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A QUICK READ OF THE NEWS

GPS mapping dog poop

A Boulder, Colo., man has found a more down-to-earth use for satellite-tracking devices than stopping drug smugglers or pinpointing military targets: locating dog droppings.

With a global positioning device in hand, botanist Patrick Murphy, 50, charts the piles along a trail in an attempt to persuade city leaders to ban dogs from the area.

"They, too, will think I'm a nut," Murphy said. "I'm making people aware of the obvious. The dog poop is abundant there. It stinks. It pushes out the deer and the birds."

In a college town known for its colorful residents, some people just shake their heads.

"I think it's pretty silly," Jenny Boid said as she walked her mixed-breed dog on the trail. "He has a good point, but he could probably put his efforts into organizing a solution, like scheduling community poop pickups."

Three times in the past year, Murphy has walked the Sanitas Valley trail with his GPS device, counting piles of droppings along the gravel footpath. He then plugs the GPS into his computer and generates maps with each pile marked with a green X.

On his last count, he tallied 1,494 mounds in a 1.5-kilometer stretch.

The former dog owner plans to present his latest chart to the city council, but council members said they are unlikely to tackle the political hot-potato and seek enforcement of the law.

"Somehow we need to encourage people to be more responsible," Deputy Mayor Tom Eldridge said. "I wish I had an answer."



Drawing date: Saturday, Dec. 1
Winning numbers: 13-18-22-28-30-54
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Next drawing: Wednesday, Dec. 5
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On this date in history

Dec. 7 — Texas revolutionary hero Ben Milam is killed during the siege of Bexar (1835).

Dec. 8 — Mission Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe de El Paso is founded (1659).

Also on Dec. 8 — It is recommended that the exterior of the Texas state capitol be changed to granite from limestone because of the poor quality of limestone being used on it (1884).

LOCAL WEATHER

As of Tuesday, the National Weather Service forecast was calling for highs of about 61 Thursday, falling to about 55 Friday and then reaching the upper 50s for the weekend. Morning lows should drop to about 27 Friday morning and then stabilize at near freezing for the next few days. Expect showers on Monday.

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Yule events, pheasant hunters to share Saturday

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

There are more events scheduled for Saturday in Muleshoe than the average resident will be able to keep straight.

The day begins and ends with events related to pheasant hunting, with the community's annual Christmas events and a Scout food drive sandwiched between them.

The calendar includes:

• 5 a.m. to 9 a.m. — Pheasant-hunt breakfast sponsored by Bailey County EMS at the Bailey County Coliseum. The all-you-can-eat cost is \$5, and tickets for a shotgun raffle will be sold at the door.

• 8 a.m. — Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts begin picking up donations for their annual food drive (see box).

• All day — Purchases at businesses participating in Moonlight Madness earn entries in the Dec. 18 drawing for a total of \$800 in Mule Bucks (see details on page 2).

• 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. — Annual arts and crafts bazaar sponsored by the Moonlight Extension Club in the Bailey County Coliseum. Santa plans to attend from the parade until 1 p.m. Women from two local churches will be selling homemade baked goods, and Gail Gladden will demonstrate making Christmas

Note time change for Scout drive

Muleshoe Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts will begin picking up food-drive donations at 8 a.m. Saturday rather than 10 a.m. as previously announced.

The change was necessary to avoid conflicting with the Christmas parade.

The Scouts ask that bags be placed outside near the front door.

Anyone whose donation is missed may drop it off at United Supermarket or call Cliff Black at 272-9908.

onstrate making Christmas candy at 1 p.m. Marilyn Neal will demonstrate "Christmas in a Hurry" at 3 p.m.; Jennyslippers will have lunch and refreshments available.

• 10:30 a.m. — Annual Christmas parade downtown, sponsored by the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce.

• 6:30 p.m. — The Muleshoe Heritage Center's old-fashioned Christmas begins. New this year are competitions for the Cutest Christmas Baby (birth to age 2), Little Miss



Journal photo: Beatrice Morin

Joe Gutiérrez of Bailey County Electric Cooperative, along with workers from Five Area Telephone and the city of Muleshoe, was out in Tuesday morning's fog making sure the community Christmas decorations were up in time for Saturday's annual parade.

Christmas U.S.A. and Little Mr. Christmas U.S.A. (both for ages 2 to 5). Cash prizes will be offered, and the baby parade begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Depot.

• 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. — Brisket dinner at Bailey County Coliseum,

sponsored by Pheasants Forever. The cost will be \$10 (tickets available at door) and there will be raffles and a silent auction, plus the auctioning of two registered English setter puppies and a hunt for two on Bamert Seed Farm land.

Travis Bessire surges to top in grid contest

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT
Travis Bessire of Muleshoe was the only one of the 31 contestants in the season's last (for real) weekly football contest who only missed three games.

His miscues were on Tennessee at Florida, Notre Dame at Purdue and Dallas at Washington.

Four people missed four games, so their order of finishing was determined by their guesses on the combined score of the Army-Navy game (43).

Shonda Hill of Muleshoe came in second with a guess of 47, almost nailing the tiebreaker exactly. Scott Brown of Route 3, see WIN on page 2

Girls 5-2 after Nazareth tourney

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal sportswriter

With fatigue setting in after four games in three days, the Lady Mules took out their frustrations on Farwell's Lady Blue in the game for third place Saturday afternoon in Nazareth.

Muleshoe turned up the heat in the second period and blew Farwell out of the gym with a 53-31 final score.

The Lady Mules had faced the Claude Lady Mustangs in the opening round of the 16-

team Northwest Texas Sports Medicine Invitational Girls' Basketball Tournament held in the Nazareth School Sports Complex. The result in that game was an equally lopsided 81-47.

Muleshoe's pressure defense and high-octane offense was too heavy a load for Claude. The Lady Mules scored 42 points on Lady Mustang turnovers, and during a four-minute span late in the second period, Muleshoe outscored Claude 11-3.

All 11 Lady Mules put points on the board, with Britni Gartin scoring 19 points with two threes, Sara Benham 13 points and Tiffany Flores 11 with a three-pointer.

Anne Cox made nine points, Mindy Locker and Shani Rasco added six each, Rendi Hodge, Kayla Glover and Tori Barton added four points each, Candace Hutto put in three and Jessica Carpenter chipped in two points for Muleshoe.

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Lubbock concert to feature Muleshoe's Jack Stone

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Pastor Jack Stone of the First Assembly of God in Muleshoe will be the special guest artist, along with Strings of Joy, at a Dec. 14 "Family" Christmas Concert in Lubbock.

Crystal River will be the headline act.

The event, which is scheduled to start at 7 p.m. in the Lubbock Civic Center Theater (1501 Sixth St.), is sponsored by KJAK Radio.

Tickets are \$5 and are available at The Storehouse Christian Gifts and Bookstore of Lubbock or The Family Christian Bookstore, 7720 S. University in Lubbock.

Stone also has a recently released CD available.

More information is available by calling Stone at 272-3017, "Joel" at (806) 745-7377 or KJAK at (806) 745-5788.

Most of Texas' wheat crop off to good start

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

COLLEGE STATION — Favorable weather conditions allowed most of the state's wheat producers to plant early, and fall rains provided moisture for many farmers to replant fields where stands were lost, Texas Cooperative Extension reported this week.

Dr. Brent Bean, Extension agronomist, said wheat in the Panhandle is in relatively good shape except for minor greenbug infestations, and no diseases are currently present.

"Approximately 98 percent of the crop is planted, and more than 80 percent emerged," said Dr. Travis D. Miller, Ex-

tension agronomist in College Station. "Early rains in late August and early September were favorable for planting, and much of the crop was planted on this moisture."

While soil moisture is reported as adequate over most of the South Plains, the Panhandle's conditions vary from very short of moisture to a surplus.

South Plains wheat is reported to be in good condition and improving because of recent rains.

The best weather for wheat is mild day temperatures, cool nights with low humidity and adequate rainfall in the fall and spring.

Miller said it performs better with cold, but not excessive, winter weather.

He said some of this year's stands were damaged due to two months of dry weather, but rains in mid-November revived some of these stands and provided moisture for replanting in mild regions, he said.

Even though some regions are still short of moisture, recent rainfall and snow will help emergence in late-planted or replanted stands.

Every year, wheat and oats contribute more than \$1 billion to the Texas economy, he said.

see WHEAT on page 2

AROUND MULESHOE

Candidate filing period opens

The filing period for candidates who want to run in the March 12 Republican and Democratic primaries began Monday.

Prospective candidates have until Jan. 2 to file. Information is available from the respective county chairpersons, and Bailey County Clerk Sherri Harrison's office can also lend valuable assistance.

McGehee not seeking re-election

Longtime Parmer County, Commissioner Raymond McGehee, who has represented the Lazbuddie area for more than 20 years, has announced that he will not seek re-election.

When his current term ends in December 2002, he will have represented Parmer County's Precinct 4 for 24 years.

Jan. 18 is crop disaster deadline

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

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

Emergency-care classes offered

The state of Texas, through the Texas Department of Health, is sponsoring free rural area instruction to become an emergency-care attendant.

Those interested must attend classes and agree to volunteer with their local service for a period of one year after successfully completing the class. No hospital clinical hours or ambulance rotations are required.

Classes will begin Dec. 11 and are scheduled for Tuesday and Thursday nights in Bovina.

More information is available by contacting Julie Mason at 965-2199, Donna or Larry Mitchell at (806) 251-1678 (leave message) or Bailey County EMS 272-4390.

Welfare Board seeks help

The Bailey County Child Welfare Board is seeking donations of items to help foster children have items to take with them when they are moved.

Donations of new or used small suitcases, duffle bags, back pack or bags in good condition are sought. Luggage items will be accepted at the Muleshoe Area Library during regular business hours.

The Welfare Board will purchase small teddy bears and tie a special message around the bear's neck for distribution to the children during periods of transition. More information is available by contacting Georgia Peña at 272-3752.

School news

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

Public calendar

Dec. 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).

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

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

Aminals By David Sung



Survey: Pheasant numbers up

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has reported that its recent roadside surveys of pheasant populations indicates that numbers are up slightly across the region.

The surveys are conducted in the Panhandle each October and November.

This year, the 43 surveys conducted found an average of 13 pheasants per route compared to 11 birds last year.

"Pheasant numbers appear to be higher this year, so hunters should expect better success than last year," said Charlie Newberry, the department's wildlife biologist for the region.

"The highest concentra-

tions of birds appear to be in Deaf Smith, Hansford and Sherman counties," he said.

Several counties, such as Castro, Swisher, Randall and Carson, are showing higher numbers of birds than their five-year survey average, Newberry said.

This year's pheasant hunting season is from Dec. 8 to Dec. 23 with a daily bag limit of three birds per hunter. Legal shooting hours are from half an hour before sunrise to half an hour past sunset.

It is against the law to possess a pheasant with the proof of gender removed, so either one leg with a spur or all the feathers must be retained until the bird reaches its final destination.

WIN

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Muleshoe, was a fairly close third with a guess of 54.

Both Hill and Brown missed Penn State at Virginia and Dallas at Washington. Aside from that, Hill missed North Texas at Troy State and San Diego at Seattle, while Brown missed Tennessee at Cleveland and the University of Tennessee at Florida.

The other two entrants who missed only four games were Rusty McFarland of

Friendswood, Texas (tiebreaker guess 30), and Elisa Baca of Muleshoe (60).

Only five people (Baca, Rusty McFarland, Mack McFarland, Sandra Orozco and Richard Orozco) had enough faith in the Dallas Cowboys to predict they'd win yet again over Washington. If William Orozco had followed suit, he'd have won this week's \$10 third-place prize.

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Feeders can bring visitors through November

By **RONN SMITH**
Editor

Hummingbirds staying in our area through November? Well, it probably wouldn't happen during a cold autumn, but in a year like this it can.

In Lubbock, where Audubon Society members keep track of these things, there were three species of hummingbird seen at feeders in people's yards during November:

- **Black-chinned** — Last seen Nov. 8. Generally the most common species in our area, though not where I live. Males can be identified by the purple ("black") spot underneath their bill.

- **Rufous** — Last seen Nov. 14. Males have the red gorget we're familiar with from pictures of ruby-throated hummingbirds, but instead of being mainly green these are mainly a cinnamon color overall. Even the females often have quite a bit of cinnamon, making them sometimes distinctive among the hard-to-identify females. In my experience, the rufous will be the most aggressive around your feeders — if there's one bird that chases the others away, it's likely to be a rufous. This is the most common species at the Smith farm.

- **Anna's** — Last seen Nov.



3. Once you see a mature male Anna's hummingbird in your yard, you aren't likely to forget it. The red is not limited to the throat, but forms a hood over the entire head and neck. I've seen them a couple of times at the farm.

If you leave your feeders up through mid-November, you'd probably want to be alert for temperatures falling much below freezing. If you have a southern exposure where you can hang the feeder, cold weather would be much less of a factor — at least on sunny days. The difference in temperature between a sheltered, sunny, south-facing wall and the surrounding air can be amazing.

I would guess that temperatures below the mid-20s for very long might pose a danger of cracking the feeders in an exposed site — though, as I've said before, there is no reason to have the feeders full except when you're experiencing a high volume of visitors. (It won't

take many visits by orioles to empty out your feeders, and there are even records of bats emptying them at night.)

The same advice applies to temperatures in the spring. Most people don't think about putting out a feeder until summer, but I'd say the feeders would be at least as important to the birds during migration seasons.

I have seen a hummingbird at the farm as early as late March, so the little guys can get here while the weather is still cold and there is not much for them to eat. You might get lucky with an early feeder and see birds you'd miss otherwise.

Several species of hummingbirds seem to be expanding their range in recent years (notably the rufous and the Anna's) and it could be partly because of the greatly increased numbers of people putting out feeders.

You might feel that this is not a good thing, if we're influencing nature in this way. On the other hand, I don't see how you could mind the presence of hummingbirds — they don't eat our crops, they don't foul our porches, they don't kill anything (except tiny spiders and bugs) and they

probably provide more entertainment for people than any other wild creatures.

These days, hummingbird feeders are available (in spring and summer, anyway) at just about any garden center, home-supply or hardware store, and the big discount stores.

According to the December-January issue of *Gardens Illustrated*, a blight-free variety of potato has been developed.

This could eventually be a giant step for potato growers all over the world.

The new variety has a purple skin, which many people might not be willing

to buy, but the gene will no doubt be quickly bred into varieties with the more familiar skin tones.

The blight-free potato was developed by a family named Sarpo in Hungary, but it has been tested at the University of Newcastle (England) and found to be completely resistant.

Potato blight was responsible for one of the most serious famines in the history of mankind, decimating the population of Ireland.

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Coping with life-changing events can be a challenge

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL COLLEGESTATION — To paraphrase an old saying: The only constant in life is change.

"Life changes every day for every person in some way," said Dr. Linda Ladd, Texas Cooperative Extension family development specialist.

"We expect the seasons to change, children to grow taller, birthdays to keep piling on, strawberries in June and the crisp smell of fall in October. ... We expect to grow older ... to watch children marry, to retire from our jobs and play with our grandchildren. We even recognize that sickness and death are expected events in our lives."

But when the change is massive and immediate, what then? What is a normal reaction to an enormously abnormal event — such as hijacked airplanes destroying the 110-story World Trade Center and damaging large chunks of the Pentagon?

"We do not expect sudden violence in our town or neighborhood, and even less in our homes," Ladd said. "When the world changes in a major way through war or economic recession or a death of a president, we manage our reaction to the changes through our coping strategies."

But adults must not only take care of their own reaction to sudden — and sometimes violent — changes in life, they must also help the younger generation do the same.

"As adults, we model ways of handling change that will be absorbed by the children and youth around us," Ladd said. "When we shape or adapt our own problem-solving behaviors and coping strategies, we (show) others how being flexible and adaptive is a positive approach to getting through a life-changing event."

These coping strategies vary with each individual, she said, and are based, for the most part, on age and experiences each person has had throughout life.

Ladd suggested the following questions might help each individual discover the skills he or she has available to help in times of crisis:

- What is the person's usual emotional reaction to big changes? Does it overwhelm or lead to withdrawal from others — or does it create a social butterfly? Does the person manage to continue with a daily routine or are they barely able to get out of bed? Do they lose sleep or sleep too much? "Uncertain situations, such as terrorist threats, can cause one person to pull in emotionally and stay at home more, while another person will ... go visit an old friend," Ladd said.

- Will the person's values and beliefs sustain them through a crisis?

Does a huge change shake faith or make it stronger? Does it lead to a search for answers? "Life-changing events cause each of us to review our priorities and our values, and adapt or change

those that do not help us through the event," Ladd said. "Huge changes in our world can cause temporary changes in how we express our values that end when the event or the threat from the event ends."

- What coping strategies are present to help manage unexpected life changes? Does the person fall back into an old pattern or try new coping methods? "As we review a situation, we realize that one way we reacted worked better than another, and we change our strategies for coping with change," Ladd said. Outside help — reading books, talking with friends and/or consulting a professional — might help, she added.

- What new skills can help in the future? Is the person willing to learn from their own past experiences? "We learn from others new ways to act and ways not to act," Ladd said. "When we watch others be successful in solving or coping with the problem, we model their behavior, and over time adapt it to our unique needs and style."

Change comes into every life, at every age, but for children, massive change can be especially difficult because their experiences, like their life spans, are still limited.

"Children can be affected differently from adults, and it's up to the adults to help the children through the rough times," Ladd said. "Adults who consider the age and developmental level of the children are better prepared

to support children emotionally, teach effective problem-solving skills, and model successful coping strategies."

The child's age and stage of development is pivotal for adults helping children cope with huge life changes, she said. "Very young children who see a scene repeated on TV several times are less likely to understand that they are seeing the same event. ... a school-aged child will remember the event and consider how he or she can solve the problem with the resources on hand, (such as a lemonade stand or piggy bank)."

Remember that children will normally look to their adults for information on how they should behave about a specific event. "Over time, our ability to think and reason develops and gradually we balance our understanding and meaning of an event with the emotional or visceral reaction we have to the event," Ladd said.

Older children — adolescents and teen-agers — will have enough life experience to "help them attach meaning to a life-changing event," she said. "Adults need to talk to the youth to learn how that individual interprets and internalizes the event."

Change is constant, she said, even big change. But it is all a part of life and we can all learn and grow from it. And we can all help each

other through. "If a young child experiences an event that is beyond his or her skill level, he or she needs an adult to help learn new coping strategies or adapt a current skill. Being aware of the developmental tasks the child or youth is learning will help the adult

identify the next steps to take," Ladd said.

"Adults can help by loving the child, talking with the child, showing the child new ways of dealing with the change, and accepting the child's reactions to the event," she said.

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Friday's grueling schedule of two games in a span of three hours had its effect on the Lady Mules. They wanted to slow their game down and conserve as much energy as possible against the young Roughettes of Sundown.

The change of pace may have conserved energy but drained the Lady Mules mentally as the Roughettes took advantage of the slower pace and kept the game close in the first half. Sundown trailed the only 20-15 at intermission.

Muleshoe pulled out the stops in the second half and ran away from the Roughettes for a 40-27 win. Gartin posted seven points, Rasco and Cox made six each, Hutto, Barton, and Benham added four points each. Hodge added three points; Locker, Flores and Glover chipped in two points apiece.

In their second outing of the day, the Lady Mules were matched with a fresh Nazareth team. (The Swiftettes had defeated Dalhart Thursday morning and Hale Center in the final game Thursday night.)

Nazareth's freshness paid big dividends in the game as the Swiftettes nailed 10 three-pointers and downed the Lady Mules 46-27. The last three minutes of the first half were all Swiftettes, as they scored 11 unanswered points to lead 31-11 at intermission.

The Swiftettes spread the floor in the second half and played ball control and keep away to eat away at the second-half clock. Gartin led the Lady Mules with 11 points, Benham made six, Carpenter had four, Flores three, Rasco two and Hutto added a point.

Against Farwell, it took eight minutes for the Lady Mules to get in gear.

Trailing the Lady Blue 12-9 at the end of the first period, Muleshoe exploded in the second frame with Gartin doing most of the damage. She knotted the game at 12 with a three from the corner.

Farwell scored back-to-back buckets to again take a four-point lead. Gartin drained another three with just over five minutes left in the half. She stole the ensuing Farwell inbound pass and scored and easy layup and was fouled.

Gartin's free throw gave Muleshoe the lead for good. Gartin drained three threes in the second period and scored 13 points to boost the Lady Mules to a 30-16 half-time pad.

Gartin scored 24 points, Benham eight, Hutto six, Cox five, Glover and Rasco four each and Locker two.

"I thought we played well in Nazareth, and we are in good shape but the schedule caused us to be more mentally weary than physically tired," Lady Mule coach Shana Simms said.

"We learned valuable les-

sons this weekend, and we continue to get better as we get deeper into the season," she said. "We look forward to a possible rematch with Nazareth in the Slaton Tournament in December."

The Lady Mules traveled to Hale Center on Tuesday and are scheduled to play in the New Deal Lady Lions Tournament Dec 6-8.



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Lazbuddie honors students of the month for October

Lazbuddie schools announced the high school and junior students of the month for October last week.

Honorees are 16-year-old Tobin Redwine, 14-year-old Kayla Parham, 13-year-old Patrick Marks and 13-year-old Amberlee Steinbock.

Redwine is the son of Bobby and Debra Redwine. He was born April 3.

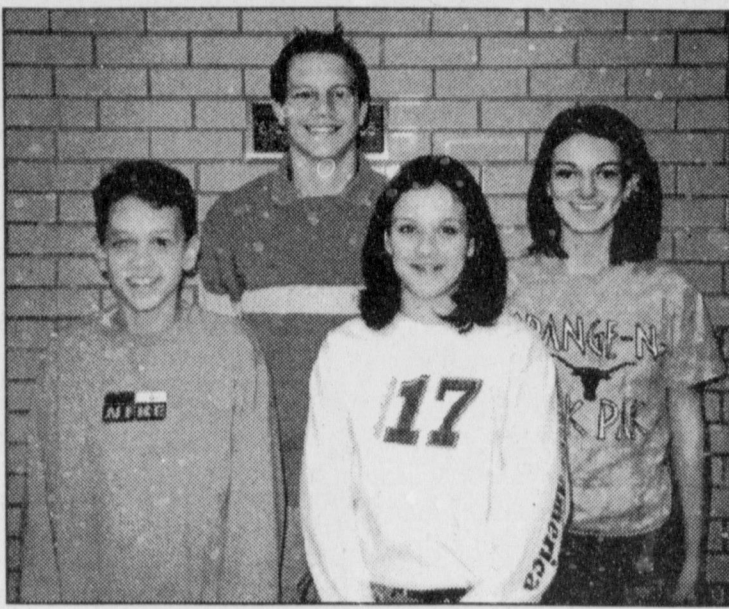
He says chocolate milk is important to him. His goals include graduating and going to college.

His personal motto is "Breakfast is the most important meal of the day — because if you're not home by then, you're in trouble."

He would make the world a better place by giving everyone a puppy.

His best tip for surviving high school is "When in doubt, bring your lunch." His favorite college will be wherever he is accepted.

His favorite things include *The Lord of the Rings* by J.R.R. Tolkien, *Sponge Bob* and *Square Pants*, ice cream and



Lazbuddie high school and junior high students of the month for October are (from left) Patrick Marks, Tobin Redwine, Amberlee Steinbock and Kayla Parham.

the color orange.

His pet peeve is ink pens that don't write.

Parham, the daughter of Terry and Celie Parham, was born Feb. 20.

Her plan is to go through high school without getting D-Hall. Her personal motto is "Don't take chances."

She would make the world a

better place by shortening the school day and adding three months to summer.

Her survival tip for high school is "Stay cool, stay calm, and it will be over soon."

She likes Texas Tech University, Stormbreaker, the actor Josh Hartnett, Famous Amos cookies and the color royal blue.

Her pet peeve is people who act innocent but know they are wrong.

Marks is the son of Chris and Eddi Marks. Family, friends, God and basketball are important to him.

His high school plan is to have an awesome sports career. Besides doing well in sports and academics, he hopes to get a girlfriend.

His personal motto is "Don't talk trash if you can't back it up." He would make the world a better place by "killing all the bad guys."

His survival tip for school is to pay attention in class and stay out of trouble.

His musical tastes run to *In the End* by Linkin Park, and his other favorite things include *ESPN Magazine*, *Carson Daly*,

Skittles and the color blue.

His pet peeve is people who try to act funny but aren't.

Steinbock is the daughter of Dennis and Tanya Steinbock, and her birthday is July 15.

Important things to her include family, friends, cheerleading, basketball and listening to good music.

Her high school goals include medaling in pole vault, being a member of the accounting team, and graduating.

She looks forward to getting her driver's license and to sky-diving.

Her personal motto is "Choose your words wisely."

She would make the world a better place by offering fair prices to American farmers, thereby strengthening the world economy.

Her survival tip for junior high is "Don't sweat the small stuff."

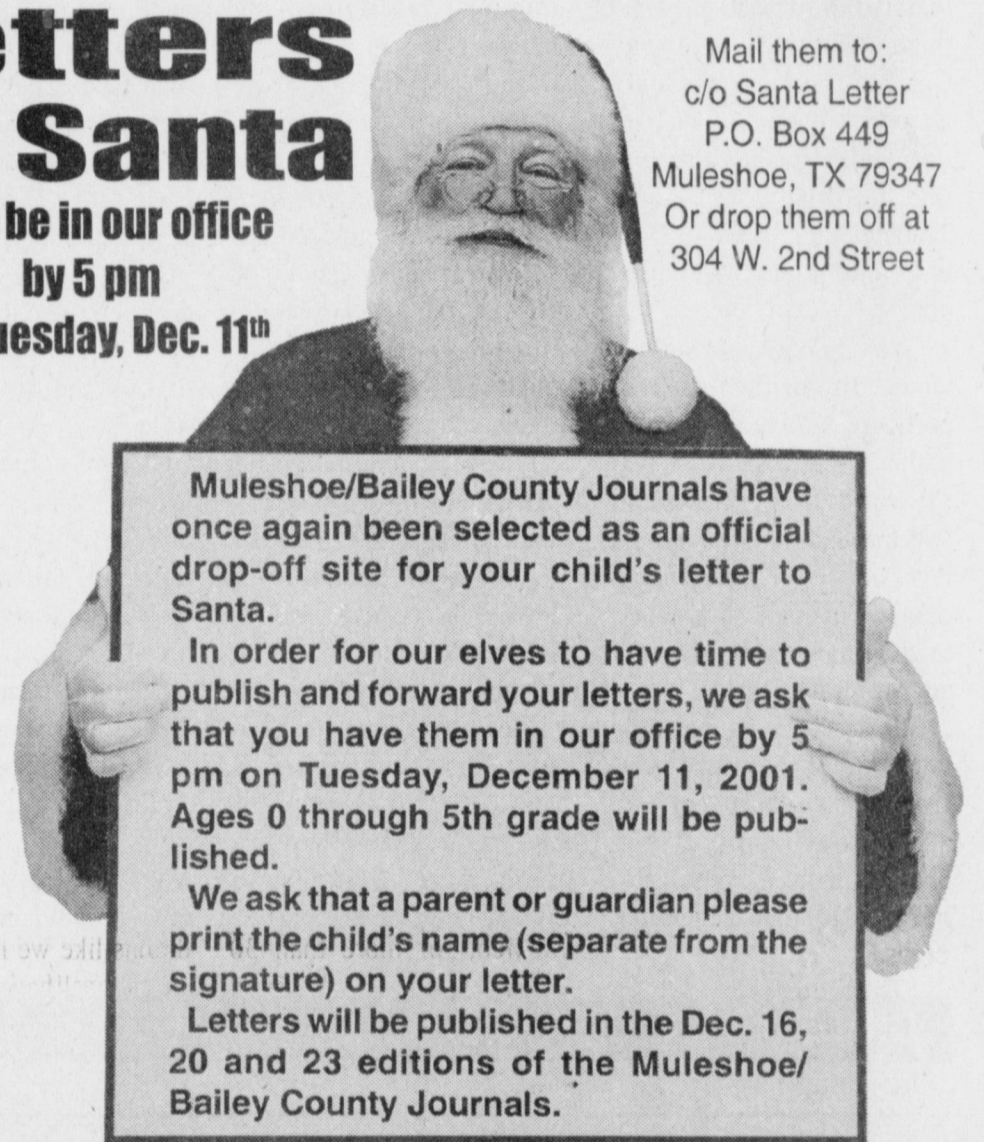
Her favorite song is Fuel's "I Had a Bad Day Again," and she also likes the University of Hawaii, *Teen People*, Piper Perabo (star of *Coyote Ugly*), caramel apples and the color lime green.

Her pet peeve is anything unorganized.

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 2 (15 oz.) cans black beans, drained
 Vegetable cooking spray
 3 cups sliced onions (about two large)
 2 1/2 cups thinly sliced zucchini (about two medium)
 1 3/4 cups (1/4 inch) julienne-cut red bell pepper (about two medium)
 2 cloves garlic, minced
 1 cup corn cut from cob (about two ears)
 1 tsp. ground cumin
 1/4 tsp. ground red pepper

5 (8-inch) flour tortillas
 1 1/4 cups commercial green taco sauce
 3/4 cup (3 ounces) shredded Monterey Jack cheese
 3/4 cup (3 ounces) crumbled Queso Blanco cheese
 Position a knife blade in a food-processor bowl; add water and beans. Process until smooth; set aside.
 Coat a large non-stick skillet with cooking spray and place over medium-high heat until hot.
 Add onion and the next three ingredients; sauté 10 minutes. Add corn, cumin and ground red pepper; cook for two minutes. Set aside.

Coat a 3-quart round soufflé dish with cooking spray. Place one tortilla in the bottom of the dish.
 Spread half a cup of bean mixture over the tortilla. Spoon 1 cup of onion mixture on top of bean mixture and top with 1/4 cup of sauce.
 Blend together Monterey Jack and Queso Blanco. Sprinkle 1/4 cup of cheese over the sauce.
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Three teams and two individuals from the Muleshoe FFA chapter competed in district leadership contests Nov. 3 at Texas Tech University.

One of the teams and both individuals advanced to the area competition.

Cody Clayton, who placed first at the district level in junior creed speaking, then won second at the area level.

Others in the area competition were senior creed speaker Layne Sheets, who placed second at district, and the Agricultural Issues Forum team, also second at district and made up of Layne Sheets, Sarah Sheets and Landon Sheets.

Muleshoe's quiz and radio teams both placed fourth at district.

Many chapter members are feeding animals for their supervised agricultural experience. The Bailey County Junior Livestock Show is scheduled for Jan. 17-19.

— Landon Sheets

Expansion of Karnal bunt research programs sought

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL COLLEGE STATION

— Call it a fluke or not, this year's Karnal bunt outbreak that infected more than 2 million bushels of Texas wheat in six counties has left farmers with only one real solution to avoid the fungus in future crops.

"There's only one step that we know for absolute certain that will prevent infestation, and that is to not plant wheat, or plant a non-host alternative crop," said Dr. Travis Miller, associate head and Texas Cooperative Extension program leader for the department of soil and crop sciences at Texas A&M University.

Karnal bunt is a fungal disease of wheat, durum wheat and triticale.

The fungus typically affects a portion of the kernel, leaving an eroded or "bunted" area on the kernel and a mass of black spores which produce an offensive, fish-smelling odor. It thrives under moist, cool conditions like those experienced in Texas this past spring.

Karnal bunt cost the Rolling Plains region of Texas more than \$27 million this year, according to an economic analysis by Stan Bevers, an Extension economist at Vernon.

The economic analysis outlined the projected impact of Karnal bunt on the four counties of Young, Archer, Throckmorton and Baylor.

"Approximately 2.8 million bushels of Rolling Plains winter wheat was classified as 'bunted' after samples tested positive at federal laboratories," Bevers said.

"Another seven million bushels tested negative as bunted wheat, but, because it was grown or co-mingled with wheat grown in an infected area, it cannot be marketed through normal channels," he added.

Miller said the risk of Karnal bunt can be minimized by verifying that planting seed is free of disease as well as making certain that farm equipment entering fields is free of disease.

Many farm groups and scientists are calling for stepped-up research to combat the disease that's known to have been in the U.S. since 1996 and in Asia since 1931.

"This Karnal bunt originally was a native to quite a number of countries, especially Mexico, for more than 30 years," said Dr. Norman Borlaug, a Nobel Laureate at Texas A&M.

Borlaug, who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1970 for developing broadly adapted high-yielding rust-resistant wheat varieties and integrated improved crop management practices to help feed the hungry in Third World countries, said future breeding programs "should incorporate genes for resistance to Karnal bunt into winter wheats found in the western part of the U.S."

"Since it's a new disease in a country, there's always a fear that when you may have ideal weather conditions, like we had this past spring, infections might be worse. The best thing to do is to develop and incorporate genetic resistance into the varieties," Borlaug said.

When Karnal bunt is found in a crop and a specific location of field is not identified, a quarantine restricting grain and equipment movement is imposed for that county. Grain must have a phytosanitary certificate in order to move out of a quarantined or regulated area.

"When we first got Karnal bunt, they just more or less shut us plumb down," said Chuck Meyers of Seymour, who runs Meyers Grain. "We couldn't trade any grain. It was just, more or less, for two-and-a-half or three months no activity. Period."

For Karnal bunt to have a presence in wheat crops, it must have moist conditions and cool temperatures during the bloom period.

"You have to have very special conditions to get an epidemic of any proportion," Borlaug said. And there were ideal conditions for Karnal bunt resulting in infestations in six counties this past year — San Saba, Throckmorton,

McCullough, Young, Baylor and Archer.

"The fact that it's wide-scale indicates we've had the presence of this disease in Texas for many years," Miller said. "It appears that we can go years without any infection, but under special weather conditions like we had this year, we may well have another flare-up."

In 1996, two counties were suspected where durum wheat seed was planted and found infected. El Paso and Hudspeth counties were quarantined because growers were known to have planted infected durum wheat seed.

In 1997, extensive testing in the state began for the first time and Karnal bunt was found in hard red winter wheat in San Saba county where 19 fields were infected, Miller said.

"That began a series of routine testing for several years, but no more Karnal bunt was found until this year," he said.

Spores can live in the soil five years or more until conditions favor growth. A fungal mat grows on the surface of the soil, and this growth sheds secondary spores. Miller said if these spores are released during the flowering stage of wheat and come in contact with the wheat ovary, bunted kernels are produced.

He added that farmers also need to seek "effective seed treatment... I say effective; we have to use that with a little bit of grain of salt because we know none of the seed treatments are 100 percent totally effective on this disease. You might get up to 75 percent control of disease if we use effective seed treatment."

Miller also suggested watching movements of soil and plant parts.

"When equipment comes into your field, make sure it hasn't come from an infected field, or that it has been thoroughly cleaned prior to entering your field," he said.

More information about Karnal bunt is available by visiting the Internet at soil-testing.tamu.edu/publications/872792-karnalbunt.pdf.

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Reading adventure

Priscilla Mestas, principal of DeShazo Elementary School, reads to Claire Brown's third-grade class with help from Clifford the Dog during the school's book fair Tuesday.

Eating heart-healthy can be easy

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

HOUSTON — Holidays meals don't have to be hazardous to your health.

"Eating foods lower in fat and exercising regularly can help you survive the temptations of holiday parties and the stresses of holiday preparations," said Dr. John Foryet, a professor in the department of medicine at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

"Renewing your commitment to eating less fat and planning ahead for holiday detours can keep you on the track of a healthier lifestyle," said Foryet, also director of the Nutrition Research Clinic at Baylor.

Foryet offers these tips for maintaining healthy habits during the holidays:

- Remember that many

"party" foods are high in fat. Choose refreshments that are not, and skip heavy dressings and high-calorie dips.

- Plan ahead. Realize that more fat and total calories may be consumed at a party or holiday meal than in usual daily meals. Cut the fat consumed on the days before the party to compensate.

- Do not skip meals. Eat a light, healthy snack such as carrot sticks or crackers before supper or before going to an evening party. Fat-laden foods are less appealing when they're not arousing hunger pangs.

- Limit alcohol consumption. Try alternating an alcoholic beverage with a glass of water. While alcohol is not high in fat, it can induce hunger and create cravings for foods not ordi-

narily eaten.

- Make treats healthier by substituting low-fat ingredients when possible. Prepare foods in ways that do not add fat—bake, roast or grill instead of frying.

- Stick to an exercise routine. Though holiday festivities can crowd calendars, make it a priority to engage in physical activity three times per week.

- Choose low-calorie desserts such as fruit salad instead of cakes and pies. Try yogurt instead of ice cream.

- Choose lean cuts of meat to cut down on calories.

- Organize outdoor activities to burn off calories from holiday meals. For example, take the children on a walk around the neighborhood to view decorations.

There's something like writer's block in any job

Every other week I sit down at my computer to type this column. Every time I want it to be better than before. I want something awesome.

This time I've had a particularly hard time thinking of something—anything. I wrote half a page, but I couldn't even focus on what I was supposed to be writing about. I just kept putting it off.

Eventually I decided I had to write something, so I wrote another meaningless page. Then when I was at evening church services, it hit me: I always say, "Let go and let God," but I hadn't

been letting go.

I was holding on with all I had, gritting my teeth, and settling in for a good battle to keep "my" column mine.

My point is that we can say we can do everything on our own, but truthfully, we can't.

That would be where fatigue comes in. I've been fighting this for about a month. I even talked about it at Fellowship of Christian Athletes a couple of

weeks ago.

It seems like just when I think I have given everything to God, I find something else I've kept just for me.

It sounds really hard at first, giving everything to God, but once you start to do it, you find yourself handing things over in huge piles.

Maybe I'm still not making any sense whatsoever. So I tried for two weeks

KATYE'S KALEIDOSCOPE

by Katy Cook

'CREATIVE LIVING'

Information on carpet maintenance and decorating with candles will be featured on "Creative Living" at 1 p.m. Dec. 11 and 3 p.m. Dec. 15. (All times are Central.)

"Creative Living" airs on public broadcasting station KENW-TV from Eastern New Mexico University in Portales.

Kathryn Sellers, director of public relations for the Carpet and Rug Institute in Dalton, Ga., will discuss carpet maintenance and how to keep it looking new longer.

Olga Puzas of Partylite Gifts in Plymouth, Mass., will talk about decorating and accessorizing the home with candles.

Information on stress-free holidays and "the world's only perfect food" will be featured at 10:30 p.m. Dec. 11 and 1 p.m. Dec. 13.


Connie Moyers of Clovis, who is with the New Mexico Cooperative Extension Service, will discuss stocking up for the holidays in terms of food, gifts and decorations in order to allow a more stress-free holiday.

Royden Brown of C.C. Pollen Co. in Paradise Valley, Ariz., will talk about different products of the beehive and explain why he calls bee pollen the world's only perfect food.

For materials offered on the show, send a first class stamp for each handout, along with name, address and booklets requested, to "Creative Living" Requests, 52 Broadcast Center, Portales 88130.

to write something, and I came up with nothing. Once I gave it to God, it has taken me about 25 minutes to write this. Why stress when you can put the load on another set of shoulders?

Katy Cook, a former student at Three Way High School, writes this column for the Journal.



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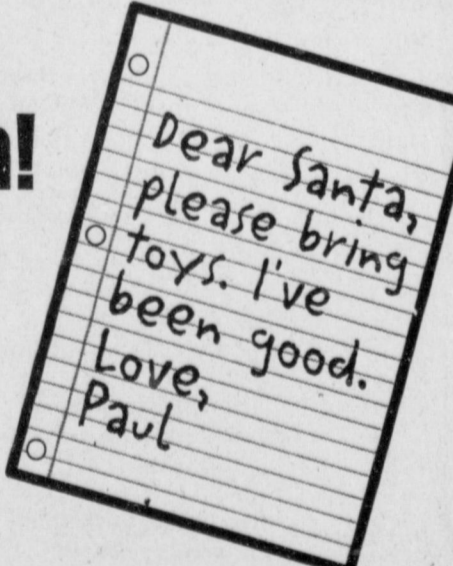
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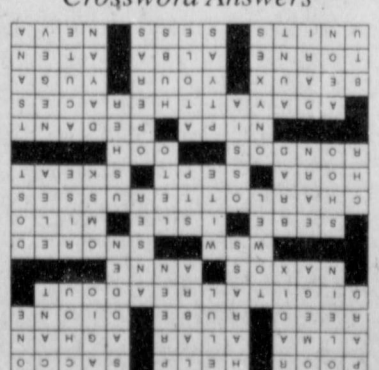
Clues ACROSS

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- Aid
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- Mater, one's school
- A growth-regulating chemical sprayed on fruit trees
- Hindu calendar month
- Double- instrument
- Not very intelligent or interested in culture
- Aphrodite's mother
- Watch feature
- Greek Island
- Frank's diary
- The compass point
- In a way, expressed audibly
- The compass point that is one point east of southeast
- A small island
- Small drought-resistant sorghums
- Creamy desserts
- Israeli dance
- People descended from a common ancestor
- Walter William, British lexicographer
- Musical compositions
- Express delight
- Monotypic genus of palms of Australasia
- Type of bookworm
- Marx Brothers film
- Fops
- Bridges, actor
- A Hindu age
- Turn (obsolete)
- Sunrise (Spanish)
- Egyptian Sun god
- Whole things
- The dried leaves of the hemp plant
- Russian river

Clues DOWN

- Large cat
- Glycerol ester
- 24th letter of the Greek alphabet
- Base
- Challenge aggressively
- Hebrew calendar month
- clor, Northern country
- A way to dress up
- Make unhappy
- Charge
- Puff filled with cream or custard
- Bevel
- Single unit
- A way to wipe
- Typical geese
- Blame (Scottish)
- A city in the Asian part of Soviet Russia
- Move upward
- Ancient Greek City
- Thou protest too much
- Turn away
- Acquire by one's efforts
- Small nail
- Engine additive
- Mother of Apollo in ancient mythology
- Chronicles, abbr. (Biblical)
- Musical passage
- Escort
- Chalcedonies
- Grand and comic
- Asian rat snakes
- An item of prepared food
- Moshe, Israeli leader
- Able to recognize or draw fine distinctions
- A desert in S Israel
- Ethiopian lake
- Longest division of geological time
- Iranian language
- The sister of your parent
- Hearts
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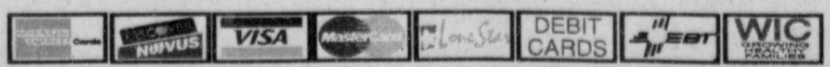
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