors, while Roosevelt scored eight runs on six hits and played an error-free game.

Lubbock Cooper claimed its third district title Thursday by defeating Shallowater 5-2.

If the district standings remain the same after the final game (Muleshoe plays Shallowater there on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.), the Mules will face Amarillo River Road in the playoffs at a time and place to be determined.

Muleshoe 16 Dimmitt 6

The storm that stopped the Mules' April 10 baseball game against Dimmitt wasn't caused by Mother Nature.

Muleshoe ended the game under the 10-run rule in the fifth inning when Jerrell Otwell, a courtesy runner for pitcher Landon Nichols, scored on a passed ball and ran the score to 16-6.

Raymond Toscano started on the mound for the Mules, with Landon Kerby behind the plate. Roddy Spradling came on in relief after 3 1/3 innings and pitched to three batters. Nichols was called on to halt a brief Dimmitt rally in the third inning.

The Mules jumped on the Bobcats early, scoring four runs in the first inning, adding two in the second, and batting around in the third to add seven

more runs across the plate.

Defensively, Toscano got the final out of the second after walking the bases loaded with two out and striking out the final batter to give up no runs.

Toscano threw a groundball to T-Bird Cox at third to start the third inning and then struck out the next two batters.

HONORS

MORRIS
Kellen J. Morris of Lazbuddie was among 71 West Texas A&M University students inducted into Alpha Chi National Honor Society during the spring semester.

Membership is by invitation only and is limited to students who have completed at least 30 semester hours of work with a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher.

After striking out the first batter in the fourth inning, Toscano walked three batters and hit two with pitches. Dimmitt scored six runs in the fourth inning before Nichols ended the inning by striking out the first two batters he faced. Nuñez went 3-for-4 at the plate and scored two runs.

Bridal Selections

Sylvia Espinosa
bride elect of Lance King

Christine Isaac
bride elect of John Bonatakis

Kimberly Smith
bride elect of Guy Nickels

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Muleshoe Police Department — Local Businesses Partners in Drug Prevention

The MULESHOE POLICE DEPARTMENT would like to give thanks to the many businesses and individuals that made contributions to the Muleshoe Police Department K-9 Program.

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The success of the program has been better than anticipated with results of 22 arrests directly associated with the use of the K-9. From the commencement of the program in November of 2000, the MPD K-9 unit has had a total of 42 actual street finds consisting of Marijuana, Cocaine, Methamphetamine, and Heroin. Of these finds, 33 were produced from vehicles and 9 where from residences.

The MPD K-9 Unit has had the opportunity to assist area law enforcement agencies upon their request. These agencies include the Bailey County Sheriff's Office, Lamb County Sheriff's Office, and the Region 5 Drug Task Force in New Mexico. In addition the Unit has even had the opportunity to assist the Muleshoe ISD on occasion pursuant to drug related suspicions.

The Muleshoe Police Department's position on drug enforcement is to enforce the laws provided for by our legislature, aggressively, and with zero tolerance. We believe that this is in the best interest of the 4,600

or so citizens of our community that we serve. With tools such as the K-9 provided for by our local businesses and individuals, we are able to give our best effort in the continuing war on drugs. It is our hope that Muleshoe is an undesirable place for those who wish to use or distribute drugs.

Paid for by seized assets of drug offenders.



Journal photo: Beatrice Morin

Raffle winner

Gayle Jones (right) of Earth won a raffle of Easter goodies sponsored by Muleshoe's Friends of the Library on April 12. Looking on is librarian Dyan Shipley.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Muleshoe Area Medical Center reports the following patient load:

- April 10** — Cynthia Coberley, Baby Girl Cortez, Kristy M Cortez, America Crook, Tommy A. Haley, Kathryn A. Hancock, Baby Hazel, Socorro Juárez, Trinidad Navejar, Shelly S. Schonasky, Lola Standefer and F. Watts.
- April 11** — None reported.
- April 12** — Cynthia Coberley, America Crook, Clara Flores, Tommy A. Haley, Kathryn A. Hancock, Joseph Langer, Robbie Nowlin, Nettie Quesenberry, Cary Radford, Willie Roberts and

Sergio Sánchez.

- April 13** — Cynthia Coberley, Clara Flores, Tommy A. Haley, Kathryn A. Hancock, Joseph Langer, Ethel Murray, Robbie Nowlin, Willie M. Roberts and Sergio Sánchez.
- April 14** — None reported.
- April 15** — None reported.
- April 16** — Cynthia Coberley, Clara Flores, Tommy A. Haley and Kathryn A. Hancock.
- April 17** — Cynthia Coberley, Tommy A. Haley, Kathryn A. Hancock and Ramona A. Sánchez.
- April 18** — Salomon Carrión, Cynthia Coberley, Tommy A. Haley and Kathryn A. Hancock.

OBITUARIES

GILBERT MUNIZ

Graveside services were held Thursday at Sudan Cemetery for Gilber Muñoz, 55, of Sudan. The Rev. Joe Augustine will be the celebrant. Ellis Funeral Home of Sudan handled arrangements. Mr. Muñoz was born Nov. 6, 1945, in Robstown, Texas. He died Tuesday in Lubbock. A longtime resident of Sudan, he married Selia Jurado and was a farmer and trucker. He is survived by his wife; a son, Angel Muñoz of Sudan; two daughters, Rosie King and Jennifer Muñoz, both of Sudan; his mother, Guadalupe Muñoz of Sudan; six sisters, Santos Muñoz of Muleshoe, Guadalupe Soto of Everson, Wash., Juana Macias and San Juana Muñoz, both of Seminole, Margareta Muñoz of Sudan and Concha Gonzales of Houston; two brothers, Santiago Muñoz of Madisonville, Texas, and Casimiro Muñoz of Farwell; and three grandchildren, Desiree and

GROVER 'BUD' MATLOCK

Alex King and Braxton Jurado. A memorial service was held Thursday at Earth United Methodist Church for Grover W. "Bud" Matlock, 70, of Littlefield. The Revs. Albert Lindley and George C. Price Jr. officiated. Burial was in Earth Memorial Cemetery prior to the service. Parsons-Ellis Funeral Home of Earth handled arrangements. Mr. Matlock was born Aug. 12, 1930, in Paducah. He died Tuesday in Littlefield. He married Betty McClanahan on July 21, 1950, and she died in October 1965. He then married LaMoyné Lee on Sept. 3, 1966, in Earth. He was a longtime member of the Earth Volunteer Fire Department and Civil Defense crew, serving as fire chief for several years. He was a member of the Earth United Methodist Church for more than 30 years, and for many of those years served as Sunday school secretary and finance chairman. He moved

NURSING HOME NEWS

Thursday morning, the Rev. William Perhealth, Loyce Killingsworth, Juanita Ricard and Clara Lou Jones and the residents directed a special Easter service.

Aline Locke, Grace Scarbrough, Juanita Teague, Clara Coffman, Rosie Martin, G. Reyna, Grace Plyler, Elzie Darland and Bootie Tiller painted ceramics in craft class Thursday afternoon. Scarbrough and Locke prepared deviled eggs in cooking class Thursday afternoon.

Friday morning, Linda Lee, the Rev. Brad Reeves and other directors brought children from Kinder Korner to sing for the residents, give them hugs and deliver flower pots and flowers the students had made for the residents.

Reydon Stanford and sons entertained at the residents' Easter party Friday afternoon. Nathan Stanford, Tessa and Kyan Garner and Matthew Dickerson found the Easter eggs hidden on and around the grandpas and grandmothers (the residents). Volunteers Plus and the activity department hosted the party.

Pat Wilson attended the party with Muriel Lewis and made a plate of deviled eggs for the party Friday afternoon.

Sunday morning, Clara Lou Jones taught the Sunday school class. Mike Jones and Aline Locke's daughters visited the class.

Members of the Primitive Baptist Church came Sunday for a gospel singing service.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug DuPay from Friona visited and entertained the residents Monday afternoon.

Claudine Embry, Beverly Wagnon, Eva Nell Dale, Linda White, Josie Ovalle and Mary Jo Burge shampooed and set the residents' hair. Beverly Wagnon donated some beauty-shop supplies.

Nettie Quesenberry's son Bobby Quesenberry, her son and daughter-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Quesenberry, her daughter Anna B. Lane, granddaughter Michelle Standard and great-grandchildren Chris and Tiffany Standard visited her Tuesday. Her daughter, Nadine Macha, visited with her Wednesday.

Joe Embry, Harold Burge and Brownie Wiseman were among the center's visitors Tuesday afternoon.

Buster and Wanda Kittrell, Harold and Mary Jo Burge served coffee, juice and doughnuts to the residents at coffee time Wednesday morning. Harold Burge directed the group in reading and conversation. Glen Williams, Buster Kittrell and Loyce Killingsworth directed the devotional.

Glenda Jennings and Jackie Scogins came Wednesday afternoon to direct the weekly sing-along and puppet show.

Guy Kendall celebrated his birthday Saturday April 14th. He received visits, cards, and gifts from his family and friends.

Special friend Betty Wuerflein filled the center with pot plants and

fresh bouquets over the Easter holidays.

Dovie Matthews receives several visits a week from her daughter-in-law, Margirene Matthews.

Rema Davis received a visit Tuesday from her daughter, Jane Reeder. Reeder and her husband, Lewis, have just returned from visiting their daughter in Florida.

Clara Coffman, Annie Chávez,

Monica Gonzales, Mollie Johnston, Rosie Martin, Dovie Matthews, G. Reyna, Bootie Tiller all went out to be with their families over the Easter holidays.

Lula Maye Shanks attended the Wednesday afternoon sing-along with her father-in-law, J.C. Shanks.

Jewel Peeler and Rheata White visited Webb Watts, Cecil Davis and K.B. Martin last week.

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CASTRO-DOMINGUEZ

Alexander and Toni Castro of Lubbock announce the engagement of their daughter, Sophia Michelle Castro, to Chris Dominguez, son of Rick and Aliesa White of Muleshoe. The couple plans to marry May 26 at Christ the King Cathedral in Lubbock. The bride-elect is a graduate of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Nursing and is employed by Covenant Medical Center. The prospective groom attends Texas Tech University is employed by Murchison, Hund and Hariger law firm. He also coaches football at Christ the King School in Lubbock.

REBEKAHS

Muleshoe Rebekah lodge held its weekly meeting April 17.

Lodge was called to order by Noble Grand Bonita Drennan. Chaplain Patsy Chance opened the meeting with a prayer. Eleven members answered roll call.

All members brought refreshments.

June Green read the commission of Gale Deaton, district deputy president of District 3, who was here from Hereford to make her official visit with her escort, Warden Mammie Gee.

Vice Grand Sylvia Kennemer reported that she is now doing well, but that her dad has not been feeling well. Ruby Green reported that J.C. Green had been in the hospital. Ruby Garner also was not feeling well this past week. Ina Wilemon reported that Hattie Heathington was placed in the nursing home.

The lodge will host a 50-year reception for Mildred Kendricks at 6:30 p.m. May 1.

Kennemer closed the lodge with the Rebekah Creed and singing of the Evening Prayer.

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Fifth Grade — Tiffany Davis.

Seventh Grade — Caleb Heinrich.

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Fifth Grade — Cenee Hood and Cassie Kirby.

Sixth Grade — J.R. Rodríguez.

Seventh Grade — Trevor Hood.

Ninth Grade — Katy Cook, Landon Gray and Stephanie Sirkel.

Tenth Grade — Julie Salamanca and Monica Walker.

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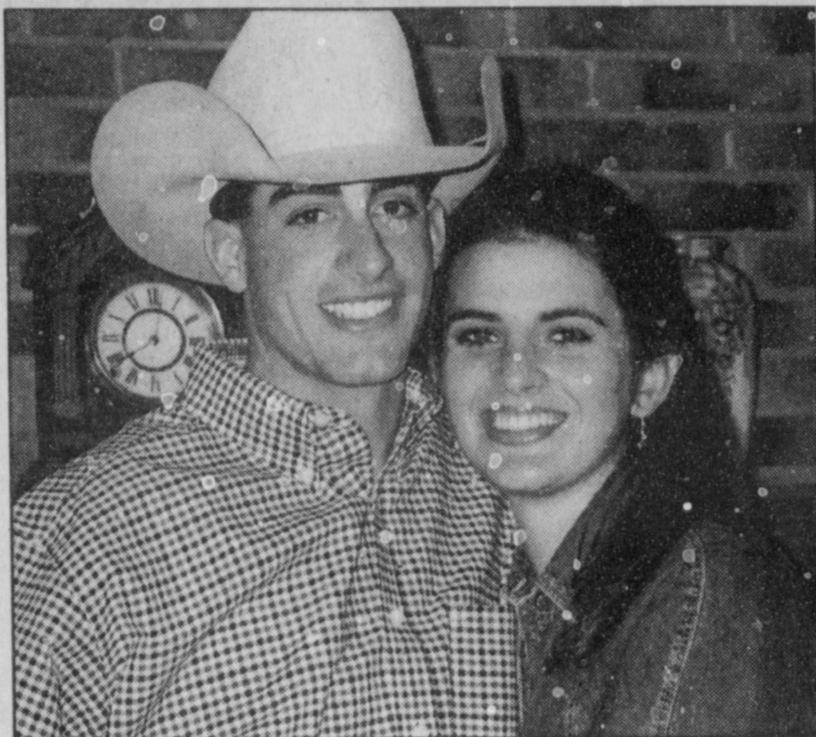
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Hancock, Chelsi Hawkins, Kendall Johnson, Katherine Lepard, Alyssa López, Whitney Moulton, Madison Myers, Jaysol Regalado, Matthew Richards, Jordan Saylor, Elizabeth Symm, Rosario Tafolla, Irma Torres and Eric Washington.

Seventh Grade — Megan Baca, Garrett Behrends, Brady Black, Brook Bottelman, Ashley Dickson, Jarad Flores, Felicia Glover, Lindsey Hall, Jason Hartline, William James, Kevin Kilmer, Chelsea López, Vanessa López, Lorenzo Nuñez, Luz Ortega, Janice Pacheco, Monica Posadas, Randall Radford, Christine Reeves, Trisha Robertson, Sarah Sexton, Madison Smith, Hillary Tipps, Trevor Turnbow, Cami Vandiver, Hilario Villa, Corey Wallace, Brandi Wood and Emily Zackoski.

Eighth Grade — Cristobal Almanza, Ashley Beggs, Kelsey Beggs, Michael Black, Robert Bomer, Brady Broyles, Charissa Conner, Jeremy Copley, Amber Cowart, Sarah Domínguez, Kyla Ellis, Erin Gallman, Niclas Green, Ashley Gutiérrez, Jessica Hall, Jennifer Heredia, Shalisa Ladd, Vanessa Lewis, Amanda López, Minerva Martínez, Paje McRoberts, April Morgan, Juan Nuñez, Shanna Remppe, Joel Salcido, Kayla Spradling, Anna Symm, Tamara Thompson, Irene Torres, Danielle Tucker and Tyler Wood.



CRABTREE-RICE

Ronald and Cathy Gillit of Abilene announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristen Crabtree of Friona, to Tyler Rice, also of Friona, son of Linda Rice of Friona and Doug Rice of Texline, Texas. The bride-elect is a 1997 graduate of Abilene Cooper High School, attended Tarleton State University in Stephenville and presently attends West Texas A&M University in Canyon. She is employed by Country Cattle Feeders in Dimmitt as a bookkeeper and pen rider. The prospective groom, a 1997 graduate of Lazbuddie High School, also is employed by Country Cattle Feeders as a cowboy and pen rider. The wedding is scheduled for 1 p.m. May 19 at Broadview Baptist Church in Abilene; a reception will follow in the church's fellowship hall.

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Letter to editor of Smallville paper:

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Therein lies the dilemma of Smallville, and Smallvilles all across the country.

If we were to ask Mr. L.D. why he lives in Smallville, he



BAXTER BLACK

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might answer: "Less pollution, less crime, no traffic jams, local school control, better view, more peaceful atmosphere, friendlier people... it's easier to be a big fish."

Supply and demand is a basic rule of economics. It is also safe to say that big-time supermarkets, hardware stores, discount warehouses, movie theaters, fast-food chains and pharmacies have studied and are aware of every Smallville from sea to shining sea.

Their research staffs know to the nearest gnat's eyebrow the population base and buying power of each community, and when the time is right they will strike. When they do, they will replace and eliminate those businesses presently supplying the needs of Smallville folks. To the point where they are the only place in town to shop.

Then they will raise their prices until demand stimulates even bigger competition. On and on and on.

The only way to please Mr. L.D. is for Smallville to become more like Metropolis — to grow until he himself becomes an anonymous fish in a crowded sea of goods and services. Then he will begin complaining about the congestion, the crime, the pollution, the long lines and the fact that no one listens to him anymore.

So he will move to another Smallville where life is at a slower pace, he can still get served coffee by a real waitress, have a charge account at the hardware store, where the barber knows his name, and where the local paper will print his letters to the editor.

For those of us who live in Smallville, there's a little Mr. L.D. in each of us. We should be careful what we wish for.

SCHOOL MENUS

MULESHOE JR./SR. HIGH April 23

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April 24

Breakfast — Sausage biscuit, assorted cereal with toast, juice and milk.

Lunch — Lasagna, rolls, baked potato with roll, chicken salad sandwich, tossed salad, broccoli, apple cobbler, juice and milk.

April 25

Breakfast — Breakfast burrito, assorted cereal with toast, juice and milk.

Lunch — Barbecue rib sandwich, super sack lunch, ham, peanut-butter and jelly sandwich, baked Tater Tots, green beans, applesauce, juice and milk.

April 26

Breakfast — Sausage biscuit, assorted cereal with toast, juice and milk.

Lunch — chicken fried steak, super sack lunch, turkey, tuna salad sandwich, mashed potatoes, cream gravy, green beans, fruited gelatin, juice and milk.

April 27

Breakfast — Breakfast on a stick, assorted cereal with toast, juice and milk.

Lunch — Toasted turkey ham, baked potato with roll, super sack lunch, ham, tossed salad, peaches, chocolate chip cookies, juice and milk.

MULESHOE ELEMENTARIES April 23

Breakfast — Pig in a blanket, French-toast sticks, pancakes, assorted cereal with toast, juice and milk.

Lunch — Hamburger, baked potato with roll, peanut-butter and jelly sandwich, french fries, applesauce, juice and milk.

April 24

Breakfast — Sausage biscuit, assorted cereal with toast, juice and milk.

Lunch — Oven-fried chicken, rolls, chef salad with roll, peanut-butter and jelly sandwich, mashed potatoes, green beans, Rice Krispy treats, juice and milk.

April 25

Breakfast — Sausage biscuit, assorted cereal with toast, juice and milk.

Lunch — Grilled cheese sandwich, baked potato with roll, peanut-butter and jelly sandwich, baked Tater Tots, mixed vegetables, cheery freeze bar, juice and milk.

April 26

Breakfast — Scrambled eggs with bacon, french toast sticks, pancakes, assorted cereal with toast, juice and milk.

Lunch — Nachos, chef salad with roll, peanut-butter and jelly sandwich, refried beans, tossed salad, green beans, fruit cocktail, juice and milk.

April 27

Breakfast — Waffles, French-toast sticks, pancakes, assorted cereal with toast, juice and milk.

Lunch — Super sack lunch, turkey, ham, juice and milk

THREE WAY

April 23

Breakfast — Waffles, ham.

Lunch — Pizza, corn, salad, brownies and milk.

April 24

Breakfast — Breakfast

pastry, sausage.

Lunch — Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, green peas, hot roll, strawberry shortcake and milk.

April 25

Breakfast — Scrambled eggs with cheese, toast and jelly.

Lunch — Beef Stroganoff, salad, green beans, garlic bread, peaches and milk.

April 26

Breakfast — Sausage, gravy and biscuit.

Lunch — Steak fingers, smiles potatoes, spinach, peanut-butter bar, bread and milk.

April 27

Breakfast — Breakfast burrito.

Lunch — Barbecue on a bun, macaroni salad, Cheetos, pinto beans, fruit and milk.

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April 23

Lunch — Steak patty, pizza, mashed potatoes, corn, carrots, applesauce, salad, Jell-O, cottage cheese, yogurt and milk.

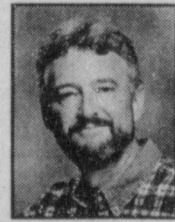
April 24

God's Own Son Once Prayed, and the Answer Was . . .

The answer was No. At least, it surely seems that way to me.

Jesus, the very Son of God, was facing a terrible death and a struggle that would pit him against all the forces of Hell. Praying earnestly in inner agony louder than the silence of the seemingly peaceful Garden of Gethsemane, the Son begged the Father, "If it be possible, let this cup pass from me!"

And the answer was "No."



Focus On Faith Curtis Shelburne

Does that bother you? It does me, both when I forget it and when I remember it.

You see, my faith struggles may once have been centered around such questions as "Does God exist? Can we really believe in an all-powerful, all-loving God? Was Jesus Christ truly the very Son of God?" Those are very big, very important questions, and it is truly not a bad thing to revisit them occasionally.

But the longer I walk on my own faith journey, the more "faith struggles" for me seem to be centered around prayer.

I pray, and others pray, and we pray earnestly in a time of deep concern and need for someone that we love deeply. Maybe our anguish doesn't rival Christ's in the Garden, but anguish is still at times none too strong a word for the fear, uncertainty, and help-

lessness we feel in the face of some very severe struggles.

Sometimes, thank God, we get the very answer to our prayers that we most wanted and would have paid any amount of money to receive. That answer comes. Freely. As a gift. A beautiful gift.

But too often, from our perspective, the answer is No. Oh, you can flower it up all you wish, but it still feels to us like a stone-cold, rock hard, No.

And sometimes we forget about the answer Christ received to his own prayer in the Garden. And we listen too much to some TV preachers and their makeup-caked wives who at least seem to indicate that nobody who has real faith ever fails to receive the answers that they want, that if you "do prayer right", you'll get the "right" answer, the very answer you most desire. (Which sounds to me more like an "eye of newt, tongue of frog" sort of magical potion-type approach to prayer than real faith.)

But then we remember the prayer in the Garden. And then we remember the answer. And we remember that the One who taught us to pray about all of our needs and make any request of the Father, well, we remember that He once at His hour of deepest need received what seems to us to be a resounding No. And, pray tell, where does that leave us? With any confidence at all left in prayer?

Maybe it leaves us with Christ. Was His confidence really in prayer itself? Or was it in the deep and abiding love of the Father to whom He prayed?

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

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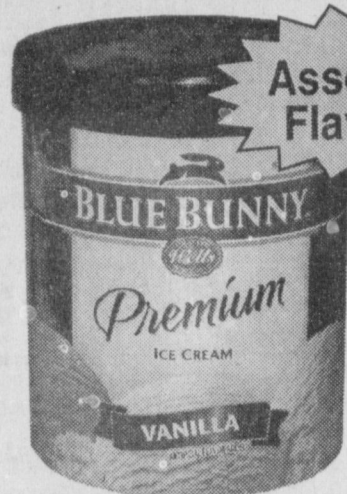
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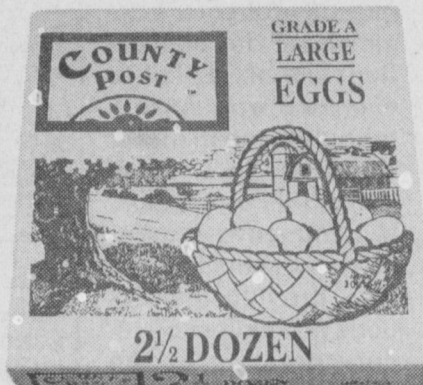
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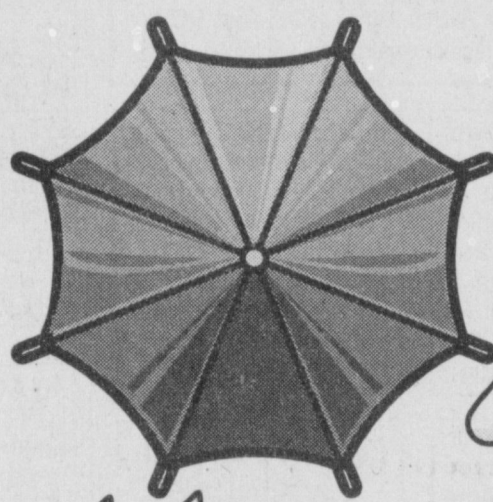
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