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A QUICK READ OF THE NEWS

Cats learn toilet talent

Boots and Bandit, who are 1 1/2 years old, have learned to flush the toilet and turn off the lights, said their owners Russ and Sandy Asbury of Whitewater, Wis.

The couple discovered the cats' unusual talents last winter, unexpectedly.

The two were at home, Sandy Asbury in the kitchen, her husband in the living room, when they heard an unmistakable noise coming from the bathroom: a toilet flush.

She checked it out and caught Boots preparing to do it again.

Since then, Bandit also has become proficient at toilet flushing.

"We have to shut the bathroom door when we go to bed. Otherwise, one or the other of the cats are in there flushing away all night," Russ Asbury said.

Moose's missteps messy

A young cow moose took a walk on a roof and made history in Anchorage, Alaska.

The 8-month-old moose crashed through the fiberglass roof of a storage shed at Bell's Nursery. She got stuck there, dangling 8 feet off the ground for three hours until rescuers got her down safely.

State biologist Rick Sinnott said it is thought to be the first rescue of a moose from a roof in the city's history.

"Hopefully the last, too," Sinnott added.



Drawing date: Wednesday, March 27
Winning numbers: 28-33-35-39-41-45
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Estimated jackpot: \$21 million

On this date in history

April 1 — The Gutiérrez-Magee Expedition captures San Antonio (1813); five days later, José Bernardo Gutiérrez de Lara issues the Texas Declaration of Independence.

Also on April 1 — Santa Anna is inaugurated as president of Mexico (1833).

Also on April 1 — Texas colonists call a second convention to petition the Mexican government for separate statehood (1833).

LOCAL WEATHER

As of Friday, mild weather was expected to return to the area Sunday, with the high temperature reaching about 72 — increasing to 80 for Monday. Tuesday was expected to cool to about 63 and Wednesday to 57 before another warming trend begins Thursday. Wednesday morning should be cold (about 24), but the rest of the period should be milder. Sunburn danger will be high.

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Sex-education meeting set by school district

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The Muleshoe School District announced Wednesday that it has scheduled a public meeting to discuss the district's sex-education curriculum at 6:30 p.m. April 4 in the high school cafeteria.

Superintendent Gene Sheets had discussed plans for such a meeting at Monday night's board meeting.

He pointed out that state law requires teaching abstinence-only sex education, so parents do not need to be unduly alarmed — although their children can be excused from the classes by request.

He said the curriculum for younger students stresses respect for each other, refusal skills, goal-setting, responsibility, etc., and will be tied in with the Character Counts program.

"We're teaching good values, just like Muleshoe wants," he said.

Other upcoming school events include:
• April 1 — Girls' golf at Dimmitt and JV baseball (at 6:30 p.m.) against Lubbock Cooper in Muleshoe (also a school holiday);

• April 2 — Varsity baseball at Cooper (7:30 p.m.) and Fine Arts Night to Shine (6 p.m.) in the high school auditorium and cafeteria;

• April 3 — Varsity tennis at Amarillo, choir contest at Texas Tech and a TAAS parent meeting (8:30 a.m.) at DeShazo;

• April 4 — Boys' golf at Littlefield and a band field trip to Six Flags (April 4-6).

Shallowater knocks Mules to 1-2 in district play

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal sportswriter

SHALLOWATER — The Mules jumped on top 10-rated Shallowater early by scoring two runs in the top half of the first inning, but the Mustangs shut them out after that and went on to win 5-2.

Mule left-hander D.J. Domínguez pitched well against the Mustangs and went the full six innings. He struck out one, walked one and gave up five runs on six hits.

At the plate, his single in the first turned into the Mules' first run.

Domínguez singled in the first after Landon Kerby had grounded out to the short stop to put the first Mule on base. Lincoln Riley relieved Domínguez on base as a courtesy runner for the pitcher and advanced to second on a passed ball.

Micah Ruthardt, the Mule designated hitter, delivered a double to score Riley. Bryan King hammered his second pitch for a double

to score Ruthardt and give the Mules a two-run lead before the Mustangs ever came to the plate.

With one out in the bottom of the first, Shallowater singled to right field. Kerby rifled the ball to second when a Mustang tried to steal on the first pitch. Brandon Mount was there to apply the tag.

Domínguez lined a one-out standup double to left field in the second inning and went to third on an overthrow to second. Riley came in to run for the pitcher and headed home on the crack of the bat.

Roddy Spradling laced a ground ball to third but a perfect throw to the plate got Riley as he slide home. Three Muleshoe errors allowed the Mustangs to catch up in the third inning and tie the game at 2-2.

Shallowater tried to squeeze home a third run but popped up the bunt to Domínguez. He tossed the ball to Ricky Rudd at third to double up the Mustangs and keep the game tied.

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JV girls keep on tracking varsity

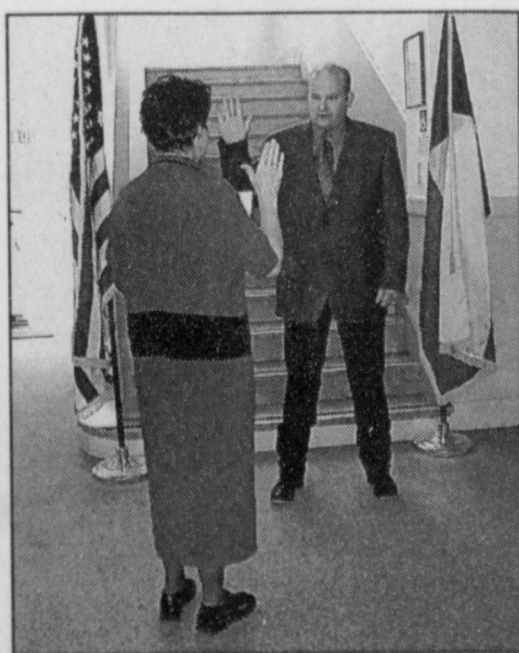
By DELTON WILHITE
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The junior varsity Lady Mules beat all competition March 22 with 295 points in the Muleshoe Relays.

Littlefield had 90 points, Lazbuddie 34 and Friona 0.

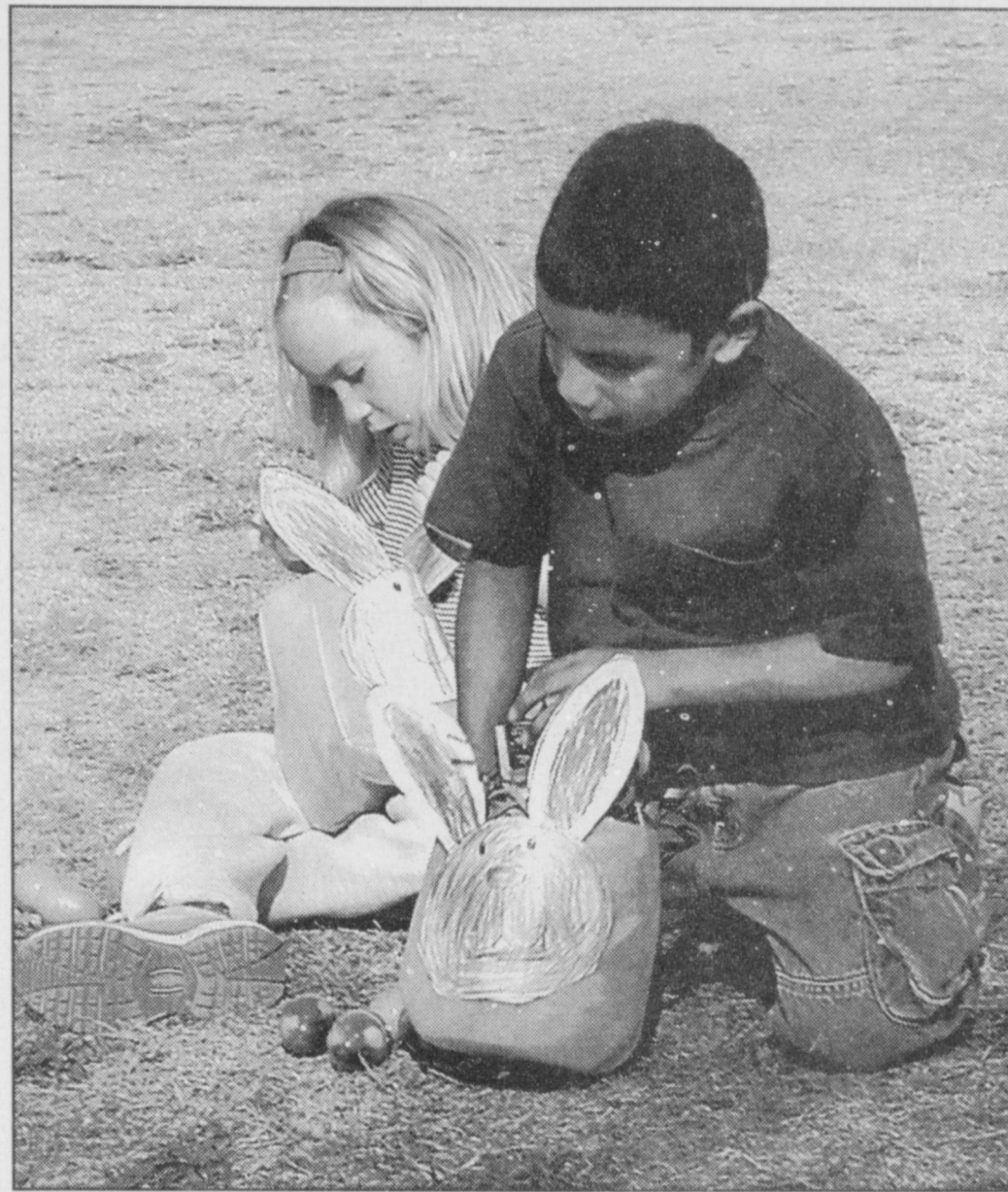
When Cassandra Gonzales, Jessica Hall and Marisela Silva came in 1-3-4 in the 3,200-meter run with 14:39.56, 15:15.56 and 16:29.18, that 20 points locked up the meet.

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County Judge Marilyn Cox swears in Richard Wills as sheriff on March 28 to replace Ron Kemp, who resigned.

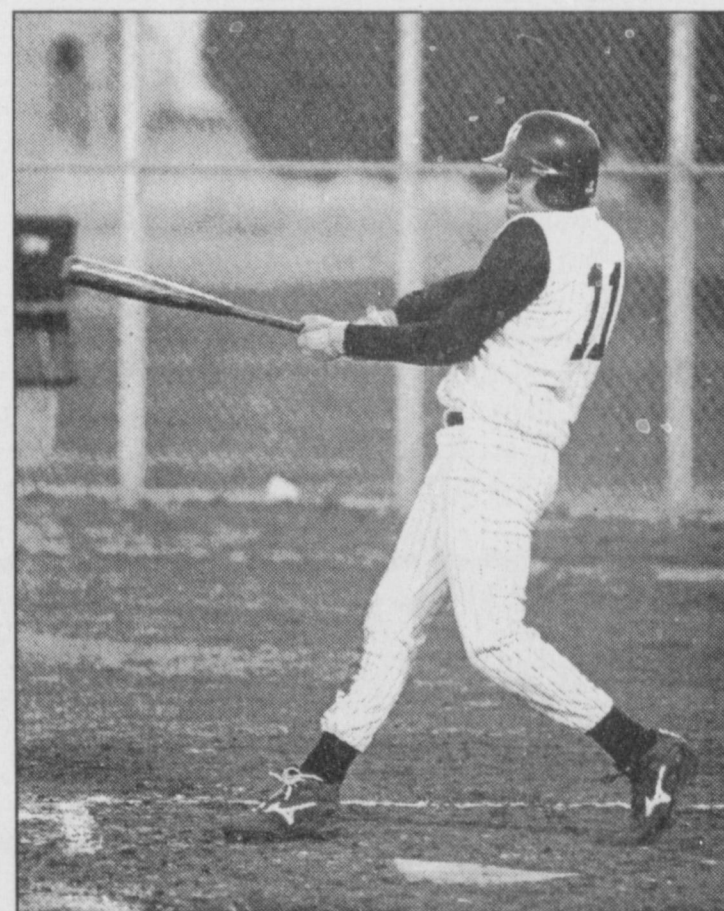
Happy Easter!



Journal photo: Beatrice Morin

Counting the loot

Easter has its serious aspects, but when you're in kindergarten, counting the eggs you collected can be a big deal. Keeley Whitaker (left) and Joe Angel Garcia from Louise Clapp's class had that experience Thursday morning. The students made their baskets from gallon milk jugs adorned with their original bunny art.



Journal photo: Mike Hahn

D.J. Domínguez gets a lead-off hit and eventually the winning run against Dimmitt in the teams' March 23 matchup. The win evened the Mule district mark at 1-1, but top 10 Shallowater then slapped the Mules 5-2.

Runoff voting begins

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

With the first Bailey County primary winner already in office (Richard Wills was sworn in as sheriff Thursday), early voting in the party runoff is this week — Monday to Friday — with runoff day April 9.

Those who voted in the Democratic or Republican primaries can vote only in the same party's runoff, but anyone who didn't vote can vote in either.

On the Democrat side, the runoff is for the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by Phil Gramm.

Teacher Victor Morales and former Dallas Mayor Ron Kirk were the two top primary finishers there.

Republicans have four races: Supreme Court justice, place 2 — Elizabeth Ray and Dale Wainwright; Court of Criminal Appeals judge, place 1 — Tom Price and Tim Taft; Criminal Appeals, place 2 — David Richards and Paul Womack; and Criminal Appeals, place 3 — Cathy Cochran and Guy Williams.

Early voting takes place at the county clerk's office during business hours.

AROUND MULESHOE

Last Little League signup scheduled

The final signup for Muleshoe Little League is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Watson Junior High gymnasium.

Prospective players must be 6 years old and no older than 12 by July 31. Parents must be present with a certified birth certificate and a \$25 registration fee for each child.

Tryouts for both Major and Minor leagues will be April 13 at Roger Miller Park.

More information is available by calling Leslie Kerby at 272-5153.

Fathers Reading Every Day set

Fathers Reading Every Day, a four-week program designed to encourage fathers (and grandfathers and uncles) to read to young children daily, is being promoted by Muleshoe Area Public Library and the county Extension office.

The program is structured for men to read to the children a minimum of 15 minutes a day for the first two weeks and 30 minutes a day for the final two weeks.

Those wishing to participate may pick up packets with information and tips from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday at Muleshoe Area Public Library.

A party celebrating the conclusion of the program is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. April 30 at the library.

Surveys have shown that children who are read to on a regular basis tend to be superior readers and do better in school.

More information is available from Gail Gladden at 272-4583.

Drivers education signup announced

Signup for drivers education is scheduled to begin 7:30 a.m. to 8 a.m. April 2 in Room 20 at Muleshoe High School.

Signup will continue until classes start, but classes are limited to 30. Starting dates are:

- Class I — April 15 (6:45 a.m. to 7:45 a.m., with some after-school classes); and
- Class II — April 29 (6:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. and 3:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.).

The cost for the course will be \$180.

In order to sign up, students will need their original birth certificate (not a copy), Social Security card or proof of citizenship, and a passing performance on an eye test.

More information is available by calling Joe Pat Wright at 272-7303 or 272-7308.

Co-op scholarship deadline near

The deadline for applying for the four \$600 scholarships to be awarded by Bailey County Electric is April 8.

Applications must be in the Muleshoe office by that date.

Applicants must be high school seniors who will graduate this spring, have completed high school or have received their GED.

Graduating seniors who plan to attend an accredited school and have received service from Bailey County Electric for at least a year are eligible.

Forms are available from high school counselors in Muleshoe, Morton, Springlake-Earth, Whiteface, Lazbuddie, Farwell, Sudan and Three Way. Full rules are provided with application forms.

Details are available from Rickie Warren at 272-4504.

Lazbuddie Shoot-Out scheduled

The parents of Lazbuddie High School seniors have scheduled a 3-on-3 basketball festival for April 12-13 in the high school gymnasium.

The entry fee per four-member team is \$50. There will be elementary, junior high, high school, adult and coed (two men, two women) divisions.

The entry deadline is April 3.

Play begins at 4 p.m. Friday and resumes at 8 a.m. Saturday.

More information is available by contacting the school at 965-2152 or P.O. Box 9, Lazbuddie 79053; Debbie Weir at 965-2302; or Sarah Black at 965-2149.

Public calendar

March 31 — 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. "It Will Happen!" Easter program at First Assembly of God. Includes live animals, lightning and a re-enactment of Jesus being raised on the cross.

April 1 — Mammograms at Muleshoe Area Medical Center, if enough people sign up. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health. Reservations: (800) 377 4673.

April 1-2 — Muleshoe Art Association's annual show at Muleshoe State Bank. Information: Mildred Williams, 272-3359.

April 1, 2, 4 and 5 — 7 p.m. in the Bailey County

MULES

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"The kids . . . knew they were facing a top-ranked team, and battled all the way," Mule coach Donnie Scott said.

Ryan Marricle and Bryan King got hits for the Mules, Marricle singling in the fourth and King in the sixth.

The Mules finish the first round of district April 2 at Lubbock Cooper at 7:30.

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April 2 — 6 p.m. Annual Fine Arts Night To Shine in the Kerry Moore Theater at Muleshoe High School. Tickets: \$3 adults, \$1 students. Proceeds go to Fine Arts Boosters.

April 7 — 1 p.m. at Dusty Rhodes Arena. Team roping to benefit Lazbuddie senior class. Entry fee \$50 for four. Information: Thurman Myers, 272-3598.

The deadline for items to appear in *Around Muleshoe* is 5 p.m. Monday for Thursday's editions and 5 p.m. Thursday for Sunday's editions.

The Author of Life Will Have the Last Word

Recently my younger brother Jim and I walked among the headstones dotting the small country cemetery nestled near the Edith Community a little over 8 miles outside of Robert Lee, Texas.

Well-kept but absolutely blending in with their surroundings, the headstones had grown up where once only mesquite trees and

only one date. Date of birth. Date of death. The same.

Not far away was a larger stone bearing two names, a mother and child. The date of her death was the date of the birth, and the death, of her child. And it pointed to another death. A death of dreams. Her dreams, of course. But also the dreams of a husband/father as on that day the sun of his deepest joy was unexpectedly eclipsed by an even deeper sadness.

More than a few of the names in that country cemetery I recognized. Names of Robert Lee families. Harmon. Bruton. Boykin. King. Peay.

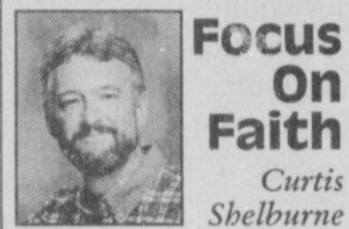
And names like Key and Shropshire. Both strains of blood run in my veins.

And Shelburne. The first time I ever saw that name chiselled on a headstone, it caught me by surprise. Still makes me feel funny. It shouldn't.

Alf Key, my great-granddad, donated the land for that cemetery. His bones lay there. Not far from the windmill and ruins of his old homestead. As do D.P. Key's, his son and my grandfather, and Wilma Shelburne's, D.P.'s daughter. My mother.

The pattern on the quilt is emerging. Death hasn't skipped a single generation. And it won't skip mine.

But the Author of Life will have the last word in the story.



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

prickly pears had dotted the landscape. Not far off, but far enough away to be absolutely unobtrusive, was a defunct country cafe and a flock of goats.

A few jackrabbits darted in and out between the stones, oblivious to the mute but powerful witness those granite markers bore to untold stories and the fabric of life and love, tragedy and triumph, joy and sadness laid out before us in the patchwork quilt of humanity's struggle. Jim and I walked, talked, and wondered about the stories.

Just a little way over from where we were standing was a short white stone, a little stone lamb resting on its top, bearing the names of three boys, triplets we supposed, Terry, Kerry, & Gerry, and

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

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Calf-scramble winner

Jonathan Sheets (center) of Muleshoe pauses after winning in the Feb. 2 calf scramble at the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo. With him are (from left) Joe Ernst, chairman of the calf-scramble committee, and committee members Dennis Reynolds, Kim Winton and James Wolfe. Seth Sowder was a winner in the Feb. 15 scramble; sponsors of the event apologize for not having a photo of Sowder available.

JV GIRLS

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April Morgan and Sarah Domínguez placed first and third in the shot put with tosses of 26 feet four inches and 22-10/12.

Domínguez and April Morgan took first and third in the discus with heaves of 61-61/2 and 57-8. Samantha Ruthardt, Yuri Arguirre and Tori Barton were second, third and fifth in the long jump with leaps of 13-41/2, 13-2 and 12-6.

Kyla Ellis and Barton took second and third in the triple jump with distances of 25-101/4 and 25-10. Tamara Thompson won the high jump by clearing 4-4.

The 400-meter relay team

— Aguirre, Ruthardt, Barton and Christy Morgan — placed first with a time of 54.3. Marlie Black, Kristen Ambriz and Irene Torres took first, third and fourth in the 800-meter run with times of 2:52.78, 3:07.54 and 3:11.72.

Charissa Conner won the 100-meter hurdles in 19.36 followed by Jennifer Kirby in second with a time of 26.76. Ruthardt, Barton and Brittany Thomason were first, second and sixth in the 100-meter dash, recording times of 13.62, 14.15 and 14.93.

Aguirre, Ellis, Barton and Ruthardt teamed up in the

800-meter relay for a first-place finish in a time of 2:00.27.

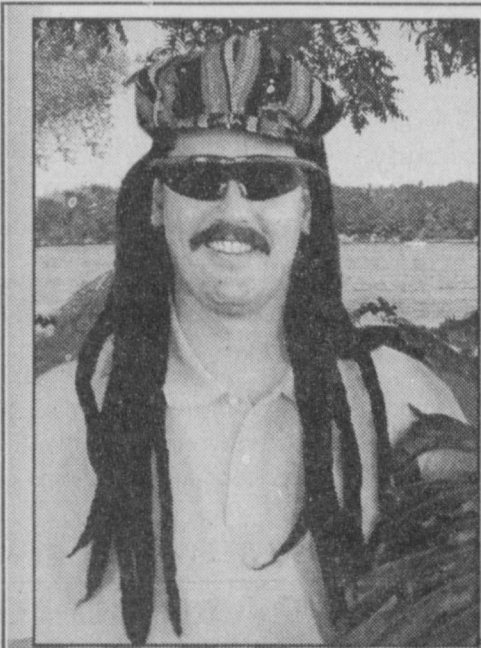
Thompson, Torres, and Thomason took the top three places in the 400-meter run with times of 75.79, 78.27 and 79.40, respectively.

Conner and Kirby were first and second in the 300-meter hurdles recording times of 61.2 and 63.7. C. Morgan, Ellis and Kayla Spradling came in first, second and fourth in the 200-meter dash with times of 29.83, 31.46 and 33.03.

The 1,600-meter run was won by Gonzales in 6:37.10 followed by Paje McRoberts in second with a 7:03.63

and Ambriz in fourth with a 7:18.47.

Christy Morgan, Ellis, Thompson and Black placed first in the 1,600-meter relay with a time of 4:54.15.



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OBITUARIES

CLARENCE WEBB

Services were held Thursday at the First Baptist Church of Earth for Clarence Webb, 81, of Earth. Elder Gayle McCoy and the Rev. Bobby Broyles officiated. Burial was in Earth Memorial Cemetery.

Ellis Funeral Home of Earth handled arrangements.

Mr. Webb was born Oct. 18, 1920, in Quanah. He died Monday at home.

He married Florence "Cricket" Carson in 1943 in Quanah. She died June 17, 1983.

He was a self-employed painter and contractor, and a longtime resident of Earth. He was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Mr. Webb is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Trina Webb of Canyon; a daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Richard Mitchell of Earth; two sisters, Gladys Parks of Corpus Christi and Pat Luttrell of Centerview, Mo.; three grandchildren, Ashley Webb of Canyon, Jeff Mitchell of Lubbock and Jennifer Mitchell of

Borger; and a great-grandchild, Cailee Mitchell of Borger.

The family suggests memorials to Vista Care Family Hospice (4418 Olton Road, Plainview 79072).

ESTER GAUNA

Services were held Saturday at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church in Earth for Ester Gauna, 80, of Earth. The Rev. Joe Augustine was the celebrant. Burial was in Earth Memorial Cemetery.

Ellis Funeral Home of Earth handled arrangements. Ms. Gauna was born Aug.

2, 1921, at Westaff, Texas. She died Wednesday in Abilene.

She was a homemaker and a member of St. Mary Magdalen.

She is survived by five sisters, Estefana Muñoz and Angelita Coronado, both of Fresno, Calif., Cresanica Garza of Coachella, Calif., Eulilia Gauna of Kerman, Texas, Fermentia Hernández of Rotan, Texas; six brothers, Nabor Gauna of Monroe, La., Juan Gauna and Ysabel Gauna Jr., both of Houston, E.P. Gauna of Earth, D.P. Gauna of Mission, Texas, and Roberto Gauna of Shallowater.

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- * In a strong United States — morally, economically and militarily.
- * In common sense reforms that give us cleaner and safer air and water.

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Deputies sworn in

Being sworn in Thursday afternoon by County Judge Marilyn Cox are (from left) reserve deputy Ralph Sánchez, deputy Kenneth Harris, clerk Barbara Scott, reserve deputy Antonio Scolley and deputy Eileen Ciampoli.



Journal photo: Beatrice Morin

Judging in session

Judging antique motorcycles at the March 23 Muleshoe Roadrunners rally are (from left) Kimberly Dickerson, Danny Dickerson, David Ramírez and Daniel Guzmán.

Junior varsity Mules second in local meet

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal sportswriter

The junior varsity Mules placed second in the JV division of the Muleshoe Relays on March 22 with 119 points.

Friona took first with 133 points and Lubbock Cooper claimed third with 72. Dimmitt had 46, Lazbuddie 43, Idalou 36, Bovina 26 and Olton 12.

Michael Sexton was second in the shot put with a toss of 37 feet and a quarter inch, and Claye Tunnell took first in the pole vault by clearing 11 feet. Matt Sadler was sixth in the triple jump with a distance of 35-41/4.

In the high jump, Tatom Heathington and Robby Bomer placed second and third, both clearing 5-4. Erik Sánchez was fourth in the discus with a throw of 101-91/2, and Kyle Yell placed fifth in the long jump with a leap of 16-2.

Samuel Regalado won the 3,200-meter run with a time of 12 minutes, 53.25 seconds, and Thomas Buenrostro placed fifth for the Mules with a time of

13:46.36.

Francisco Vidaña, Landon Sheets, Matt Sadler and Colby Branscum teamed up to win the 400-meter relay in a time of 47.8.

Tyler Wood and Joel Salcido were second and fourth in the 110-meter high hurdles, recording times of 18.93 and 19.67.

Tech plans judging contest

LUBBOCK — Texas Tech University will be hosting the Area FFA Career Development Judging Contest on April 16 at the Livestock Arena, 18th Street and Indiana Avenue.

A new event, Red Raider Extravaganza, is scheduled for noon the same day at the Livestock Arena.

This is a free hot-dog lunch for participating students and will include games, music, T-shirts and a special appearance

HOSPITAL NEWS

Muleshoe Area Medical Center reports the following patient load:

March 21 — None reported.

March 22 — None reported.

March 23 — None reported.

March 24 — None reported.

March 25 — None reported.

March 26 — C. Cherry, Jimmie L. Gregory, Artis Hayes, Abby B. Johnson, Virgil Jones, Jacquetta S. Kirkland, Lola M. Landrum, Jessie Navejar, Tommy Sliger and Wendy Zimmerman.

by the Masked Rider.

Nearly 2,000 high school students from about 200 schools in the western part of Texas are expected to participate in the area FFA judging contests. Events include livestock, meats, poultry, horses, dairy cattle, dairy products, land, range and pasture, and agricultural mechanics.

An award ceremony is scheduled for 2 p.m., also in the Livestock Arena.

Sheets placed sixth in the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.40 and Glen Scott was fourth in the 400-meter run with a time of 59.15.

Heathington took first in the 300-meter hurdles at 48.46 followed by Salcido in fourth place with a 49.96. Regalado's 6:13.94 was good for sixth in the 1,600-

meter run. Branscum, Barry Morris, Sheets and Sadler ran second in the 1,600-meter relay with a time of 3:55.64.

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would like to express our heartfelt thanks for all the prayers, calls, flowers, visits and food during the loss of our loved one.

A special thanks to Dr. Smith, Dr. Sheets, Vista Care Hospice, Park View Nursing Home, Ellis Funeral Home, Muleshoe Area Medical Center and the Church of Christ.

We greatly appreciate the many acts of kindness shown to us. May God bless each of you.

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would like to thank all of the local merchants who made donations to help make our 2002 rally a great success.

Thanks to Muleshoe and surrounding area friends for your prayers, thoughts, beautiful flowers and cards, visits, food, phone calls, financial support and the many other things that were done for me and my family during my recent illness.

Most of all, we just "thank you" for being our friends and for being the Muleshoe and surrounding area people you are.

We've gone through some changes in our lives lately, a series of endings and beginnings. And, as usual, you people have been there to help us pick up the pieces along the way.

There are still times when we don't quite know where we are going or how we will get there, but you have given us the strength to move ahead. Your encouragement has helped us feel that everything will turn out okay after all.

We couldn't have asked for more understanding and support or for anyone to be more loyal than you people have been.

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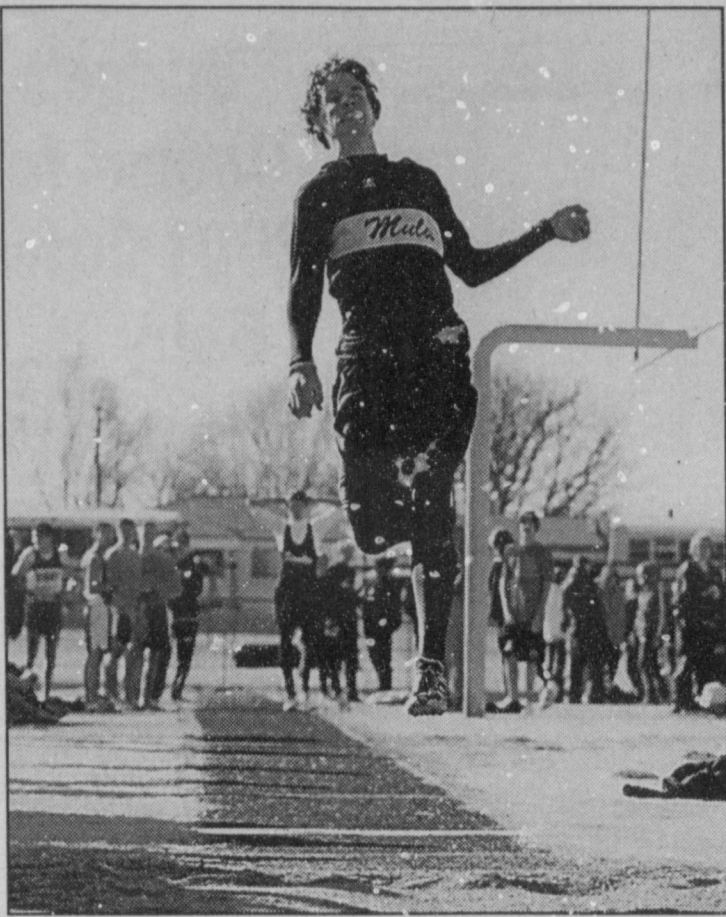
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Journal photo: Mike Hahn

The handoff

Landon Sheets (right) hands off to Matt Sadler on the third leg of the junior varsity 400-meter relay last week in the Mule Relays.



Journal photo: Mike Hahn

Under a strain

Derek Purdy of the junior varsity Mules strains for all the distance he can get in the broad jump during last week's Mule Relays.

NURSING HOME NEWS

By Joy Stancell

The Rev. Randy Thomas, Glenda Jennings and Zona Gatewood directed Thursday morning's memorial service for Jack Hicks and Elmo Owen. The Hicks and Owens families were special guests.

Nancy Lemons brought ceramics for the residents to paint Thursday. Participating were Aline Locke, Johnnie Kimbrough, Juanita Teague, Bootie Tiller, Annie Chávez, Mary Manríquez, Grace Plyler, Frieda Locker, Susie Whatley and Alda Odum.

Locke, Tiller and Plyler were among those who made hot cross buns in cooking class Thursday.

Thursday afternoon, Alvin Isaacson, Bootie Tiller, Susie Whatley, J.C. Shanks, Awbrey Heathington, Frieda Locker, Cecil Davis, Juanita Teague, Grace Plyler, Kathrine Rogers, Earl Gross and Johnnie Kimbrough watched a Roy Rogers video, on loan from Gene Harvey, and munched on popcorn. A group also watched the video "Jesus" Friday afternoon.

Melvin and Wanda Griffin directed the bingo bash Saturday afternoon. The Griffins treated all the bingo players to bananas after the games.

Buster Kittrell taught the Bible study Sunday morning.

Members of the Muleshoe Church of Christ direct a Communion service every Sunday.

Members of the Progress Baptist Church came for services Sunday afternoon.

Hattie Heathington was visited Sunday afternoon by Mr. and Mrs. Awbrey Heathington and Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Heathington.

Pauline Guinn was visited Sunday by her daughter, Glenna Yell, and her friends Susan Anderson and Lillian Street.

Pat Young gave Mollie Johnston and Juanita Teague haircuts Sunday afternoon.

Aline Locke, Bootie Tiller, Grace Plyler and Earl Gross filled plastic eggs with treats Monday afternoon for the Easter egg hunt coming upon Friday.

Maude Young toured Park View and the grounds Monday afternoon assisted by her daughter, Analita Haley.

The Park View staff expresses sincere sympathy to the family of Kathryn Hancock.

The Rev. Gary and Judy Hubbard of the Earth United Methodist Church directed memorial services Tuesday morning for Nettie Quesenberry and Elva Marts. The families of the two women were guests, along with friends Annie Floyd and Harold and Mary Jo Burge.

Linda Nowell, Josie Ovalle, Beverly Wagon, Claudine Embry, Eva Nell Dale, Pat Watson, Mary Jo Burge and staff members shampooed the women's hair. Ovalle gave haircuts and Norma Eaves gave nail care.

Muriel Lewis was visited by her daughter, Pat Wilson, and great-grandchildren Tuesday.

W.E. Myers visited Web Watts, who also recently had a visit from his daughter, Joy Whitt.

Annie Chávez's family comes every morning to give her a bath and do her hair. They also are here at noon and at supper to help her with her meals.

Mary Jo and Harold Burge and Buster Kittrell served coffee, juice and doughnuts to the residents at

coffee time Wednesday morning. Kittrell, Loyce Killingsworth and Jim Claunch directed the singspiration time.

Glenda Jennings and Jackie Scoggins directed the sing-along Wednesday afternoon in the day room and special-care unit.

Barbara Blackman and Alene Bryant are new volunteers.

Clara Coffman returned to Park

View on Tuesday morning, but Ozell Cherry remains in the local hospital and asks to be remembered in prayer.

Members of Brenda Black's life-management skills class visited Park View on Wednesday to deliver Easter cards they made.

A friend sent Park View a rose bouquet last week in memory of Jack Hicks.

MISSING TRACK RESULTS

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Because of last-minute editing in Clovis before Thursday's Journal was printed, part of the results from the Mule Relays did not run. The following are those missing parts.)

• **Lady Mules** — Pylant, Cox and Cowart grabbed the top three places in the 300-meter hurdles with times of 48.98, 50.03 and 52.96, respectively. Gartin, Jessica Carpenter, and Tiffany Flores took first, third and fourth in the 200-meter dash in times of 28.36, 29.43 and 29.5.

Mitci Hawkins, Barrett and Lilia Flores were second fourth and fifth in the 1,600-meter run in times of 6:19.25, 6:23.97 and 6:25.14. In the 1,600-meter relay the Lady Mule team of Pylant, Jodi Hawkins, Wood and Benham placed first with a time of 4:31.3.

The Lady Mules travel to Levelland for the Lobo Relays on March 30 and then to Plainview on April 5 before meeting the rest of the district in Shallowater on April 11.

• **Mules** — Broyles was third

in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 45.44. Fabela placed third in the 200-meter dash with a 24.49.

The Mules were scheduled to travel to Levelland for the Lobo Relays on March 30 and to Dimmitt April 5 for the Bobcat Relays.

The district meet is scheduled for April 11 in Shallowater.

MHS grads to be in spotlight

CANYON — Muleshoe High School graduates Louie Pacheco and Westin Price are among West Texas A&M University's 19 qualifiers for the American Forensics Association Nationals on April 3-9 in Peoria, Ill.

The event is free of charge and open to the public. The largest groups to represent any school, also will show their talents in a public presentation from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday in the Intimate Theatre of WT's Fine Arts Building.

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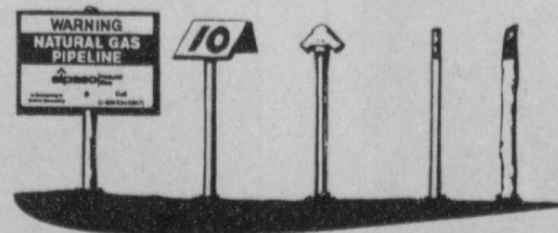
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Brianna Wallace

Born April 27, 2001 in Lubbock. Weight at birth was 6 lbs. 13 oz., length 19 1/2". The proud parents are Wayne & Angela Wallace. Grandparents are Keldon & Lora Wallace and Kem & Kathy Bock.



Carson Green

Born May 15, 2001 in Woodland Hills, CA. Weight at birth was 6 lbs. 3 oz., length 19 1/2". The proud parents are Geoffrey & Christine Green. Grandparents are Karen Jones and Michael J. Green.

Judge's Choice for 2001 Cutest Baby is... **Carson Green**

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Carson was born May 15, 2001 in Woodland Hills, CA. His weight at birth was 6 lbs. 3 oz. and he was 19 1/2" long. His proud parents are Geoffrey & Christine Green. Grandparents are Karen Jones and Michael J. Green.

**Here are all the
adorable 2001 Cutest
Baby Contestants.
Thanks to all for entering.**



Ean Eusebio Hasley

Born March 4, 2001 in Muleshoe. Weight at birth was 6 lbs. 14 oz., length 20". The proud parents are Robert Hasley & Cynthia Villareal. Grandparents are Eusebio & Lela Villareal and Theresa Hasley.



Ethan Riley Young

Born August 28, 2001 in Lubbock. Weight at birth was 6 lbs. 8 oz., length 20". The proud parents are Tadd & Antoinette Young. Grandparents are Pat Young and Jay & Andrea Ridolfo.



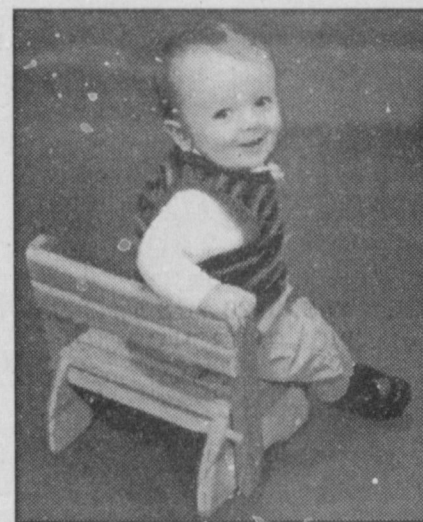
Ethan Villa

Born January 9, 2001 in Littlefield. Weight at birth was 5 lbs. 5 oz., length 17 3/4". The proud parents are Woody & Sharon Villa. Grandparents are Camillo & Belia Villa and Robert & Ann Johnson.



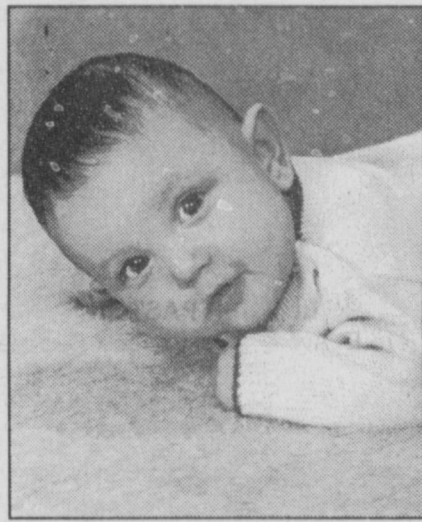
Gregry M. Peña

Born January 27, 2001 in Clovis, NM. Weight at birth was 7 lbs. 12 oz., length 19 1/2". The proud parents are Roger Peña & Heather Villalobos. Grandparents are Elna Hernandez and Cruz & Tina Villalobos.



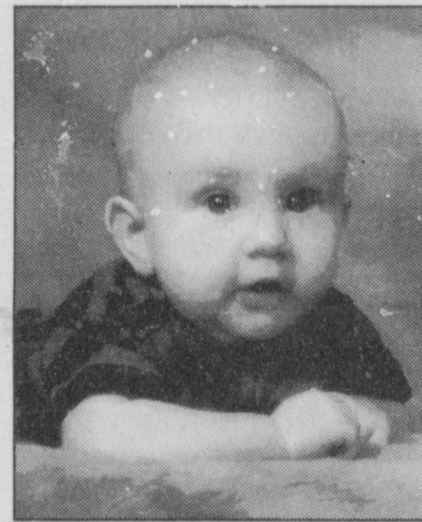
Jacob Mallard

Born March 12, 2001 in Fort Worth. Weight at birth was 6 lbs. 12 oz., length 18 1/4". The proud parents are Joel & Stacy Mallard. Grandparents are Glynn & Carlene Stroud and John & Majean Mallard.



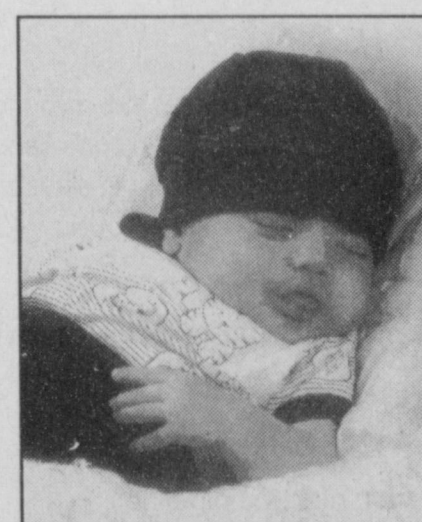
John Christopher Rodriguez

Born May 8, 2001 in Lubbock. Weight at birth was 3 lbs. 9 oz., length 17". The proud parents are John Rodriguez & Christina Gutierrez. Grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Danny Rodriguez and Mr. & Mrs. Ray Gutierrez.



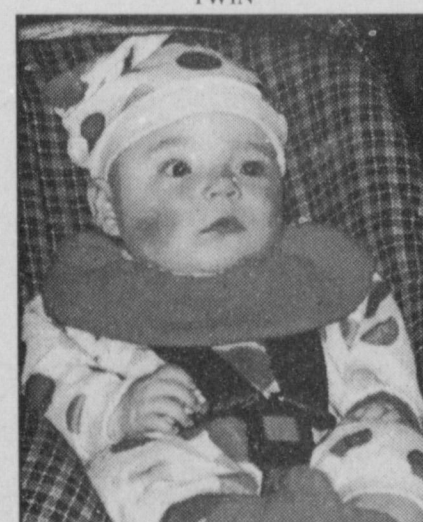
Lucas Daniel Bradshaw

Born October 29 in Amarillo. Weight at birth was 7 lbs. 11 1/2 oz., length 21". The proud parents are Casey & Cara Bradshaw. Grandparents are Lloyd & Janice Bradshaw and Charles & Jeanie Bahlman.



Luis Gustavo Contreras

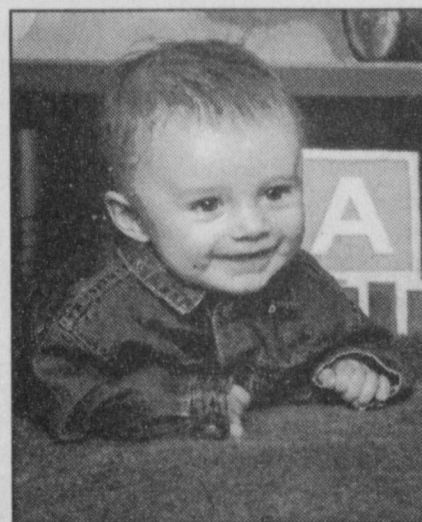
Born November 5, 2001 in Clovis, NM. Weight at birth was 7 lbs. 14 oz., length 19 1/2". The proud parents are Gustavo & Melissa Contreras. Grandparents are Gilbert & Shirley Aguirre.



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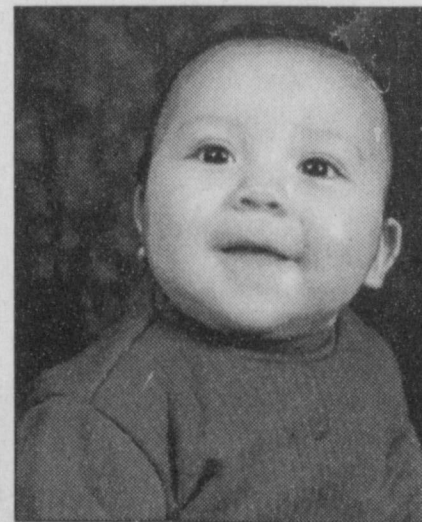
Meghan Green

Born May 30, 2001 in Northridge, CA. Weight at birth was 5 lbs. 12 oz., length 18". The proud parents are Brian & Karen Green. Grandparents are Karen Jones and Michael J. Green.



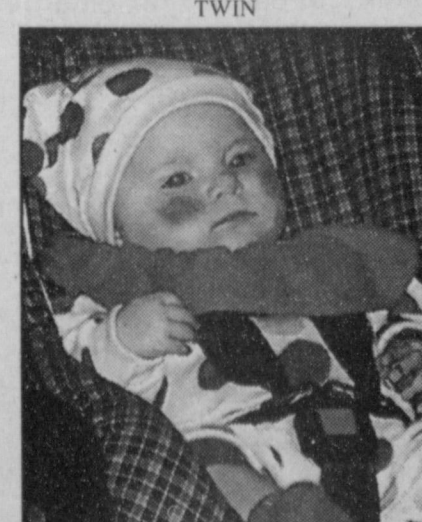
Nelson Ryn Wylie

Born August 22, 2001 in Fort Worth. Weight at birth was 7 lbs. 9 oz., length 21 3/4". The proud parents are Jake & Debbie Wylie. Grandparents are Paul & Janice Wylie and Jim & Betty Nelson.



Raymond Villalobos Jr.

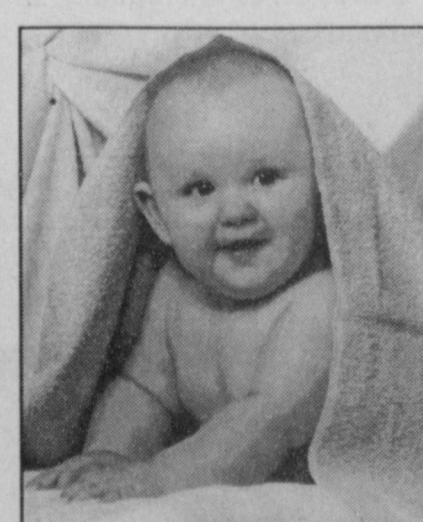
Born May 30, 2001 in Clovis, NM. Weight at birth was 7 lbs. 3 oz., length 19 1/2". The proud parents are Raymond Villalobos & Erica Martinez. Grandparents are Cruz & Tina Villalobos and Joel & Victoria Cuevas.



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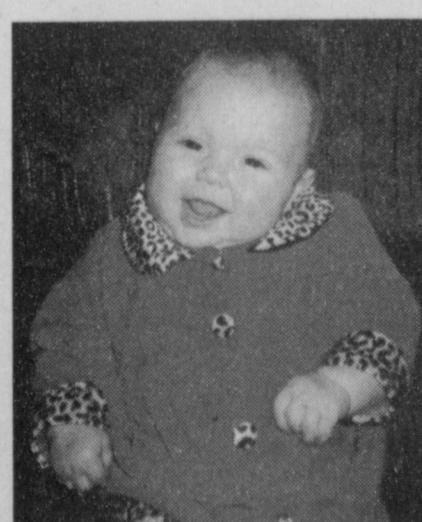
Ryan Green

Born May 30, 2001 in Northridge, CA. Weight at birth was 5 lbs. 15 oz., length 19". The proud parents are Brian & Karen Green. Grandparents are Karen Jones and Michael J. Green.



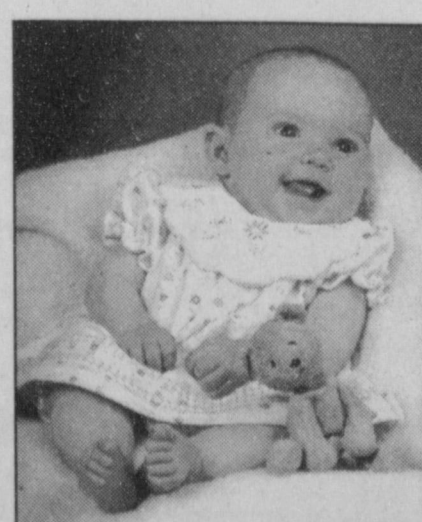
Shelton Gable

Born August 15, 2001 in Clovis, NM. Weight at birth was 10 lbs. 2 oz., length 22". The proud mom is Leesa Gable. Grandparents are Sawnie & Cathy Branscum and Carl & Linda Gable.



Tabitha Jo Wilson

Born October 27, 2001 in Lubbock. Weight at birth was 8 lbs. 8 oz., length 19 1/2". The proud parents are Sammy & Laurie Wilson. Grandparent is Marian Wilson.



Victoria Grace Glaze

Born February 27, 2001 in Twin Falls, Idaho. Weight at birth was 6 lbs. 9 oz., length 20". The proud parents are Benton & Susan Glaze. Grandparents are James & Betty Glaze.

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MESHA WAS THE MOABITE KING WHO ERECTED WHAT HAS BECOME KNOWN AS "THE MOABITE STONE." THIS STONE WAS RAISED TO COMMEMORATE THE SUCCESSFUL REVOLT OF THE KINGDOM OF MOAB, LED BY ITS KING MESHA, AGAINST THE KINGDOM OF ISRAEL AFTER THE DEATH OF KING AHAB IN BATTLE. (II KINGS 3:5) EVER SINCE THE DAYS OF OMRI, KING OF ISRAEL, MOAB HAD BEEN PAYING TRIBUTE TO ISRAEL. THE BIBLE TELLS US THIS TRIBUTE AMOUNTED TO 100,000 LAMBS AND 100,000 RAMS WITH ALL THEIR WOOL! (II KINGS 3:4) THIS WAS A COSTLY PAYMENT, YEAR AFTER YEAR, AND WHEN KING AHAB WAS KILLED AND ISRAEL DEFEATED IN BATTLE KING MESHA, OBVIOUSLY, DECIDED THAT THIS WAS THE BEST TIME TO REFUSE TO PAY THE TRIBUTE! WHEN JEHORAM, THE SON OF AHAB, BEGAN HIS REIGN, HE INQUIRED OF THE KING OF JUDAH, JEHOASHAPHAT, IF HE WOULD AID HIM IN CONQUERING MOAB, AND WHEN HE GOT AN AFFIRMATIVE ANSWER HE SET OUT WITH A THIRD KING, THE KING OF EDOM, TO INVADE MOAB! THE CAMPAIGN MAKES INTERESTING READING (II KINGS 3:5-27) AND EVEN INVOLVES THE PROPHET ELISHA AND BOTH THE GULLIBILITY AND THE GREED FOR LOOT OF THE MOABITES! ALTHOUGH MOAB WAS DECISIVELY DEFEATED IN BATTLE, THE ISRAELITES DID NOT DEMAND ANY FURTHER TRIBUTE BUT WENT BACK TO ISRAEL—KING MESHA ERECTED THE STONE AND CALLED HIS REVOLT A SUCCESS—WHICH IT WAS, FOR ALL INTENTS AND PURPOSES!!



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Saving needs to be life-long habit

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL COLLEGE STATION — It may be dry as dust or even frightening, but economic news affects everyone.

That's why lessening money worries by building a personal savings plan is a habit to get into early in life, said Nancy Granovsky, Texas Cooperative Extension family economics specialist.

But savings plans come in all kinds of shapes and sizes — filling different needs for different people at different times.

For most people, opening a regular savings account in a bank or credit union is the first step toward building financial security, and a great way for children to learn to save money, Granovsky said.

"Savings accounts are great for accumulating money you plan to invest elsewhere," she said, "and very good for holding emergency funds, but aren't the best vehicle for (long-term) investments because the fixed rate of return they earn is low. Of course, during times of economic downturn, even a low rate of return that is guaranteed is preferred over a loss of principal."

Another savings option is the money market account, which Granovsky defined as a type of savings account that carries an interest rate that fluctuates with the general movement of interest rates in the economy.

Money-market accounts from banks and credit unions are insured by Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. or National Credit Union Administration, she said. "Money market mutual funds

are... are not insured but are considered to be a relatively 'safe' place to put money."

These kinds of savings accounts "are very safe, but they offer 'low risk and low return,'" Granovsky said. "They are ideal for accumulating savings for short-term use and for diversifying an investment portfolio.

"But most financial advisers would not recommend putting all of one's investments into this category of savings," she went on. "In the current economic environment, people with substantial cash holdings in savings and money-market accounts may be more able to take advantage of other investment opportunities because they can transfer their cash to, let's say, stocks or mutual funds while the prices are still low.

"Doing that gives more 'bang for the buck' because they're buying low in the hope of selling their stock high one day in the future."

All in all, she said, a savings and/or money-market account is a good place to start getting into the habit of saving, and a good tool for parents to use to encourage the savings habit in their children.

A CD, or certificate of deposit, is a little more serious method of establishing savings.

A CD "allows you to make a deposit of (a certain amount) of money, and lock it into a rate of interest for a designated period of time," Granovsky said. "Otherwise the interest rate fluctuation depends on the interest rate in the economy."

In other words, if an investor deposits money in a CD for a specific amount of time, the interest rate doesn't change throughout that time.

This rate of interest is usually more than the interest offered for general savings accounts or money market accounts. However, Granovsky said, the funds in a CD aren't as liquid as those of a savings account. "There will be a penalty for early withdrawal," he said.

Many people use CDs to fund their Individual Retirement Accounts.

"Think of an IRA as a (financial) envelope," she said. "You can put almost any type of personal savings plan or investment into the envelope."

Consumers have until April 15 to fund their IRAs for the year 2001, Granovsky said. For those who qualify, "the Roth IRA is the best kind," she said.

With a Roth IRA, the initial investment — the principal — doesn't get a tax break the year it is placed in a Roth IRA, but all interest in this account accrues tax-free. "That means it will never be taxed," Granovsky said, "not even when withdrawn in retirement.

"In contrast, money in regular IRAs grows tax-deferred, which means that taxes are postponed until money is withdrawn in retirement."

Money invested in savings accounts or CDs is ordinary income that has already been taxed, but funds invested in a 401(k) are tax-deferred, Granovsky said, which is one

reason this kind of account is so attractive.

That means the funds are invested in a 401(k) before taxes have been taken out of them, giving the investor a little bit of a tax break.

A 401(k) account is designed "for people in private industry," Granovsky said. A set percentage of an investor's paycheck is deducted — before taxes have been taken out — and placed in a personally selected investment mix.

Often the employer provides matching funds, she added, which makes the savings grow even faster.

People who find themselves with too much month left at the end of their paychecks might hesitate before deciding to participate in a 401(k) plan, but Granovsky said the benefits will be worth it, especially if the employer matches the employee's investment.

Investing funds now for benefits in the future is a wise way to plan ahead, she said.

Whatever method is chosen, a savings habit should be started early and nurtured for life.

"I tell kids there are three ways to earn money," Granovsky said. "The first way is illegal, so we won't even talk about that. The second way is by the sweat of your brow, and the third way is to take the money made from the sweat of your brow and start it making money for you."

More information is available on the Internet at fcs.tamu.edu/monman/investfuture.htm or from any county Extension agent.

HOROSCOPES

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Aries — March 21/April 20
Your world is a mix of love and adventure this week, Aries. Impulse runs wild but it never steers you wrong. You do your best while sharing fun with friends.

Taurus — April 21/May 21
Don't start any new projects this week, Taurus. You are known to anger easily and sometimes can be slow to learn new things. It's best if you stick with the basics.

Gemini — May 22/June 21
Expect positive developments in a working relationship, friendship or romance. For you this week, Gemini, actions speak louder than words, so move forward.

Cancer — June 22/July 22
Less is more this week, Cancer, because it won't take much for people to warm up to you. Consider curbing your spending on any excesses and concentrate strictly towards investments.

Leo — July 23/August 23
Your senses are alive, Leo, and you're feeling invincible. You leave a path of change at work and others are inspired to follow your lead — with varied degrees of success.

Virgo — Aug 24/Sept 22
You can't find a system that caters solely to your needs, Virgo. You have to admit that sometimes it won't go your way. Keep things simple for this week.

Libra — Sept 23/Oct 23
It's a rare day when you have all of the answers in your hand, Libra. It's best if you seek the advice of others when it comes to a big decision. Work relations improve.

Scorpio — Oct 24/Nov 22
In a clash of wills this week, Scorpio, you will come out the loser. Your opponent has so much power that a fair fight is impossible. Walk away with your head high.

Sagittarius — Nov 23/Dec 21
Time and distance are no match for Sagittarians who work their extensive connections. You are a person who definitely understands how to network. Your smile this week is proof that you're on top.

Capricorn — Dec 22/Jan 20
Write a thank-you note to someone who has done you a favor lately, Capricorn. It is best if you try to rekindle old friendships. A valuable relationship needs to be refreshed or reinforced this week.

Aquarius — Jan 21/Feb 18
It's best if you curb your sudden feeling of aggression, Aquarius. You can put the energy to better use. Make a list of top ideas and put a plan in motion. Gemini is key to the plan.

Pisces — Feb 19/March 20
You're feeling a bit disconnected from the world lately, Pisces. It's nothing to get worried about. You just need some time to yourself and then you'll reacquire yourself with the norm.

Happy Easter!

A&M plant laboratory offers varied services

By **ROGER HALDENBY Plains Cotton Growers**

LUBBOCK — The Texas Plant Disease Diagnostic Laboratory at Texas A&M University Research Park is available to help diagnose plant-disease problems.

Recent equipment upgrades and improvements in lab facilities also have improved diagnostic capabilities with continued upgrades planned to maintain accurate and timely reporting of diagnostic results.

The plant lab is equipped to handle most disease problems, from fungal diseases to those caused by bacteria or viruses. Testing for plant parasitic nematodes in both soil and plant-root tissue is also available.

Test results are returned to the client in a comprehensive plant-disease diagnostic report.

That report provides a diagnosis of the plant problem as well as recommendations for control or management of the problem. Cultural suggestions and non-chemical approaches are included if they will help in the overall disease management effort.

The client chooses whether to get the diagnostic report or test results by phone, fax, letter or e-mail.

Many specimens can be diagnosed the day of arrival,

whereas others that require more extensive testing may require a week or longer.

Most specimen reports are available within three days from receipt of the specimen. More time may be needed for specimens with complex problems or for specimens that require more extensive testing.

The lab provides diagnostic services for all types of plants.

There is a \$20 charge per specimen for all diagnoses except virus testing and *Xylella*-induced diseases (Pierce's disease, leaf scorch in trees).

The fee for virus testing and *Xylella* testing is \$45 per specimen.

Anyone wanting to submit a specimen for disease diagnosis or a soil sample for nematode assay should obtain the needed forms from a local Extension office or from the laboratory, along with instructions for collecting and submitting specimens.

More information about the laboratory or services available is available by writing The Texas Plant Disease Diagnostic Laboratory, 1500 Research Parkway, 2589 TAMU, College Station, Texas 77843-2589; telephoning (979)845-8032; faxing (979) 845-6499; or e-mailing barnes@ppserver.tamu.edu.

A variety of homestead exemptions could lower your property taxes!

A homestead exemption lowers the property taxes on your home by lowering its taxable value. If your home is valued at \$50,000 and you receive a \$15,000 homestead exemption, your home will be taxed as if it were worth \$35,000.

Who qualifies for an exemption?
Anyone who owned a home on January 1 (and used it as a primary residence on that date) is entitled to a \$15,000 homestead exemption to lower school taxes this year...and it doesn't matter if your home is a house, condominium or mobile home. (Counties, cities and special taxing districts may also offer homestead exemptions.)

Are there other exemptions available?
If you're *disabled*—or if you're 65 years old or older—you are entitled to an *additional \$10,000 school tax exemption* on your home. And if you qualify for the *over-65 exemption*, you're also entitled to a permanent, locked-in "*ceiling*" on the school property taxes on your home. (The ceiling does not apply to county or city property taxes, and those entities may offer other exemptions.) The over-65 homeowner's exemptions and school tax ceiling transfers to the surviving spouse, if the spouse is 55 years of age or older at the time of death and lives in and owns the home. Over-65 homeowners also may transfer the percentage of school tax paid, based on their former home's over-65 school tax ceiling, to a new home.

Do I have to apply each year?
No. If you had a homestead exemption on your home in 2001, you won't need to reapply for 2002 unless your chief appraiser requires it. However, if you haven't received an exemption on your present home—or if you've moved to a new home—you'll need to file for an exemption for 2002. If you are 65 this year, you may file for the over-65 exemption up to one year after the date you turned 65. And if you became disabled during 2001, you need to file for the disabled person's exemption.

When and where should I file?
File applications by **April 30** at your appraisal district office. If you need more time, contact us at:
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¡Varias exenciones de residencia pueden rebajar sus impuestos de propiedad!

Una exención de residencia reduce sus impuestos de propiedad. Por ejemplo, si su residencia tiene un valor de \$50,000 y Ud. recibe una exención de \$15,000, sus impuestos se calcularán como si el valor de su residencia fuera \$35,000.

¿Quién califica para una exención?
Cualquier dueño de una residencia principal el día 1 de enero tiene derecho a una exención de residencia de \$15,000 este año para rebajar sus impuestos escolares...y no importa si la residencia es casa, condominio o casa móvil. (Los condados, municipios y distritos especiales de impuestos también pueden ofrecer exenciones de residencia.)

¿Hay otras exenciones?
Si Ud. es incapacitado—o si tiene 65 años o más—tiene derecho a una exención adicional de \$10,000 en sus impuestos escolares de propiedad. Y si Ud. califica para la exención para los que ya cumplieron 65 años, también tiene derecho a un "cielo máximo" permanente en sus impuestos escolares de residencia. (El cielo máximo no tiene que ver con impuestos de propiedad de los condados o municipios, y esas entidades pueden ofrecer otras exenciones.) La exención para los que ya cumplieron 65 años y el cielo máximo se pueden transferir al esposo/esposa sobreviviente si el o ella tiene 55 ó más años de edad y es dueño/dueña de la casa en donde vive. También el dueño de una casa nueva que tiene más de 65 años puede trasladar un porcentaje de cielo máximo de los impuestos escolares que le tocaron en su domicilio vieja.

¿Debo solicitarla cada año?
No. Si Ud. recibió una exención de residencia en 2001, no hay necesidad de solicitarla de nuevo en 2002—al menos que se lo pida su jefe de valoraciones. Sin embargo, si no has recibido una exención en su residencia actual—o si ha cambiado de domicilio tendrá que solicitar una exención para 2002. Si Ud. cumplirá los 65 años durante este año, tiene hasta un año de esa fecha para solicitar una nueva exención. Y si cumplió los 65 años o resultó incapacitado en 2001, tendrá que solicitar las exenciones adicionales.

¿Dónde y cuándo debo solicitar mis exenciones?
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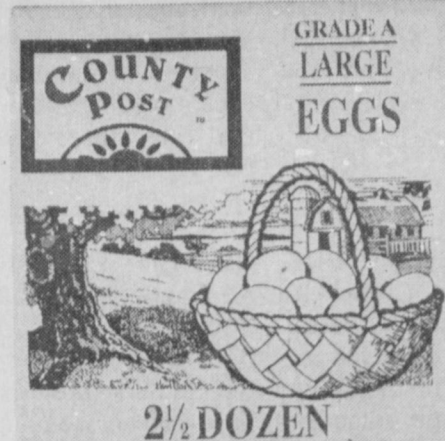
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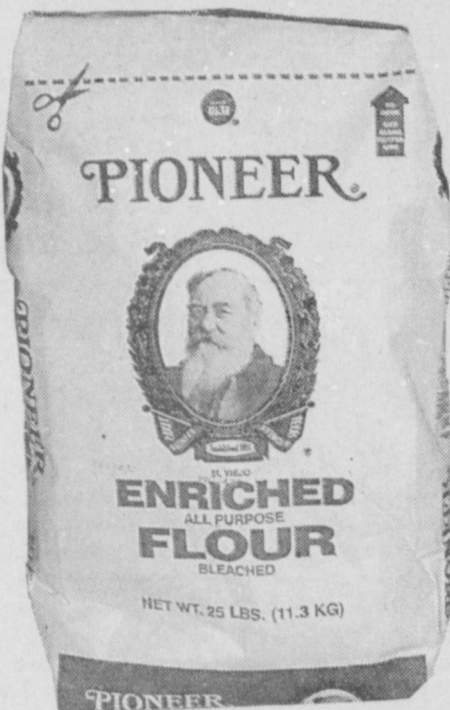


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