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# PAGE ONE

A QUICK READ OF THE NEWS

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## **Dancing in the clouds**

One of the world's biggest dance music companies wants to turn jets from collapsed Australian carrier Ansett into airborne night clubs.

Richard Mergler, commercial brand director for Ministry of Sound (the music company), said the planes would be modified to re-create the nightclub experience and fly to dance parties in Australia and overseas.

Australian Transport Minister and Deputy Prime Minister John Anderson said he was uncertain about safety requirements for flying nightclubs.

## No shirt, no shoes . . .

Police in Middlebury, Ind., are looking for a man who ran through a restaurant wearing only a green hat and fake beard and carrying a flag.

The suspect, believed to be about 18, made his dash at the Dutchman Essenhaus restaurant, which was busy with a lunchtime crowd.

"I think people were amused by it more than anything," Sgt. Kevin Miller of the Middlebury Police Department told The Truth of Elkhart.

### **Quite a commemoration**

Planned Parenthood of Pittsburgh is selling condoms commemorating the the Feb. 11 implosion of Three Rivers Stadium.

The condom by winning designer Melissa Black features a black matchbook-type cover with a picture of the stadium coming down. Beneath the picture is a caption: "It Contains the Explosion!"

The contest challenged Pittsburgh residents to design condom packaging based on an event in the city's history.

# Nursing-home changes near completion

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Area Hospital District, said Friday that state-mandated changes to the district's new nursing home are nearing completion and he hopes state inspectors will revisit the site this week to approve the work.

week with representatives of the architect and contractor, and Bone said agreement was reached on taking care of all the state's handle the financial consequences of deconcerns.

# Lady Mules erect another tombstone in 68-38 win

# By DELTON WILHITE Journal sportswriter

HALECENTER --- Hale Center schools furnished the heat and the Lady Mules provided the pressure Tuesday, converting the Hale Center gymnasium into a pressure cooker to fricas-

see the Owlettes 68-38. The Lady Mules let the Ov/lettes know they meant business from the opening tip, with Britni Gartin, Tiffany Flores and Tori Barton all banging away from the

three-point arc. Muleshoe led 22-6 after only one frame. The big girls got into the

act in the second period, with Shani Rasco and Sara Benham cleaning up the boards and scoring in the paint. The Owlettes managed seven points late in the period as the Lady Mules began to back off, but Muleshoe went in at

up in the paint. She is quick off the dribble and has a deadly scoop shot that goes in when she's uncontested and puts her on the foul line when she is.

Jessica Carpenter plays the point guard as if she were born for the position. She is not a high scorer, but she gets the ball to the open player who can score or turns the key to start the offensive play.

Muleshoe went into a maintenance mode in the second half and still outran the Owlettes 28-20 in the second half. Gartin and Benham shared the lead in scoring with 14 points each.

Flores put in nine points, Rasco and Mindy Locker had eight apiece, Hutto made six, Carpenter and Barton three each and Kayla Glover chipped in one.

"After that meeting, we notified the Jim Bone, administrator of the Muleshoe state and asked for a re-survey the week of the 10th," he said, adding that no word had been received as to when an inspector would arrive.

If the re-survey is done this week and everything is approved, Bone said he District officials had met the previous would anticipate residents moving into Park View next week.

> He said the district has managed to layed occupancy, partly because of a high

population in the old care center.

"If we had been in (on schedule), it would have been a lot better, of course --- we could have accommodated the waiting list," he said.

He said the biggest concern has been the continued waiting on the part of residents. "That's the sad part," he said. "Here we have a home sitting there that we think is going to be a much safer and much more accommodating home for our people, but we can't utilize it for them."



#### Deck the walls

Journal photo: Beatrice Morin



Drawing date: Wednesday, Dec. 5 Winning numbers: 13-32-42-45-47-53 Estimated jackpot: \$10 million Winners: 0 Next drawing: Saturday, Dec. 8 Estimated jackpot: \$14 million

# On this date in history

Dec. 10 — Texans take San Antonio from Mexican forces, with Gen. Martín P. de Cos signing the terms of capitulation (1835).

Also on Dec. 10 - President Sam Houston orders the archives of the Republic of Texas' land office to be removed from Austin; residents objected and fought the "Archives War" to keep the records in the nation's capital (1842).

## LOCAL WEATHER

As of Friday, the National Weather Service was predicting a mild 59 for Sunday, dropping to about 54 Monday and Tuesday, 51 Wednesday and 45 Thursday. Morning lows should range from Sunday's mild 40 down to the upper 20s by Wednesday and Thursday. Partly cloudy conditions should rule, with Wednesday being very windy.

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intermission leading 40-18.

Candace Hutto is not the tallest of the inside girls, but she does like to mix it

Muleshoe pulled down 22 rebounds in the first half see HOOPS on page 2

Two-year-old Nique Saenz helps his grandmother, Cuca Orozco, straighten out the family's Christmas lights to be installed on the house. Shoppers should be aware that there are only 15 more days until Santa's visit.

# High Plains cotton quality better than expected

#### **By SHAWN WADE Plains Cotton Growers**

With the High Plains cotton harvest virtually complete, all that remains is the ginning and classification of cotton still in modules.

For most growers, one of the more pleasant surprises of this year's crop has been the consistently high quality it has exhibited.

The crop has averaged some of the best

# Senate farm bill likely to go down to the wire

#### **By SHAWN WADE Plains Cotton Growers**

Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle was doing some quick damage control on his farm bill stance late last week after his earlier remarks were read, interpreted and apparently misconstrued.

After telling reporters that he intended to pursue the farm bill through passage by the Senate this year, Daschle apparently left out the part in which he also wanted to complete a conference and send the bill to the White House for the president's signature.

In an effort to clear up exactly what he intended to say the first time around, Daschle's office has been hard at work reiterating his goal of finishing Senate

floor debate of the bill, quickly completing a conference with members of the House of Representatives and dropping the bill on President Bush's desk before Congress adjourns for the holidays.

That is where the politics of the situation appear to have the most impact. Reality and the calendar says that there just isn't that much time left before Congress will adjourn.

Plains Cotton Growers and others have been adamant about the fact that whether or not they like the Senate bill in its current form, there should be no delay in getting it to the Senate floor.

Once there, both Repubsee BILL on page 2

color, staple and strength readings observed in recent memory.

To date, the Lubbock Cotton Classing office has processed just over 1.6 million bales of cotton and expects to see slightly more than 2 million by the end of the ginning season.

Staple lengths recorded at the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service Cotton Classing Office in Lubbock are averaging just under 1 1/16 inches (Staple 34) with

about half having staples of 34 or longer.

HVI Color and Leaf measurements have also been a pleasant surprise. More than 75 percent of the crop classed to date has been assigned Color Grades 11 or 21 while 93 percent of the bales have received Leaf grades of 3 or better.

The only HVI reading that appears to be less than optimal is Micronaire, where the trend for much of the season has been to the high side of the optimal range.





#### Journal photo: Beatrice Morin

# Celebrate minds

Lori Bales reads to Joey Michael Wallace (left) and **Bailey Bales**, both 5 years old, during "Read With on Tuesday at Me" Dillman Elementary School. Gregoria Franco (left, with 13-month-old Luís Franco) listens to Carolina Franco, 5, put a story in her own words.

# **AROUND MULESHOE**

# Postmaster asks for early mailing

Because of the heightened security across the nation and the volume of mail at this time of year, Muleshoe Postmaster Jack Glover is asking local residents to get their Christmas packages mailed as soon as possible.

"We'd just like to make our customers aware of the importance of mailing your Christmas early to guarantee prompt arrival," he said Friday.

### Lazbuddie FFA places at state

The Lazbuddie FFA Chapter won the Area I public relations contest and placed seventh in the state competition held Dec. 1 at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville.

The contest consists of a presentation promoting agricultural education and the FFA, followed by a questionand-answer period.

Team members were seniors Jodie Coker and Shannon Redwine and junior Tobin Redwine. Coker is the Lazbuddie chapter president, Tobin Redwine is the Littlefield district president and Shannon Redwine is the former area president.

At state, Lazbuddie competed against the nine other area winners.

### Luncheon to feature high school choir

This month's Soup and Sandwich Luncheon, scheduled for noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, will feature the Muleshoe High School Choir under the direction of Allison Johnston.

The students will perform Christmas music.

The luncheons, held the second Thursday of the month at 16th and D Church of Christ, are always offered on a free-will donation basis.

More information is available by calling 272-4619.

### **Firefighters re-elect Harrison**

Donald Harrison was re-elected assistant chief of the Muleshoe Volunteer Fire Department at Wednesday's regular business meeting. Richard Ronek will continue as chief.

Other officers elected are Tom Ladd, president; Wayne Wauson, vice president; Brent Hall, secretary; and J.O. Parker, treasurer and training officer.

Chad Beal was elected to join Scott Churchman and Bily Tosh on the board. Brian Rudd will be the new board president; Gary Clark is the retiring board president.

Gonzalo Lozano is a new member of the department, which have answered 106 calls so far this year.

# Child Welfare Board still has pecans

The Bailey County Child Welfare Board still has some 1-pound packages of pecan halves that are on sale for \$7.50 per package.

Proceeds will be used to hep provide Christmas for children in foster care as well as other needy children in the county.

holding partial scores must complete the battery of tests before a new test goes into use Jan. 1 or their scores will be invalidated.

Applicants must be Texas residents, officially withdrawn from school and not a graduate of any accredited U.S. high school. Seventeen-year-olds also are required to have the eligibility verfication/parental approval form signed by a parent or guardian; anyone in this group should contact the high school before the testing date.

# Three Way Christmas dinner set

The Three Way School District has scheduled its annual Christmas dinner for Dec. 12.

The event is sponsored by the superintendent, the cafeteria staff and the faculty. The menu will include turkey and dressing, gravy, mashed potatoes, hot rolls, green beans, lemon pie and milk. The cost is \$2 per plate, dine in or take out.

Serving times are 11:20 a.m. for pre-kindergarten through second grade, 11:30 a.m. for third through sixth grades and 12:20 p.m. for seventh through 12th grades.

Visitors are asked to check in at the principal's office before going to the cafeteria or any classroom. They also are asked to call either 927-5315 or 927-5547 by 3:30 p.m. Tuesday to give the staff an accurate count of expected attendance.

# McDaniel memorial fund open

A memorial fund for Jeanie McDaniel has been established at the First Bank of Muleshoe to help the family with expenses.

McDaniel was killed in a traffic accident Nov. 27 near. Littlefield.

### Jan. 18 is crop disaster deadline

Bailey County farmers have until Jan. 18 to file applications for the Crop Disaster Program or for Quality Loss for the 2000 crop year, according to an announcement from the local Farm Service Agency office.

An appointment is required in order to file either application (272-4538).

### **School news**

Parents and others interested in activities in the Muleshoe Independent School District and learn about changes in the current week's activities by calling 272-7669. The information line is also updated for changes in the school schedule due to bad weather.

### **Public calendar**

Dec.  $9 \rightarrow 7$  p.m. to 9 p.m. "Christmas in the Country 2001" at Trinity Christian Center Church, 1723 W. American Blvd. Food items will be donated for Bailey County Food Pantry and an offering will be taken for Meals on Wheels. Different types of music will be

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Purchases can be made by calling Tracie Claybrook at 265-2864 or Georgia Peña at 272-3752. Deliveries are available.

# **GED** scheduled at high school

The General Educational Development Test is scheduled to be given at Muleshoe High School starting at 8 a.m. Dec. 15 and (if needed) Dec. 17. Candidates must begin the test on Dec. 15.

The fee is \$40 and must be paid at the time of registration and a photo ID is required at the time of testing.

Individuals testing for a certificate of high school equivalency must complete all five of the GED tests, and those

# Mammograms are scheduled

A breast-cancer screening clinic is scheduled for Dec. 26 at South Plains Health Care Providers, 208 W. Second.

Appointments are required and may be scheduled by calling (800) 377-4673.

# HOOPS from page 1

and 13 in the second half for a total of 35, with Locker grabbing 10 and Benham five.

The Lady Mules were playing in the New Deal Lady Lions Mean Green Tournament on Dec. 6-8. They faced the Anton Lady Bulldogs in the first round.

performed

Dec. 17-Noon. Muleshoe School Board, in the board room of the administration building.

Dec. 21 - 2:30 p.m. Muleshoe schools dismiss for Christmas.

Jan. 2 — Last day to file for candidacy in the March 12 primaries. Information is available from the Democratic and Republican county chairs.

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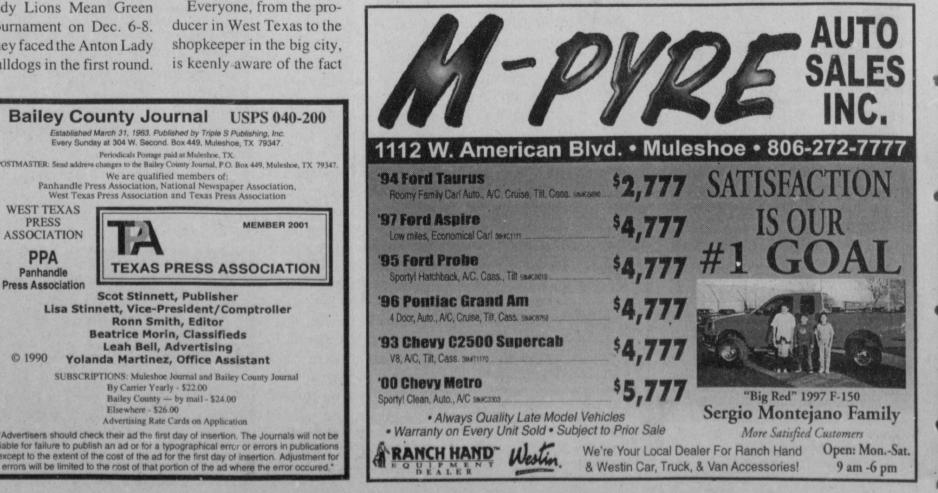
licans and Democrats would have the ability to debate and offer amendments. This would serve two important purposes: First it keeps the process moving forward; and second, neither side is viewed as trying to obstruct or delay completion of the legislation.

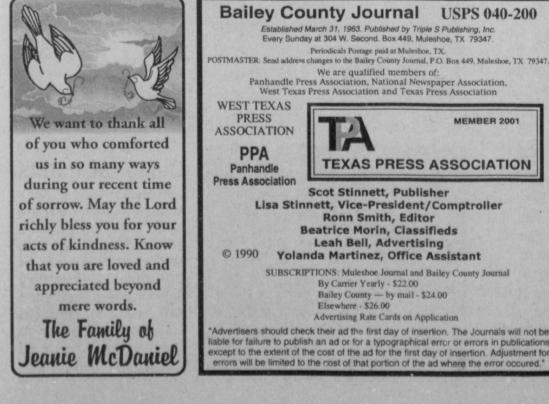
Everyone, from the producer in West Texas to the shopkeeper in the big city, is keenly aware of the fact that Congress has a lot of work to do between now and Christmas.

The fact is a new farm bill would strengthen the foundation of a struggling agricultural economy that supplies 20 percent or more of the nation's Gross Domestic Product.



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# JV Lady Mules sink every boat in sight

#### By DELTON WILHITE Journal correspondent

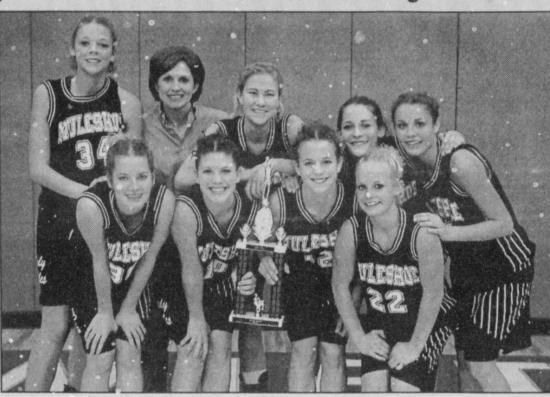
The JV Lady Mules blew through the competition like a norther through the Panhandle last weekend to grab the first-place trophy in their own tournament.

In their opening-round game, they swatted the Tulia Lady Hornets 50-29. They also blew past Farwell 50-33 and Friona 52-35.

Against Tulia, Lindsey Wood racked up 18 Tabatha points, Obenhaus had 11, and Megan Mason dropped in nine. Amber Cowart added six, Jamie Carpenter made four and Gradee Adrian had two for the Lady Mules.

Muleshoe steamrolled the Lady Blue of Farwell for three quarters, allowing only 12 total points while posting 41 points on their side of the slate.

Farwell got it together in the final period and outscored the Lady Mules 21-9, but it was



Courtesy photo

Members of the junior varsity Lady Mules are (back row, from left) Tabatha Obenhaus, coach Su Scott, Gradee Adrian, Lindsey Wood and Jamie Carpenter; (front row) Jessica Hall, Megan Mason, Amber Cowart and Mitci Hawkins.

too late. Obenhaus provided the spark for Muleshoe with 18 points, 15 coming in the first half.

Wood added 11 points, Cowart made eight and Carpenter added seven for the Lady Mules. Mason had four points and

Adrian dropped in a pair of free throws.

The Friona Squaws waded through the bracket to meet the Lady Mules in the finals on Saturday. The Squaws lived on the three-point arch and nailed seven threes during the game.

knocked down a three-

pointer each to ignite a

20-7 quarter for the Mules

and let them take a 27-20

lead to the locker room.

scored the Mules 37-36

from the floor but the

game was won at the char-

The Chieftains out

The Lady Mules' swarming defense held Friona to just 10 firsthalf points. Carpenter caught fire in the second period and made all 10 of her points in the frame to push Muleshoe to a 35-10 advantage at intermission.

#### Wood led Muleshoe with 12 points; Carpenter and Obenhaus added 10 each. Adrian, Hawkins and Cowart had five each, Jessica Hall three and Mason two.

The Lady Mules were scheduled to tangle with the Lady Owls in Hale Center on Tuesday night and play in the Sundown Roughettes tournament Dec. 6-8.





I would like to announce that I plan to seek the Parmer County Precinct 4 Commissioner's position in the 2002 Primary Election.

I'll be running on the Republican ticket. I have lived and farmed in this precinct for 42 years.

I would like to continue the service that Raymond McGehee has done for the past 24 years.

**Elvis Powell** Elvis Powell litical adv. paid for by Elvis Powel



#### nsolation trophy take co

#### **By DELTON WILHITE** Journal sportswriter

The junior varsity Mules dropped their opening game in the Muleshoe JV Tournament to the Farwell Steers 62-57, but rebounded to take the consolation trophy by defeating Friona and Tulia.

Valentín Colunga led the Mules in the Farwell game with 14 points, Tatom Heathington and Layne Sheets had 12 each and Daniel Campolla added nine. Eric Villa scored five points, Brian King added three, and Alex Agundís dropped in two points in the opening game. The Mules jumped on the Friona Chieftains early, leading 20-4 at the end of the first period. The Chieftains could not over come that early deficit, and the Mules advanced to the consolation final with a 65-43 pounding of Friona. Campolla led the Mules with 19 points, Colunga had 13, Sheets nine and Louis Simpson seven. Matt Saddler made six points, Heathington and Agundís dropped in four each, Villa two, and Glen Scott chipped in a point to down Friona.

In the consolation final, Muleshoe got off to a slow start and fell behind 13-7. Colunga garnered all of the Mules first-period points.

In the second quarter, the Mules went off like a Fourth of July firecracker. Colunga and Heathington ity stripe.

Federal water funds available

LUBBOCK — Texas dents can utilize our pro-USDA Rural Development officials announced essential public services last week that federal

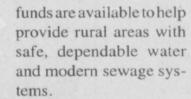
grams to help provide that will enhance the qual-

ity of life for all rural

residents," said Bryan

Muleshoe sank 10-of-13 free throws in the final period and shot 70 percent from the charity stripe to seal the 55-46 victory over the Chieftains.

The Mules were scheduled to travel to Hale Center on Tuesday to mix it up with the Owls and then play in the Sundown JV Tournament on Dec. 6-8.



The funds are through USDA's Rural Utilities Water and Waste loan program.

"With lower populations and tax bases than urban areas, rural resiDaniel state director for the Rural Development agency. These loans and grants are available to communities of fewer than 10,000 residents.

More information is available by calling (806) 785-5644, Ext. 4.

# from 10 am to 1 pm promises to be a time filled with quite possibly the most fun you'll have this holiday season! Because Santa & Mrs. Claus will be at Carolyn's Christmas

**Creations to talk** with your child.



Interviews will be videotaped and shown on Channel 6 TV at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 16th. There is no charge for this service, but videos may be purchased from Carolyn's for only \$10 each. (Buy 3 or more copies for \$7.50 each!) Call 806-946-8368 for more information and to schedule your child's visit. Walk-ins will be welcomed. "Where The Holidays Are Happening"

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## Lazbuddie honors six

Students of the month for October at Lazbuddie Elementary School were (from left, back row) fifthgrader Chase Timms, fourth-grader Dylan Haney and second-grader Luís Tafoya; (front row) third-grader Arthur Gómez, kindergartner Cutter Glover, pre-kindergartner Haley Ivy and first-grader Karina Galaviz. Chase is the son of Chris and Jill Timms; Dylan is the son of Greg and Netta Haney; Luís is the son of Lupe and Celia Robledo; Arthur is the son of Jesús and María Gómez; Cutter is the son of Brian and Shanna Glover; Haley is the daughter of Lance and Shelly Ivy; and Katrina is the daughter of Elizabeth Galaviz.

# Don't let potluck holiday meals be bad luck

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

COLLEGE STATION — The holiday season is a time of sharing, entertaining — and indulging in good food. That combination naturally leads to potluck meals, where friends and family gather together to share each other's favorite dishes.

But don't let the possibility of foodborne illness ruin these festive occasions. Dr. Peggy Van Laanen, Texas Cooperative Extension food and nutrition specialist, and Britta Thompson, Extension food and nutrition associate, suggested the following safety precautions to help eliminatethat risk:

• When transporting food to a get-together, don't let perishable foods stay in the danger zone — 40 to 140 degrees — for Transport time and serving time should be included in these two hours. Be careful with these per-

more than two hours.

ishable foods: meat, poultry, seafood, eggs, cooked vegetables and dairy products, and dishes made with any of these foods, such as dressing, gravy, casseroles, cream pies, puddings and dips.

• Perishable foods prepared ahead of time should be kept refrigerated until time to leave. If the food is to be served hot, reheat it at the event.

• Use ovens and microwaves to reheat food; don't use warming trays or slow cookers. Food thermometers should be used to make sure reheated foods have reached an internal temperature of 165 degrees.

If reheating equipment

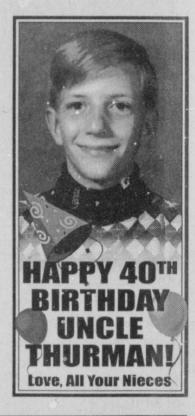
is not available, prepare food closer to the event time and keep it hot by wrapping it in towels or blankets, or by placing it in an insulated chest.

Keep cold perishable foods below 40 degrees until serving time. Use ice chests to transport these foods and keep them cold.
Ice chests or ice bowls can keep foods below 40 degrees on a buffet line.

• Make sure everything that comes in contact with the foods is kept clean. Wash hands and food preparation surfaces often. Make sure adequate garbage disposal facilities are available and keep garbage away from the food area.

• If food will be prepared at the event, keep raw meat separate from foods that will not be cooked, such as salad or raw fruit or vegetable tray ingredients. Use separate cutting boards for fresh produce and forraw meat, poultry and seafood.

The experts stressed the importance of the twohour rule: Do not let perishable foods remain in the temperature danger zone for more than two hours.



# Leadership program seeking applicants

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL COLLEGE STATION — The Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership program is seeking applications for its eighth class.

Applications are due March 15.

The program was established by Texas Cooperative Extension to create a cadre of leaders in Texas agriculture, said Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz, TALL coordinator.

TALL is a competitive program. Participants must be 25 to 45 years of age, be nominated by their peers, and go through an application and interview process. The two-year program includes seminars with experts and on-site tours in the United States and other countries. Participants meet with business and governmental leaders.

Previous TALL classes have included farmers, ranchers, communicators, chemists, business professionals and many others from across the state.

Only 25 applicants will be chosen. Tuition is \$1,500. Seminars, tours and homework are required. Participants will attend sessions in Texas, Mexico, Washington, D.C., New

#### - York, Canada and Africa.

Applicants must be actively involved in farming, ranching or agribusiness. Men and women are equally encouraged to participate.

More information is available on the Internet at tall.tamu.edu; by contacting TALL, 7607 Eastmark Drive, Suite 101A, College Station,

Texas 77840-4027; or by calling (979) 845- 1554.

Applicants will be notified in late March if they are selected for interviews, which will be held in April and May.

Members of TALL Class VIII class will be announced June 9, and the first session will be held in July at College Station.





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# DECEMBER 9-15

#### Aries - March 21/April 20

Things aren't exactly where you want them on the job? Practice patience. It's OK to do the same thing over and over again; this kind of work ethic pays off in the long run. Socially, it's time to meet new people. A Sagittarian makes a friendly overture on Wednesday. Accept.

#### Taurus - April 21/May 21

Too much work and no play isn't good for anyone, Taurus. Especially not for someone who's been going at it for as long and hard as you have. Take a break. Use this week to plan a special trip — and make it a long one. There will be plenty of time for work when you return.

#### Gemini - May 22/June 21

If finances aren't looking too good this week, it may be time to make a new plan. Take time out to budget your expenses for the month — or the year. Feeling creative? Make a flowchart, and note where unaccounted-for pennies are going. You'll probably be surprised with the outcome.

#### Cancer - June 22/July 22

This is not the week to be your usual practical self. It's a week to treat yourself right. Work stressing you out? Call in sick, and enjoy some downtime. Your romantic outlook is good for the coming weeks, but move slowly if you want to secure victories in matters of the heart. Keep an eye out on that single neighbor — it could lead to romantic interests.

#### Leo - July 23/August 23

You seem to be doing a lot of talking lately, Leo, and not enough listening. Wise up. A Gemini friend comes to you for career advice on Tuesday. You have the chance for a starring role this week behind the scenes, instead of in the spotlight, like you're accustomed to. Don't blow it.

#### Virgo - Aug 24/Sept 22

Work isn't everything. Practice telling yourself that over and over again this week. You'll find things changing from stressful to dull often. That's OK. Don't forget you can make your own challenges outside the workplace. Plan things to look forward to. New romance looks promising by Thursday.

#### Libra - Sept 23/Oct 23

Slow down, Libra. You're trying too hard to do too many things — romance, work, friends, family, hobbies and downtime. There's time for it all, but not in one day. The weekend is a great time to focus on romance, keep Saturday open for possibilities.

#### Scorpio - Oct 24/Nov 22

Romance not going your way? Things can change this week, but it's up to you. Are you going to keep dwelling on the past, or will you look to the future for happiness? It's your choice. Don't know where to look? Check right under your nose. You'll like what you see.

#### Sagittarius - Nov 23/Dec 21

Got the blues? Try not to give in. Focus on things that make you feel happy. It's a great time to make efforts in health and fitness. Start a diet. Go to the gym. Maybe even look into signing up for a class. Just don't be afraid to put yourself first this week. It's a wise investment.

#### Capricorn - Dec 22/Jan 20

Tired of trying to please an impossible boss? Don't. Do things as you know how, and let him or her fix the rest. And, definitely don't take the aggravation home with you. Also, if your boss happens to be a Taurus, watch out for meddling. Know where to draw the line, and stand by it.

#### Aquarius - Jan 21/Feb 18

It's your own fickleness that's driving you crazy. Figure out what you really want. Trying new things has never been hard for you. It's sticking to them that's your problem. Advice? Slow down, and set aside a period of time for that new activity — and don't back down until the time's up.

#### Pisces - Feb 19/March 20

Feel like you're just going through the motions in romance? Bring your heart back into the picture. Tuesday, you're hit with some serious relationship questions. Think before you answer. Honesty and sincerity are the only ways to obtain the closeness you so desire. Weigh your options carefully.

# Lady Mules jump out to 3-1 before Nazareth tourney

(This story is being run in its entirety after part of it was omitted in the original edition.)

#### By DELTON WILHITE Journal correspondent

A week's intermission and probably some turkey and pumpkin pie may have cost the Lady Mules a little of their focus in the tirst half Nov. 27 as they defended their home court against the Denver City Lady Mustangs.

They got it together in the second half, however, and mauled Denver City 61-39 to push their record to 3-1 going into the Nazareth tournament.

The Lady Mules went in

# **BI'IUARY**

#### JOHNNIE WILLIAMS

Memorial services were held Saturday at New Vision Nazarene Church in Muleshoe for Johnnie Williams, 65, of Muleshoe.

Mr. Williams was born Dec. 25, 1935, in Flagstaff, Ariz. He died Wednesday at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

He married Joy Daniel on May 30, 1952. He was a farmer for most of his life.

Mr. Williams is sur-

at halftime hanging on to a 29-23 advantage, but after a locker-room visit with Coach Shana Simms they came out and put up12 unanswered points in the first five minutes of the second half.

"It is hard to come off a big game like we had with Nazareth and be really focused in the next game," Simms said. "In the second half, we regrouped and worked together to get quality shots. We knew what we needed to do in the second half, and the girls got it done. They all played well in the second half."

Touch fouls and lapses on defense allowed the Lady

vived by Joy Williams; his mother, Frankie Williams of Ralls; four children. Debbie Aylesworth of Amarillo, Randall Williams of San Angelo, Gaynelle Will-Williams of Earth; 16 three great-grandchil-

Mustangs to hang with the Lady Mules through the first half. Denver City owned a two-point lead with a little over four minutes remaining in the second stanza.

Then Mindy Locker picked off a Denver City pass and found Anne Cox with the outlet pass. Cox paid the big girl for running the floor with a perfect pass, and Locker's layup gave the Lady Mules the lead for good.

Shani Rasco blocked back-to-back-to-back Lady Mustang shots in the paint early in the second half. She then picked up a loose ball at mid-court and drove to the center of the lane to drain a five-foot jumper.

Britni Gartin hit a short

# **OSPITAL NEWS**

Muleshoe Area Medical Center reports the following patient load:

Nov. 29 - James K. Angeley, Mercedes Barrón, Myrtle M. Carter, Viola E. Harris, Earnest J. Hengst, Virginia Ortiz, Trinidad Ramírez, Lynn Roberts, Larry D. Ross and Ernestine Steinbock.

Nov. 30 - James K. Angeley, Myrtle M. Carter, Carmen M. Correa, Virginia Ortiz, Trinidad Ramírez, Lynn Roberts, Larry D. Ross, Ernestine Steinbock and Joshua R. Torres.

Dec. 1 - None reported.

Dec. 2 --- None reported. Dec. 3 — James K. Angeley,

Nikolas Duncan, Wyvonna Haney, Dee W. Peirson, Larry D.

base-line jump shot, took a Lady Mustang turnover to the corner and nailed a three to complete the almost fiveminute 12-point Lady Mule run in the third period.

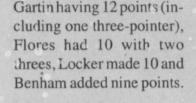
Candace Hutto and Sara Benham made two free throws each, and Benham blocked a shot to end the third period with the Lady Mules ahead 45-28.

Tiffany Flores grabbed the rebound after her own shot and put it back for two more points. Tori Barton hit from behind the arc with 4:33 left in the game to give Muleshoe a 20-point lead. Cox made the last Lady Mule points when she sank two from the charity stripe.

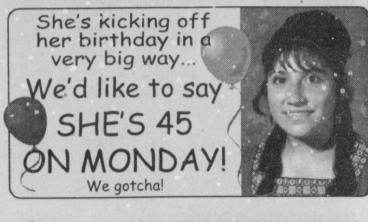
The Lady Mules spread the scoring around, with

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Rasco put in six points, Cox and Hutto had four each, and Kayla Glover and Barton chipped in three points apiece.





iams of Canyon and Scott Williams of Amarillo; a brother, Jimmie grandchildren; and dren. He was preceded in

death by a son, Johnnie Melvin Williams, in 1977.

# **URSING HOME NEWS**

Buster Kittrell gave the men haircuts and shaves Saturday morning.

Betty Ramage delivered bingo quarters Friday afternoon.

Members of the Muleshoe Church of Christ direct a Communion service each Sunday

Hubbard from the Earth United Methodist Church directed the devotional service and the second Advent service.

Joyeline Costen delivered two Christmas trees that also have been set up and decorated in the care center.

Burge and the center's activity department staff shampooed and set the women's hair Tuesday afternoon. Norma Eaves gave manicures.

Ruby Garner, Elsie Damron, Joe Embry and Harold Burge were among those visiting the

Mary Jo Burge served coffee and doughnuts to the residents Wednesday morning. Cody Faver, Buster Kittrell and Debbie Stone directed the devotional.

Happy December birthday to Alta Gore (Dec. 8). Lora Dale returned to the care

center Saturday after being hospitalized ...

morning.

Buster Kittrell and Harold Burge taught Bible study Sunday morning.

The Rev. Brad Reeves and members of the First United Methodist Church directed a Communion and music service early Sunday afternoon.

Members of Calvary Baptist Church came for church services later that afternoon.

Nora Burch and Olive Cox visited the residents Friday afternoon.

Gladys Wilson and Cathy Wilson visited Monday with Hattie Heathington, who also is visited several times a week by her little dog friend, Dimples.

Aline Locke, Bootie Tiller, Alda Odom, Johnnie Kimbrough, Annie Chávez, Mary Johnson, Ozell Cherry, Grace Plyler, Elzie Darland, Nettie Quesenberry painted ceramics in craft class Thursday morning.

J.C. Shanks, Alda Odom, Janis Cowley directed the devotional Thursday morning.

Janet Denton entertained and gave a Christmas-card concert Friday morning.

Donna Locker brought a Christmas tree and set it up in the day room Thursday afternoon. Aline Locke and other residents assisted with the decorating.

Melvin and Wanda Griffin visited the care center Friday and Tuesday.

Annie Chávez's family gave her a birthday party Friday afternoon. Her family, the residents and staff were all served birthday cake and ice cream.

Harold and Mary Jo Burge, Melvin and Wanda Griffin and Iris Clements directed the bingo games Saturday afternoon.

The Rev. Gary and Judy

The Heritage Thrift Shop also has loaned Christmas decorations to the center.

Josie Ovalle, Linda Nowell, Beverly Wagnon, Crystal Walton, Claudine Embry, Pat Watson, Eva Nell Dale, Mary Jo

care center Tuesday

The residents' visit from Santa Claus is scheduled for 4 p.m. Dec. 20.

Sister Maria visited the care center Tuesday afternoon. Buster Kittrell and Harold and

Two new residents have arrived at the center: Myrtle Carter, born on July 18 in Oklahoma, and Louisa Gonzales, whose birthday is Aug. 25.



These former West Camp & Oklahoma Lane residents celebrated their 75th Anniversary on November 7, 2001 in Pleasant Hill, California

The Mounts have lived in Pleasant Hill since November 1958 after living in West Texas for 25 years.

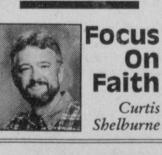
Their sons, J.F. and Scott, both live in Reno. Ruby Green of Muleshoe attended the celebration. She is the widow of Gertie Mount's brother, L.A. "Lusky" Green.

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# **Our God Is a "God With** Skin On"

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In worship on a Sunday just before Christmas several years ago, I found myself gazing at the front of the sanctuary watching silhouetted shepherds themselves gazing upward in wonder, one of them pointing toward a brightly shining star. The fact that the star itself was just a few feet away from the cross also displayed before us was a poignant reminder that in God's wisdom Bethlehem and



Golgotha are forever linked, two sides of the same wondrous story of God's love.

The Baby of Bethlehem drawing his first breath of air in the world he had spun into existence eons before was more than a baby. He was Immanuel, God with us, God in the flesh, God who came into this world laying aside the robes of royalty, willingly clothing himself in the garment of humanity to fully experience our joys and our sorrows, our triumphs and our tears.

I love the story told by author John Drescher about a little boy lying awake terrified by a storm late one night. From his dark shadowy room he cries out to his father, "Daddy, come, I'm scared."

Daddy replies, very truthfully, "Oh, son, God loves you and he'll take care of you."

But the boy isn't satisfied, and he shouts back, "I know God loves me and that he'll take care of me, but right now I need somebody with skin on.'

Our world did, too. And so God came "with skin on." Immanuel, God with us. God sharing fully in the human situation from the trauma of birth to the violence of death. God feeling everything a human being can feel.

Christmas assures me that the God I worship is no absentee landlord who lives a million miles off leaving the poor tenants to aimlessly "do their own thing."

Nor is our God an emotionless lawgiver, a heavenly bureaucrat lost somewhere on a cloud shuffling paper and handing down rules to complicate a situation he knows nothing about.

God is not the sort of military officer who proposes brave and daring offensives but whose idea of "leading" the charge is sitting safe and warm in a command post moving markers and flags on a map.

Christmas assures me that God has been at the front. He's seen the blood. And the most precious of all was His.

The wondrous story of Christmas is that with those stunned shepherds all the angels and the universe itself watched in utter amazement at the depth of God's love as he became what we needed most-Immanuel, a God with skin on.

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

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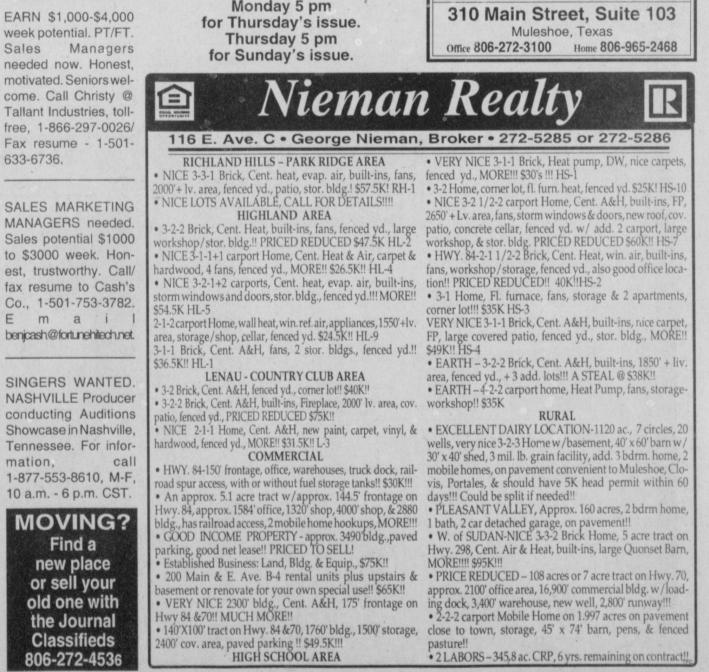
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