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## A QUICK READ OF THE NEWS

## Boxers or briefs?

Malaysian authorities are searching for four men they say conduct break-ins clad only in their underwear

Police have dubbed the group of four men the "Underwear Gang" and believe they are responsible for a spate of robberies in Malaysia.
The gang has broken into five bungalows and held up two kiosks where gasoline is sold, escaping with more than $\$ 47,000$ in cash and valuables.
"We believe the robbers are illegal Indonesian immigrants who are taking advantage of the festive season to rob," a police officer said referring to the Muslim holy month of Ramadan
Shirt tale ends in arrest A fairly obvious clue led Columbus, Ohio, police to the suspected culprits in the theft of a college mascot's costume.
The Brutus the Buckeye costume for the Ohio State University mascot had been reported stolen, along with the car it was sitting inside. When patrol officers spotted the stolen car behind a building near campus, they staked it out
Two men approached the car early Thursday morning. One of them was wearing a striped, scarlet-andgray shirt with "BRUTUS" in block letters on the front. That's the mascot's shirt.
"These were not exactly brilliant thieves," said Sgt. Earl Smith spokesman for the division of police.


Drawing date: Saturday, Nov. 24 Winning numbers: $22-35-36-43-48-54$ Estimated jackpot: $\$ 6$ million
Winners: 1 (Fort Worth)
Next drawing: Wednesday, Nov. 28 Estimated jackpot: \$4 million
On this date in history
Nov. 26 - The first Battle of Adobe Walls (1864), fought near the ruins of an old fort in the central Texas Panhandle, began the end of American Indian dominance in the region.
Also on Nov. 26 - Fort Richardson is established to help guard the Texas frontier (1867), on a tributary of the Trinity River
near the present town of Jacksboro, it was used for 11 years.

## Lochl weather

As of Tuesday, the National Weather Service was predicting that the area's freeze would thaw Thursday, with a high of about 41 - but windy, making it still feel colder. After that, mild weather should return, with highs around 60 Friday through Sunday. The forecast was calling for morning lows around freezing through Monday.

Editor Ronn Smith can be reached at 272-4536 or ctyankee@ fivearea.com Missed your paper? Call carrier
Bobby Flores at 272-6719 or the Journal during business hours, $8: 30$ a.m. -5 p.m.

## School district gets $\mathbf{\$ 4 6 8 , 0 0 0}$ state grant

JURNAL STAFF REPORT
The Muleshoe Independent School Dis trict has been notified it will receive a grant of about $\$ 468,000$ for renovation of facilities, according to Superintendent Gene Sheets.
"This is a once-in-a-lifetime deal," Sheets said. "I doubt we'll ever see anohter one like it."
ne like it.
He said the money will go toward projects that the district had hoped to do
over the next two or three years, but will now have to do in 18 months - the term of the grant.
Plans include renovation of junior and senior high administrative offices, classrooms, air conditioning and heating in some areas where those are lacking, and dressing rooms.

Sheets said Don Wood and Sam Whalin put the package together for the district. "Ibasically dumped it in their laps," Sheest
said. "We hired a grant writer to finishit up, but these guys really put it together," The windfall comes as the district is enjoying the benefits of several other grants. Teacher Pat Angeley won a $\$ 5,000$ Intel Teach to the Future grant earlier this year. It includes a one-year subscription to a secialized website and will buy equipment for DeShazoElementary School, other see GRANTS on page 2

## Mules capture 22 spots on all-district roll

## By DELTON WILHITE

 Journal sportswriterMuleshoe head football coach David Wood announced Tuesday that 12 Mules made the first-team all-district slate, six were second-team selections and four made the honorable mention list.
Mule linebacker Stephan Shelburne was named District 2-3A's most valuable defensive player.
Mules selected to the first team both ways were Lincoln Riley, D.J. Domínguez and Kyle Atwood.
First-team defensive selections were end Luís Sánchez, linemen Daniel Johnson and Rey Martínez, Domínguez as a linebacker, Atwood in the


Mule quarterback Lincoln Riley outruns a Golden Crane in Friday's 22-0 playoff loss.

## Daschle draws praise for pushing Senate farm bill

## By ROGER HALDENBY

## Plains Cotton Growers

Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle is demonstrating that he understands the urgent need for a farm bill before the 2002 crop year
He has repeatedly pushed hard, first on the Senate Agriculture Committee and now on his colleagues in the U.S. Senate,

With harvest wrapping up on the High Plains of Texas, cotton producers are looking to next planting season just a few short months away.

Many are fearing the worst as they talk to heirbankers, financiers and landlords about plans for their 2002 crop operations.
has been passed to replace the failing 1996 act, there will be no way for many of them to stay in business.
Low prices, substantial drops in income, and no "safety net" under the 1996 farm bill have left growers in dire need of a
see BILL on page 2

## Scott Brown tops field in Week 12 grid contest

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The final football contest of the season was unique in another way, too: The three top winners all have addresses on Route 3, Muleshoe
First-place winner Scott Brown was the only contestant to miss only three games - Boston College at Syracuse, Nevada at UTEP and Oakland at the New York Giants
The second- and thirdplace winners each missed four games. Mandy Garner, who finished second, guessed 48 on the tiebreaker and it turned out to be 29 (the combined score of Oklahoma and Oklahoma State). Debbie Weir guessed 57 on the tiebreaker.
Three out of four misses by Garner and Weir were on the same games: Ohio State at.Michigan, Georgia at Georgia Tech, and Iowa at Iowa State.
Garner then missed New Orleans at New England, while Weir missed

## McNeese ville State

Garner and Weir had plenty of company in ing the Ohio State-Michi gan mess: Other than Brown, the only entrant to sniff out Ohio State's upset was Marilyn Engelking (who also has a Route 3 address) She finished in a tie for 10 th place with six misses and a guess of 49 on the tiebreaker.
Five contestants missed five games. Alene Bryant finished fourth in the contest with tiebreaker guess of 34; Adam Graves of Canyon was fifth with aguess of 48; Daniel Hernánez Bovina was sixth was a guess of 60 ; and J.C. Orozco of Muleshoe might have finished better than seventh but he didn't fill in the tiebreaker blank.
Tying for eighth were Kathleen Hayes and Alma Orozco, both of Muleshoe, with six misses and guesses of 41 .
Tying Engelking was Carl Jacobs of Muleshoe.


Cotton strippers form a caravan at the McGuire farm Monday Farmers harvest neighbors' crops By BEATRICE MORIN
situation
"We knew Marty needed the help," Saylor said. "We're jus good neighbors trying to helpout." The group's next assignment was to finish up the cotton harvest for Jim Don Jennings, who recently had a death in the family. Tuesday's snow melted as it fel until late afternoon, when bitter cold temperatures had cooled the cold ground enough for the melting snow to form ice
Very light snow was still falling at sundown Tuesday in Muleshoe and had been forecast to continue through Wednesday, but forecasters were beginning to back off.

## Around Muleshoe

Mule football players honored
 The Muleshoe Athletic Boosters Club announced ast week list of honor play ers from the Mules' first playoff game, in which the team defeated Childress 34-28. Offensive player of the week was again A.J. Flores. defensive players of the week was Lincoln Riley, special eams player of the week was Slobberknocker Award went o Daniel Johnson.
The game was certainly among the many thrillers the
Mules have provided in recent years, with Flores scoring the winning points in overtime.
Boy Scouts plan annual food drive
Muleshoe Boy Scouts will conduct their annual food drive during the next two weekends.
Groćery bags will be distributed toeach home in the city on Dec. 1, then picked up on Dec. 8
Organizers ask that residents place the bags, containing their donations, outside their door before $10 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. Dec. 8 . Donations will go to the Bailey County Food Pantry for local use. For more information, or in case some homes are missed, residents are encouraged to call Cliff Black at 272-5109 or Mike Richards at 3536
Public calendar
Nov. 29 - $12: 30$ p.m. to 7 p.m. Blood drive at Trinity Christian Center Church, sponsored by United Blood Services. Bring photo ID and know medication list.
Also on Nov. $29-7$ p.m. to $8: 30$ p.m. "Communica-


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program with a predictable and more satisfactory support level.
The Senate bill has many similarities tothe House Bill passed Oct. 5. Both have been the subject of extensiveanalysis, hearings and much debate.
The authors have crafted
the bill reported out by the
Senate Agriculture Committee to have sufficient budget authority for immediate action.
U.S. Rep. Larry Combest, chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, took a strong role in getting his committee's bill reported out of the House.
Daschle should be commended by agricultural communities across the U.S. for taking a similar strong stance on their behalf when it comes to the Senate.

Daschle's latest actions uld give us farm legisla-
cafeteria. Program will be in Spanish; child care, refreshments and a door prize will be featured.
Dec. $1-8$ p.m. to midnight. Community dance at the Bailey County Coliseum. Admission \$3 (\$5 per couple). Sponsored by Muleshoe Ag Boosters; security will be provided.

Also on Dec. 1 - Deadline for reserving space in the Moonlight Extension Club Christmas Bazaar, set for Dec. 8 at Bailey County Coliseum. Information, Linda Huckaby at 272-3464; Extension office at 272-4583
Dec. 3-7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Financial Aid Seminar sponsored annually by the Jennyslippers, in the high school cafeteria. Aimed at anyone interested in getting a

## college education.

Dec. $8-6$ p.m. to 9 p.m. Brisket dinner for Lone Star Pheasants Forever Chapter 693 at the Bailey County Coliseum. Raffles and a silent auction; $\$ 10$ per person. Information, Carolyn Harris at 272-5506 (daytime).

The deadline for Around Muleshoe is 5 p.m. Monday for Thursday's editions and 5 p.m. Thursday for Sunday.

## ETTER TO THE EDITOR

RE: Liberal senators oppose Estrada (Sunday, Nov. 18)

Congratulations for taking the bold step to run a front page article expressing strong views concerning national politics.
Since the Bailey County Journal, the Muleshoe Journal and the Lubbock Avalanche Journal are the only papers that we receive in a timely manner, it is encouraging to see national information in the local paper.

Now let us see the opposing view. We know that there are just as many liberal extremists as there are conservatistextremists. Just give your readers.both sets pof information.

Only running strong views from one side puts you in the same category as those who attempt to shape he news rather than repor

Who is the Traditional Values Coalition? What traditional values do they support? Who is La Amistad? What are the values they speak of? It's hardtotell if we agree with them or not until w know something about them. Just saying that they oppose liberal senators is not really enough
We'il be watching for more information on this subject as well as other sub jects. Maybe you could run a pro-and-con column. KAY COLE Maple

Raymond McGehee $80^{\text {th }}$ Birthday Party Decemben 9, 2001 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Lazbuddie Church of Christ

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## Pruning wisteria twice a year will increase flowering <br> By RONN SMITH

Editor
Got wisteria? If so, you probably have more of it planned to have!
There are some pruning pointers in the January is sue of The English Garden (I know: This is Novem ber and the January issue is coming out
The first bit of advice is to trim wisteria (as well as Virginia creeper, climbing hydrangea, Boston ivy and the true ivies) away from window frames and doors, as these vines can wedge their way in and do some real damage
The article advises pruning wisteria twice a year, summer and winter, to pro duce the maximum flowers.
If you had been doing this last summer, you'd simply have cut all the long shoots back to five or six 0 BITUARIES
EPIFANIO PEREZ
Services were held Nov.
21 at St. John's Catholic Church in Roswell, N.M. for Epifanio G. Pérez, 84 of Roswell. The Rev. Juan Montoya was the celebrant. Burial was at South Park Cemetery in Roswell, with military rites by the Roswell Ve erans Honor Guard. LaGrone Funeral Home of Roswell handled arrangements.
Mr. Pérez was born Jan. 6, 1917, at Arabella, N.M He died Nov. 18 at Eastern New Mexico Medical Center in Roswell.
He had been a resident of Roswell since 1974 and was a member of St. the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Disabled American Veterans and the Fraternal Order of Police. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II
He worked in farming at various places.
Mr. Pérez is survived by seven sons and five daughters-in-law, Silvestre and Beth Pérez of Johnson City, Tenn., Epi Jr. and Teresa Pérez of Midland, Teddy and Vera Pérez and Timothy Pérez, all of Lubbock, and Jinio and Connie Pérez, Domingo and Daisy Pérez and Antonio Pérez, all of Roswell; five daughters and two sons-in-law, Mary Ann Hall of Colorado Springs and Savina and Alonso Loya, Rita Haner, Becky Pérez and Felipa Nettie Pérez and her husband, Gilbert R. Lucero Jr., all of Roswell; 33 grandchildren; and 29 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Felipa N. Pérez, in 1993.

Pallbearers were Chris Pérez, Michael "Spike" Pérez, B.J. Haner, Joshua Pérez and Teddy Pérez. Honorary bearers were Dr. Donald Wenner, Dr Madhu Sasidhar, Dr. Shams Tabrez, Dr. Audrey Vega, Albert Gonzales,

## BACKYARD


so you, with the leaves of doing can see what you're doing, you'd shorten those stems even more - to two or three buds. Any new side shoots that formed after the summer trimming also would be shortened to two or three buds.
This - like any other pruning - reduces the amount of top growth in proportion to roots, and should produce a burst of new growth in the spring, Wisteria flowers on the new growth, so a big burst of spring growth is what you want.
Pruning doesn't address the tendency of most wisthe to send up spis
you want more plants to move somewhere, you'd be well-advised to use a hoe on these sprouts as soon as possible

Many of us might be able to identify with remarks by David Manson in the same magazine.
Manson says that "honesty may not always be the best policy" when it comes to plants.
He relates his experience with a member of the physalis family - what we generally refer to as Chinese lanterns, the annual plant that produces orange fruits enclosed in husks. (The tomatillo, which makes such good salsa, is a member of the same clan.)
"No one told me what a nuisance this plant would turn into," Manson writes. "But it isn't the first time something I have invited
into a menace
Generally, I don't mind plants that will grow aggressively in our climate, since it seems there aren't that many. I have about reached the point with one species, however, where I'm about ready to use the newspaper mulch method to wipe out some of it. This is a flower we had in the yard when I was a kid the it never tried to take, and it never tried to take over; I must have bought a mutant strain a few years ago, and it's getting out of hand. Of course, I'm giving it one last trial, moving much of it out near a young windbreak If it will spread and break. If it will spread and take over out there, it will be much more beautiful

I'm talking about obed ent plant or false dragonhead (Phýsostegia virginiana). I don't want to discourage everyone from planting it - I sus-
don't have enough added organic matter for it to spread excessively. It's truly beautiful in bloom but I'd have to advise wind against planting it in stricted areas such as the two places I such as the o places I started it!

The recent days of bit-ter-cold wind were an ample reminder of the unpleasant aspects of our region's climate
If you have fresh transplants that were not acclimated, it probably would be worth your while to provide wind protection to keep them from drying to kee
up.
If
If the plants are small, the shelter can be as simple as plastic milk cartons with the bottoms cut out. This time of year, I'd also recommend cutting out at least part of the top, so the sun's break dormancy Remember: At this point, you're wanting to provide protection from the drying winds.
Unless this is to be in a sheltered area, you'll probably need a pole of some type to keep the wind from blowing the milk carton away
If the plants are more sizable, the shelter may need to be something like burlap stapled around three or four poles
In the spring, if you're using milk cartons (or something similar) for frost protection, you'd want to leave the tops intact.

Happy planting!
Questionsand comments can be sent to Garden Writer, 571 County Road 1018, Muleshoe, Texas 79347, or e-mailed to ronnsmith@hotmail.com

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## With Us!

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SMITH
Michael and Regina Smith of Muleshoe are the parents of a daughter, Ashley Smith, born at 2:28 p.m. Nov. 16 at Muleshoe Area Medical Center.
She weighed 6 pounds, She weighed 6 pounds,
20 ounces and was 19 inches 20 ounces and was 19 inches long. She has a brother,
Dustin John. Grandparents are Robert and Sylvia Smith of Muleshoe and Samuel and Arlene Zimmerman of Fleetwood,


Sacramento, Calif.; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.
He also was preceded in death by a daughter, Terry Gail Lumpkin, in Terry Gail Lumpkin, in 1953.

The family suggests memorials to Olivia's Angels at BSA Hospice (P.O. Box 958, Amarillo 79176)

Stop by Country Junction in
 Muleshoe. Use your Mule Bucks to buy merchandise or to purchase a Gift Certificate which can be used at Joe's Boot Shop and Country Junction in Clovis, NM!
Although we were left off the Mule Bucks participant list, your Mule Bucks are redeemable at Country Junction! We're open in Muleshoe of Clovis, NM, and we're overflowing with Western gifi items and Christmas decorations!

A Mule Buck occasion

SPECIAL TOTHE JOURNAL
LUBBOCK-Christmas is a time of giving, but many in the new year with bills they can't pay.
Americans spend more during the Christmas season than at any other time of the year so know nortant for people to buying, but why, according to Dr. Bill Gustafson, executive directorof the Texas Tech Uni versity Center for Financial Responsibility.
He said the tradition among Americans to spend heavily Christmastime has developed since World War II
ince World War II
generations int or three but that's long enough for us to say this is the way we've 'always' done the holidays,' he said.
"Retailers and manufacturers spend a lot of money to find out why you do what you do. They use everything from anthropology and cultural appeals topsychology and social pressures to get you to open

Clovis College releases racquetball resu
CLOVIS - Clovis Com
munity College released results Monday from its 12 th annua Fall Challenge Racquetbal Tournament.
About 35 players participated in the Nov. 16-17 event, which raised $\$ 400$ for the CCC General Scholarship Fund.
Winners included:

- Men's open doubles - first, Robert Thomand Mark Bussen second, Scott Long and Ro


## ONOR ROLL

WATSON JUNIOR HIGH Second Six Weeks Sixth Grade - Morgan Baca, Corie Ann Black, Kimberly Buffham, Colby Carpenter Leticia Castorena Carpel Lonial Ashley Angel Daniel, Ashley Grumbles, Jacy Lawrence Ceasar López, Courtney Mardis, Belén Nuñez, Franklin Piland, Patrick Precure, Garrett Riley, Juan Salcido, Creston Standard, Eli Symm, Kelsey Tipps and Caitlin Wills.

Seventh Grade - Juan Avila, Dustin Barker, Kati Brown, Brittni Carter, James Coffman, Laura Cogliandro, Timothy Conner, Taylor Cox, Kaitlyn Geissler, Tosha Ǵ̛mez, Jamie Hall, ,Calli Hancock, Chelsi Hawkins, Kendall Johnson, Abby Lawrence, Katherine Lepard,


Gathered to observe the distribution of Mule Bucks bonuses to employees of the Muleshoe Independent School District are (from left) Gene Sheets, district superintendent; Trae McNeill, district business manager; Chris Mardis, a high school teacher; Nick Bamert, school board president; Dave Jenkins, high school principal; Mark Washington, chamber of commerce president; and Don Wood, assistant superintendent. Bonuses totalling $\$ 65,000$ were given out in Mule Bucks to reward employees for the district's "recognized" ranking on TAAS scores. "All school employees contribute to a child's education," Sheets said. "Teachers received more in bonuses, but all employees received them." The

## Studies show why Americans spend so much

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## in 1995 with was established

in 1995 with a focus on debt planning. Gustafson says five main tactics are used by marketers to get people to spend money. One is a pure sociopressure "Peer group accep pressuc. Peer group acce butit shouldn't be the basis for a major material acquisition, particularly one you aren'table to afford," Gustafson said. Another technique is anstrongogical. People with a purchase goods that identify them as a member of that culture," he said.
The third model is a social/ psychological model. "This model targets the feeling of relative deprivation or the belief that luxuries are necessities because everyone in your peer group has them," Gustafson said.
The fourth model is purely psychological. "This relies on the consumer believing that if they don't have this item they won't feel good about themselves," Gustafson said.
ally morre important to the consumer than using the item. nomic. "Here the idea is that the quality of goods is reflected in the cost," he said. "We see people with high-cost goods and that demonstrates some form of economic superiority. We believe that we must have the same goods in order to keep up with them," Gustafson

And don't think children are immune to these sales pitches. Even those too young to read are susceptible to peer pressure and the marketing pitches they see and hear. "We are socialized from childhood into an attitude of consumption. If you want to see the impact, just observe little kids who can't read or write yet,
but know all the commercial jingles and recognize all the corporate logos from the toy companies."

But Gustafson says a child's request can turn into a chance to teach. "When kids come up with something that is totally unrealistic, that's a good time to teach them about

Petty;

- B/C doubles - first, Rex Snow and John Autrey; second, Tracy Womack and Jeff Encinias; consolation, Mike Rierson and Denny Thomas; - Mixeddoubles-first,Scott Long and M.J. Anderson; - Men's open - first, Scott Long; second, Robert Thorn; - Men's A division - first, Efraín Hernández; second, Shane Carlson; consolation, Mike Loniewski;
- Men's B division - first, Andrew Harmon; second, Clayton DeLoach;consolation, John Autrey;
- Men's C division - first, Omar Mollette; second, Steve Harmon; consolation, Mike Rierson; and
- Men's D division - first, Norman Kia; second, Matt Gardner; consolation, Travis Allen.

Alyssa López, Lynnie McBane, Claudia Morales, Whitney Moulton, Madison Myers, Molly Pedrosa, Jaysol Regalado, Matthew Richards, Liliana Ruiz, Elizabeth Symm, Rosario Ta Brittany Villa, M Eric Wash, Brittany Villa and Eric Wash-
ington.
Eighth Grade - Megan Baca, Garrett Behrends, Brady Black, AshleyDickson, Felicia TOSPITAL NEWS
Muleshoe Area Medical Center reports the following patient load:

Nov. 15 - James K. Angeley, Myrtle M. Carter, José S. Elizarraraz and Manuela Gonzales.

Nov. 16 - None reported.
Nov. 17 - None reported.
Nov. 18 - None reported.

Glover, Caleb Heinrich, Lindsey Hall, Myles James, Kevin Kilmer, VanessaLópez, Roxana Mendoza, Lorenzo Nuñez, Veronica Nuñez, Janice Pacheco, Christine Reeves, Sarah Sexton, Madisoeves, Smith, San Sexton, MadiHon Smith, Samantha Sterling, Hillary Tipps, Trevor Turnbow, Cami Vandiver Hilario Villa, Brandi Wood and Kasey Wood.

Nov, 19 James Nov. 19 - James K Angeley, Myrtle M. Carter Ryan J. Gilliam, Kerry G. Moore, Donald Phelps and Ruby Whatley
Nov. 20 - James $K$ Angeley, Myrtle M. Carter Ryan J.Gilliam, Virgina Ortiz, Carlos Peña and Donald Phelps.

T ODAY'S RECIPE

## HOCOLATE-CHIP

 PEAR BARS 1 can ( 16 oz .) pear halves or slices, drained$1 / 2$ cup butter or margarine, softened
1 cup packed brown sugar 4 large egg whites 2 tsp. vanilla extract 2 cups quick-cooking rolled oats
$11 / 2$ cups all-purpose flour
$1 / 2$ tsp. baking soda $1 / 4$ tsp. salt
$2 / 3$ cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
Dice pears and set them aside. In a medium bowl, cream together butter and brown
fluffy.

Blend in egg whites, vanill nd pears. In a separate bowl, ombine oats, flour, baking ond salt
lk about how long it takes ou to earn money, how many hours the requested item would cost in terms of work and that his is a major expenditure." Gustafson says consumpion isn't bad, but that consumers should be aware that advertisers are trying to find triggers to motivate them to make purchases, particularly at this time of year. "More does not necessarily mean better, and it doesn'tnecessarily make you happier. The key point is that consumers are in charge of how and why they spend, not just the dollar amount and whether they're getting a good deal, but also in terms of being aware that there are psychological factors at work that are influencing their impulses to spend"" he their impulses to spend," he said. How can individuals guard against going overboard on holiday spending? Gustafson advises developing a budget and sticking with it. "Leave the credit cards at home and take only the amount of cash you plan to spend," he said. "You won't be so likely to make an impulse buy that you

## can't afford.



Enjoy your day!

## Community Dance

Saturday, December 1, 2001 8:00 pm to Midnight
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Grant for Park View
Gathered to celebrate the awarding of a $\$ 500$ matching grant from West Texas Resource Conservation and Development to the new nursing home are (from left) Jim Bone, administrator of the hospital district; Bill Saxton, director of the nursing home; Rickie Warren, president of the county RC\&D board; Jane Claborn, secretary of the county board and West Texas RC\&D board member; and Claude Ross, program coordinator for West Texas RC\&D. The grant will help pay for a ceiling-mounted halogen floodlight in the minor surgery/treatment/examination room of the new facility

## c <br> REATIVE LIVING ${ }^{\prime}$

Information on canned pears, fun crafts for kids, and Cajun
cooking will be featured on "Creative Living" at 1 p.m. Dec. 4 .
and (All times are Central)
The annual holiday special will air from 3 p.m. to $4: 40$ p.m. Dec, 8 as part of KENW's Winter Membership Drive
"Creative Living" airs on pub-KENW-TV from Enstan KENW-TV from Eastern New Tamsen Salvador Portales. Tamsen Sal vador, spokesperson for Pacific Northwest Canned Pears in San Francisco, Calif. will demonstrate quick dinner solutions featuring canned pears
Rheata White of Rheata's StuRheata White of Rheata's Studio and Gallery in Muleshoe will demonstrate painting on ename with copper. She also will show some of the items her student ave made.
Kerri Elders of Ranchvale N.M., co-author of the American ourmet Collection cookbook vill demonstrate how to make a Cajun spice mixture that's ideal or seasoning various meats and eafoods.
On Dec. 8, the 11 th annual 90 Minute Creative Living Holiday Special is scheduled to begin at p.m. as part of the Winter Membership Drive. It will include six holiday-related segment One guest will be Nancy Siler of Wilton Industries in Woodridge, Ill. She will demonstrate how to mold a smiling-face lollipop and turn it into several characters. These ideas are great for birthday parties, holiday fes ivities or any other time something delicious and special is desired.
Deborah Durham of Hewlett Packard in Los Angeles will share some creative party idea Another guest will be Diane Lieb of Portales, who will show how to make chenille, and then how to use it on various garment and home-decorating projects. Sandra Fry of Carlsbad, N.M Extension home economist for Eddy County, will show how to use common household cooki cutters to create some very clever Christmas ornaments
Also, Margaret Sindelar of Bothell, Wash., will demonstrate projects using photo-transfer pa per. These can be used on garments, as gift items or even or some decorative projects around the house. She is with Martingale and Co .
Connie Moyers of Clovis, the Roosevelt County Extension home economist, will conclude the holiday special by sharing ideas on "Gifts From the Heart" Anyone making a pledge durng the special will get any two of the 17 "Creative Living" book lets can be chosen with just a $\$ 35$ pledge-- or four booklets can be selected with a pledge of $\$ 60$. Viewers might alsolike to pledge $\$ 75$ and receive a half-inch VHS tape with all of the guests fea
fured during the special. The tape will be
ture.
Information on gluten-fre cooking and parenting skills will e featured at $10: 30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Dec and 1 p.m. Dec. 6 .
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Bette Hagman, cookbook thor from Seattle, will share ypical holiday recipes that are
luten-free.
Sandy Queen, motivational speaker from Columbia, Md., will and explain how to build self and explain how to build self maintaining the right of parents. maintaining the right of parents. "Creative Living" is produce Portales.

## Texas Guarantee seeking the college-bound

SPECIALTOTHE JOURNAL Texas Guaranteed is partnering with the Texas StateLibrary and the Texas Library Association to make higher education resources more accessible for millions of Texans. The company has updated the materials and resources for the second year of its Know Before You Go: Unlocking the Door to Your Future campaign, available at more than 300 public libraries across the state.
In working to promote the value of education for over 20 years, we have found that students and their families often lack the information they need to make informed decision about their higher educa-
ion pursuits," said Milt CEO.
"Know Before You Go provides direction and ac cess toinformation to make the entire coilege experience an easier and more understandable process from beginning to end," he said.
A key campaign component is the resource notebook that helps librarians assist college-bound Texans and their families find information about: - Career planning and college admission - when to prepare for college, stan dardized tests, how to find the right school, and when to apply for admission, Student financial aid - sources and types of
inancial aid, when and how to apply for financial aid, and the role of the financial aid office; and

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Children's Health Alert Fever check?

U shily you can tell fyourchila snt feeling well. Chilaren wili sow down, lose their appetite, and may feel warm to your ouch. However, the only way to know for sure if they have a There are a number of thermometers on the market, but most parents still rely on the glass mercury type or simple digital thermometer. Make sure the thermometer is clean by rinsing the tip in cool, soapy water. Shake down a glass thermometer until it reads below 96 degree To decrease the amount of mercury in the environment, the American Academy of Pediatrics now recommends the use of digital thermometers, instead of mercury-filled glass thermometers. Don't throw your mercury thermometer in the trash, that makes the problem worse Your local hospital may be willing to accept your old
mercury thermometer and provide environmentally proper disposal. The oral method should be used with children old enough to hold the thermometer under their tongue for several minutes. Rectal readings the armpit can provide a good estimate of fever, if done properly While 98.6 degrees has long been considered a "normal" temperature, it can vary slightly. Your child's doctor will be able to give you more worried Ask your doctor about how to deal with fever at your very next visit.
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Angie Shimp pauses during her bridal shower.

## Shower honors Shimp

Angie King of Columbus, Ga., was honored Nov. 18 with a bridal shower at the
home of Janelle Turner in home of Janelle Turner in Muleshoe. The honoree is the daughter of Max and Pat King of Muleshoe.
Guests were greeted by the honoree and her mother. The serving table featured fall leaves arranged around bottles in graduating sizes with flickering candles.
Special guests include the bride-elect's grandmother, bride-elect's grandmother,
RhebaBarrett of Muleshoe; her sisters-in-law, Cyndi King and Sylvia King, both of Lubbock, and Rachelle King of San Antonio; her aunt, Lynn Box of Muleshoe; andher nieces, Kelsie King and Raegan King, both of Lubbock, and Ashley King of San Anto-

## SPECIAL TOTHEJOURNAL

 COLLEGE STATION As summer turns to fall, Americans look for robust meals, and they know that grilling is not just for sum mer."Outdoor grilling reminds us of hunters cooking ove open flames," said Dr. Sarah Birkhold, poultry specialis with Texas Cooperative Extension, "and chicken brings variety and versatility to out door cooking."
To add a robust, rugged flavor to poultry, she suggested, use spice rubs. A rub is a mixture of dry spices applied to raw meat, and spice mixtures can be designed to provide new flavors to familiar meats, she said.
said.
Some spices such as chili powder, cayenne pepper and cumin take on even more vi brant flavor when toasted,' she said.
To toast these spices, heat a dry pan over medium high heat until it is very hot. Add spices and toast for two to spices and toast for two to three minutes. Toss the spice occasionally during toasting. "Store toasted spices in a dry container (such as an empty spice bottle) for later use. Apply a generous portion of the spice rubto the raw boneless breast fillets, whole chickens or Cornish game hens, and let the meat to hens, and let the meat to stand for 30 minutes before cook ing," Birkhold said
Boneless breast fillets can be cooked over direct heat, she said, and larger pieces such as whole birds should be cooked using indirect heat. "Prepare the bed of coals according to the manufacturer's secommendation for direct or indirect tion for direct or indirect
cooking. The fire will add its own touch of flavor," she said. More flavor can be create

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## (2) <br> Packing safe school lunches is a snap

SPECIALTOTHE JOURNAL COLLEGE STATION - School children who come home with stomach cramps, diarrhea or vomiting may be suffering from a "food bug" rather than a "flu bug."
And the sack lunches that many of them take to school may be the reason, said Dr Peggy Van Laanen, Texas Cooperative Extension food and nutrition specialist.
"Packing a lunchthat will be stored at room temperature and eaten many hours later requires special precautions," Van Laanen said. "Temperatures between 40 and 140 degrees F , also known as the 'danger zone,' can cause these harmful bacteria to multiply and cause illness.
"Bacteria that cause foodborne illness need moisture, the right temperature, a food source such as protein, and time," added Britta Thompson, Extension food and nutrition associate.
"Any moist protein food is especially susceptible. Foods that are handled a lot during preparation - such as ham, chickenor egg salad - pose an extra risk because bacteria from hands can spread to them."

The experts offer the following advice to lessen the risk of bringing food-borne illness home from school: - Maintain a clean area when preparing ack lunches. Make sure utenlunches. Make sure uten sils, hands, work areas and food containers are clean. hermos after each use. If using a paper bag, use a bag made for food, not grocery bags that may be contaminated from insects or food nated from

- Keep cold foods cold Store lunches in a refrigerator. If one is not available, use an insulated lunch box to keep foods colder than it would stay in paper bags. A freezing gel, ice or frozen drink placed in an insulated lunch box will will keep food chilled Make sure children know to place their lunches in a cool place out of direct sunlight.

Keephot foods hot. Use a clean thermos with a tightfitting lid for hot foods such as chili, soups and stews. Rinse the thermos with boiling water and pour steaming hot food into the thermos. The food should still be hot at lunchtime.

- If making sandwiches with lunch meat, keep them cold. When purchasing
lunch meat, pay close attention to "use-by" dates. These products can harbor bacteria that can grow slowly, even at refrigerator temperatures.
- Plan a menu of properly prepared and healthy foods. Foods that look or smell sour may be contaminated with bacteria tha cause foodborne illness. Don't pack leftovers that have been in the refrigerator for an extended time, and don't re-pack perishable lunch items that have not been eaten. Throw them away.
- If a refrigerator is not available, make sack lunches with foods that don't need to be kept cold, such as peanut butter; dried products such a products such as beef jerky; and non-perishable cheese and cheese spreads. Other choices include canned meat, poultry and seafood that can be opened and eaten immediately; fresh fruits and vegetables; and breads, cereals, and nuts. Ready-to-eat foods in individual servings such as puddings or canned fruits make a nice addition to sack lunches.

More information about packing a safe sack lunch is available from any county Extension office.
through smoke. Pop woods include hickory, pe can and oak. Grilling with soaked wood chips directly over coals or using indirect smoke from a fire box in the moke fre fit box in the end of a pit will greatly en hance these flavors. Wood hips or chunks can be bough at many stores. Use as di rected by the manufacturer Cook meat on the grill to the desired doneness; all poultry should be cooked thoroughly, she said.
Dark meat should reach 180 to 185 F , and white meats 180 to 185 F , and white meats must be cooked to 165 or 170 F. Use a meat thermometer of the meat to tell when food is completely cooked. When sliced, all juices should run clear
"Classical pairing of hot spices with a sweet sauce provides interest to the meal and accolades for the grill mas ter," Birkhold said.
A simple sauce can be prepared by combining one-quarter cup orange juice and half a cup of apricot jell in a saucepan.
Heat over medium heat until the jelly melts. Drizzle a until the jelly melts. Drizzle small amount over the
chicken just before serving.
chicken.
Serve with borracho bean (seasoned whole pintobeans) and a cool citrus salad and a cool citrus salad.
More recipes can be foun More recipes can be found at the National Chicken Council's website www.eatchicken.com.
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Muleshoe/Bailey County Journals have once again been selected as an official drop-off site for your child's letter to Santa.
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We ask that a parent or guardian piease print the child's name (separate from the signature) on your letter.
Letters will be published in the Dec. 16, 20 and 23 editions of the Muleshoe/ Bailey County Journals.

## Christmas toys should be selected with safety in mind

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

COLLEGESTATIONYou better watch out ... you better not cry ... it's time to start in search of that per again, in search of that perfect holiday present for that perfect little angel.
Although the holiday season "officially" starts the day after Thanksgiving Nov. 23 this year - every that finding just the right that finding just the right
child's gift can be more time child's gift can be more ti
consuming than that.
"Hot" toys vary from season to season and age to age, but Dr. Linda Jouridine, Texas Cooperative Extension health specialist, stresses that trendy toys
aren't always the best - or the safest.
In fact, she said, put children's safety first all year long. Along with having young vehicle passengers ride in age-appropriate car seats and
keeping children's immukeeping children's immu-
nizations up to date, giving children safe toys is vital. Nowhere is this more criti-
cal than with that classic American holiday gift riding toys
According to figures from the product safety division of the Texas Department of
Health, each yearabout 300 Health, each year about 300 deaths and 400,000 injuries in children younger than 15

Jouridine said.
Another "hot" item in recent years has been the razor riding toy designed for children. "But we see 100,000 njuries (annually) associated with scooters," she said.
As far as the ever-popular inline skates and old-fashoned roller skates are oncerned - injuries just naturally occur when
wheels are put on kids' feet. Many of those deaths and injuries can be prevented through the use of safety equipment designed for hese young
ouridine said.
"What parents did was fail o heed the No. 1 safety uggestion - when giving wheeled present, make sure to give all the appropriate safety equipment For she said.
Formple, inline skat ers also should be equipped with a safety helmet as well s wrist, elbow, knee and "phin pads, she said.
"Protective gear is not just a bid for manufactures to said, "but is an important part of safety." Another vital aspect of safety in children's toys is ouridine said. While infants and toddlers aren't the
and inline skates, they do appreciate toys designed for children their ages.
"In general, make sure to read the warning labels (on toys) for age recommendations," Jouridine said
Don't try to go by the child's level of intellectual development, she said, but by his or her age. A 2 -year old child really might be as smart as a 5 -year-old, she said, but he's still only 2 , and "he's still going to pu buttons in his mouth.
Don't buy items with children younger than about , Jouridine said, becaus hese cords can wraparound hese cords can wrap around a child's neck and strangle For these young gift-recipients, Jouridine recommends toys that will stimulate the child's brain development and motor co ordination through bright colors, sounds and activi "Make sure everything is "Make sure everything is
large enough so it can't get large enough so it can't get
lodged in a baby's throat," she added. In fact, never give children under age 5 toys with small parts, including marbles, small balls cluding marbles, small balls and balloons. As colorfu and festive as they are, bal-
loons - as well as these other items - are still chokinghazard forchildren,
"As a general rule," Jouridine said, "buy toys with sturdy construction and nothing (no small parts) that can come loose or come apart." Keep these recom mendations in mind even if the child receiving the gif is older, but has smaller sib lings in the house.
Children who are older up to about age 8 , should still not receive any toys with sharp points or metal edges, she said "If you buy
arrows or darts, make sure
they have protective tips or suction cups that stay secure.
Toys that operate through electricity or that have heating elements -such as woodworking sets or ovens - are not recommended for children younger than 8 , she added.
Adults should considerall the issues before deciding whether or not to purchase


Jouridin years, but now, Jouridin said, "I am concerned that many law enforcement of ficials, operating under heightened sense of security post $9 / 11$ migh of secutoy gun for a real on Whatever the age of the child or the kind of toy pur chased, Jouridine recommendedimmediately discarding any plastic wrap ping or packaging the toy came in "to prevent cho
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