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A QUICK READ OF THE NEWS

The downside to being a twin

As kids, fraternal twins Ray and Jay Nugent would dress alike and play tricks on friends by switching places.

These days, though, Ray isn't laughing. He keeps getting confused with his brother, who is on the lam after being accused of a bank robbery in Louisiana and two counts of attempted murder of police officers.

Ray says he's been stopped several times since police in Opelousas, La., issued an arrest warrant in 1985 for his fraternal twin.

Ray, who was jailed for 13 days in 1993 because deputies mistook him for Jay, is set to receive \$150,000 from Los Angeles County in exchange for dropping the county from a federal lawsuit.

Ray has also filed a \$13 million federal lawsuit against Opelousas police because he says the warrant should include information about the possible twin mistake.

Despite the hassles, Ray said he isn't upset with his brother.

Amphibious adventure

A salamander that apparently hitchhiked across the country aboard a Christmas tree has been dubbed creature-non-grata in Newport News, Va.

The squishy tourist, curled up in a moist spiral beneath the tree, was discovered at a local hardware store by shopper Laurel Glasco. She took the creature to the Virginia Living Museum.

John Kleopfer, curator of amphibians and reptiles at the museum, said the creature is native to Oregon, which turned out to be where the Christmas tree had been shipped from.

Not for long. The museum has been feeding the salamander and plans to ship it by Federal Express to the Oregon Zoo in Portland.



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Dec. 6 — Dwight D. Eisenhower is chosen as commander-in-chief of the upcoming invasion of the European continent by the Allied Forces in World War II (1943).

Dec. 7 — Japan bombs Pearl Harbor (1941).

Dec. 8 — George Washington crosses the Delaware River near Trenton, N.J., and lands on Pennsylvania (1776).

LOCAL WEATHER

Varying cloudiness can be expected through Wednesday. Very cold temperatures are forecast for Sunday and Monday mornings, with lows around 22, warming up during the day Monday to about 64. Mildly seasonal temperatures are expected after that.

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15 are indicted by Bailey County grand jury

By RONN SMITH
Editor

Fifteen people were indicted — one of them twice — by a Bailey County grand jury on Wednesday.

Indicted in two separate incidents was Cynthia Ann Reyna, accused of the forgery of a check for \$221.38 drawn on the bank account of Israel Reyna Jr. and the fraudulent use of a credit card belonging to Celso Gonzales.

Others indicted include:

- Raymond Salazar, accused of forging a check for \$400 drawn on the account of Eddie W. Beene;

- Juan Garza, accused of forging a check for \$800 drawn on the account of Richard Belvin;

- Richard Castro and Jimmy Ledesma Jr., accused of the theft of tools with a total value of more than \$1,500 but less than \$20,000;

- Toby Lee Martínez, accused of possession of marijuana (more than 4 ounces but less than 5 pounds);

- Lawrence Fluellen, accused of retaliation against a potential witness, Pearlie Fluellen;

- Arlene Theres Keithley, accused of hindering apprehension in the case of Rolando Saucedo, plus knowingly harboring him;

- Jessica Torres, Frankie Delgado and Richard Herrera Sigala, accused of burglary of a building;

- Gaylon Black, accused of the theft of a horse valued at more than \$1,500 but less than \$20,000;

- Duvelia Saucedo, accused of hindering apprehension in the case of Rolando Saucedo, plus knowingly harboring him;

- James Cody Sullivan, accused of possession of marijuana (more than 4 ounces but less than 5 pounds); and

- Pedro Castillo Nuñez, accused of a subsequent DWI (his earlier convictions were in September 1995 in Castro County and January 1995 in Bailey County).

Allgood retires after 29 years in Muleshoe

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Dr. Homer Allgood, a fixture in Muleshoe's medical community for more than 29 years, has hung up his stethoscope.

Officially retired as of Nov. 30, Allgood will still be seen around his office for some time boxing up nearly 30 years of paperwork and memories.

Why retire now? He said his career had lasted long enough — a total of 53 years, counting his practice in Alabama before he came to Muleshoe. "My birth certificate is getting yellow around the edges," he said.

Besides, he has some important things to take care of now: putting his feet up and doing a lot of hunting and fishing.

He came to Muleshoe in June 1970 from Mobile, Ala. His medical degree is from the University of Alabama in 1946, when the university was still known as the Medical College of Alabama. He is a native of Fairfield, Ala.

He said he kept no tally on how many births he attended or how many patients he's seen, and "I have no pearls of wisdom" regarding specific cases.

What he did say is that "the next millennium is going to show a terrific amount of changes in medicine, all to the good — including great advances in gene research."

Allgood said he has thoroughly enjoyed his time in Muleshoe. The most memorable thing about it, he said, are the people who have been his patients.

He said the spirit of the people in the area is "fantastic," and as an example he cited the period when the local hospital was closed for a few years.

Allgood and Dr. Bruce Purdy sent patients to Amherst until townspeople were able to get the Muleshoe facility reopened, he said.

How did he manage to get to Muleshoe from Mobile? Life in the fast lane was getting to him, he said, and he was looking for an escape from the "rat race" developing in the big cities at that

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Journal photo: Beatrice Morin

Clements for two

Muleshoe's Bret Clements aims for the basket during Tuesday's 70-42 season-opening win for the Mules against Denver City. Clements led Muleshoe with 13 points, followed by Matt Mason with 11. The Mules won again Thursday in the opening game of the Plainview Lions-Pioneer Classic — a 64-52 triumph over Lubbock High. Clements again led with 18 points; Jeff Shelburne had 12.

Three Way boys jump to 5-1

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The Three Way Eagles have gotten off to a 5-1 start on the basketball season, with good scoring efforts coming across the roster.

On Tuesday, Three Way buried Welch's Dawson Dragons 70-20 with no fewer than four players contributing 10 points apiece.

Monty Kirby, Scott Pollard,

Anthony Furgeson and Alberto Valderas shared game-high scoring honors that time.

The team also shot a sizzling 91 percent from the free-throw line.

Reeves and Kirby each tossed a three-pointer, while Michael Soliz had two three-pointers among his eight-point

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Cox, Plott testify in Rowton trial

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Bailey County's Judge Marilyn Cox and Sheriff Coy Plott testified Tuesday in the Odessa trial of the man accused of killing 5-year-old Shawnlee Perry of Earth in 1992.

While the witnesses are not allowed to discuss their testimony while the trial is still in progress, as county judge Cox would have signed a search warrant to gather evidence from Rowton's car in an unrelated case involving the rape and beating of a New Mexico woman shortly after Shawnlee's death.

As sheriff, Plott was responsible for turning over several pieces of evidence found in Rowton's car and retained at the Bailey County Sheriff's Office until a few weeks ago.

The evidence discovered in the files of former Sheriff Benny Clifton included a stuffed toy duck that Shawnlee's aunt testified she gave the child shortly before Shawnlee disappeared from near her home on May 7, 1992.

The murder trial was moved from Littlefield to Odessa because of pretrial publicity.

Rowton recently was acquitted of a charge that he raped his male cellmate while he was in the Lamb County Jail awaiting trial. The other inmate has since filed a lawsuit against Lamb County, claiming that the county did not provide him proper protection from Rowton.

Y2K update: Concerns about availability of power

A coalition of Texas agencies known as Readiness 2000 has provided the city of Muleshoe with pertinent information about many of the issues that concern citizens as the new year approaches.

The Journal will be printing some of this material until Jan. 1

More information on any of the issues is available by calling city hall at 272-4528.

- No. 2 — Electricity will be available after Dec. 31. The Electric Reliability Council of Texas says plenty of electricity will be available.

The council serves as a kind of traffic cop to ensure the reliability of ample energy to meet the requirements of the municipally owned utilities, electric cooperatives, river authorities and investor-owned utilities that are part of its

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Journal photo: Beatrice Morin

Independent Clauses

These free-standing yuletide figures at 618 W. 18th St. know it's time for them to do their annual good work despite the sunny, mild weather that has blanketed the entire Panhandle and South Plains regions.

AROUND MULESHOE

Sheriff's office seeks cattle info

The Bailey County Sheriff's Office is asking the owners of cattle on winter pasture to provide basic information to help identify the herds in case they get loose.

Chief Deputy Ronnie Kemp said Friday that the sheriff's office will maintain a map with the location of cattle herds marked on it.

Cattle owners are asked to notify the office of the location of their herds, any brands or distinguishing features that might help in identifying the herd, and the approximate number of cattle involved.

There have recently been many cases of cattle loose on roadways at night, and there have already been some accidents involving cattle being hit by vehicles, Kemp said.

Students to entertain at luncheon

A group of singers from the Muleshoe High School Choir will entertain Dec. 9 at the monthly Soup and Salad Luncheon at 16th and Avenue D Church of Christ.

The group will perform Christmas music under the direction of David Downum.

The luncheons are held from noon to 1 p.m. and are offered on the basis of free-will donations.

More information is available by calling 272-4619.

Christmas Card donations sought

Project Christmas Card volunteers at Muleshoe Area Healthcare Center are seeking donations from community members and businesses for their annual fund-raiser.

The donations will be used for renovations and other projects at the center.

Donations can be dropped off at local banks or with Joy Stancell at the nursing home. They also may be mailed either bank or to Christmas Card Project, P.O. Box 202, Muleshoe 73947.

Checks should be made payable to the Christmas Card Project. The cutoff date for donations is Dec. 20.

More information is available by contacting Lona Embry or Joyline Costen.

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time.

About that time, he said, Henry Malone — the pharmacist at the Muleshoe hospital, who had already "gravitated" to the High Plains — was visiting Mobile.

Allgood said Malone asked him if he knew anyone fresh from medical school who was looking to set up a practice in a small, quiet town.

After having a bad day commuting to work, Allgood said, he answered, "Well, hell Henry — I am."

Shortly afterward, Allgood was invited to West Texas to take a look at the hospital facilities.

In a twist of fate, Allgood arrived in Muleshoe the day of an infamous tornado. He had spent the previous night in a

Lubbock motel, and soon learned that the motel was destroyed by the tornado.

He said he didn't take the tornado as an dark omen but rather as a positive sign: Since he was spared, Muleshoe must be the right place for him.

When asked how his patients have reacted to his retirement, he said most of them have been supportive but some have threatened to go to his home for medical care.

Actually, his patients will have a choice of doctors. He isn't making specific referrals.

Allgood said he doesn't really plan to keep up with the medical world, intending instead to get adjusted to his free hours and lack of stress.

He and his wife, Anita, will remain in Muleshoe.

Youth basketball meeting set

Anyone wanting to get involved in Muleshoe Youth Baseball is asked to attend a meeting to elect officers and approve the bylaws Dec. 11 at 2 p.m. Muleshoe State Bank.

Anyone interested in running for office in the organization or needing more information may call Carroll Precure 946-7322 or 272-5073 or Robert Lepard at 272-3446 or 272-4957.

Workforce representative to visit

A representative of the Texas Workforce Commission will be at the Texas Workforce Center in Muleshoe from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 7 to discuss Project RIO.

Project RIO is a multi-agency program designed to coordinate education, training and employment of prisoners during their incarceration to those same services after release.

Three Way schedules public hearing

Three Way School Board will hold a public hearing at 7:45 p.m. Dec. 9 on the district's Academic Excellence Indicator System, including the TAAS scores presented earlier at a community cookout.

The meeting is scheduled for the board room at the school.

Copies of the information also will be available in the school library, principal's office and superintendent's office.

The board's regular meeting will follow the public hearing at 8 p.m.

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Battle royal

Mindy Locker (No. 44) and Megan Tipps (No. 30) of the Lady Mules junior varsity fight an Olton Filly for a rebound during a game in Thursday night's opening action of the Muleshoe Tournament.

Internet Selective Service working

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

More than 250,000 men have registered with Selective Service using the Internet since the program's inauguration a year ago.

Agency officials say online registrations now account for about a quarter of incoming registrations.

Dec. 2 marked the first anniversary of the program.

Federal law requires men who reach their 18th birthday and who reside in the United States to register within 30 days of reaching that age. U.S. citizens must register no matter where they live.

About 2 million men are required to register each year.

To register, a man with a valid Social Security number may log on at www.sss.gov.

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total. Others scoring against Dawson included Jimmy James with six, Kasey Davis with five, Marvin McCaul and Robert Rodríguez with four each, and Daniel Reeves with three.

A week earlier on Nov. 23, the Eagles had three players in double figures as they outshot Amherst 59-49.

That time, Valderas led the way for Three Way with 18 points, followed by James with 11 points and Kirby with 10.

Coach Shawn Harrison praised the Eagles' consistent defense in the game. He also commented that they shot the ball especially well from the three-point line against Amherst, making eight of 14 attempted (or 57 percent). That included four by Valderas, two by Kirby and one each by James and Rodríguez.

Javier Cisneros of Amherst had a stellar game against Three Way, with 25 points in the losing effort.

Other Eagle scorers against Amherst were Reeves with six, McCaul and Rodríguez with five each, and Furgeson and Davis with two each.

Earlier this month, Three Way had emerged from the Morton Tournament with the third-place trophy after beating Morton and Dora, N.M., and losing to the Lubbock Coronado sophomores.

The Eagles opened the tournament by whacking host Morton 48-43.

Valderas topped Three Way's scorers in that game with 10, helped by Rodríguez (nine), Furgeson (seven), Soliz and Reeves (six each), James (five), McCaul (three) and Pollard (two).

In the second round of the

tournament, Coronado stopped Three Way 68-53. Again three Eagles were in double figures — McCaul 12, Reeves 11 and James 10.

Reeves had a couple of three-pointers.

Helping out were Pollard with six, Valderas with five, Rodríguez with three, and Kirby, Davis and Soliz with two each.

One telling factor in the game was that Coronado made 11-of-14 free throws in the fourth quarter while Three Way managed 5-of-11, Harrison said.

Three Way had little trouble bouncing back for third place

AROUND THE AREA

Nazareth schools sell bonds

The Nazareth School Board has sold \$1 million in bonds to finance a new physical education facility for the school district. The bonds were sold Nov. 23. The bond issue was approved by voters in a special election in 1998. A State Instructional Facilities Award is scheduled to pay 86 percent of the construction cost. Nazareth is in Castro County east of Dimmitt.

Bluegrass event is Dec. 11

South Plains College's semi-annual Bluegrass Fest is scheduled for Dec. 11 and will feature classic and contemporary bluegrass standards plus a fiddle extravaganza.

Admission is free for the 7 p.m. concert in the Levelland campus's Tom T. Hall Studio in the Creative Arts Building.

Aside from the SPC Faculty All-Stars, the festival will feature Pickin' on the Plains, Pickin' on the Plains Too, Bucket o' Notes and the fiddle students of Joe Carr and Ed Marsh.

The deadline for items to appear in *Around the Area* is 5 p.m. Monday for Thursday's edition and 5 p.m. Thursday for Sunday's edition. Items may be brought to the office at 304 W. Second, mailed to P.O. Box 449 or faxed to 272-3567.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Discernment

"These are the times that try men's souls" — so said Thomas Paine in 1776.

Perhaps Paine had it "right on" for his time in history, but the phrase is still appropriate.

Not only does mankind have its soul tried as a whole, but individual units are many times stretched to the limit also.

The story of King Solomon in the Old Testament gives a good example of one placed in authority who, at times, had to make tough choices.

The familiar story of two women who came to the king and both claimed to be the mother of an infant, and asked to whom would he award cus-

tody of the child, is a good example of a difficult decision.

Solomon was gifted with what we term "common sense."

Wouldn't it be wonderful if those placed in positions of authority today had that same common-sense approach to decision-making?

I wonder what would happen if he/she asked God for the ability to discern between fact and non-fact, trivial matters and important matters, and selfishness and selflessness.

"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you; For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened." (Matthew 7:7-8)

If you won't ask, won't seek, and won't knock, perhaps you need a job as a court jester.

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On the 12th day of Christmas, my new love got to me

On the first day of Christmas, my new love gave to me a cowdog who played the trombone. (Which was OK because I knew she loved animals and she was going to veterinary school to reduce their suffering and make her contribution for the benefit of mankind. Besides, she had the best little parakeets in town.)

On the second day of Christmas, my new love gave to me two circling perch. (They were in a 12-foot stock tank and were victims of a boating accident, which explained why they always swam in a circle. I'd never seen fish swim with a limp before.)

On the third day of Christmas, my new love gave to me three flat mice. (She said they'd been caught in the copy machine at the alternative medicine laboratory and were suffering from toner toxicity. They'd been collated as well. Anyway, they were easy to



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store — I just stacked them in the spoon drawer and occasionally used one as a bookmark. I was reading *Of Mice and Men*.)

On the fourth day of Christmas, my new love gave to me four troubled cats. (She said these cats had been presented to the vet school with behavioral problems. They stayed out all night, knocked over trash cans and smoked fish. You could smell the herring on their breath. She had a pickup load of sand dumped in my foyer.)

On the fifth day of Christmas, my new love gave to me five pigs that sing (I have to admit they were a bit much. I mean, where do you put a pig? I live in an apartment.)

On the sixth day of Christmas, my new love gave to me six geese a-goosing. (It's not like the honking wasn't bad enough, but every time I'd turn around one of them was sneaking up behind me and poking me with its beak.)

On the seventh day of Christmas, my new love gave to me seven sheep a-sleeping. (They'd been diagnosed with narcolepsy. Well-behaved, but they'd slumber around the apartment at all hours of the night, bumping into things and leaving little seeds everywhere. Sheep have seeds, y'know — you find them scattered on the ground everywhere sheep are.)

On the eighth day of Christ-

mas, my new love gave to me a night to remember. (Which convinced me the nine llamas leaping and the 10 hamsters coughing were worth it.)

On the 11th day of Christmas, my new love gave to me 11 Holsteins milking. (Which brought our relationship back into focus. My gosh, they were giving 70 pounds a day — each! That's a hundred gallons a day. And talk about messing on the carpet. Meals on Wheels brought two tons of hay a week and enough corn to make Jack Daniels jealous.)

On the 12th day of Christmas, I'd had enough! (She decided to major in marine biology with an emphasis in walrus medicine. Twelve walruses in my waterbed ... some things aren't meant to be.)

I've been gone for two weeks, and last I heard she was engaged to an endangered species and living in a tree.

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Supreme Court to hear Texas school-prayer case

AUSTIN — The U.S. Supreme Court has agreed to hear the case of *Santa Fe Independent School District vs. Jane Doe* regarding the constitutionality of student-led prayer in public schools.

Attorney General John Cornyn and Gov. George W. Bush have filed a friend of the court brief asking the court to hear the case.

"I am optimistic that the court will protect the First Amendment rights of students," Cornyn said Nov. 15.

In February, the Fifth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans held that schools could allow students to deliver prayers at graduation as long as they are nonsectarian and non-proselytizing and that even student-initiated prayers are never permissible at school-sponsored football games.



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HIGHLIGHTS
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Cornyn said the Fifth Circuit's decision "cast a cloud over the student's right to engage in voluntary prayer at football games."

Gambling devices seized

The Texas attorney general's office, the Texas Department of Public Safety and local law enforcement officials continue their quest to rid the state of illegal gam-

bling equipment.

They recently worked together to seize 120 Las Vegas-style eight-liner slot machines in Brown County and 143 in Gregg County.

"My office will work closely with local law enforcement to vigorously investigate and prosecute those who violate the law," Cornyn said.

Search warrants were served and after investigations were conducted, suspects were arrested in counties for charges ranging from gambling promotion, keeping a gambling place and possession of gambling devices and gambling paraphernalia.

Illegal wagers and thousands of dollars in prizes also were seized.

Lower electricity rates
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Central and South West Corp. can expect lower rates and improved service to result from a merger with American Electric Power Co. approved by the Public Utility Commission earlier this month.

The agreement provides for specific rate reductions and service improvements over a six-year period, utility commission officials said.

Dallas-based CSW's operations include West Texas Utilities Co., Southwestern Electric Power Co. and Central Power and Light Co.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Muleshoe Area Medical Center reports the following patient load:

Nov. 26 — Matilde T. Rodríguez.

Nov. 27 — Bobbie Dunham.

Nov. 28 — Nora L. Burris and Maria Hernández.

Nov. 29 — Francisco Ancira, Mercedes Barron, Antonio Galaviz IV and Maria Hernández.

Nov. 30 — Francisco C. Ancira, Filemon Antillón, Breann Baca, Mercedes Barron, Henry Carrion, Melina Diaz, Antonio Galaviz IV, Nadya González, Maria Hernández, Billy Pittman, Enrique Toscano and Laura B. Tritsch.

Dec. 1 — Francisco C. Ancira, Filemon Antillón, Breann Baca, Mercedes Barron, Henry Carrion, Melina Diaz, Nadya González, Maria Hernández, Debra A. Herring, Celia Martínez, Billy Pittman, Christopher C. Rowand, Enrique Toscano and Laura B. Tritsch.

Dec. 2 — Francisco C. Ancira, Filemon Antillón, Breann Baca, Mercedes Barron, Henry Carrion, Debra A. Herring, Juanita W. Jarman, Heriberta Longoria, Celia Martínez, Billy Pittman, Christopher C. Rowand, Afton D. Stancell and Laura B. Tritsch.

Do You Ever Feel a Deep Longing for Home?

"Going Home."

I just spent all morning working on the February, 2000, issue of our little devotional magazine, *The Christian Appeal*. (Sometimes my faith is weak, but I must at least have faith that the world is not about to end on Dec. 31, 1999. I figure presses will still be running and the millennial lunacy will be lessened, a very good thing.) That issue theme is "Going Home," and features essays written by my brother Gene

Holds All to Me." A song about home. Home indeed.

I read Gene's story about the older gentleman he exchanged "Good mornings" with on most days at McDonald's, until one morning he discovered that Tom wasn't there, that this man he hardly knew but who was a pleasant part of his everyday life had passed away suddenly. And that his own life was diminished because of it.

And I guess I began to feel a bit of a longing for home myself. Not the one here, though I love it, and there is very truly no place on earth I'd rather be. No, I mean Home indeed.

I love C. S. Lewis' children's books, *The Chronicles of Narnia*. In the last book, the children he writes about go through a door and suddenly find themselves in a country that looks more like the lovely land of Narnia they've grown to love than even Narnia looks like itself. Everything good about the old land they knew is there, only deeper, better, more lasting, more real, more beautiful. They lose nothing. They gain everything. And their friend the Unicorn says what they feel: "I have come home at last! This is my real country! I belong here. This is the land I have been looking for all my life, though I never knew it till now."

The call? A dear friend has terminal cancer. And the whole idea of home takes on poignant meaning.

If everything we live for and work for is here, and if all our eggs are in this earthly basket, we are poverty-stricken beyond description.

But my friend knows better. We're not ready to let her go, and I hate this situation. But because she loves Christ, and loves home, she'll recognize Home when she sees it. Home indeed. Home forever.

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



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

focusing on the Christian's hope for an eternal home-going.

I enjoyed the essays. They struck a harmonious chord in my heart even before, well, before I got a call.

Gene told the story of a cat separated from his human family 600 miles away from home but who surprised everyone by showing up on the doorstep "bloody and scratched and footsore" but home. Such is the pull of home even for a feline.

He wrote about a friend who was helping her aged mother sort through the "drawers and cedar chests, closets and cupboards" — and the precious memories — of her house, her home, of 60 years. And he wrote of how the aged lady's mind and attention drifted in the process until she wandered over to the old piano and sat down. And how the daughter's tears came unbidden as she heard her mother, sitting in a home being dismantled, playing on the piano "Heaven

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NURSING HOME NEWS

World War II veteran Bob Phillips and Barbara Lust and Eulaine Phillips of the Order of Eastern Star directed a tribute to veterans in the Care Center's day room Nov. 11.

Pastor David McIntire, Zona Gatewood and Buster Kittrell also contributed to the service.

There was a good turnout for the family/resident "potluck Thanksgiving supper" Thursday night. The center's families continue to show their care and

support of "our home."

The Rev. Jack Stone of the First Assembly of God entertained before the supper.

Frankie Carpenter and Anita Johnson did a fine job of decorating the tables for our Thanksgiving supper.

The staff and employees of Muleshoe Area Hospital Care Center gave a helping hand getting the residents and the supper ready.

Juanita Teague, Birdie Warren and Annie Chávez

were honored with a birthday party Friday afternoon. The 16th and Avenue D Church of Christ hosted the events.

The Rev. and Mrs. Bobby Burris, Wanda Kemp and Jean Kemp provided entertainment. Lasting Impressions gave each birthday resident a corsage.

The local American Association of Retired Persons gave a donation to the center.

Grace Scarbrough re-

turned to the Care Center on Thursday after being in Covenant Hospital in Lubbock.

Mike Holt visits his mother, Mary Francis Holt, every evening after supper.

Sunday afternoon the Primitive Baptist Church came for church services.

Birdie Warren returned to the center last week after being hospitalized locally.

Lena Ruthardt visited Pearlle Holmer last week and brought her some thread for crocheting.

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Right presents make holidays seem perfect

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

As December rings in the holidays — Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa and the new year — people around the world prepare for festive celebrations.

No matter what the holiday, the annual ritual of cleaning, decorating, gift shopping, gift wrapping, cooking and entertaining house guests is universal.

Yet, as familiar as the ritual may be, the one thing every year that can make or break the holiday spirit throughout the season is finding the right gift for a loved one.

Zeroing in on perfect presents, for even the most difficult-to-please recipients, authors/gift consultants Sherri and Larry Athay have created *Present Perfect: The Essential Guide to Gift Giving* (Mobius Press).

With gift ideas that span every occasion from holidays to weddings to birthdays to retirements, the book provides creative solutions to any gift-giving dilemma.

When choosing a gift for someone, it's important to determine what message the gift is to convey before the search for it begins.

"It's not the thought — but the thinking — that counts," the Athays say. In other words, choose a message, then choose the object that best sends that message.

To help keep the focus of the holiday season on the joy and true meaning of the holidays themselves — their traditions, symbols and folklore — rather than on gift-giving dilemmas, the Athays share these suggestions for determining what characteristics the perfect gift should possess:

- Appropriateness — The perfect gift is fitting the occasion and the relationship;
- Perceptiveness — The perfect gift reflects the giver's attentiveness to the tastes and preferences of the recipient. In essence, it's a compliment that says, "When I saw this, I couldn't help but think of you!"
- Selflessness — The perfect gift reveals that the giver's only desire is to please the recipient, expecting nothing in return.
- Generosity — The perfect gift is a generous endowment of the giver's time, effort or creativity; and
- Indulgence — The perfect gift says there is something extraordinary about the recipient in the eyes of the giver — it pampers, it humors, it appeases, it satisfies.

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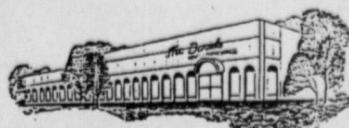
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MULESHOE JR./SR. HIGH

Dec. 6

Breakfast — Blueberry muffin, fruit or juice, and milk.

Lunch — Grilled cheese sandwich, celery sticks, potato chips, fruit cocktail and milk.

Dec. 7

Breakfast — Waffles, fruit or juice, and milk.

Lunch — Chicken enchiladas, lettuce and tomatoes, pinto beans, cornbread and milk.

Dec. 8

Breakfast — Biscuit and sausage, fruit or juice, and milk.

Lunch — Lasagna, lettuce and tomatoes, corn, hot roll and milk.

Dec. 9

Breakfast — Pancakes, fruit or juice and milk.

Lunch — Szechuan chicken, white rice, mixed vegetables, egg roll and milk.

Dec. 10

Breakfast — Cinnamon roll, fruit or juice, and milk.

Lunch — Steak fingers, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, hot roll and milk.

MULESHOE ELEMENTARIES

Dec. 6

Breakfast — Blueberry muffin, fruit or juice, and milk.

Lunch — Grilled cheese sandwich, carrot sticks, potato chips, fruit cocktail and milk.

Dec. 7

Breakfast — Waffles, fruit or juice, and milk.

Lunch — Soft tacos, lettuce and tomatoes, pinto beans, cornbread and milk.

Dec. 8

Breakfast — Biscuit and sausage, fruit or juice, and milk.

Lunch — Corn dog, veg-

etable soup, cinnamon roll, apple slices and milk.

Dec. 9

Breakfast — Pancakes, fruit or juice, and milk.

Lunch — Spaghetti, lettuce and tomatoes, corn, hot roll and milk.

Dec. 10

Breakfast — Cinnamon roll, fruit or juice, and milk.

Lunch — Steak fingers, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, hot roll and milk.

THREE WAY

Dec. 6

Breakfast — French toast, sausage sticks, assorted cereal, graham cracker, juice and milk.

Lunch — Fajitas, refried beans, Spanish rice, salsa, fruit cup and milk.

Dec. 7

Breakfast — Doughnuts, Canadian bacon, assorted cereal, graham cracker, juice and milk.

Lunch — Submarine sandwich, lettuce and tomatoes, pickle, french fries, vegetable sticks, brownies and milk.

Dec. 8

Breakfast — Biscuit with gravy, sausage, assorted cereal, graham cracker, juice and milk.

Lunch — Meatloaf, green beans, potato au gratin, birthday cake and milk.

Dec. 9

Breakfast — Scrambled eggs, bacon, assorted cereal, graham cracker, juice and milk.

Lunch — Pizza, fried squash, sugar cookies, pears

and milk.

Dec. 10

Breakfast — Malt-o-Meal, cinnamon toast, assorted cereal, graham cracker, juice and milk.

Lunch — Stuffed baked potatoes, broccoli, corn, hot rolls, fruit cobbler and milk.

LAZBUDDIE

Dec. 6

Lunch — Pizza, submarine sandwiches, Salisbury steak (pre-K-1), noodles, green beans, squash, salad, fruit, Jell-O, milk variety.

Dec. 7

Lunch — Tuna sandwiches,

REBEKAH NEWS

Noble Grand June Green called the Muleshoe Rebekah Lodge No. 14 to order on Nov. 30.

Chaplain Ruby Green gave the opening prayer escorted by Past Noble Grand Berni Marts. Secretary Patsy Chance called the roll, with 11 members answering. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

It was reported that Linda McGonagill was still not feeling well. Ruby Garner reported that her son, Billy, was going to have knee surgery, and Thursie Reic reported that her son, Jerald, was going to have a stress test elevation.

The lodge had nomination tonight and will vote Dec. 7 for new officers.

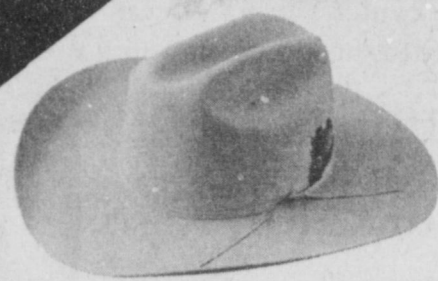
There will be a Christmas party Dec. 21. There will be a potluck supper and each member is asked to bring a gift of \$5 to \$10 for each member of their family.

With no further business, Reic closed the meeting with the Rebekah Creed and two verses of the song "An Evening Prayer."

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TOPS NEWS

The TOPS No. 34 meeting Dec. 2 was attended by 13 members who met at the Church of Christ on American Boulevard. Weight recorders Betty Jo Davis and Linda White were on hand and ready for action as the weigh-in began.

In the weekly report, Jewel Peeler, Joline Franklin and Betty Jo Davis tied for best loser. Polly Otwell was named first runner-up.

The best loser for the monthly report, who is also known as the queen, was Franklin. She has lost weight for the past five weeks in a row.

Ruth Clements was the first runner-up in the monthly report, with Peeler and Cherry de Graffenreid tied as second

runners-up. The night's meeting was opened by Noemí Sánchez as she led the first TOPS song. Laverne James called the meeting to order and led in the prayer and pledge. Clements gave the financial report.

Janie Hughes, secretary, presented the minutes from the previous weeks' meeting. A birthday present was presented to Mollie Davis and get-well cards were sent to Alma Robertson, Jerrell Otwell and Aurora Mata.

The date of Dec. 16 has been selected for the TOPS Christmas party.

Our next meeting will be at 5 p.m. Dec. 9 at the same site. Guests are welcome.

QUINCEANERA

ELIZARRARAZ

Jennifer Elena Elizarraraz was presented to the community with a Mass for her quinceañera Oct. 16 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Muleshoe.

The Rev. Joe Augustine officiated.

Elizarraraz is the daughter of Joe and Aurora Elizarraraz of Muleshoe. She also is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. José Elizarraraz of Muleshoe and Mr. and Mrs. Luis Quintana of Whiteface.

She has one brother, Jojo Elizarraraz, and a sister, Bonnie



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Elizarraraz. Her padrinos are

Mr. and Mrs. Edmond Esparza, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Campos, Mr. and Mrs. Luis Elizarraraz, and Mr. and Mrs. Sergio Muñiz.

Also Mr. and Mrs. Florencio Martínez, Mr. and Mrs. José Elizarraraz, Manuel Elizarraraz, Mr. and Mrs. Fabian Quintana and Bea Campos.

Also Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Gonzales, Vicki Martínez, Celia López, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Vela, Mr. and Mrs. Luis Quintana and Hilma Rojas.

She was escorted by Cruz Esparza.

Her damas are Esther

Heredia, Carla Estrada, Marisela Loya, Sabrina Rodríguez, Nicole Jaramillo, Cristina Lozano, Laura Gonzales, Veronica Gómez, Oralia Ruiz, Roxanne García, Ashley López, Monica Toscano, Lorena Olivias and Cassandra Gonzales.

The girls' chamberlains were Jonathan Ayala, Edgar Domínguez, Paul Carrion, Omar Cortez, Ruben "Bo" Gloria, Roger Whipple, Jimmy Gonzales, Lalo Reyes, Solomon Esparza, Juan Cruz, Daniel Ramírez and Manuel García.

Collecting trend sparks silver collectibles

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

It seems like everyone these days, from ages 2 to 102, has caught "collecting fever."

Searching for the newest Beanie Babies, art glass, miniature die-cast car or sterling silver Christmas ornament is a national pastime.

More than \$10 billion of new collectibles were sold last year in the United States, reports Unity Marketing, which publishes the annual Collectibles Industry Report.

"Today's collectors are looking for the newest and latest collectibles, and at the same time, yearning for nostalgia, spiritual meaning and family tradition," says Pam Danziger, president of Unity Marketing.

"Christmas is the No. 1 year-round collecting item, embracing all of the qualities that make for

a strong collector following," Danziger said.

Ornaments are one of the most popular holiday items. The Silver Information Center reports a significant rise in popularity of limited-edition, sterling silver ornaments and bells.

Since the introduction of the first silver commemorative ornament in 1964, collections have been appreciating in value.

Ornaments are ideally suited to commemorate any occasion—a child's birth or first Christmas, wedding, anniversary or first home.

Building a collection together also can become an affordable (with prices starting at less than \$50) family hobby to be passed down to future generations.

There are many themes to choose, from traditional holiday snowflakes and Santas to hearts,

toys and turn-of-the-century motifs.

To be authentic and carry the highest value, a sterling ornament must be stamped ".925" or "sterling" both the name of the maker and the year of issue, kept in its original box, and accompanied by the certificate of authenticity.

Silver objects have been collected for centuries because of their beauty, sentiment and intrinsic value. If you're looking for luxurious, thoughtful holiday and any-occasion gift ideas, here are some sterling collectible suggestions, in prices to suit all budgets, from the Silver Information Center.

It's easy to start to add to an existing collection, but remember, a collection is personal, an expression of its owner, so consider what the recipient may

already own, his or her interests and lifestyle.

Miniature (pill) boxes are both useful and decorative. Styles include simple, elegant shapes; sculptural, modern designs; nature's bounty of animal, sea-life and floral motifs; ornate confections; and mini-replicas of steamer trucks and teapots.

Any man would be at the height of fashion with a collection of cuff links, either all-silver or embellished with stones, enameling or other metals in classic and novelty designs reflective of his interests.

Cuff links aren't just for men anymore; women today also are collecting and wearing them.

Furnish a home office with luxury desk accessories, letter openers, bookmarks and pens.

Gilded replicas of garden-fresh vegetable and favorite pets make for a conversation starter.

OBITUARIES

RAY GOODMAN

Serviced were held Thursday at the First Assembly of God in Muleshoe for the Rev. Ray Goodman, 73, of Plains. The Rev. Kevin Bruton officiated. Burial was in Muleshoe Memorial Park.

Ellis Funeral Home handled arrangements.

He was born June 2, 1926, in Indian Territory, Oklahoma. He died Tuesday at his home.

A 1943 graduate of Muleshoe High School, he married Naomi Gregory on June 26, 1958, in Dallas.

He moved to Plains in 1986 from DeLeon, Texas. He was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran of World War II. He attended Texas Tech and Southwestern Assemblies of God College in Waxahachie.

He was an ordained minister of the Assemblies of God and had served pastorates in Texas, Arizona and Colorado.

He is survived by his wife; three sons, Calvin Ray Goodman of Levelland, Texas, David Gregory Goodman of Sherman, Texas, and Gerald Douglas Goodman of San Angelo; one daughter, Violet René Shelton of Denton, Texas; two sisters, Johnnie Mae Kellison of Lockney and Almola Maynard of Georgetown, Texas; a brother, Henry Calvin Goodman of Aztec, N.M.; and five grandchildren, Ryann, Brock and Andy Shelton and Riley and Kaylea Goodman.

Pallbearers were Calvin Ray Goodman, David Gregory Goodman, Gerald Douglas Goodman, Riley Austin Goodman, Huntley O. Shelton III, Brock Thomas Shelton and Andre Gregory Shelton.

HOUSTON HART

Services were held Saturday at the First United Methodist Church for Houston Hart, 89, of Muleshoe. The Rev. Brad Reeves officiated. Burial will be in Muleshoe Memorial Park.

Ellis Funeral Homes handled arrangements.

Mr. Hart was born March 22, 1919, in Kansas City, Kan. He died Wednesday in Odessa.

He married Ruby Sterling on June 4, 1939, in Lordsburg, N.M. He farmed for many years and was the owner of the E.R. Hart Co. in Muleshoe.

He was a former Muleshoe mayor and city councilman and was one of the organizers of the Muleshoe Country Club, also serving as club president numerous times.

He was a member of the Over the Hill Golf Club and was an Army Air Corps veteran of World War II.

He is survived by his wife; a daughter, Roxana Coffman of Odessa; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Muleshoe Meals on Wheels, 300 S. First St., Muleshoe 79347.

HARVEY COFFMAN

Services were held Monday at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring for Harvey Coffman, 67, of Cloudcroft, N.M. The Rev. Randy Cotton officiated. Burial was in Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring.

Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Mr. Coffman was born July 6,

1932, at Baileyboro. He died Nov. 27 in a Midland hospital.

He married Jo Maxine Nall on July 22, 1951, in Enochs. He graduated from Muleshoe High School and farmed for a while, then worked for the T&P Railroad.

He later worked for Chester Coffman Roofing before owning his own roofing company for a time, then worked for Petrofina for 26 years before retiring there.

He served as a deacon in the First Baptist Church of Cloudcroft.

Survivors include his wife; three daughters, Twilla Leverett of Gardendale, Texas, Evette Pettit of Cloudcroft and Keitha Van Ness of Dickinson, Texas; his mother, Clara Coffman of Muleshoe; two sisters, Maudie Mudford of Muleshoe and Jeannine Rundell of San Angelo; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Cherlyn Mainor.

Pallbearers were Jason Leverett, Rich Leverett, Jeffery Compton, Jonathan Compton, Kale Van Ness and Jerry Mudford.

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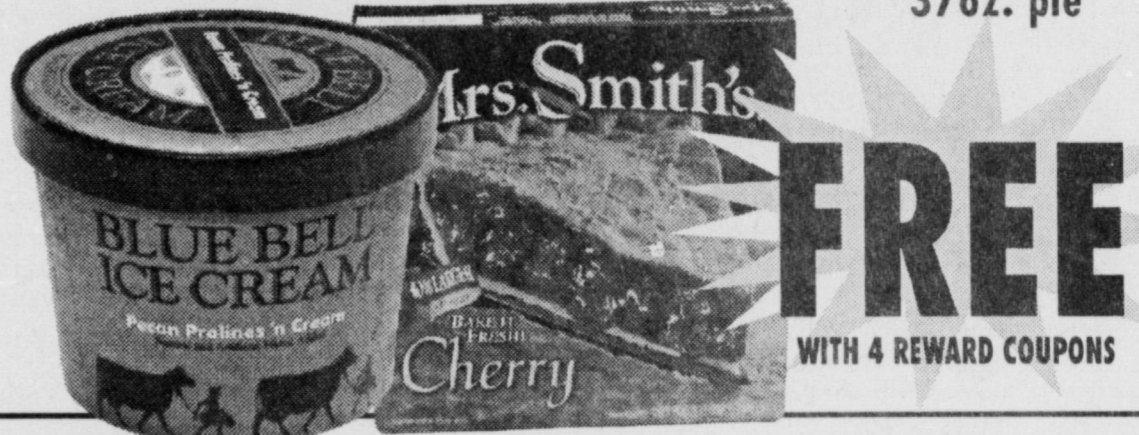


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District plans college-level classes

The Muleshoe School District is considering continuing education classes with college credit from South Plains College.

Classes begin in January and will be offered at Muleshoe High School when there is enough interest.

There must be 10 or more students signed up for a particular class before it will be made available in Muleshoe.

Classes to be considered are History 1302 (History of the U.S. Since 1876), Government 2301 (American Government-Functions) and English 1301 (Composition I).

The cost for each class will be \$160 plus books.

Anyone interested is asked to call the district curriculum office at 272-7406 by Jan. 10 and request to be placed on a class list.

Water-well screening day set

The county office of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service is sponsoring a water-well screening day Dec. 14 at the Bailey County Extension Office, 306 W. Second St. in Muleshoe.

The screening is designed to inform private water-well users on the condition of their well water in regard to possible contamination from two common contaminants, fecal coliform and nitrates.

The cost of the screening is \$3 and participants are asked to pick up an approved sampling bag and instructions.

It is very important that only sampling bags from the Bailey County office be used and all instructions for proper sampling be followed in order to ensure accurate results.

Choir and band concerts announced

The annual Muleshoe High School and Watson Junior High choir and band concerts have been scheduled for Dec. 13-14.

The high school choir and band will perform beginning at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 13 in the high school auditorium, while the junior high groups will perform at 7 p.m. the next night in the same place.

Admission to both concerts is free.

Christmas Card donations sought

Project Christmas Card volunteers at Muleshoe Area Healthcare Center are seeking donations from community members and businesses for their annual fund-raiser.

The donations will be used for projects at the center.

Donations can be dropped off at local banks, with Joy Stancell at the nursing home, or mailed to either bank or to Christmas Card Project, P.O. Box 202, Muleshoe 79347.

Checks should be made payable to the Christmas Card Project. The cutoff date for donations is Dec. 20.

More information is available by contacting Lona Embry or Joyline Costen.

Public Calendar

Dec. 13 — 10 a.m. Bailey County Commissioners Court, in the commission room at the courthouse.

11:30 a.m. Muleshoe School Board, in the high school library.
6 p.m. — Second-grade Christmas program at Dillman Elementary School, in the school gymnasium.

Dec. 15 — 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Reception honoring Maxine Donaldson on her retirement as assistant cashier at First Bank of Muleshoe.

Dec. 16 — 7 p.m. Water-quality and well-head protection meeting sponsored by the Bailey County Extension Service, at the Rebekah Lodge next door to the Extension office.

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Computer workshop scheduled

The executive board of the Bailey County Extension Program Council is sponsoring a computer workshop at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 15 in Chris Mardis' computer classroom at Muleshoe High School.

This is an introductory workshop on designing and publishing web pages.

Anyone interested in attending the workshop is asked to notify the Bailey County Extension Office (272-4583) as soon as possible, as computer space will be limited.

The program will feature "Front Page 2000," a web-page design software.

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