

NEWS BRIEFS

Latin America looks to United States for beef

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

Ten restaurants and hotel operators from Panama, Guatemala and El Salvador traveled to Texas recently to learn the advantages of serving U.S. beef from the Texas Beef Council. Cattle herds in the three Central American countries are dwindling. Latin American food service businesses are increasingly turning to the United States to locate sources of high quality beef. U.S. beef sales to the region are up 6 percent over the previous year.

Average price received by growers through November

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Another up tick in the average price received by growers is being projected for the month of November as the preliminary average price received is projected at 41.40 cents per pound, up from the October average price of 39.00 cents per pound.

The weighted average price received by growers for the 2002 crop marketing year (August, 2002 through July, 2003) will be used to calculate the final counter-cyclical payment rate on the 2002 crop.

The upward movement of prices is a welcome sight to many growers and should have little, if any, effect on the final counter-cyclical payment rate.

Due to the nature of the cotton marketing year and the timeframe that the majority of the crop is marketed it is unlikely that prices would rise fast enough to significantly increase the marketing year average.

2002 Marketing Year Average Price Received by Growers

	Marketings (1,000 bales)		Price Received	
	Month	Cumulative	Month	Ave. Weighed
Aug.	354	354	33.00	33.00
Sept.	412	766	35.20	34.18
Oct.	749	1,515	39.00	36.56
Nov.	na	na	41.40	na



Drawing date: Saturday, Dec. 18
 Winning numbers: N/A
 Estimated jackpot: N/A
 Winners: N/A
 Next drawing: Wednesday, Dec. 25
 Estimated jackpot: N/A

LOCAL WEATHER

Expect cloudy skies for Wednesday and Thursday, highs in the high 30s and lows in the low teens to low 20s. Partly cloudy on Friday. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the mid 20s according to the National Weather Service's Tuesday forecast. Expect partly cloudy to cloudy skies for Saturday through Tuesday of next week with highs in the mid 40s and lows in low 20s.

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Board votes to buy unit for physical therapy

By MARSHALL STINNETT
 Journal writer

The Muleshoe Board of Directors voted to purchase an additional Sys-Stim 266 unit for physical therapy and lease a new spiral CT scan unit, Thursday at their regular board meeting. The board also appointed a capital improvement committee and voted to write off \$40,000 in bad debts.

Hospital Administrator Jim Bone told the board, the additional Sys-Stim 266 unit for physical therapy was needed because the current unit was being used in the hospital as well as home health care. He said the hospital needed a unit available at all times. The cost of the unit is \$1,275.

Bone told the board, General Electric

was willing to forgo the last year of a five year lease on the Cat Scan (CT) if the board agrees to lease a new CT for 5 years. The lease on the present CT is \$5,500. The lease on a new machine would be \$7,800 a month.

"With the new machine, the hospital would be able to do more types of scans and the new CT would pay for itself," Bone explained. "The new CT would be directly connected by telephone to the radiologists in Amarillo giving the local doctors faster results for the patients."

The administration and board discussed the cash flow problems at the hospital and in the clinics. They agreed that it must be an absolute policy for patients who are to have an elective procedure to pay their deductible and

co-pay before the procedure is performed. Bone told the board that a lot of the \$40,000 that was being charged-off was elective procedure at the hospital and in the clinics.

Bone asked the board to appoint a capital improvement committee to find the best and most efficient use of the hospital space. Because the nursing home moved to a new facility, there is some excess space that could be put to better use with some remodeling.

The board appointed Dr. Bruce Purdy, M.D., Tim Campbell, Lary Hooten, Julie Cage, Pam Miller, Margaret Heathington and Suzanne Nichols to the committee.

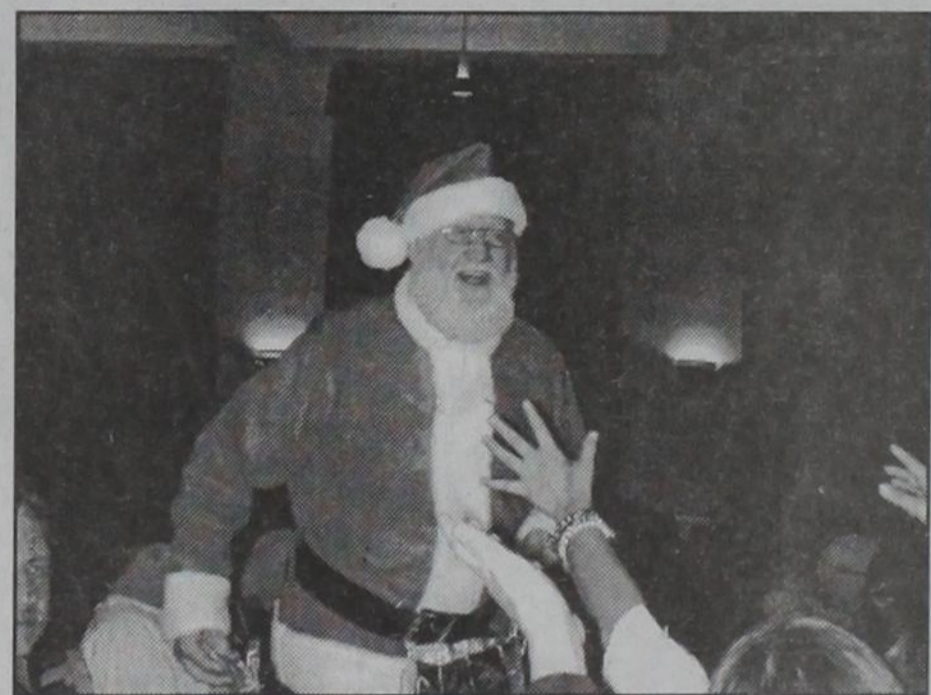
The also approved a direct payroll deposit option for the district employees.



Journal photo: Beatrice Morin

Tis the season

(Clockwise, above photo) Children from the Immaculate Conception Church re-enact the birth of Christ. Pictured are Bonnie Elizarrarraz, Diana Salcido, Miranda Crow, Carolina Franco, Cristian Zaragoza, Valerie Godinez, Roman Villegas and Luis Godinez (barely visible); Santa visits with one-year-old Andrew Lozano as sister Yolanda, 8 and Santa's helper Denise Alvarado look on during the Christmas in My Home Town event held at the Bailey County Coliseum; Samantha Sanchez, Mariah Hall, Sunny



Snider of the Jr. High Beginning Band perform "Holiday Medley" directed by Steve Ballenger; and Santa also visits during the Jr. High band concerts, Dec. 15 in the Kerry Moore Auditorium.

A Christmas Story: Santa and the Haunted House

(Editor's note: In the spirit of Christmas, the Journal wishes to share the following Christmas story which was published in the December 1963 issue of the Muleshoe Journal.)

According to the storyteller, Nog's house on Burning Tree Road was a good place to stay away from because all kinds of strange things went on there.

Some people swore they'd seen green smoke coming out of the broken-down chimney but when they went to investigate, they found no living thing and not even ashes in the fireplace.

Eight great black buzzards took to circling over Nog's house. Day and night they were there, never making a sound except for the swish of their wings. Round and round they flew waiting and waiting.

There were lights, too. Purple lights and red ones and green. They flickered off and on, now in one window, now in another — moving so fast a person could hardly be sure he's seen anything at all.

The nearest house to Nog's house was almost half a mile away but the folks who lived there got so upset they packed up and moved away. They put their house up for sale and it was still for sale today because nobody wanted to move next to the haunted house.

Now it happened, said the storyteller, that one day, three little children from Round Hill Road set out to find a Christmas tree. "Round Hill Road?" said Sissy, "That's where WE live!"

"Oh?" said the storyteller. "That's a coincidence all right." And he went on with the story.

The three children wanted a pine tree — a long needled white pine — and —

"What were their names?" interrupted Sissy.

The storyteller's eyebrows rose. "Whose names?"

"Those children — the ones looking for the Christmas tree."

The storyteller thought for a while then he said, "Jeremy, Sissy, and Miss Jo."

Miss Jo clapped her hands. "That's us!"

"Not necessarily," said Jeremy. He was trying his best to separate fact and fiction but he was having a hard time of it.

"Is it us?" demanded Miss Jo of the storyteller.

"Perhaps," said the storyteller. "Perhaps not. The names are certainly the same."

"Well," said Sissy, "Did that Sissy have curls like me?"

The storyteller pondered and said, "Yes, I believe she did."

"So go on with the story," burst out Jeremy.

"What happened?"

Well, the three children searched down all the roads of Poo, hunting for the right just-right Christmas tree. They found lots of pines but every tree had something just a little wrong with it. One was lopsided, another too dumpy, another too skinny. And so on.

Eventually, they came to Burning Tree Road. They had never been on this road before and they didn't like it very much because it was lonely and had hardly any houses on it.

The older children wanted to turn back but suddenly Miss Jo, the youngest child, called out, "Look yonder! There's our tree!"

The others looked where she pointed and sure enough, there was the tree they'd been searching for. It was fat and sturdy, yet tall enough, and it was even-branched all around. Best of all, it belonged to no one because it was growing in tangled woods everyone knew had been empty a hundred years.

Jeremy pulled out his hatchet and the three children ran towards the tree. But just as they reached the house, there came a terrible rumbling and clattering and hullabaloo as if the whole place were falling down. At the same time a great green cloud puffed out of the door and in the middle of the cloud, heading straight for the children, was purple-faced toothless, bottle-shaped Nog.

The storyteller seemed very tired now. His voice got so low the children could hardly hear him. They leaned forward and tugged at his legs and urged him on.

"What did Nog do when he saw the children?" He came out of his green cloud, said the storyteller and shook his fists at the children and shouted, "What are you doing here?"

The two little girls hid behind their brother's back and all three children shivered and shook. Then Jeremy thought, "We have as much right here

A Merry Christmas to All.



We wish all of you and your loved ones the most wonderful Christmas ever, and in this coming year of 2003, it is our hope that you may have...

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- ❖ Enough success to keep you eager

- ❖ Enough friends to give you comfort
- ❖ Enough wealth to meet your needs
- ❖ Enough enthusiasm to look forward
- ❖ Enough faith to banish depression
- ❖ Enough determination to make each day a better day than yesterday

This message was a favorite of United Supermarkets founder, H.D. "Jack" Snell Jr., and sharing it with you has been a United Christmas tradition since 1976.

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AROUND MULESHOE

Center closed for holidays

The Muleshoe Adult Learning Center will be closed on Thursday, December 19th for Christmas and New Years Holidays and will reopen on Tuesday, January 7th for Spring Semester.

Addresses for charitable giving listed

Anyone wishing to send a donation to a local charity may mail contributions to:

- Hope Chest, Box 175, Muleshoe 79347;
- Bailey County Food Pantry, Box 175, Muleshoe 79347;
- Meals on Wheels, 300 S. First, Muleshoe 79347; and
- Rainbow Room, 902 W. Avenue J, Muleshoe 79347.
- Lazbuddie EMS and volunteer fire department, Box 125, Lazbuddie 79053.

Public calendar

Dec. 24 — Candlelight Communion Service at the First United Methodist Church, 507 W. 2nd St., Muleshoe. Two services will be given: 7:00 p.m. and 11:30 p.m.

Jan. 6 and 21 — Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a breast cancer screening at Muleshoe area Medical Center, 708 South First Street, Muleshoe. All exams are done by appointment only. Call 806-356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information.

CHRISTMAS

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as he does." So he said, "We wanted that tree for Christmas."

Nog threw back his head and laughed and laughed.

"Forget the tree," he shouted. "You'll never see another Christmas."

"W-Why not?" asked the boy.

"Because there isn't going to be Christmas anymore. Not when Santa Claus eats the cake I'm making him."

"What kind of cake?" quivered Jeremy.

"A trouble cake!" shouted Nog. Now clear out of here and little children don't agree with me."

The children, hardly daring to breathe, backed away inch by inch. When they got to the road, they turned and ran all the way home.

The storyteller stopped speaking. His head fell forward on his chest and he began to snore. Miss Jo jumped up and pulled on his arm.

"Don't go to sleep!" she wailed. "Tell us what happened!"

The storyteller snored even louder.

"Wake up," cried Sissy, pulling his hair. Jeremy put his mouth to the storyteller's ear and shout, "Wake up! Wake up!"

But the storyteller slept on.

Miss Jo began to cry. "I want to know what happened!"

"He'll tell us when he wakes up," said Jeremy.

"But maybe he'll NEVER wake up!" wept Miss Jo. "And then Nog will send Santa the trouble cake and Santa will die and their will never be Christmas again."

"Oh don't be silly," said Jeremy. "It's only a story."

"How do you know?" demanded Sissy. "Maybe Nog is real. We were in it and we are real." "But," said Jeremy uncertainly, "he's a storyteller."

"Prove it," said Sissy.

"All right," said Jeremy. "I'll go to the haunted house and see if Nog is there." He began putting on his coat.

Sissy and Miss Jo stared at him in horror. Then Sissy said, "I'll go, too." And she snatched up her snowsuit.

"Wait for me! Wait for me!" cried Miss Jo and she flew to the closet to dig out her boots.

Bundled in scarves and wraps the children set out. At first they ran but when they reached Burning Tree Road they went slower and slower. When they saw the old broken-down house at the far curve of the road, they stopped.

"I'd better go on alone," said Jeremy. "No," said Sissy. "I'm coming, too." "Me, too," said Miss Jo.

"Well, I'll lead," said Jeremy. "You two stay behind me."

Single file, they crept on tiptoe the rest of the way — so quietly a mouse would not have heard them. They came to the old house and there sure enough was a sign out front saying "This House is Haunted."

Sissy gasped but Jeremy said, "Shh, Anybody could have put it

there."

Then he crept up to the house and climbed over the crumbled-down stairs and looked right through the doorway. Sissy and Miss Jo, too scared to come but even more scared to stay behind, peered over his shoulders.

It was so dim inside that for a while they could see nothing at all. Then they heard a sound and saw a sight that chilled their blood and froze them to the spot. What the children saw in the haunted house was a purple-faced, toothless, bald-headed, bottle-shaped creature and what they heard was the beating of a wooden spoon in a mixing bowl.

They knew right away that the purple-faced, toothless, bald-headed, bottle-shaped creature was Nog and what Nog was beating up in the mixing bowl was a trouble cake for Santa Claus.

There was a candle on the table and by its flickering light the children saw all the ingredients of the cake as old Nog took them up and threw them in the bowl.

There was a bottle of spider legs, a box of powdered stinging nettles, a dozen cobra eggs. There were little piles of sifted hate and greed and worry measured out on wax paper. There was a tablespoon of mashed jellyfish and a jar of headaches.

Muttering to himself, Nog beat up the awful mixture. At the end, he dumped in a can of sugar to disguise the taste. Then, he popped the whole thing into the oven.

Only then did the children standing frozen in the doorway, come to their senses. Without a sound they turned as one, leaped off the porch and ran as fast as their legs could carry them all the way home.

"He's really there!" they cried, bursting into the house.

"It's not a story! Nog is there!"

They looked in the closets and under the beds and down the road. The storyteller was gone and his suitcases filled with books were gone. The only sign that he's ever been there at all was the cushion on the floor where he'd sat before the fire, while he told his story.

The children looked at each other in dismay. Miss Jo pulled on Jeremy's arm. "Is old bad Nog going to send that terrible cake to Santa Claus?"

"Of course he is," exclaimed Sissy. "That's what the story said, and everything in the story is true."

Miss Jo began to cry and Sissy said, "Oh Jeremy, what will we do?"

All this time Jeremy had been thinking. Now he said, "We could scare Nog out of the house."

"Oh, I couldn't go back there! It's HAUNTED!" said Sissy.

"But we could be the haunts," said Jeremy. "We could dress up like ghosts and go down there and scare Nog away."

"Like Halloween!" cried

Basketball games on tap

The varsity Lady Mules will travel on Thursday, December 26 to the new gym at Lubbock's Monterey High School to play Lubbock High at 11:30 a.m. in the Caprock Tournament. The varsity Mules will be in action the same day, playing Frenship at 10 a.m. in the same location.

Jury hands Sandoval maximum sentence

By MARSHALL STINNETT
Journal writer

Rene Daniel Sandoval of Muleshoe was found guilty of selling a controlled substance, cocaine, to a confidential police informant Wednesday in District Court. He was given the maximum sentence of 20 years by the jury.

His trail began Tuesday and was over by noon Wednesday. The jury took 45 minutes to find Sandoval guilty.

Sandoval requested sen-

tencing by the jury rather than by District Judge Gordon Green. The prosecution introduced a prior charge in Federal Court for "distribution of heroin" for which Sandoval was sentenced in 1987 by the United States District Court for Utah to serve a sentence of five years.

He was released with 281 days remaining to be served. Sandoval was re-arrested in Hereford, Texas in August 1995 for a parole violation.

Miss Jo. She ran into her room and came back with a sheet over her head, waving her arms and crying, "Whooooo... Whooooo..."

Jeremy and Sissy raced for sheets flying out behind them. It was dark now. The roads were empty. There was no one to see three little ghosts stealing through the town.

When they came to the haunted house they stood outside holding hands. Jeremy put away the flashlight he had used to guide them. There was not a light in the house and the only sound was their own scared breathing.

They pulled themselves up on the porch and peeped through the door. There was no sign of Nog. "Now!" whispered Jeremy.

The three ghosts burst into the house, screeching and howling and waving their sheeted arms like three demented haunts.

If any other haunt had been there it surely would have been frightened away. But apparently, the house was empty. Jeremy turned on his flashlight and peered about, growing braver all the while.

Not only was there no Nog, there was no sign of the cake he had been making.

Then Sissy leaned over and opened the oven door. "Swoosh!" A towering white phantom burst from the oven, "Whooooo..." Spreading immense arms, it floated over the children.

The cloud carried the children across half the world until it came finally to the Milky Way and gently dropped the children there.

The children found themselves sitting in a sea of stars that stretched in an unbroken path across the sky and down to the edge of the earth.

Miss Jo began to slide down the path. "It's slippery!" she cried. "Like a bamboo slide."

Jeremy and Sissy began to slide. Before they knew it, they were all the three spinning down the Milky Way — faster, faster — on and on for thousands of miles. When the slide came to an end, the three children went right on falling until plop! plunk! ploop! They landed, one after the other in a soft white snowdrift that was piled against a little red house. The door of the house flew open and a plump whiskered fellow burst out, crying, "What's this?"

The children knew without being told that they had reached Santa Land at last. They dug themselves out of the snowdrift and scrambled to Santa's side. Miss Jo threw her arms around his legs and cried, "Oh Santa! Nog's going to kill you dead."

Santa's mouth dropped open as he stared at her. Then, he threw back his head and laughed. "Come inside. We'll have some cake and you can tell me all."

"CAKE?" cried Sissy.

"Nog's cake?" asked Jeremy in alarm.

Santa shooed them through the door. "I don't know whose

cake. It just arrived and it is a very pleasant surprise. I was just about to have a piece."

He pointed to a huge chocolate-covered cake on the table by the fire. The children looked at it.

Their eyes popped wide and they all began to talk at once.

"It's Nog's cake! It's filled with hate and greed and powdered trouble. It's got rattlesnake tongues in it and spider legs. It's —"

"Wait, wait," said Santa smiling. "Suppose you tell me one at a time. Start at the beginning and tell it to the end."

He sat down and put Sissy on one knee and Miss Jo on the other. He nodded to Jeremy and said, "Now begin."

So, Jeremy told how the children had gone to the haunted house in the Kingdom of Poo and there they had seen the wicked

At a time when our hearts were filled with sorrow, friends and family comforted us with words of condolence, prayers, food, flowers, cards and visits. Words alone do not seem adequate to express the gratitude we feel for each of you. A special thank you to Bro. Robert, Bro. Bobby, Bro. Cliff, Karl, Penni, Monty, Missy, Elaine and the choir for the touching memorial service.

Thank you, Rick and Mike, and all the other members of Sudan EMS who were there when we needed you most. We appreciate all that each of you does for the entire community.

Continue to keep our family in your prayers in the days to come.

The Family of Eugene Edwards

LaRue Edwards; Steve & Connie Edwards, Kyle & Guthry; Gary and Cecie Edwards, Erik and Lisa; Monty and Brandi Edwards, Mitch and Madi



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Students of the month

The students of the month for November have been named at Lazbuddie Elementary School. These student have displayed outstanding qualities of character, citizenship and leadership. They have proven to be an asset to their class and to their school. Each student was presented a ribbon and commended for their efforts. They are (back row, from left): third-graders Justin Schacher, son of Daniel and Mary Jo Schacher, and Kylie McGehee, daughter of Kevin and Malessia McGehee; fourth-grader Lakota Goe, daughter of Jeff and Nancy Goe; fifth-grader Kyler Steinbock, son of Dennis and Tanya Steinbock; (front row, from left) pre-kindergartener Dylan Miller, son of Kurt and Valinda Miller; kindergartener Brandon Rowand, son of Michael and Gloria Rowand; first-grader Yessica Contreras, granddaughter of Alberto and Juana Garcia; and second-grader Denise Sanchez, daughter of Jose and Luz Maria Andrade.

SANTA LETTERS



Dear Santa,

I miss you! I would like a barbie, a barbie car, and a play kitchen. Also a stuffed Teddy bear. Please bring my baby sister Brenda a baby doll.

I love you!

Marissa

Dear Santa,

Are you happy? I would like a barbie, a teddy bear, and a tea set. I would like a picture of you. My

friend, Priscilla wants a barbie too.

Signed,
Valarie

Dear Santa,

Would you please bring me a barbie jeep and a barbie. My sister would like some shoes and some clothes. Also a camera for my sister and me to share.

Signed,
Angelina

Dear Santa,

Hi! How many reindeer do you have? I would like a radio that clips to your pocket and has head phones. Would you bring my brother a new guitar his is broken? Thank you for bringing everyone toys for Christmas.

Signed,
Magen

KINDER KORNER

Dear Santa,

I am almost 4 yrs old. I would like a race car, and a red moter cycle that goes slow. My sister Kinzi wants a baby doll. Thank-you for bringing us candy and toys.

Love,

Blakey-Poo Parker

HONORS

GODINEZ

Adelaido Godinez, son of Rayitos Godinez of Muleshoe, will assume command of Charlie Company in the First Battalion of the 14th Infantry Regiment in Hawaii on January 7, 2003.

Godinez, a U.S. Army Captain and graduate of Muleshoe High School, was commissioned in 1996 after graduating from West Point.

Godinez spent six months this year in Bosnia-Herzegovina before returning to Schofield Barracks in Hawaii.

JONES

Navy Hospitalman Apprentice Roderick D. Jones, son of Oletha J. Wilson of Sudan and Hubert A. Wilson of Ingleside, Texas, recently graduated from the Basic Hospital Corps School at Naval Hospital Corps School in Great Lakes, Ill.

During the 14-week course, Jones learned a wide range of medical procedures used to provide first aid and assist Navy doctors and nurses. Jones also received an introductory instruction for service in a variety of medical environments, from fleet hospitals and shipboard medical departments to fleet Marine forces and medical administration offices.

His newly acquired skills and knowledge will enable him to help provide quality health care to Navy and Marine Corps personnel and their families. Jones's first assignment after school will involve direct patient care, but with his training, he can work in several areas, including first aid and assisting with minor surgery, pharmacy and laboratory analysis, patient transportation, and

food service inspections. Jones is a 2000 graduate of Ingleside High School of Ingleside and joined the Navy in June 2002.

SHEETS

Navy Ensign Brandon S. Sheets, son of Melody A. and Martin E. Sheets of Muleshoe, recently received his commission as a naval officer after completing Officer Candidate School (OCS) in Pensacola, Fla., with distinction.

During the 13-week-long training program, Sheet received extensive

instruction on a variety of specialized subjects including navigation, ship handling, engineering, naval warfare and management. Sheets also completed a demanding daily physical fitness program that involved running, swimming, and calisthenics.

In addition, Sheets and fellow OCS graduates received leadership training and instruction on the importance of the Navy's core values.

Sheets is a 1996 graduate of Abilene Christian High School of Abilene,

Texas. He joined the Navy in August 2002. He is also a 2000 graduate of Abilene Christian University, acquiring a BS degree.

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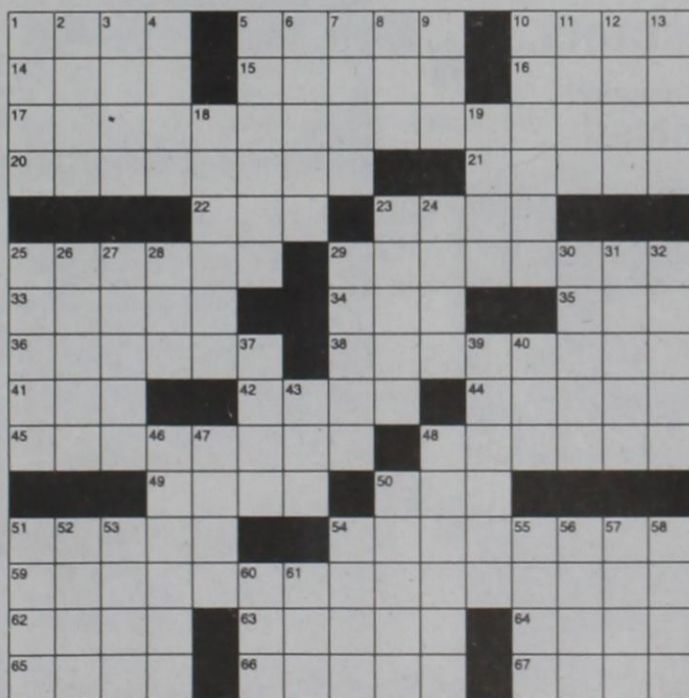
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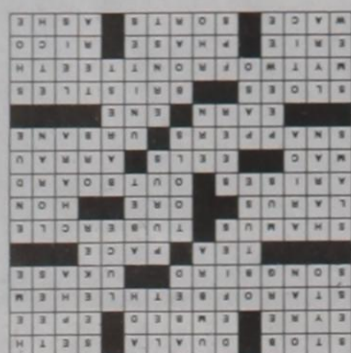
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- Seaport in Cameroun
- Adam and Eve's third son
- Judges' journey
- Implant
- Developer of sign language
- Flowering plant
- Nightingale, for example
- Imperial decree
- Drink
- Foot
- Whale
- Nodule or swelling, esp. a lesion characteristic of tuberculosis
- Type genus of the Laridae
- Limonite, for example
- Respectful, abbr.
- Becomes
- Type of motor
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- Claudio ____, Chilean pianist

CLUES DOWN

- Dried leaves of the hemp plant
- Bird genus
- Algerian city
- Patty ____, golfer
- Offers resistance
- Shade
- In bed
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- Internal secretion
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- Displacement unit
- Placements
- Pigment
- Blind
- Clare Booth ____, American writer
- Brazilian river
- Encourage
- Negative remarks
- __, a tirade
- Chilean seaport
- Type genus of the Muridae
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- Navigational device
- Render able
- Visionary
- Most inhospitable
- Shape into a sphere
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- Flycatcher
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- Coalesces
- Max ____, Dadaist painter
- Merganser
- Constellation
- About ear
- Swine
- Biu-Mandara
- Flower arrangements
- Make into a print
- Apparel
- TV is transmitted at 30 ____
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Lazbuddie food drive exceeds 2,200 cans

Because one of the main focuses of FCCLA is community, the Lazbuddie FCCLA partnered with the NHS to sponsor the 2002 canned food drive. Brady Mimms of FCCLA and Andy Martin, president of NHS, thought there was a great need in the Lazbuddie community to sponsor a canned food drive because of tough economic times. They selected

Robby Martin, who was a member of both organizations, to organize this cause. With help from many high school students, the canned food drive was an overwhelming success. The school, pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade, collected 2,286 cans which meant that the school averaged over ten cans per student. Some high school students brought over 200 cans

each. Since FCCLA and NHS collected over 2,000 cans, they were able to deliver over 200 cans to 12 families in the Lazbuddie area. Mrs. Cheri Sain sponsors both FCCLA and NHS. She said that the students' compassion and enthusiasm for community service is what makes Lazbuddie such a special place. "It takes a great deal of time and ef-

fort to make a canned food drive be as successful as these two groups have made this year's canned food drive turn out to be. The students have no idea what it means to these families until they deliver these items to the families and see how much people appreciate their efforts. I never have a problem finding students to deliver the food. They all enjoy giving at this time of the year," Sain said.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Muleshoe Area Medical Center has reported the following patient load.
Dec. 12 — Geraldine Atchley, Elzie Darland, Diana Perez, Barbara Rowton, Rodney Smith
Dec. 13 — Irma D. Castillo, Elzie Darland, Guadalupe Gomez, Barbara Rowton, Virgie

Schaaf, Rodney Smith
Dec. 14 — None reported
Dec. 15 — None reported
Dec. 16 — James Angeley, Charles Harvey, Juan Sierra
Dec. 17 — James Angeley, Elmer Anglin Jr., Josefina Garcia, Charles

Harvey, Berl Johnson, Jerry Owen
Dec. 18 — James Angeley, Elmer Anglin Jr., Angelaspri Casto, Josefina Garcia, Charles Harvey, Berl Johnson, Bobby Moore, Santos Muniz, Araceli Rodriguez, Baby girl Vargas, Maria M. Vargas

TIMES TO REMEMBER

30 YEARS AGO
 Dec. 21, 1972 — Over 20,000 bales are ginned in Bailey County.
 The home of T.L Kent was destroyed by fire. No cause for the blaze was determined. Electrical lines near the home were damaged causing houses near the home to be without electricity.
 Telephone company makes general improvements on telephone lines in town.
 Dec. 24, 1972 — Trees were planted at the new Muleshoe City Park. Over 430 trees of many varieties were set out.
 Varsity girls basketball team lost their game to Friona. Jeanie Putman was high pointer. Others scoring were Tani Murray, Rejana Hardaway and Tracy Cowan.
35 YEARS AGO
 Dec. 21, 1967 — Muleshoe is the first city in the

Panhandle area to call a city sales tax election. Ballots cast during the voting tallied 230 for and 77 against.
 A \$420,000 loan had been approved for the Bailey County Rural Electric Cooperative This loan added to a prior loan furnished 49 miles of distribution line for 360 new customers and three lines of 69 Kilo-Volt transmission lines plus additions to the systems' improvements.
40 YEARS AGO
 Dec. 27, 1962 — The home of Bill Hunt won first place in Muleshoe's annual Christmas lighting contest sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. Second place was the Glenn Timmons' home and third place was the Walter Chambliss' home.
 Two children were injured in a two-car crash; Richard Torres, 10 and his

small brother Sylvester Torres, 7. The boys' mother, Mrs. David Torres, escaped with a cut above the eye. The occupants of the other vehicle were Earl Knowlton and his wife.

OBITUARY

BRANDON ALEXANDER PADILLA
 Graveside services were held Sunday, December 22 for Brandon Alexander Padilla, infant son of Veronica Padilla of Springlake and Tony Longoria, Jr of Earth. The Rev. Gary Hubbard of Earth officiated. Burial was in Earth Memorial Cemetery.



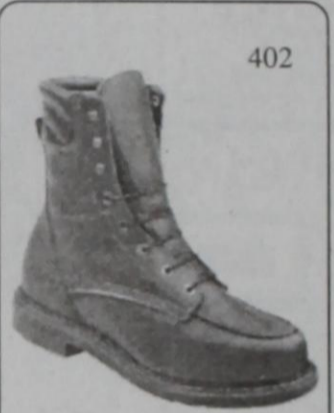
Padilla

Brandon was born December 19, 2002 in Lubbock, Texas. He died December 20, 2002 in Lubbock. Survivors include his mother and father; brother, Nathan Anthony Longoria of Springlake; grandparents, Tony and Gloria Cynthia Padilla of Springlake and Tony and Josie Longoria, Sr. of Minnesota.

Parsons-Ellis Funeral Home of Earth handled arrangements.

Take time out to look at the Eagles in the Panhandle

Eagles of the trailway — Bald eagles in the Panhandle? They have been spotted for the past 3 years about the end of January on the Trailway. So this year, Queen of the Valley Tours will lead a tour down the trailway to try to spot eagles. Bring your blanket, lawn chair, hot chocolate, and patience and enjoy the day out. Minimum of 5 participants required. Begins at 1 p.m. Estimated return time is 5 p.m.



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Altman, Ramage wed in November

Lindsey Nicole Altman and Dusty Doyle Ramage were united in marriage November 30, 2002 in a private family ceremony held at the Muleshoe Country Club in Muleshoe. Justice of the Peace Todd Ellis performed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Ronnie and Sheryl Altman, and the groom is the son of Gary and Kay Ramage, all of Muleshoe.

Serving as maid of honor was LeAnn Altman of Hereford, sister of the bride. Bridesmaid was Kenley Baker of San Angelo, cousin of the bride.

The best man was Brandon Thomason of Stephenville, Texas, friend of the groom. The groomsmen was Chris Vaughn of



Mr. and Mrs. Dusty Ramage

Lubbock, cousin of the groom.

The bride's attire was an ivory satin A-line bridal gown by Jovani, with sewn seed pearls on the bodice.

Keeping with tradition,

something old was her Grandpa Wayland's handkerchief; something new, the gown; something borrowed, the pearl necklace from Verda Nell Arnn; something blue was her garter.

The groom wore a black tuxedo tailcoat with an ivory vest and bow tie, black jeans, boots and western hat.

The couple was honored with a reception and dance at the Muleshoe Country Club by the following: Nick and Rayniel Bamert, Ricky and Raygena Barrett, Cliff and Carren Black, Rex and Brenda Black, Jackie Wayne and Stacie Burris, Jim Pat and Suzie Claunch, Cary and Rayan Doshier, Todd and Starla Ellis, Steve and Sherri Kennedy, Tommy

and Angie Lewis, C.L. and Jamie Myers and Larry and Paula Winkler.

The music was provided by Steve Phillips.

Serving at the bride's table was Myndi Heathington, Lysnie Black and Amy Burris.

Serving at the groom's table was Jody Young and LaRhonda Fields.

The couple honeymooned at the Storybook Cabins in Ruidoso, N.M.

The bride is a graduate of Muleshoe High School and is employed at Sheree's Attic in Muleshoe.

The groom is also a graduate of Muleshoe High School and is employed at Muleshoe Animal Clinic.

The couple plans to reside in Muleshoe.

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The bride-elect is the great-granddaughter of Mrs. Verdine Gann, and the granddaughter of Mrs. LaFern Doty and Mrs. Joyce Thompson, all of Sudan.

The prospective groom is the son of David and Belinda Head of Muleshoe and the late Captain Bobby Don Henry. He is the great-grandson of Mrs. Selma Redwine Smith of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Henry of Canyon. He is the grandson of Mrs. Marcia Mardis of Hereford, Mrs. Pat Nickels of Lubbock and Marshal and JoAnne Head of Muleshoe.

The bride-elect, a graduate of Sudan High School, attends South Plains College and is employed by Sprint-PCS of Lubbock. The prospective groom, a graduate of Muleshoe High School, attends Texas Tech University.

The wedding is scheduled for December 28, 2002, in the First Baptist Church of Sudan at three o'clock in the afternoon.

All friends and family are invited to attend this joyous occasion.



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY NEWS

The Muleshoe High School National Honor Society recently held their 2002-2003 induction of new members at the 16th and D Church of Christ.

Current members are

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Reeves, Cydni Vandiver, Laura Vasquez, Timothy Villa, Jami Wedel, and Erica Whalin.

Inductees are Casey Barrier, Tori Barton, Sara Benham, Marlie Black, Elida Diaz, Tyrel Gear,

Hailey Hamilton, Erin Hancock, Tatom Heathington, Megan Mason, Christy Morgan, Tabatha Obenhaus, Cory Ruthardt, Karla Ruvalcaba, and Landon Sheets.

Nominations sought for rural heroism award

AUSTIN — Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs has announced that the Texas Department of Agriculture is now accepting nominations for TDA's 2002 Rural Heroism Award.

Candidates must have performed a heroic, life-saving act within Texas during 2002. The heroic

deed should be related to farming or ranching and occur in a rural area. Automobile accidents or accidents caused by negligence will not be considered.

Nominations should include a written account of the incident and the names, addresses and telephone numbers of every-

one involved. If available, newspaper clippings and photographs should accompany all nominations.

Nominations must be postmarked by Feb. 1, 2003 and mailed to Lola Lemmon, TDA Safety Coordinator, Texas Department of Agriculture P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711. For additional in-

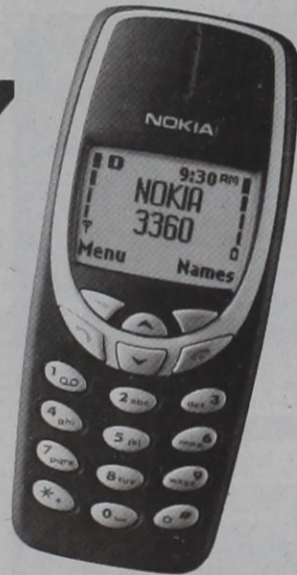
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To Whomever It May Concern or Mr. Stinnett,

I am writing to you so that you may know the facts correctly from the one that was in front of the jury. It was a kangaroo court. One of the jurors was asleep through the whole trial and another was playing with her nails and staring at the ceiling like they were ready to make their decision without hearing the evidence. I was already found guilty before all the jury was ready to hear the evidence. One juror lied to become a juror, saying that he did not know about me or the case. I know him and his family. They don't like my family and are always talking about my family. The judge saw the juror sleeping and didn't say anything. At least, he should have told him something. And they say that I am a big time drug dealer. If I was that, I would not have a court appointed lawyer and I would not be living here in Muleshoe. I did not get a fair trial. I need a change of venue, a court in another county, where people are not informed about my case and aren't told

to find me guilty like when you have jury members that are friends with the police officers.

RENE SANDOVAL
Muleshoe

P.S. I don't know if it will change things, but I leave everything to God. He will judge them as they have judged me. We are all sinners.

Dear Editor,

It is amazing how many things we take for granted and really never appreciate. As a small community we have so many things to be thankful for during this holiday season.

One example is our truly unique Heritage Center. During the Christmas season all of the historic buildings are lighted with Christmas lights. It is quite a sight! But have you thought about how this is possible? Each building must be checked for burned out bulbs and replacements made. Notice how tall some of these buildings are, as well as the world's largest mule shoe.

Saturday, I went to the Heritage Center to help, but I am not too great at climb-

ing up tall ladders. But no matter, a number of other Heritage board members were there under the supervision of Dan Throckmorton, President. United Supermarket sent a number of people known as the "U-Crew"; the Student Community Action Club (SCAC) had two representatives, Bob Bomer came with his bucket to reach where ladders would not reach and the Heritage hostess, Delores Harvey, was there doing her bit. It is impossible to express how much all of these people are appreciated. Lonnie Adrian, board member, and Bob Bomer spent hours putting tube lights on the large mule shoe. The U-Crew from United were invaluable replacing bulbs, mostly on the Santa Fe Depot. What a job! Vivian White, another board member, grabbed the SCAC young men, Che Chavez and Rey Martinez and they moved large boxes from the Janes Ranch House basement, as well as large Christmas trees. These young men then climbed ladders and replaced bulbs on the old Cook

House, the Log Cabin and old windmill. Keith Hawkins came later and helped Dan and Lonnie with the help of Bob Bomer and his bucket replace bulbs on the Janes House, as well as a large bulb for the street light, an original Muleshoe street light, now at the Center. Keith stayed after everyone else left to plug in all of the lights for a glorious display. By the way, the SCAC students were back at the Center en masse Monday night to decorate the Janes House and

the Old Fashioned Christmas tree which these students have done for many years. You should see about 32 students trying to decorate one Christmas tree! This year the theme is a Sweet Tree and the students strung Fruit Loops on red yarn to make garlands for the tree. This is SCAC's annual Christmas party, and they have fun drinking hot cider, eating cookies as they decorate. This club is an honorary board member and mean so much to the Center.

We invite everyone to drive through the Heritage Center some time during the holidays and take your guests for a beautiful sight. By the way, try counting how many bulbs there are on just one building! The Heritage Foundation board members express a special thank you to the United U-Crew, the SCAC members, Bob Bomer and his bucket, our hostess and everyone who helped make this possible.

JEAN ALLISON
Heritage Board Member

SPC registration 2003 is underway

South Plains College's spring 2003 registration kicks off January 15 at the SPC Levelland campus.

Sign-up at SPC Levelland will be 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-6 p.m. in the Administration Building.

Enrollment for classes offered at SPC's two Lubbock locations will be January 16 at the SPC Reese Center campus, 528 Gilbert Drive. Enrollment times are 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-7 p.m. in the SPC Reese Center Building 1, Administrative Offices. SPC offers classes

at the Reese Center and Byron Martin Advanced Technology Center, 3201 Ave. Q.

SPC will also have registration 5:30-6:30 p.m. January 6 at Plainview High School.

Classes at all campuses begin January 21. Late registration is January 21-24 and January 27.

A select number of Internet classes as well as on-site classes will be offered.

Registration permits are needed. To obtain a registration permit, contact the SPC Admissions Office beginning January

2 at 806-894-9611, ext. 2750 or 2375 or the Reese Center at 806-885-3048, ext. 4660 or 2902.

This Has Been the "Stained Glass" Christmas

My family and I will probably remember this Christmas as the "stained glass" Christmas. A few weeks or two before Thanksgiving, I was cutting glass for the new stained glass window for our church's sanctuary. The window was "unveiled" on December 19. And on that evening, in response to a friend's question, "Have you ever made any stained glass crosses?" I began doing just that. In the week since, I've not slept much, but I've had fun making well over

I remembered particularly a dear friend who probably forgot more in her lifetime about stained glass than I'll ever know. I already knew a little about the craft when I met her. What I didn't know was that the "Advanced Class" was about to begin. She was a great teacher, the kind who wouldn't settle for anything less than my very best—because she wanted the very best not only from me but for me. Just "good enough" was not even close to good enough.

So more than once during these past few weeks as I've been working late at night hunched over that work bench, I've thought about my friend, and I've stepped back, looked at a piece of glass with all the cuts finished, everything ground and soldered, polished and shined, and I've thought, "She'd have liked that. She'd have said proudly, 'Curtis, that's good work.'" And knowing that makes me feel good.

You know what I think? I think good teachers and good friends are so very good because you know they love you even when your work is not so good. But you also know they love you enough to want for you the very best. That's why you learn to give it—the very best.

I'll bet the carpenter Joseph had a work bench. I'll bet he taught Jesus to work well and hard and to know the joy of a job well done.

Years after Bethlehem, the time came when the Father, the Teacher, the Master Craftsman, saw the mighty work His Son did nailed to a cross with hammer and nails, and when the Son pronounced, "It is finished," the Father spoke softly but mightily through tears of love, "Son, that's good work."

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



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

fifty small stained glass crosses. All the way around, it's been the "stained glass" Christmas.

I'd been away from my work bench too long. I love my real job and lots of the other jobs I do, but I love my work bench, well, because precious little arduous work is done there. If you ask a guy who's got a work bench in his shop or garage, he'll probably tell you that spending a little time out there is as important to his health, well-being, and happiness as food, water, chocolate, and cheese-cake. A guy just needs a work bench and a few tools and the chance to make something, fix something, work on something with his hands—and think. Hunched over a work bench, you can do that.

I was cutting, grinding, foiling, soldering, patina-ing (I'm not sure that's a word), and waxing glass. And I was thinking. About lots of things. About lots of people.

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OBITUARIES

VENICE NARRAMORE

Graveside services were held Thursday, December 19 at Sudan Cemetery in Sudan, Texas for Venice Narramore, 87, of Lubbock and formerly of Sudan, with the Rev. Syl Moore of Lubbock officiating. Burial was in the Sudan Cemetery.



Narramore

Ellis Funeral Home-Sudan handled arrangements.

Mrs. Narramore was born December 4, 1915 in Cooper, N.M. She died Tuesday, December 17 in University Medical Center, Lubbock.

She married Bonnie Arvel Narramore in Loving, N.M. on December 3, 1933. He preceded her in death on December 17, 1991.

She moved to Abernathy in 1950 from Carlsbad, N.M., and to Sudan in 1952. She had made her home in Lubbock for the past eighteen months. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by two sons, Lonnie of Sudan and B.A. of Zephyr, Texas; a

daughter, Virgie Hester of Lubbock; a sister, Virgie Sharp of Watsonville, Calif.; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Pregnancy Resource Center of Lake Ray Hubbard, 709 W. Rusk, Suite A, Rockwall, Texas 75087 or to your favorite charity.

JAMES "HACK" CORBELL

Chapel services were held Saturday, December 21 at the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel in Muleshoe for James Corbell, 64, of Clovis. The Rev. Tom Wilson of Trinity Lutheran Church of Clovis officiated. Burial was in the Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery of Muleshoe.

Ellis Funeral Home of Muleshoe handled arrangements.

Mr. Corbell was born January 1, 1938 in Arizona. He died December 18 in Lubbock.

He married Shirley Davenport in Clovis, N.M. on October 22, 1988.

Mr. Corbell had lived in Clovis since 1988 moving from Friona. He was a member of the Nazarene

Church. He worked as a spray pilot.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley of Clovis; one son, Randy Corbell of Eunice, N.M.; three daughters, Jamie Todd of Hobbs, N.M., Debi Smith of Nashville, Tenn., and Kim Napolitano of Hope Mills, N.C.; two sisters, Ann Wilson of Rowlett, Texas, and Carrie Kesterson of Texarkana, Texas; five grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be made to American Cancer Society, 3411 — 73rd Street, Lubbock, Texas 79423.

HENRIETTA CLARA (ARMSTRONG) NAZWORTH

Services were held Tuesday, December 24 at the First Baptist Church of Earth for Henrietta Clara (Armstrong) Nazworth, 87, of Lubbock. The Rev. Bobby Broyles of Earth officiated. Burial was in Earth Memorial Cemetery.

Mrs. Nazworth was born Aug. 9, 1915 in Portales, N.M. She died December 21, 2002 in Lubbock.

She married Orbie G. Armstrong in Hart, Texas on December 31, 1933. He preceded her in death on

February 5, 1972. She then married J.R. Nazworth in October of 1974 in Earth. He died October 25, 1991.

Mrs. Nazworth was a member of the First Baptist Church in Earth since 1951. She was a member of the Rebekah Lodge and the Home Demonstration Club. She moved to Castro County in 1928 and lived on a farm north of Earth until 1973 when she moved to Dimmitt. In August 2000, she moved from Dimmitt to Lubbock.

She is survived by four daughters and three sons-in-law, Joyce and Andy Brown of Pottsboro, Texas, Doris Pettitt of Lubbock, Minnie and Carl Don Allen of Ft. Smith, Ark., and Pat and Max Goforth of Here-

ford; a sister-in-law and her husband, Billie and Troy Kirby of Dimmitt; a step-son and his wife, Dean and Wanda Nazworth of Clarendon; 12 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; one niece

and one nephew.

The family suggests memorials be made Earth Memorial Cemetery Assoc., P.O. Box 523, Earth, Texas 79031 or the Vistacare Family Hospice, 7606 University Ave., Ste. C, Lubbock, Texas 79423.

Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year!

We'll be closed until January 5th for the holidays. See you then!

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- 1 1/2 lb. peeled pumpkin, cut into 1-inch cubes
- 3 cups chicken stock
- salt and freshly ground pepper
- 1 cup milk

Melt half the butter in a heavy 4-quart saucepan and cook the leeks until soft and golden, about five minutes. Stir constantly with a wooden spoon.

Stir in the pumpkin cubes, stock, salt and pepper. Simmer for about 30

minutes, or until the pumpkin is very soft.

Transfer the mixture to a food processor and blend to a smooth puree.

Reheat gently, adding the remaining butter and the milk. Stir well and remove from heat. Serves six.

REPRESENTATIVE SALES

1263 head of cattle, 235 hogs and 196 sheep and goats for a total of 1,694 animals were sold at the December 21st sale. Market steady on almost all classes of cattle with good demand. This was the last sale for the year 2002.

The Muleshoe Cattle Market is brought to you each week by Muleshoe Livestock Auction, located east of Muleshoe on U.S. 84. Muleshoe Livestock conducts sales every Saturday, beginning with hogs, sheep and goats at 10 a.m. and cattle following at approximately noon.

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Muleshoe Cattle Market

SATURDAY, DEC. 21, 2002

Seller, City	#	Type	Wt.	CWT or PH
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Ft. Worth & Co., Las Vegas, NV	100	Hol. bulls	168 lbs.	at \$94.50
Tirzo Rivera, Muleshoe	8	Hol. bulls	169 lbs.	at \$92.00
Anthony Lucero, Albuquerque	36	Hol. bulls	202 lbs.	at \$85.00
Schaap Dairy, Portales, NM	13	Hol. str.	305 lbs.	at \$84.00
FM Farms, Brownfield	2	Char. str.	273 lbs.	at \$126.00
Curtis Drager, Friona	1	Blk. str.	355 lbs.	at \$114.00
Alvin Fagan, Albuquerque	3	Blk. str.	360 lbs.	at \$105.00
Black Hills Ranch, Carrizozo, NM	3	Red str.	265 lbs.	at \$123.00
Black Hills Ranch, Carrizozo, NM	27	Mxd. str.	374 lbs.	at \$110.00
Black Hills Ranch, Carrizozo, NM	46	Mxd. str.	473 lbs.	at \$92.00
Black Hills Ranch, Carrizozo, NM	14	Mxd. str.	582 lbs.	at \$83.50
Sun Valley Dairy, Anthony, NM	14	Blk. str.	406 lbs.	at \$90.00
JCL, Inc., Sudan	9	Blk. str.	613 lbs.	at \$84.75
Quail Creek Ranch, Turkey	13	Blk. str.	612 lbs.	at \$84.75
Quail Creek Ranch, Turkey	17	Blk. str.	721 lbs.	at \$80.00
Curtis Drager, Friona	3	Yell. hfrs	338 lbs.	at \$90.00
Sun Valley Dairy, Anthony, NM	11	Blk. hfrs	365 lbs.	at \$80.00
Black Hills Ranch, Carrizozo, NM	5	Mxd. hfrs	267 lbs.	at \$101.00
Black Hills Ranch, Carrizozo, NM	11	Mxd. hfrs	321 lbs.	at \$93.00
Black Hills Ranch, Carrizozo, NM	32	Mxd. hfrs	378 lbs.	at \$90.00
Black Hills Ranch, Carrizozo, NM	47	Mxd. hfrs	454 lbs.	at \$87.00
Albert Diaz, Muleshoe	2	Red hfrs	513 lbs.	at \$83.50
FM Farms, Brownfield	5	Blk. hfrs	583 lbs.	at \$84.25
Black Hills Ranch, Carrizozo, NM	4	RMF cows P7		\$480.00
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J.D. Cage, Muleshoe		Blk. cow	1015 lbs.	at \$37.50
David Killough, Muleshoe		RMF cow	1450 lbs.	at \$35.75
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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
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CHRISTMAS

from page 3

Nog making a terrible cake for Santa because he hated Santa and Christmas and everything. If Santa ate the cake he would die and Nog would take over Santa Land.

While Jeremy talked, Santa's face grew very stern when Jeremy finished, Santa got up and took a knife and cut right through the cake. It was a dark color with a white cream filling. It looked delicious but a juicy bit of icing fell on the plate and Santa picked it up and looked at it and saw it wasn't icing at all but a squashed caterpillar's eye.

Santa was very upset. Nog has been put out of Fairyland, he said, because he was so wicked. But apparently he hadn't changed his ways so he — Santa — had better go and talk to Nog and see what could be done.

Santa put on his hat and scarf and said, "Come with me to Poo and we'll settle this right now."

"But," gasped Jeremy. "You can't go to Nog's house. It's HAUNTED!"

"Pshaw!" said Santa. "I'm not afraid of Nog's haunts."

"But — what will you do if he catches you?"

Santa took a purple stone from his pocket and held it out for all Santa Land," he said. "It will save me, I think."

The charm which Santa showed the children was a purple stone, smooth to the touch and no longer than Miss Jo's thumb.

"The Queen Fairy gave me this long ago," Santa told the children.

"With it in my hand I can turn into any shape I wish. It has been very useful to me for I have often had to change into a broom to get down small chimneys and into a mouse when a child has come upon me filling his stockings."

"You're only fooling!" said Miss Jo uncertain.

"Indeed I am not," said Santa.

"In fact, I shall change now into a hummingbird and I will change you also into humming birds and we will fly directly to the Kingdom of Poo."

With that, he rubbed the purple stone and became a hum-

mingbird. Before the children could recover from their astonishment, they too had become birds — a little one that was Jeremy, a middle-size one that was Sissy and a teeny tiny one that was Miss Jo. They spread their wings and flew once around the room and then they followed Santa Through a crack in the window and soared away from Santa Land.

Hummingbirds can fly faster than the eye can follow and if they are charmed, they can fly faster than the time it takes to tell about it. So it was that Santa and the three children arrived before dawn on Burning Tree Road in the Kingdom of Poo.

As soon as they lighted, they all turned back into their natural shapes and Santa said, "You children go home now for Nog can be very troublesome and it is best that I handle this by myself."

No matter how much they begged and argued he would not let them stay so they left him and walked away. But as soon as Santa's back was turned, the children left the road and ducking from bush to bush, followed Santa to the haunted house.

Santa walked right up to the house — brave as could be — and went right through the door without knocking or calling or anything. The children streaked around the side of the house and standing on tiptoe peered through a broken window, scarcely daring to breathe.

There was purple-faced, toothless, hairless, bottle-shaped Nog sitting on a box and getting ready to eat his breakfast which was fried hoydoy. In walked Santa and Nog couldn't believe his eyes. He fell over backwards and the hoydoy spattered on the floor. Nog scrambled to his feet and said, "I thought you were dead."

"No!" said Santa. "I didn't eat your cake so I'm feeling very well but I've come to have a talk with you. You just can't go on acting like this. Someone may get hurt."

"Talk," said Nog. "Talk all you want. It can't hurt me."

"Well," said Santa, taking out the purple stone, "I also have a charm. I can change you or me

into any shape I wish so you had better be careful and behave yourself."

"Ha!" said Nog defiantly. "I don't believe it. Let me see you turn yourself into an old woman for instance."

"Very well," said Santa. "I'll show you."

He rubbed the stone and instantly he was an old, old woman, bent and crippled, shaking all over.

"See," said Santa in the old woman's quivering voice. "Now you know what I can do to you."

"Not now!" cried Nog and before the old woman could change shape, Nog snatched the purple stone from her doddering fingers.

"Watch me!" he cried.

He rubbed the stone gleefully in his own bony fingers and suddenly he himself was Santa Claus!

The children, peeping through the window, gasped in horror to see Santa turn into an old woman and Nog turn into Santa right before their eyes.

They crouched in the bushes beside the house and tried to think what to do.

Jeremy clenched his hands and whispered, "I'm going in there. Nog's not much bigger than I am, I'll —"

"But, he has the purple stone!" hissed Sissy. "He could turn you into a spider or a worm or anything!"

"But what's going to happen if Nog is Santa!" moaned Jeremy.

At that moment, Nog was explaining to the real Santa exactly what was going to happen.

"This is better than anything I had hoped for," he exclaimed as he gleefully waved the purple

stone under Santa's nose. "I shall go to Santa Land and turn all your workers into jellyfish."

Poor Santa stood there, beat and crippled, leaning on his old woman's stick, hardly able to see from the old woman's aged eyes. "Christmas is only two days away," he quavered. "Be Santa if you like and do what you want with me. But let the children have their Christmas."

"Of course!" cried Nog. "They will have a Christmas they will never forget and they will never want another Christmas after this."

"W-what will you do?" asked Santa, trembling with rheumatism.

"I shall fill all their stockings with hot black tar," cried Nog, dancing up and down at the thought of it. "I'll give them boxes of candy stuffed with stomach cramps. I'll leave each mother a list of all the bad things her child has done that she doesn't know about."

"Oh, wicked Nog!" cried Santa. "And last but not least," said Nog. "I'll leave them all bundles of matches that look like jackstraws and when they play with them they will burn the house down!"

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The proposed increase will not effect the Company's other gas rate schedules. The change will apply to Residential, Commercial, Small Industrial, and Public Authority customers. The Company proposes the following increased service charges:

	During Business Hours	After Hours
Turn on new service with meter set	\$32.00	\$48.00
Turn on service (shut-in test required)	\$23.50	\$35.25
Turn on service (meter read only required)	\$15.00	\$22.50
Reconnect delinquent service or service temporarily off at customer's request	\$37.50	\$56.25
Miscellaneous service calls	\$11.25	\$16.88

The proposed service charge changes are expected to increase the Company's annual revenues by approximately .4 % and therefore do not constitute a "major change" The proposed changes could affect approximately 215,000 gas customers in the following communities and surrounding rural areas:

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CHRISTMAS

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"Horrors, horrors!" cried Santa. Helpless tears rolled down his wrinkled cheeks.

"Perhaps when I finish my Christmas eve journey I'll stop by here and see how you are doing," said Nog. "Though, I don't expect you'll last long — a poor old woman, unable to move or help herself! Well, Merry Christmas!"

With that, Nog rubbed the purple stone and changing himself into a winged arrow, shot from the house.

As soon as he had gone, Jeremy and Sissy and Miss Jo wiggled out of their hiding places and burst into the haunted house. They found poor Santa trembling on a broken-down orange crate, head bent over a crooked cane, tears rolling down wrinkled cheeks.

He stared at the children through his age dimmed eyes. Then, he gasped and his hands shook and he whispered, "Thank goodness you are here!"

"Don't cry," said Sissy, putting her curls against the wrinkled cheeks. "We'll help you."

"It's not me that's crying," said Santa. "It's the old woman I've become. I can't help it. I can't walk or do anything."

"We'll take you to our house," exclaimed Miss Jo. "We'll feed you and keep you warm and take care of you forever and ever."

Santa shook his head. "It's all my fault for boasting of what I could do with the charm. Now, I've ruined everything and Christmas is lost."

Jeremy stood up straight and tall in front of Santa and said, "We could stop Nog."

"How? He's Santa now and I'm a shaking old woman."

"We could break the charm," said Jeremy.

Santa took Jeremy's small hand in his shaking fingers. "Only the Queen Fairy can break the charm," he said. "And Fairyland is far away. I am too decrepit to get there."

"C-could I get there?" asked Jeremy.

"You can," said Santa. "If you believe you can."

"Oh, I do!" declared Jeremy. "I do, too!" exclaimed Sissy. "Me, too," chimed in Miss Jo.

"Then go," said Santa. "Go as fast as you can to the very end of Burning Tree Road. Turn left on Little Branch Trail. When you come to the fork, take three giant steps down Red Cow Path. There you will find a chestnut tree. Where the second branch meets the trunk, there is a hole and in the hole there is a bottle. Take one sip each from the bottle."

"Is that all?" asked Jeremy.

"That is all. Only hurry, for time is very short."

The children raced away and did all they had been told. But when they came at last to the chestnut tree, the lowest branch was too high for Jeremy to reach.

He shimmied up the trunk but just as he was about to reach the branch, he lost his grip and crashed to the ground, cutting his lip and knocking out a tooth.

He put the tooth in his pocket and got on his hands and knees.

"Climb on my back," he told Sissy. Sissy did and then Miss Jo wiggled up both of them until she was high enough to reach the first branch. She got to the second branch and there was a hole where it joined the trunk and in the hole was a tiny blue bottle.

She climbed down with the bottle and all three children took a sip from it. Hardly had they swallowed that, they fell on the ground in a heap and went fast asleep.

When they awoke, they were in a marble palace. The floors were covered with gold carpet. Columns so big, three people could not put their arms around them, stretched to the ceiling that seemed half a mile away. Wreaths of holly decorated the walls and there was a giant Christmas tree, glittering with star, in the center of the room. A 50-piece orchestra sat at the side of the room. As the children gazed in wonder, the orchestra struck up and a host of fairy creatures strolled into the room and began to dance.

The most beautiful creature of all clapped her hands. The music

stopped and the beautiful one said. "It is now past 12 and Christmas Eve. I, the Fairy Queen, declare that we shall feast and dance for two whole days and nights and this will be the gayest Christmas ever!"

Everyone cheered but before the music could start again, Jeremy plunged through the crowd. "Oh, your majesty, you've got to do something quickly," he cried.

The Queen looked at him in astonishment as he blurted out the whole story of how Nog was Santa now and Santa was an old woman in the haunted house and it was up to the queen to break the charm.

"You must break it right now," finished Jeremy, "or it will be too late."

The Queen turned pale and her hands fluttered wildly. "Yes, Yes," she moaned. "But there are three things I must have to break the charm: something gold, something pearl and something invisible."

"Done!" said the Prince at her side. "There are plenty such things around."

"But you see," said the Queen. "They must be real and not things from Fairyland at all."

"Then, we are lost," cried the Prince. "For there is no time to search these things." Then, all the fairy creatures sorrowed and the Queen was the most sorrowful of all.

All seemed lost. How was it possible to find something gold and something pearl and something invisible — all real and not from Fairyland — in time for the Queen to save Santa Land from Nog?

It just couldn't be done and all the joy had gone from the fairies' Christmas party. The Queen sat disconsolate on her red velvet throne surrounded by gloomy princes and tearful maids in waiting. The orchestra put down it's violins and the dancers drooped against the walls.

Sissy, who had been hiding behind Jeremy's back all this time, came forward and curtsied to the Queen. "Your Majesty," she said shyly. "I have something gold."

"What is it my dear?" asked the Queen kindly.

Sissy reached up and touched her golden hair. "Would this do?"

The Queen looked at her in wonder and a smile lit her face "Of course!" she exclaimed and she called for scissors and cut a golden curl from Sissy's head.

When it was done, Jeremy reached hesitantly into his pocket and said. "Would this be something pearl?" He held out the tooth he'd lost when he fell from the tree.

"The very thing!" cried the Queen. She took Jeremy's pearly tooth and laid it beside Sissy's golden curl.

Miss Jo had crept to the side of the throne to stare in speechless love at the beautiful Queen. Suddenly she could contain herself no longer. She rose on tiptoe and laid a kiss on the Fairy Queen's cheek.

The Queen's hand flew to her cheek, her eyes glistened and her whole face shone with joy.

"The kiss is invisible!" cried the Prince at her side. "Now the charm can be broken!"

The Queen rose and waved her wand. "The charm of the purple stone is now broken!" she declared. "Nog shall be Nog and Santa shall be Santa as they were!"

The orchestra struck up and the dancers laughed and shouted and whirled about. The Queen gathered the children to her and said. "Let us hasten to Santa Land!" The children followed her from the palace into fairy chariot and soared away once more to the far-away land of never-ending snow. When they reached there, they found Santa himself standing beside his sleigh. In the sleigh was purple-faced hairless, toothless, bottle-shaped Nog all ready to take off with a bag full of trouble for all the children in the world.

"You can't do it, Nog," said the Queen. "It's too late."

Nog held up the purple stone and said furiously, "But I can. I can turn anybody into anything with this stone and before I'm done I shall turn you into a bottle of glue."

"The charm of the purple stone is broken," said the Queen. "But I have a charm of my own and I now

turn you into a rocking chair to sit in the haunted house on Burning Tree Road and rock forevermore!"

She waved her wand and Nog vanished from the sleigh. Then, Santa threw Nog's bag of horrors from the sleigh and loaded it with his own bags filled with all good things. On top of it all, he put Jeremy, Sissy and Miss Jo.

"When we get to your home," said Santa, "You shall pick out a whole bag each for your very own. And I'll tell the whole wide world if three little children had not believed the storyteller's story there wouldn't be Christmas anywhere for anyone tonight."

The sleigh rose in the darkened sky. The Fairy Queen waved and Jeremy, Sissy and Miss Jo waved back. They cried, "Merry Christmas! Merry Christmas!" and Santa, all rosy and plump, cried, "Merry Christmas to All!"

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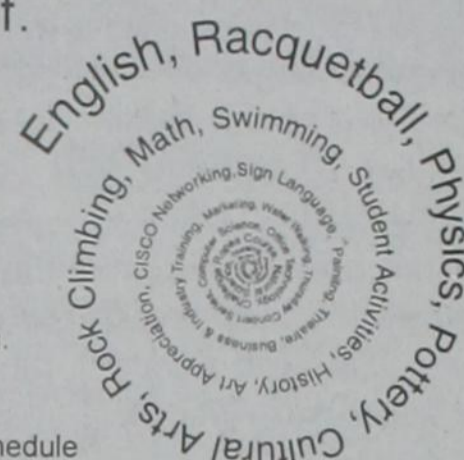
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JV Mules stomp Seagraves in Sundown tournament

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal sportswriter

The J.V. Mules pounded the Seagraves Eagles 72-45 on the Mule's home floor December 10. After the Eagles nailed a three to open the contest Glenn Scott finished a fast break and Kory Atwood scored from the blocks to give the Mules the lead.

Tyler Wood dropped in a three from the corner to extend the Mule's advantage to 7-3 with six minutes remaining in the first period. The Mules led 18-16 at the end of the first period. Shooting a perfect

nine of nine from the free throw line in the second period helped push the Mule advantage to 40-23 by half time.

All of the Mules broke into the scoring column during the game. Barry Morris made two of his four three-pointers in the third quarter to pace the Mules with 18 points. Wood had 10, Derek Purdy and Landon Wilson made eight each and Atwood added six.

Brad Henry and Scott dropped in five apiece; Jeremy Copley and Erwin Lewis added four points

each. Edward Pulido and Trent Black each had two points for the Mules.

The Mules claimed the consolation trophy in the Sundown Roughneck Tourney December 12-14. Whiteface dropped the Mules in the opening round 51-36. Wilson led the Mules in scoring with 14 points and Atwood had 10.

Black added five, Henry four; Wood two and Scott made one for the Mules. The Mules blasted the Lubbock Christian Eagles 55-41 after falling behind 12-2 in the opening period.

Wood set the pace for the

Mules with 16 points and Wilson added 12. Atwood made nine, Morris eight, Scott four, and Lewis, Black and Henry dropped in two each for the Mules.

Petersburg fell victim to the Mules in the consolation game 50-20. The Mules jumped on top 12-2 in the first quarter with Wood, Morris and Wilson each dropping in three-pointers.

Wood added two more threes to lead the Mules with 13 points and Morris and Black each added eight. Wilson and Atwood made seven each; Henry three, Lewis and Scott dropped in

two each for the Mules. The class 4-A Levelland Lobos defeated the Mules 64-51 December 17. Wilson led the Mules with 11 points, Black had nine and Wood added eight for the Mules.

Atwood and Scott each had seven points and Mor-

ris made three. Lewis, Wilson, and Copley each dropped in two apiece. The Mules traveled to River Road to meet the Wildcats before the holiday break.

The Mules host Denver City December 31 at 1:00 p.m. and travel to Portales January 7.

JV Lady Mules enjoy winning streak

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal sportswriter

Team is the best single-word description of the J.V. Lady Mules. Team offense and team defense continues to pay dividends for these girls.

Seagraves felt the effects of the Lady Mule teamwork as the Lady Eagles were plucked 68-28 December 10.

After warming up most of the first period, the Lady Mules poured in 27 points in the second frame to take a 35-10 lead at intermission. The two teams exchanged buckets in the third period but Tamara Thompson and Jessica Withrow worked the offensive boards in the final period.

Thompson scored eight of

her 10 points in the fourth period and Withrow added eight of her game high 25. Amber Cowart and Kayla Spradling had 10 points each. Mitci Hawkins added six, Yuri Aguirre had five and Ashley Gutierrez dropped in two points for the Lady Mules.

The Lady Mules won their third tournament championship of the season by taking the Sundown Roughettes J.V. Tournament December 12-14. Whiteface fell to the Lady Mules 46-42 in the opening round of the tourney.

Cowart paced the Lady Mules with four three-pointers and 17 points. Hawkins added 11 and Withrow dropped in 10 for Muleshoe. Aguirre and Gutierrez made

three each and Sarah Dominguez had two points.

Tahoka fell in the second round 37-23 as Withrow scored 10 of her game high 16 in the final period. Thompson and Hawkins added six each, Gutierrez had five, Spradling three and Cowart had one for the Lady Mules.

The Lady Mules toppled Petersburg for the championship 43-39.

Withrow set the pace with 18 points, Cowart and Thompson each made seven, and Hawkins hit twice from behind the arc for six points. Aguirre added three and Spradling dropped in two.

The class 4-A Levelland Loboettes handed the Lady Mules their third loss of the season. The Lady Mules

trailed 10-8 after one period and Levelland increased their advantage to 20-13 by half time.

The Loboettes held the Lady Mules to only four points in the third frame but Muleshoe got untracked in the final frame. Gutierrez made seven of her nine points in the final eight minutes and Cowart had six of her nine points.

Withrow also had nine for the Lady Mules, Hawkins added three and Thompson had two points. The Lady Mules traveled to River Road for their final game before the holidays.

The Lady Mules will begin district play January 3 in Lubbock Cooper against the Lady Pirates.

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- Great Home in Muleshoe, 4-3-3, brick, Cent. A&H, fireplace, built-ins, living areas, large kitchen, dishwasher, double oven, large refrigerator, lots of storage, tile roof, outdoor barbecue, sprinkler system front and back.
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• 3-2-2 Brick, Cent. A&H, built-ins, 7 fans, covered patio, fenced yd!! \$65K!! HS-7
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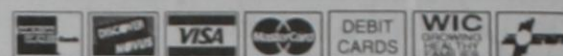
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