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A QUICK READ OF THE NEWS

### Buried rocket launches

A.R. Connor of Bartow, Fla., bulldozed some trees and brush into a pile, set it afire and walked off to get a drink of water.

Then came the explosion, as a 2-foot-long World War II-era rocket blasted out of the fire and crashed into a chain-link fence 700 feet away.

"It sounded like dynamite," the 78-year-old said. "It exploded, hit the fence and dropped down and set the grass afire."

The rocket was on the grounds of an airport that was a training base for the Army Air Corps during World War II, when it was known as Bartow Air Base.

Explosives experts are searching for more buried surprises.

### Crooks take whirlybird

Bill Hunter, owner of Valley B Aviation in Manning, Alberta, didn't know quite how to take it when somebody stole one of his helicopters earlier this year.

"Nobody steals helicopters," he fumed.

"There was nothing taken but the helicopter," he said. "They obviously knew what they were doing because not just anyone can get into a helicopter and fly away in it."

Hunter said someone broke a window and unlocked the hangar that housed his two Robinson R22 Beta helicopters, which are used for oilfield work.

The chopper thieves wheeled the newer of the two helicopters outside and flew away.

Hunter said there was enough gas in the helicopter to fly for 45 minutes, but he suspected the thieves had their own supply.

A farmer who lives near the hangar said he heard a helicopter in the sky flying north between 7:30 a.m. and 8 a.m. one morning.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police didn't have a clue. "It's not every day we go looking for stolen helicopters," said Constable Clayton Brown, a Mountie based in Manning.



**Drawing date:** Saturday, Dec. 30  
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**Winners:** 0  
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### On this date in history

**Jan. 1** — The first Cotton Bowl football game is played, with Texas Christian University representing the Southwest Conference (1937).

**Jan. 2** — Camp Cooper is established on the Clear Fork of the Brazos River in Throckmorton County, Texas, to protect an Indian reservation that was there at that time (1856).

**Jan. 3** — Francis Herron assumes command of Union troops stationed along the Rio Grande during Reconstruction (1864).

### LOCAL WEATHER

Partly cloudy days and bitter cold nights should continue across the area for most of the week. Expect lows in the teens except on Wednesday, when the mercury is expected to dip to only about 22. As of Friday, daytime highs were expected to be about 43 Sunday, 39 Monday, 46 Tuesday, 48 Wednesday and 46 Thursday, with clouds increasing on Thursday.

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## Evidence of freak snowfall gradually disappearing

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Fairly warm days have been melting Tuesday's heavy snowfall and ice, unusual not only for the amount of snow but also because there was not a lot of wind to drift the snow and snap ice-laden power lines.

But there was a considerable financial toll in the number of fender benders in town and more serious accidents on rural highways. Overall figures were not available.

The human toll also was high, from falls on

the ice and the general inability to conduct life as usual.

Larry Rasco, the city of Muleshoe and Bailey County emergency coordinator, said Friday that everything went very smoothly Tuesday night thanks to the generosity of local people.

"The weather went from ice-covered roadways to roadways covered with 13 to 14 inches of snow, within a 12-hour period," Rasco said.

The Bailey County Coliseum was opened to house stranded travelers (although the parking

lot had to be cleared of snow in order for cars to get in it more easily). Rasco and Kevin Smith, coliseum manager, both estimated that up to 100 people spent the night in the facility.

Rasco said Smith "is to be commended for all he provided, and his concern for people's safety and health."

The highways leading into New Mexico were closed early in the day, and after traffic began

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Journal photos: Beatrice Morin

### No age limit

Kids of all ages have had fun playing in the snow in Muleshoe this week. Downtown was adorned by this cowboy snowman (left), complete with leather chaps, made by Lavon Hunt, Buck Angeley and Amanda Carr. Angeley had carried buckets of water to make the powdery snow stick together and lost his footing (above) and fell while he was emptying the excess water. Several other snowmen sprouted around town as residents put their imaginations to work.

## New year's resolution can be springboard for accomplishment

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

Hundreds of thousands of new year's resolutions are made and broken each year, but when Betsy and Jared Saul make one, they keep it.

Their resolution to do something for homeless pets spawned Petfinder.com, the largest virtual animal shelter on the Internet, and has changed the animal-welfare field, according to Diana Jeffrey, director of the Animal Welfare Federation of New Jersey.

Heading to dinner on New Year's Eve, 1995, the Sauls idly discussed what they could do to make a difference for animals that were abandoned or relinquished.

They themselves couldn't adopt an animal because they were in a "no pets allowed" apartment, so they asked themselves what they could do.

They soon found out. The country was on the brink of the World Wide Web phenomenon, and Jared Saul, who was beginning a medical resi-

dency in radiology at the time, was up to speed on everything that was happening in cyberspace.

He believed most web sites weren't taking advantage of the Internet's potential and suggested the web was ideally suited for a virtual animal shelter made up of pets in shelters and rescue groups.

His wife agreed.

Under their plan, a person would simply type in the kind of pet he or she was looking for, get back a list of potential pets, and contact the shelter where their choice was housed.

The adoption would be between the person and the shelter. Petfinder.com would be the liaison.

Before the first week of 1996 was over, Jared Saul was programming a sophisticated site. He built in features to let shelters and rescue groups build their own home pages on the site. Results came back to a user ranked in proximity to his or her zip code.

Betsy Saul, an urban forester and free-lance graphic designer at the time, began contacting shelters and rescue groups in her home state. As groups agreed to be a part of this new concept, she brought some of them into the computer age as she coached them to take pictures of their foundlings and add them to the web site.

In many cases, the Sauls uploaded the pictures themselves because the shelters lacked scanners.

Their work was rewarded with a "cool site" designation when it was launched. NJWeb called it a "truly cool net application."

For the site to really work, it had to be constantly updated. The Sauls recruited volunteers among their friends.

They also found a 24-hour host for their site that would provide them space online free of charge.

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## Mules score big on Globe-News' 2000 Super Team

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Members of the 2000 Muleshoe Mules football team added yet another honor to their growing list for the season.

Running back Danny Ramirez is the *Amarillo Globe-News'* Class 3A player of the year and head football coach David Wood is the 3A coach of the year.

The newspaper stated Thursday that the best Class 3A team in the region this year was "Muleshoe, without a doubt," and the best 3A game of the season was Muleshoe's come-from-behind 21-14 win over Shallowater.

Other Mules honored as part of the newspaper's Golden Spread Super Team were offensive linemen Stephen Woodard and Tommy Barrera (cited for 46 and 64 pancake

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Journal photo: Beatrice Morin

### New officials take office

Bailey County Judge Marilyn Cox (standing with back to camera) administers the oath of office to (from left) Deputy Assessor Melba Clark, Deputy Sheriffs Ron Kemp and Johnny Bermea and Reserve Deputy Sheriff Tony Scolley on Friday at the courthouse. Also sworn in were commissioners Joey Kindle and Jack Dunham, Tax Assessor Berta Combs, Justice of the Peace Herman Morrison, Sheriff Chance Coberley and Constable Gerry Pierce.

# Spears finds retirement a good full-time job

By JOLINE FRANKLIN  
Journal correspondent

Before she retired from Bailey County Electric Cooperative, Ladene Spears did a lot of wondering — about such things as how it would be not to clock in and out five days a week at her job.

But most of all, she wondered what she would do with all that spare time on her hands.

Once upon a time, she had thought she'd just stay home

and watch television and read good books when she retired.

But six years ago, she chose an entirely different route — one guaranteed to rid her life of any possible "retiree blues": She decided to become a volunteer at the Heritage Thrift Shop on Main Street.

Spears, who recently was honored as the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce employee of the month, spends 2 1/2 days a week working at the

thrift shop. She says she'd just as soon be there as out fishing!

She also said she has heard that staying busy will make one live longer. One benefit of volunteering at the thrift shop is that she surely does stay busy.

Ladene Fried Spears has lived in Muleshoe all her life except for 13 years when she was married and living in Lovington, N.M. She still enjoys being involved in the community.

Between her volunteer work,

visiting with friends and going to senior citizen dances three times a week, she's gotten over the worry that she might get bored in retirement.

And she said she enjoys all her co-workers — Mary Jo Burge, LaNell Stancell, Peggy Bates, Vivian White, Joline Franklin, Olive Cox and Shirley White. Irene Dilts, who recently moved to Alamogordo, N.M., also was a longtime volunteer at the thrift shop.

## Signup for disaster program expected to be in late January

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Signup for the 2000 Crop Disaster Program is scheduled to begin Jan. 18, but producers probably will have to wait until at least Jan. 25 for an appointment, according to Roger Haldenby of Plains Cotton Growers.

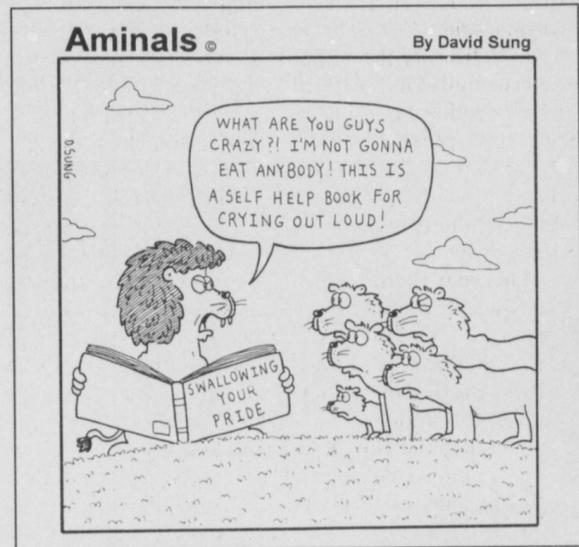
A national Farm Service Agency train-the-trainer seminar has been set for Jan. 8-11 in San Antonio.

At this intensive session, program specialists from the agency's state offices across

the United States will receive comprehensive instruction on all aspects of administering the 2000 Crop Disaster Program.

They will then return to their homestates to train field-office staff. Personnel in the High Plains area are scheduled to receive their training Jan. 22-24.

It can be expected that appointments will start being set up sometime in early to mid-January to coincide with completion of this training period.



# Texas A&M aiding victims of Hurricane Mitch

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COLLEGE STATION — Growing up on a dairy and grain farm 50 years ago isn't hard for Dr. Ron Richter to recall. Helping Honduran dairy producers build their industry in the aftermath of deadly Hurricane Mitch takes him back in time. "It takes me back to my boyhood," said Richter, an animal science professor at Texas A&M University. "There are two commercial milk plants in the country, but the rest are small producers, and there is no refrigeration or cooling."

Amidst the humanitarian aid flowing into the Central American region devastated by Hurricane Mitch in October 1998 come Richter with food scientist Dr. Elsa Murano and pesticide management specialist Douglass Stevenson.

The trio will use a \$525,000 U.S. Department of Agriculture grant to help build an agriculture industry that will surpass the antiquated one left further crippled by the storm.

Hurricane Mitch struck Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras and Nicaragua on Oct. 26, 1998, leaving more than 11,000 people dead and thousands unaccounted for, according to the National Climatic Data Center.

The hurricane has been called the deadliest Atlantic hurricane since "The Great Hurricane" of Oct. 10-16, 1780, killed 22,000 people in Martinique, St. Eustatius and Barbados.

Texas A&M was quick to respond with flood damage assessment, using sophisticated mapping technology to help Nicaragua's relief efforts and to determine the extent of crop loss.

Good crops had been harvested-ready when the hurricane destroyed 68 percent of the rice, 52 percent of the pinto beans, 37 percent of the maize, 22 percent of the sorghum and 20 percent of the soybeans, according to Nicaraguan agricultural officials.

One of the first orders of business, along with the rescue

and relocation of people, was to decide where food crops could be quickly replanted to feed the survivors.

Maintaining and building a healthier agriculture industry is a byproduct for Nicaragua, which had begun planning improvements before the storm hit.

"We've been asked to address three areas — dairy processing, food safety and Integrated Pest Management," said Dr. Mike McWhorter, international training coordinator for the Agriculture Program at Texas A&M. "Our mission is to train people involved with the food production and processing industry for the long term, focusing on building the infrastructure and technical support and training them to train others."

McWhorter said these efforts will improve food quality and increase export potential.

The team already has made several assessment trips to Nicaragua and Honduras and will begin the project soon.

"We will work with two cooperatives and two manufacturing plants," Richter said of the dairy effort. "We'll evaluate them and their sanitary practices, and we'll install equipment and train them to use it."

Richter said the Honduran dairy industry has a problem with safety, so the two model plants will be demonstration sites to show others there how to overcome such problems.

One cooperative is a producer-owned milk processor

## Dairy loss payments now being issued

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has begun issuing Dairy Market Loss Assistance Payments (DMLA-III).

The payment rate will be \$.6468 per hundredweight up to 39,000 cwt.

A signup will be held soon for new dairy operations and operations that were paid less than 12 months production under previous programs.

and cheese maker. The other cooperative consists of several individual cheese makers.

Stevenson hopes to teach producers a different approach to chemical use on crops — incorporating minimal amounts of pesticides with other practices to ward off pests.

He, too, will set up model farms to pilot a program of cultural and biological control. And he will train the producers on U.S. chemical regulations so that crops produced for export there will not be rejected at U.S. ports because of unacceptable pesticide residues.

"Our demonstration farms will show them that they don't have to spend as much (on farming inputs such as chemicals) to make more money (in better yields)," Stevenson said.

To teach food safety in the processing industry, Murano plans to "train the trainers."

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piling up in Farwell and there were no overnight facilities available, but permission to close the U.S. 70-84 at Muleshoe could not be secured.

So a traffic stop was initiated at the west edge of town, telling motorists as a courtesy that the highway was closed ahead and their last chance for overnight facilities was Muleshoe.

Rasco also commended the Texas Department of Public Safety, Bailey County Sheriff's

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blocks, respectively); defensive lineman Jeff Shelburne (112 tackles, including 12 for losses, and 6.5 sacks); linebacker Darrell Lewis (142 tackles); defensive back Brandon Broyles (three interceptions and six broken-up passes); and punter Lincoln Riley (an average of 40 yards per kick).

The year's best individual performance by a Class 3A player, according to the *Globe-News*, was by Ramirez against

She said that begins in the field.

"For farm and packing shed, that means everything from the source of irrigation water to having sanitary conditions in the fields and avoiding contact with animals as much as possible to reduce contamination," she said.

"And at manufacturing sites, food has to be protected from rodents, and there should be adequate restrooms and ventilation in the building, for example. Sanitation is important everywhere from clean surfaces to the people who work there."

She will use a model farm and a model packing shed for training and will monitor efforts before and after training to determine improvements and retention of the knowledge.

The effort will shift into high gear in January and will be completed by the end of 2001.

Office, Muleshoe Police Department, Muleshoe Fire Department, the city manager and the Texas Highway Department for their roles in providing emergency support.

He added that the Heritage Thrift Shop and members of the Jennyslippers provided needed blankets and food. He also said his wife, DeAnna, was "there to do anything that needed to be done" while resources were stretched thin.

Midland Greenwood in the state quarterfinals.

In that game, Ramirez ran for 242 yards from scrimmage and showed his diverse abilities by running for a touchdown, catching a touchdown pass and throwing a touchdown pass.

For the season, he had 29 touchdowns and more than 2,300 yards rushing — school records. The team's 14-1 record also was unprecedented.

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## The One Thing That Matters Most

This week I share an article by Edward Fudge, an attorney in Houston who writes a daily "e-mail" column. I think you'll enjoy it!

Did you see the movie "City Slickers," that comedy about the big city folks who paid good money to go on a rootin'-tootin', sure-enough, authentic cattle drive? If you did, you likely remember the scene in which Curly, the wizened old cowpoke, holds up one finger and asks



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the city dude if he knows what that means. The slicker doesn't have a clue, so Curly explains that it represents the "one thing" which life is all about. The dude asks what that is and Curly responds, "That's what you've got to find out."

Three thousand years ago, a great king made a similar observation, except he told us what the "one thing" is. This is how King David put it, in Psalm 27: "One thing I have asked from the Lord, / that I shall seek; / that I may dwell in the house of the Lord / all the days of my life, / to behold the beauty of the Lord, / and to inquire in His Temple."

Three aspects of God's presence. Three blessings of His company. Three facets of fellowship with the Father. Nothing else can come close to it. David learned that the hard

way. We don't have to learn it that way, although we usually do anyway because we are so stubborn that we insist on making our own mistakes instead of learning from the difficult experiences of others.

What is your "one thing"? Money, and what money can buy? Fame? Pleasure? Power? Your job or business? Perhaps your family, or even church? None of those is evil of itself, though all can become evil when they replace the only ultimate good. And David would tell us all those targets are set too low. Something even greater awaits those who desire it above all else. That "something" is God's personal, immediate fellowship through each moment of every day. The old hymn writer said it well: "Be with me, Lord! / No other gift or blessing Thou could'st bestow / could with this one compare-- / A constant sense of Thy abiding presence; / Where e'er I am, to feel that Thou art near."

It's yours for the asking. If you're missing it, pray today from the heart, as David did, "When Thou didst say, 'Seek my face,' my heart said to Thee, 'Thy face, O Lord, I shall seek. Do not hide Thy face from me'" (Psalm 27:8).

Nothing else can support the weight of ultimate dependence. Everything else will disappoint you at some time or another. But this ONE THING will never disappoint. It is the pearl of great price. It is worth any cost. Where is your focus today?

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

# Combs: Farm bill should include improved risk management assistance

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL  
AUSTIN — Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs said last week that the upcoming farm bill should emphasize improved risk management and export assistance for a coalition of large agricultural states known as NFACT.

The group includes New Mexico, Florida, Arizona, California and Texas.

Combs spoke in Austin during an NFACT listening session on the upcoming farm bill, which is scheduled to be reauthorized in 2002, but could be taken up by Congress as early as 2001. More than 40 agricultural organizations and individual farmers and ranchers spoke at the session, which is one of several meetings on the farm bill that will be held in the five NFACT states.

"I appreciate the time and effort our producers are taking to come to this meeting," Combs said. "I and the other NFACT states very much admire all that they do for agriculture, and I know that their comments will be very helpful in the coming months."

After recognizing com-

mon interests such as trade and the need for more federal assistance in preventing the introduction of plant diseases and pests from across the border, the five states formed the NFACT coalition in 1999, Combs said.

"Our five NFACT states are a fairly powerful agricultural force in our own right," Combs said. "We account for 25 percent of all the nation's agricultural cash receipts. In total, our congressional delegations make up 27 percent of Congress. With this clout, we have come together to give our producers a strong, powerful and unified voice to address agricultural issues in Washington, D.C."

Each of the five states has experienced agricultural losses from weather disasters, but Texas' drought has been reducing farmers' and ranchers' incomes since the last farm bill was authorized in 1996, Combs said.

"In Texas, no one could have predicted that our farmers and ranchers would enter into a drought in 1996, when the last farm bill was enacted, and four years later in 2000 still be suffering tremendous

losses," the commissioner said. "Since 1996, drought has taken a \$5 billion bite out of our farmers' and ranchers' pocketbooks."

"Arizona has experienced \$1 million worth of agricultural losses due to drought this past year. New Mexico has had \$190 million in drought losses, and in Florida, ag losses due to drought are more than \$314 million," Combs said.

"In California, the threat most recently has not been from weather but from a bacterial plant disease, Pierce's disease, and an insect — the glassy-winged sharpshooter — that carries it."

"This year, Pierce's disease has threatened \$14 billion worth of California's agricultural crops including wine grapes and produce."

"Whether the threat is from plant diseases or weather, the practice of ad-hoc disaster assistance from Congress for our NFACT states has not

been effective," Combs said. "Clearly, we must come up with a better safety net for our producers."

The NFACT states also need continued assistance for developing export markets and for controlling the introduction of plant diseases and pests from other countries, Combs said.

"We all are high-volume trade states," she said. "And we essentially serve as a buffer zone protecting the rest of this nation's agriculture from the introduction of foreign pest and plant diseases."

The farm bill is a multi-year, multi-commodity federal support law that encompasses commodity programs, trade, rural development, farm credit, conservation, agricultural research, food and nutrition programs and marketing.

Every few years, Congress reauthorizes, repeals or amends sections of the farm bill that are not part of permanent law.

the farm bill occurred with the Federal Agriculture Improvement Fund Reform Act of 1996, also known as the Freedom to Farm

bill, which authorized reducing crop price supports through 2002 through gradually declining transition crop payments.

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By the end of the first year, more than 1,000 people were checking out the site every day, and most of the shelters and rescuers were doing their own updating, which relieved the Sauls of that task.

However, new shelters were coming online and needing assistance. The e-mails — both telling the Sauls about happy endings after an adoption and asking for technical help and advice.

One rescue group reported that up to half its adoptions were a result of Petfinder. It was working just the way the Sauls had hoped.

One of the interesting things they learned about the pet sheltering industry was that there was very little networking between shelters and groups. Through its online "members only" forums, Petfinder became a meeting place for shelter professionals.

On the first anniversary of the site, the Sauls threw a party for all the people who were involved with Petfinder.

"It was amazing for us to get together for the first time," said Susan Ragland, a rescue-group volunteer. "We had so much to share with each other."

There also was a public forum for pet lovers and a Post-a-Pet section for private individuals to post free ads for pets they had to relinquish.

The web doesn't stop at state boundaries, so limiting Petfinder.com to one state didn't make sense, and in August 1998, the Sauls made a midyear resolution — to make Petfinder.com a nationwide database with its own dedicated Internet server, a move that called for a major monetary commitment from the Sauls for a bigger server — at least until they could find advertisers.

"We didn't realize when we started how much time and

money would be involved in administering the site," Betsy Saul said, "and it's a good thing we didn't. Had we known, we might have talked ourselves out of it. By the second year, I was just shrugging my shoulders and calling it an expensive good habit. At least it had redeeming social value, as opposed to some bad habit we could have been supporting."

Today, Petfinder has members in all 50 states, Canada and Puerto Rico. The service is free to users and shelters. To keep it that way, the Sauls have sought corporate sponsorship, and Ralston Purina recently signed on as a major sponsor.

The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals also has partnered with the web site and provides educational material to enrich the site as well as a link from its own site.

AmericaOnline uses Petfinder as its adoption link, and Yahoo! features it in its Pets classified section.

One of the best rewards for the Sauls is hearing the happy endings, like that of a little white Maltese dog named Harry. He was languishing in the Little Shelter Animal Rescue in Huntington, N.Y.

Harry was 8 years old and blind, a good-tempered dog but not one that seemed to a prime candidate for adoption.

But when Stephanie Adkins in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., saw his picture on Petfinder.com, she flew to New York and adopted Harry.

More than 25,000 pets in need of permanent homes, representing some 1,500 shelters and rescue groups, are now listed on Petfinder.com. *Forbes* magazine named it one of the best 100 web sites for families.

Now hundreds of thousands of people visit Petfinder.com monthly, and it all started with a new year's resolution.



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 THE BIBLE SPEAKS OF \*SPIRITUAL WICKEDNESS IN HIGH PLACES\* (EPH. 6:12) SOMETIMES THOSE IN AUTHORITY USED THEIR HIGH OFFICE FOR THEIR PERSONAL GRATIFICATION. THE BIBLE RECOUNTS NUMEROUS EXAMPLES OF THIS CONDUCT. DAVID'S SEDUCTION OF URIAH'S WIFE, ELI'S DRUNKEN SONS, JEZEBEL'S GREAT WICKEDNESS IN HER PAGAN WORSHIP. IN DAVID'S CASE, GOD SENT THE PROPHET NATHAN OUT OF THE WILDERNESS TO REBUKE HIS SINFUL BEHAVIOR. AGAIN, THE LORD PICKED A HUMBLE PROPHET FROM THE WILDERNESS TO BEAR THE DIRE TIDINGS OF THE EVENTUAL DESTRUCTION OF ELI'S SONS FOR THEIR UNFORGIVABLE BEHAVIOR. IN JEZEBEL'S CASE, THE GREAT PROPHET ELIJAH WAS BROUGHT FORTH, AGAIN OUT OF THE WILDERNESS, TO PREDICT VIOLENT DEATH FOR HER MOCKERY OF GOD. IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT, INVARIABLY, THE HIGHER THE PERSONAGES...THE MORE HUMBLE THE MESSENGER FROM GOD!

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### September employee of the month

Gathered to honor Jim Bone as the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce's employee of the month for September are (from left) Mark Washington, Pam McCaul, Joe Flores, Bone, Dr. Robert Johnson, Margaret Heathington, Sheila Stevenson, Eileen Morton (in back), Sharon Novak, Peggy Buhman, Sharon Gunn and Clay Kidd. The chamber apologizes to Bone for the tardiness in scheduling the photo.



Lacey Ellis pauses at her shower.

### Bridal shower honors Lacey Lloyd Ellis

Lacey Ellis of Lubbock was honored with a bridal shower Dec. 2 at the Muleshoe home of Glenda Dale.

Lloyd is the daughter of Duane Lloyd of Muleshoe and the wife of Don Ellis, son of Jim and Debbie McCarty of Lubbock.

Special guests included the groom's mother; Kristen Ellis, the groom's daughter; and Lois Stancell, LaNell Stancell, Nadine Hawkins and Alma Robertson, all aunts of the bride.

Hostesses, in addition to Dale, were Paula Benton, Claudine Embry, Joella Flowers, Holly Hooten, Druscilla Hutton, Johnette Marlow, Iva Noble, Dana Rasco, Jean Richardson, Misty Simmons, Lela Ann Smith, Clara Sudduth, Lenda Trussell, Beverly Wagnon, Rickie Warren, Marilyn Wilson and Shirley Vaughn.

The hostess gift was cash. The wedding was Nov. 11 in Lubbock.

## Major remodeling project may make architect advisable

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL  
Do-it yourself . . . do-it-yourself. . .

It's easy to get carried away by this constant refrain from TV remodeling shows and home-improvement centers. It's easy to be led to think anything's possible just by watching the right video or buying the right tools.

Just remember that there is no shame in asking for professional help, especially on a larger remodeling job.

"Before you get up to your elbows in sawdust, think about planning your project first," said Richard Roll, president of the American Homeowners Association. "A designer or architect can put you on the right track and offer ideas you or your remodeler may overlook."

How big is the job? That's the first question to be asked in determining the need for an architect or designer. Generally speaking, the homeowner will need help if the plan includes tearing down or moving walls.

Start looking for professionals on the Internet or at a local library. Get a sense of the types of services they offer from their brochures or web pages, then call.

Some candidates will only draw up the plans and then turn them over to someone else to implement. Others will work on the project to the end by overseeing the contractors.

Contact several local architects or designers, if several are available, and begin the interview process. Ask what credentials they hold in their field, what local or national organizations monitor these credentials, and what the candidate did to earn them.

Be sure to ask how long the candidate has worked locally — and the longer the better; it's not easy for someone with a bad reputation to last long in one locale.

Ask the candidates for several references. It's not a bad idea to tour a completed project to learn more about their design abilities and per-

sonal style. This lets the homeowner talk to former clients face to face.

Of course, "how much" is an important question, but "when" is just as important, especially if the designer is assisting throughout the construction process. How much is to be paid up front vs. how much at completion? Will there be an extra charge to make changes in the plans?

In the same vein, ask about the illustrations of the changes to be made in the house. Will it be drawings depicting the remodeled home (called "interior elevations"), scale models or CAD (computer-aided design) programs that allow the homeowner to "walk through" the design?

And remember: During this interview, the homeowner should not do all the talking. A competent candidate will ask questions to find the right design for the project — the home, the lifestyle and the residents' tastes.

## NURSING HOME NEWS

Thursday morning Eva Nell Dale, Angie Castillo and Joline Franklin directed the devotional.

Members of 16th and Avenue D Church of Christ hosted a pie party for the residents Thursday afternoon. June Conway and Margaret Wilhite from the church visited and served the pies.

Friday afternoon the residents acted out "The Night Before Christmas." Teresa McGaa and Angie and Carrie Morris also put their acting skills to good use.

Saturday morning Buster Kittrell came to cut the men's hair and give them shaves and

get them looking their best for the holidays.

Melvin and Wanda Griffin, Harold and Mary Jo Burge directed the bingo bonanza!

Members of the Progress Baptist Church directed church services on Sunday (Christmas eve).

The center's beauty shop was closed Tuesday due to the holi-

days and weather conditions, but is expected to be up and going next Tuesday.

Glenda Jennings braved the weather and brightened the lives of the residents with a sing-along and puppet show Wednesday afternoon.

The center residents and staff wish a blessed new year to everyone.

## HOSPITAL NEWS

Muleshoe Area Medical Hospital reported the following patient load:

**Dec. 22** — Ethel Ayres, Chad E. Bailey, Tajenai M. Dunn, Ruby F. Everett, Pauline Guinn, Logan Harrison, Gladys Kaltwasser and Brooke C Lennon.

**Dec. 23** — None reported.

**Dec. 24** — None reported.

**Dec. 25** — None reported.

**Dec. 26** — Ethel Ayres, Ruby F. Everett, Pauline Guinn, Tony Mendoza, Gamaliel J. Vela and Jesus Villa.

**Dec. 27** — Orlando Arenas, Roxanne Arenas, Ethel Ayres, Ruby F. Everett, Seth Flores, Pauline Guinn, Hazel Hay, Grace Plyler, Gamaliel J. Vela and Jesus Villa.

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Mrs. Bryan Don Rasco

## Latzel, Rasco wed in Midland

Katherine Mae Latzel and Bryan Don Rasco were married Nov. 11 at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Midland. Monsignor Curtis Halfmann officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Johnny and Teresa Latzel of Midkiff, Texas, and the granddaughter of Irene Schwertner of Ballinger.

The groom is the son of Larry and DeAnna Rasco of Muleshoe and the grandson of Velda Dorethy of Denver City.

The bride carried a hand-tied bouquet of cranberry calla lilies with her grandmother Schwertner's rosary in the center. She wore a pearl necklace that had belonged to her late grandmother, Ora Mae Latzel. Her wedding gown was white diamond satin with rhinestones and embroidery on the bodice.

Maid of honor was Stacey Dusek, the bride's cousin. Bridesmaids were Amanda Hardin, Trisha Hoelscher, Christine Bethune, Shethelia

Russell, Valerie Paul and Tanya Smith.

Flower girls were Tiffany Hoelscher, the bride's cousin, and Shelby Rasco, the groom's cousin. Candlelighters were Kayla Latzel and Kelly Tate.

The best man was Jason Rasco, the groom's brother. Groomsmen were Tracy Puckett, Spencer Patterson, Tony Arrendondo, Steven Latzel, Michael Latzel and Derek Latzel. Ushers were Skyler Dusek, Devin Watkins and Eric Tate.

Jeff Fentem provided organ and piano music, and Rene Spicer was the soloist.

Eucharist ministers were Audry Curry, Beth Hickey and Sheryl Wilson. Ann Schwartz and Carolyn Glass brought offertory gifts to the altar.

A reception, dinner and dance were held at the Holiday Inn Villa Center after the ceremony.

After a Caribbean cruise, the couple is at home in Lubbock.

## Holiday credit-card bills will shock many

**SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL**  
ROCKVILLE, Md. — The gifts are opened. The parties are ending. The decorations are being put away.

"Now comes the reality of facing the bills for all the guilty pleasures from your holiday shopping trips," said Steve Rhode, president and co-founder of Myvesta.org., a nonprofit financial services organization.

To help people deal with their money troubles, Myvesta.org. is offering a free publication called "Avoiding Post-Holiday Headaches."

"Many holiday shoppers will be shocked when they open their credit-card statements in

the next few weeks," Rhode said. "January is one of our busiest months because holiday overspending pushes people into debt problems."

A Myvesta.org survey found that the average holiday shopper planned to spend \$1,220 on holiday gifts.

The free publication coaches people to take control of their spending and track expenses so they can find enough extra money to pay off their bills in six months.

"The most important thing," Rhode said, "is to pay more than just the minimum payment due on your credit-card bill. If people pay just the minimum on their holiday debts, their to-

tal cost skyrockets."

Making minimum payments on \$1,220 at 18 percent interest, it would take 22 years to pay off the principal — and interest payments would top

\$2,500.

"Make 2001 the year to break free and rise above the superficial stuff that drains wallets and keeps you in a perpetual cycle of debt," Rhode said.

### Your participation is greatly appreciated...

Meals On Wheels would like to thank everyone who volunteered to deliver meals, contributed money or supported this organization in any way in the year 2000. With the generous support of people like you, we are looking forward to another successful year in 2001. Once again, thanks to all.



Andrea Kemp, Program Director

## 'CREATIVE LIVING'

Information on adding lemons to recipes, decorative fireplace screens, and 30-minute meals will be featured on "Creative Living" on Jan. 2 at 1 p.m. and Jan. 6 at 3 p.m. (All times are Central.)

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

Marie Rama of Bronxville, N.Y., a representative of Sunkist Growers., will demonstrate how to make everyday dishes even better by adding lemons or lemon juice to recipes.

Sharon Hanby-Robie of Lancaster, Pa., an author and furniture refinishing expert with Minwax Home Decor, will show how to make a decorative fireplace screen using various painting techniques.

Sue Vaughn, a Lamesa cookbook author, will share some of her favorite recipes for preparing 30-minute meals.

Information on photo transfer projects, dinnertime recipes and machine appliqué will be featured on Jan. 2 at 10:30 p.m. and Jan. 4 at 1 p.m.

Margaret Sindelar, a repre-

sentative of Martingale and Co. in Bothell, Wash., will demonstrate a photo-transfer process that allows the making of all kinds of gifts, garments and items for the home.

Vaughn will return to demonstrate recipes she calls "Discover Dinner Time" from one of her most recent cookbooks.

Patsy Shields of Sellersburg, Ind., representing Sulky of America, will show how to use a sewing machine to do various appliqué techniques.

"Creative Living" is produced and hosted by Sheryl Borden of Portales.

The show is carried on more than 100 PBS stations in the United States, Canada, Guam and Puerto Rico and is distributed by Westlink of Albuquerque.

Viewers can request copies of materials offered on the show by sending a first-class stamp for each handout requested, along with name, address and booklets requested, to "Creative Living" Requests, c/o KENW-TV, 52 Broadcast Center, Portales 88130

## The presidential intermission revisited

The intermission between election day and the presidential anointing was a hiccup in our otherwise all-knowing, high-tech, poll-reliant smugness.

Our status quo went out of control. Our leaders were reduced to squabbling rugrats.

It also was one of the most exciting, nailbiting, educational, unbelievable months in American history.

We watched two middle-weight contenders aspire to the title of world champion once held by such greats as George Washington and Abraham Lincoln.

We watched them being moved around like chess pieces by their handlers. Neither man appeared to be plotting his own course, flying his own plan. Their decisions seemed to be made based on input from lawyers, consultants, pollsters and political allies.

The rollercoaster ride we took with them during this intermission was a media-driven, frenzied trip through some cartoonish Alice in Wonderland legal landscape. A bizarre board game where contestants could land on spots labeled "Miami-Dade — go back two spaces," "Leon County Courthouse — advance to Florida Supreme Court" and "Broward County — move to 'Larry King Live.'" Each man was skating across



## BAXTER BLACK

ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

a frozen pond of slushy laws and political punk as the ice was cracking behind them.

Somewhere in all this wonderful madness I kept looking for a fair resolution. Then I realized that it was not going to be allowed by the entrenched polarized pundits and handlers. They, of rigid thought and uncompromising mind, would never acknowledge legitimate defeat.

They have their feet in concrete and haven't seen the big picture since they learned about the birds and the bees in high school.

There is no mutual respect among zealots. There is no civilized discourse in the mud of politics. We watched the court system — from county to state to federal — be slimed by the slimy. I kept waiting for someone whose behavior I could admire.

Neither of the candidates inspired me to stand tall and be proud, but that's not unusual.

At this stage in their political career, they are just journeyman politicians. Each has his

own philosophical leanings — which are restricted by the realities of fund-raising and getting elected.

That is not to say either one of them could not become a great leader, win or lose. Greatness is thrust upon people. It is determined by how they respond to adversity, how noble their vision and how deep their commitment.

So, if your man won, be generous. If your man lost, be gracious. May God grant us the serenity to accept those things we cannot change.

Then maybe if all goes well, we can rise above this brawl of clinching, head-butting and ear-biting where neither contender landed a fair punch. Where a split decision was rendered and the presidency was awarded on a technicality.

Watching this spectacle should have humbled us all.

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The event is being hosted by their children and grandchildren. All friends and family are invited to attend. The former Virginia Powers and Al Jennings were married in Lazbuddie on December 30, 1950. They are the parents of Linda Johnson of Levelland, Johnny Jennings of Lubbock and Rex Jennings of Amarillo. The couple has seven grandchildren. Al is retired from the Methodist ministry and Virginia is a homemaker.

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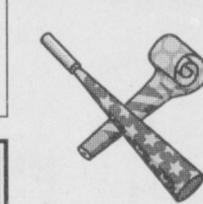
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640 Acres - 4 Sprinklers 350 to 500 gallons water big wheat & grazing goes, possible 50-70 thousand return by June 1.  
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One well. Lays good. Southeast of Lazbuddie.

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• East of Muleshoe - 328 Acres. 90 Acres of C.R.P. 1 Large center pivot. 5 wells.  
• Bailey County - 320 Acres with Very Nice-Brick Home. Large Barn. 2 Sprinklers. 6 Wells.  
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• 5 Acre tract on pavement, close to town!  
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• 3-2-1 Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, fenced yd., man, spkrl., 300' stor. on .84 acre on pavement, edge of town !! \$40's!!  
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 SHURFINE W/SNAPS OR FRESH SHELLLED  
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